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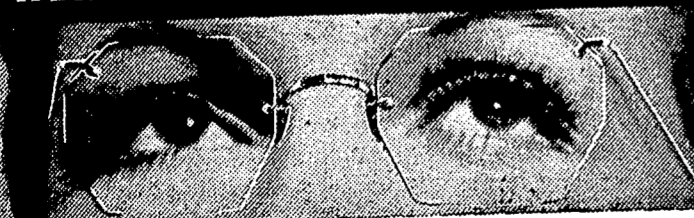
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JOIN UP NOW—NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
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NEXT VISIT TO YOUR TOWN



BEAUFORT,
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HOME GUARD.

V.D.C. Unit.

RECRUITS WANTED.

Twenty-five recruits are wanted by the Beaufort No. 1 Platoon, A Coy., 20th Btn., V.D.C., which carries out interesting military manoeuvres every Saturday afternoon. This presents an opportunity to every man over military age or in a reserved occupation, who feels that he ought to prepare himself to assist in the defence of his country, should the need arise—and who can deny the fact that the call may come any day for the members of the V.D.C. to go on active service? Everyone hopes it will not, but these veterans have the feeling that they have at least tried to fit themselves for any emergency that might come about. Another point that should appeal to intending recruits is that much of the old drudgery of squad and rifle drill has given place to exercises in the field which afford opportunities to men of initiative and intelligence to utilise their talents. CAMOUFLAGE AND USE OF COVER.

Thirty-seven members of the unit were on parade last Saturday afternoon, when an exercise in camouflage and the use of cover was carried out. It proved both interesting and instructive. The men were in charge of Company-Sergeant-Major H. Currie, and Section-leaders A. McGregor, W. Anderson, and S. Hayes; Messrs. C. H. McKay (Company Commander) and S. Young (drill instructor) acting as umpires.

It was assumed that paratroops had taken possession of the rifle-butts, south-west of Beaufort, and had to be dislodged. No. 1 Section, with a machine gun and the Signallers (the section under Mr A. McGregor and the signallers in charge of Mr J. F. Wotherspoon) took over the rifle butts as defenders. Nos. 2 and 3 Sections (under Messrs. W. Anderson and S. Hayes) attacked from the Park. There were no boundaries to the exercise, but to win the attackers were required to take possession of the pit and the butts and consolidate. The duration of the exercise was timed for two hours, to terminate at 4.45 p.m. Any man or men seen or challenged at 50 yds. by any defender or attacker was treated as a prisoner.

The odds appeared with the defenders, and although the attackers did not reach their objective without losing prisoners, they succeeded in capturing some of the defenders.

Commenting on the exercise afterwards, Mr McKay said that on the whole it was excellently carried out, but together with the other umpire (Mr Young) pointed out a number of faults on the part of defenders and attackers that had been noticed.

The unit will again parade this (Saturday) afternoon.

WARRANT OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Two warrant officer instructors have now been appointed to each V.D.C. battalion and W. O. R. Davies last week reported for duty in Ballarat. The second officer for Ballarat, W. O. Parker, will commence duty in Ballarat at the beginning of July.

Be Prepared.—The Prime Minister has emphasised that the danger of an outright attack on Australia remains undiminished. It is the duty of every civilian to use the present breathing space to bring A.R.P. work to a state of efficiency. In your home, check again to make sure that your black-out preparations are complete. Continue your A.R.P. training, remembering the importance of the role of the civilian in modern warfare. Remain alert at all times, for the enemy has proved he may strike when you least expect attack. Do not let our air successes in the North lull you into a sense of false security. In the national interest and for your own protection—Be Prepared.

COMMERCIAL.

Ballarat Live Stock Market.

Tuesday.

Cattle—110 yarded, including 35 bullocks, all of which were of good and prime quality; chiefly medium weights. There were only odd prime cows; the majority in this section comprising useful grades. Competition was again very keen; opening sales being 10/ above last week's advanced rates, and as sales progressed bidding became keener and closing sales were fully 20/ dearer. Quotations:—Prime medium weight bullocks, £19/10/ to £22; good, £17 to £18/10/; best cows, to £15/7/6; good, £13 to £14/10/; useful, £10 to £11/10/.

Calves—127 penned. There were a few extra prime steers and heifers, but the bulk of the supply comprised plain and secondary descriptions. In this section also the demand was brisk and values were fully 10/ to 20/ higher, according to quality. Best made £15/16/.

Sheep—5082 penned. The quality generally was an improvement on recent markets; a big percentage comprising good and prime wethers, chiefly crossbred and comeback. There was a fair number of merino wethers of average quality. Ewes were only moderately represented, but there were no outstanding drafts. Strong competition prevailed throughout and last week's improved rates were fully realised and in some instances values were higher. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 20/ to 31/; heavy, 33/ to 36/1; good, 26/ to 28/6; prime crossbred ewes, 24/ to 20/; heavy, to 29/1; good, 20/ to 22/; prime merino wethers, 27/ to 29/; a few, to 31/1; good, 24/ to 26/.

Lambs—1157 penned. Prime quality again was very limited; the bulk of the supply comprising useful to good. Only a few pens were suitable for graziers. The short supply was responsible for keen competition, and values showed an-

Late Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair

TRIBUTE BY BOYS UP NORTH.

To Mrs Sinclair—
From the Beaufort Boys
Up North.

WE send our deepest sympathy to you in your sorrow. To a Worthy Citizen, who has done all in his power for Ripon Shire and all local organisations, this is a tribute. The memory of him will live in the hearts of all who knew his kindly way of helping everyone, especially the soldiers.

other rise of 1/ to 2/ per head. Quotations:—Prime, 28/ to 30/; extra, to 33/7; good, 23/ to 26/; useful, 19/ to 21/.

Store Sheep—About 1700 entered in this section, principally crossbred weaners and a fair selection of breeding ewes, the quality of which was not equal to recent penning. Competition was not so keen and values were slightly easier.

The following district sales are reported:—Eighty-six crossbred and merino ewes, Mr George Topper, Oakbank, Beaufort, 18/ to 13/10, averaging 16/4; 93 lambs, same owner, 31/6 to 24/4, averaging 28/10; 65 lambs, Mr L. Franc, Middle Creek, to 17/; 100 crossbred ewes, Mr D. R. Hannah, Lamonde, Stockyard Hill, 27/4 to 22/7; 10 comeback ewes, Mr Robert Ward, Derry Farm, Lake Goldsmith, to 15/; 2 crossbred ewes, Miss Ward, Derry Farm, Lake Goldsmith, to 15/; 8 lambs, Mr J. F. Ball, Wirrane, Raglan, 28/7; 2 lambs, Miss Betty Ball, Wirrane, Raglan, 28/; 96 merino wethers, Mr W. M. Fay, Erindale, Carranballac, 30/8 to 28/1, averaging 29/7; 28 Corriedale wethers, Messrs. Kirkpatrick Bros., Stockyard Hill, 13/1; 41 lambs, same owners, at 12/; 14 merino wethers, Mr I. McErvale, Brewster, at 27/10; 28 lambs, same owner, to 33/7, averaging 31/9, being top price and average; 5 lambs, Mr J. McErvale, Chute, to 29/1; 2 lambs, Mr M. McErvale, Brewster, 29/1.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.

Fortnightly Meeting.

The new president (Mr A. H. Sands) was in the chair at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., on Tuesday night, and the newly-elected secretary (Mr W. G. Gillingham) officiated for the first time. There was an attendance of five members. Correspondence was received from the general secretary, Mr Parker, in regard to the appointment of the new secretary, and offering to give him any assistance when required. A circular was read from the Commonwealth Treasury, in regard to the Second Liberty Loan. The treasurer (Mr N. S. McLeod) reported a credit balance of £37/10/ in the sick fund and a balance of £216/11/ to the credit of the general fund. Accounts and sick-pay amounting to £16/0/2 were passed for payment. Mr Sands said he had taken the position of president for the fourth time, owing to the position the branch found itself in because of the war situation. There were a lot of members who could attend the meetings, but did not. Mr Gillingham endorsed these remarks, and said he had not taken the position of secretary because he wanted it, but to help the branch.

THE SECOND

LIBERTY LOAN.

While the mighty forces of the Soviet and Germany are locked in a battle that may well decide the future of civilisation, while Australia and her Allies stand prepared to deal with the menace from the north, while the war of every ocean and every continent rushes to its climax, the Government of Australia has launched the Second Liberty Loan.

Success of this loan is in the hands of every lively-loving Australian, man or woman, great and small. On the whole-hearted response of the people depends the character of Australia's challenge to the powers who seek to deprive us of all the things which we hold dear—the right to live our own lives and all that this means.

Australia's share in this war of liberation is costing the nation one-million pounds a day now, and both the Prime Minister and the Federal Treasurer have warned us that the increasing tempo of the fight will bring further increases even on this stratospherical figure.

A million pounds a day is a lot of money for a population of 7,000,000, but is it too much to pay for the right to live and to rid the world of the scourge that has threatened it since Hitler let loose his locusts on Poland 2½ years ago? A million pounds a day is a lot of money, but is it beyond the capacity of a nation that is earning £1000 millions a year?

In announcing the new loan, the Treasurer (Mr Chifley) pointed out that the proceeds of the loan would be applied wholly for war purposes, and that a full subscription to the loan was an essential contribution to the successful financing of Australia's part in this war for humanity.

The magnificent success of the First Liberty Loan, which created records for Australia in the amount subscribed, and in the number of subscribers, was due very largely to the country's share in it.

In the country beats the real heart of Australia. From the country have come many thousands of men and women to the fighting services. From the country have come immense supplies of food-stuffs and numerous products vital to the prosecution of the war. And from the country has come a great portion of the funds to provide the machines and instruments of battle.

It can be taken for granted that in the Second Liberty Loan the country's part will be on the same grand scale that has characterised its previous participation in national efforts.

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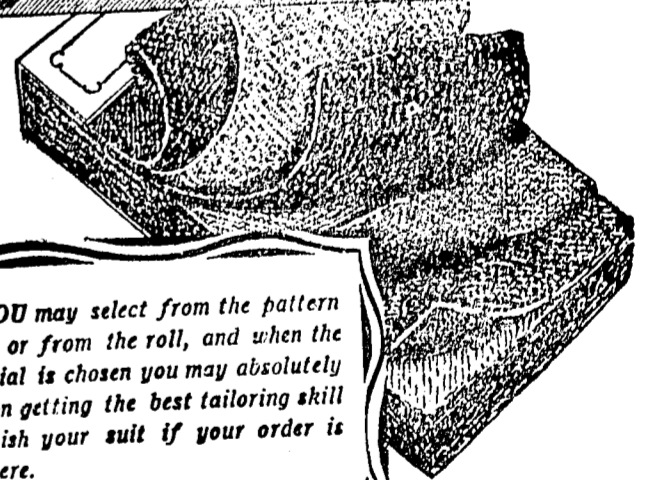
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THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1942.

SHIRE WORKS.

Engineer's Report



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

patching and grading on unsealed sections.
Clause 3 — The engineer submitted the following estimate of C.R.B. road maintenance requirements: — Ballarat-Ararat Road, 140 miles, £30; Ballarat-Hamilton, 19.25 m., £40; Ballarat-Hamilton (Joint Hampden), 0.935 m., £20; Beaufort-Lexton, 5.60 m., £150; Beaufort-Lexton (Joint Lexton),

Riding members and Mr Crouch, with power to act.
Cr. Willis moved that Mr Harris be notified by registered letter not to take parcels for the Council and the station for the future. Seconded by Cr. MacPhie, and carried.
The engineer also drew attention to a small account the shire had against Mr Harris.

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

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work—patching and short leads—but had the advantage that when they could not get petrol in quantities they would be able to carry on. Of late they had had no hold-up on account of the unit, which

HOME GUARD.

At Saturday afternoon's parade of the Beaufort No. 1 Platoon, A Coy., 20th Bn., V.D.C., there was an attendance of 30 members.
Company-Sergeant-Major H. Currie, Platoon-Sergeant S. Hayes and Section-Leader A. McGregor were in charge. The afternoon was to have been occupied by an infiltration exercise, timed for two hours, but this terminated well within the allotted period. Two

had to work individually and keep inside prescribed boundaries; and each section to form a standing patrol some yards from their starting line, who took cover, and to whom prisoners were required to report. The side possessing the most prisoners at the end of the exercise won.
Subsequently competitive ball games were played in the Park.
The signallers, who were in charge of Mr J. F. Wotherspoon, practised lamp and semaphore signalling from hills far distant from one another.

Beaufort is the Capital of Ripon Shire, and the centre of an important Wool-growing and Farming District, situated on the main Adelaide line and Western Highway, 103 miles from Melbourne, and 28 from Ballarat and Ararat. Population of Town, 1400; district, 3000; Ripon Shire, 5000.

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Circulating throughout the townships of Beaufort, Waterloo, Raglan, Chute, Trawalla, Yering, Mt. Emu, Mena Park, Lake Goldsmith, Stockyard Hill, Skipton, Chepstowe, Snake Valley, Streatham, Carranbalnac, Eurnambreen, Middle Creek, Shirley, Bannock, Ballyroan, Brewster, and Lexton.

PRICE THREEPENCE.

ZONING OF SHEARING.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR GRAZERS.

A statement of questions and answers in regard to the zoning of shearing, which will be useful to members, has been issued by the Grazers' Association. It is as follows:—

1. Question: Why was it necessary to zone shearing?
Answer: Because the Commonwealth Government advised the Manpower Authorities that industry would have to carry on with reduced labour, and that so far as the shearing industry was concerned, it would have to be rationalised.

2. Question: Why was the Commonwealth Government not advised that shearing being seasonal work should proceed as normally?
Answer: Because it would have been foolish to have done so. Last year shearing was carried through with considerable difficulty. Since last year a large percentage of the labour then available has gone into the Army, munitions, and other essential industries, and under present conditions it would certainly be impossible to shear all the sheep in New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania in the normal shearing period, or in fact, to organise the shearing at all unless under some organised regulations.

3. Question: Would it not have been better to have refrained from regulation and to have permitted those who could get teams to shear at the normal time?
Answer: Any person who holds such a view as this obviously is not looking at the matter from a national viewpoint, but from a personal one. If the shearing is to be carried out satisfactorily this year with a considerably reduced amount of labour, the industry generally has to be considered, and not the individual grazer.

4. Question: The dates fixed for some districts make it necessary for some graziers to shear at dates not at all suitable to them. Why was this done?
Answer: To shear all sheep in the States affected with considerably reduced labour available, naturally means an appreciably extended shearing season. Obviously, therefore, in many instances, the grazier will have to shear at dates other than their normal ones.

5. Question: Why were not lambing dates taken into account when the shearing dates were fixed, as is usual when a grazer selects his own shearing starting dates?
Answer: It was impossible to arrange shearing dates so as to suit all graziers, as lambing even in the one zone would take place at different times, and it is realised that in some instances it will become necessary to shear before lambing.

6. Question: Why was the season not started at the usual time, and the season concluded months later than usual?
Answer: It was considered that the industry as a whole would run far less risk and would suffer far less loss if the season were lengthened by starting shearing much earlier in the districts not so subject to severe cold, rather than start at the normal time and finish up shearing much later than usual, because by doing so it was feared heavy losses might occur through the ravages of fly and deterioration of wool through grass seed. Also, it was felt that if the shearing season started at the normal time, there would be chaos at the peak of the season.

7. Question: Where organised runs had been arranged, why were same interfered with?
Answer: When a law is introduced, it imposes the same restrictions on all. If ordinary runs were allowed to be carried out, even though they cut across proclaimed prohibited periods, the regulations generally would, of course, break down, as other contractors and graziers would expect the same freedom of operation.

8. Question: If a large portion of the shearing in a particular centre is usually carried out by, say, two-stand plants, the contractors shearing for several months in this particular district, why interfere with this shearing?
Answer: For the same reason as answer to question 4.

9. Question: But who is going to do the shearing in their stead?
Answer: That is where the local meetings must help. Get a clear conception of the position in the particular centre, see what additional labour is required, and take steps to contact local committees, etc., in the earlier zones. Shearers and contractors cutting out earlier than usual at their early sheds naturally will want all the shearing they can get before their late sheds start.

10. Where a contractor with, say,

a two-stand plan shears flocks of under 1000 and more than 1000 in a particular district, is it possible for him to shear during prohibited periods?
Answer: Yes, by organising his run, so that he makes sure that he shears the flocks of over 1000 during the period when shearing is permitted in the district, and by shearing the flocks of up to 1000 during the prohibited period.

11. Question: If the owner of a two-stand plant is restricted as to shearing in his own locality, is he will not go to other districts, is he not his labour lost to the industry?
Answer: The two-stand plant contractor is generally a practical man who makes a considerable amount of his income by doing all the shearing he can get, and under present circumstances it is felt he will travel to other zones, if necessary.

12. Question: Say four owners with flocks of not more than 1000 sheep and lambs each shear in the one shed, can they shear at any time?
Answer: Yes, the Regulations exempt flocks of not more than 1000, and the fact that more than one lot of 1000 or less is shorn in the shed is immaterial.

13. Question: Can a sheepowner split his flock into flocks of 1000, shear the sheep in 1000 lots, and thus avoid the Regulations?
Answer: No. The Regulations apply to every owner who owns more than 1000 sheep.

14. Question: In depot shearing, what is the position?
Answer: Flocks of over 1000 must be shorn during the shearing period but smaller flocks can be shorn during the prohibited period.

15. Question: Surely it is not seriously suggested that women might be employed in the sheds?
Answer: Why not? Shedhands this year will be one of the greatest problems, and it is felt that women would quickly learn to do the work quite satisfactorily.

16. Question: Would not accommodation be a serious problem as regards woman labour?
Answer: Yes, but we are at war, and graziers must meet abnormal conditions, if necessary, and if other suitable accommodation is unavailable, arrange the housing of women workers at the home-stead.

17. Question: Will not cooks be a problem?
Answer: Definitely. Here again is an undoubted scope for women labour. Maybe a shearer or a shedhand could bring his wife to do the cooking, and the couple could be housed in a cottage adjacent to the shed, or some suitable accommodation provided for the women cook. In Tasmania it has been the custom for years to have women cooks. These have proved very satisfactory.

18. How can we get woman labour?
Answer: If a local committee were formed, and due publicity given, local women doubtless would be available for the work. The Manpower authorities possibly also could supply some women, if due notice were given.

19. Question: Would it not be difficult to teach women the work?
Answer: No. In New Zealand it is a common practice for women to do shed work. In South Australia they do it to some extent. It is considered that women would very quickly pick up shed work, such as piece picking, wool rolling and picking up.

20. Question: Are the shearing dates inflexible?
Answer: Yes. Permission to shear during a prohibited period is not likely to be granted unless the circumstances are exceptional.

21. Question: If a grazer decided to start shearing on a certain date, knowing quite well that he could not cut out in time, what would be the position?
Answer: It can be taken as definite that, in such circumstances, the Director-General of Manpower would not grant permission for continuance of shearing after prohibited dates.

22. Question: If an owner has a flock of, say, 1500, which he usually shears with permanent employees and family labour, can he still shear these in the prohibited period?
Answer: No. All flocks of 1000 sheep and lambs and over must be shorn at times other than the prohibited periods.

23. Question: Can a sheepowner with, say, 800 ewes and 400 lambs, decide not to shear the lambs, and shear the ewes during the prohibited period?
Answer: No. The Regulations apply to all owners of flocks of sheep and lambs combined exceeding 1000 in number.

DISTRICT NEWS

STREATHAM.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Streatham branch, C.W.A., was held on 11th June last. Mrs Thomson (president) presided over a fair attendance. The green tomato pickle competition was won by Miss M. Hannah; Mrs Le Marquand being second. The soldiers' mittens competition for the junior members was won by Miss Mary Meek, with Miss Joan Thomson second. Three War Savings Certificates were bought by the group. The work done by the branch for the month was 12 pairs mittens, 5 pairs socks, a cream oily hand spun wool pullover for navy, and 4 camouflage nets. It was decided to send a donation of £3 to the prisoners of war.

A crazy whist tournament was held for the card players on Saturday evening; the winners being Mrs Le Marquand and Mr Dorrington. The younger ones had a happy time dancing and playing games. A prize was given for the most games won, and this was secured by Miss Jean Brown. Proceeds were in aid of the local Red Cross funds. — "Ararat Advertiser."

BURRUMBEET

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Rev. K. K. Luck, minister to the Learmonth Presbyterian charge, who was granted leave of absence while on military duties, has tendered his resignation to the Ballarat Presbytery as minister in charge. The Interim Moderator, Rev. J. P. MacDougall, conducted services in the charge, at the conclusion of which congregational meetings were held in each church to consider the procedure to be adopted.

WOODCHOP.

The woodchop conducted by the local Patriotic Committee on Langli-Kal-Kal is nearing completion. Probably one more day will be required to clear the section allotted. Up to the present 120 tons have been cut and sold. About another 20 tons remain to be cut.

HOUSE PARTY.

A successful social afternoon, conducted under the auspices of the local Red Cross branch, was held at the home of Mrs M. A. Burrows. Proceeds were in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund. In addition to games and competitions there were a stall and slideshows. A euchre tournament was won by Mrs Newton, the entrance prize by Mrs Burrows, a box of biscuits by Mrs Menhennet, and a box of household goods by Miss B. Dobson. The profit amounted to £9/5/6. The fair was officially opened by Lady Currie.

PATRIOTIC SOCIAL.

The second of a monthly series of euchre and dance socials, conducted by the Patriotic Committee in the Burrumbeet Hall, proved very successful. There was a large gathering, and dancers spent a very enjoyable evening to the music supplied by Mr Ron Sullivan. Novelty dances were successfully conducted. In the euchre section the winners were Mr G. Dobson and Mrs Miller; the prizes being donated by Messrs. J. Swan and W. Walton. Supper was served by the ladies.

PERSONAL.

Mr W. D. Newton has left "Novar" Hospital, where he has been receiving treatment for a shoulder injury.

Mr D. G. Walton is an inmate at Eldon House Hospital.

Mr Alex. Matthews, who accidentally cut his foot with an axo, had to have eight stitches inserted in the wound. The axe caught in an overhead bough, thus causing the blow to be misdirected.

AN OLD RECORD.

An old record concerning regulations for the care, protection and management of Lake Burrumbeet and the reserves known as Burrumbeet and Lake Learmonth, states that no person shall enter or remain in the reserves who may offend against decency, as regards his dress, language, or conduct. No person shall damage in any way the trees, shrubs or flowers in the reserves, nor shall fires be lighted therein. No person shall climb or jump over the fences or gates, stick bills thereon, or cut their names on the fences, seats or trees, or throw stones in the reserve. No person shall shoot, snare, or destroy any game in the reserve without written authority. All goats or poultry found in the reserve will be destroyed. No person shall put in the reserve any cattle or pigs, and no person shall allow their cattle, including horses, mares, geldings, colts, fillies, oxen, heifers, bulls, steers, calves, sheep, or goats to wander in the reserves. No person shall bathe in the water of Lake Learmonth, except where bathing boxes are.

AMPHITHEATRE.

RED CROSS EFFORT.

An afternoon tea stall was recently conducted by ladies of the Red Cross. A large number attended, and £3 was raised.

PIONEER'S DEATH.

Mrs Elizabeth Goldsmith, a pioneer of the district, died in Melbourne at the age of 84 years. The deceased lady was a sister of Mr George Studd, of Amphitheatre.

PERSONAL.

Mrs E. Garratt, of Amphitheatre, has spent a pleasant holiday at Canterbury. Mrs Garratt was accompanied by her two children and her brothers, Phillip and Leon Barnett.

PATRIOTIC WORKER.

Miss Alice Jolly, one of the most consistent local patriotic workers recently donated a beautiful prism set, which was disposed of by Dutch auction. Mr J. Rivett, junr., finally secured the set, which brought £2 10/9. Miss Jolly also presented the soldiers (who had a welcome home) with parcels on behalf of herself and the Jolly family. Miss Jolly's kindly action was very much appreciated, as the soldiers had already received parcels when they went away.

DONATION OF WHIP.

Another whip has been donated by Mr Ken McDonald for the benefit of the men who are on active service. The whip was sold by Dutch auction, Mr W. Brizht finally securing it.

DEATH OF PIONEER.

Mr Angus Cameron, a pioneer resident of Amphitheatre, has died. He had been a patient in hospital for some years. Mr Cameron, who was 80 years old, was highly esteemed.

EMPIRE WEEK.

A euchre party and dance took place in the local Public Hall in connection with the Empire Week appeal. It was a financial success. Three novelty dances were conducted and prizes won by Miss Pauline Corcoran-Mr Graham Nell, Miss Alice Cocking-Miss Hackett, and Miss Una Cocking-Mr R. Nell. Mrs E. Anderson and Mr J. Hayes won the prizes for card playing.

RED CROSS.

The local branch of the Red Cross continues working energetically. Another large parcel has been sent to headquarters.

COMFORTS CLUB.

Amphitheatre Comforts Club held an enjoyable social. The musicians were Messrs. S. Robson, E. Robinson, and J. Smith. Mr Len Johnson and Miss Pauline Corcoran won the novelty dance prize. At the card tables the successful competitors were Mrs S. J. Collins, Mr H. Johnson, Mrs O. J. Looney, and Mr B. Egan.

SOLDIERS WELCOMED.

The local Public Hall was crowded when Sergt. Horace McCallum and Corp. A. V. De Merlo were welcomed. Both have been on active service abroad. Speakers who delivered addresses of welcome were Cr. D. Keith, Cr. W. H. C. Ennis, Messrs. E. Anderson, M. Mill, J. Dridan, junr., and Aub. Nell. All spoke in terms of praise of the two guests and welcomed them back to Amphitheatre. Sergt. McCallum and Corp. De Merlo returned thanks for the welcome, and related some of their experiences whilst overseas. They also spoke very highly of the Red Cross and Comforts Fund. Sergt. McCallum was recently married, and his wife was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet. A former Amphitheatre resident (Geoff Croft, of the R.A.F.), was present, with his wife, and they were cordially welcomed. Misses Ethel Cocking and Julie Egan sang patriotic songs.

A similar function was held when Pte. W. Robson and Gunner Rod Cocking arrived home a few days previously. Speakers were the same as at the other social, and addresses were hearty and sincere. The young men were thankful for the warm welcome. They also praised the Red Cross and Comforts Fund.

CHARCOAL BURNING.

A number of men are burning charcoal in the district. Many kilns have been constructed. Tons of dry wood lying on the ground has been gathered, and large dry trees are also being felled. The charcoal is of good quality.

Eyesight and Health. — Good eyesight, free from all eyestrain, and good health go hand in hand. Eyestrain causes headaches, irritability, depression, and many other conditions, too numerous to mention, and in time affects the general health. Should you suffer from eyestrain, then entrust the care of your eyes to Melbourne's Master Opticians, Coles & Garrard. This firm has been visiting your district for the past nine years, and their next visit to Beaufort will be on Monday, June 29th, at the Mechanics' Institute, from 1 p.m. till 6 p.m. An appointment may be arranged with their local agent, Mr

SHEARING ZONING SYSTEM.

"The shearing zoning system was established to utilise to the best advantage the maximum amount of manpower available to obtain the coming season's clip," the Deputy Director-General of Manpower (Mr D. Cameron) said the other day. "Naturally, during the first season's operations difficulties will arise, due to the fact that graziers will have had to depart from their usual periods of shearing. Anticipating such difficulties, the Manpower organisation has set up an advisory board, representative of graziers and all sections of the industry to advise it, and to obviate undue hardship. This committee will consider individual applications for a variation of the regulations. Where the grounds of such applications are that lambing may clash with shearing dates, or that areas where the climatic conditions are too severe during the period specified, these applications will be considered on their merits."

1000 SHEEP LIMIT.

"Any sheep owner who undertakes his shearing at any time, providing the skilled and unskilled labour necessary for this work is carried out by his permanent employees, or with the help of neighbouring sheep owners and their permanent employees; where he is the owner of the flock to be shorn and the flock is depastured on the property of which he is the owner or occupier. This provision has the twofold object of allowing the grazer, if he so desires, to shear his flock with labour used in general shearing and of freeing professional shearers and others, enabling them to continue their shearing run to the following zone in proper season. A great number of graziers in Victoria will probably come within this classification, and evidence is accumulating that the fears of many of the small farmers will be dispelled when they know that they can carry on their shearing under their usual dates under this provision. To further clarify the position—graziers should understand that unless the combined number of flock sheep and flock lambs to be actually shorn exceeds 1000, they will not be subject to the regulations. The regulations do not apply to stud sheep."

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The Car Owner's Creed.

Rubber has become a very precious commodity, says the R.A.C.V. It is really more precious than gold, because we can mine gold in Australia, but we cannot as yet produce rubber. In these circumstances, the R.A.C.V. impresses upon members that every ounce of rubber is a sacred trust, and suggests the following Creed for car-owners for the duration of the war:—

I WILL drive my car only when absolutely necessary—avoiding extra trips by doubling-up with my neighbours whenever possible.

I WILL drive at a moderate speed to avoid burning up my tyres.

I WILL start and stop my car slowly, and slow down on turns to avoid grinding off the tyre tread.

I WILL park carefully to avoid scraping and bumping my tyres against kerbs.

I WILL keep my brakes adjusted to avoid spotty tread wear.

I WILL use my brakes carefully, shifting into second gear going down steep hills, to avoid excessive tread wear.

I WILL keep my wheels correctly aligned and balanced to avoid uneven tread wear.

I WILL have my tyres cross-switched at least every 5000 miles to increase my total mileage.

I WILL have my tyres and tubes inspected regularly, as a precaution against future trouble and wasted rubber.

Every time I look at my tyres I will say:—"That's all there are: there aren't any more."

PEDESTRIANS CAN HELP.

In a recent speech, the president of the R.A.C.V. (Mr R. A. Rowe) referred to the increasing number of traffic accidents in the brown-out. While agreeing that the restriction of the speed of cars to 20 miles per hour at night was wise, he thought that greater responsibility should be thrown upon pedestrians. They should wear something white at night, and they should be compelled, in the cities, to cross streets only at specified and well-lighted places. In spite of appeals over many months, not one pedestrian in 1000 wore something white at night, and the driver of a car with lights screened in accordance with the law, could not see the pedestrian until he was only a few feet away. In view of that, it is not asking too much to suggest that a person who can see the danger long before the other, should exercise such care and vigilance as will enable him (or her) to cross the road in safety. If pedestrians can help car drivers by realising that the lights of the car are visible to them long before they are visible to the driver of the car, by always wearing something white at night, and by crossing streets at the lighted sections, the toll of the road should be reduced. At the same time there should be no slackening of vigilance on the part of motorists.

Display of Woollen Goods. — In the shop at the corner of Neill and Lawrence Streets, Beaufort, there is a very attractive display of woollen goods made by members of the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club. It includes blue, khaki, and white socks and pullovers for sailors, soldiers, and airmen, and camouflage nets for the Army. The latter were made by members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club.

A.N.A. House Being Renovated. — The house owned by the A.N.A. in Bourke Street, Beaufort, and formerly occupied by the late Mr W. J. B. Johnson, is being renovated by Mr W. Hill, a local builder.

TOWN BAND

RECITAL AT PICTURE THEATRE.

The recital, held by the Beaufort Town Band at the Picture Theatre on Sunday night was well attended, and proved very enjoyable. The band was under the conductorship of Mr R. Saddler, and their playing was much appreciated. The bandsmen were assisted by other artists; Mrs F. Worsley acting as accompanist. The programme was as follows:—Selection, "Advance Australia Fair," band; hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," band; march, "Happy Returns," band; accordion solo, Ian Lofts (encore); fantasia, "American Beauties," band; pianoforte duet, Misses Higgins; two-step, "Cuckoos," band; solo, Mrs W. Hunt (encore); waltz, "Love's Greeting," band; accordion solo, Miss Beryl Crick; marching song, "The Empire is Marching," band; piano-accordion solo, Mr Albert Gereovich (encore); march, "Chieftain," band; National Anthem, band.

Mr J. Duke (president) thanked the artists and public for attending, and also welcomed Messrs. Arthur Welsh and Jack Stewart, two old bandsmen who have returned to the ranks.

The takings at the door were £2 0/1.

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Wool Appraisement

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