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Brigade's Early Morning Call

BEAUFORT A.N.A. Fire at "Woodnaggerak," Middle Creek

Quantity of Wood Destroyed.
At 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the Beaufort Fire Brigade received a call to "Woodnaggerak," Middle Creek, the home of Lady White, where a stack of 60 to 70 tons of wood was on fire, adjacent to a shed. It was estimated about 5 ft. from the shed and it appeared impossible to save. Captain J. Duke and three Beaufort firemen went out to the fire with the motor pump, and got there just as the flames had started to light the walls of the shed. They saved the pump, and got there just as the flames had started to light the walls of the shed. They saved the pump, and got there just as the flames had started to light the walls of the shed.

Beaufort and District Association in Melbourne.

SOCIAL EVENING.
Under the auspices of the Beaufort Association, a very enjoyable social and dance was held on Saturday night, 28th June, in the Unity Hall, Bourke Street, Melbourne, when there was a large attendance of members and friends. For some months the association had been in recess, and this gathering was the first of many, which, it is hoped, will be held. A very fine orchestra was engaged, and excellent music delighted the dancers. The floor was in splendid condition for dancing, and Mr J. Smille acted as M.C. in a very capable manner. A novelty dance, for which prizes were donated by Mrs Moylan and Miss Ellingsen, was the cause of much interest, and some games and singing gave variety to the evening's pleasure. A very nice supper, catered for by N. and H. Chambers, of Clifton Hill, was provided, and greatly enjoyed. During the evening the secretary (Mr G. Ellingsen), introduced the new president (Mr Moylan), who expressed the hope that many of these gatherings would take place, and that the members would support the committee's efforts to make the social evenings enjoyable and successful.

OBITUARY.

MISS ELLEN BARTLEY.
The many friends of Miss Ellen Bartley, of Armstrong Street, South Ballarat, heard with regret of her death, which occurred on Saturday morning, 21st June. Although not in the best of health for some time her death was quite unexpected. The deceased was a daughter of the late James and Catherine Bartley, and for many years was a dressmaker. She was widely esteemed. The funeral took place to the New Cemetery on Monday morning, 23rd June, and was attended by friends of the family. The only surviving member of the family is a sister, Miss Elizabeth Bartley, to whom much sympathy has been extended. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. H. S. Stafford, F. D. Huxter, H. Vine, and J. Wright. Rev. T. Kiniry read the burial service, and Messrs. A. W. Hager & Sons had charge of the arrangements.

MRS. M. GREEN.

The death occurred on June 30 of Mrs Matilda Green, wife of the Right Rev. Bishop Green, formerly of Ballarat. Deceased was the mother of the Rev. Walter Green, of All Saints, Geelong, and was 90 years of age.

VITAL IMPORTANCE OF EQUIPMENT.

Victory will come to the nation which is superior in equipment; other things being approximately equal, said Australia's Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, in his world radio talk.
Equipment does not mean only aircraft and tanks, but the thousand and one things which enable brave men to constitute a modern fighting force.
Ascertaining that the Government must obtain much more finance from the people, the Prime Minister added that the Government expected that a greater percentage of the national income would, in future, be invested in loans and war savings certificates.
"The only way to win this war is to put into pawn every right that we have until victory is attained," said Mr Menzies.
Australia needs millions of pounds for guns, tanks, aircraft, ships and ammunition. War savings certificates in 12 months have provided more than £21,000,000 for the war effort, but with expanding commitments bringing the war and defence bill to something like £250,000,000 in the next financial year, sales of certificates must be stepped up considerably.
Here are some of the things that war savings certificates help to buy, together with their approximate cost:—18-pounder shell, £4; 5.5 howitzer shell, 18; rifle, £9; aerial bomb, £25; depth charge, £50; Bren gun, £150; Vickers machine gun, £250; ambulance, £300; artillery tractor, £1000; Tiger Moth £1200; X-ray unit, hold service £1300; armoured car, £1500; training plane, £1700; Even machine gun carrier, £2000; naval torpedo, £2500; anti-tank gun, £3000; fully-equipped anti-aircraft gun, £5000; Wirraway, £12,000; Beaufort Bomber, £20,000; Sunderland flying boat, £20,000.
"The people can continue to play and pay their part in the war effort by purchasing war savings certificates to the limit of their capacity."

Volunteer Defence Corps.

The Beaufort Unit of the Volunteer Defence Corps held its first afternoon parade at the local Park on Saturday, 28th June, and there was an attendance of 26 members. Messrs. C. H. McKay, C.O., S. Young, physical drill instructor, and J. Webster (adjutant) were in charge. A couple of hours were spent in a short route march, section drill, physical exercises, a lecture on the Mills bomb, and bomb-throwing. The unit will again parade this (Saturday) afternoon.
Russo-German Clash. Discussing the German attack on Russia, the Minister for Air (Mr McEwen) said that this act of Nazi treachery had given rise to many military advantages to the Allies. It obviously drew the principal strength of the German army to a new theatre of war thus allowing Britain to build up material strength for a terrific air offensive. Production of aircraft and other munitions could be pushed ahead with less interference from the principal source of leakage to the British blockade.

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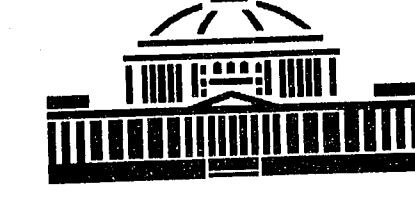
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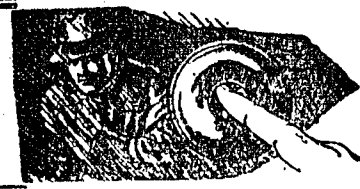
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ADDRESS BY MR. T. T. HOLLWAY, M.L.A.

"The State's Part in the War Effort."

The Leader of the Opposition in the State Parliament of Victoria, Mr. T. T. Hollway, M.L.A., visited Beaufort on Friday night, 27th June, and addressed a meeting of the local branch of the A.W.N.L. There was a full attendance, and Mrs. H. F. Mackenzie (president) occupied a seat at the speaker's table.

Mr. Hollway thanked the ladies for the invitation to be present. All his previous meetings here had been at street corners and he was glad of the opportunity to speak in a cosy room. He thanked the chairman for kindly references made to his father and members of the family. He was here to talk to them about "The State's Part in the War Effort."

They had to admit that in many ways Germany had been successful, but in some important ways she had completely failed. She had overrun France and the whole of Europe, and had the whole of those people under the iron rule of

out as smoothly as possible. Mr. Menzies had also laid the foundation of a totally new constitutional order, introduced into the House this week. By the new programme there would be better co-operation between departments than existed before. He congratulated the Federal member, Mr. Alan McDonald, on being elevated to Cabinet rank during his first few months as a member; his appointment being Minister of External Territories. The Ministers would be relieved of routine work, and would be able to concentrate on the chief job of winning the war. Quickly now the Commonwealth was being carried into a total war effort. A great democracy took a tremendous amount of organisation before it got down to a war basis. When it did get down to that basis, it could hang on a great deal longer than those countries controlled by tyranny and dictators.

The State took a subsidiary part and only supplemented the work of the Commonwealth; its main object being to prepare the civil population for war work. The State had materially speeded up the recruiting programme. The reason why the State authority could be more successful in that way was because it was closer to the people. The whole of the work of the air raid precautions had been delegated to the State. The State had done a tremendous job in that direction. There were good reasons why there were no air raid shelters. One was because they had not the men to dig them. Here they could not possibly expect that they would suffer the same raids of Great Britain. If they looked at it geographically, they would find it was impossible. Air raid shelters

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Tuesday. Cattle.—Supplies showed another slight increase, the total offered being 152, including 56 bullocks; three trucks consisting of prime heavyweights and two trucks of prime medium-weights. There were only odd prime cows; the bulk consisting of useful descriptions. Sixteen competition prevailed and late rates were fully maintained, with an even firmer tendency for the lighter weight bullocks. Quotations:—Extra prime heavyweights, 119 to 120 5/; prime mediumweight bullocks, 116/10/ to 118; good, 114/10/ to 117; prime cows, 113 to 114/17/6; good, 111 to 112; useful, 108 to 109 10/.

Sheep.—2320 penned; being an increase of about 400 as compared with last week. The quality too showed an improvement; quite a fair proportion consisting of good and prime wethers, with several pens of heavyweights. There were a few pens of extra choice young ewes forward. A strong demand existed throughout, and values all round were very firm. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 21/ to 23/; extra, 24/ to 26/4; good, 13/ to 20/; prime crossbred ewes, 16/ to 18/; extra prime young, 20/ to 24/10; good, 13/ to 15/; prime

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Christian Social Order

CO-OPERATION OF ALL DENOMINATIONS.

A strong plea for a combined movement by all Christians of all denominations for the establishment of a new social order based on Christian ethics was made at Ballarat recently by Mr. D. G. M. Jackson under the auspices of the Secretariat of Catholic Action. After pointing out that it depended upon Christians in this country generally, whether Australian State, and possibly the centre of the Pacific, or was to fall into a condition of decay, as it was already beginning to do, and to give place to some other people, Mr. Jackson said it was impossible for Roman Catholics alone, as they represented only one-fifth of the community, to introduce a new Christian order. The co-operation of the other four-fifths—beginning with church people—must be sought. This was something on which Catholics had to make up their minds, and that was not easy for themselves, or for others. He said that he did not mean a reunion movement. There were elements which Catholics and non-Catholics shared in common—their love of God, and belief in the need for a Christian order of liberty. It behoved Christians to get together and to work out the scheme of a

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out of him, while the State stepped in and "slugged" everybody. Mr. Jackson, after briefly outlining a co-operative scheme propounded by the late Pope, went on to say that there must be justice as the basis of government. If it was to succeed, there must be the right to worship, for man was of a religious nature, seeking freedom to serve God. The true function of government in the desirable State should be simply to preserve harmony between different co-operative groups working together. The Pope had set out that the right of ownership was a natural law. In the matter of housing, for instance, a man should own his own home. In America a community of miners had evolved a housing scheme, which also provided for each man owning a small area of land for the cultivation of some of his food requirements. The project led to a fine example of co-operative action. In England during the last war allotment schemes of a similar kind were also very successful, an admirable spirit of helpfulness being evinced.

More Rain Wanted. Recent light rains have been followed by cold, drying winds. Severe frosts have also taken a big toll of young lambs. Grass is very slow of growth, and pastoralists would welcome a general rain.

Broken Ankles. Mr. William Cloke, who had the misfortune to have his ankle broken recently, is making progress towards recovery. He is an energetic young man, and his friends hope to see him about again soon.

EMPLOYERS AND MANPOWER.

DISTRICT NEWS.

AMPHITHEATRE.

High Price for Land.

In the estate of the late Cr. G. P. Howell, a farm of 87 acres of land was sold by auction in four lots by Dennis, Lascelles Ltd. The pieces obtained were:—Lot 1 (17/ per acre); purchaser, Mr. W. Corcoran. Lot 2 (known as middle paddock), 195 per acre; purchaser, Mr. Albert Poole. Lot 3 (situated opposite Studds), 116 per acre; purchaser, Mr. Spellman's). 115/10/ per acre; purchaser, Mr. F. R. Hira.

Orcadians' Complaint. Owing to the unsatisfactory state of affairs regarding the industry, some of the district orchardists are wondering if it is worth while carrying on. Apples, which were of good quality, are now rotting in the orchards, and a number of those who usually engage in pruning and spraying have left for Melbourne, where good wages are available. It is stated that the apple crop was excellent this season, but very little money was received by growers, and all business was adversely affected.

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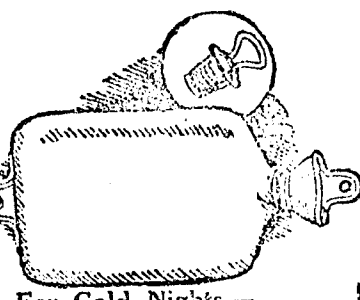
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A Year of Valuable Work Red Cross Society. ANNUAL MEETING OF BEAUFORT BRANCH. There were changes in several important official positions at the second annual meeting of the Beaufort branch of the Red Cross Society, held in the C.W.A. Hall on Tuesday afternoon, and attended by about 40 members. The chair was occupied by the retiring president (Mrs. Alex. Russell, of Mawalok Station). The proceedings commenced with the singing of the National Anthem. Mrs. R. C. Hodgetts (assistant secretary) read the following annual report:—We have pleasure in presenting the second annual report of the Beaufort branch of the Red Cross Society. During the year we have been very busy in our work. We have held several meetings and have been very successful in our efforts to help the war effort. We have also been very busy in our work of collecting and distributing supplies for the war effort. We have also been very busy in our work of collecting and distributing supplies for the war effort. We have also been very busy in our work of collecting and distributing supplies for the war effort.

COUGLE'S Drapery Emporium Outstanding Bargains in Drapery Clothing. Robinson; auditor, Mr. N. B. Action. All the office-bearers are to act as a committee. Miss O. Young was re-elected cutter, with Miss H. Miller as assistant. Mesdames Prowse and L. Watkin were appointed as packers, and Mesdames M. Watkin and C. H. McKay as checkers. Mrs. Russell thanked the retiring office-bearers personally for the high standard of their work, and moved a formal vote of thanks to them. Seconded by Lady White, and carried by acclamation. Miss W. Wotherspoon thanked Miss Young for her wonderful cutting out. This was endorsed by Mesdames Russell, Prowse, and Campbell. A letter was read from the committee of the Beaufort Catholic ball, forwarding a donation of £5.—Received with thanks.



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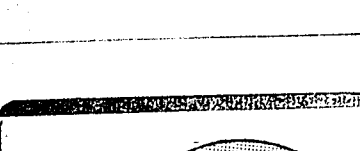
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Riponshire Council.

MONDAY, JULY 14, 1941.

Present - C. R. A. D. Sinclair (President), C. H. McKay, A. MacPhie, J. Kirkpatrick, W. J. Hinton, A. C. Roddis, W. J. Russell.

Cr. Russell apologized for his absence from a meeting of the Council on the 13th inst., when he was recovering from a cold.

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FINANCIAL LOSS DUE TO HELPING OTHERS. The retiring president of the Beaufort Town Band (Mr H. J. Buchanan) presided on Thursday night, 17th July, at the annual meeting of the band, which was attended by 17 bandmen and townsmen. A letter was read from Mr. D. J. Latch, Secretary of the band, regarding the financial loss due to helping other bands.

BEAUFORT RELAY RACE. Won by Ballarat Harriers. The Local Centre annual relay race to Beaufort was started by Cr. A. King, when the P.Y.M.F. Club was dispatched from the City to the Shire of Ripon. The race was an excellent one, Davis (C.Y.M.S.), Parkinson (P.Y.M.F.), and Hocking (Harriers) were the first runners to cross the line of their section. Davis was 5 yds. ahead of Parkinson, with Hocking 100 yds. further back. Bridges increased C.Y.M.S. lead in the second stage, but P.Y.M.F. took front over the third relay. With 8 miles covered, P.Y.M.F. led C.Y.M.S. by 50 yds, with Harriers 440

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HOSPITAL FEES.
Ordinary Cases — Members, £2 10/ per week; Non-members, £4 10/ per week; Members' Children, £1/10/ per week; Non-members' Children, £3 per week; Maternity Cases — Members, 5/10/ up to 14 days; Non-members, £5/10/ up to 14 days; Soldier Members, £5/10/ up to 14 days.

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DISTRICT NEWS.

SKIPTON.

Sergeant-Pilot Frank Donaldson, oldest son of Dr. J. B. and Mrs. Donaldson, of Skipton, is now over-seas as a fighter pilot. He is the first R.A.F. recruit to go overseas from Skipton.

BURRUMBEET.

Show and Gymkhana. The Burrumbeet and Windermere and Cardigan Patriotic branches have decided to hold their second show and gymkhana in November. There will probably be further sections included. Improvements to the grounds will make the ring events more attractive and spectacular.

C.W.A. Meeting.

The June meeting of the Burrumbeet branch of the C.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. A. Grunberg. After the usual business had been transacted, the delegates to the recent conference (Messdames Newton and Thomas) gave a comprehensive report of the conference. The members enjoyed a game of many whist, prizes for which were donated by the hostess. The prize winners were Mrs. A. Duke and Mrs. A. Miller. Mrs. Newton won the guessing competition, and Mrs. D. Walton and Mrs. A. Miller were the winners of the "memory tests" competition. One birthday spray was presented, and all members brought parcels of clothing for the bombing appeal. The president (Mrs. Newton) presented a spray of ink to Mrs. Grunberg, who thanked her for her hospitality.

AMPHITHEATRE.

Residents of Amphitheatre and district have done splendid work during the year for the Red Cross. Receipts of the local branch totalled £173/6/5, which includes an amount of £14/15/11 bank balance in hand. At the meeting, there was a good attendance at the meeting, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. M. Mill; treasurer, Mrs. J. Drinnan. The balance-sheet, which was audited by Mr. I. Living, and certified as correct, showed the main item of receipts to be £137/7/5 from monthly collections. On the expenditure side wool for knitting (£105/0/2) was the main item. An amount of £50 was also sent to headquarters. The branch closed the year with £11 in hand. The public hall committee was thanked for allowing the use of the hall free of charge for all Red Cross purposes.

WAURBA.

Under the auspices of the committee of the local branch of the Red Cross and A.C.F., a successful fund was held in the Mechanics' Hall, when there was good patronage. The honours of the evening for the eucare went to Mrs. Tynan, Messrs. N. Harrison, and A. Loader. Mrs. Gorman, Miss Loader, and Mr. J. Fraser supplied the music for the dance.

Personal.

Mrs. Moran has received news from her son, Harry, on active service, that he has received promotion to sergeant. Sergeant Moran was one of the first to enlist for active service in this district.

The Crops.

Good rains have recently fallen and early sown crops are looking very well, and excellent yields should result.

C.W.A.

There was a good attendance of members at the monthly meeting of the Waupun County Women's Association. Preliminary arrangements were made for an entertainment in August. Miss Morrison gave a demonstration of the making of camouflage nets, and explained that this work was being undertaken officially by the C.W.A. and the Defence Department supplied all materials. Mrs. Grant Coultas gave a very interesting demonstration on savories. These were afterwards sold, and the proceeds were donated to the C.W.A. sheepskin vest fund.

LEXTON.

General Rains. From all parts of the district reports show that good general rains have fallen. For the first time in many months the sub-soil has been moistened, and crops have an excellent chance of surviving winter frosts. The appearance of mushrooms at so late a period in the year seems to indicate that the soil did not get so cold as was expected. Farmers and pastoralists are jubilant about the prospects.

Obituary.

The death occurred at Ascotvale on Friday night of Mr. Francis Whitworth Stuart, 79. Deceased, who was highly esteemed, was born at Doctor's Creek, Lexton. He went to Greenhill Creek with his parents when he was eight years old. For over 24 years he was manager of Mr. John Wise's Eyrie Estate, Elmhurst. Afterwards he went to Swan Hill, and upon retiring from active work, he took up residence in Melbourne. In his younger days Mr. Stuart was a good footballer. He also owned, trained, and rode racehorses in Lexton, Elmhurst, Avoca, and other country districts. A widow, three daughters, and one son are left to mourn their loss. Two sons predeceased their father. The funeral took place at Springvale Cemetery.

SNARE VALLEY.

Church Meeting. The annual meeting of Holy Trinity Church, Carngaham, was held on Sunday last. The vicar, Rev. W. C. C. Duffy, presided. The vicar thanked all who had helped the church during the year. He expressed regret that the attendances were not up to the previous year, and hoped that they would improve during the year. The Sunday school showed a credit of £17/9/4, and the church credit of £29/9/4. The following officers were elected:—Vicar's warden, Mr. Len Greenbank; people's warden, Messrs. W. E. Yoeman and F. Leeman; vestry vicar's nomination, Mr. H. E. Roddis; people's Messrs. Len Greenbank, W. E. Gray, P. Yoeman, E. Nunn, Geo. Smith, C. Howlett, and J. Riley; auditor, Mr. W. E. Yoeman. It was agreed to have the usual tea meeting and concert, and that during the year a direct appeal be made instead of the fair.

Mechanics' Institute.

At a meeting of the Mechanics' Institute, presided over by Mr. R. Morcombe, the secretary reported that accounts for painting the hall had been paid. It was decided that no decorations in the hall be allowed within six feet of lights, Mr. Vas. Whittall tendered his resignation as secretary to the hall, which was received with regret. A minute of appreciation for the valuable services Mr. Whittall had rendered to the hall for 11 years was placed on the books.

A.N.A. Branch.

The fortnightly meeting of the Carngaham branch of the A.N.A. was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday last. The president (Mr. R. Morcombe) presided. The secretary reported three members on the sick list. It was decided to discuss holding an effort for funds for the board's patriotic fund at next meeting. One hospital claim of £1 1/2 was passed for payment. The secretary presented the balance-sheet for the half-year ending May, 1941, showing a credit balance of £12/12/2 in the sick fund, £249/9/8 medical and management fund, £22/5/2 contingency fund, 5/ hospital fund, and £150 invested, which was received and adopted.

Mechanics' Institute.

A very successful dance was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday last, in aid of the hall funds. Mr. Vas. Whittall carried out the secretary duties.

STREATHAM.

Presentation. Prior to her departure from Carngaham, Miss Warren, State School teacher, was presented with a crystal vase from the school children, and a travelling rug and blanket from the residents and district friends.

Card Social.

A eucare tournament was held in the Streatham Hall. Proceeds were in aid of the Bombing Appeal Fund. The lady's prize was won by Mrs. W. Chew, and the gentlemen's by Mr. C. Fitzgerald. The secret table was secured by Mr. Joe Davenport and Mrs. Bruce.

Personal.

Miss Mary Meek took ill suddenly, and was hurried to Ballarat, where an operation was performed for appendicitis. Her condition is satisfactory.

Country Women's Association.

The monthly meeting of the Streatham branch of the C.W.A. was held on 2nd July; 11 members and seven visitors being present.

Soldiers' Letters.

PTE. M. SLEE'S EXPERIENCES.

Writing to his relatives, Pte. M. Slee, who is abroad with the A.I.F., writes:—Judging by the news you have probably been reading, you will possibly come to the conclusion that our life here is a bit of a lull. Well, folks, you sure have guessed correctly in that respect. Both Bill and I have seen a bit of action, and both of us have come through without a scratch, and are perfectly well in every respect. I have been to many different places. We left the beach here some time ago, and are now in a different part of the world. Here it is exceedingly rough and mountainous, and you travel for miles by road without getting anywhere at all. It has its delightful little scenes though, and is vastly different to the desert. The inhabitants, too, are very much different to the higher class of people I should say; and I haven't yet forgotten the reception we received at one village we passed through. They must have looked upon us as liberators, I think. 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