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Members, £6/10/ up to 14 days; Non-members, £10 up to 14 days; Soldier Members, £5/10/ 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 reduced fees.

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Air Raid Precautions Practice.

NOTES BY THE DISTRICT WARDEN

DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD AT BEAUFORT.

It is announced by advertisement in this issue of the "Riponshire Advocate" that a test of the newly-installed air raid siren will be held in Beaufort on the night of 15th September. This test is being made for several purposes, viz.:

1. To accustom the people of Beaufort to the sound of the siren.
2. To test the provision citizens have made for a BLACK-OUT.
3. To enable the Fire Brigade to practise fire-fighting.
4. To give the V.D.C. practice in stretcher-bearing.
5. To establish a First-aid Post, which will be manned by members of the Beaufort Red Cross Emergency Service Company.

On the alert signal—intermittent blasts on the siren—being sounded, a BLACK-OUT will be put into effect. Since lighting restrictions have been introduced, Beaufort has been observing a Brown-out. A Black-out differs from this, inasmuch as no lights are to be visible from outside. On the night of the test, wardens and police will patrol the town, and, if necessary, they will advise householders if their lighting arrangements do not comply with Black-out conditions. During the period of the supposed raid, the streets must be clear of all pedestrians, except those on duty. All vehicular traffic with the exception of official vehicles, will pull into the curb and extinguish lights.

When it is known that the raiders have passed, the ALL CLEAR—a continuous blast on the siren—will be sounded.

Notification will have been received that fires have been started, and that incendiary bombs are burning in various parts of the town. To announce that the Fire Brigade is going into action, a few dongs on the fire-bell will be sounded. The Captain of the Fire Brigade and A.R.P. Wardens will supervise this phase of the demonstration.

Word will also have been received at the First-aid Post of several casualties. The officer in charge of the post will immediately send out a squad of first-aiders and stretcher-bearers to deal with these casualties and bring them to the post, where they will receive further treatment, if necessary. The locality of the First-aid Post for this test has not been determined, but an announcement will be made later. At the annual meeting of the Beaufort Red Cross Emergency Company on August 27, the Superintendent impressed upon all members of the company the necessity for their presence at the post on the night of the test.

The District Warden realises that the implication of this programme is not easy, but with the helpful co-operation of the public generally, and the valuable assistance of the various organisations, he hopes that some benefits may accrue to the town and its people.

Wholesale Distribution of Potatoes.—The Deputy-Controller of Commerce (Mr O'Brien) has announced that Mr H. Tinney, 34 Doveton Street, Ballarat (telephone, Ballarat 1668) has been appointed potato wholesale distribution manager on behalf of the wholesale potato trade, and will direct distribution of all supplies of potatoes in Victoria under instructions from the Australian Potato Committee. Country storekeepers should make application to him for supplies in excess of three tons. In order to facilitate country distribution, the Australian Potato Committee suggests that storekeepers in provincial towns appoint one of their number to undertake the buying of potatoes for each town, or district, agreeing amongst themselves what their respective individual allocations should be.

If you preach the gospel that your town, its trading facilities and institutions are no good, there will be a backlash coming to you some day.

COMMERCIAL.

Ballarat Live Stock Market.

Tuesday.

Cattle: Another light offering came forward, totalling 74, there being 20 bullocks, about half of which were prime, others good trade quality. Prime cows were very scarce, this section comprising useful and chopping sorts. Owing to the short supply, competition was excited, and extreme rates were realised for all classes, the top price for bullocks realising £29, which is the highest recorded in the Ballarat market for at least 20 years. Quotations:—Prime medium-weight bullocks, £24 to £26; prime heavyweight bullocks, £27 10/ to £29; good, £21 to £23; good lightweight bullocks, £17 to £19; prime cows, £18 to £20/2/6; good, £15 to £16/10; useful, £12 to £13.

Calves: Only 40 penned. A few prime, others good and useful. Competition was spirited, and values were again higher. Best made £16/13/6.

Sheep: 2146 penned. The smaller offering was occasioned by the unfavorable weather, which prevented a number of drafts being loaded. Wethers formed the bulk of the supply, chiefly crossbred and comeback. Shorn sheep were more plentiful, and were generally of good and prime quality. Ewes were particularly scarce. As the supply was within requirements, the demand was keen and values were July 2/ a head higher for best quality, other grades also being dearer. Quotations (in the wool): Prime crossbred wethers, 37/6 to 40/; heavy, to 43/10; a few, to 46/7; good, 32/ to 35/; prime merino wethers, 33/ to 35/; heavy, to 37/1; good, 28/ to 30/. Shorn: Prime shorn wethers, 25/ to 27/6; good, 21/ to 23/; prime shorn ewes, 22/ to 23/10; good, 18/ to 20/.

Lambs: The penning of lambs was limited, on account of weather conditions. The total forward was 643, all this season's. The quality was particularly good, even better than last week, and attracted keen competition at enhanced values, fully 2/ a head higher. Quotations:—Prime, 25/ to 27/; extra, to 29/1; good, 21/ to 23/; good (small), 18/ to 20/.

The following district sales are reported:—Three bullocks, Mr J. T. Dobson, Wihou, Burrumbet, £22 to £29, averaging £25/12/6, top price and average of the market; 1 calf, same owner, £15/2/; 34 Corriedale wethers, same owner, 42/7 to 46/7, averaging 43/10, top price and highest average of the market; 1 sheep, Mr D. Dickie, Brewster, at 16/; 19 lambs, same owner, old 25/10, this season's 21/4, 1 old at 26/.

Austerity.—Speaking recently of sacrifices necessitated by the new taxes imposed to meet Canada's growing war expenditure, the Canadian Minister of Finance stated:—Will this mean a reduction in our standard of living? Certainly. The war will not be won disputing as to whether labor or agriculture or employer or employee should get a larger share of a swollen national income. It will be won, not alone by the valour of fighting forces and the skill of generals, but by the willingness of the people at home to make necessary sacrifices—willingness to make those sacrifices first and not after all other groups have made them.

Increasing Tobacco Production.—Referring to the assurance of the Director-General of Manpower that every effort would be made to provide labour for the tobacco-growing industry, the Minister for Commerce, Mr Scully, said that he was anxious to secure a substantial increase in tobacco production. He hopes that growers will plant increased acreages this season. Growers are assured of supplies of fertilizer needed for their crops. Referring to the price of tobacco leaf next season, the Minister states that discussions are taking place with the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner with a view to maintaining the present season's prices.

WHAT DID YOU BUY?

(By Mary Grant Bruce).

Most war posters don't live long. They appear on our walls and hoardings; one hopes they do their job of awakening people; and then they are replaced by something new, and are forgotten. But there was one poster in the last war that people still remember:—The small child, after the war, looking hard at his father and asking a straight question—"What did YOU do in the Great War, Daddy?" It was a question some fathers found hard to answer!

I should like to change that poster, putting a question that the child of to-morrow may ask any of us, men or women—"What did you BUY in the War for Freedom?"

That question will haunt us all after this war. None of us can tell what our position will be then. We never doubt victory; but, at best, we shall be looking back over a long, hard road, where many fell by the wayside. We shall have with us the broken men who gave limbs and health that we might remain free. Each of those men will be a silent question—"What did you buy to help us fight?"

I think by that time we shall have learned to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials. On that long road will be milestones, marking the stages where we scrapped our petty vanities, our luxuries, our pre-war thinking about what should be done to let us remain comfortable. It may be that we shall have learned to thank God for just being fed, clothed, and free, and to expect nothing more than those bare necessities. To the people of the conquered countries, food, warmth, and freedom are now quite unattainable luxuries—as they may become to us, unless we wake up and put all our weight as a nation into the fight.

It won't be only the children of to-morrow who will ask us that question—"What did you BUY in the War for Freedom?" We shall ask it of ourselves—and many of us will wonder at our own blindness, if we were among those who failed to help, who played like children in the path of a bush-fire. What will YOUR answer be to that question as to how you spent your money? Will you be forced to answer, "I bought trills and luxuries, betting-tickets and beer." Or will you be able to hold up your head and answer—"I BOUGHT GUNS!"

JAPAN'S AIR PREPARATIONS.

For some time before Nippon sprang the so-called "Wild Eagles"—the airmen of the Japanese Navy—on America and Britain last December, there had been strenuous official efforts to make the Japanese air-minded. Borrowing ideas from the West in typical Japanese fashion, "aviation days" and gifts of aircraft were organised. Speaking at one of these air rallies last September, Major-General Sassa, of the Central Nippon Army, revealed that some 700 military aircraft had been "given" by the people.

On the big centres of Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Takamatsu, and Hiroshima, air pageants have been held, modelled on Britain's pre-war Empire Air Day.

But the displays were strictly military; and an unusual feature, rather shocking to civilised minds, was free "joy-rides" for widows and orphans of Jap. airmen killed in action. Queues of mothers and children lined up for free trips in big Douglas and Kokker transports. "Thus," as one official Japanese organ put it, "the bereaved families were able to appreciate the conditions—although lacking combat realism—under which their heroes lived their war lives before their heroic end." Another account more frankly admitted that "the idea was to educate the rising generation and mothers to the keen necessity of air defence."

Another indication of the far-reaching plans which Japan has been making in the air is the attention paid to gliding at schools. Just before Pearl Harbour, nearly 900 students, representing 40 secondary schools in the Osaka district, gave a gliding demonstration over Osaka airport.

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COMFORTS CLUB. The guessing competition for the month of August was held at the home of Messrs Kirkpatrick Bros., of Stockyard Hill, at the Beaufort C.W.A. Street stall last week...

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INLAND KILLING.

VALUE OF FREEZING WORKS.

(By a Special Correspondent.) It is the general belief that inland freezing works at Ballarat, Bendigo, and Donald could become national assets, filling a valuable need in both peace and war.

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THE SHEEP AND WOOL INDUSTRY.

The Government has adopted a number of recommendations designed to rationalise the wool industry, said the Hon. John J. Dedman, Minister for War Organisation of Industry, on 3rd September. These decisions were of considerable importance, and would conserve labour and transport and thus make a substantial contribution to war needs.

The Central Wool Committee, under the Transport authorities, will plan the transport of wool so that it passes most expeditiously through appraisal centres to shipment or storage. Wool appraisers are to be held more frequently at regular intervals over a longer period. The number of show bales will be reduced wherever possible, and the re-appraisal of scoured wools will be replaced by bulk sampling. Scouring and carbonising of wool is to be confined to actual requirements, and all unnecessary transport of wool from one centre to another is to be discontinued.

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Australian Women in Action.

By (Shirley Dale). In calling for a new war of life from the people of Australia, the Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, has asked women to give the lead in their own homes.

Mr Curtin has asked you to go into action, as definitely and as seriously as if they were in the front line.

Into the capable hands of Australian women he has put the working out of the war way of life for the nation. Those hands are already almost devoid of the gay lacquer that made them smart and sophisticated.

Home economists have already done magnificent jobs for the war effort. Now housewives must set an example, and having "got it up," go out after new records.

POOLING IDEAS. Most of us have our pet recipes, our pet labour savers and our pet exchanges. Don't hoard them, but tell your neighbours what you are doing to save money and time.

Particular care should be given to the packing of parcels, to ensure arrival in good condition, and to the use of the most efficient packing materials.

Gift parcels to civilians in the British Isles must not exceed 5 lb. in weight, and not more than 2 lb. of any one foodstuff may be enclosed in a parcel.

A customs declaration must accompany each parcel, and complete details of the contents, such as weight and value of each item, must be given.

Special attention is invited to the small packet service, which provides for the posting of packages not exceeding 2 lb. in weight at a cheaper rate than applies to parcels in certain cases.

WATCH WASTE. Keep a watchful eye on waste. The War Assets Society has collected nearly £30,000 in one State alone just from the things that would be normally thrown out and destroyed at garbage tips and incinerators.

Instead of wrapping vegetable peelings in newspaper and putting them in the garbage tin, make a compost heap for the garden, by sprinkling them with lime, and you will have valuable aid to soil nourishment as well as saving paper.

Washing the car. You could perhaps start a competition among the kiddies with the idea of making up their own increased in order to make their longest. Children grow quickly, and often outstrip their own clothes, but if you explain to them that because of needs of the service, stockings and socks must be kept neat and tidy so that they will last longer, you will get some cooperation. Even children must change their lives to the War Way.

Better Car Lighting. Commenting on the modifications in the present R.A.C.V. regulations, Mr R. A. Rowe said that motorists would welcome the relief given, as it should make the roads streets safer for both pedestrians and drivers. The R.A.C.V. would conduct tests to ascertain the effect of one light from the point of view of the driver of the car, and to see if the one headlight affected the drivers of approaching cars.

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Engineer's Report

The engineer (Mr E. J. Muntz, B.C.E.) reported as follows at the Ripon Council meeting on Monday:

1. There seems to be no objection to Ball Bros. buying small pieces of Crown lands and road through their property; it appears that they would not be able to have no use as it is present and is probably impassable. It may in the future give access to portion of State forest. For this reason, I would recommend a lease only.

2. Russell's Bridge over Fyery Creek, 55 ft. span, 18 ft. roadway. Approaches are not fenced, and have no guard posts. Decking seems to be all sound, though decayed on top. Handrails are all loose, one 15-foot rail gone, rabbits are in approaches at one end. It would be recommended that the bridge be replaced by a concrete bridge.

3. E. and W. road, south end of Gould's Lane, is only a formation, which goes through a swampy area. It would be recommended that the road be raised and gravelled in summer.

4. Road south from Ellis, east of Ball Bros. property, is nearly impassable. To improve it, it would have to be raised and gravelled in summer.

5. Several culverts and the road surface were badly damaged on the Fernvale Gully road by recent rain. I had to replace one culvert altogether.

6. Dam at Dowie's, on Eurambine-Strathmore road, is in a bad state of repair. It is on account of a bank he has put across the gully in his own paddock. He would be asked to remove it. The dam is a good one, and it is available, Beaufort passengers are accepted by the "up" express. On such occasions Beaufort residents are able to visit Melbourne and return on the same day, although not so conveniently as in normal times. The avoidance of the stop in the "down" direction is of value in avoiding delay.

7. I would be glad of the authority of the Council to re-open the road to the north of the bridge at present. I would like to get a small quantity of material for the Mt. William road from Keating's towards Skipton, for the road round the margin of Lake Goldsmith towards Skipton Hill, and for the Trawalla West Road.

8. A great deal of timber is being carted at present on the Mt. Cole road, mostly firewood and poles. It is all spewey country, and there are three bad timber failures, two towards Smith's Creek, which are being repaired by the carters with corduroy. The third is north of the bridge at Sandy Creek where I would recommend that a narrow side track be put in. If the road in front of Hutton's gully, I think it will be finished this summer.

9. Referred to North Riding members, on motion of Mr. McDonald and Kirkpatrick.

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SHIRE COUNCIL Monthly Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council was held on Monday at the Shire Hall. Present - Crs. J. A. Hinton (chairman), J. Kirkpatrick, P. Russell, A. C. Roddis, D. McDonald, C. H. McKay, A. MacPhie, and T. W. Schlacht.

Consent to registration to be granted, on motion of Crs. Kirkpatrick and Hinton. From War Damage Commission, with respect to appointment of regional advisory panel and chairman.

From Country Roads Board, concerning grant of £30 for Traralgon West Road. The engineer said there was a balance of £70 from last year, making £115. He had inspected the road, and only a little maintenance was required.

From State Rivers Commission, in regard to estimates for water rate. Referred to North Riding members. From Rural Fire Fighting Committee, with respect to pamphlet on "Incendary Attacks on Farm and Field."

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DISTRICT NEWS Skipton.

A finding that death was due to injuries received as the result of an accidental collision between two motor vehicles was returned by the Coroner (Mr G. S. Callow, P.M.) at the conclusion of the inquest held at Skipton on Monday.

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THE VICTORIAN BUDGET.

HIGHER PRICE FOR BEET ADVOCATED.
(By a Special Correspondent).

The Labor Party generally was not congratulatory in its references to the Dunstan Budget. The Leader of the Party (Mr Cain) said that anyone could prepare a good Budget when there was an increase of more than £4,000,000 in revenue, compared with the income of the previous year. He pointed out that the general revenue had increased from £15,989,000 in 1940-41 to £17,423,000 in 1941-42, or an increase of £1,434,000 and that railway revenue had increased by £3,035,000. The anachronism of an unemployment relief tax had provided £1,285,000, when the expenditure was £112,000 for sustenance and for work in return for sustenance, and when there were only 440 unemployed on the register, was stressed by Mr Cain. During the course of his speech on the Budget, Mr Cain said: "Quite recently the Government, with a view to promoting the production of sugar beet growers an increase in price of 2/ a ton for an acreage up to 2500, and an extra 1/ a ton if the acreage exceeded 2500. Unfortunately a hitch has occurred." Mr Cain then quoted a letter from the Secretary of the Maffra Beet Growers' League showing that the Government has approved of a much less satisfactory proposal from the viewpoint of the growers, and continued by pointing out that the profit made by the Maffra Beet Sugar Factory in 1940-41 was £33,000. "I think the beet growers are entitled to a share of the profits in these times, when costs of production are increasing substantially, and when it is difficult to obtain manpower. Even when manpower is available the labor cost is higher. Better prices should be paid for the product, and the grower should be encouraged to produce more," said Mr Cain.

The effect of uniform taxation was also dealt with in his comprehensive Budget speech. He said that as a result of the introduction of uniform taxation, thousands of taxpayers with lower incomes would be taken out of the taxation field. Previously the State taxed all persons earning more than £104 a year, but the Commonwealth will tax only those who earn more than £150 or £200 a year. The rate of exemption has been raised, and the uniform taxation scheme will benefit all people on lower incomes who were previously called upon to pay taxation in the community, under State law, including many agriculturists.

On the question of land tax the Labor Leader had this to say: "It has been my considered view for a long time that land taxation should be abolished. In its operation the land tax can be a capital tax. It can be an imposition upon either a rural or a city property when the land is either not earning anything or is actually a losing proposition."

Seventy Years Ago. — We take the following from the Ballarat "Courier" feature recalling news of 70 years ago:—A movement is on foot among ratepayers interested to include the Borough of Smythesdale, the North Riding of Grenville Shire, and the East Riding of Ripon Shire in one shire, and the remainder of Grenville Shire and the Borough of Browns and Scarsdale in another.

Timber Cutting Camps. — The Divisional Inspector of Forests (Mr R. S. Code) on Friday, 18th inst., supplied details of wood-cutting camps employing enemy aliens. Camps had been established at Trentham, Daylesford, Beaufort, Smythesdale, and Stawell. Each camp comprised 35 enemy alien males, working under the direction of two supervisors provided by the Forestry Commission. They are at present working on dry and green timber, chiefly stringybark and box, which was cut into 5 to 7 ft. lengths. The timber would be transported to trafficable roads or railway stations, should space be available. Mr Code added that each camp was self-contained. The cutters were paid a fixed flat rate per day, paid for seven days, and the working week is 44 hours. Messing allowances were additional to the wage, and dependant families of the aliens were also made an allowance.

If you preach the gospel that your town, its trading facilities and institutions are no good, there will be a backlash coming to you some day.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.
Neighboring Shires.

ARARAT COUNCIL MEETING.

At the Ararat Shire Council meeting on Friday, 18th inst., a letter was received from W. P. Roberts, Middle Creek, re plough furrows he was going to put in. After consideration, he thought the work would be best left alone, as there is a dam just inside the fence. The owner might complain if more water went through his land.

The overseer reported that he had cleaned drains on Buangor-Warrak road, and rebuilt wooden culvert on Buangor-Warrak road. Under the heading of general business, Cr. Brebner said two inventors on the road from Mt. Cole to Warrak were very sharp. He would like the overseer to inspect them.

Cr. Hucker — There was a vacancy in the central executive of the Municipal Association. He suggested that they nominate a representative for the executive. The Town and Shire of Ararat were important enough to warrant their making a nomination. The late Cr. Sinclair represented the Western District.

Cr. Hucker was nominated for the vacancy. — "Advertiser."

MEAT PRICES.

The Minister for Commerce, Mr W. J. Scully, announced on the 17th inst., that the Government had decided to restore the 15 per cent. reduction made in respect of beef and pig meats submitted and accepted for export.

This decision means that as on and from the 28th September, 1942, the United Kingdom contract prices will be paid in respect of those classes of beef and pig meats which are purchased for export by the Commonwealth Government.

The Minister intimated that he also wished to make it clear that the prices announced recently by the Government in connection with mutton for canning and dehydration were fixed prices and not maximum prices as had been suggested.

The rate for mutton of canning quality was 2½d per lb. f.o.r. canneries, and for dehydration 2½d per lb. These prices would continue to operate until the 30th November, 1942, but prior to that date the Government would reconsider the position with a view to a new determination of prices, which would become effective as from the 1st December, 1942, if such alteration were necessary.

Mr Scully said that the announcement that prices for mutton for canning and dehydration were fixed prices and not maximum prices cancelled all previous instructions.

MILITIAMEN AND PROUD OF IT.
Anti-Aircraft Battery.

In New Guinea there is a battery of anti-aircraft troops proud of their record as militiamen to transfer to the A.I.F. now that they have the chance. They have stubbornly refused all suggestions to change their status. They claim to have a bag of more than half a score of Japanese planes to their credit, and are reputed to have the best record of all Aek Ack batteries in Australia.

Old campaigners in this area, they are still mere youths. Their average age is 19 years, and Ronald Gannaway, a gunner from Melbourne, who has been brought back to Australia for medical treatment, is still only 16. Like others in the battery, he is a volunteer militiaman, and says he got into the outfit by "slightly exaggerating" his age.

"When we first went up there," he told me (writes "The Age" special correspondent), "we all volunteered for the A.I.F., but they would not allow us to transfer. Four or five months later they came and told us we should transfer, but the boys talked it over, and agreed that if we weren't good enough before we weren't good enough then, and we gave the answer 'No.' We still say 'No.' We reckon we have proved ourselves. We have been through a lot more than some of the A.I.F. men. Not that that is anything to their discredit. They just haven't been in action, and we have—and how. No, sir. We stay in the Militia, and proud of it."

"All the boys look forward to the days when more Japs are coming over, so we can chalk up more hits. But when we get back home, anyone who says 'Chocko' had better remember the bit in that book where a bloke says, 'When you say that—smile.'"

Conditions for No 20 District Board R.S.S.A.I.A. Scholarships.

1. No. 20 District Board Returned Soldiers' League, will provide annually funds to award each year at least one scholarship, available for three years, the annual value to be:—1st year, £3; 2nd, £4; 3rd, £4; and in the event of the full sum not being expended in any year, the balance to be carried forward to the next year, and expended, if necessary, during that period.
 2. That such Scholarships will be available only to children of Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen, who served abroad during the Great War and the present war.
 3. That pupils whose age does not exceed 12 years and six months on the first day of January of the first year for which a scholarship is tenable, be eligible to compete.
 4. Candidates for the Scholarship will be required to present for a written examination in Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, Grammar, Composition, Dictation and Writing, up to and including the program of Grade VI.
 5. That such scholarships will be tenable at District High, Higher Elementary, Central, Junior Technical, or approved registered schools.
 6. That the monies of the Scholarship shall be administered by the sub-branch in whose district the holder resides, and all accounts shall be submitted to the Board annually.
 7. That the Principal of the school at which the scholarship holder attends furnish to the District Board at the end of each year a report on the progress and conduct of the scholarship holder.
 8. That the District Board will have the power to cancel a scholarship at the end of the first year, on receipt of an unfavourable report.
 9. That in the event of a scholarship holder leaving school before the end of any year, any surplus from the Scholarship Fund shall be returned to the District Board.
 10. That the District Board reserves the right to cancel, alter, or include any conditions it may consider necessary.
 11. That the winner of the scholarship will be selected by a Committee of three, consisting of an Inspector of State Schools and two members of the District Board, after consideration of the financial position of the parent or guardian of the candidate, the report of the head teacher of the school, and of the scholastic attainments of the pupil by examination, conducted by a stipulated supervisor, at a local centre.
 12. Entry forms shall be forwarded to the Secretary, No. 20 District Board, Mr. S. R. PASCOE, Mena Park, Beaufort, not later than the 31st October, 1942.
- The Hon. the Minister for Education has been pleased to grant free tuition to the holders of the Scholarships.

DISTRICT NEWS

Waubra.

WORKING BEE.
After the committee of the recreation reserve had inspected the ground, a working bee dug trenches and erected wire netting round the 120 ft. building to keep the rabbits from burrowing under and converting it into a warren.

V.D.C. SECTION.
The V.D.C. section paraded under Mr S. Goldsmith. W. O. Davis was present from Battalion H.Q. to give instruction in field signals. One new recruit brought the attendance to 25.

PATRIOTIC ENTERTAINMENTS.
The monthly entertainments for patriotic purposes are continuing with varied success. The cuche and dance on Saturday night, 19th inst., was held to provide Christmas comforts for local boys on service.

CATHOLIC BALL.
The annual Catholic ball, which was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Tuesday night, Sept. 1, attracted a large attendance. The music was provided by Bryce's Orchestra, whilst Mrs Alan Crick obliged with music for the supper interval. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr Jack Moran and Mr Des Ryan.

RECREATION RESERVE.
The annual meeting of the Recreation Reserve members was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Monday, 7th September. It was decided to run their incoming gymkhana and mixed sports meeting on 21st November on the same lines as previous years.

Streatham.

EUCHRE SOCIAL.
The weekly euchre tournament was held in the Streatham Hall on Saturday night, 12th inst. Proceeds were in aid of the local Red Cross. Prizes were won by Mrs D. Binns and Mr Bob Dobson.

SHEARING.
Shearing has commenced in the district. — "Ararat Advertiser."

Burrumbeet.

EUCHRE SOCIAL AND DANCE.
The top-note in entertainment was struck at the Burrumbeet Hall on Saturday night, 12th inst. when the Patriotic Committee conducted their monthly euchre social and dance. A gay spirit was very evident among the dancers, and with Ron Sullivan in top form on the piano, the whole show went with a happy swing. In the euchre section, prizes donated by Messrs. H. Nunn and S. Richardson were won by Mr J. Swan, Mrs McCarthy, and Mrs Miller. The series will be continued at monthly intervals.

Lexton.

OBITUARY.
Quite a gloom was cast over Lexton when it became known that Mr Leslie Rasdeil, of Learmonth, had died. Deceased, who was highly esteemed, was born at Lexton and was very popular. Les

and his brothers took a great interest in all kinds of sport. He had been one of the leading players in Lexton football team up till the time he left for Learmonth.

RED CROSS BRANCH.
The Lexton branch of the Red Cross Society has elected the following officers:—President, Mrs C. F. Loxley; vice-presidents, Mesdames W. Hinchcliff and R. C. Giles; treasurer, Miss N. Hobson; secretary, Mrs G. B. Lester; wool secretaries, Mesdames R. C. Giles and R. Mann; auditor, Mr C. F. Loxley. During the year £32 0/2 was raised by means of entertainments and other efforts, and payments were made totalling £38/19/1 for materials and so forth, leaving the bank balance at £13/3/10, compared with £20/2/9 a year ago.

SOLDIERS' WELFARE COMMITTEE.
The Lexton Soldiers' Welfare Committee at its annual meeting elected the following officials:—President, Mr C. F. Loxley; vice-presidents, Messrs. Shaw, Jas. Mann, Moodie, and Jackson; treasurer, Mr D. G. Jackson; secretary, Mr G. B. Lester; auditor, Mr C. F. Loxley; ladies' committee, Mesdames J. Roxburgh, A. Hinchcliff, J. Mann, junr., R. J. Giles, R. C. Giles, C. F. Loxley, C. Bauch, and D. G. Jackson (secretary). During the year the committee forwarded four members of the A.I.F. and made presentations to four members of the A.M.F. A discharged member of the A.I.F., returned from overseas, was welcomed home. Funds raised amounted to £55/0/1, while expenses for presentations, etc., totalled £51/11/10, leaving cash on hand amounting to £3/8/3.

Snake Valley.

EFFORT FOR P.O.W. FUND.
The result of the effort held in the Mechanics' Hall, in aid of the P.O.W. Fund, was very gratifying. The grand total amounted to £35/5/. Mesdames J. Greenbank and D. L. McKay, and Miss Joan Oddle (organisers) thank all donors of monetary and other gifts, and all who helped make the evening such a success.

BASKET BALL.

District Competition.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL.
The second semi-final of the Beaufort district basket ball competition was played on Saturday afternoon between the Beaufort Greens and the local Blues. The Greens won by 29 goals to 10.

Police Court. — At the Beaufort Police Court the following orders were made by the Clerk of Courts (Mr J. Hayes) in regard to default summonses for debt:—Dr. S. E. Humphreys v. J. E. Gillingham, claiming £2. Order for amount, with 15/6 costs. Dr. S. E. Humphreys v. L. Sandflant, claiming £9/9/. Order for amount, with 15/6 costs. In another debt case the summons had not been served.

CRONIN MEMORIAL HORTICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP.

At an examination to be conducted by the Education Department in November next, the Cronin Memorial Horticultural Scholarship will be offered for competition amongst qualified candidates in attendance at State or registered schools in Victoria, or at the Victorian Government's School of Horticulture at Burnley. Candidates must furnish evidence of interest in horticulture. The subjects of examination will be those prescribed for Grade VIII in State elementary schools. The scholarship will be available for four years. The first, second, and third years will be tenable at the School of Horticulture, Burnley, where the holder will receive free tuition and an allowance of £48 per annum. During the fourth year the holder will be required to serve in an approved branch of general or commercial horticulture. The prescribed form of application may be obtained from, and should be forwarded to reach the Secretary, Education Department, Melbourne, C.2, not later than 1st October, 1942.

OVERSEA GIFTS.

Gifts of foodstuffs to relatives and friends in the United Kingdom may be sent through the Victorian Department of Agriculture. The Director of Agriculture (Mr H. A. Mullett) said that the Department had arranged for the despatch, through the post, of a small parcel of 5 lb. gross weight, conforming to the conditions laid down by the British authorities.

The parcel will contain a 12 oz. packet of mixed fruits suitable for cakes or puddings, a tin of full cream powdered milk, 1 tin of sheep tongues, 1 tin cheese, and 1 tin jam.

The cost of the parcel, including packing, postage, etc., will be 10/ for delivery to civilians and 7/9 for delivery to members of the overseas forces in the United Kingdom.

Orders for gifts to residents in Elre (Irish Free State) cannot be accepted, because of the heavy customs duty in that country.

Orders will be accepted, until further notice, for despatch at donors' own risk, to any address in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, and should be forwarded to the Director of Agriculture, Public Offices, Melbourne, C.2.

The British authorities will not permit the receipt of gifts at frequent intervals, and only one order will be accepted at the one time for each recipient.

MILITARY EXEMPTIONS.

The National Service officer at Stawell (Mr J. F. O'Hara) stated that the conditions governing the call-up for military service of the proprietors and working principals of one-man businesses were amended recently. The new regulations provide that, with the exception of men in specified callings, only working principals and proprietors over 35 years of age who are bona-fide managing and working full-time in controlling their businesses, and have been so engaged for a period of at least two years, will be exempted. The exceptions to these conditions are:—Exempted, all ages: Butchery, baking, milk vending, chemistry (pharmaceutical), dentistry, grocery, fairiery, harness making. Exempted, over 30 years of age (excluding men in military classes 1 and 2): Hairdressing, green-grocery, carrying, taxi owner driving, small goods, boot repairing, newsagencies, wood and coal, ice vending, restaurant proprietors and retail fish shops. Where there is more than one working principal in a business, only one exemption will be granted.



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