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BEAUFORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FEBRUARY MEETING.

Successful Effort for Ararat Hospital BUANGOR SPORTS

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

Prospects of an unpleasantly hot north-wind day for the Buangor Sports Club's annual gathering at Toronto Park, were not fulfilled.

Boys' Race, under 10, 75 yds. 3/2, and 1/4 - W. Roberts, 1; Eddie Dunn, 2; Kevin Dowdsley, 3. Won by a yard. Nine starters.

Girls' Race, under 10, 50 yds. 3/2, and 1/4 - H. Martin, 1; Dorothy Parker, 2; Elvie McCreary, 3. A close finish. Eight starters.

Handicap Race, 100 yds. 3/2, and 1/4 - H. Martin, 1; Kevin Dowdsley and Kevin Drummond, 2; W. Dowdsley, 3. Won easily by seven or eight lengths. Three starters.

Boys' Bicycle Race, under 10, 16 miles. 1 - Phil Davies, 20 yds.; 2 - G. Johnson, 5 yds. 3/4. Won by six to seven lengths. Eight starters.

Half-mile Bicycle Race for Amateurs - Trophies.

First heat - J. Dryburg, 60 yds. 1; Mill, 20 yds. 2; C. Johnson, 10 yds. 3. Time, 1.52.5. Won by a length. Seven starters.

Second heat - E. Hogan, 40 yds. 1; L. House, 40 yds. 2; R. Dryburg, 40 yds. 3. Time, 1.38. Won by a length and a half. Seven starters.

Third heat - K. Fielding, 110 yds. 1; R. Goodson, ser. 2; W. Studd, ser. 3. Time, 1.56. Won by a close finish. Eight starters.

Final - L. House, 1; L. Mill, 2; J. Dryburg, 3. Time, 1.13. Won easily by seven or eight lengths. A length separating second and third. Nine starters.

Handicap Footrace - 100 yds. 1 - M. Siee, 13 yds. 2; L. Dunne, 12 yds. 3. Time, 1.14.5. Won by less than a yard, with half a yard between second and third. Six starters.

Ladies' Footrace, 75 yds. - Trophy - Miss Doreen Pothergil, 1. Won easily by three yards. Four starters. Time, 2.22.5. Footrace - 100 yds. 1 - M. Siee, 16 yds. 2; L. Dunne, 12 yds. 3. Time, 2.12.5. Won by inches, with half-a-yard between second and third. A protest by L. Dunne against the winner, on the grounds that his name was not on the card, was dismissed as the consent of the other runners had been obtained in the first race. Mile Bicycle Race for Amateurs - Trophies.

First Heat - L. Mill, 110 yds. 1; R. Dryburg, 120 yds. 2; C. Johnson, 70 yds. 3. Time, 2.18. Won by half-a-length. Six starters.

Second Heat - L. Torrey, 120 yds. 1; G. Hurley, 60 yds. 2; K. Young, 100 yds. 3. Time, 2.14.5. Won easily by about six lengths, with a wind between second and third. Seven starters.

Final Heat - J. Dryburg, 120 yds. 1; W. Studd, ser. 2; M. Carter, 110 yds. 3. Time, 2.20.3.5. Won comfortably by about five lengths. Seven starters.

Ladies' Nail-driving Competition - Mrs W. Roberts, 1. Bowling at Wicket - Kevin O'Dowd and H. Hardy led.

Five-mile Scratch Race - Trophies - E. J. Carter, 1; L. House, 2; E. Exley, 3. Won by four to five lengths, 20 to 20 yards between second and third. Lap winners - L. House (9), E. J. Carter (5) and S. Cottingham (1). Seventeen starters. No time taken.

J. Jones Handicap Trot, 11 miles - 15 and 11 - W. Smith's Altway (owner), 30 yds. hhd. ser. 1; Y. Dowdsley's Noreen (owner), 15 yds. hhd., 2. Won by less than a length. The other two horses - E. Brown's Epiphany - were left at the post. The riders of Altway and Noreen ascended the starter dropped the flag, and this was corroborated by the starter himself. No time taken. Betting: 2 to 1 on Darkie even; Altway, 3 to 1; Noreen, 5 to 1. Epiphany, Four starters.

Stepping the Distance - 15/ and 15/ - First-constable Banner, 1; J. Berry, 2. The winner was only an inch and a half out.

Sheaf Tossing - Sweepstake - Guessing Competition for a Cake - Rev. Father J. Day. President's Handicap Trot, 9 furlongs - 13 and 11 - Y. Dowdsley's Noreen (owner), 12 yds. hhd. ser. 1; J. L. McCreary's Darkie (owner), 10 yds. hhd., 2; E. Brown's Epiphany (owner), 75 yds. hhd., 3. Won by two lengths, with a bigger gap between second and third. Altway (driven by the owner) had to pull out of the race after a collision with Darkie. Time, 2.42.5. The driver of Darkie (J. L. McCreary) was called before the stewards for alleged interference with Altway. McCreary said it was a bad bend, and did not interfere with Altway intentionally. Altway's driver (W. Smith) also stated that he believed he was not intentionally interfered with. After hearing the evidence, the stewards fined McCreary £1 for careless driving. Four starters.

The president presented a handsome silver cup to W. Smith, driver of Altway, winner of the J. Jones Handicap Trot, 100 yds. and 5/ - Mrs H. Dunn (who guessed the exact weight, 109 lb.), 2; Mr J. J. Cushing (108 1/2 lb.), 2.

Accounts amounting to £3 were passed for payment.

The head teacher (Mr Dalrymple) reported that he was pleased with the attendance. They opened up with 250 on the roll; 66 of whom were in the Higher Elementary School, which was a record.

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Miss E. Bishop wrote, asking the committee to assist in the purchase of a library of French pictorial publications in connection with her French class. It was decided to buy £1 worth of these books, on the motion of Messrs. Wyllie and Scriven.

CHILD ENDOWMENT DETAILS. The Government has already reached decisions on some of the salient features of the proposed Child Endowment Scheme, which it intends to submit to Parliament in the coming session. If the scheme is approved, an allowance will be made to start the payment of allowances from July 1.

The allowance of 5/ a week will be paid for all children under the age of 16 years, in families in which there is more than one child, irrespective of any income they may earn.

With certain qualifications, concessional income tax deductions will be withdrawn for all children in excess of one, but details are still being considered of a proposal to maintain concessional deductions for taxpayers on the lower income ranges.

Where practicable, the allowance will be paid to the woman in direct charge of the children. Normally this will be the mother, but in special cases the administrator will have discretion to pay the father or some other responsible person. Eligibility for the allowance will be based on legal or actual liability for the child's maintenance, and not necessarily on natural relationship.

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WEDDING BELLS. LARKENS - TRENOWE. Tastefully decorated by friend of the bride, the Beaufort Methodist Church was a charming setting for the wedding of a popular young district couple at 5 p.m.

COMMERCIAL. BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKETS. Tuesday. Cattle - A reduced offering of cattle was offered for sale at the Ballarat live stock markets.

Neighboring Shires. ARARAT COUNCIL NOTES. At the Ararat Shire Council meeting on Friday, 21st February, a letter was read from the Public Health Department stating that the shire's sanitary and terms of the appointment of a part time health inspector would be considered.

BEAUFORT A.N.A. FORTNIGHTLY MEETING. The president (Mr W. G. Collingwood) was in the chair on Friday night at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., held at the Mechanics Institute.

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GOOD GLASSES. SINCE 1899. Mr. Marchant, Senr., VISITING BEAUFORT EVERY FOURTH SATURDAY.

IN MEMORIAM. LITTLE. In memory of my nephew and cousin, accidentally killed February 25th, 1937.

SMITH. In loving memory of my dear husband and father, Laurence Smith, who passed away suddenly at Skipton, on March 19th, 1940.

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TENNIS. LINTON v. BEAUFORT. An enjoyable tennis match was played at the Beaufort courts on Saturday between teams representing the Beaufort and Linton clubs.

PROSECUTION UNDER TRANSITORY REGULATION ACT. At the Beaufort Police Court on Thursday, a reference was made to the case of a woman who had been charged with the offence of selling a book.

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BEAUFORT C.W.A. GROUP CONFERENCE AND MONTHLY MEETING. Prior to the monthly meeting of the Beaufort C.W.A. on Thursday, a group conference was held at the club.

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ANNUAL EFFORT RETURNS £65. Bush Nursing Hospital. SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL RESULT. Sunny autumn weather on Saturday favoured the annual garden party...

Red Cross Emergency Company. DEPUTATION TO SHIRE COUNCIL. Standing orders were suspended at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday to hear a deputation from the Red Cross Emergency Company...

Swimming Carnival. A successful swimming carnival for children was held at Beaufort baths on Friday and Saturday. There was a good attendance of parents and children...

WOLLS. The Beaufort Bowling Club played its annual match on Saturday afternoon—three games of eight ends each with three bowls for each team...

CROQUET. Last Saturday the Beaufort Croquet Club held a doubles competition; the winners being Messrs. J. W. G. and J. W. G. who were defeated by Messrs. J. W. G. and J. W. G. who were defeated by Messrs. J. W. G. and J. W. G.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.—Mr W. J. Gillingham, president of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., presided at the monthly meeting held on Tuesday night at the local Mechanics' Institute...

Power Grader.—The shire engineer (Mr E. S. Crouch) at the monthly meeting of the Gravelly Shire Council on Thursday, March 6, reported that a power grader was necessary to cope with the work of the road department...

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Ordinary Cases, Members, £2 10/ per week; Non-members, £4 15/ per week; Children, £1/10/ per week; Non-members, £1/10/ per week; Maternity Cases, Members, £5/10/ per week; Non-members, £10 up to 14 days; Soldier Members, £5/10/ up to 14 days.

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**Neighboring Shires.**

**ARARAT COUNCIL NOTES.**

At the Ararat Shire Council meeting on Friday, 21st inst., the president (Cr. W. F. Kneebone) said that Bunanger people would like another lamp post if there were any to spare. The secretary was instructed to inform the Maroonia Comforts Fund (who asked that they be given two out of six lamp posts for sale as scrap iron), on the motion of Crs Hucker and Brebner, that the Council considered it unwise to break up the posts. The engineer said that the Shire of Ripon desired to know if Ripon's bridge was of much value to ratepayers in that vicinity. The decking was in poor condition. It was suggested that a new east and west road be provided, which would eliminate the bridge. The engineer added that he advised putting in longitudinal planks on the decking. —Ararat "Advertiser."

**ARE YOU PLAYING THE GAME?**

Have all motorists asked themselves whether they are playing the game in regard to petrol rationing? Most of them are loyal, abiding by the restrictions imposed in the national interest, but there are a few who use every means to defeat the purpose for which rationing was introduced. Would it have been profitable for unscrupulous persons to print forged ration tickets unless there were motor-car owners, equally unscrupulous, eager to buy them? At a time like this, when the nation is in the throes of a life and death struggle with forces which threaten their avowed object, the destruction of internal freedom throughout the world, it is the duty of everyone to give whatever assistance he (or she) can to strengthen our resources to meet any blows which may be directed against us. Australia is not a motor fuel producing country. Our annual consumption is in the neighbourhood of 350,000,000 gallons, of which we produce about 10,000,000 gallons from shale oil, and 20,000,000 from other sources, and benzol from coal. We therefore produce less than one-tenth of our fuel oil requirements; the remaining nine-tenths having to be imported. The effort of the Government to build up resources of motor spirit for the planes of the Royal Australian Air Force, the vehicles of the Armoured Division, and for the ships of our Navy, should not be defeated by unscrupulous individuals who are bending their misguided energies in the attempt to get more than their share. Every motorist is familiar with the person who has spare ration tickets, having applied for more than he needs. This man actually is a "fifth columnist," in that he is endeavouring to lessen the vital oil reserves which may become the determining factor of the war. The R.A.C.V. regrets that the necessity for fuel rationing has arisen. It would like to see unlimited petrol available at a reasonable price. It did its utmost to get an allowance for the private motorist sufficient to enable him to cover a moderate amount of recreational mileage each week. But it realizes that the vital needs of the country come first, and it appeals to all motorists to economise in the use of petrol, and to those who have saved ration tickets by means of such economy, to return the tickets so saved to the Liquid Fuels Board.

**NOT THE LAW.**

In the last issue of the R.A.C.V. Notes, a warning was given of the necessity for motorists to remove the registration discs from the windscreen as soon as the registration had expired, as a motorist had recently been fined at Ouyen for not having done so. It now appears that the motorist in question should have been neither prosecuted nor fined, as Regulation 53, under which the action was taken, was repealed in April, 1938.

**Gifts to the Army.** — Owing to the difficulty of maintaining non-standard equipment, particularly overseas, where spare parts may not be obtainable, the military authorities have had to impose a strict limit upon the acceptance of gifts of other than standard pattern articles, to the Army, except where approval may be given to accept suitable articles as substitutes, such as workshops, tools, mechanical and mechanical vehicles for use in Australia, provided maintenance facilities are available. Intending donors should consult the G.O.C. Command, or District Commandant, as to the nature of their gift.

**COMMERCIAL.**

**BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKETS.**

**Tuesday.**  
Cattle. — There was a very light yarding of cattle forward, the total being 86. Almost half consisted of bullocks, chiefly good and useful lightweights. Cows and heifers included two trucks of prime quality, remainder useful and second-hand descriptions. Owing to the short supply, competition was brisk, and values were 10/ to 20/ a head higher. Quotations: Prime lightweight bullocks, £15 5/ to £16/5/; good, £13 to £14; useful, £11 to £12; prime cows, £12/10/ to £13 10/; extra, £14; good, £10 to £11 10/; useful, £7/10/ to £9.

**Calves.** — Seventy-four penned. There was a fair number of good and prime quality steers and heifers, others useful. Competition was good, and values were firm. Best made £12/13/.

**Sheep.** — 5394 penned, including a big proportion in the store pen. Prime wethers were scarce; the majority consisting of good and useful descriptions. Ewes showed a slight improvement in quality. The market opened to steady competition and values generally were on a par with last week. Quotations: — Prime crossbred wethers, 10/ to 21/; extra, to 22/5/; good, 17/ to 18/; prime merino wethers, 13/6 to 14/6; extra, to 16/; good, 11/6 to 12/6; prime merino wethers, 17/ to 18/; extra, to 19/3/; good, 14/ to 16/.

**Lambs.** — 2483 penned. A slight improvement in the quality was noticeable; there being a better proportion of good and prime sorts, but only a few pens were heavy. Competition was brisk from exporters and the trade, and values were 1/ a head higher. Quotations: — Prime, 20/ to 21/; extra, to 22/7/; good, 16/6 to 18/6; useful, 14/ to 15/6.

**Store Sheep.** — Nearly 3000 were penned in this section, including a good selection of crossbred ewes, and some particularly choice Corriedale wethers. Competition was fairly good; values showing a hardening tendency.

The following district sales are reported: — 42 merino wethers, Misses A. and E. Schlicht, Beaufort, 17/10 to 15/1, averaging 16/4; 31 merino wethers, Mr A. McCormick, Carrham, 10/10 to 14/9, averaging 15/4; 31 merino wethers, Mr I. McEwale, Brewster 15/1 to 13/10; 72 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr Stan. Hamilton, Mena Park, wethers 10/4, ewes 10/10 to 9/3; 70 merino wethers, Messrs. A. McIntyre & Sons, Pretty Tower North, to 10/5, averaging 10/2.

**RECORD YEAR OF MARRIAGES.**

77,890 in 1940.

A record number of marriages and the highest annual marriage rate ever recorded was reported on Tuesday by Mr S. R. Carver, Acting Commonwealth Statistician.

Marriages last year numbered 77,890, compared with 62,449 in 1939; the marriage rate being 11.08 a 1000 of population, compared with the previous highest of 9.62.

Mr Carver also reported an increase in the number of births and the birth rate, while the death rate showed a slight decline. The number of births last year was 126,349, and the rate, 17.97 a 1000, compared with 17.65 a 1000 in 1939. The death rate was 9.73, compared with 9.59 in 1939.

The population at the end of 1939 was reported in a bulletin as 6,997,326, an increase of 67,365 for the year, including 13,691 from migration. The bulletin shows that population increase has been markedly checked in recent years. In the five years 1925-1929 the increase was 554,211, but in the period 1925-1939 the increase was only 291,649.

**Beaufort A.N.A.** — Mr W. J. Gillingham (president) was in the chair on Tuesday night at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A.; five members being in attendance. A letter was read from the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club, granting permission to hold a function in aid of the funds. Mr F. Hains wrote, asking for a clearance to Geelong West, amounting to £12/6/6, were passed by Messrs. A. H. Sands and A. M. Parker. A credit balance of about £48 was reported. Accounts amounting to £12/6/6 were passed for payment, on the motion of Messrs. Parker and Sands. It was mentioned that the delegates to the recent conference (Messrs. A. H. Sands and J. E. Pearce) would present their report at next meeting. Further details were arranged in connection with the club's tour to Melbourne and dance for the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club on Wednesday, April 30.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

**HOWELL — BEGGS.**

Parchment-tinted slipper satin fashioned the gown worn by Miss Diana Charlotte Beggs when she was married to Lieut. Cyril Maxwell Howell at Christ Church, South Yarra, by the Rev. A. H. Ian (of Geelong Grammar School) on the afternoon of Friday, March 21.

From the heart-shaped neckline, a panel gathered to the bodice with slight ruching, was inset down the front of the frock to the hemline, where it widened to give fullness to the skirt, which drifted in to a long train, and the bodice had long sleeves built up on the shoulders. A matching tulle veil was held in place by a circlet of pearls, and she carried a bouquet of deep cream and pink water lilies.

The bride, who is the eldest daughter of the late Mr Theodor Beggs, and of Mrs Beggs, Erambee, Beaufort, was given away by her uncle, Mr Hugh Beggs, and had her sister Penelope and Miss Betty Hay as bridesmaids.

They wore frocks of delphinium blue nylon, made with short sleeves and fitting bodices, allied to full skirts by pointed waistlines. Similar material formed the halos on their heads, and they carried bouquets of delphiniums and cyclamen flowers.

The bridegroom, who is the only son of Mr and Mrs R. C. Howell, Glenmore, had Lieut. John Glenn as best man and Mr Jim Wilson as groomsman.

**WOOL APPOINTMENTS.**

Younghusband Ltd. report (March 22): — JA (in square), Cheston, 1st a/x, 194.

Abelston Mercantile, Land and Finance Co. Ltd. report (19th inst.): — WM/Carrham (Burrumb.) fce. 22d.

**Central Wool Committee**

**By the adoption of a motion expressing the view that the price being paid for Australian wool by the British Government was fair and equitable, the Graziers' Association of N.S.W., at its recent conference, reflected the opinion of the great majority of woolgrowers throughout the Commonwealth.**

The Imperial Wool Purchase Agreement is in effect a huge Empire Co-operative Scheme, and as all co-operative enterprises must be if they are to be successful, it is based on the recognition of the necessities of both consumer and producer. Any petty bickering in an attempt to push other party's advantage too far would have impeded, if not frustrated, the Empire war effort and perhaps have been calamitous to both.

The motion is also an endorsement of the Government's action in the creation of the Central Wool Committee and a vote of confidence in that organization itself. Nothing but praise can be given to the Central Wool Committee for the manner in which it handled the appointment and the shipping of last year's clip. Occasionally dissatisfaction was expressed at some of the appraisements, but in view of the magnitude of the task, complaints were negligible. Similar work in relation to this season's clip is proceeding smoothly. The quantity appraised to date is 2,310,000 bales, with an appraised value of £45,000,000, of which £24,900,000 has been distributed to growers. The balance is represented by retention money on participating wools. The average appraised prices of wool per lb. greasy in the various States are: N.S.W., 12.18d.; Victoria, 13.1d.; Queensland, 12.02d.; South Australia, 11.13d.; West Australia, 12.12d.; Tasmania, 15.17d.; Commonwealth average, 12.36d.

**Seasonal Outlook Premising.**

The seasonal outlook in all States except Western Australia is very promising. In N.S.W. over practically the whole of the State, early rains were well above the normal mean, while in Victoria, Gippsland and Wimmera received heavy falls. In Queensland, following some relief rains in December, succeeding downpours have been exceptionally good, both as to the quantity and the area covered. In South Australia, good opening rains extending to the Barrier and West Darling districts, but the country inside benefited even to a greater extent. The Tasmanian rainfall has been fairly good, but in Western Australia, in the Kimberleys, the advent of the summer rains has been delayed.

The spirit animating all sections of the pastoral industry, plus a bounteous season, should make a contribution to the war effort of great importance.

**Apple-Cheese Tartlets.**

(By Elizabeth Cooke).

Among the desserts which reach top rank in popularity with men, women, and children alike, is that perennial favourite, the apple pie. With a crisp, tender crust, brimming over with sweet, flavoured apples, and a dash of spice, it is hard to beat for downright deliciousness at any season of the year.

In the interests of variety, make the pie pastry with cheese flavoured next time. Or try the Apple-Cheese Tartlets, for which the recipe is given below. These interesting little apple tarts have a double usefulness. They can be served for dessert with cream, or custard or junket, or just as they are, as a treat for afternoon tea.

**Pineapple Pudding.**

2 eggs,  
4 oz. flour,  
4 oz. butter,  
4 oz. sugar,  
1 teaspoon baking powder,  
Pinch salt,  
2 tablespoons tinned or fresh pineapple cubes,  
1 tablespoon pineapple syrup,  
Cream, butter, and sugar together. Then add the eggs one at a time, beating well. Stir flour, baking powder and salt. Add to cream mixture. Stir in pineapple syrup and the pineapple cut into very fine 1/2-inch cubes. Mix lightly. Bake in a greased mould and steam 1 1/2 hours. Heat some additional pineapple cubes in a little syrup and place around pudding as a garnish. Serve hot.

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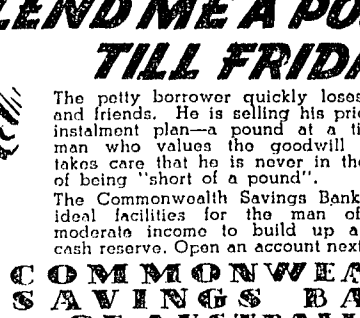
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