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No. 2465.

BEAUFORT. SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1937.

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Back to Beaufort Centenary Celebrations — Round of Festivities.

HOMECOMING

VISITORS DELIGHTED WITH RECEPTION GIVEN THEM.

GRATIFYING MEASURE OF SUCCESS ACHIEVED.

Beaufort, a district through which Major Mitchell passed in 1836, and in which several station properties were taken up in 1838 and 1840, followed by the discovery of gold in 1852 and the Fiery Creek rush in 1855, was en fete for the Centenary homecoming celebrations on Xmas. Day, Boxing Day, Sunday and Monday, Dec. 27th and 28th. There were approximately 200 visitors (180 odd signing the book) from various parts of the State, with a sprinkling from New South Wales and Queensland, and they travelled long distances by car and train to again see old faces and view familiar scenes. The weather was fine, and a light-hearted holiday spirit permeated the whole series of functions. The members of the committee (Messrs. W. Dixon, A. M. Parker, W. J. Gray, W. F. Smith, R. T. Macdonald, A. J. Saph, A. Lessell, A. Cavell, C. H. H. K. Meedames J. R. Hughes, J. A. Jaensch, W. Holdsworth, A. J. Saph, R. T. Macdonald, J. E. Day, A. S. Duncan, H. Brown, R. Woodall, and the president (Mr A. J. Hughes) and secretary (Mr A. S. Duncan) left no stone unturned to ensure the success of the celebrations, and the comebacks having a pleasant time here. At the secretary's office many old photographs of interest (borrowed from Mr S. Young, Miss Jackson, and others) were on view, and also a fine collection of walking sticks (lent by Mr T. D. Bailes, the local forester), made from Mt. Cole forest timber. Mr Duncan also displayed a fine inlaid wooden box and tray, made by him while a patient at Caulfield Military Hospital. The main street was bedecked with strings of flags and welcome back signs; the streets being well lighted at night by special electric lamps, installed by the Ripon Shire Council. The consensus of opinion among the visitors was that the whole of the celebrations were really delightful and thoroughly enjoyable, and they were loud in their praises of the excellent work done by the organising committee and its secretary and president. A photographer (Mr N. R. McGeehan, of Melbourne) took pictures of the various functions.

ROAD RACE ON XMAS. DAY.

In the morning a road race was held on the Lake Goldsmith road by the Beaufort Cycling Club. There were nine competitors, and the distance was five miles. Messrs. E. R. Martin, F. Latch, and W. Manson acted as officials. Results:—
B. Goodie, 125 sec. 1
K. Liston, 80 sec. 2
W. Clough, 70 sec. 3
T. Lewis, 80 sec. 4
Fastest time—H. Clough, 14 min. 57 sec.
The winner had easily 150 yds. to spare at the finish; two lengths separating second and third.

WELCOME TO VISITORS AT STATION.

A large gathering of townspeople and visitors assembled at the railway station on Xmas. Day to meet the midday trains, on which members of the Beaufort-in-Melbourne Club and other homecomers were expected. The Town Band (under Mr A. E. Collins) played "Home, Sweet Home" as the last train drew up at the platform.

After the passengers had detrained, Mr A. J. Hughes (president of the Back to Beaufort Committee) said that in his capacity as president, he heartily welcomed the former residents home. There was magic in that word, "home." It was the key that unlocked the door, beyond which spread out before them the vista of the past. When home was spoken of they always thought of their dear grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters, and friends, and of the happy days of their childhood, and the time they spent at school and Sunday school. In their thoughts there were both notes of happiness and sadness, for many of those folk they recalled had gone to "that bourne from which no traveller returneth." But the dominant note was one of happiness to-day, because of their re-union with old associations and familiar scenes. On behalf of his committee, he earnestly trusted that their stay in Beaufort would be a joyful one, and that they would take away with them pleasant memories of it.

OFFICIAL WELCOME AT BAND ROTUNDA.

An official welcome took place in the afternoon of Xmas. Day, when residents and comebacks gathered in force at the Band Rotunda reserve; the band first marching round the block. Mr A. J. Hughes (president of the Back to Beaufort Committee) presided. After the band had played "Home, Sweet Home," Mr A. J. Hughes opened the proceedings by reading a Xmas and New Year message to the homecomers and residents from the president of the Beaufort branch, C.W.A. (Miss A. Cushing).

Cr. D. F. Troy (shire president) was the first speaker. He said he wished everyone a happy Xmas and prosperous New Year. As shire president he officially extended a hearty welcome to former residents. He was happy to see them here. He recollected the identity of many people after seeing their faces again. Some had come a long way, and when they left Beaufort they had gone a long way. Distant fields had been greener for some, and barren for others. It was just the same locally. They would say that Cr. Sinclair, by his appearance, had found the local fields green. They would remember many others who had found far fields greener. They thought of the late Mr A. Nicholson (former Chief Commissioner of Police), Mr Don Cameron (who was well up in the railway service), Mr Bernard O'Dowd, the Heathershaws, Mr J. A. Audas (Government botanist), Mr Rex Hughes (C.B.S. Bank inspector), and Mr Henry Trompf (a noted poster artist). He had just met Mr Migley, an old friend, who had to turn round and look about to locate parts of the town, which had changed

since his time. He hoped they would notice and be satisfied with the signs of progress here. They had a good electric lighting and power scheme, a supply of pure water, and many new buildings, and they wanted to see a new Shire Hall go up to complete local facilities. The programme provided for the visitors was a good one, and they hoped the weather would be kind. They were happy to see the homecomers back, and hoped they would enjoy themselves.

Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair said he was glad to see so many well-known faces back in the old spot. A great number of their old friends had crossed the Great Divide. He had been a councillor for 40 years, and thought sometimes he had lived in this town too long. He was told that he was at the head of a little procession here, and elsewhere he would be at the tail of a big one. They were delighted to stick to their old friends. He stuck to old friends, old wine, and old boots. (Laughter).

Old friends are the best of friends, Old friends, good and true; They greet you, as they meet you, Like roses greet the dew.

He referred to his old friends and schoolmates of 50 years ago. The Council had given the town a good clean-up for the Back to Beaufort. They would go to many old mining sites in Victoria and find that they were no more, but Beaufort was better to-day than it ever was. He had received a notice that the closing of the Mechanics' Institute was to be considered, and he appealed to them to rally round to keep it open. There was no town in Victoria that was such a sporting town as Beaufort. They were delighted to see the old faces—Tom Buchanan (they used to call him Tarcoola), Jim Nolan, Bill Pedder, and others. There were even people here from Queensland. In regard to a new Shire Hall, the other ridings would not assist them to build one. He again extended to the visitors his best wishes.

Mr H. M. Stuart, a very old resident, said he was pleased to see such a nice crowd and such a splendid body of young men and women. He could not see a man here who was mining in his day, but he saw plenty of their children. The men dead and gone blazed the track, and if they knew of their struggles, they would have more respect for them. At 13 years of age, the boys were doing men's work on the diggings. Those men, who had no youth, had got for them all the education and reform they had to-day. Those old men and women had made the country they lived in. The Duffey Act laid the foundation of their farms. He endorsed Cr. Sinclair's remarks in regard to the township of Beaufort. He described how the Allendale electorate derived its name from the manager of an old mine here. Beaufort was the best town in the electorate to-day, and had a Labor representative. (Laughter) and he had been 50 years serving a Labor man there, and would keep him in Parliament if he could do so. He was led to believe that their member in the State Parliament was not invited here to-day. He should have been. (A voice: He is not an old Beaufort resident.) He hoped they would meet again on some other occasion, and that they would live to come back to another re-union.

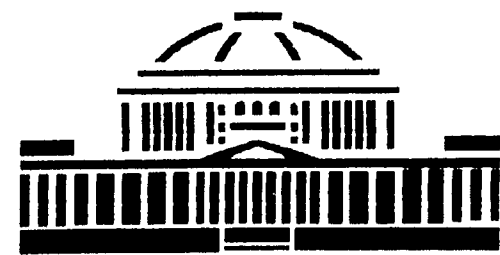
Mr S. Young, on behalf of the

spotting organisations of the town and the Ripon sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, said that until yesterday he had thought he had a few qualifications to take part in this celebration, but a dear old lady saw the plate on his office and said, "There is a new name; he must have come lately." (Laughter). He wanted to welcome the younger people—the sons and daughters of the pioneers. After referring to the various sporting activities of the clubs of the town, he said there were a lot here to-day who sent their boys overseas to retain this beautiful land. He wanted the Diggers who had come back to know that they had kept the names of their comrades green here. Of the 600 soldiers sent away from this district, 70 failed to return. The great feature of the homecoming was the renewal of a bond of friendship between those who went away and those who remained. A Digger on the Strand in London one day was "broke" and saw a Beaufort man, whom he tapped for a few bob, and his faith was rewarded. That showed what it meant to see a man from one's own town. A Beaufort man who deserted from England to the front showed the spirit of the old pioneers. He also referred to Miss Lucy Michin, a Beaufort girl who served in Mesopotamia throughout the four years of war, and who received the Florence Nightingale medal. They had also produced men of the calibre of Jack Pringle (a well-known wireless announcer) and Bernard O'Dowd (poet laureate of Australia). Their town was not to be compared with the metropolis and many other towns, but they were superior in that they were a friendly town and people. He hoped they would go away with the longing to come back and see Camp Hill and tread the Beaufort road again.

Mr C. W. Tompkins (a son of one of the town's oldest pioneers and shire councillors) responded on behalf of the homecomers. Comebacks, he said, sounded like wool. (Laughter). He was sure the speakers were sincere. The homecomings were wonderful and delightful. He had been indulging in reminiscences with his old cobbles. Since he left Beaufort there had been a great number of improvements. Crs. Sinclair and Troy talked of the wonderful water here, but what was the use of talking about water at Xmas time. (Laughter). When he looked at the old people, he felt that there must have been something in the air when they were born, because they looked so well. Cr. Sinclair had hesitated because, he alleged, of old age; but it was really the big Xmas dinner he had had. He was pleased and delighted to be back. He would not like to see the Mechanics' Institute closed, of which his Dad was once librarian. They should try to help it in some way. He hoped all the homecomers would have an enjoyable trip.

The function was terminated by the band playing the National Anthem and "The Red, White and Blue." Photographs of the band, the comebacks, the committee, and four old residents whose ages aggregated 354 years were taken by Mr N. R. McGeehan. The four old residents were Mr H. M. Stuart, 87 years; Mr W. C. Pedder, 85; Mr Geo. Loft, 79; and Mr Tom Buchanan, 80.

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BEREAVEMENT CARD.

MRS. P. SMITH and Family, Scream, wish to thank all relatives and kind friends for telegrams, letters, cards, visits, floral tributes, and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM.

BROADBENT. — In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Thomas, who died on Jan. 5th, 1935. At rest.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

WHITFIELD. — In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away on the 4th January, 1932.

Though lost to sight, to memory ever dear.

—Inserted by her loving family.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Nothing is impossible to a willing man."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1937.

THE GUN. — Shooting at Lismore on Saturday, H. Hains, of Beaufort, divided a sweepstake with three others.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED. — The current number of "Short Stories" is to hand. This interesting magazine is obtainable from the local news agent at 1/-.

THE YEAR'S RAINFALL. — The rainfall at Beaufort for December totalled 371 points, and for the year 1936, 27.56 inches; the average for 10 years being 29.46 inches per year.

THE HOLIDAYS. — The holiday season at Beaufort was notable for a greater volume of business than usual being transacted by shopkeepers, owing to the arrival of better times and an influx of over 200 visitors for the Back to Beaufort celebrations.

BACK TO BEAUFORT COMMITTEE. — The work of the honorary secretary of the Back to Beaufort Committee (Mr A. S. Duncan) is worthy of a special word of praise.

LAKE SALT. — Messrs. Dalgety & Co. Ltd., Lismore, are now taking orders for lake salt, delivered free on trucks at Beac, as soon as available.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL. — All typeset readers are catered for in the "Australian Journal" for January—a particularly smart issue.

FORMER BEAUFORT MAN'S WIN. — At the Caulfield races on Boxing Day, Mr J. Ison's Dick Devon won one of the principal races.

HOTEL SEWERED. — The work of sewerage the Beaufort hotel has been completed by the contractor, Mr J. V. Nothnagel.

LAND SALE. — Mr J. P. Rogers, of Beaufort, is reported to have sold his 1000-acre Lake Goldsmith farm to a buyer from New Zealand at a satisfactory price (over £13,000).

FLOOD AT CHUTE. — During Xmas week a flood followed a heavy downpour of rain, near Messrs. W. and J. McEwale's properties at Chute.

HOTEL TO CHANGE HANDS. — It is reported that Mr W. Liston, Beaufort, has sold the Golden Age hotel.

ARARAT WOODCHOPS. — The contestants in the woodchops at the Ararat Boxing Day sports were very fairly handicapped by Mr W. Connor, of Raglan.

ISOLATED STORM. — Motorists who were on the main Beaufort-Ararat road on 28th Dec., reported that a somewhat extraordinary freshet had come down the Middle Creek after a cloudburst.

"SUPRA" RELIEF FROM THE SUN GLARE. — "Supra" is the name given to the special anti-glare glass in which Messrs. Coles & Garrard can make up your corrective lenses.

LAKE GOLDSMITH BUSH FIRE BRIGADE. — The annual meeting of the Lake Goldsmith and Stockyard Hill Bush Fire Brigade was held on 16th Dec.

RAINFALL. — During the holidays 147 points of rain fell at Beaufort.

SWIMMING CLUB. MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

Mr R. Mackay (vice-president) was in the chair at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort Swimming Club, held at the Shire Hall on Thursday night; 15 members attending.

BEAUFORT C.W.A. FIRST MEETING FOR NEW YEAR.

The New Year meeting of the Beaufort branch, C.W.A., took place in the Club Rooms on Thursday afternoon; the attendance being good.

BOWLS. — In the New Year tournament of the Ararat Bowling Club, several Beaufort players competed.

FATAL ACCIDENT. — On New Year's morning the tragic death took place of Betty Howlett, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Howlett, of Snake Valley, aged 6 years and 10 months.

BOWLS. COLOR COMPETITION.

The Reds and Blues' color competition was resumed after the holiday period, on Thursday night, 7th inst. A keenly-contested one-rink game ended in a win for the Blues by 6 points.

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. — The following circular has been issued by the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute Committee to subscribers.

POLICE COURT COMING EVENTS LICENSING CASES.

At the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, the Bench was occupied by Messrs. D. M. Addison, P.M., and L. Smith, J.P.

Senior-constable J. Hargreaves, of Russell Street, Melbourne, sworn, stated that at 9.40 p.m. on Saturday, November 28th, 1936, in company with First-constable J. Duke, he visited the Railway hotel, Beaufort.

Costs amounting to £1/17/6 were asked for.

Senior-constable Hargreaves stated on oath that when Fay was asked his reason for being on the premises, he replied that he was a very sad case.

Senior-constable Hargreaves stated on oath that when he saw Leister pass a glass of beer to another man (Rodgers), and ask him to hide it.

First-constable J. Duke gave corroborative evidence.

Thomas Rodgers stated on oath that his brother arrived from Jung that morning, and sent word to him at Trawalla, asking him to come to Beaufort and take him home.

POLICE COURT COMING EVENTS TAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

ARARAT SPORTS. — At the Ararat Caledonian Society's sports on Boxing Day, J. Lyttle, of Waterloo, 6 sec. bhd. scr., was third in the Standing Block Chop.

THE FOURTH TEST. — So many inquiries are being made from provincial centres for travel to Adelaide for the fourth test match, that the cheap excursion train from Melbourne on Wednesday, Jan. 27, is practically certain to run in two divisions.

THE PUBLIC. — The Public of Beaufort and District for the support accorded to the firm of BUCHANAN'S for the past 80 years.

CHURCH SERVICES. SUNDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1937.

Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Chute, 2; Raglan, 3.15.—Rev. G. E. H. Vertigan, L.Th.

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DISTRICT NEWS

RAGLAN.

BACK TO SCHOOL.

One of the most enjoyable functions held at Raglan lately was the Back to School, which took place on Boxing Day at 10.30 a.m., when over 50 ex-pupils and friends were present.

There was a large crowd present at the euche tournament and dance held at Raglan on New Year's Night.

PERSONAL.

Mr and Mrs A. Grant and their son John, of "Bonnie Doon," Tara, Queensland, have been visiting relatives at Waterloo and Raglan.

Misses Hilda Boyce and Susie Star (formerly of Raglan) are spending an enjoyable holiday at Adelaide.

The wedding of Vera, elder daughter of Mr E. Waldron, of Raglan, and Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Launder, of Horsham, was celebrated on the Presbyterian Church, Stawell, on Monday, Decr. 21st.

BUTTER WRAPPERS, printed cheaply on grease-proof paper, obtainable at "RIFONSHIRE ADVOCATE" OFFICE, Beaufort.

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W. S. WHINERAY,

VISITS BEAUFORT, Thursday, January 28th.

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AT

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Buangor Receives First Cricket Defeat for Season from Nerring.

CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

FOOTBALLERS v. BREWSTER.

On Saturday the Ripon cricket competition was resumed after the break caused by the Xmas and New Year holidays. The Beaufort Footballers visited Brewster, and had an easy victory. The visitors batted first and put together a score of 107 runs at the cost of four wickets.

BEAUFORT FOOTBALLERS.

- T. Trezise, b. D. Dawson ... 6
A. Day, c. Jeffries, b. M. Dawson ... 22
S. McCracken, c. Jeffries, b. D. Dawson ... 13
R. Johnson, not out ... 18
F. O'Connell, not out ... 34
N. Dromey, l.b.w., b. Close ... 4
Sundries ... 10

Total ... 4 for 107

Bowling.—D. Dawson, 2/34; L. Close, 1/36; M. Dawson, 1/5; M. Hamilton, 0/22.

BREWSTER.

- H. Jeffreys, b. Crick ... 1
M. Hamilton, c. Fitzpatrick, b. Dromey ... 12
K. McIntyre, b. Trezise ... 5
D. Dawson, b. Crick ... 5
R. Dunn, b. Trezise ... 4
M. Dawson, run out ... 0
L. Close, c. Hobson, b. Hunt ... 10
H. McIntyre, b. Hunt ... 1
R. Anderson, not out ... 1
T. Dawson, b. Dromey ... 1
A. Anderson, b. Dromey ... 0
Sundries ... 5

Total ... 41

Bowling.—T. Trezise, 2/4; A. Crick, 2/15; T. Hunt, 2/10; N. Dromey, 3/5.

NERRING v. BUANGOR.

On Saturday Nerring visited Buangor, and defeated that team in a closely-contested match by four wickets and eight runs. It was the first game lost by Buangor for the season.

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BOWLING CLUB.

PAIRS COMPETITION.

Ten pairs competed in a competition on the Beaufort Bowling Club's green on Saturday for a trophy (presented by Mr J. Prowse), which was won by H. O. Collier and G. Green, who defeated D. Feverson and G. Wilding in the final by 11 to 10.

C.W.A. NOTES.

OUR INSTITUTE.

The following lines (written by Mrs Walls, Canwell, Staffordshire) were read by Miss A. Cushing (president) at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort branch of the Country Women's Association on Thursday, Jan. 7.

But it seems to shout a welcome, as you enter at the door. There's a smiling face to greet you, a handshake warm and true,

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Bowling.—D. Dawson, 2/34; L. Close, 1/36; M. Dawson, 1/5; M. Hamilton, 0/22.

BREWSTER.

- H. Jeffreys, b. Crick ... 1
M. Hamilton, c. Fitzpatrick, b. Dromey ... 12
K. McIntyre, b. Trezise ... 5
D. Dawson, b. Crick ... 5
R. Dunn, b. Trezise ... 4
M. Dawson, run out ... 0
L. Close, c. Hobson, b. Hunt ... 10
H. McIntyre, b. Hunt ... 1
R. Anderson, not out ... 1
T. Dawson, b. Dromey ... 1
A. Anderson, b. Dromey ... 0
Sundries ... 5

Total ... 41

Bowling.—T. Trezise, 2/4; A. Crick, 2/15; T. Hunt, 2/10; N. Dromey, 3/5.

NERRING.

- T. Stewart, c. J. Meadows, b. J. Meadows ... 25
H. Collins, c. Mathews, b. J. Murray ... 35
I. Collins, run out ... 12
H. Dawson, b. J. Murray ... 0
A. Lynch, b. J. Murray ... 0
E. Dawson, not out ... 9
A. Marshall, b. L. McGuiness, 8
L. Symons, not out ... 3
Extras ... 3

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BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB

MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Thistle Club for the New Year was held at Mr R. T. Macdonald's cafe on Tuesday night; Mr C. H. McKay (chief) occupying the chair, and 14 members attending.

COMPULSORY INSURANCE.

Latest information received by the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria regarding third party insurance is that the Tasmanian Act will come into operation on January 31, the Queensland Act some time in February, and the South Australian Act on April 1.

DAZZLING HEADLIGHTS.

It is to be hoped that appreciable abatement will take place of the annoyance caused to road-users by dazzling headlights, as the result of the latest promise of the Chief Secretary's Department to the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria that the matter will receive attention.

OBITUARY.

MISS JESSIE MORRIS.

The many friends of Miss Jessie Morris, of Murray Road, Heathcote, received a shock to learn that she had passed away on Tuesday, 14th Decr., after a sudden illness that necessitated an immediate operation.

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LIFE WORTH LIVING.

"After a fortnight of R.U.R. I feel life is worth living again," writes Mrs. E. E. Taylor, of Sydneyham. "Had I known of it 10 years ago, I would have been spared much suffering from rheumatism."

CAT AND DOG LIFE.

POLICE COURT SEQUEL.
CLAIM FOR MAINTENANCE.

At the Skipton Court of Petty Sessions on Wednesday, 23rd December, Mrs Isabel Mary Gibb, of Skipton, applied for an order for maintenance against her husband, John Rankin Gibb, farmer. Mr Addison, P.M., was on the Bench. Mr Gavan Duffy appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Boustead for defendant.

Mr Duffy said that the parties were married on 15th September, 1923, and lived happily together until January, 1936. Defendant was a returned soldier. He had been gassed at the war, and was not able to work. The parties lived on a closer settlement block near Skipton, at present valued at £2950. In January, 1936, defendant went to Caulfield Hospital, and was there until August. While there, his wife visited him, and they were on friendly terms. On his return he told his wife he was tired of her, and had been for years. He then left home again, and did not say where he was going. Plaintiff then removed some furniture belonging to her, and went to live in Skipton. Later, an agreement was made, whereby plaintiff was to return the furniture on Monday, 2nd November, and they were to live together again. On Sunday, 1st November, plaintiff, accompanied by her brother and two ladies, went to the farm. Plaintiff knocked at the door, and was refused admittance. A girl, dressed in slacks and with a man's felt hat on, was seen to get through a window and walk across the paddocks. The Bench was asked to decide if this amounted to constructive desertion.

Mrs Isabel Mary Gibb said that her husband received a pension of £2/10/ a week, and she received 18/ a week. When her husband returned from Caulfield on 20th August, she met him at the station, and he did not speak to her for a week. The train was late, but she was not in a bad temper, only annoyed. In reply to Mr Boustead, she gave her husband every attention, and he supported her up to this time. She removed her own furniture, but she did not take any fowls, bulbs, or her husband's gold watch. She was still prepared to live with her husband. On 1st November, at their home, she saw a girl dressed in slacks. She said to her husband, "Caught you beautifully." He said, "Don't be silly, it's a boy." She got into her husband's car, and he said, "Where are you going?" She said, "As far as the car goes." He drove the car across the paddocks, and made her get out, and the girl got in.

Corroborative evidence was given by Albert John Rutherford, Millicent Jane Rutherford, and Elsie May McCorkell, of Linton.

Mr Boustead said that defendant was suffering from T.B., and had to be isolated. When he returned from Caulfield, he found the house full of relatives, and his wife was very disagreeable, so he decided to go for a holiday. When plaintiff removed the furniture, she definitely broke away. It was admitted that defendant was at the home with the girl friend on the Sunday, but the agreement was that plaintiff was to return with the furniture, on the Monday. The sum of £2926 was owing on the farm at present, and defendant had an equity of about £300 in it, and no other assets.

John Rankin Gibb said that when he returned from Caulfield he asked his wife how she was getting on, and she stormed and swore at him because the train was late, so he thought he had better not say any more. They were always rowing; it was a cat and dog life. His wife was nagging all the time. If a fly walked

up the window pane, it was his fault. He should have had his breakfast in bed, but could not get it. His home was still there, and his wife could live in it, but he would not always be there.

The P.M.: Was it fair to ask a woman to live on her own?—Yes.

The P.M.: The doctor says she is not able to live alone?—If she would keep calm, instead of flying into hysterics, she would be all right. The house was kept as something to look at, and not as a home at all.

The P.M.: It was evident that defendant did not want his wife back. He found that there was constructive desertion, and the wife was entitled to maintenance. The law said the orders must be based on ability to pay. War pensions could not be attached. Plaintiff already had an income of 18/ a week, and he therefore made an order of 7/ per week; costs, £5/6/7, to be paid by defendant, in default of distress.—"Ballarat Courier," Decr. 25, 1936.

HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.
Action to Control.

The Acting Chief Commissioner of Police (Mr Mooney) has informed the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria, in reply to a resolution on the subject carried at the annual conference of that body, that the question of commercial vehicles travelling at excessive speed and failing to carry lights indicating the width and length of the loads is receiving attention. Complaints had been received by the R.A.C.V. that many of these vehicles were habitually driven in the centre of roads, frequently at high speed, and that other road users were forced into the rough side tracks—a proceeding which is particularly dangerous at night time and in wet weather. A further complaint was that some of these heavy transport wagons, when camped for the night in the country, encroach on roadways in such a way as to constitute a dangerous obstruction. The Country Roads Board, under whose notice the subject was brought, has informed the R.A.C.V. that instructions have been given to order the removal of any such transport wagons.

BICYCLE DANGERS. — While the traffic code has its share of obscurities and anomalies in certain directions, it leaves no doubt as to the status of the bicycle as an ordinary vehicle, subject to the general traffic rules, and certain special ones of its own. One of the latter is the prohibition of cyclists holding on to other vehicles or riding more than two abreast. Although these rules are flouted daily by hundreds, to the danger and inconvenience of other road users, the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria points out that it is only occasionally that an offender is brought into court, and even then the imposition of a fine seems to have little deterrent effect on others. "Double-dinking" is another practice which the club regards as calling for action, as it robs the rider of control, but one of the strangest of bicycle antics was observed recently in Dandenong road, when a schoolboy was seen steering his bicycle through the traffic with his legs while reading a book.

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DAYS THAT ARE GONE.

Twenty-five years ago land was bringing enhanced values in Skipton township, since the likelihood of the railway going there became a certainty. Blocks were being eagerly sought for.

The following appeared in the Ararat "Advertiser" of 1861:—Fiery Creek.—Our last Protestant service in the old Church of England school room was conducted by Colin Campbell, Esq., of Buangor, who kindly officiated in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. P. Homan. By such means as this, and by his judicious and impartial conduct on the Bench—particularly in a well-remembered case between a neighboring squatter magistrate and the dairymen of the district—Mr Campbell has won the lasting esteem of hundreds of people who have never read, and probably will never read, his pamphlet on the "Squating Question, with a View to its Settlement." — A person named Johnson, engaged in the occupation of baker and butcher at Fiery Creek, met with a serious accident on the Raglan road, near Buangor. Returning home in a state certainly far from sober, and with his cart heavily laden with meat and bread, he fell from the shafts to the ground. The first time he was not seriously injured, but it seems he fell off in a similar manner a second or even a third time, and the wheels passed over his body, inflicting injuries of a dangerous nature.

BACK TO PYALONG. — Commencing on Friday, 29th January, 1937, Pyalong residents will stage a week-end of festivities in celebration of the completion of the first centenary of the settlement of the district. There will be a round of gaiety, including Back to School, social gatherings, Church re-unions, etc., concluding with a Centenary sports meeting on Foundation Day (Feb. 1). A cordial invitation is extended to all former residents and others to take part in the rejoicings. Those who contemplate returning, please write immediately to the honorary secretary, Mr H. Shiels, Pyalong. The president of the movement is Cr. A. Shanahan.

LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN.—Daply growing in strength of numbers an influence this organisation, based on the principle of the maintenance of constitutional government and loyalty to the Empire, is now receiving greater notice by the Defence authorities of the Commonwealth. Its ranks are at present limited to men who by some reason or other, mostly age limit and disabilities, are debarred from serving in the militia forces, to join the legion. Over 30 years of age and a loyal subject of the Crown are the only conditions. There is no pay attached for service; rather it costs a man 10/ for the first year, and 7/6 each year after, for the privilege of being a member of the legion. Further, he has to purchase his own uniform, which is similar in design to that of the Canadian Mounted Police.

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COLIC IN HORSES.

(By A. D. Callovy.)

With the approach of the late summer and autumn, we may expect a certain amount of trouble amongst horses in the nature of colic.

Colic is the name given to a variety of disorders, in which the most noticeable symptom is a manifestation of abdominal pain, due to some form of irritation of the stomach, or of a particular part of the intestine.

There are many varieties of colic; the different names given to each having a bearing on the seat of the trouble, as well as on its nature.

The cause of most colics is some abnormality in connection with the food content of the stomach and intestines.

The symptoms of gravel colic and sand colic are almost the same—either may be accompanied with abdominal pain, or instead of acute abdominal pain, severe constipation, and is common to both maladies.

At the onset of a case of colic, the severity of the pain shown is not always an indication whether the case will be a mild one, or whether the illness will be prolonged and consequently serious.

Practically all forms of colic are relieved only when the offending material setting up the condition is passed along the bowel and finally evacuated.

On no account should opium preparations, laudanum or chlorodyne, be used in cases of colic.

There are ways of soothing pain, and, at the same time stimulating the peristaltic action of the stomach and bowels.

After all, nature is the greatest healer, and it is therefore the aim of the veterinarian to assist nature in its work.

An excellent first-aid drench for the most common forms of colic is:—1—1½ pints raw linseed oil, 1½ oz. oil of turpentine, 1½ oz. of tinct. nux vomica.

done, and its action will not be detrimental to any further treatment given by a veterinarian.

POLICE COURT.—There was a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday.

PRATT STREET MAIN.—The Ripon Shire Council has laid down a new water main in Pratt street, Beaufort.

BEAUFORT BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.—Married Members, £1/5; per annum; Married Returned Soldiers, £1 per annum; Single Men, £1 per annum; Sons and Daughters of Members, 5/ per annum. Single Lady, 15/.

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

At the Ballarat stock sales 235 cattle were offered. Sixty to 70 bullocks were forward, mostly lightweights and steers.

Messrs. D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—Cattle: 10 steers and heifers, Messrs. Leys Bros., Burnbank, steers to £6/7/6, heifers to £5/15/.

The following district sales are reported by other auctioneers:—525 Corriedale ewes, St. Enoch's Estate, Stockyard Hill, two-tooths 28/11, aged 19/1 to 23/; 200 crossbred ewes, Mr Murray Exell, Ellimatta, Stockyard Hill, 18/10 to 21/10, averaging 20/11; 60 comeback ewes, 5 years, Mr Alex. Bain, Stockyard Hill, 21/10; 25 merino wethers, Mr A. L. Lofts, Lake Goldsmith, 15/1; 12 crossbred wethers, Mr Murray Exell, Ellimatta, Stockyard Hill, 26/7, topping the market; 91 shorn lambs, Mr W. T. Bagnall, Carbanballac, 22/10 to 25/; averaging 24/4; 36 crossbred and comeback ewes, Mr L. P. Fay, Middle Creek, 17/10; 10 merino wethers, Mr J. R., Ringin, Chepstowe, 19/11; 19 merino ewes, same owner, 16/4; 42 comeback ewes, Mrs Dunnet, Viewanna, Stockyard Hill, 18/1; 40 shorn lambs, same owner, 24/8; 18 crossbred and comeback ewes, Miss Russell, Middle Creek, 14/10; 10 cows, Mr Robt. G. Beggs, Buln Gherin, Beaufort, to £8/10/; 73 comeback and merino wethers, Mr W. P. Roberts, Gowan Brae, Middle Creek, to 21/4; 34 shorn lambs, same owner, 19/2; 42 merino wethers, Messrs. J. C. and G. C. Gates, Chepstowe, 15/11; 18 shorn lambs, Mr S. A. Roberts, Middle Creek, 24/.

RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

JANUARY PAY-SHEET.

The January meeting of the Ripon Shire Council having been allowed to lapse owing to the holidays, the North Riding members (Mrs. D. F. Troy, R. A. D. Sinclair, and C. H. McKay) met on Monday at the Shire Hall, to pass accounts and deal with urgent committee business.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—Vouchers, £10/15/; day labor, £11/2/; reserves, £3/6/; A. M. Parker, £4/13/1; W. L. Williams, £6/10/10; Sands & Johnson, 11/2; salaries, £83/5/; engineer's car allowance, £8/6/8; S. T. Roberts, £3; Colonial Mutual (superannuation), £316/8; president's allowance, £10; Country Fire Board, £4/10/11; Aarat Health Group, £18/18/4; School of Mines, £1/10/; Northern Insurance Co., £2/2/2; Electric Supply, £2/8/2; street lighting, £25; G. E. Millist, £4; sanitary, £2/14/8; C. Morvell, £10/15/; T. W. Schlicht, £18/12/; secretary, £2; A. and J. Barber, £15/18/6; B. & W. Co-operative Society, £4/13/4; J. Crick, £1 6/6; H. Collins, 4/6; Forbes & Co., £1/16/8; H. George, 2/17/7; Hardie & Co., £46/19/; J. A. Harris, £22 12/4; R. Morcombe, £5/2/8; Mining Supplies, £13/2/7; R. A. Ross, 8/3; R. Ward, £2/5/7; A. Trengove, 19/; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., 16/3; O'Connor, Staveley, to 8/10; 121 plant, £1/2/6; Robinson & Co., £1 11/6; F. Webster, 10/; maintenance, £15; Stevenson Bros., £3 11/9; reserves, £1/14/6; Murray Stores, £5/2/11; maintenance, £4 4/6; H. Noonan, £10/15/3; reserves, £2/3/4; plant, 5/; F. Webster, 12/; J. Heagney, 10/; H. L. Lavery, £40; vouchers, £18/14/9; day labor, £61/15/9; vouchers, £172/12/2; total, £686/5/11. Country Roads Board payments—Voucher, £30/2/5; H. T. Norman, £2/10/4; Stevenson Bros., 11/; Ballarat-Hamilton road, 11/; voucher, £20/9/3; C. E. Brown, £220; F. Webster, £3/3/; total, £277 7/; sustenance payments, £308/17/.

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DISTRICT NEWS

SNAKE VALLEY.

A meeting of the Oddfellows' Lodge was held on Saturday, the Noble Grand, Bro. N. McIntosh, presiding. There was a large attendance. One honorary lady member was admitted to the lodge. The secretary reported the deaths of two old members, Bro. Alexander Renfrew and Bro. E. Anderson, and the lodge adjourned for two minutes' silence out of respect for them. Four members were reported on the sick fund, and £10 was passed as sick pay. After the lodge closed, a special committee made arrangements for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the lodge. The date chosen was Wednesday, 24th Feb'y.

A successful Cricket Club dance was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday night; many being present from Ballarat and the surrounding districts. Excellent music was provided by Mr Alan Payne's orchestra.

A well-attended meeting of members of the Snake Valley C.W.A. was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Friday, 15th inst., to bid farewell to Mrs Seagrave, who has been secretary for some time, and is going to live in Ballarat. Mrs J. Oddie (president), in handing Mrs Seagrave a bouquet, said that they were all very sorry to lose Mrs Seagrave; stating that she had always taken a deep interest in the branch. Mrs A. C. Roddis stated that as a past president of the branch, it was a pleasure to work with Mrs Seagrave. Her work as secretary was a credit to her, and she wished Mrs Seagrave and family health and prosperity. Mrs A. Mark, Mrs P. Yeoman, Mrs A. Wilson, Mrs G. Hall, senr., and Mrs A. C. Coules endorsed all that had been said by the previous speakers. Mrs Oddie then presented, on behalf of the members, a handsome crystal salad bowl and servers to Mrs Seagrave. Mrs Seagrave, in responding, said that Mr Seagrave had been transferred to Ballarat. She thanked the members for the gift, and wished the branch every success. Afternoon tea was partaken of, and "For Auld Lang Syne" was sung.

BUANGOR.

The Buangor tennis team was at home to Warrak on Saturday, when the locals were too strong for the visitors. Results (Buangor players mentioned first):—J. Bourke and A. J. Felmingham v. L. Kneebone and T. Allender, 8-4; J. Pickford and N. Foote v. R. Larkens and F. Kneebone, 6-8; Miss G. Green and Mrs Felmingham v. Mesdames Kneebone and Dadsell, 8-4; Mrs Kelly and Miss P. McInnes v. Mrs Hunter and Miss A. Kneebone, 8-3; J. Bourke and Miss Green v. L. Kneebone and Mrs Kneebone, 5-8; A. J. Felmingham and Mrs Felmingham v. T. Allender and Mrs Dadsell, 8-5; J. Pickford and Mrs Kelly v. R. Larkens and Mrs Hunter, 8-2; N. Foote and Miss McInnes v. F. Kneebone and Miss Kneebone, 8-6. Totals:—Buangor, 59 games; Warrak, 40 games.

SKIPTON.

Some time ago the Hampden Shire Council issued warnings to several contractors that if certain contracts, then well beyond time of completion, were not finished promptly, they would be cancelled and the deposits forfeited, so that the Council could have the contracts completed. Following on the report and recommendation of the shire engineer, councillors decided at this month's meeting to cancel three contracts and take steps to have them completed without delay.

BEAUFORT GUN CLUB.

GOOD SATURDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMME.

On Saturday afternoon the Beaufort Gun Club held a successful meeting at the local grounds, which comprised five events. The meeting was organised by Mr A. J. Saph, and shooters were present from Skipton, Ballarat, and various parts of the Beaufort district. Mr P. Mather acted as referee, and Mr Les. Trahair as scorer; Mr W. I. Halpin being in charge of the traps. The birds were a good lot, and excellent shooting was witnessed. H. Hains shot 40 birds without a miss, and beat his former best break of 38. E. Baker registered 39 kills with 41 shots. Results:—

Half-crown Sweepstake (sparrows)—Divided on the ninth round by F. Graham, E. Baker, Donaldson, and P. Nunn. Eleven nominations.

Optional Starling Sweepstake of 10/; 10 birds off 25 yds. rise; winner to represent club in champion of champions event in Melbourne; trophy, case of cutlery and £2/2 towards Melbourne expenses—A. J. Saph, H. Hains, and E. Baker divided the stake on the eighth round, and Saph and Hains shot on for the trophy, tied on the 10th round, and at the end of the eighteenth round agreed to divide; Hains retiring in favor of Saph for the championship, and Saph taking the trophy and Hains the cash prize. There were 14 competitors.

Starling Sweepstake of 5/; one miss out—H. Hains, E. Baker, and G. Davis divided on the 14th round. Twenty nominations.

Starling Sweepstake of 5/, off the 28 and 30 yds. rises—H. W., and F. Hains, G. Kent, F. Graham, E. Baker, G. Donaldson, T. E. Sands, and P. Mather divided.

Pigeon Sweepstake of 10/—Divided by H. Hains, L. Trahair, F. Hains, and E. Baker on the sixth round. Twelve competitors.

Best breaks—H. Hains, 40/40; E. Baker, 39/41.

A HOT DAY.—Following a north-wind day with a shade temperature of 90 degrees and a dust-laden atmosphere, rain fell at Beaufort on Monday night. Sixty-nine points were registered.

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DISTRICT NEWS

SNAKE VALLEY.

A meeting of the Oddfellows' Lodge was held on Saturday, the Noble Grand, Bro. N. McIntosh, presiding. There was a large attendance. One honorary lady member was admitted to the lodge. The secretary reported the deaths of two old members, Bro. Alexander Renfrew and Bro. E. Anderson, and the lodge adjourned for two minutes' silence out of respect for them. Four members were reported on the sick fund, and £10 was passed as sick pay. After the lodge closed, a special committee made arrangements for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the lodge. The date chosen was Wednesday, 24th Feb'y.

A successful Cricket Club dance was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday night; many being present from Ballarat and the surrounding districts. Excellent music was provided by Mr Alan Payne's orchestra.

A well-attended meeting of members of the Snake Valley C.W.A. was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Friday, 15th inst., to bid farewell to Mrs Seagrave, who has been secretary for some time, and is going to live in Ballarat. Mrs J. Oddie (president), in handing Mrs Seagrave a bouquet, said that they were all very sorry to lose Mrs Seagrave; stating that she had always taken a deep interest in the branch. Mrs A. C. Roddis stated that as a past president of the branch, it was a pleasure to work with Mrs Seagrave. Her work as secretary was a credit to her, and she wished Mrs Seagrave and family health and prosperity. Mrs A. Mark, Mrs P. Yeoman, Mrs A. Wilson, Mrs G. Hall, senr., and Mrs A. C. Coules endorsed all that had been said by the previous speakers. Mrs Oddie then presented, on behalf of the members, a handsome crystal salad bowl and servers to Mrs Seagrave. Mrs Seagrave, in responding, said that Mr Seagrave had been transferred to Ballarat. She thanked the members for the gift, and wished the branch every success. Afternoon tea was partaken of, and "For Auld Lang Syne" was sung.

BUANGOR.

The Buangor tennis team was at home to Warrak on Saturday, when the locals were too strong for the visitors. Results (Buangor players mentioned first):—J. Bourke and A. J. Felmingham v. L. Kneebone and T. Allender, 8-4; J. Pickford and N. Foote v. R. Larkens and F. Kneebone, 6-8; Miss G. Green and Mrs Felmingham v. Mesdames Kneebone and Dadswell, 8-4; Mrs Kelly and Miss F. McInnes v. Mrs Hunter and Miss A. Kneebone, 8-3; J. Bourke and Miss Green v. L. Kneebone and Mrs Kneebone, 5-8; A. J. Felmingham and Mrs Felmingham v. T. Allender and Mrs Dadswell, 8-5; J. Pickford and Mrs Kelly v. R. Larkens and Mrs Hunter, 8-2; N. Foote and Miss McInnes v. F. Kneebone and Miss Kneebone, 8-6. Totals:—Buangor, 59 games; Warrak, 40 games.

SKIPTON.

Some time ago the Hampden Shire Council issued warnings to several contractors that if certain contracts, then well beyond time of completion, were not finished promptly, they would be cancelled and the deposits forfeited, so that the Council could have the contracts completed. Following on the report and recommendation of the shire engineer, councillors decided at this month's meeting to cancel three contracts and take steps to have them completed without delay.

BEAUFORT GUN CLUB.

GOOD SATURDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMME.

On Saturday afternoon the Beaufort Gun Club held a successful meeting at the local grounds, which comprised five events. The meeting was organised by Mr A. J. Saph, and shooters were present from Skipton, Ballarat, and various parts of the Beaufort district. Mr P. Mather acted as referee, and Mr Les. Trahair as scorer; Mr W. I. Halpin being in charge of the traps. The birds were a good lot, and excellent shooting was witnessed. H. Hains shot 40 birds without a miss, and beat his former best break of 38. E. Baker registered 39 kills with 41 shots.

Results:—
Half-crown Sweepstake (sparrows)—Divided on the ninth round by F. Graham, E. Baker, Donaldson, and P. Nunn. Eleven nominations.
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Starling Sweepstake of 5; one miss out—H. Hains, E. Baker, and G. Davis divided on the 14th round. Twenty nominations.

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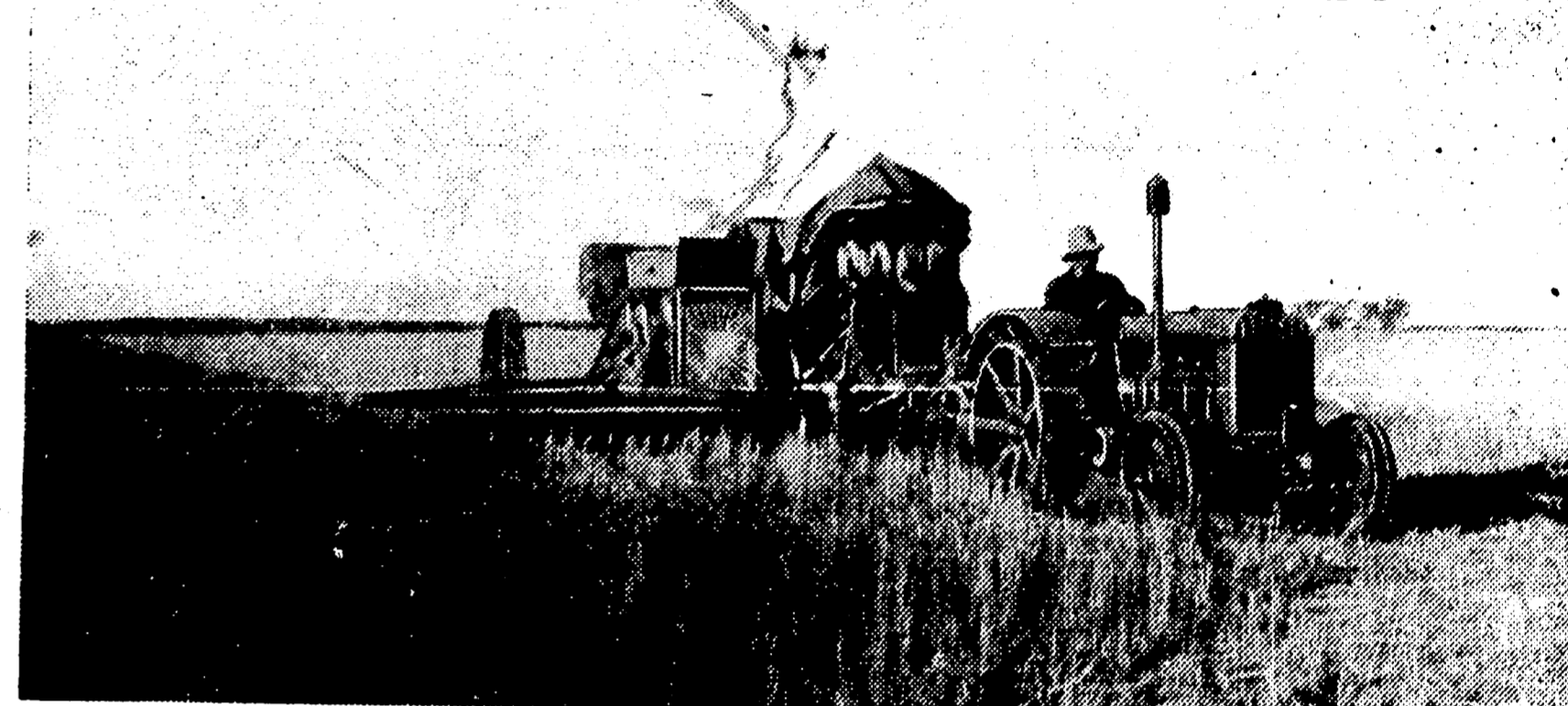
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The president heartily welcomed all present, and especially Messrs. J. Ellis (Brewster) and W. J. Roberts (Middle Creek), who had been very ill during the year. He also introduced a visitor (Mr Bourke). An apology was received for the absence of Messrs. N. S. McLeod and C. Whitfield.

The secretary (Mr S. Wells) read the annual report, which was as follows:—

The Sub-branch has experienced a very successful year. Membership has shown a substantial increase, and the financial position is very satisfactory.

During the year eight committee meetings were held, and as an evidence of the keenness of the committee, out of an executive consisting of 15 members, the average attendance has been twelve.

An innovation this year has been the appointment of group leaders. The district covered by the branch was divided into convenient areas, and a leader appointed to each area; the object being that the group leader could link the executive more closely to the members in his group than would otherwise have been possible. Our best thanks go to the group leaders for the extremely useful work they have performed.

In addition to the committee meetings, two special meetings were held. The half-yearly meeting, held to discuss the agenda for the annual conference, was a well-attended and interesting one.

During the evening Mr. Fitzpatrick was the recipient of a pipe, an expression of appreciation to him of his unflinching interest in the affairs of ex-soldiers.

Mr. S. Pascoe was elected delegate to the settlers' conference, and the President to the sub-branch conference.

On the 24th April arrangements were again made to have children from district schools brought to Beaufort, where by the courtesy of the C.W.A. (who very generously made their hall available) and of Mr. J. F. Wotherspoon (who installed a powerful wireless set), the children were privileged to listen to the broadcast from the Shrine of Remembrance sponsored by the Legacy Club.

The Anzac Day Commemoration, which has always been a feature of the activities of the Sub-branch, was well attended by our members.

The service was preceded as usual by a pilgrimage to the local Cemetery, where wreaths were placed on the graves of ex-soldiers.

At the Memorial Park Captain F. de Crespigny delivered an impressive address.

On Armistice Day a simple ceremony was conducted by the Sub-branch. A good muster of members, the President and some of the councillors of the Shire of Ripon, and a representative gathering of citizens attended at the Memorial Park, and placed wreaths on the Shrine of Remembrance.

On the evening of the Sunday following Armistice Day, a Commemoration Service at the Picture Theatre was held, and our very sincere thanks go to the clergymen of the town who co-operated in the conduct of the service.

Your committee has been vigilant in all matters affecting the welfare of members. Evidence of this is shown in the alteration of the Beaufort police district and the appointment of a returned soldier to the position of Health Inspector to the district.

Soldier settlement has had the close attention of the committee, and we have to thank the special re-valuation committee for their co-operation, and we hope that their knowledge, willingly placed at our disposal, and their ready sacrifice of time, will bear ample fruit when the present re-valuation is finalised.

On all occasions your committee has closely watched the welfare of all ex-soldiers who are incapacitated and in receipt of pensions, and at all times welcome inquiries and appreciate the fact that ex-service men have availed themselves of the advice and service that the executive is able to afford them.

The Sub-branch has been active in assisting soldiers passing through the district who are in need of assistance. This branch of our activities has been efficiently supervised by Mr. S. Young.

Your committee has availed itself of the privileges extended by the courtesy of the R.S. & S.L.L. A. Scholarship Fund, the Sir Samuel McCaughey Bequest, and the Education Department War Relief Fund, for financial help in several cases.

It is with deep regret that we recall the death of one of our members, the late Percy Smith.

Your committee desires to thank those ladies who so generously helped us with our various functions throughout the year, especially those who helped to make our ball a splendid success; and to those who helped with catering on Anzac Day.

They also desire to thank the members of the C.W.A., who made their hall available to us on several occasions, and made wreaths on Anzac Day.

Our special appreciation goes to Mr. Parker, of the "Riponshire Advocate." His sympathy has been invaluable to our organisation throughout the year. Mr. Parker is one of the most valuable friends that our organisation possesses.

In conclusion, we desire to thank all members for loyalty shown to us throughout the year. The fact that we have had a successful year is due in no small measure to the co-operation of the ordinary member, whose name does not appear in any report, and does not ever come under general notice. This report commenced with reference to the fact that our year's activities had been crowned with success. May I, as President, on behalf of the executive, thank you, as individual members, for having made it possible for us to achieve that success.

CHAS. H. MCKAY, President.

The balance-sheet for the past year showed receipts amounting to £107/5/10, and expenditure to £51/19/5, leaving a credit balance of £55/6/3. The year commenced with a credit balance of 7/9. The principal receipts were:—Members' subscriptions, £45/15/-; profit on ball, £52/3/2.

The comradeship fund showed a credit balance of £10/7/5, and there were 89 applicants for relief.

The president welcomed Mr L. Roche, a newcomer to the town, who responded.

The president said the great help given by Mr W. A. Skene with the ball was greatly appreciated, and much of its success was due to him.

The balance-sheets and reports were adopted, on the motion of Messrs. A. Ringin and A. S. Duncan.

In vacating the chair, the president thanked the officers and members

of the committee during his term. To do a good job was impossible without that.

Mr S. Young was voted to the chair for the election of officers.

Mr C. H. McKay was unanimously elected president, amidst applause.

The remaining officers were elected as follows:—Vice-presidents, Dr. S. E. Humphreys, Messrs. Robt. Mackay, and S. Pascoe (several members declining nomination); secretary and treasurer, Mr S. Wells; committee, Messrs. F. Webster, S. Jacobs, N. S. McLeod, H. O. Collier, and L. Roche (representing the town members), C. Broadbent, S. Hamilton, J. Miller, A. Ringin, R. Dooley, C. Whitfield, L. R. Scott, and W. J. Roberts (representing country members); assistant-secretary, Mr A. J. Saph; auditor, Mr A. J. Saph; trustees of comradeship fund, Messrs. S.

Young, C. H. McKay, and S. Wells; delegates to district board, Messrs. S. Wells, S. Pascoe, and R. Mackay.

Correspondence was received from the State branch, forwarding Xmas and New Year greetings; stating that South African War veterans were eligible for membership; that any member could now join two sub-branches; giving particulars re R.S.L. tennis tournament at Kooyong; and forwarding circular re report of Soldier Settlement Committee (compiled by Mr Bristow, country vice-president).

A letter was read from Mrs P. Smith, Streatham, thanking sub-branch for kind expressions of sympathy in her recent bereavement.

Greetings were received from Colonel G. A. Street, and an invitation to the president and secretary to the Ballarat sub-branch smoke night.

The secretary was instructed to forward letters of condolence to Messrs. T. Trafford (Beaufort) and Howlett (Snake Valley), who had suffered bereavements.

The president thanked Messrs. Pascoe and Wells for attendance at Ballarat district Board meetings.

The president also reported as follows in regard to the Ballarat District Board's scholarship (High School fees not having to be paid):—

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3. That pupils of Grade VI., whose age does not exceed 11 years 6 months on the first day of January of the first year for which a scholarship is tenable, be eligible to compete.

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5. That the scholarship fund, £5, will be paid to the Headmaster or Mistress of the school selected by the candidate, at the commencement of each year.

6. That the Principal of the school at which the scholarship holder attends furnish to the District Board at the end of each year a report on the progress and conduct of the scholarship holder.

7. That the District Board will have the power to cancel a scholarship at the end of the first year, on receipt of an unfavorable report.

8. That in the event of a scholarship holder not using the whole of his or her fund, the Principal be instructed to pay the residue to the scholarship holder or guardian at the conclusion of each year.

9. That in the event of a scholarship holder leaving school before the end of any year, any surplus from the scholarship fund shall be returned to the District Board.

10. That the District Board reserves the right to cancel, alter, or include any conditions it may consider necessary.

11. That candidates will be selected by a Committee of three, consisting of an Inspector of State Schools and two members of the District Board, after consideration of scholastic attainments of the pupil, financial circumstances of the parent, and the results of any additional educational tests considered necessary by the Committee.

Note.—The Honorable the Minister of Education has been pleased to grant free tuition to the holder of the scholarships.

In answer to Mr Wallish, the president said it was a competitive examination, but if a number of children reached the standard of the examination, there would be a final selection, in which notice would be taken for the necessity of providing funds for the education of the child.

In regard to the annual smoke social, final selection of the date was left in the hands of the town committee, on the motion of Messrs. Stowell and Hamilton.

The meeting then closed.

