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SHIRE PRESIDENT GETS UP TO BAND MUSIC

Shire President Entertains Band.

SERVICES APPRECIATED.

In appreciation of the gratuitous services rendered by the Beaufort Town Band for patriotic and public purposes, the president of Ripon Shire (Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair) entertained 23 bandsmen and several committeemen at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Tuesday night.

After light refreshments had been partaken of and the toast of "The King" honoured, Cr. Sinclair said that as president of the shire, he had invited the bandsmen here to thank them sincerely, on behalf of the Council, for all they had done. They had gone to Carngham and Skipton and played at Beaufort when they officially said au revoir to their soldiers, and also held meetings in connection with war savings certificates. The band had not got much for all the playing they had done. He thought the Beaufort band should be called the Beaufort Amateur Brass Band, not because they were amateur players, but because an amateur was a man who did not take money. They seemed to be always playing for charitable, religious, and public institutions of the town, and got nothing for it. He sincerely trusted that for many years to come they would keep the flag flying. He had seen more bands come and go than most of them. Sixty years ago there was a band here in which he was playing the triangle, as he was not very musical. They went to Raglan to a race meeting, and the members went away to get refreshments, and left the big drum with him to look after. A boy named Bill Bain came along and hit the drum, and they had a fight. The Raglan fellows were barracking for their boy, and the bandsmen for him, and the fight ended in a draw. Mr Miechel, a German started a fife and drum band at the school, and said, "Sinclair, what instrument would you like?" Mocking the bandmaster's German accent, he (Cr. Sinclair) said, "The flute." Mr Miechel tartly replied, "I vill give you der big drum. It vill match your head." The bandsmen seemed to be pulling together well, and were fortunate in having a local bandmaster, who gave so much of his time to them. In proposing a toast in honour of Bandmaster Saddler, Cr. Sinclair thanked him for the interest he was taking in the band; but for him, it was very doubtful whether they would have a band. He deserved the greatest credit for the way he was bringing them on. He (Cr. Sinclair) also heard some fairly decent music up at the school. The boys played fairly early in the morning, and helped him to put one leg out of bed and get up in good time. He thanked the bandmaster sincerely, and hoped he would enjoy the best of health for many years to come.

Mr L. R. S. Dalrymple spoke in support of the toast, and said everyone knew the high esteem Mr Saddler was held in by the band and committee. He had worked with several bands, and did not think he had met a bandmaster who had helped to keep a band together like Mr Saddler had done for the past three years. A happy relationship existed between the bandmaster, the bandsmen, and the younger boys. He was particularly pleased with the interest Mr Saddler was taking in the younger boys, who had started under him and come on wonderfully well. That spoke very highly in praise of the work he had put in. Cr. Sinclair had spoken of the boys playing at the school. He was very sorry to say a number of the boys they had last year had left, and for six months they had no band. Mr Saddler had brought the younger boys up to the playing standard, and from now on, they would have some music that would wake Cr. Sinclair up.

Mr J. Duke said Mr Saddler and he had been great pals ever since he had been in Beaufort. He was satisfied that ever since Mr Saddler's association with it, the Beaufort band had made wonderful improvement. He agreed with the shire president that if it had not been for Mr Saddler as bandmaster the band would not be where it was to-day. Mr Saddler was more than a bandmaster—he was known to everyone of them as a comrade, friend and workmate. It was a big factor in the success of the band to have one of their own there to hold them. At practice he had a way with him that got things done. The boys and men seemed to come up to the scratch differently to what they would with a stranger.

Bandmaster R. Saddler, in response, said one thing he could not do, and that was speak. He thought the other speakers a little over the fence in their references to him as bandmaster. Personally, he did not think he was a bandmaster. He only took the position to keep the band intact for the time being, and had always said if a bandmaster came along, he would take his place with the boys. He would like to see them carry on, especially at a time when they could do with a band for so many patriotic and other efforts. Some of them in the band knew what the people on the other side were going through; having had a taste of it. The line of young boys in front of him showed that the band had been weakened by enlistments. He hoped the war would not last long enough for Hitler to take these boys away. It looked as if the band would not lose any more of its members at present. He had not the time to put into the band he would like, and could not get round the boys giving lessons as he would like to. He thanked the speakers for the remarks passed, and hoped the band would be able to keep on playing while this war was on, and help the people to keep their spirits up as much as they could. Although they had lost players, they had the young boys coming on.

Mr Duke led the singing of patriotic songs; Mr Blay playing a cornet accompaniment.

Mr H. J. Buchanan (band president) proposed a toast in honour of the shire president. He remarked that they had often heard Cr. Sinclair say his wife had said he would swim a river to make a speech—(Cr. Sinclair: There are others.)—He would not have to do so, as he could not swim a river to make one. He wanted to thank the president sincerely for inviting them here. He was particularly pleased with it on account of the boys opposite. This was a thing they were going to remember very vividly when they were men. There were men in the room on whose minds such things were engraved deeply. This band was particularly fortunate in obtaining a good set of uniforms at a reasonable price. When the band he was first connected with raised funds to buy uniforms, they called tenders for the making of them, and accepted the tender of a local tailor. They were particularly anxious to get the uniforms finished in time for a housewarming given by the late Admiral Bridges at Trawalla on his return from England. One bandsman, 6 ft. high and built in proportion, had a uniform that was somewhat tight, and the trousers split so badly that he had to use a pocket handkerchief to cover himself. That episode he remembered as a boy. The boys associated with the band would remember tonight's function just as vividly when they reached his stage of life. He was particularly thankful Cr. Sinclair had invited the band here. The band deserved it, because they had done quite a lot, when called on. It was the only band he could call to mind that had charged a reasonable fee or not charged at all. He could remember bands getting £10 to play. He was thankful to the president for recognising the band in the way he had done. They were fortunate in having him in the presidential chair, because he was the father of the council. They were very glad to have him back in the chair again, and hoped sincerely that in the fulness of his years, having attained this honorable position, he would be able to discharge it in years of peace as well as in the turmoil they had in the world today.

Mr Dalrymple, who supported the toast, said he had very much pleasure in endorsing the words of the president. They felt in the past that, seeing they were doing a civic duty, they had not received from the Shire of Ripon just what they might have been entitled to. They had given their services to the community, and performed a civic service. He thought it was a big thing for the band committee to organise and maintain a band for the use of the citizens of Beaufort and the surrounding district. He thought this was really worth some recognition. Up till recently, they had not received much recognition from the shire. Those remarks did not concern Cr. Sinclair, who had done his bit, and had been a really good friend to them right through. He brought the band here in almost the first weeks of his presidency, and thought fit to recognise the services rendered by it to the community. They appreciated that very much.

Cr. Sinclair thanked them sincerely for drinking his health and speaking of him in such a nice manner. He understood exactly what they were saying about the band not receiving much support from the Council. The trouble was that it was a Shire Council, and the shire was divided into three ridings. If it were a borough, he understood the band could be subsidised in some small way. There was no reason why the North Riding members should not take into serious consideration the advisability of making a donation to the band. They were all sympathetic, he thought, and appreciated very much what the band was doing. It was giving its services voluntarily. At Stawell sports Chief-officer Wilkins told him that the Melbourne City Fire Brigade Band got £120 for playing at the gathering. The Stawell people were able to pay that. Although the members of the Ripon Shire Council had not given a donation, they appreciated it very much indeed, and spoke of it in the highest terms. He heard some of the councillors who heard the band at Skipton and Snake Valley say it was a wonderful band for a country town. It was a hard job to keep a band in a country town going. He appreciated the band's work at sports meetings, etc. He hoped the people of Beaufort would support the band a little better than in the past. There were two institutions not supported as they should be in Beaufort—the band and the Fire Brigade, two wonderful institutions. The band livened things up. During the last war the band used to give send-offs to the boys when they went away, and he hoped that this band would be in existence when the boys came home to welcome them back. He was very pleased to have them here and bring them a little before the public, and to show that the Shire Council was doing its little bit by giving them a pleasant evening. He was pleased to see Mr Jim Cuthbertson here. He remembered meeting him 25 years ago in Egypt, when he was coming back to Australia, and hoped he would be a member of the band for many years to come. Messrs Buchanan and Dalgliesh had made very nice remarks. He supposed this would be the last time he would have the pleasure of being in the president's chair. He had occupied it six times during his municipal career of 41 years. He had broken a few records in Beaufort. Talking about old identities, he had come into the first rank of them, now that Messrs. H. M. Stuart and George Lott were gone. Some day someone would be saying, "Poor old Bob Sinclair has passed out; let's put a few daisies on his grave." (Laughter). It was nice to have them here, and he hoped to have them here some other time. He hoped the Beaufort band would stick together and last for many years to come.

A pleasant function concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

Prior to the commencement of the social, the band rendered some lively music outside the hall.

Mrs R. T. Macdonald was the caterer.

A.I.F. PLAYS FOOTBALL IN BRITAIN.

ALL RANKS LEVELLED IN MUD.

NOVEL AUSTRALIAN RULES.

(From Kennth Slessor, Official War Correspondent).

Australian soldiers in Britain played their first football game of the season recently on a typical village green, near headquarters, where they are camped.

The match was between the "impossibles" and the "improbables," but it might better have been called "singlets over" versus "singlets under," since the players all wore regulation dark blue army sweaters, and had arranged their singlets in the manner indicated to distinguish between the teams. But there was a good deal more diversity in the matter of pants, which ranged from tropical shorts to khaki long-ins. As for boots, I counted 14 pairs of the formidable army pattern flying in the Rucks.

Clash of Rival Codes.

After a good deal of preliminary argument and expostulation, during which New South Welshmen and Queenslanders almost came to blows with Victorians and South Australians in defence of their rival codes, it was agreed to play Australian rules.

Several hardened Rugby enthusiasts left immediately, with a sneer on their faces, while a group of Soccer partisans watched gloomily.

However, despite the players' lack of recent training, the game was fast and exciting, and the "improbables" won by a margin of 11 points.

It was a curious mixture of all four Australian codes since the Rugby diehards stubbornly insisted on tackling and the Soccer players on dribbling.

As a result of the troops' present physical fitness, with which they are almost bursting, the game started at a terrific pace, but soon slowed down.

Crowds of British Tommies and villagers looked on with astonishment, for this is a fanatical Soccer zone, and it was the first game of Australian rules they had ever seen.

Happy Democracy.

Apart from anything else, the match demonstrated the happy democracy of the A.I.F., since officers were sat on impartially by privates or had their chins ground in the mud, while officers in their turn, kicked privates' shins or laid sergeants low.

All ranks were levelled, in fact, on the football field, and games of this kind do a lot to make the men feel they are a team or comrades together, whatever their pips or stripes.

The "improbables" were captained by Sergeant Coulson and included Lieutenant McEachern, two warrant officers, and five sergeants.

The "impossibles" were led by Captain Costello, and included Lieutenant Bosworth and seven sergeants.

The umpire was Staff-Sergeant Roberts, and he came in for the immemorial fate of most football umpires, having to leave the ground under convoy.

Working Bee. — The men of the Beaufort Methodist congregation held a working-bee on Saturday afternoon, when, despite intermittent showers, gravel paths both inside and outside the Church grounds were weeded and tidied.

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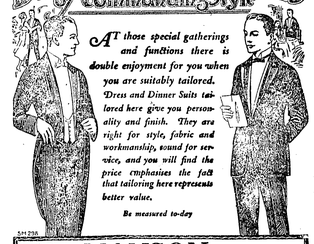

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Slinginess may be abused, like other virtues; it will not do to keep one's own pigs lean."
—George Eliot.

These English.

'MID crash of bomb and boom of gun, the people of old England have lived for weeks, in the very peril of sudden death and maimed bodies, as the result of the Nazi campaign of terrorism from the skies, but with their morale unshaken. To us, 16,000 miles away, the pictures of the wrecked London buildings in the Press, and the countless stories by cable and wireless of the cool heroism of the men of the Services and the civilian citizen, tell a tale of valour and determination that arouses our admiration, and puts to shame firms our faith in the great quality of the British race to endure hardship and rise superior to the threat of death in its most terrible forms. The splendid response of the British public, its patient bravery, and its unflinching sacrifice, is characteristic of a race from whose loins sprung men of old who also unreservedly explored and colonised half the world, and buried their dead on a thousand battlefields in both hemispheres. A nation with a thousand years of stormy history, a race that has ever striven for liberty and freedom, a people that has triumphed over many an agressor in the past because in Army never knew when it was beaten, can be depended on to put up a grim and tenacious fight. "Come the four corners of the earth, and we will shock them," is no idle boast. Britain has won through against heavy odds on sea and land before, and she will do it again—and this time in the air as well. London is the epitome of our times, and the Rome of to-day," wrote Emerson. All public latters London out of all recognition, but will rise again from its ruins, and will be London still for ages after his body — that had better never happen, but has returned to the dust. With the civilian carrying instinct that has ever been English, our Air Force scorns to indiscriminately bomb civilian cities and confines its attention to military objectives, and the knowledge of this war is written that fact will not be forgotten. When the war comes to an end the nations resume the task of reconstructing our badly-shaken civilization, there will be no dark and terrible stain on the escutcheon of the German people. They will merit and receive the bitter condemnation of civilised people for all time.

Labor Leader. — The surprising recovery of Mr Curtin in the Fremantle seat put an end to speculation in the political world as to moves for the election of a new Labor leader in the event of the illness that Mr Curtin will be re-elected. An interesting contest for the position is now anticipated. The chief aspirants for this office are likely to be Mr F. M. Forde, the present deputy leader, and Dr. Evatt. Labor members will meet probably the day before Parliament assembles to choose a leader, a deputy leader, a secretary, and an executive. — "Ararat Advertiser."

Broadcasting Station for Singapore. — The new broadcasting station to be erected in Singapore may have as its equipment a cable and wireless, of 100 kilowatts, according to the "States Times." The station will be built, one will be used almost exclusively for the broadcasting of news, and the other for broadcast programmes, which will be broadcast over the whole of south Asia. It will be broadcast in English and Oriental languages, and the broadcasts will be picked up in Australia, India, China, and Japan, as well as the Netherlands Indies and Thailand.

Diggers' Ball. — A meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Diggers' ball was held in the Shire Hall on Wednesday night. Mr E. S. McLeod was in the chair, and Messrs. C. Raynor, and J. Martin were present. Correspondence was received and dealt with by the secretary. It was decided to grant exemption from the dance to ex-servicemen and their wives. Several donations and trophies were received, and will be acknowledged in the Press after the ball. The committee met in the afternoon, and reported that arrangements for the dance were well in hand. Donations of trophies and cash are still coming in, and although it was expected that at least 600 people would be present, everyone may be assured of an excellent supper. It was stated that Messrs. Jim Heaney and Gil Lofts were hand-feeding their cows, so that the milk for the coffee would be the best obtainable. The dancing floor is to be polished by Mr Lofts, and done on Tuesday night. So much has been the demand for tickets that the hall is not an extra lot had to be obtained.

Agricultural Society.

GENERAL MEETING.

To make further arrangements in connection with the annual show, a general meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday night. Eight members were present Mr W. Lynch presided, and was in the chair. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. J. Robinson and C. Cushing.

A letter was received from Mrs G. A. Sproat, Lismore, thanking the society for its expression of sympathy in her recent bereavement.

The Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club wrote, stating that it could not co-operate in an effort to help patriotic purposes, and partly for the society running it, and if the whole of the proceeds went towards patriotic purposes, the club desired to stand aside in favour of the local Red Cross Society. — Received.

The secretary (Mr G. Pringle) stated that the Red Cross Society was sending two delegates here to-night.

The balance-sheet for the past year, as presented by the secretary, showed that receipts were £207 14/1, and expenditure £187 14/1, leaving a credit balance of £20 15/0. The year commenced with a debit balance of £9/10/5.

Mr A. Parker certified to the correctness of accounts, and extended a vote of thanks to the secretary on the way he had kept the books, and the management of his efforts.

Mr G. Topper said the balance-sheet was very satisfactory, and moved that it be received. Seconded by Mr D. Lynch, and carried.

The secretary said there was a fair outstanding in subscriptions. The sum of £19 had been collected since last meeting.

In moving the adoption of the balance-sheet, the president said it was very satisfactory, considering the low gate at which they started last year. All credit was due to Mr Pringle for the success achieved. The amount received in subscriptions and the support given the society by the public disappointing, to those who tried to carry it on, and their meetings were always well attended, the secretary was hard-working and tactful, and the praise he had received from the public was due to the way he had kept his books; as a credit to himself.

The motion was seconded by Mr Lynch, and on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously. Mr Cushing suggested that the Air Force be written to and asked to give a display, and that it should include two competitive sections for Light Horse events, prizes to be value 10/ and 5/ in each section. The stewards are to be Messrs. Ward, Hannah, D. Hannah, D. Stevenson, G. Topper, and P. Ellis, and the judges Messrs Georgeson (draught horses) and Riddell (light horses).

The chair for grain, roots, and hay, and that for fruit and vegetables were unaltered. Messrs W. Ellis and D. Lynch were appointed stewards and Mr T. W. Schlicht judge in each class.

The class for dairy produce is to be the same, with Mr A. Elder as judge and Messrs. W. and J. Ellis as stewards.

The cookery class was unaltered. Messrs John Kirkpatrick and N. Smith being appointed stewards and Mesdames Stevenson and Walker judges.

In the fancy work class, it was decided to insert a section for Balaclava caps and mittens for soldiers. Messrs. W. J. Stevenson and C. Cushing were appointed stewards, and Misses A. E. and B. Schlicht, judges.

The class for flowers was unaltered, the steward appointed being Mr D. Lynch and the judge Mr. Lindsay.

No alterations were made in the class for dogs, excepting that a new condition was made that a greyhound cannot compete as a greyhound unless Mr W. H. Williams was appointed steward, and Mr J. S. Cook judge.

The prizes for poultry were reduced to 5/ and 2/6. Mr J. Boyle was appointed steward, and Mr A. Lewell judge.

The educational class is to be revived by Mr Dalrymple, who was appointed steward, with Mrs H. T. Harman and Senior Cadets as judges.

The Young Farmers' class was unaltered, and Mr Jas. Kirkpatrick was appointed steward.

The class for cattle was allowed to remain as at present, with Mr J. Kirkpatrick steward, and Mr Lindsay judge. Mr W. Lynch donated the first prize for dairy cow and it was agreed to have a 20-mile radius.

It was decided to insure the show against rain, and to engage an announcer with a microphone.

The secretary was authorised to sell the usual booths.

The secretary was empowered to call another meeting, when necessary.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

Diggers' Ball, Picture Theatre, on Wednesday night, October 9.

R.V.I.B. egg appeal to be continued to end of October. Free blind concert, Thursday afternoon November 14.

The chief president of the A.N.A will visit the Beaufort branch on Tuesday evening, October 8, and will deliver an address. Everybody welcome.

Permanent Wave to be won at Waterloo to-night.

Invitations invited for stripping approximately one ton of wattle bark and cutting 2 ft. wood in school plantation.

The Beaufort Methodist Tennis Club will hold a mixed doubles tournament (draw for partner), on Saturday, October 12. Entries close with the secretary, Mr F. Hunt, on Thursday, October 10.

Concert, by Charles Waldron memorial gates, Methodist Church, Sunday, October 6, at 3 p.m. Services in this church as follow:

Lads between 15 and 18 years of age, up to 19 years if they hold school leaving or intermediate certificates, have the opportunity of joining the Royal Australian Engineers, Field Park Section, as tradesmen, viz., blacksmith, boilermaker, electrician, fitter, motor mechanic, wheelwright, and other trades. Seventy-five apprentices are required altogether for the Victorian Railways. Application forms and full particulars are obtainable at the Railway Offices, Melbourne, until 4 p.m. on Friday, October 11.

PERSONAL.

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Messrs. M. Welsh (Brewster), V. Welsh (Waterloo Siding), and W. Fitcher (Elaine) are on a motor tour in Queensland, and will be returning through Alexandria, Marysville and Buxton.

Mr H. C. Stowell, of Beaufort, whose brother was formerly Director of Education in the late Straits Settlements and returned to England some time ago, has received word that he has now been sent to Bermuda on censorship duties. Mr Stowell's many friends are in a part of England that has received considerable attention from Nazi bombers, were given the opportunity to go to Australia, but preferred to remain at home.

Mr Gilbert Smith, of Melbourne (formerly of Waterloo), has been elected president of the Victorian Institute of Architects.

Mr and Mrs W. Lonie, of Ballarat, spent the week-end at Beaufort with Mr Lonie's relatives.

Mr G. Green, manager of the Beaufort branch of C.B.S. Bank, is on holiday leave, and is being relieved by Mr Q. W. Gregory.

The engagement is announced of Valma May Ross, of Amphitheatre, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. D. McLinden, of Perth (W.A.), to Ronald William, second son of Mr and Mrs Robson and of Mrs Baulch, of Lexton.

The engagement is announced of Joyce Isobel, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Robson, of Beaufort, to Mr Frederick Fisher, of Brunswick.

The engagement is announced of Elsie Agatha, third daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Bendig, of Ripon, to Pte. Robert Brosnan (2nd A.I.F.), of Ascot Vale.

Mr Jack Summers, of Beaufort, had to undergo an operation for appendicitis in the Ballarat Hospital.

Mrs T. Lewis, of Waterloo, is very ill.

Mr and Mrs L. Miller, of Melbourne, have been guests of Mr Miller's mother at Beaufort.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys, of Beaufort, has been ill.

Miss H. Beggs, of Bulla Gherin obtained the prize at the Melbourne Royal Show for soft toys with a very realistic puppy.

Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club.

A committee meeting of the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club was held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday night, was attended by Messrs. S. Young (chairman), R. A. D. Sinclair, G. Wood, H. J. Buchanan, S. R. Pearce, F. Webster, T. C. Ryan, Mesdames T. Beggs and J. Duke, Misses Stewart and Lewis. In the absence of the hon. secretary (Mr C. F. Morries) through ill health, Mr G. Wood performed the duties of acting secretary. Letters of thanks were received from Private Vic. Fitzpatrick and Gunner P. F. B. White for comforts supplied to them. The committee regretted that the secretary and himself had been invited as representatives of the Ripon Club to afternoon tea at the Ripon Ladies' Bowling Club on Saturday last, but as they had been handed over to them, being in the presence of a lot of ladies, it was felt that it was an outstanding effort and the result of a lot of hard work and energy, coupled with fine organisation. It was gratifying to note that the two efforts which had proved the best financial successes to date had been made by members of the committee of the Ripon Patriotic Club as secretary to the effort. Mr Buchanan reported the chairman's remarks, and a minute was recorded as appreciating the work of the Ripon Patriotic Club. Bowling Club, and the kind reference to the names of Mrs Hughes' parents (president), and Mrs J. Duke (secretary). It was resolved to stand aside in favor of the Beaufort Red Cross Society in regard to the efforts by the Thistle Club and the Agricultural Society, and to hand the Ripon Sub-branch, Returned Soldiers' League to conduct a Diggers' Ball on October 9. Lads at Beaufort, in aid of the club, was granted upon the usual conditions. It was the opinion was expressed that under its management a successful effort would be assured. The sum of £10 was voted to the Bombing Victims' Appeal, which same to be sent through the Shire of Ripon. Thanks were recorded to Mr. Young for the use of the club for a donation of £3, received from Mrs Fitzpatrick, of Buninyong, and for the sum of £2 13/, being the proceeds of Patriotic Fancy Dance held by the Beaufort Golf Club. The congratulations of the committee were extended to its member, Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, on the appointment as President of the Shire of Ripon and at the termination of the meeting the committee entertained the committee to liquid refreshments

THISTLE CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The committee of the Beaufort Thistle Club met on Wednesday night at the Mechanics' Institute. Mr W. Thompson presided, and in the chair, and 10 members were in attendance.

A letter was read from the Victorian Scottish Union, re annual conference on September 28. — Received; it being stated that no delegates from the club attended.

Mr Thompson in regard to the meeting the Red Cross and Comforts Club in regard to co-operating at the sports, and stated that Mr Buchanan would attend later in report on behalf of the Comforts Club.

The secretary (Mr A. S. Duncan) reported that the local Red Cross branch were desirous of holding a few sports on similar lines to last year. The club had a Cr. balance of £20 odd.

It was stated that Boxing Day would fall on a Thursday this year.

The advisability of holding a sports gathering or gymkhana was informally discussed.

Mr R. Ward moved that the sports be allowed to lapse on Boxing Day this year. Seconded by Mr A. McGregor, it being understood that if the Comforts Club held sports the Thistle Club would assist.

Mr A. Parker moved, as an amendment that sports be done till Mr Buchanan arrived.

This was not seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr A. S. Duncan moved that a sports gathering be held on Boxing Day.

It was mentioned that the band was finding seriously of holding sports on Foundation Day.

The motion was seconded, and it was suggested that the matter of holding a picnic be discussed at next meeting.

It was decided to book the C.W.A. Hall for Boxing night, in connection of Mr A. Campbell and Mrs E. F. Macdonald.

A euchre tournament followed the meeting. The ladies' prize was won by Mrs Willis, and the men's prize was divided by Messrs. A. L. Duncan and R. T. Macdonald.

SOCIAL.

ITEMS ABOUT EVENTS.

Euchre and Bowls Tournament. — On Saturday night the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre and bowls tournament in the Shire Hall. In the ladies' division the euchre prize was won by Mrs W. Gilhland, and the consolation prize by Mrs S. Coles. In the men's section the euchre prize was divided, and prizes were divided by Messrs J. King and C. Wilson. The winners of the carpet bowls competition were Mesdames R. Saph, A. M. Lang and Mackay, and Misses A. Day. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs J. Duke.

Social at Waterloo. — On Tuesday night the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a social in the Fire Station. In one section the euchre and consolation prizes were divided by Mesdames C. Raynor and L. Stephens. In the other section the winning and consolation prize was divided by Mr W. J. Scriven, and Mrs J. Duke. The winners of the carpet bowls competition were Mesdames S. Pearce, J. Duke, Miss Z. Hare, and Mr Bob Ellis. During an interval, the president (Mrs J. Hughes) conferred with regret to the forthcoming departure from the town of Mrs A. J. Saph, one of their foundation members and best and most loyal workers. Mrs McGregor, of Melbourne, and presented her with a silver butter-dish and floral horseshoe from the members. Mrs Saph suitably returned thanks.

Red Cross Society.

Mrs L. Watkin was in the chair on Tuesday afternoon at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch of the Red Cross Society. There was a fair attendance of members. Letters of thanks were read from Mr G. Pringle, secretary of the Beaufort Agricultural Society for the donation of £3, and from delegates to the meeting about the next show, to be held on the following Thursday night. Mesdames Brown and Woodall were appointed to represent the branch. Mr A. S. Duncan, secretary of the Thistle Club, placed a request before the meeting to be carried out in the way of sports being held on Boxing Day. The branch agreed to co-operate on similar terms to last year. The following donations were received:—Mrs D. Stewart, £1; Miss C. H. McKay (a half-dozen pyjama cords; Mrs R. C. Hodgetts, 4 pyjama cords, 2 pairs socks, 1 pocket cover, 2 mittens; Mrs Cuthbertson, 2 dressing jackets; Miss Mary Prudence, 2 bags, pair socks; Miss Bishop, pair socks; Albert Hewey, 3 scarf; Greyson-Humphreys, pair socks; school pair socks.

Shearing. — General shearing in progress at Beaufort district stations.

OBITUARY.

MR. WALTER MAIR.

Friends of Mr Walter Mair (writes the Ararat Advertiser) will learn with sincere regret that he passed away on Tuesday after a brief illness, after a short illness, at the age of 69 years. A native of Landsborough, and a son of the late Thomas and Jessie Mair, he had resided in Ararat for the past 12 years, during which time he had made many firm friends. He was a prominent member of the Ararat Bowling Club, and did good work for the club as secretary for many years. Mr Mair was also a devout member of the Ararat Methodist Church. Before going to Ararat he was a respected resident of Beaufort, where he was the Bowling Club's groundkeeper, and a prominent Methodist. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife and family of three sons, Albert and Fred, of Ararat, and Walter, of Hamilton, and one daughter, Florence (Mrs Argent, of Ararat). The remains were interred for private in the Ararat Cemetery on Thursday morning.

MR. W. M. McKAY.

The death occurred in the Skipton Memorial Hospital on September 23 of Mr William McKay, a respected resident of Willowvale. Deceased, who served in the last war with the A.I.F., was the eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs John McKay of Ararat, and leaves a widow and a daughter to mourn their loss.

MISS HARRIET EXELL.

A former resident of the Beaufort district, Miss Harriet Exell, died at home at Bentleigh on 28th September, in the person of Miss Harriet Exell, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs George Exell, of Stockyard Hill, Ararat. She is regretted by many old friends in this district. She leaves a sister (Mrs J. Kelson, a brother (Mr Murray Exell), both of Ballarat.

MRS. EMILY KELLEY.

At the age of 75 years, the death occurred on 29th September, at her residence, Snake Valley, of Mrs Emily Kelley, relict of the late Mr James Kelley. She was highly respected throughout the district. She leaves a son (Mr Leslie Kelley) and a daughter (Mrs Geo. Coates), both of Snake Valley. She was killed while serving with the A.I.F. in the last war.

TENNIS.

The following is the draw for the C.Y.M.S. tennis tournament which was postponed from Sunday, and is to be held to-morrow:—1.30 — D. Lynch and Miss J. Robinson v. N. Halpin and Miss J. Walsh; E. J. Hunt and Mrs Pearce v. B. McHugh and Miss B. Crick; P. J. Collins and Miss L. Robinson v. K. Prewin and Miss V. O'Loughlin; T. Ryan and Miss M. Jess v. A. Mitchell and Miss Cranston; Miss Mary Lynch must report to the management at 2 p.m. sharp.

Swimming Club.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr L. R. S. Dalrymple (president) occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the Beaufort Swimming Club, held in the Shire Hall on Thursday night. Twelve members were present, and apologies were received for the non-attendance of Mr W. Bruce Johnson and Mrs A. Stowell.

A letter was read from the Melbourne "Herald," thanking the club for the excellent report club for the excellent report club for the "Swim" month conducted at Beaufort, and thanking local patriotism it had shown in helping to make it a success.

The balance-sheet for the year, showed receipts, £37/1/3; expenditure, £31/18/4, leaving a credit balance of £5/2/11, which included £2/12/6 collected for the purpose of erecting a notice board, etc., had been forwarded to Beaufort. The treasurer (Mr C. E. Tucker) reported £18/14/9 in hand, including money collected for promenations. The ladies were authorised to obtain more wool for the knitting parties, and to make a donation of £2/2/- from the club funds to the Red Cross Fund.

The president moved that a number of the constituents of construction of the new type of armour plate be kept secret, principally for obvious reasons, says the Dunlop Perdrau Bulletin, but it is common knowledge that a company which is responsible for the development, that is the combination of rubber and steel, is called upon to produce armour resistance to steel armour plate of 20 per cent. more than that specified in the case of the thickness of armour plate. Accordingly, the armour plate of rubber and steel, which is claimed to be superior to steel armour plate of equal thickness, is designed to withstand the impact of armour piercing shells, and a secret rubber compound has recently been put on the market, by which, in addition to being lighter than the usual armour plate, it is also capable of withstanding all shots from various calibre guns from 303 to 20 pdrs., at no extremely close range. The implications of the new armour are obvious, the most important as the saving in weight can be utilised for greater armament, greater speed, or increasing cruising radius.

West Indies and War. — The effect of the war into the war and news of the end of the French regime in Martinique, may be a strengthening influence on the United States Government in their desire to help more actively in the war. Here are a few pointers:—The West Indies are in the war—in two lives ordinary American men and women are thinking more closely and intimately about their security and very existence than they have ever done before, and defence of England. We know that they are British, and therefore that they are Britishers, and that what happens in England affects them. And they are thinking. "Daily Clemency," "think about it," "you need to minimise the danger that lies ahead of us there is no danger," "Surrender is unthinkable. Everything that is worth while, and all that civilisation stands for, has to go through the fire of battle, and France are of such a nature that our people cannot conceive of any submit to German dictation." — The Record. — Mr. Bernadin Benedict, M.P., Labour leader, Mr. Alex. Jonniaux labour leader, Mr. Alex. Jonniaux labour leader, Mr. Alex. Jonniaux

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Hitler's Time Problem.

Germany's war doctrine is built up on the need for a quick military decision; the whole economy demands that this be got.

The urgency for a quick decision has been made more apparent by the spectacular land conquests of the Germany military machine in the past few months. These conquests have accentuated the already pressing problem of feeding a huge population. The German people themselves have been living on a rationed scale of foodstuffs for some years, a necessity imposed by the demands of the war machine, and summed up in the Goering philosophy of "guns before butter." Now the Nazis are faced with the further problem of providing food for the conquered peoples of continental Europe—a problem that is growing increasingly acute.

A recent American radio comment said, "There can be little question that for Germany the time limit is very short within which she must open the Atlantic to normal commerce, or face in Europe a most serious, if not desperate, situation.

It is known that the conquered countries of continental Europe are approaching a condition of want, if not actual famine. They will have to suffer privation in order that, as long as possible, as large a subsistence quota can be assured to the German people, and in order that the Nazis can feed their armies.

Famine conditions are not going to make conquest easier. Germany is Hitler's boasted new economic order in Europe. It is not possible, for the German leaders to keep about a planned economic unification of continental Europe under German control, while these territories are closed to the rest of the world. A closed European autarky could not survive without access to the raw materials and markets of the world.

In order to consolidate their conquests, the Nazis must as quickly as possible force open the sea lanes of communication in the Atlantic. This is an urgent necessity in order to ensure peace in Europe, and because the economic and political capitulation of the conquered countries cannot be achieved while continental Eudope remains closed to the world.

In the path of Hitler stands Britain and her determined, courageous people; with them is his fiercest opponent. Against Nazism are the peoples of the British dominions. The British Commonwealth is the only intact force to arm against Hitler, and he realises that if he fails to break this force, he will fail to conquer Europe.

The longer Hitler has to continue the war the more will be forced upon him, and upon the world, the realisation that he will lose. That is why the valiant resistance of the British people to his air terror, to his repeated threats of invasion, and his continual boasts of the destruction he will bring to Britain from the air, means so much to the freedom-loving world.

The murderous assaults on the civilian people of London have proved the unquenchable spirit of the British people. No matter how much damage German bombers cause in the cities, the towns and the villages of the British Isles, it cannot be regarded as serious, so long as the Royal Air Force remains intact, so long as the Royal Navy keeps German ships bottled up in their ports, prevents vital supplies reaching German controlled Europe, and so long as the land forces of Britain are undiminished on their own soil.

The German said of the last war that it would be won by nerves. That can be said with even more force of this war. "Every civilian knows," says the "Times," "that the answer will be found, not in a hole in a nettle patch or a bomb on a block of flats. They only soften the will behind the power." There is no sign that British nerves have been affected by the bombing of civilians or by the threats from the Germans, propagandists of more horrors to come. Crystal clear above the din of the bombardments is the cheerfulness, the begged acceptance of any horror human planes, and the determination of the people of Britain not to falter in their resistance to the enemy.

It is a hard, weary road the British people are travelling. But every day they are passed more on this road brings nearer the time when the Hitler cause will prove itself bankrupt, and further from Hitler realisation of the people's victory and world domination.

All Air Trainees Soon Under Empire Scheme. — The last batch of 30 Royal Australian Air Force trainees recruited under the present air cadet system completed their intermediate training last week-end and are about to receive their wings. They will now complete their advanced training in bombing and gunnery before being posted to service units. When these cadets have graduated, all men in training will be those enlisted under the Empire Air Training scheme. 1734

Solidarity of Sierra Leone. — "Hitler will never win the war. He has started ill because he realises to the fullest extent that he cannot survive the endurance test, and that, eventually, must be the deciding factor. But we can only survive the strain and finally emerge victorious if we are determined to do so. We must be determined to sacrifice everything towards this end. It behoves every inhabitant of ancient and loyal Sierra Leone to rise to the occasion and display his sense of responsibility during these crucial times in the existence of our Empire. We must all realise that it depends on the efforts of each and every member of the Empire whether the war shall be won or not." — "African Standard," Sierra Leone. 1736

BEAUFORT
Bush Nursing Hospital.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.

Married Members, £1/5/ per annum; Married Returned Soldiers, £1 per annum; Single Men, 15/ per annum; Sons and Daughters of Members, 2/6 per annum; Single Lady, 10/.

HOSPITAL FEES :

Ordinary Cases — Members, £2 10/ per week; Non-members, £4 10/ per week; Maternity Cases — £1/10/ per week; Non-members' Maternity Cases, £2 per week. Consultation Members, £6/10/ up to 14 days; Non-members, £10 up to 14 days; Mother Members, £3 up to 14 days.

Maternity cases must arrange with Sister-in-charge two months prior to entering Hospital.

Members must be financial on books at least two months to receive the benefits of membership.

Join up now. New members welcome.

A. H. BEGGS, President.
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DISTRICT NEWS.

SNAKE VALLEY.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB.

Snake Valley Young Farmers' Club has undertaken a community potato project—the boys have ploughed and harrowed twice already a quarter-acre of land, adjacent to the teacher's residence. They have also carted several loads of stable manure on to the ground. This piece of land was very rough and uneven, but it is being worked into shape, and will be planted next month with Snowflake potatoes. Another portion is to be planted with pumpkins and bush marrows. Mr Les. Greenbank will supervise the project. A community poultry project is conducted on the school grounds. The egg production and the cost of feed are all shared by the chief principle. The balance-sheet shows a substantial credit balance for the year. Some good charts and project books are seen. The members' building on poultry projects at home from good stock, and are thus improving the class of poultry in the district. There are 40 members in this club. They are preparing for their field day on October 19. This club enjoys the full support of a capable committee and the backing of all the parents.

COMFORTS FUND.

The monthly meeting of the Cangbam unit of the Australian Comforts Fund was held in the Methodist Schoolroom, Snake Valley, the president, Mrs A. C. Roddis, presiding. Good progress was noted since the following comforts were sent to headquarters:—35 pairs socks, 25 scarves, 20 pairs mittens, 25 pairs pants, 5 singlets, 5 neck mufflers, 2 pairs of airmen's gloves, and 2 sleeveless pullovers; also 18 packets of cigarettes, 2 packets toffee, 4 packs playing cards, 3 games, and 40 illustrated papers. The market stall realised 9/9, and afternoon tea brought in 7/.

STREATHAM.

GYMKHANA.

The Streatham Red Cross branch funds will benefit materially, in spite of the rain, from the recent gymkhana. Lucky winners of events were:—

Tilting at the Ring — Mr R. Smith, Miss Nancy Race — Mr T. Fleming. Rescue Race — Mr R. Smith. Potato Race — Mr D. Harvey. Best Child's Pony — Tom Kinnersley, 1; Stan McDonald, 2. Guessing the Weight of a Sheep — Mrs. Binns. Stepping the Distance — Mr D. Timms. Blind Driving — Mr G. Wills. Potato Race (motor — Mr G. Wills. Quick Change — Mr J. Dorrington. Nail Driving — Mrs C. Oman. Sheaf Tossing — Mr J. Kinnersley.

Donors of trophies for the day were Mrs A. Thomson, Mr F. Le Marquand (Streatham Motors), Messrs. Baker and Colley (blacksmith), Messrs. J. Anderson, J. Carr, C. McLean, and G. Wills, Mrs Cole, Blythvale Estate, and Mrs J. Brown. Donations were received from Messrs. J. Brown, senr., D. Ross, J. Lewis, C. Geddes, W. Bailey, T. Brown, J. Hogan, R. Louden (Skipton), and J. Delima (Ballarat). Worthy of special mention was a sweets stall arranged by school children, whose names are Peter and Ossie Le Marquand, Olga, Joan, Pat, and Roy Smith. The children worked hard and earned the money which provided the sweets, nuts, and soft drinks for their stall, which brought in a profit of £1/15/1½. The euchre and dance in the evening was well attended. Winners of the euchre were:—Ladies: Mrs Le Marquand; men, Mr A. Yeoman. Booby prizes —Mrs Matheson and Mr Dorrington. Dancing was enjoyed to the strains of Blay's orchestra, of Beaufort. "Ararat Advertiser."

SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

The following appeared in the column in the Ballarat "Courier" recalling events of 70 years ago:—

The following is the portion of the Shire of Ripon which is now attached by "Gazette" notice to Ballarat Shire—Commencing at the north-east corner of allotment 1 parish of Burrumbeet, thence south to Lake Burrumbeet, thence by the northern shores of the said lake to the north-east bend, thence north to the main Ararat road, thence to the commencing point.

Our Beaufort correspondent writes:—Mr McKellar, the newly-elected M.L.C. for the Western Province, has shown in a very practical way his gratitude for the immense majority he received in the Raglan division by sending a cheque for £5 to the correspondent of the newly-built Raglan common school. Raglan is a thriving village about six miles from Beaufort.

Films to Entertain A.I.F. — Army Headquarters have received 466 reels of talkie films, averaging about 1000 feet of film a reel for the entertainment of A.I.F. troops on overseas service. The reels have been given by various film-distributing companies throughout Australia. The reels comprise many first-class feature films as well as short, so that a well-balanced programmes can be given.

Master Bakers Give £1620. — Master bakers in Victoria have subscribed £1620 to purchase a Mobile Head Surgery Unit for the Army. A Mobile Head Surgery Unit is a motor vehicle fitted with instruments, dressings, and other medical apparatus for performing operations on the head. Such a unit would be able to operate much closer to the front line than base hospitals, enabling urgent cranial operations to be performed with a minimum of delay.

WEDDING BELLS.

WATSON—HOBSON.

Guests were present from Ballarat, Melbourne, Torquay, Foxhow and the surrounding districts at the marriage of Miss Alice Margaret Hobson and Mr Eustace E. Watson, which was celebrated at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Beaufort, on Saturday, 14th September.

Masses of pink blossom, blue iris and nyacinths formed a lovely background for the bride, who is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Hobson, of Stuart street, Beaufort. Her lovely gown of satin and swingtime crepe was cut with a round, unlit bodice, the heart-shaped neckline edged with tiny pleating which also finished the edge of the last lights sleeves. The skirt was made with fullness gathered in the back to form a small train. A matching tulle veil was confined to the head in the form of a halo, in round of which was worn a lapel knot of real flowers. A shower bouquet of cream and pink sweet peas, carnations and carnations was carried. Miss Evelyn Hobson attended her sister as bridesmaid, wearing a frock of salmon pink figured pongy skin. The full circular skirt had a bow at the back forming a bustle while the heart-shaped neckline and poufle sleeves were finished with tiny bows of velvet ribbon. She wore a picture hat of velvet to match her frock, made with latticed crown, and carried a shower bouquet of sink hyacinths, carnations and docks.

The bridegroom, who is the younger son of Mrs Watson and the late Mr T. E. Watson, of Camperdown street, Ballarat, was attended by Mr Kenneth Kirk, of Ballarat, as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. J. Higginbotham, and during the signing of the register Mrs W. G. Warburton, of Ballarat, played "Whenever You Walk." The bride was given away by her brother, Mr C. Hobson, and as she was leaving the church lucky tokens were placed on her arm by friends.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Golden Age Hotel where the tables were beautifully decorated for the occasion, and were centred with a three-tiered cake in pale pink (made by the bride's aunt, Mrs A. Charles), held pride of place. The toast list was short and sword, interspersed with solos by Mr W. G. Warburton. Mrs Hobson received her guests wearing an ensemble of navy silk marocain, piped with white. Her shoulder spray was of red carnations and jasonica and she wore a navy hat with white accessories. Mrs Watson assisted the hostess, wearing a slate grey tailored costume, with matching hat and black accessories. Her shoulder spray was of mauve rose buds. The honeymoon was spent at the Grampians, and for travelling the bride chose a grey tailored costume, with wine blouse and accessories. Mr and Mrs E. E. Watson have made their home in Laywin street, Mount Pleasant.

CAMPS MAKE BETTER WIVES.

Two weeks in camp—sleeping under canvas, cooking, drilling and learning map-reading—will make better housewives of married women.

So believes Miss L. Ainsworth, of Northumberland, who is camp commandant, had the task of looking after 900 members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service recently in camp at Strensall, near York.

She told the "Daily Mirror": "I think the two weeks' healthy life in the open air, working hard, will make a tremendous difference to housewives from the town. When they get back, looking after their own swingtime crepe was cut with a round, unlit bodice, the heart-shaped neckline edged with tiny pleating which also finished the edge of the last lights sleeves. The skirt was made with fullness gathered in the back to form a small train. A matching tulle veil was confined to the head in the form of a halo, in round of which was worn a lapel knot of real flowers. A shower bouquet of cream and pink sweet peas, carnations and carnations was carried. Miss Evelyn Hobson attended her sister as bridesmaid, wearing a frock of salmon pink figured pongy skin. The full circular skirt had a bow at the back forming a bustle while the heart-shaped neckline and poufle sleeves were finished with tiny bows of velvet ribbon. She wore a picture hat of velvet to match her frock, made with latticed crown, and carried a shower bouquet of sink hyacinths, carnations and docks.

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Items From Files.

PAST EVENTS RECALLED.

ECHOES OF 1877.

Mr Anderson, farmer, near Buangor, 72 years of age, whilst attempting to catch a horse in his paddock, was knocked down by an unbroken horse, and dislocated his right arm at the shoulder joint.

At the February meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade, Messrs. A. Graves, Trompf, senr., R. Baker, and F. Andrews were elected as new members. Mr R. M. Klander was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr G. A. Paull, who had left the district.

The committee of the Government prospecting party have called applications for five practical miners to prospect for new goldfields within the Raglan division at a remuneration of £1/7/ for a foreman, and £1/2/ for the party per week; should payable gold be struck, the miners to be entitled to the claim.

The tributors of the New Victoria Company obtained 56 oz. 7 dwt. of gold for a week.

At the quarterly meeting of the Hope of Beaufort Lodge, the following officers were installed by Bro. L.D., Bro. Mayston, assisted by Bro. A. Cumming as G.W.S., Bro. W. Chrisholm as G.S., Bro. —W.C.T., Bro. W. Stevens, W.V.T., Bro. Jas. Hay, W.S., Bro. W. H. Cummins, W.F.S., Bro. W. H. Nicoll; W.T., Sr. M. Farley; W.C. Bro. Jas. Hay, jun.; W.A.S., Bro. W. Trompf; W.I.G., Bro. E. Close; W.O.G., Bro. Wilding; W.S.B., Bro. John Whitfield; W.D.H., Bro. John Whitfield, junr.; R.H.S., Sis. Hay; P.H.P., Sis. M. L. Turner; organist, Sr. Gr. Sharp. Bro. W. Chalmers was nominated as L.D., and Bro. J. Magrave as representative to Grand Lodge Session.

INCIDENTS OF 1891.

The manager of the Saxon Soap Co., Waterloo, reported a weekly yield of 22 oz. 6 dwt.

The death of Mrs Wilson, wife of Mr Geo. Wilson, woodcutter, of Beaufort, was recorded at the age of 69 years.

Skipton footballers defeated Lexton by 8 goals kicked by W. Bradshaw (2), G. Bradshaw (2), Oddie (2), Noble, and A. Elder—to Lexton's 3. Lexton entered the game satisfactorily. F. Oddie was Skipton's captain, and Lexton's captain was Davis. The retirement of Mr H. Elder as captain of the Skipton team, after filling the position with credit for six years, caused general regret among the players.

Dr. Adam was appointed captain of the Beaufort Tennis Club, and Mr W. Andrews secretary.

Mr Chirnside, of Carranballac station, Rupanyup, has presented five beautiful pictures to the Skipton Mechanics' Institute.

The Beaufort Loyal Orange Lodge had a crowded attendance in the Methodist Church at its annual celebration of the Battle of the Boyne. A choir of 30 voices rendered musical items under the conductorship of Mr Jackson. Rev. W. H. Youlton preached an earnest sermon. Following the Sunday service, a tea meeting was held on the Wednesday in the Societies' Hall, between 160 and 200 being present. An entertainment took place afterwards under the presidency of Bro. R. Vale, D.G.M. Forty-two members took part in the Orangeman's procession; Jackson's String Band played, and "British Grenadiers," "Loyal and Orange Lodge," etc., were honoured and vocal and instrumental items given.

Waterloo co-operative mining parties obtained 28 oz. 16 dwt. for a week.

An unsuccessful effort was made to dispose by auction of 200 shares at £5 each to purchase the Berrylion mine.

Mr J. Harris was elected president of the Waterloo Mechanics' Institute.

There were indications that the Carngham district was on the eve of a prosperous mining revival. It was decided to form a company to work the continuation of the old Snake Valley lead with a capital of £5000 in 10,000 shares of 10/ each.

Cr. Hugh Cushing presided over a gathering of friends of the Rev. D. C. Hamilton at Waihi. Campbell's Hotel and presented that gentleman, prior to his departure from the Ararat parish, on behalf of the Beaufort Catholic congregation, with an illuminated address and a cheque for £10.

HAPPENINGS IN 1906.

Mr R. A. Wauchope, of Dobies, Ararat, who represented Ripon and Hampden for some years in the Legislative Assembly, announced himself as a candidate for the seat in the Nelson Province, rendered vacant through the retirement of Hon. Hans Irvine.

A second sparrow match, of eight birds, for a gold chain and medal was shot off by 6 competitors at the old show-grounds. Good form was shown by R. Ellis and P. Meehan, both of whom grassed eight birds off the 15 yards mark. Ellis eventually won on the "lose-a-bird" 10 birds as against Meehan's 9. S. Boyle, the winner of the "peg-in," shot five birds off the 20 yds mark. A 25 yds sweepstake was divided by "Owen" (23 yds.), "What Oh" (18 yds.), and J. Ellis (15 yds.), each killing three birds, and winning 11/ each. T. Bending won a 1/ sweepstake (10/) with six birds, and "What Oh" 5/ with five kills.

The rainfall at Beaufort for the month of September, as registered by Mr J. McKeich, amounted to 3.61 inches, being exceeded 2.63 inches for the corresponding month in 1905.

The presentation of the A.N.A prize—a set of framed Shakespearian pictures with a card giving the history of each scene — for the best kept grounds in the district was made by Mr A. H. Sands, president of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A, to the Raglan State school. Messrs A. Nicholson and J. M. Carroll, examiners for the voluntary competition of the branch, also delivered appropriate addresses to the children. Mr W. J. Bartley, head teacher, returned thanks.

A sale of gifts, to pay for the piano in the hall, was opened in St. John's Parish Hall by the Rev. Chas. Reed, and a good sum was realised.

Walter, of Beaufort, had a narrow escape while riding along the Crowe road, when a large tree fell across the road, on which the horse jumped over the horse, which, pulled, and was with difficulty controlled.

Mr W. Ingram, of Beaufort, has invented a new chaff cutting machine across the common to his patent. Cumming Bros. Co., are carrying a bag of fodder on the saddle in front of him, when the horse is at a gentle canter, will drop a deep drain, which was flooded by recent rains, and overturned the horse and rider. Mr Ingram managed to disentangle himself from the wreckage, and got up, but fell to dry land.

Beaufort's celebrated Ballarat Sunday Schools team of footballers in the Beaufort Park, and defeated the Ararat team by 4 goals 4 behinds. Best players for the winners were Tyrrell, Hannah, Cheeseman, Driver and Stuart. Mr R. A. D. Sinclair umpired the game and gave every satisfaction.

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PETROL SAVING DEVICE.

Just how much petrol is lost annually through blowback or overthrow in filling the petrol tanks of the nation's cars and trucks is difficult to compute, but, this, plus the inevitable waste by owner, and the time lost in filling, is a real factor. Estimates place the loss at half to one per cent. Any splash filling, as practised at service stations throughout the world. This loss is avoidable, and news is to hand, of an interesting gadget to overcome this wastage. This device affords a vent through which the vapour in the petrol tank is relieved as the tank is filled.

A shrill, whistling sound is given off as the vapour passes from the tank through the vent, and when the tank has been filled to the proper level, the whistling stops. With it, the filler pipe of the tank has no extension, but to the bottom of the tank, which is also provided with a gauze. Wide experimentation losses that result from the ordinary splash-filling systems. The device also has a gauge which the attendant to fill the tank at the full point, prior to the pump. There is no blowback or overflow, since the vent relieves the pressure on the petrol in the tank and the whistle stops when the level of the fuel in the tank reaches the bottom of the vent pipe, which is fixed in such a manner as to allow proper room for the expansion of the petrol during hot weather. In addition to the gauge, the vent air system would definitely minimise fire hazards, which are constantly present in petrol being handled in the open.

Muslim's View of Dictators. —

"Muslims in Malaya should help to destroy the evil ideologies and institutions of Hitler and Mussolini," declared Haji Mohd. Arif, a leading Singapore Arab, addressing a meeting of prominent members of the Muslim community in Penang. It was decided to send telegrams to Muslim and other Asiatic countries offering every sympathy and encouragement, and calling upon them to read Quaid-i-Azam Jinnah's Enemy of Islam," and his partner Mr Bhulabhai's speeches on the British Empire. "You all know how brutally and inhumanly our Muslim brethren in Africa and elsewhere have been treated by Mussolini and Hitler," he said, and the companiments were played by Miss E. DeSaere, Miss E. Thomas, and Mrs. C. Lewis. The collection amounted to £1/10/7, which was raised to £2 by the view of the excellent programme presented.

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TOWN BAND

RECITAL AT PICTURE THEATRE.

Seventeen members of the Beaufort Town Band gave a very enjoyable and meritorious recital, supported by a good musical and instrumental programme, on Sunday night, at the Majestic Theatre, under the baton of Mr R. Saddler. Mr H. A. Buchanan (band president) acted as chairman, and the secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr S. Latch. The programme was rendered as follows:—March, "Victoria," band; hymn, "Divinity," band; mouth organ solo, Miss B. Crick (encored); waltz, "Dreaming," band; solo, Mrs Eric Wilson (encored); cornet solo, "Love's Old Sweet Song" (with accompaniment), Bandsman F. Blay; solo, Mrs H. Buchanan (encored); reaching "Lead, Kindly Light," band; march, "Punjaub," band. National anthem (second hymn, "Stella," band; recitation, Miss Verna Wilson; selection, "Scottish Gems," band; solo, Mr W. Bridges (with piano accompaniment by Mrs Thomas, and trumpet accompaniment by Bandsman F. Blay) (encored); march, "Listen to the Soldiers in the Park," band; march, "Punjaub," band. National anthem (second hymn). The accompaniments were played by Miss E. DeSaere, Miss E. Thomas, and Mrs C. Lewis. The collection amounted to £1/10/7, which was raised to £2 by the view of the excellent programme presented.

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Methodist Church.

OPENING OF MEMORIAL GATES TO THE LATE MR. CHARLES WALDRON.

In bright spring sunshine a large number of residents of Beaufort and district gathered outside the Methodist Church in Neill Street on Sunday afternoon, at a simple, but impressive ceremony, when the memorial gates to the late Mr. Charles Waldron (a local preacher for 57 years) were officially opened by his widow, Mrs. Waldron, and the public hearing a suitable inscription, unveiled by the Rev. G. E. Vertigan. The gates are made of some iron ones, set between brick pillars in a base of concrete and piping, with solid brick pillars extending along the whole frontage. The structure is both a lasting memorial to a worthy churchman, and a great improvement to the appearance of the Church property. A number of members of the Waldron family attended the ceremony.

Rev. G. E. Vertigan, in addressing the assemblage, said their old friend, Mr Waldron, died a little over two years ago, and there was the unanimous opinion that some memorial should be erected in memory of one who had done such conscientious work for the kingdom of God and the Methodist Church. Their minds were exercised as to what would be the most suitable form of memorial they could erect to his memory. After giving it very deep and careful consideration, they decided on the memorial gates they now saw, and on this fence. He was sure they would all recognise that there was a suitable memorial to such a man as the late Mr Waldron. In deciding upon the gates the memorial trustees felt that they wanted to decide upon a permanent thing, one in keeping with the character of the man whose memory they wished to perpetuate. They wished to incorporate in it the qualities of ruggedness and soliduess, and they wanted it to be four-square and simple, because those acquainted with Mr Waldron knew he was a man of rugged character, a very solid character, and a man who was four-square to all things, and yet a man of simple tastes and who lived a simple life. He thought they would agree that the trustees of the Church had succeeded in incorporating these qualities in the memorial gates here erected. The gates were provided as the entrance to the Church yard is so greatly loved, he was sure would be a very great joy to the late Mr Waldron, if he were present at this one occasion, he expressed the desire that gates, hearing a suitable inscription, unveiled by the Rev. G. E. Vertigan. The gates are made of some iron ones, set between brick pillars in a base of concrete and piping, with solid brick pillars extending along the whole frontage. The structure is both a lasting memorial to a worthy churchman, and a great improvement to the appearance of the Church property. A number of members of the Waldron family attended the ceremony.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"He removes the greatest ornament of friendship who takes away from it respect."—Cicero.

Teachers' Meeting. — On Wednesday and Thursday a meeting and conference of district teachers was held at the Beaufort school.

A Record. — Jack Skene has established a record in connection with sack race at the Beaufort school inter-house sports for the fifth year in succession.

Geelong Wool Appraisements.—Messrs. Winzar & Co. report under the date of 3rd October that the first Geelong appraisement was held last week, and among the prices in their catalogue were the following distinct clips:—Trawalla, sup s com c 25½d. Blythvale (Streatham) (Hinds) sa com c 21½d. Ripon (Beaufort), sup aaax 16½d.

Messrs Elder, Smith & Co. report: —Wirth (Buangor), sup. com. 20½d.

TENNIS.

BEAUFORT CLUB'S OPENING TOURNAMENT.

The Beaufort Tennis Club opened the season on Saturday with a mixed handicap tournament, which 28 pairs competed. The tournament was played in section, matches of which was completed, and play will be resumed to-day (Saturday). The management of the tournament was in the hands of Messrs. E. S. Crouch and W. L. Williams (joint secretaries). The ladies provided a tasty afternoon tea, which was largely attendance of the public, and as in other years, was in aid of the local Red Cris branch, to the funds of which the profit was devoted, the branch consistently

During an interval, Mr W. W. Ashley (who presided) introduced the shire president (Cr. F. A. D. Sinclair), and asked him to open the courts for the season.

Cr. Sinclair said he would rather kick off at the opening match of the club, opened the courts, but as he had asked him to do it as shire president, it gave him great pleasure indeed. He did not know how many times he had done it. He was not going to tell them, because his wife had said, "For goodness sake don't tell them your age." He was not only here as shire president, but as one of the trustees of the court, and one of a four (with Mr Young) who won a pennant at Ballarat. On that occasion Mr Young did all the play, and he (Cr. Sinclair) put them back. He congratulated the committee on the excellent way they had prepared the ground, and he had no doubt the Beaufort courts looking better than to-day. He understood they had spent £22 on the courts, and had reduced it to £50. By next year they expected it to be clear out, and he supposed they would then consider having new courts, as he believed asphalt courts were a thing of the past. He congratulated the president (Mr Ashley) and the secretaries (Messrs. Crouch and Williams) on the way they were carrying on the club. He was pleased to see they had reduced the membership fees, and next year they might be able to reduce them further. It had been suggested that they should have another court in his back yard, and when he brought this under the notice of his wife she disapproved of the proposal, and said it was bad enough to have Beaufort on them one and all, wished them all kinds of good luck, and declared the courts open. (Applause)

BEAUFORT ST. JOHN'S CLUB.

The Beaufort St. John's Tennis Club opened the season, under ideal conditions, on Saturday last, when a Mixed Doubles tournament was held. Results:—

Section 1.—Mr Gleeson and Miss Chesley (scr) d. W. Halpin and Miss Walsh, 6—5; T. Hunt and Mrs Gleeson (scr) d. Miss Chesley and Miss Cheatley, 6—4; B. McHugh and Miss E. Crick d. E. Hunt and Mrs Pearce, 6—4; also defeated Gleeson and Miss Cheatley, 6—4. Gleeson and Miss Cheatley, 6—4, d. W. Halpin and Miss Walsh d. E. Hunt and Mrs Pearce, by forfeiture.

Section 2.—L. Williams and Miss L. Anderson d. K. Frewen and Miss M. Hales, 6—3; K. Frewen and Miss M. Jess d. L. Williams and Miss L. Anderson, 6—4; and also defeated K. Frewen and Miss Hales, 4—(unfinished); A. Mitchell and Sister Crimmins d. J. Hewitt and Miss Jess, 6—3; and also defeated Frewen and Miss Hales, 6—3, and Williams and Miss Anderson, 6—2.

Section 3.—C. Flynn and Miss N. Marra d. M. Cole and J. Collins, 6—0, and also defeated A. Stowell and J. Coughlin, 6—2, and R. T. Macdonald and Miss G. Lynch, 6—3; R. T. Macdonald and Miss C. Lynch d. M. Cole and J. Collins, 6—5; Stowell and J. Coughlin d. Cole and Collins, 6—3; and also defeated Macdonald and Miss Lynch, 6—0.

Section 4.—N. Fauls and Miss V. O'Loughlan d. G. O'Neil and A. Winson, 7—5; and also defeated G. O'Loughlan and C. Cauracan, 6—3; Cauracan and K. O'Loughlan and C. Cauracan d. G. Cunningham and K. Collins, 6—4; Cunningham and K. Collins d. G. O'Neil and A. Winson, 6—4; G. O'Neil and A. Winson d. K. O'Loughlan and Cauracan by forfeiture; and also defeated Cunningham and Collins by forfeiture.

Semi-final. — Mitchell and Sister Gamin d. McHugh and Miss E. Crick, 6—0.

The final is to be played at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow (Sunday) between C. Flynn and Miss N. Marra and A. Mitchell and Sister Crimmins

LADIES' MATCHES.

The lady members of the Beaufort Tennis Club opened the season on Wednesday with a doubles tournament, which was won by Mrs G. Cuthbertson and Miss N. Walsh.

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OBITUARY.

REV. A. G. T. KEWLEY.

We record with regret the death on October 5th at a private hospital in Kew, of the Rev. Alexander George Tracey Kewley, who was a former vicar of several Anglican parishes in the Western District. Deceased, who had been in ill-health some time, spent his boyhood days at Waterloo, and was the brother of the Misses Kewley and Mr George Kewley, of that township, and Mr E. Kewley, of Beaufort. He leaves a widow, two sons, and a daughter, who are residents of Hawthorn. Much sympathy has been expressed throughout the Beaufort district for the bereaved relatives. The remains of the deceased were interred in a Melbourne cemetery.

MRS. AGNES NICOL.

The remains of Mrs Agnes Nicol, whose death was reported in our last issue, were laid to rest in the Beaufort Cemetery on Friday afternoon, 4th inst. Prior to the funeral leaving, an impressive service was conducted at "Burrumbeep" by the Rev. Thos. Scott, of the Presbyterian Church, assisted by the Rev. F. Borland, of St. Andrew's Church. The coffin, which was laden with beautiful floral tributes, included emblems from the Presbyterian Church.—Trustees of "Burrumbeep," Maroona Race Club, Mrs Agnes Nicol's Bible Class, Maroona Red Cross, Maroona Golf Club, Maroona Tennis and Cricket Clubs, Colerraine branch C.W.A., Rosebrook C.W.A., and "Burrumbeep" (at "Burrumbeep" was borne by four of the employees). Messrs. Ferguson, W. Bennett, G. Drever and H. Lattic, at the cemetery the following: Messrs. Fred Collins (brother) and Bob Nicol (sons), Neil McDonald (son-in-law), John Slater (brother), and Jas. Nicol (brother-in-law), and the pall-bearers were: Messrs. A. Kilpatrick, A. R. Macleod, D. McKellar, W. Wilson, Mc-DOUGALL, D. Jackson, J. Crouch, F. Funston, R. Slater, S. L. Calder, and the Rev. Thomas Scott officiated at the graveside.—"Ararat Advertiser."

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

Chute social and sale of gifts, Wednesday, October 16.

Opportunity Shop and vase competition, C.W.A. Hall, Thursday, October 17.

Waterloo again to-night.

Methodist Ladies' Guild's Xmas. fair, 12th December.

Saturday 19th inst., tenders are invited by the Public Works Department for repairs to the State School, Stawell.

Skipton Catholic ball, Friday, October 18.

Annual meeting, Beaufort Bowling Club, Wednesday, October 23.

Thursday evening, October 17, at 8 p.m. Everbody welcome.

Tenders, closing Saturday, 19th, October, at noon, are invited by the Shire of Hampden, for repairs to Town Hall, Camperdown, for a sanitary service for the township of Skipton.

Patronise Mothers' Social Club, Friday, 18th, at C.W.A. Hall.

Patriotic euchre and dance Brewster Hall, Saturday, 19th inst. Under auspices of St. John's children's fancy dress party, C.W.A. Hall, Friday, October 25.

Tenders, closing October 16, are invited for erecting Beaufort golf links (sheep only).

St. John's Church of England, 70th anniversary celebrations, 20th November.

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DIGGERS' BALL.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AND GREAT FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

The much talked-of Beaufort Diggers' Ball, in aid of the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club, event, under the auspices of the Progress Association, was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday night, and proved a most successful affair, financially and as regards attendance. From 230 to 240 couples were present from Skipton, Avoca, and all parts of the surrounding district. Seldom, if ever, have so many people been seen in the local ballroom and the function was particularly well managed and all present derived great enjoyment from it. The hall was gaily decorated with flags and flowers, and many pretty frock were worn. Mrs Alan McDonald, the newly-elected member for Grampians, presided, and Councillor Mrs Agnes Scott, many others donated tea butter, eggs, cakes, pastry, bread and milk, and everything was of the best, for which a special word of thanks is accorded by the committee, which comprised Mrs Alan McDonald (president), Mrs Scott, Mrs Day's orchestra gave general satisfaction, and the duties of M.C. were shared by Messrs Lewis, Freeman and W. Kay. Novelty dances were run by Messrs. G. H. McKay and Miss O. Young, and Mr Gilbert Scott and Miss E. Gillingham, and a number of extras were played. Supper was donated by Mr J. Robinson, of the State Savings Bank by Mr and Mrs S. R. Pascoe. A streamer dance and confetti battle caused great merriment, and a guessing competition for two dozen of ale was won by Mrs Hinsch. Mrs Hinsch also won a dozen bottles for a further competition; this being won by Mr Worrall, of Skipton. Great interest was taken in the belle of the ball competition, the judge (Councillor L. Watkin, A. Campbell, and Q. W. Gregory) awarding the prize to Miss Audrey Anderson, who looked very attractive in her white frock and corsage bouquet. Another great interest was a guessing competition for a £5 note; the lucky winner being Miss Jackson, who is staying with Mr and Mrs W. J. Robertson, of Murray St. Mrs Dunstan won the two sets of cuttings eggs, donated by Mrs Scott. Great credit is due to the organising committee and the energetic secretary (Mr W. A. Skene) for the brilliant success achieved by the function, as they got a good start on hand with which to lit. The members of the committee were:—Messrs N. J. McLeod (chairman), G. Wilson (secretary), C. Westell (representing Avoca branch), Cr. C. H. Morley (president of the Beaufort branch), and Messrs Malpin, Mc-Leod, Miss Troy, and Miss H Miller performed the task of packing and sorting garments, but they are quite willing, for the benefit of the cause, to take any intake of comforts, even though same doubling on sorting everything. The packers have noulfed a great improvement in the standard of sewing and knitting, compared with earlier efforts. The following goods have been received since last acknowledgment:—

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TENNIS.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT TENNIS COMPETITION.

DRAW FOR SEASON, 1940-41.

Matches on grounds of first-mentioned clubs:—

FIRST ROUND

19th Oct.—Beaufort v. Waterloo Burrumbeet v. St. John's, Waterloo v. Raglan.

26th Oct.—Raglan v. Brewster, Methodist v. Burrumbeet, St. John's v. Waterloo.

2nd Nov.—Raglan v. Methodist, Brewster v. St. John's, Burrumbeet v. Waterloo.

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23rd Nov.—Methodist v. St. John's Waterloo v. Brewster, Raglan v. Burrumbeet.

SECOND ROUND.

30th Nov.—Methodist v. Brewster, St. John's v. Burrumbeet, Raglan v. Waterloo.

7th Dec.—Methodist v. Raglan, St. John's v. Brewster, Waterloo v. Burrumbeet.

14th Jan.—Burrumbeet v. Brewster, Raglan v. St. John's, Methodist v. Waterloo.

18th Jan.—St. John's v. Methodist, Brewster v. Waterloo, Burrumbeet v. Raglan.

Semi-finals, 1st Feb., 1941.

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SOCIAL.

ITEMS ABOUT EVENTS.

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

For several weeks a billiard tournament has been in progress at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute; a record entry having been received. The semi-final stage has now been reached, and the results are:—

A Division.—Semi-final — R. Mills d. Barnes, 150—111. Orgill d. Bell, 150—111.

B. Dividjan. — Semi-final — E. Hyslop d. W. Ashley, 100—52.

In the third round H. Davey defeated S. Hayes, 100—77, and will play Mr J. Allen in the other semi-final.

An Oubliette.—At the recent hand recital at Lexton, a selection by Verna Wilson was encored, and this was found to be non-dancers.

Shire of Ripon.

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DISTRICT NEWS.

SNAKE VALLEY.

Shearing throughout the district is fairly general. Mr. Sam station has cut out. Mr Phillip Russell's Carnghan Estate has started. During the past week or so recently, losses of sheep have been reported in the district. The rains that have fallen recently have been of great benefit to crops and pastures. Feed is looking exceptionally well, and grass is growing, but good rains are urgently needed to assure a good spring crop. Some instances are very Dams in some instances are very low. Stock are in very good condition.

CLOTHES FOR BOMBING VICTIMS.

A depot was opened in Snake Valley on Friday, 4th inst., to collect warm clothing for England's bombed victims. Mrs James Oddie organised the depot, and received splendid response by the residents of Carnghan, Cheplunkie, Mestalup, and Snake Valley enabled a very good parcel to be forwarded to the Red Cross, by Mr and Mrs R. Smith. The parcel was very creditable, especially as everything new. It was in splendid order and warm.

BUANGOR.

GOLF CLOSING DAY.

Golf concluded at Toronto Park, Buangor, for the season, with the usual luncheon and ladies' singles on Saturday last. Owing to unfavorable weather only nine holes were played. The men's event was won by R. J. McLeod and the ladies' by Mrs W. Bosence. Trophies were donated by Mr and Mrs F. C. Dowling. Following were the best cards handed in in each section:—Mens: H. Jones, 42 net; B. Kelly, 35; W. Worrall, 49; Miss Ladies — Mrs W. Bosence, 49; Miss E. Jones, 57; Miss F. McWhinney, 58. — "Ararat Advertiser."

BREWSTER.

TENNIS CLUB.

A meeting of the Brewster Tennis Club was held on Friday evening, 4th inst., for the purpose of receiving the annual balance-sheet and for the election of officers for the ensuing year owing to scarcity of players. Owing to no cricket club being formed this year, it was unanimously decided to form a tennis club, and to enter a team in the Beaufort district competition. Mr Price was elected chairman, Mr E. Hayward secretary and treasurer, and Mr D. Dawson vice-president. The president intends writing to all delegates to the association. It was also decided to top dress the court with sand, and the working bee was arranged to attend to minor repairs and grass chipping.

AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL

Shearing operations in the district have begun, and owing to the very dry winter and autumn, the wool is very light, though soundness rain is badly needed for the crops.

WATERLOO.

NATION-WIDE CONTEST DECIDED.

The dancing championships at Waterloo have been won by the contracted dancers from every State in Australia, representing the mythical "Apple Isle" of Tasmania, the Golden West, and the sugar cane fields of Queensland, have valiantly to secure the honors for their respective "sheds" and finally the victory was of a particularly high standard, and the judge had great difficulty in placing the competitors. The No. 1 foxtrot competition for whatever was left over, there was a keen rivalry, and after several rounds, the honors were won by Mr J. Smith and Miss Ada Morvell (Lexton). In the open foxtrot competition Mr Jack Stoneleigh representative, Mr A. Crocker and Miss L. Laney were successful. Mr Stoneleigh also came to light in the waltzing championship, and Mr B. Devanny ("Fich") and Mrs T. Ryan were the winners from the strongly finished by Mr Sheen and Mrs R. Smith (Devanny and Sheen being stable mates). A lovely dance, for a permanent wave (gift of Miss Amy Castle) was won by Mr A. Crocker and Miss L. Laney in the foxtrot competitions, Mr Geo. Grant, deserves a special commendation on his efficient judging. Such a fine exponent of the tripping art was Mr Grant that Mr A. Stephens, Mr G. Wilson divided the euchre and consolation prizes. The euchre and consolation prizes were shared by Messrs. G. Wilson and W. J. Scrivens.

CARRANBALLAC.

Twenty-one members attended at the September meeting of the Carranballac branch of the A.C.F. The meeting was held at the usual at the meeting by donations, etc. A picture entitled "Bombing Attack" was kinnon in the Skipton Hall resulted in a profit of over £10 for the fund. The following articles were sent away for the month:—15 pairs of mittens, 3 caps, 3 pairs socks, 13 scarves, 14 balaclavas, 2 neck mufts, 18 pairs socks, 1 pair spiral socks, 4 pair wrist mittens, and 3 pair gloves.

Engineer's Report

OCTOBER MEETING.

1. Lands Department, R1518 and A. Burridge, Town of Carnghan.—With reference to the request for purchase of Allotment 1, Sec. 9, which road passes through, I beg to report that the land is not required.

2. Lands Department, WF13087, and H. Tucker, Parish of Carnaboon. — Mr Tucker states he is in occupation of this water frontage. I see no objection to his continuing to occupy, provided the water frontage being leased.

3. Lands Department, J39769, and State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Re Ladies' Club.—On Saturday night the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a card social at the Town Hall, when a euchre and consolation prizes were played by members in one section Mr Ham, in the other section receiving W. Linke, R. Dann, and Mrs G. Purcell. Mrs R. Ham opened the euchre and consolation prizes. The winning team in the euchre section comprised Misses A. Day, K. Hare, S. Coles and Messrs L. Symons, Bromley, and A. Pearce. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs J. Price.

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For the Empire.

Beaufort and district members of the A.I.F. home on leave during the week-end were Dvr. W. F. Smith, and Pte. Roy Waldron.

Pte. Tom Smith, of Waterloo, and Pte. Eric Gillingham, of Raglan, have been on sick leave.

Mr Lloyd Dunn, of Beaufort, has offered his services as a member of the Air Force, and has been accepted to train as an electrician.

Pte. G. Caulfield, of the Garrison Force, came home on Raglan on leave during the week.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

This roll of honour has been compiled of personnel from Beaufort and adjacent district enlisted for active service. The same is subject to correction as to rank, and others may have been enlisted, and, if so, notification may be given to the secretary, Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club, Beaufort, together with VX number.

A.I.F. (Overseas).
Gunner P. W. Russell.
Sister Jean Oddie.
Pte. Leo. Kelly.
Pte. Leo. Young.
Lieut. W. J. Trevena.
Sapper J. T. Smith.

Royal Australian Navy.
Leading Signaller A. Rogers (permanent).

Australian Air Force.
Flight-Lieut. J. Dowling (permanent).
Air Craftsman V. A. Wilson.
Aircraftsman M. Dawson.
Leading Air Craftsman R. Macdonald.
Air Craftsman T. L. Diekman.
Air Craftsman L. G. Cougle.
Aircraftsman N. H. Oddie.
Aircraftsman C. Dowling.

AUSTRALIAN IN CAMPS).
Lieut. G. Rogers.
Driver J. A. Daniels.
Gunner E. J. Donnelly.
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Gunner R. Lowe.
Gunner —. Lowe.
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Gunner J. G. Whiting.
Signaller N. O. Simper.
Gunner J. A. Mackay.
Gunner Eric Trengove.
Pte. T. S. Johnston.
Pte. Kenneth Johnston.
Pte. G. Gellie.
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Pte. R. B. White.
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Pte. M. A. Sice.
Pte. L. Hamilton.
Pte. C. Meredith.
Pte. G. Cuthbertson.
Pte. E. L. Gillingham.
Pte. L. J. Trengove.
Pte. W. Ashley-Young.
Pte. A. Dawson.
Corpl. J. Hall.
Pte. W. C. Parker.
Pte. P. Doull.
Pte. A. E. Valle.
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Nothing more beautiful or melodious has been given Beaufort audiences for years. Presenting a metropolitan show at its best, Lennon's offer a galaxy of talent well away from the orthodox, and one worth going many miles to see. With 200 most beautiful dresses, some 32 most gorgeous scenes, together with many dancing beauties, a big chorus and specialty company, a full band, and 2 pianists, Lennon's is certainly a "swell show."

Over £10,000 has been expended in this artistic scenic production which forms a huge, white motor train over 300 feet in length. Electrical history has been made by Lennon's, who, despite the European war, have added to their equipment many birthdays. Mr A. Bainjurr., then spoke very ably in proposing the health of the Immortality of the Kirkpatrick family at all times, and highly appreciated to be present on such an occasion. These remarks were ably endorsed by the very pleasing speech of Mr Sgt. Mulcahy. W. Martin, J. Kirkpatrick, jun., and Miss A. Martin, Miss Collins, T. Ryan (who recalled the fact that he acted as best man to Mr Kirkpatrick at Mr Kirkpatrick's parents). W. Bruty R. Ham, J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs A. Corbett, W. Thompson, and C. Curracan. Mr A. Kirkpatrick was then asked to present the cake, with a beautiful key, and expressed the pleasure he had to do so, but to see so many friends present to honour his daughter. Miss Kirkpatrick also responded in a short speech. The company then sang "Auld Lang Syne," after which Mr Lee Lassig and the chairman called upon her to light the candles and cut the cake. The tables were then cleared away, and dancing was enjoyed, to the music supplied by Mr Barnes. Mr W. Bainjurr kindly ac

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Items From Files.

PAST EVENTS RECALLED.

ECHOES OF 1877.

The New Victoria Company, Waterloo, reduced the price of gold by the fortnight, which, after paying a good deal of back debts, gave a dividend of 6p per mark.

Mr James Cathie, of Beaufort, met with a gun accident, when the barrel burst and shattered his left hand very severely; the second and third fingers being amputated by Dr. Johnston.

Applications under section 20 of the Land Act, 1860, approved:— Jas. McGuiness, parish of Mt. Colc, 223a. 12r. 38p.; Fredk. Harris, parish of Buangor, 23a. 1r. 30p.; E. Panther, parish of Raglan, 36a.

Forty applications were received by the committee of the Government prospecting party (those of the committee present being Messrs. Wotherspoon, Jenning, Cumming, and Manners). Only five were required, the first five drawn were elected, viz., Messrs John Lockhart, foreman; John Hosking, J. Armstrong, G. Patterson, and John Egan, all experienced miners, and it was stated that a better party of men could not be desired.

INCIDENTS OF 1891.

A match between the Stoneleigh and Beaufort tennis clubs was won by the former by 41 games to 20. Stoneleigh was represented by Messrs. A. Lewis and Aitken and Misses Armstrong and Gillies, and Beaufort by Dr. Adam, Mr W. Hughes, and Miss McRae.

J. McKeich, for the second time, secured a "Sig-ur" for the pants competition for the Bridges' trophy, scoring 28 and 32 from scratch, with seven shots each at the 200 and 500 yds. ranges. H. Luft as that time had also obtained two "legs-in."

An overflowing house greeted the Beaufort Amateurs at the Public Hall when "British Born" was elaborately staged, and the sum of 16/- was raised for the Ballarat Hospital. Mr R. A. D. Sinclair was stage manager, and Mr J. R. Wotherspoon secretary. These two amateur actors are also Missen Sinclair and L. Stuart, Lang, highly complimented on their performance. Other performers who were specially mentioned for realistic acting were Messrs. A. Tromp, E. P. Welsh, R. Jackson, and S. Stuart. Jackson's String Band and Miss A. Cowling were also praised for their musical services.

Subscriptions towards a hall and Mechanics' Institute at Raglan amounted to about £50, and it was hoped that by the aid of a concert or two, and assistance from the Government, a building would soon adorn the place and prove a convenience to the residents.

Waterloo sold yields for the week ending 25th July totalled 32 oz.

HAPPENINGS IN 1906.

The Beaufort Town Brass Band played an enjoyable programme of music from the rotunda; the improvement under the tuition of Bandmaster Collins being very marked.

Mr. H. J. Buchanan, C.R., presided over the fortnightly meeting of the Progress Tent, I.O.R., Beaufort, and an enjoyable social was held. Mr Geo. Collins played the overture, and songs were rendered by Miss M. Trompf, and Messrs. B. and H. Stuart, and S. Hosking, J. Armstrong, G. Patterson, and John Egan, all experienced miners, and it was stated that a better party of men could not be desired.

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A. R. BEGGS, President.
PERCY T. STEVENSON, Hon. Secy.

Messrs. F. Beggs, M. Flynn, and G. Topper, J.'s.P., presided over the Beaufort Police Court.

Neighboring Shires.

LEXTON COUNCIL NOTES.

At the monthly meeting of the Lexton Shire Council, held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., Cr. Gordon was voted to the chair, and said it gave him pleasure to install Cr. D. Sinclair as president for the ensuing 12 months. He was sorry that Cr. Keith was unable, owing to illness, to be present at the previous meeting, when he was elected. However he was glad to see him back at the table, and trusted that his term of office would be a pleasant one. The newly-elected president returned thanks. As he had said before, he would have liked to have seen Cr. Coutts continue in the position which he so worthily occupied during the unexpired portion of the late Cr. Smith's term. However, as they had elected him, he would do his best for the Council and ratepayers.

The president then welcomed Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, who had been chosen as the president of Ripon Shire this year. That gentleman was a personal friend, and a real good sport.

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SHIRE PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS

Following the usual custom in the Lexton Shire Council, the shire president, who this year is Cr. D. Sinclair, entertained his colleagues and many visitors at a luncheon. Cr. Gordon, who installed the president at the Council meeting, presided, and in proposing the toast of the president, said Cr. Sinclair had occupied the chair previously, and would fill the position again with credit. Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, of the Ripon Shire Council, supported the toast, and congratulated Cr. Keith on his election. He also congratulated the shire on the gift of an ambulance to the A.I.F. The president, in reply, said he would do his very best in the position. He agreed with Cr. Gordon that in these extraordinary times, the Council might have to do some things that might not meet with the approval of the ratepayers. On behalf of the ex-president (Cr. Coutts), Cr. Gordon thanked all for the splendid support accorded Cr. Coutts during his term as president. The "Newly-elected Councillors" was proposed by Cr. Howell, and Crs. McCully and Ryan responded. Cr. Howell said Crs. Sinclair and G. Miller, Messrs. B. Cocking and P. Mather) had been chosen as the president of Ripon Shire this year. That gentleman was a personal friend, and a real good sport.

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Fire Brigade.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The business-sheet was a brief one at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade, held at the Fire Station on Monday night, and which was presided over by Captain J. Duke and attended by seven members.

A circular was read from the Country Fire Brigades' Association stating that the appeal for Army ambulance had been successful and the list closed, and thanking the brigade for its contribution —received; the captain to attend the handing over ceremony, if possible.

From Country Fire Board, approving of the enrolment of A. McGregor, junr., as a fireman — The captain said he was sorry Fireman McGregor was not present to be congratulated.

From same, forwarding supply of tickets for petrol rationing.

From Beaufort P. B. Ladies' Bush Nursing brigade for use of hall, and forwarding a donation of a flag. — The captain said he had forwarded a letter of appreciation to the ladies for their support. They were grateful for the help given by the ladies to the brigade, and they were in need for the ladies to thank the firemen for the use of the hall. The flag would be appreciated by the brigade.

From Geelong West Brigade, forwarding books of tickets for sale. No action to be taken, and tickets to be returned.

The captain said the officers would be nominated at next meeting.

It was understood that an effort would be made about Xmas time to raise funds for the brigade.

On the motion of the captain and Foreman Hopkins, it was decided to hire the card tables to the Returned Soldiers' League, and to return the fee of 5/- as a donation.

It was resolved to arrange a flag inspection at a future practice night, and to have all-round training next practice night.

Reserve-member F. Allen was placed on the active list on the motion of Foreman Hopkins and Fireman C. Stewart.

The captain welcomed and congratulated Fireman Allen, and hoped he would take an interest in the brigade.

Fireman Allen briefly responded.

Foreman E. Hopkins and Fireman W. Day were appointed for fire pump duty for the month, and Fireman G. Gordon for hall duty.

A small credit balance — the lowest for a long time — was reported.

A MARAUDER INVADES THE PACKHAM FARM YARD.

For several weeks an old thief had made himself familiar with the hen houses in the Packham arm yard at Trawalla ("Crack Shooter"), and become most persistent and offensive in the laying hens, carrying off the fruits of their labor at opportune times. The men folk (all crack shots) were appealed to on several occasions to shoot "Adolph" and thus end his continual visits, but not being interested in the egg money, the matter was not considered altogether urgent by them. The shooters being absent from home on Monday, Sept. 30, wily old thief must have got the all clear signal, and helped himself on the highest perch of the cowl house, and leisurely surveyed the surrounding egg pens. The cackling and somewhat hysterical "chooks" loudly announced his presence, and suspended all labor. "Adolph's invasion, was however quickly resented. Miss Gladys Packham hastily grabbed her father's trusty, old double-barrelled gun, and popping a doubtful-looking cartridge into the breech, went in pursuit of "Adolph." Careful intention, Camouflaged by the wood pile, she was able to get within 35 yds. of him. Calmly and steadily drawing a bead on him, she pulled the trigger true to the mark. "Adolph" went into a spin, and looped the loop several times before smiting the ground heavily. His sins and fowl him out. Still kicking vigorously, he was promptly brought to the block, and his head struck off with one fatal blow of the axe. The remains were then placed in the incinerator, "Finis" "the way of the transgressor is hard."

Rationing May Be Abandoned.

A complete new stock of hydro-power fuel position, in Australia may be taken by the Federal Government in the near future, and it is anticipated in well-informed quarters (writes the "Ballarat Courier"), that the Government will review the petrol rationing scheme and possibly abandon it. It is reliably stated that the rationing system is not working satisfactorily, as it imposes hardship on consumers who accept it conscientiously, and leaves loopholes for sections of the trade which seek to evade its effects. Rationing was introduced at the request of the British Government, but it is asserted authoritatively that the same results could be achieved by sponsoring the production of substitute fuels, and compelling transports suitable to the substitutes to change over to them. As a preparatory step to facilitating this, the authorities are not investigating the whole field of power fuels, with the object of rearranging a basis of prices, under which locally produced fuels would compete with imported fuels. The Government control of marketing would be essential in the early stages, but this is already provided for in the regulations promulgated under war powers, which empower pillers to store and sell local products. Action can be taken against suppliers pushing their stocks to the detriment of locally produced fuels.

REAL UNITY NEEDED.

Mr. McDonald at Maryborough.

"Real unity is the only thing which is going to make us play a part worthy of Australia in the present crisis, a part that was not played during Australia," said Mr A. McDonald, the successful U.A.P. candidate, at a Mayoral reception at Maryborough on Friday, October 4, following the declaration of the Corrugangite poll.

The result of the voting was:— A. McDonald (U.A.P.) ... 29,665
H. D. B. Miller (Labor) ... 29,801
Informal ... 369

Mr McDonald said the political situation was obscure, but his only wish was that a truly national Ministry would emanate, one that would be one for the main Dunwinning the war as quickly as possible, to give us peace and victory.

Mr. Miller said they were facing a critical period, "and we are faced with the possibility of a national Ministry." If it did come about, it would be good-bye democracy as we know it.

A voice — Rubbish.

Mr. Miller — We want particularly to see a strong Opposition maintained.

Police Court.

SHOPBREAKING AND STEALING.

DEFENDANT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Charged, on the information of Detective Norman Laurence Potter, of Warrnambool, with breaking into the Burrumbeet and Winderemeg Farmers' Co-operative Association Beaufort, between September 4 and September 5, and stealing 2 pairs of shoes, and 2 socks, Sidney Elliott appeared before Messrs. R. A. D. Sinclair and C. Wotherspoon, J.'s.P., at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday. At the conclusion of the police evidence, in pleaded guilty, and was committed for trial at the Hamilton Supreme Court on October 29, 1940. Detective Potter conducted the prosecution.

Stanley William Hayes, manager of the B. & W. store, Beaufort, stated that at about 6.30 p.m. on September 4, he locked the shop. On September 5 he returned to the shop, and found that the back door had been forced open from the inside. Two skylights had been broken, and a rope, not the property of the store, was hanging from the skylights. Somebody had been walking about the shop with a lighted candle, as candle grease had dropped over the floor. He examined the boot fixtures, and they appeared to have been interfered with, but no one could definitely say that anything was missing. The books produced were similar to their stock. His attention was drawn to the fact that the shop had been broken into, and the shoes (produced) was definitely their property. He was in the shop when it was locked up on September 4, and he did not give any person authority to enter it and remove the articles. The boots, shoes, and bicycle would be valued at possibly £8.

Charles Gladstone Stonehouse, gardener, Mortlake, stated that on September 6, accused called at his residence, and asked him if he wanted to buy a secondhand bike, which he said he owned. Witness subsequently bought the machine for £1/2/6, and received a receipt signed "F. Jones." Witness reproduced was the one he bought, and later handed over to the Mortlake police.

In his evidence, Detective Potter said that on the 6th inst., at 12.45 p.m., in the presence of a constable, he interviewed accused at the Hamilton police station. He asked him where he got the shoes (produced), and he was warned, and he replied that he had had them for the last week, and had brought them from Sydney with him, and had worn them quite a bit. He examined the shoes, and said, "They have not been worn more than a couple of times." Elliott replied, "I will tell you the truth; I got them out of a shop at Beaufort." He (witness) said, "Did you buy them there?" and accused replied, "No, I broke into the shop," and also said that he took the boots and shoes (produced) that were in his swag. He also admitted taking the bicycle from the shop, and selling it to a garage at Mortlake on 12/9, and said that he got into the shop through the skylight, and used a rope.

Detective-constable Tieman, of Hamilton, said that he was with Detective Potter when he interviewed Elliott, and the detective's evidence was correct.

The magistrate committed the police case, and the Bench committed accused, pleading guilty, for trial at the Hamilton Supreme Court on October 29.

C.R.B. TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS.

£5 FINES IMPOSED.

Leslie Sibbett (Country Roads Board assistant inspector) prosecuted Albert Francis Richard Ryan for driving a motor car (weighing unladen 1 ton 14 and 3 cwts.) on excessive speed (over 25 miles an hour) between Beaufort and Aug. 5.

Ryan was also charged with failing to keep a vehicle he was driving to the left of the line in the highway.

Both cases were heard together, and defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Constable Annett, of Ararat, stated that on August 5, he was on duty on the Western Highway with Inspector Sibbett. Ryan passed them near Buangor, and they followed the truck (carrying empty cases and bottles); checking up its speed with their speedometer. From the Piery Creek to Beaufort, defendant travelled at from 68 to 70 miles per hour. The road was wet, "they did not have an opportunity to pass defendant until he slowed down at Beaufort. The gross weight of the truck was 2 tons 4 cwt., and the driver was entitled to a speed of 25 miles an hour. When questioned, Ryan said he was not doing more than 55 miles an hour. Defendant crossed over the traffic lines on both sides of the Deep Cutting, and went over the hill on the wrong side of the road. When questioned about this, Ryan said he did not think there was any danger.

Inspector Sibbett stated that the evidence given by the constable was correct. The speedometer in his car, which they checked defendant with, had been tested before and after the incident and found correct.

Defendant said that his speedometer registered from 50 to 55 miles an hour from Ararat to Beaufort. Prior to the Bench, he said he had been driving for 10 years.

Mr. Wotherspoon — The Bench viewed these cases seriously. The road was in fair condition, and he was driving for 10 years should make him aware that 55 miles an hour was a dangerous speed and driving on the wrong side of the road over a hill were dangerous. It was a menace to the public.

Defendant was fined £5 in each case, with costs amounting to 10/; Inspector Sibbett also prosecuted against John Bradfor for having

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BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Tuesday.

Cattle — 128 were yarded, including 40 bullocks, two trucks being prime medium and heavyweights, and two trucks of good trade quality. There were about 30 prime cows, and a fair sample consisted of good and useful descriptions. Queensland supplied one truck of bullocks, and one truck of cows. A steady demand existed throughout, and values all round were firm. Quotations:— Prime medium-weight bullocks, £18 to £20; heavy, to £21/12/6; good, £16 to £17; good heavyweights, £14 to £15; prime cows, £14 to £15; good, £12/10/ to £12/10/; useful, £8/10/ to £9/10/.

Calves — 116 penned, only a limited number being good to prime; the medium quality poor and useful, including a number in store condition, which were unaltered. Best made £13/14/.

Sheep — There was an increased offering; the total being 3023. The trade quality generally were more plentiful; wethers being in the majority, and ewes and lambs were shorn. Ewes were forward in reduced numbers. The usual buyers operated, but competition sales were dull, and values eased to the extent of 1/6 per head, being a little heavier sheep suffering most in the reduced values. Quotations:— Prime lambs, 16/ to 17/; prime crossbred wethers, 18/ to 20/; extra, to 21/; good, 17/ to 17/6; prime crossbred ewes, 15/ to 17/6; good, 12/ to 14/; prime merino wethers, 16/6 to 18/6; good, 14/ to 16/6.

Lambs — An increase was also registered in this section; the total being 4370, but a big proportion consisted of store lambs, ranging from small to well-grown sorts in the forward condition, but quality was limited; prime lots being scarce. Competition was fairly good, due to steady at former quotations, whilst store lambs were slightly easier. Quotations:— Prime, 16/ to 17/; extra, 23/ to 26/; good, 17/ to 19/; store lambs, 12/ to 14/.

The following district sales are reported:—8 shorn merino ewes, Mr E. A. Fay, Middle Creek, 12/10; 8 crossbred ewes and wethers, 20/ to 15/, averaging 16/2; 20 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr Alexander Lotts, Lake Goldsmith, 18/11 to 17/4, averaging 18/3; 13 comeback wethers and weaners, Mr Hubert J. Smith, Lexton, Stockyard Hill, wethers 18/1, weaners to 10/7; 8 comeback lambs, same owner, 16/10 to 15/4; 52 shorn wethers, Mr Ron Hinton, Streatham, to 17/5, averaging 13/11.

The Federal Election. — The distinction between Mr Menzies and Mr Menzies) and the Federal Labor Leader (Mr Curtin) on the question of the defence preparations of Australia, was inconclusive, but the prospects of a National Government deteriorated. The clear fact emerged from their talk that Labor is prepared to take office and provide bid for office, but that Mr Menzies, assuming Labor will reject a National Government, will retain his present leadership and leave the question of the formation of a National way on the floor of the House.

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Engineer's Report

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

1. Lands Department, R15188 and A. Burridge, Town of Carngham.— With the exception of road east of Allendale No. 1 Sec. 2, which road appears to be open, the roads described as opened, I see no objection to these occupied areas being leased:— (as inspected 17/9/40).

Clause 1 — Engineer's recommendation adopted, on motion of Crs Russell and McDonald.

2. Lands Department, WP13087, and Mrs Tucker, Burnbank.— Reported on. — Mr Tucker states he is in occupation of this water frontage. I see no objection to his continuing to occupy same, and the frontage being leased.

Clause 2 — Engineer's recommendation adopted, on motion of Crs. MacPhie and Hinton.

3. Lands Department, J20789, and State Rivers and Water Supply, 40/14923, re D. A. Carmichael and Water Reserve, Parish of Trawalla. —This reserve has been privately occupied for many years. I see no objection to same being licensed.

Clause 3 — Licence to be granted, on motion of Crs. Hinton and Russell.

4. Hour Avenue, Skipton. — I should be glad to receive instructions to have the name plates renewed.

Clause 4 — Work to be done, on motion of Crs. Kirkpatrick and Reddin.

5. Car Allowance, Engineer. — I would remind the Shire that in the straight charge, based on mileage only, you appear to be rendering of accounts as a two-part charge; one part being for depreciation, registration, insurance, and other "fixed" costs, and the other part, based on mileage, for petrol, tyres, oil, and other running costs; details to be arranged.

Clause 5 — The engineer said the present basis was conducive to overcharging. He was only charged with being found in the bar room during prohibited hours. First-constable Duke — One of the defendants had asked for the cases to be adjourned for another month. The police were prepared to carry on, but were not opposed to an adjournment.

All cases were adjourned till November 4.

Beaufort Cemetery Trust

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the trustees of the Beaufort Cemetery was held in the Shire Hall on Tuesday evening, and was attended by Messrs. J. Wotherspoon (chairman), E. J. Muntz, W. Oppenheim, D. Stevenson, C. Parker, and A. S. Duncan (secretary). The books and accounts were examined by the trustees, and certified to as correct. The secretary submitted the financial statement, showing that the receipts for the quarter amounted to £25 12/, and the expenditure £19/2/6, leaving a Cr. balance of £5/5/6. Interments for the quarter, six; quarter, six memorials were erected, and one double allotment of ground was purchased. The total credit to the Trust was £124/17/2, comprising a fixed deposit of £75, savings certificates amounting to £24, and credit balances of £14/2 and £24/17/2 in the Savings Bank and Commercial Banking Company of Sydney respectively. Accounts amounting to £18/6/ were passed for payment. With reference to the overgrown state of the cemetery, it was decided that the secretary was instructed to try and get the addresses of relatives of the deceased, with a view to receiving a settlement of the accounts. Mr Wotherspoon (Mr Patrick) attended and explained to the trustees several matters that required attention in the cemetery. It was decided that a row of trees in line with the avenue was not in alignment near the main entrance drive should be removed on the plan. It was also decided on the motion of Messrs. Muntz and Oppenheim, that the secretary should notify monumental masons doing work in the cemetery that in future, all monuments must be left long and there be clear space of 7 ft. be left inside for clear details. The sexton complained of the nuisance caused by motorists who hired him in which to dig a grave. He did not mind this when he knew he was doing such a speed. Witness's predecessor charged 10/ per hour, and he thought 12/6 would be a reasonable charge. Mr Muntz moved that when short notice — less than under 8 hours' working time—2/ per hour extra be charged. Seconded by Mr Stevenson, and carried. Complaints were made of rabbits eating flowers off the graves, and the secretary said that when he was getting wood outside the cemetery he would try and get some rabbits. It was decided that Mr Stevenson remove the wire-netted, self-closing gate there.

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Returned Soldiers' League.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Cr. Wills. — They should make the engineer a fair allowance, dealing with the case as it was at the present time. He did not thing Mr Crouch was asking for an excessive amount, and moved that £124 a year be granted to him.

Cr. Kirkpatrick — Since he suggested that the allowance be £100, one grader had been put out, and there would be less mileage. He moved, as an amendment, that the allowance be £100.

Cr. Reddin seconded. Cr. Wills' motion, which was carried; the amendment not being seconded, and Cr. Kirkpatrick voting against the motion.

The engineer reported as follows in regard to progress of works for the four weeks ending 10th October:—

Contracts. — Skipton and Ballarat-Hamilton Roads: Alt. 8mm., 141m/154, £944, passed, £729; should finish in about 14 days. — Toyn's Reservoir: Whitfield Bros., 15/20, £1185/15/, paid £1950/5/; completed (reservoir 14 ft. 11in. on 12th inst.)

Day Labour Works for month ending October 10th:—C.R.B. — Ballarat-Hamilton Road: Patrol maintenance, with sprayer, and attention to potholes. Skipton: Patrol maintenance, shouldering, erection of posts at bends, screening and carting gravel from Eight Mile Creek. Shire — Beaufort Water Supply: Reading of water meters on pipe line. Beaufort Tip: Removing rubbish from farm and rats. Park Road: Fencing in plantations, and planting of cedar trees therein; also lopping pine limbs and grubbing roots for fire-wood. Waterloo Road, Waterloo-Chute, Lexton-Chute, Chute-Raglan, Chute-Amphitheatre: Patrol and patrol maintenance. Waterloo Road, School Road, Waterloo: Insertion of pipe culverts and attention to drainage; erection of posts at bends. Dalgliesh's Road, Gravel Pit Road, Beaufort: Beaufort Baths: Cleaning out, and attention to sheds, driveway, and footpath. Eurambeen-Streatham: Filling in scour at Fisher's Hill completed. Eurambeen-Streatham (Joint Ararat): Erection of posts on three bends completed. Geelong Road, Meadow's Lane, Beaufort-Carngham-Blackwood Hill: Erection of posts at bends completed. Geelong Road, Meadow's Lane, Beaufort-Carngham-Stockyard Hill: Erection of posts, south side of Lake Goldsmith. Skipton-Stockyard Hill: Patrol maintenance. Skipton Township: Gravelling footpath patching, and insertion of culvert in Mt. Wilkins Road. Skipton-Pittong, Currie's Lane, Mortchup-Snake Valley, Beaufort-Carngham: Patrol maintenance and tabling. Preston Hill, Haddon: Insertion of culverts, and attention to drains. Watkin's Lane: Repairs to culvert. Bellara-Carngham: Erection of signs and patrol maintenance.

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28,000 TELEGRAPH POLES BY RAIL.

Splendid co-operation between the Country Roads Board Commission and the Railways Department was recently responsible for the delivery by rail of 28,000 creosoted telegraph poles. It was the biggest consignment of the kind ever handled by the Department, and represented £5,000 in freight.

The poles were for shipment from Williamstown to Egypt and Singapore, and ranged from 20 ft. to 40 ft. They were rattled from the Trentham and Wombat areas, also from a number of other stations including Brandford, Healesville and Belgrave.

For this traffic, which comprised 3,000 separate consignments, 1,000 trucks were used, the longest train being 50 vehicles long. Shire Engineer Water Supply: Reading of water meters on pipe line. Beaufort Tip: Removing rubbish from farm and rats. Park Road: Fencing in plantations, and planting of cedar trees therein; also lopping pine limbs and grubbing roots for fire-wood. Waterloo Road, Waterloo-Chute, Lexton-Chute, Chute-Raglan, Chute-Amphitheatre: Patrol and patrol maintenance. Waterloo Road, School Road, Waterloo: Insertion of pipe culverts and attention to drainage; erection of posts at bends. Dalgliesh's Road, Gravel Pit Road, Beaufort: Beaufort Baths: Cleaning out, and attention to sheds, driveway, and footpath. Eurambeen-Streatham: Filling in scour at Fisher's Hill completed. Eurambeen-Streatham (Joint Ararat): Erection of posts on three bends completed. Geelong Road, Meadow's Lane, Beaufort-Carngham-Blackwood Hill: Erection of posts at bends completed. Geelong Road, Meadow's Lane, Beaufort-Carngham-Stockyard Hill: Erection of posts, south side of Lake Goldsmith. Skipton-Stockyard Hill: Patrol maintenance. Skipton Township: Gravelling footpath patching, and insertion of culvert in Mt. Wilkins Road. Skipton-Pittong, Currie's Lane, Mortchup-Snake Valley, Beaufort-Carngham: Patrol maintenance and tabling. Preston Hill, Haddon: Insertion of culverts, and attention to drains. Watkin's Lane: Repairs to culvert. Bellara-Carngham: Erection of signs and patrol maintenance.

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Red Cross Society.

MEETING OF BEAUFORT BRANCH.

The fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort Red Cross Branch was well attended on Tuesday afternoon; Mrs Theodore Rogers presiding. Correspondence included a letter from headquarters re emergency work having come to a standstill in Beaufort. — It was decided to ask Mrs A. Russell (president) to settle the matter personally at headquarters. New lines of waste woollens, such as spectacle cases, fishing nets, etc., were asked for, and clothing for London bombing raid victims was appealed for urgently. Headquarters had donated £5,000 to the fund collected by the Red Cross to this cause — covered all branch donations. Mrs V. R. Wilson was announced as winner of the competition — a handy worker in the Army must wear uniform, and that 3WZ had changed the time of Digger broadcasts to 8.20 p.m. on Fridays.—Received.

The secretary reported a membership of 103 and a credit balance of £19/3/7.

Mrs D. McLeod, reporting on the recent Diggers' ball,-said after all the expenses had been paid, there was expected the profit on the ball would be £97/18/. The takings at the door was £16/8/. He thought everyone had had a good time and was well satisfied. The support given by the Diggers and their wives was appreciated very much.

The president—He congratulated Mr McLeod and his sub-committee on the remarkably good show. They deserved all the credit possible. It was very satisfactory, and he had not heard any complaints.

Mr McLeod—The sub-committee would give a detailed report at the next monthly meeting.

The president said Mr A. J. Saph had taken a position in Melbourne. Quite a number of people had asked him about a send-off. He just wanted them to know that the matter was not being overlooked, and a presentation would probably be made to Mr Saph as their annual smoke night.

VETERANS' DEFENCE CORPS.

There was a muster of 25 at the weekly parade of Veterans' Defence Corps, the physical drill instructor (Mr S. Young) introduced a novel item on the form of general medicine ball games, which aroused keen competition between town and country teams; the country team having rather the best of the encounter. In course of physical exercises followed. The electric light line is to be extended to the Beaufort Park, where the parades will now be held. Those who attend these parades are deriving great enjoyment as well as benefit from them, and when this becomes more generally known it is expected that the attendance will be doubled.

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Riponshire Council.

MONDAY, 14th OCTOBER, 1940.

Present — Crs. R. A. D. Sinclair (president), A. MacPhie, J. Kirkpatrick, L. Wills, J. A. Hutton, P. Russell, A. C. Roddis, and D. McDonald. Owing to the warm weather, a number of councillors removed their coats.

An apology was received for the absence of Cr. C. H. McKay.

The president extended a welcome back to Cr. McDonald after his re-election, and hoped he would enjoy better health.

Cr. McDonald thanked the president.

From Country Roads Board, re supply of box culvert sections, reinforced stoneware pipes and reinforced concrete pipes.

Received.

From same, re insurance of workmen under Workers' Compensation Acts.

Referred to officers. In answer to Cr. MacPhie, the secretary said this covered accident, but not sickness.

From same, intimating, re maintenance grant for Ballarat—Ararat road, that Board would not offer any objection to transfer from some other road to cover amount of £619/4/3 mentioned, and would be pleased to receive a suggestion from council.

Left in hands of officers, on motion of Cr. Roddis.

From same, approving of rates estimated to cost £150 on contract 141/40/1, Skipton and Ballarat-Hamilton roads, as recommended by engineer.

The engineer — That was to cover extra bitumen work; the contract was entered into before last year. Letter received.

From same, approving of acceptance of tender of Williams & Joensch for supply of 3200 c. y. of No. 3 A aggregate on Skipton and Ballarat—Hamilton roads for £9/4, as recommended in Shire engineer's letter.

Received.

From Department of Lands & Survey, acknowledging receipt of abstract of o/c, for Beaufort Common, and expressing that annual expenditure be reduced to keep it within income in Victoria.

Referred to Both Riding members, and Cr. Russell — That did not look like top-pressure in it.

From same, re application by Mr. E. M. Jones, of Ararat, for permit to agist 7 cows in parish of Beaufort, in exchange for permit to agist 7 cows in parish of Ararat, and that number be disposed of.

The engineer said if they objected their piece of ground next to the church, it would be dangerous possibilities in regard to an accidental overturning of cows. It was recommended that it be leased. Cr. MacPhie agreed with Mr Crouch's view and said he considered the whole of it should be retained. He had moved that it be leased, not sold at last meeting. He now moved that the matter be referred back to the Department. Cr. Russell, in seconding the motion, said they should endeavor to help the Department that they did not want to lose the right to this ground. The motion was carried.

From Public Health Department, intimating that a recent official inspection has shown that all matters in the Public Hall, Carnamah-ite are now satisfactory.

Received.

From Local Mayor of Melbourne, soliciting support to fund for British immigrants. Replied to by secretary that president would be pleased to inaugurate an appeal in this municipality.

The secretary said £254/8/6 had been collected in the shire, including £70 collected by Cr. Wills in the West Riding. The president suggested that a donation be voted from the shire. Cr. Roddis spoke in support. Cr. Hinton — He was in favor of giving as much as they could. Cr. Wills — Was he seen to borrow money to do this? Cr. Hinton — If necessary. Cr. Russell — If the shire gave a large sum, a lot of people would not give at all. That was a very wrong thing to support, but he did not favour giving large sums from the shire rates which were collected for a specific purpose. Cr. MacPhie — He moved/seconded that the appeal was deserving, but if they started taking money out for all these appeals, they would have to find money for their rates. Cr. Kirkpatrick — He thought Mr. McDonald — After a letter like that, they ought to do almost anything.

From E. Creswell, engineer of water supply, reporting that he had made a joint inspection of Whitfield's contract for enlarging Skipton reservoir. The work has been completed since December, and the reservoir is now up to the full supply level, with a small quantity coming over the byewash. The catchment drains are mentioned. In his last report, have been reported, so as to discharge water freely. The small leak which developed on the southern side of the drain is still discharging at the rate of approximately two gallons per minute, which is less than half of the discharge two months ago. The water is still quite clear and shows no appearance of silt, and is no way of opinion that this leak will gradually take up. The head of water is now 4 ft. 3 in. more than when the previous measurement was made. He did not anticipate any trouble from this source and would therefore recommend that the contractor be paid off.

The engineer said it met with his approval. Cr. Russell — Cr. MacPhie, the engineer said the leak was diminishing. Cr. MacPhie — Deposit to be paid, on motion of Cr. Roddis.

From State Electricity Commission of Victoria, advising that annual guarantee has been reduced to £71/12/ from November, 1939, and that any adjustment rendered necessary over above would be made at the end of the current financial year.

Received, and referred to East and West Riding members.

From Shire of Ararat, inviting two representatives to meet all Shire Hall, Ararat, on Monday, 8th Nov., to consider formation of Health Group, comprising municipalities of Bungaree of Stawell, and Shires of Avoca, Ararat, Ripon and Stawell.

The president — Stawell had turned it down. He moved that Lexton write and state they were satisfied with the present arrangements. Seconded by Cr. Russell and carried.

From Shire of Warracknabeen', asking that representative at Municipal Association's conference try to get a motion tabled by their representative to prohibit transport of hay infested with heavy grass from another district, and to provide for all secondhand bags to be vacuum cleaned or machine dressed before being again used.

Council to support the request on motion of Crs. Russell and MacPhie.

From Shire of Hampden, advising that tenders will be called for local meeting for carrying out sanitary service at Skipton.

The secretary said tenders were called, and one received from the present sanitary contractor, at the price ran increase from 5d to 9d a pan was considered too high, and both tenders were to be called. The secretary's action in the matter was endorsed, on the motion of Crs. Russell and Roddis. Cr. McDonald moved that Hampden Council be asked to co-operate as it could, and this shire would fall in with it. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick, and carried.

From Engineer, Shire of Hampden, calling for tenders for motor cycle as to what he considers most suitable in respect to supplying blank bridge at Skipton; a rough estimate having been taken on cost of labor and timber. He left it at length and effecting sundry repairs at a cost of approximately £30. A later letter said that the matter was received and left in council when the estimates were framed and it was found impossible to make provision for any work in this respect owing to lack of funds. Cr. Kirkpatrick — As both Ripon and West Riding members inspected it, and thought it unnecessary to go on with any work at the bridge. Cr. Wills — Ripon was in the same position. Cr. Hinton — They agreed with Hampden. The letter was received.

From Shire of Greenville, thanking council for its co-operation in making a power grader available at cost for works in Snydenham — Sunday Creek road on the understanding this could be done without affecting this municipality will keep a grader in good order, which was accepted.

Received. Cr. McDonald — They said the road was quite a good job in many places.

From Shire of Dimboola, asking if council will appoint representatives to attend conference in Melbourne re payments for wheat and barley and stabilisation of prices.

The president said he would be in town on that occasion. Cr. Wills — You do not know whicel from barley. The president — You are right, especially that grown in the West Riding. The president was appointed delegate on motion of Cr. Roddis.

From Shire of Warrnambool, re Federal and con-friction funds.

Received.

From same, re resolution No 4 at Municipal conference (amendment to L.G.A. providing that where a person becomes eligible to nominate as councillor, all current and arrears of rates for which he is liable should have been paid).

Held over till the ordinary business was dealt with.

Notice of births (nine in all) at Skipton and Beaufort B.N. Hospitals.

Received.

From Mrs E. J. Duncan, Beaufort, thanking council for loan of flag at Lexton.

Received.

From Mrs Fairbairn and family, thanking council for sympathy in bereavement.

Received.

From Neville H. Oddie, thanking council for use of land at one end of his leaving to join the R.A.A.F.

Received.

Similar letters were received from R. D. Mackin, on, Thos. J. Gardiner, and C. J. Meredith.

From Violet Parker, Beaufort, applying for lease of two roads.

Referred to Lands Department, and the engineer to report, on motion of Crs. MacPhie and McDonald.

The secretary — There were several late letters, which should have been in on the Thursday before the meeting.

Cr. McDonald — It was the usual thing to take them.

From Department of Public Works, advising that Mr. John Shackell, of Melbourne, had been appointed to audit the accounts of the Skipton Water Trust at a small quantity per day each with travelling expenses for himself and assistant.

Received.

From W. C. Cheeseman, Neill street, Beaufort, applying for permission to occupy sawn firewood factory.

Permission granted, on motion of Crs. MacPhie and Kirkpatrick.

From Mrs Crocker, Main Lead, stating that air pressure was responsible for the great amount of Temporary matching only for present. Dr. Hinton — Stonehaven and Grant-Lexton roads (Joint Ast and West)—Reshape and gravel two miles and re-locate two culverts.

Petty Sessions, Ripon — Alterations to shire offices and vestibule.

Public Buildings, Ripon — Repairs and maintain grade. Wills' Corner—Maintenance grading and gravel—Maintenance grade. Eurambeen, Kirkland to Lexton road—Maintenance grade. Euramdeen-Stockyard Hill road (Joint Ast and West Riding)—Reshape and gravel metal section 1 mile north of St. Marnock's. Give attention to horsehound, Kurumbeen, Streatham, Meadow's Lane, Geelong—Light traffic, Beaufort—Carranbalue, and Carnaghan—Stockyard Hill roads. All above works from day labor grading provisions. Kewney Street—Repair bridge at Cross Road — Geelong road.

Adopted.

East Riding Committee met on 9/9/40; Crs. Roddis and Russell present. Protection of waterworks left in hand of engineer. Recreation Reserve, Carnghan—Renew fence if can arrange with H. Gardiner (get timber in reserve). Mt. William road—Agreeable half cost 0.6 miles remaining near Skipton road.

Adopted.

North Riding Committee met 9/9/40. Three councillors present. Fencing at bridge, Waterloo road. W. W. Williamson—Left in hands of engineer. Park road pines—Top lower limb of pines; fence in and make plantation; plant additional trees in 1941. High street—Forming approved near Hughes'.

Adopted.

North Riding Committee, 30/9/40; three councillors present. Illness E. Waldron of council's decision re watch back on roads.

Adopted.

Waste Committee.

Waste Committee met 9/9/40; Crs. Roddis, Wills and McKay present. Disposal of waste materials left in hands of engineer.

Adopted.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Tuesday.

Although there was a slight increase in the number yarded — 2,000 lambs, 1,000 sheep, 600 cattle, and 350 pigs — the demand was keen, and only 35 being forward, including 200 lambs, 100 heavyweights from N.S.W.; others came mainly from Western districts. Cows and heifers were chiefly sold for manufacturing grades. New South Wales also supplied the bulk of the good and prime quality. Good competition prevailed for best quality, for which values were very firm. Cows were 1 to 2 cwt second grade cows were cheaper. Quotations: Lambs, medium-weight, light-locks, £18 to £20; heavy, £21 to £22; good, £16 to £17; prime cows, £11 to £12; good, £11 to £12; light to 10/; useful, £2 to £3/10/.

Calves — A small offering, the total being 72. Prime quality was particularly scarce; the majority consisting of second grade and chopping sorts. Values were unchanged. Prime, £12 to £13/10/.

Sheep. — 2380 penned — about 400 less than last week. The quality of the consignments was the same as the previous market; prime sorts being very lightly supplied. Weiners formed the bulk of the supply. Sales were well attended, and business has been throughout; values for trade quality being 2/ to 3/ cheaper. The demand reduced rate of last week. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, to 20/; extra, 20/6; good, 19/ to 20/6; 16/6 to 18/; prime crossbred ewes, to 17/; good, 16/ to 16/6; prime merino wethers, 18/ to 20/6; good, 16/6 to 18/.

Lambs — A further increase was recorded in the lamb pennings; the total being 6722, but again there was a big proportion of stores. Trade lambs, however, provided a better demand than last week, for which there was active competition from the export and local trade. Store lambs, however, provided a less buoyant market

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McERVALE. — In loving memory of our darling Nancy, who passed God took into safe keeping on the 27th October, 1936.
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Treasured deep from year to year.
You live with us, in memory still.
Not just to-day, but always will.
—Inserted by her loving mother and father, sisters and brothers.

McERVALE. — Loving memories of our darling Nancy, who passed away Oct. 27, 1936.
It was early in the evening,
God walked among His flowers;
He picked just one as He passed by,
And that sweet one was ours.
—Inserted by her loving grandparents, A. and L. Laney, and Uncle Don.

McERVALE. — Sweet is the memory of our darling little niece, Nancy Joy, who passed away October 27th, 1936.
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept.
Of one we loved, and will never forget.
—Inserted by her loving Uncle Ivan, Auntie Lorna and cousins, Barbara, Ivan, and Ron.

PRENTICE. — In loving memory of my dear husband, who passed away on the 26th October, 1934.
Sadly missed.
—Inserted by his loving wife.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1940.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"We may with advantage at times forget what weknow."
—Publilius Syrus.

Opportunity for Swimming Club.

FOR many years Beaufort has had a sports meeting on Boxing Day, but this year the time-honoured fixture is to be abandoned. At Xmas time many former residents of Beaufort re-visit the town and district, and any form of entertainment is well patronised. The coming Boxing Day affords a golden opportunity for the local Swimming Club to run a well-organised carnival. The weather is generally favourable for such an event in December, and in the past the club has had to run its carnivals on Saturday afternoons as a suitable holiday has not been available. Interest in competitive aquatic touring towns should be easily attracted to Beaufort on Boxing day, provided that the programme offered makes it worth their while to attend. The town has one of the cleanest and best-appointed baths in the country, so there is nothing to fear on that score. The surroundings have also been greatly improved of late, and if there are shady trees, under which spectators can rest, they add greatly to comfort, and plenty of seating accommodation can be provided. If the committee of the club can at a next meeting should regard the the suggestion of a carnival on Boxing Day as worthy of consideration, ample time remains in which to work it up.

Bowling Club Carries On

THE responsibility of a considerable deficit and the discouraging effects of war and drought have not dampened the enthusiasm of a courage of members of the Beaufort Bowling Club, who have decided to carry on for the coming season, Hitler and the toughness of things anyone to the contrary notwithstanding. It is heartening to see older men of the community show so much interest, perspirise and determination, when others have seen fit to suspend operations. They are displaying the right spirit—the spirit that enabled one of the Clubs old members to get betbean period to finish his game of bowls and have sufficient energy left to announce the Spanish Armada. Despite the handicaps imposed by the seasons through which we are passing, the club has bright prospects, for already a number of new members, and having a very enjoyable season, with a big change now that the end of the overdraft at the end of it. Of course the committee will have to be easy row to hoe, but with the help of all the members, the tried and trusty president and the tried and secretary have every confidence that the club will meet the needs of the patriotic funds are not to be lost sight of, as a reminder that their necessity is to be held early in the New Year.

Rainfall.

—There was a welcome fall of rain at Beaufort on Tuesday night, 21 points being recorded at the post office. Further showers are urgently needed.

Local Leaders of the Fast. — At a social gathering at the Bible Hall, Beaufort, on Nov. 4, A. D. Sinclair, for the benefit of the younger generation, present on Wednesday night, gave the names of the past councillors whose pictures hang on the walls of the Council Chamber: Mr H. J. Buchanan (president of the band) paid a tribute to the late Cr. M. Ryan, of Waterloo, by saying that as a boy, he had learnt quite a lot from reading Cr. Flynn's speeches.

PERSONAL.

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Military Weddings. — Two military weddings in which the contracting parties were Beaufort residents were celebrated this week. Pte. Alc. de Valle and Miss Gwen Ward were married at St. Andrew's Church, Beaufort, by the Rev. J. P. MacDougall on Saturday afternoon. Mervyn Crick and Miss Amy Wight, both of this town, were married in Melbourne.

Mr C. Downes, of the C.B.S. Bank, has been transferred from Terang to Ararat. Mrs Downes is the daughter of Mr and Mrs I. C. Cuthbertson, of Beaufort.

Mrs J. B. Prentice, of Beaufort has been visiting her relatives at Narracoorte, South Australia.

Rev. G. E. Verligan, who will finish his ministry in the Beaufort Methodist Circuit in April, is to rejoin camp community as a military chaplain in November. A student preacher (Mr Young) will carry on the services in the Circuit until the arrival of the new minister appointed by the Methodist Conference. Rev. W. R. Harrison, of Timboon, has accepted an invitation to come here, subject to the approval of Conference. Mr Verligan is well liked and is an able preacher, and together with Mrs Verligan (who is a talented singer and energetic church worker) will be greatly missed in the district.

Mr F. S. Latch, of the Beaufort post office staff, was absent from duty owing to illness during part of last week.

Douglas Symons, a son of Mr and Mrs L. Symons, of Nerring, is seriously ill in the Ballarat Hospital.

Rev. G. E. Verligan, the Methodist minister at Beaufort, is to resume duties after many changing on 19th Nov., and will be stationed at Ballarat.

Rev. F. J. Thomas, Presbyterian minister at Skipton, who served as a missioner in Korea for a number of years, and was later at Devonport, Tasmania, has received a call to Beaufort.

Mrs Robert Patterson, formerly an old and respected resident of Beaufort, whose maiden name was Miss Isabella Ison, is on a visit to Miss Patterson of Beaufort, her sister-in-law.

Mrs R. A. Rove, of Swan Hill, has gone to Ararat to be near her brother, Mr J. K. Pickford, who is making a good recovery in the Ararat Hospital after his recent accident. "Advertiser."

BUANGOR FATALITY.

DEATH OF MAXWELL P. BARBY.

The adjourned inquest on the death of Maxwell Peter Barby, who was found in a dam at Woodnaggerack, Buangor, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., was concluded at the Ararat Police Court on Friday afternoon, 18th inst., before Mr J. Moore, J.P.

Dr. F. C. deCrespigny, medical practitioner, Ararat, gave evidence that he performed a post-mortem examination on the body of the young man, whose name, he was informed, was Maxwell Peter Barby. Death had taken place at least 12 hours previously. In the absence of water in the lungs suggested that he had died of exposure while in the water, and drowning was a secondary cause of death.

Miss Mary E. Daniels, residing at Middle Creek, deposed that the deceased commenced to work at Mr. Kneebone's, where she was employed, at Middle Creek, on 14/10/40. She last saw the deceased at 5.30 p.m. on Monday. He left on his bicycle, and said he would be back in a few minutes. He did not appear to be ill or depressed, and seemed quite normal.

First-constable Drummond, stationed at Buangor, said that at 12 noon on 15/10/40, Mr Barby that his son was missing. He organised a search party. At about 4 p.m. he was informed that a bicycle and lumber jacket had been found on the bank of a dam on Woodnaggerack Estate. He dragged the dam and recovered the body. It was clothed in a pair of trousers, shirt, and singlet. He could see signs of a struggle having taken place at the dam. There appeared to be no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death.

William H. Hunt, employed at Middle Creek, said that on 15th October he was informed that the deceased could be found. He knew that the deceased had been used to working in the bush on Woodnaggerak Estate. He went to that dam and found a jacket and a bicycle on the bank. He summoned Constable Drummond.

The Coroner said that there was no evidence to show how deceased came to be in the dam, or to throw any light on the state of his mind prior to his entering the water. It appeared to be a case of drowning. There were no suspicious circumstances attaching to the death. He found that deceased died from cardiac collapse and drowning. "Ararat Advertiser."

A Pot for the President. — Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (shire president) raised a laugh at a social gathering at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Wednesday night. There were not enough pots to go round, so the president made a large water jug answer the purpose of the number failing vessels.

Pictures of Shearing Operations. —Pictures appear in the "Weekly Times" this week, taken at Mr Anthony Barber's sheep station, "Stonehigh," Beaufort, and illustrate the great wool harvest now being made or already completed throughout Victoria and the Riverina. Mr Barber carries 16,000 merino sheep on his 12,000 acres. Twelve shearers get through 1200 a day.

FIRE BRIGADE.

KEEN INTEREST BY JUNIOR MEMBERS.

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B. & W. CO-OP. HONOURS SOLDIER EMPLOYEE.

On Tuesday night the directors of the Burnbrae and Windermere Co-operative Society and employees of the Beaufort branch paid a tribute to Gnr. Eric Trengove, a member of the Beaufort staff, who has enlisted with the A.I.F. A dinner was held at the Lodge Age Hotel in honour of Gnr. Trengove, at which the local employees of the Society and Messrs. A. R. Beggs and J. E. Wallish (members of the directorate) were present. Mr Beggs presided. Apologies were received for the non-attendance of the general manager, the chairman of directors, and Mr A. Campbell (Ararat). Many congratulatory speeches were made, and hearty wishes for the safe return of Gnr. Trengove expressed. On behalf of the directors, Mr Beggs presented Trengove with a valuable leather wallet, and Mr E. Bowden, branch manager, handed Gnr. Trengove a money-Stewart fountain pen and pencil set from the employees. Gentlemen were the principal speakers, and their remarks were heartily endorsed by Messrs. Wallish, J. J. Fitzpatrick, G. Wilson, and Reid. Gnr. Trengove suitably made a suitable response.

DINNER PARTY.

At their residence, Beaufort, on Wednesday night, Mr and Mrs J. A. Harris gave a dinner party in honour of their son, Gnr. J. A. Harris, and his comrade, Gnr. E. Trengove, of the A.I.F. A number of friends attended, and toasts incidental to the occasion were honoured.

Shire of Ripon.

ROMBING RELIEF APPEAL.

Amount previously acknowledged	£268/1/
Returned Soldiers' League, Ripon Sub-branch	£9/2/
F. Oddie	£1
	£278/3/

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The billiard tournament at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute has reached the closing stage.

The second semi-final in A grade, J. Stephens defeated J. Prowse, 750—525.

R. Ellis and L. Stephens will meet in the final.

The semi-finals in B grade are R. Hopkins and R. Davey.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

Annual meeting of Beaufort C.W.A., Nov. 7th. Election of officers, and musical items.

Social, Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Thursday afternoon, 31st October. Gifts of cakes, produce, or articles for work stall will be very acceptable.

At Raglan to-night (Saturday) there will be a social evening, presentations to Gnr. F. Johnson and euchre and dance.

The sale of sandals (publican's fruit and confectionery, and luncheon) for the Beaufort Agricultural Society's show will take place at Mr T. W. Schlicht's office at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th inst.

Schedules for the Beaufort Agricultural Society's Show are now ready and can be secured from Mr Geo. Pringle, secretary, phone No. 71.

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Tennis club opening, Saturday, November 2.

Tenders, closing Nov. 2, are invited for the lease of the Beaufort Racecourse for 3 or 5 years.

Tenders, closing on Nov. 8, are invited by the Lands Department for the right to collect and remove ash from specified areas.

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SOCIAL.

ITEMS ABOUT EVENTS.

Soldier and Bride Entertained.—Pte. Mervyn Crick and his bride (formerly Miss Amy Wight), while in Melbourne on their honeymoon, were entertained at the home of Mr and Mrs Geo. Anderson, Somerville Crescent, Burnley, on Wednesday night. Many relatives and friends were present, and the proceedings did not terminate until the small hours of the morning. The bridegroom and bride were given a tin-kettling after midnight. The supper table was put together at the rear of the residence of Pte. Crick's battalion colours, the cake, and Mrs Crick's wedding dress going to the bride's people's place, "The Pines," Berriwillock, for a few days before going back to town.

F.B. Ladies' Club.—On Saturday night the Beaufort F. B. Ladies' Club held a card social at the Fire Station. In the absence of the president of the senior branch, and Mrs S. J. Humphreys (vice-president) the euchre and consolation prizes. The men's euchre prize was won by Mr L. Stephens, and the consolation prize was secured by Mrs W. Stewart. The carpet bowls tournament was won by Mesdames D. May, A. Beer, and Messrs E. Bowden, C. O'Brien, and L. Stephens. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs J. Duke.

Mothers' Club.—A social afternoon that proved very enjoyable was held on the C.W.A. Hall, by the Mothers' Club, on Thursday, 18th inst., at the C.W.A. Hall, by the Beaufort C.W.A. Mrs Gordon G. Wilson acted as chairwoman, and Mrs E. DeBaere played the accompaniments. The programme was as follows:—Chorus, "How Do You Do," Club; recitation, Mrs Bradford; song, G. Lofts, R. Woodall, and C. Rose; recitation, Jean Stone; community singing, company; accompanist, Miss A. Lofts; song, Mrs E. Wilson, chorus, "O Maid of Leigh," company. A competition was won by Mrs Bradford, Mrs Wilson and Mrs S. Dalrymple. In moving a hearty vote of thanks to the artists, Mrs Dalrymple said they had all enjoyed the entertainment very much. This was seconded by Mrs T. V. Wyllie and carried by acclamation. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs Bradford.

Euchre and Bowls. — On Tuesday night the Beaufort Fire Brigade held a euchre competition and carpet bowls competition at the Fire Station. The euchre prize in the ladies' section was won by Mrs Scriven, and in the other section by Mr Cole, and the consolation by Mrs Coles, J. E. Day, and L. Stephens. The carpet bowls competition was won by Mesdames S. Dalrymple, Bentleigh, and Messrs. J. Smith and G. Wilding.

Carpet Bowls. — The Beaufort Fire Brigade Ladies' Club held a carpet bowls competition on Tuesday afternoon, and the members of the winning team were Mesdames Bentleigh, Dalrymple, V. W. Gillingham, A. Beer, Broadbent, and T. Thacker.

Social for Band. — The Beaufort Town Band Ladies' Auxiliary held a social on Monday night in Mrs Bentleigh's room. During the present week two large boxes containing 103 pairs socks, 20 pairs mittens, and 20 scarves were forwarded to the Headquarters, Victoria Division, Australian Comforts Fund. Ten district soldiers are now in camp here, assisting on a sleeveless pullover, balaclava, skull cap, mitten, and cut tobacco have been handed to them together with canteen orders. Mrs Walsh, 6—0. Semi-Finals, 1st Feb., 1941. Preliminary Final, 8th Feb., 1941 Grand Final, 15th Feb., 1941.

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DRAW FOR SEASON, 1940-41.

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23rd Nov.—Methodist v. St. John's Waterloo v. Brewster, Raglan v. Burnbreet.

SECOND ROUND.

30th Nov.—Raglan v. Brewster, St. John's v. Burnbreet, Raglan v. Waterloo.

7th Dec.—Methodist v. Raglan, St John's v. Brewster, Waterloo v. Burnbreet.

11th Jan.—Burnbreet v. Brewster, Raglan v. St. John's, Methodist v. Waterloo.

18th Jan.—St. John's v. Methodist, Brewster v. Waterloo, Burnbreet v. Raglan.

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Neighboring Shires.

ARARAT SHIRE COUNCIL NOTES.

At the monthly meeting of the Ararat Shire Council on Friday, 18th inst., a letter was read from the Department of Lands and Survey, asking if Council had any objection to leasing of road west, south, north-west of allot. 32b3, parish of Woodnaggerak, to Mr Ryan and Mr Bell, for a period of allot. 29A, easterly 25 chains, section C, parish of Woodnaggerak, to A. Whitney, west of allot. 42, section H, parish of Woodnaggerak to H. Dunning. To be on table for one month. — "Advertiser."

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F.B. Ladies' Social Club.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club held their annual birthday party on Thursday afternoon and evening at the Shire Hall. There was a large attendance of members, and also 40 guests from the Ballarat City Brigade's Social Club. A very enjoyable time was spent.

The following programme was contributed, and was greatly appreciated: — National Anthem; opening chorus, company; Mrs A. E. Wilson; recitation, Mrs Williamson; mouth organ solo, Mrs Rarg; solo, Mrs Hinsch; broadcast, Messdames Linke, Dunn, Ferguson, and Gillingham; solo, Mrs Dunn; humorous reading, Mrs J. Hughes. The accompaniments were played by Mrs E. DeBaere and Skene.

After Mrs Dunn had sung, "Here Will Always be an Old England," the president (Mrs J. Hughes), on behalf of the members, handed over the new flag for the Fire Brigade to Captain Duke.

Certain members of the ladies, and commented on their wonderful work for the many patriotic purposes.

Mrs Hughes heartily welcomed the members of the Ballarat City Fire Brigade Ladies' Bowling Club to the gathering.

Mrs Barlow responded, and said the members of the City Club always appreciated the coming to Beaufort, as they had always had a good time. To-day they had handed over six trophies from her club, to be played for in a teams' competition.

Captain R. A. D. Sinclair, on behalf of the members of the Shire, and as president of the Shire, congratulated the Beaufort Fire Brigade Ladies' Club on the fine effort they had made for the Comforts Fund, and hoped they would still carry on their good work.

A competition was conducted by Mesdames A. J. Hughes (Beaufort) and Martin (Ballarat).

The singing of "God save the Queen" then terminated a very successful euchre tournament and dance took place; the dance music being supplied by Mrs Dunn. The winners of the ladies' euchre prize was Mrs Ellis, and of the consolation prize Mrs S. Coles. The men's euchre prize was secured by Mr R. Woodall, and of the consolation prize by Mr T. Darling. Mr Blake won an entrance prize, and returned it as a donation. A novelty dance was won by Miss B. McDonald and Gnr. J. H. Harris. The secretarial duties were in the hands of Mrs J. Duke.

Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club.

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Mrs now desires helpers to concentrate on sleeveless pullovers, whether knitted or sewn, in preference to scarves and other woollen articles, as there are no military issue, and though summer is approaching in Australia, winter will soon make itself felt in camp life. There are several navy and air force men also stationed at camp and prepared for sewing together at the depot, and volunteers are required for work for the forthcoming week on an early date. Attention is drawn to the necessity when cutting out socks to provide that the top will stretch seven inches. Comforts supplied to the men on the eve of our fighting men since last acknowledgment are:—

Betty Carmichael, cap, pair socks; Mrs A. Acton, scarf; Mrs W. Pearce, 2 pairs socks; Mrs Jack Ellis, magazines; Mrs E. J. Muntz, 2 pairs socks; Miss Troy, 2 pairs socks; Miss Tulloch, 10 packets cigarettes; Mavis Gillingham, pair socks; Mrs E. Wilson, cap; Miss A. Norman, 2 pairs socks; Mrs J. Acton, 2 balaclavas; Mrs Arch Kirkpatrick, 12 soap, packet matches; Miss Phyllis Dunn, pullover; Mrs Bentleigh, pair socks; Doris Johnson, 2 pairs socks; Miss M. Hayward, pair socks; Miss D. Ward, pair mittens; Miss Coy, pair socks; Mrs S. Humphrey, pair socks; Jack Wyllie, scarf; Miss Mavis Dunn, pair socks; Miss O. Young, pair socks; Miss S. Jackson, pair socks; Mrs Ryan, pullover; Mrs Ramage, 2 pairs socks; Mrs E. Wilson, scarf; Miss Morley, 2 pairs socks; Mrs Wm. Gillingham, magazines; Miss R. Bennett, pair socks; Miss E. Ryan, 3 pairs socks.

(Per Raglan Patriotic League.) Mrs McNish 2 pullovers, 6 pairs socks, scarf; Mrs A. Drew, 2 pullovers, pair socks, scarf; Mrs Wm. Gillingham, cover; Mrs P. Johnston, 2 pair socks, pair mittens, cap; Mrs G. Jardine, 2 pairs socks; Mrs R. Crocker, 2 pairs socks; Mrs V. Welsh, pair socks; Mrs A. Johnston, pair socks; Mrs V. Gillingham, pair socks; Misses S. L. and A. Ball, pair socks, 5 pairs mittens; Mrs A. Pitcher, 2 pairs mittens; Mrs G. Lancey, 2 caps; Miss M. Lancey, 3 caps; Mrs J. Thomson, 2 balaclavas, cap; Mrs P. Johnston, 2 pairs socks.

Beaufort district soldiers now on leave are:—Gunner F. Johnston, Gunner J. H. Harris, Gunner A. E. Trengove, Pte. A. B. Shannon; Ptes. W. T. Smith, G. W. Bagnall, M. Crick, I. Lowe, T. Kelly, A. R. De Valle.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON.

Mr William John Bruce Johnson, a well-known Beaufort business man, passed away in the Ballarat Hospital on Thursday morning, at the commencement early age of 61 years. Mr Johnson, whose death is much regretted by a host of friends and acquaintances, had been seriously ill for some time past, and everything was done by his wife and family in their sad loss. Mr Johnson came to Beaufort as an operating theatre assistant to the late Dr. Kirkpatrick, and afterwards entered the employ of the late Mr. A. H. Searle in the wood-working and undertaking trade. He eventually purchased Mr Sands' interest in the business, which he carried on for a number of years; ultimately launching out in a fresh venture as a job printer, bookbinder, and stereotyper. He was a man of considerable ability, and possessed qualities which earned the esteem of all who knew him. He took the last week of which were industry and enterprise. During his residence in Beaufort, Mr Johnson took an active part in public matters, and was a member of the then Ripon War Memorial Committee, A.N.A., Friendly Societies' Club, Cricket Club, Athletic Club, Swimming Club, and Rifle Club, and official capacity with the Rifle Club, and official status and president of the latter. He was also a member of the Mechanics' Institute. He took a leading part in the formation of a detachment of the 4th Infantry Battalion, being later of the Beaufort battalion, and for a time was the best rifle shot in the Beaufort Club, and a regular member of the Victorian Rifle Union matches in Ballarat, at which he won many prizes. He was also for a long time as a delegate to the Ballarat District Rifle Clubs' Union. He took a keen interest in Masonic matters, and was a past master of the Ararat Beaufort Mark Masons' Lodges. The deceased leaves a widow, one son (Mr Bruce Johnson, Ballaide) and five daughters, Misses Doris, Eunice, Audrey, and Mabel Johnson (Beaufort). One son predeceased him.

The remains of the late Mr Johnson were laid to rest in the Beaufort Cemetery on Friday afternoon; a large number of residents and representatives of business interests and the organisations with which he had been connected attending the funeral.

MAXWELL PETER BARBY.

The funeral of Maxwell Peter Barby, to whose death reference was made on Saturday last, took place on Thursday afternoon, 17th inst., when it left Buangor Presbyterian Church for the Buangor Cemetery, after a short service, conducted by the Rev. J. P. MacDougall, of Beaufort. There was a large attendance of residents and old friends of the family, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt. Many beautiful wreaths were placed on the casket. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. H. Chesterfield, W. Thornton (uncles), W. Mendows, and K. Melville; and the pall was supported by Messrs. H. Hann, J. Jess, M. O'Loughlan, A. Wood, W. J. Hillman, A. Walsh, G. Hunt, and M. Sykes. Rev. J. P. MacDougal officiated at the graveside, and Mr. J. Thomson was one of the funeral arrangements. Ararat "Advertiser."

MR GEORGE ALEXANDER REID.

A very old resident of Ararat, Mr George Alexander Reid, died at Ballarat, after a short illness, on Saturday evening last, at the age of 76 years. He was a son of the late Alexander and Ann Reid, and was born at Ararat, where he spent practically all his life in Ararat. In his younger days he was well known as a champion runner. Mrs Reid predeceased her husband about 23 years ago, and a family of three sons, Arthur and Leslie, of Ararat, and George, of Preston, and two daughters (Mrs Jones, Preston), of Sandringham, are left to mourn their loss. Mr Reid's brother Jack, of Western Australia; James, David, and William (Ararat), and Mrs McCarthy (Ararat) survive. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the remains of the deceased were interred in the Ararat Cemetery. A large number of relatives and friends attended to pay their last tribute of respect, and amongst the beautiful wreaths received was one from the staff of the Ararat Advertiser Hospital. The coffin was borne by Messrs. L. Reid, and G. Reid (sons), and J. Reid (grandson). The pall-bearers were Messrs. S. O'Connor, R. Wicks, A. Traynor, J. Graham, W. Reid, W. Hall, and J. Hall. Rev. Canon Mills. The Rev. F. Borland, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, read the service at the graveside. The funeral was conducted by Mr J. Dunn.

MR. GEORGE SAMPSON.

The death occurred on 24th October at Ballarat, of Mr George Sampson, of Lexton. Deceased, who was 84 years of age, was predeceased by his wife.

MR WILLIAM SCREEN.

The death occurred on 23rd November, at his home in Hopetoun Avenue, Canterbury, of Mr William Screen, brother-in-law of Mr and Mrs Walter J. Scriven, of Beaufort.

DISTRICT NEWS.

RAGLAN.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE ACTIVITIES.

The Raglan Patriotic League continues to gather in some profit from Saturday night entertainments. Although the attendances have not been large, generous donations towards the cost of the hall, the supper, and the trophies, make the proceeds almost all profit. In addition, a number of articles are supplied by the local musicians, Messrs Panther, Gillingham and Welsh (the latter being a visitor), and Mrs Dreezer, at a recent social. Mr and Mrs Close and family intend leaving shortly for their home in Melbourne.

SKIPTON.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED.

A large crowd assembled at the Mechanics' Hall on the occasion of presentations to district members of the fighting forces. The evening took the form of a euchre tournament and dance. After the euchre the "boys" and speakers assembled on the platform. Mr J. Main presided. Cr. Borbidge, who apologised for the absence of the Shire president, congratulated Skipton for its fine effort on behalf of the boys, and referred to sports gained. Rev. F. J. Thomas, for the public of Skipton and district, thanked their friends "from the bottom of our hearts," and felt that the defence of our country was in good hands. Messrs A. Bruce (president of the Skipton branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A.) and C. Grist, on behalf of the Mingay and Bradvale Patriotic League, also spoke. Mr Grist referred particularly to Gnr. Sharman, of Balmoral. Mrs Arch Kirkpatrick, 12 soap, packet matches; Miss Phyllis Dunn, pullover; Mrs Bentleigh, pair socks; Doris Johnson, 2 pairs socks; Miss M. Hayward, pair socks; Miss D. Ward, pair mittens; Miss Coy, pair socks; Mrs S. Humphrey, pair socks; Jack Wyllie, scarf; Miss Mavis Dunn, pair socks; Miss O. Young, pair socks; Miss S. Jackson, pair socks; Mrs Ryan, pullover; Mrs Ramage, 2 pairs socks; Mrs E. Wilson, scarf; Miss Morley, 2 pairs socks; Mrs Wm. Gillingham, magazines; Miss R. Bennett, pair socks; Miss E. Ryan, 3 pairs socks.

(Per Raglan Patriotic League.) Mrs McNish 2 pullovers, 6 pairs socks, scarf; Mrs A. Drew, 2 pullovers, pair socks, scarf; Mrs Wm. Gillingham, cover; Mrs P. Johnston, 2 pair socks, pair mittens, cap; Mrs G. Jardine, 2 pairs socks; Mrs R. Crocker, 2 pairs socks; Mrs V. Welsh, pair socks; Mrs A. Johnston, pair socks; Mrs V. Gillingham, pair socks; Misses S. L. and A. Ball, pair socks, 5 pairs mittens; Mrs A. Pitcher, 2 pairs mittens; Mrs G. Lancey, 2 caps; Miss M. Lancey, 3 caps; Mrs J. Thomson, 2 balaclavas, cap; Mrs P. Johnston, 2 pairs socks.

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Tuesday.

Cattle — Supplies showed a further increase, the total being 600. About 60 bullocks were forward, more than half of which were prime medium-weights, including two trucks from Queensland. There were three trucks of prime quality cows, and the remainder consisted of second grade good and useful descriptions. Competition for best quality Victorian cattle was brisk, rates for same being very firm, whilst Queensland bullocks and second grade cows were cheaper. Quotations:—Prime medium-weight bullocks, £15 to £19 7/6; good, £16 to £17; prime cows, £13 to £14/10/; extra, to £16/10/; good, £11 to £12/10/; useful, £7/10/ to £9.

Calves — A much heavier penning of calves was lately, the total being 197. Only a small proportion consisted of prime sorts, and heifers, but the bulk of the supply were of second grade and chopping sorts. Best quality realised late rates, but others were easier. Beas made £12/6/.

Sheep — There was also an increase in the number of sheep penned, the total being 4,000. It was a mixed offering; prime quality crossbreds being mixed. Lamb descriptions were in the majority, and there were no more extra lambs sent than in recent markets. Although sales were well attended, there was a sluggishness in the bidding from the commencement, and values were 2/ to 2/ 6 head below the improved prices of last week. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 16/ to 18/6; a few to 20/1; good, 14/ to 15/; prime crossbred ewes, 12/ to 15/; extra, to 16/; good, 10/ to 12/; prime merino wethers, 14/ to 16/10; good, 11/ to 13/.

Lambs — A heavier penning of lambs also came forward, totalling 9462; a big proportion consisting of stores. There was a fair selection of trade lambs, including several consignments from local districts. Values for trade quality showed little alteration, but some lambs were much cheaper. Quotations:—Prime, 20/ to 22/; extra, 23/ to 24/10; good, 16/ to 18/; useful, 13/ to 15/.

The following district sales are reported:—Jno Wilkins, Mrs. E. A. Petrie, Learmonth, to 16/; 42 merino wethers, Messrs. J. and A. Liston, Carranderine, 16/1 to 17/10 averaging 13/3; 97 merino wethers, ewes, and rams, Mr A. H. Devine, Cherpstowe, wethers, 11/4; 4 woolly comeback wethers and weaners, Mr L. G. Close, Burrumbeet, wethers 24/9; 80 lambs, Mr D. S. Murray, Wongan, Beaufort, 18/10 to 16/4, averaging 18/2; 94 lambs, estate late Theodore G. Bengs, Marnoch, Beaufort, 18/10 to 17/8 averaging 18/5; 42 lambs, Mr L. G. Close, Burrumbeet, 19/4 to 16/10 averaging 18/5; 12 lambs, Mr R. J. Millar, Claremont, 20/ to 18/; 21/4/3 lambs, Mr F. L. Ball, Wirranee, Raglan, 17/10; 80 lambs, Mr D. S. Murray, Wongan, Beaufort, 19/4 to 16/4, averaging 19/2; 55 lambs, Mrs M. Dobson, Burrumbeet, 21/10 to 21/4, averaging 21/7; 41 lambs, Mr J. McErvale, Beaufort, 18/1; 18 lambs, Mr C. J. Thompson, Burrumbeet, 20/10; 12 lambs, Mr S. Haywood, Burrumbeet, 17/1; 56 wethers and ewes, Messrs. Kirkpatrick Bros., Stockyard Hill, wethers 11/7 to 11/4, ewes to 7/1; 16 lambs, Mr V. Welsh, Raglan, 18/7; 55 comebacks, Mr J. Nothnagel, Beaufort, wethers 13/3 to 13/10; weaners 13/8.

"A Voice . . . . . East. — The following words from "the Edinburgh Review," of April, 1814, after the abdication of Napoleon, are especially interesting, in view of the similarity between the task falling upon Britons now, and the task which was successfully discharged by their forefathers at that time:—"It is a proud and honourable distinction to be able to say, in the end of such a contest, that we belong to the only nation that has never been conquered—to the nation that set the first example of successful resistance to the power that was desolating the world, and who always stood erect, though she sometimes stood alone, before it. From England alone, that power, to which all the rest have successively bowed, has won no trophies, and extorted no submission. She (England) has set a magnificent example of unconquerable fortitude, and unalterable constancy, and may claim the proud distinction of having kept alive the sacred flame of liberty and the spirit of national independence, when the chill of general apprehension, and the rushing whirlwind of conquest, had apparently extinguished them for ever, in the other nations of the earth."

Charcoal — Petrol Comparisons. —With the advent of petrol rationing, the thoughts of many motorists have turned to the use of charcoal gas, and an article in "The Radiator," the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria journal, gives figures compiled by its technical expert, which indicate clearly the savings that may be expected with different mileages. These show that the smallest annual mileage that may be covered with any saving by the use of a gas producer plant is about 7000 as follows:—7000 miles: 100 bags charcoal, £15; maintenance, £2; depreciation £20; total, £37. Petrol: 350 gallons at 2/4, £40/16/; net saving, £3/16/. 14,000 miles: 200 bags charcoal £30; maintenance, £2; depreciation £20; total, £52. Petrol: 700 gallons at 2/4, £82/13/; net saving, £29 13/, leaving equivalent price of petrol 1/5½ per gallon. 28,000 miles: 400 bags charcoal, £60; maintenance, £2; depreciation, £20; total £82. Petrol: 1400 gallons at 2/4, £163/6/; saving, £81/6/, and equivalent cost of petrol, 1/3 per gallon. 35,000 miles: 500 bags charcoal, £75; maintenance, £2; depreciation, £20; total, £97. Petrol: 1750 gallons at 2/4, £204. Saving on charcoal, £107, and equivalent cost of petrol 1/1 per gallon.

THE NEW ORDER

If a new order under the leadership of Germany is to be established in Europe it is well for us to consider what shape it is to take, at least in its outline. For such an enquiry there is ample material in the writings and speeches of Hitler, in the practice of the German Armies and German Governors, and in the changes in such countries as Switzerland, which have been forced to adapt themselves to German orders.

The future of the political and social structure is unmistakable. At its head will be a German oligarchy, an elite with despotic powers. Like all oligarchies, it will be unstable and uncertain. It will therefore be protected by a secret police and will depend on a crowd of informers.

Below the oligarchy will be the German people, the chosen race to which all other peoples, including the Italians, will be subservient.

These people will have special privileges, political, social and economic, but they will have no voice in the government of their country.

Below the chosen people will be the helots, the British, the French and the Italians, whose existence will be tolerated only so far as they serve the interests of Germany. Beyond these will be the Colonials, among whom are to be included Negroes, Arabs and Russians. These people will correspond to the untouchables and will have no rights in this world or the next, which will of course be controlled by Germans.

The political structure then will have four layers, the social structure will have three. The German will walk on the pavement, the Englishman, the Frenchman, the Italian, and the Australian will walk in the gutter. The Colonial, the Negro and the Russian and other races, that make up the scum of the earth will be allowed to crawl on their bellies according to German reckoning.

The nature of the economic structure appears from the dealings of Germany with Russia, with Roumania, with France, with the conquered countries such as Holland and Belgium and with countries such as Switzerland which have thought themselves too weak to resist German orders.

There are certain industries chemical, electrical and steel, at which Germans are especially apt. Other countries will manufacture such goods and grow such products as Germans need and no others. From the specifically German industries they will be debarred. Britain will be the clearing house of the rest of the world, and the value of the German mark in relation to the currency of other countries will be varied so that German merchant will make a profit in all their dealings. Workmen will have food and clothing, but they will have no independence and no rights. They will be protected and nourished not as individuals but because their work is necessary to the policy of the State. Any order might be tolerable if its administrators had a regard for their fellow-men. But this order will be administered by men to whom mercy, compassion justice and truth are abhorrent. It can only be established over the graves of freedom-loving people, it can only be maintained over the wreckage of freedom-loving people, it can only last so long as the human race has lost all the gains of the last two thousand years and only so long as it remains without strength, its virtue and its self-respect.

ARARAT STATE SCHOOL PLANTATION.

Partly Destroyed by Fire.

The first grass fire for the season at Ararat broke out on Saturday afternoon, in a patch of gorse adjoining the State School pine plantation, and about two miles south-east of the town. At about half-past three o'clock the firebell was rung at the central station, and Constable Scherger despatched numerous car loads of people to the scene of the outbreak. The strong north wind carried the fire into the pine plantation.

As is usual with these outbreaks in the vicinity of the town, the willingness of the volunteers was counter-balanced by the lack of fire fighting equipment. There was not one water cart at the outbreak, and little could be done until the wind dropped, when the men were able to rake the burning debris back. The fire crossed a road and was worked into the gravel pits, where it was got under control. Mr C. Crossley did good work with his utility truck and a few milk cans.

One half of this valuable plantation, which covers 10 acres, was destroyed. The trees were planted about 12 years ago, and have reached a height of 15 ft. Some grass and fencing belonging to Mr J. Pance was also burned. — "Advertiser."

Canteen Orders Useless in Britain.

— Canteen orders were never intended for use by Australian troops in Britain, and cannot be redeemed at British canteens. When the orders were first issued, it was specifically stated that they were not to be used in Britain, but some people have sent them to the men who have been unable to negotiate them. When the Australians unexpectedly went to Britain negotiations were opened to establish canteens in Britain, but on account of difficulties these negotiations were dropped. Then efforts were made to arrange with the body controlling British canteens to honour Australian orders. No reply has been received to these overtures. Donors of canteen orders, however, need not fear that the orders sent to Britain will not be honoured. If they are returned to Australia they will be honoured here, but their return is not advised, as the men may yet be able to cash them themselves.

C.W.A. NOTES.

STREATHAM.

Mrs Le Marquand presided at the monthly meeting of the Country Women's Association. The attendance was small on account of so many being busy with shearing. Arrangements were made to hold a ball in November for patriotic funds. The competition (marmalade) was won by Mrs J. Kinnersley, Mrs Dorrington being second. Twenty pounds of jam were sent away to Naval House, Melbourne. Two more War Savings Certificates were purchased by the group. —"Ararat Advertiser."

Y.M.C.A. IS WORKING FOR THE TROOPS IN 21 CENTRES IN VICTORIA.

In distant and near camps, and in the city as well, the Y.M.C.A. continues to cater for the men of the fighting forces. Among the newer centres are those at Somers, Ballarat Common, Ballarat Showgrounds, Darley (Bacchus Marsh) and Bonegilla. The rest room and the Hospitality Department—both in Elizabeth Street, Melbourne—are serving the boys on the city end. There was a four-day record recently for the rest room, when 1017 cups of tea were served free to the men, and since Easter over 151,000 have accepted refreshments. Mr Les. Cutler and Mr J. Boardman are the two enthusiastic representatives in charge of the room, whilst the canteen arrangements are in charge of Mrs Jenner, assisted by an army of voluntary workers. Thousands of men — soldiers, sailors, and airmen — have been billeted in private homes for week-end leave, and convalescent leave, through the Hospitality Department in the last six months. A branch of this service, much appreciated by interstate men in particular, is the "House-hunting Branch." The men themselves have so little time for making the necessary enquiries, and for chasing round after flats and rooms and board for their relatives, that information of this kind is a great help to them. Hospitality has also been arranged locally for the troops at Dandenong Camp in quite a big way, and indeed the week-end home scheme of the Association is rapidly spreading and growing in popularity.

On Trek With the Troops.

The Y.M.C.A helped to make history, on trek with the troops from Seymour to Bonegilla. On this longest trek on record for troops changing camp, every effort was made to supply facilities for the boys. This service was made possible by the financial co-operation of the Australian Comforts Fund. A car, with well-laden trailer, and two tents—one for each of the two columns,—formed the major part of the equipment. As soon as the first camping site was reached, the Y.M.C.A. representative set to work to get things ready for the men. There was a rush to the "Y" tent as soon as tea was over, and the boys once more proved that the troops do write home. They wrote sitting, standing, or lying down. The Y.M.C.A. not only provided the note paper and envelopes, but attended to both incoming and outward mail. During the trek, Mr Watson, the, Y.M.C.A. representative with the troops, distributed over 5,000 letters, post cards, and telegrams; sold 25 worth of penny stamps and travelled 700 miles in the service of the two columns. The boys showed fine sense of appreciation and honour. On one occasion when the representative had to be out of the tent, he put £1 worth of stamps in a box with the notice, "Help yourself and put the money in the box," and he got 4d over.

WAR SAVINGS ESSAY COMPETITION.

Does your household shelter Australia's best school essayist? Probably the question has never occurred to you before, but you will know the answer to it before the end of this year.

On October 31, 300,000 youngsters over the age of 12 will sit down at their school desks to tackle the greatest mass contest in school history. For one school hour 300,000 pens will be wielded in a discussion of some aspect of Australia's war effort.

Most children are inclined to moan a little when they are set to write an essay. It is safe to say, though, that there will be very little moaning or mental agony on this occasion, when they will be playing a part in a national effort, and if their own effort be good enough, they may earn handsome prizes in the form of War Savings Certificates.

The essay is a feature of War Savings Week. In the organisation of the contest, embracing as it does every city, every village and every hamlet from the Leeuwin to the Line, the education and University authorities in every State are co-operating with the War Savings organisation.

Boys and girls of each school are eligible for the competition. They are being divided into two age groups — between 12 and 15, and between 15 and 18. Three prizes will be given in each group in each State.

Prize-winning essays in the States will be forwarded to Canberra, where Sir Robert Garran and the Federal Treasurer will examine them in order to award the special Commonwealth prizes. Altogether the prizes will be worth more than £300, but most of this is being provided by sponsors. In Victoria the sponsor is Nicholas Pty. Ltd., Aspro Buildings, South Melbourne.

For children under 12 there will be a handwriting test, and this will provide the greatest mass slogan-writing contest in history.

POSTAL INFORMATION.

CHRISTMAS MAIL FOR THE FIGHTING FORCES.

The Acting Deputy Director Posts and Telegraphs, Mr H. J. Conolly, urges readers to post their Christmas mail for members of the fighting forces overseas as early as possible, to ensure delivery before Christmas Day. All such mail should be correctly addressed, and the sender's name and address preceded by the word "From," should be placed on the back of each letter or packet.

The details of addressing for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, are set out hereunder:—

ARMY: Mail for the Australian Army Forces overseas should be addressed, "A.I.F., Abroad," and should include the addressee's **number, rank, initials, name, and unit** (i.e.regiment, battalion, etc.)

NAVAL PERSONNEL: Mail for the Naval personnel in H.M.A. ships should be addressed, "Care G.P.O.," and should include the addressee's **rank or rating, initials and name,** as well as the name of the ship or shore establishment. It is desired that the **location** of the ship or name of a capital city should not be shown.

AIR FORCE: Mail for members of the Air Force should be addressed as follows:—

If a trainee under the Empire Air Training Scheme, the address should be either—

"Royal Australian Air Force, c/o. Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, Canada," or

"Royal Australian Air Force, c/o. Royal Air Force Headquarters, United Kingdom."

According to whether the addressee is located in Canada or the United Kingdom.

In regard to mail matter for specific units of the Air Force abroad, the address should include addressee's **rank or rating, initials, and name,** followed by "Royal Australian Air Force, Abroad." Mr Conolly stressed the need for showing the words, "Royal Australian Air Force" in full, as against an abbreviation of the initials, which may lead to confusion.

So far as parcels are concerned, it is most important they be packed adequately to prevent damage arising from the pressure they may receive, and from climatic and other conditions to which they may be subjected in the course of transmission. A parcel comprising a number of articles loosely packed in a paper or flimsy cardboard container will inevitably break open before it reaches its destination. The contents must be packed tightly in a strong container, which, in turn, should be wrapped in some strong material, preferably linen, calico, or canvas, securely sewn up. Particular attention should be paid to sharp instruments and articles with sharp corners or edges; for example, a tin box. They should be so packed or padded that they will not work through the outer container or covering. The address should in all cases be written in bold letters on the cover, in ink or moistened indelible pencil, and not on a label either tied or pasted on.

Owing to the time taken on the journey, and the climatic conditions which may be experienced, food of a perishable nature must not be enclosed, and any non-perishable eatables should be packed in air-tight tins.

Gift parcels forwarded by Australian citizens, or by commercial firms, on behalf of individual Australian citizens, to individual members of the forces, are admitted to Great Britain and to Palestine free of customs duty, provided that they are clearly indicated as being in the nature of gifts. The word "GIFT" should therefore be inscribed in prominent characters, to the left of, and near the address on the parcel. It is, however, necessary for senders to complete the usual Customs declaration.

Australians Serving With British Units. — Parcels for other Australians who are serving in units of the British Army should bear, in addition to the full unit address (i.e., number, rank, name and initials, section of unit, and name of unit), the words, "c/o. Australian Women's Voluntary Service, Australia House, Strand, London, W.C.2," which organisation has undertaken the distribution of these particular parcels. It should be particularly noted that this applies to Australians serving in the British Army, and not members of the Australian Imperial Forces.

Thanks From Political Candidate. — Dr. H. D. B. Miller, who was a candidate in the Labor interests for the Corangamite seat, has forwarded a letter of thanks to the "Ripon shire Advocate" office. This reads as follows:— Please accept my thanks for the courtesy and consideration extended to my supporters and myself during the recent Federal election. It is very heartening to find such a fair and impartial attitude taken by the country press." Dr. Miller is a member of the A.I.F., and is at the Geelong camp.

No Further Garage Restrictions. —In giving consideration to any further restrictions on the hours of garages, the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria felt confident that the State Government would consider the convenience of the motoring public, and its confidence was not misplaced. The Premier (Mr Dunstan) has announced that the Government does not propose to introduce legislation to compel garages throughout the State to close all day on Sundays. Mr Dunstan pertinently added that there was nothing to prevent the garage owners themselves from coming to an arrangement whereby some might close on one Sunday and others on the next.

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PAST EVENTS RECALLED.

ECHOES OF 1077.

The lowest tender for the Burrumbeet outlet works having exceeded the amount set aside by the Government of £60, the president of the Ballarat Shire Council and Cr. Tompkins for Ripon Shire Council, with Mr H. H. Jackson the engineer for the works, met Mr Groom, the chief engineer to the water works, and obtained from him the consent to excise works to the amount of £400 by leaving out the embankment around the margin of the lake, with the proviso that the joint councils of Ballarat and Ripon agree to complete the works according to the original plan, if it should be found necessary for the purpose of securing the safety of the works then being erected.

An application for a mineral lease of 640 acres at Skipton was abandoned. It is referred to a coal discovery, and did not speak very favourably for it.

Tenders were invited for the erection of a wooden building for a teachers' house at Middle Creek.

Prizes were reported to be very plentiful. A few amateur coursers were to figure in the Police Court for coursing without permission in paddocks at Trawalla, which were reserved for the use of the Ballarat Coursing Club.

Complaints were made that "larrikins" of both sexes had annoyed the railway officials at Beaufort by pulling trucks about and depriving them of their rest, and notice was given to the police to put a stop to it.

At the Ararat Land Board, the following applications under the 19th section of the Land Act, 1869 were recommended :— William Henry Welsh, 30a. 1r. 19p., parish of Eurambeen; William McFarlane, 20a., parish of Raglan; Thomas Hutton, 40a., parish of Raglan; William Pree, 60a., parish of Raglan; William Free, 8a., parish of Raglan.

Tributors of the New Victoria Company, Waterloo, obtained for a fortnight 81 oz. 17 dwt. 18 gr. of gold.

Applications for leases under section 20 of the Land Act, 1869 approved:—Mary S. Dalling, administratrix T. McL. Dalling, parish of Mount Cole, 124a. 1r. 38p.; John Keeble, parish of Ragian, 20a.

The prices obtained by Sir Samuel Wilson for the Bridoune clip were the highest ever realised for Victorian wool in the London market; the fleece averaging 42d per lb.; the top price being 60½d; other lots, 54d, 52½d, 50½d.

INCIDENTS OF 1891.

The manager of the Saxon Consols reported a yield of 2 oz. 16 dwt. for a week from the south end of the mine.

The Hopetoun mine, Poverty Point, returned about an ounce to the set.

The Beaufort Dramatic Club held a meeting to wind up matters connected with a recent performance in aid of the Ballarat Hospital, the hon. secretary (Mr J. R. Wotherspoon) submitted a balance-sheet, showing a Cr. balance of £53/11/. The utmost satisfaction and gratification was expressed at the result; it being stated that very few performances in Ballarat gave such a good return. Mr J. Watson, the treasurer, warmly congratulated the active members of the club on the result, stating that as it was the opinion of all who saw the performance that it was the best ever given in Beaufort, they had good reason to feel proud. It was decided to forward £51 to the Ballarat Hospital, some money being still outstanding, and the expenses of the gathering having to be paid. Messrs Sinclair and Wotherspoon were nominated as life-governors of the Ballarat Hospital; it being also decided on the motion of Mr Wotherspoon that in the event of only one being allowed, Mr Sinclair should receive the appointment. The meeting then took a social turn; refreshments being provided and appropriate toasts honored. The Beaufort Amateur Dramatic Club was then formed; Mr Sinclair being appointed stage manager, and Mr Wotherspoon secretary.

On the occasion of an examination for results by Inspector Livingstone, the Middle Creek State School for the third year in succession gained the maximum percentage of 100.

Inspecting-Superintendent Chambers visited the Beaufort, Waterloo and Lexton police stations, and was so favorably impressed by their appearance that he made flattering reports to headquarters, which was gratifying to the officers in charge.

The Beaufort police made quite a haul when five men were locked up at one time — a circumstance very unusual to Beaufort.

Captain Geo. Eddy inspected the Beaufort detachment of the Victorian Rangers, and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction with their appearance and the way they turned out.

A football match between Beaufort and Waterloo resulted in a win for Beaufort by 3 goals 10 behinds to 1 goal 5 behinds.

A Waterloo correspondent reported gold yields for a week by co-operative parties, totalling 35 oz. 7 dwt.

HAPPENINGS IN 1906.

An election of a representative in the Legislative Council of Victoria for the Nelson Province, vice Hon. Hans W. H. Irvine (who resigned to contest the Grampians seat in the House of Representatives), between Messrs. E. H. Ausstin, farmer and grazier, of Dobles, and Theodore Fink, solicitor, Balaclava, resulted in the return of Mr Austin by a majority of 333; the polling being—Austin, 1512; Fink, 1179. In the Beaufort division the totals were — Austin, 96; Fink, 34.

A receiving office in connection with the Beaufort branch of the Bank of Victoria was opened at Bungangor, to transact business every Friday.

Mr George Lewis, of Mawallok Station, Beaufort, grazier, was appointed a director of the Ballarat Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited.

A reported district gold yields for a week at Beaufort totalled 152 oz. 6 dwt.

Mr M. J. N. Breen, who had recently been appointed as manager of the Casterton branch of the Bank of Victoria, was presented with a gold watch as a memento of his nine years' residence in Beaufort.

A match between teams chosen by Messrs. I. Jaensch and D. F. Troy, secretary and captain respectively of the Beaufort Rifle Club, was fired at the 600 yds. range (seven shots), and resulted in a win for the secretary's team by 16 points—232 to 216. Prizes of 15/ and 5/ were given for highest and second highest scores. H. Trompf and H. Baker, who reached the limit, were declared to have tied, and in the shoot-off H. Trompp won by one point (31 to 30) and thus took first prize; H. Baker winning the second.

A Somewhat Unpleasant Experience. — On Wednesday, October 9, "Crack Shooter" had rather an unpleasant experience. He left his car parked on the side of the road, and was absent about two hours. On his return, he found a reptile curled up in his car. Rushing for a stick, "Trap Shooter" had a wild shot; coming down with a terrible blow on the steering wheel, which necessitated repairs at a local garage. A successful second blow followed. After this nerves steadied, he found, to his astonishment, that some person had placed the dead reptile there as a joke. If the like happens again, the veteran intends taking the matter to the "strong arm" and having the culprit apprehended.

British Wool Agreement With South Africa. — A new wool agreement, under which Great Britain will purchase the exportable wool surplus of the Union of South Africa at prices in accord with the schedule fixed last year has recently been completed. The arrangement will continue for the duration of the war, and one year after. The schedule will be open for reconsideration if the price to Australia and New Zealand should be altered. As in the case of Australia and New Zealand, any net profit on re-sales of greasy wool for use out side the United Kingdom calculated over the whole of the period of purchase, as shown by the final amount, will be shared equally between the United Kingdom Government and the Union Government. The whole of this benefit will be passed on to the South African wool producers.