

# The Gippsland Advocate

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PRICE THREEPENCE.

## Proposed Juvenile Section of Library.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.

### Committee Meeting.

A proposal to establish a juvenile section of the library came forward at the meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday night, and was favourably received. Mr R. C. Hodgetts (president) was in the chair, and there was an attendance of seven members. The financial statement, presented by the secretary-librarian (Mrs C. Gillingham) showed:—Receipts, £19/9/5; expenditure, £18 0/7; present credit balance, £97/10/5.

This was adopted, and accounts amounting to £23/13/1 passed for payment.

Correspondence was read from Whitcombe & Toombs, stating that books ordered had been forwarded. — The president: The books were now in circulation.

An invitation was received from the Beaufort Fire Brigade to the annual smoke-night. — The president and Mr Gregory were appointed to attend.

The president reported that some wood had been purchased.

It was resolved to have the walls of the billiard-room swept, and the wood-work stained.

It was agreed to leave the matter of purchasing four billiard cues with the money subscribed by members of the billiard-room in the hands of the president.

The president said the second billiard tournament for the year had been concluded.

The matter of a social function to present the trophies was left in the hands of the billiard-room committee.

Mr Buchanan suggested that a juvenile section be started in the library.

Mr Duke moved that the book committee go into the matter, with power to act. Seconded by Mr Q. W. Gregory, and carried.

It was reported that the book committee had not yet sorted out the books to be forwarded to the soldiers.

**BEAUFORT A.N.A.** — Six members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., were present on Tuesday night at the fortnightly meeting, held at the Mechanics' Institute, and presided over by Mr A. H. Sands (president). The president welcomed Mr M. Hirsch as a new member of the committee. Correspondence was received from Mr A. Lytle, applying for clearance to the Bacchus Marsh branch. — Granted, on motion of Messrs. Hirsch and Gillingham. An appeal was received for subscriptions to the Austerity Loan. The Repatriation Department wrote, stating that accounts must be rendered on specified forms. The Board of Directors forwarded a cheque to cover contributions of members on war service. One full benefit member (Mr E. Hopkins) was elected. Two full benefit members were proposed. Mr N. S. McLeod (treasurer) reported a credit balance of £40 to the sick-pay account, and £231/3/11 to the credit of the general fund. Accounts and sick-pay amounting to £14/5/9 were passed for payment, on the motion of Messrs F. J. Blay and M. Hirsch. The matter of presenting a memento to the A.N.A. queen was left in the hands of the president, secretary, and treasurer.

It was decided to invest £50 of the Medical and Management Fund in the Austerity Loan, on the motion of Mr Barker and the president. It was mentioned that £100 had been invested in the previous loan. The president said the Chief President (Mr Menadue) would be present at the queen coronation ceremony on the following Thursday night.

"The attitude of most civilians is that war demands co-operation of civilians only in civilian fashion. The attitude of troops at battle stations is the opposite. Their only thought is to win at all costs. If we could get such a state of mind in civilians, our difficulties would cease to exist."—Sir Owen Dixon, Australian Minister to the U.S.A.)

### District Clips.

Messrs. E. J. Strickland & Sons, Ballarat, report (Novr. 27):—We held our 63rd series of wool appraisements today and submitted an average catalogue, drawn in the main from our surrounding agricultural districts. Our top price realised was 28½d for four bales of aaa m f branded SH/Gnarwin, from Burrumbeet, a superior merino wool which opened up very attractively. A further batch of bulk-classed wools was also included and realised up to 24½d for the top line. Proceeds of this appraisalment will be made available on December 18th. Some of our principal prices were:—SH/Gnarwin (Burrumbeet) aaa m f 28½d; RWD/H (Haddon) aaa 23d; WTL/Trawalla (Beaufort), aaa m 22d; SH/Gnarwin (Burrumbeet), aaa f 22½d, aa w 22½d, a f 22½d; CB (Haddon), aaa 22½d; WTL/Trawalla (Beaufort), a cbk 21½d; RWD/H (Haddon), aa cbk 21½d, a cbk 21½d; SH/Gnarwin, aa f 21½d; WTL/Trawalla, cbk 20½d; RWD/H (Haddon), aa 20½d; A/Burrumbeet, a cbk 20½d, aaa xb 20½d; P/Burrumbeet, cbk 20½d, aaa xb 20½d, aa xxb 20d. Full prices were as follow:—WTL/Trawalla, aaa m 22d, aa m 19½d, a cbk 21½d, cbk 20½d, a fle 18½d, aa pcs 18d, a pcs 13½d; GC/Trawalla, 1st lms 17d, 2nd lms 13d; RWD/H, aa 23d, aa 20½d, a 17½d, aa cbk 21½d, a cbk 21½d, cbk 14½d, pcs 15d, bls 14½d; A/Burrumbeet, aa cbk 19½d, a cbk 20½d, cbk 19d, aaa xb 20½d, aa xb 19½d, a xb 18½d, aa fle 19d, a fle 18d, 1st pcs 14½d, 1st pcs 15½d, bls 14½d, bls and 2nd pcs 10d; SH/Gnarwin, aaa m f 28½d, aaa f 22½d, aa w 22½d, aa f 21½d, a f 22½d, 1st pcs 18½d, m bls 16½d, Cor. bls 15d, 2nd pcs 15d, stn pcs 10d, locks 8½d; CB, aaa 22½d, aa 19½d, a 18½d, pcs 16d, bls 16½d; P/Burrumbeet, cbk 20½d, aaa xb 20½d, aa xb 20d, a xb 19½d, a fle 18½d, 1st pcs 15½d, bls 14½d, crs 10½d; W. Robertson/Waubra, pcs 12d, bls 11½d; TBG/Waubra, pcs 13½d.

### GRANT OF POST-WAR POWERS.

#### Agreement at Convention.

The Constitution Convention agreed unanimously at Canberra on Monday to confer adequate powers on the Commonwealth Parliament to make laws in relation to post-war reconstruction.

This decision was contained in a resolution submitted by Mr Cosgrove, Tasmanian Premier, which expressed the view that it was undesirable that permanent alteration to the constitution should be made at present.

For this reason it was decided that legislative powers with respect to suitable additional matters in post-war reconstruction should be conferred on the Commonwealth Parliament by State Parliaments under section 51 of the Commonwealth Constitution. It was also agreed that the powers when determined should be for a period of not less than five nor more than seven years from the end of the war, and at the end of such period, or at an earlier date, a referendum be held to secure approval of electors to permanent alterations.

After agreeing to the resolution, the convention elected a committee of the six Premiers, Dr. Evatt, Federal Attorney-General, and Mr Hughes, Deputy Federal Opposition leader, to make suggestions to the convention on the extent of powers States were willing to give to the Commonwealth immediately.

### DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

#### Waubra.

##### SUCCESSFUL STUDENT.

At the recent University music examinations, Miss Noreen Torney, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Torney, Waubra, passed Grade IV. piano with honors (87 marks), and Grade VI. theory, also with honors (87 marks).

##### SOLDIER PROMOTED.

Harry Moran, son of Mrs E. C. Moran, Mountain Vale, Waubra, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the A.I.F. Harry was very popular with everyone in the district. He was educated at the Waubra State School, and afterwards at St. Patrick's College, Ballarat.

#### Burrumbeet.

##### ANNUAL MEETING OF C.W.A.

At the annual meeting of the Burrumbeet branch of the C.W.A., Miss A. T. Stewart presiding, office-bearers elected were:—President, Mrs R. Thomas; secretary, Mrs A. W. Miller; treasurer, Mrs M. Henderson; vice-presidents, Mesdames T. McCartney, W. Newton, and J. McLaughlin. The secretary reported that during the year the meetings had been bright, interesting and sociable. The members had collected sheepskins and other articles for the fighting forces, and the branch had sent away several boxes of finished articles such as children's slippers, men's slippers and gloves made from the leftover pieces from the vests. The branch was again appealing for after-shearing pelts, which could be left at the local railway station. A war savings group had been formed, and it was hoped to form another in the near future. The treasurer's financial statement showed that donations had been given to the A.C.F. hamper appeal, Base Hospital, and Tennant's Creek branch of the C.W.A. Miss Stewart, the group president, gave a talk on C.W.A. matters.

##### STUDENT'S SUCCESS.

Miss Clare Coulter, at the recent Australian music examinations, gained honours in Grade V. theory (97 marks); also honours in pianoforte, Grade III. (87 marks).

#### Snake Valley.

##### HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF A.N.A.

The half-yearly meeting of the Carnham A.N.A. was presided over by Mr W. E. Yoeman. Office-bearers elected were:—President, Mr Les. Greenbank; vice-president, Mr A. T. Brumby; treasurer, Mr W. E. Yoeman; secretary, Mr H. H. Roddis; committee, Messrs. E. Nice, C. McDonald, R. Snell, W. McLean, and Jas. Cheeseman; auditors, Messrs. R. Snell and D. McDonald; conference delegates, Messrs. W. E. Yoeman and H. H. Roddis; emergency delegates, Messrs. Les. Greenbank and A. T. Brumby. The secretary reported four members on the sick fund.

##### WET WEATHER.

The weather during the past week has been very cold and wet. The rains will benefit pastures, crops and potatoes. Crops should yield well. Shearing operations in the district are about finished, and clips are reported to be well up to standard; good prices having been realised. Stock are in excellent condition. An abundance of summer feed is assured.

### VISIT OF BISHOP.

#### Influence of Missionaries.

The Right Rev. Dr. W. H. Johnson, Anglican Bishop of Ballarat, visited Beaufort on Sunday, and conducted the morning service at St. John's Church of England. There was a good attendance of parishioners.

The Bishop said that Monday, which was St. Andrew's Day, was observed by the Anglican Communion in every part of the world as a day of prayer for Christian missions. The Bishop said that many events that were happening to-day would be regarded by historians as turning points in human history. The evacuation of Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain were such events. Now it was true, as they were being told, that the scuttling of the French fleet at Toulon on 27th November, 1942, would be as crucial an event in the history of France and of Europe as was the assault on the Bastille on 14th July, 1789. But there were other events, events in which intrepid and devoted Christian missionaries figured, which would live vividly in the pages of the history of these vital days. One of these events was connected with the gallant and enduring band of missionaries in New Guinea. When the Japanese invaded that island the Government transported the white population immediately to the mainland. But the Bishop of New Guinea, Dr. Phillip Strong, and all the white missionaries elected to remain at their posts. The message which Bishop Strong sent at the time to the clerical and lay members of his staff is already regarded as a Christian document which breathed the spirit of Apostolic days. The Bishop and his fellow-workers with noble self-forgetfulness remained at their posts in order to be with the natives in the hour of trial. Four of those missionaries, two of them women, had given their lives, and four others, again two of them women, were prisoners in the hands of the Japanese. Bishop Johnson said he had heard from an English medical doctor who had returned from New Guinea that the influence of these missionaries had had an incalculable effect upon the natives. The results of that influence could be seen in the magnificent behaviour of the natives who were helping our soldiers in all kinds of ways, especially in carrying our wounded men to the hospitals and casualty clearing stations. As they applauded these exploits they should remember the example and influence of the missionaries, who were the natives' true friends. The Bishop said that Dr. Strong and most of his workers were still at their posts, and that in all churches on this St. Andrew's Day they would be remembered before God with humble gratitude. For they had given themselves in the service of the natives of New Guinea in a way that would have a profound effect upon the relations between those natives and the white people. The future would reveal how much Australia owed to that self-sacrificing band of missionaries.

#### MEASLES PREVALENT.

Measles have been prevalent in the district of late. The attendance at the local school was greatly affected. At one stage there were only 15 pupils present out of 60 on the roll.

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A SONG TO REMEMBER.

You remember that old song—"Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag, and smile, smile, smile; While you've a Lucifer to light your fag, smile, boys, that's the style."

But don't forget, under present conditions there are only just enough matches to go around. Don't waste them; don't hoard them; and thus make sure the fighting men will not go short of Lucifers to light their fags.

STICKING VALVES. — Spitting backfiring, loss of power may be due to sticking valves. Oil fed into the carburettor air inlet while the engine is running will often cure this trouble. — R.A.C.V.

RED CROSS NEEDS BOOKS AND MAGAZINES. — Since the Red Cross Book and Magazine Section started work in February, 1940, it has handled 136,458 pieces of reading matter.

These have been distributed for use among sick and wounded members of the fighting forces in Naval, Military and Air Force Hospital Units at home and overseas, in hospital ships, in sick bays on troopships, sick bays in naval vessels and in convalescent homes and depots.

With the great increase in personnel in the fighting forces and the growth of the women's auxiliary services—sick members of which receive suitable reading matter from Red Cross—demands on the Book and Magazine Section are increasingly heavy and more and more donations of reading matter are urgently needed.

Particular need of the section at the moment are for Digests, Geographicals and Walkabouts although all types of magazines are always in great demand. Donations should be sent to the Book and Magazine Section, c/o. Red Cross House, 28 Swanston Street, or direct to the Section, B.M.A. Rooms, 426 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

Parcels of reading matter, clearly marked "Red Cross Melbourne," will be carried freight free on the Victorian Railways from country stations.

QUEEN CARNIVAL.

Closing Efforts.

On Saturday night a dance was held at Mr and Mrs Gil Loft's home, Waterloo road, Beaufort, in support of the Oddfellows' queen, Miss Thelma McGregor. There was a good attendance, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

A waltzing competition was won by Mesdames DeValle and Cobden. At the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Friday night, 27th Nov., the Beaufort Oddfellows held a children's fancy dress ball, and also a card social and dance ball, for adults, in support of their queen (Miss Thelma McGregor). The following awards were made by the judges (Mesdames Young, Newton, Exell, and Miss Lewis):—Best couple, Felix and Mephistopheles, Les, and Dexter Boyd; best boy, British Grenadier, Ivan Valgreen; best girl, Red Cross Nurse, Valgreen; best couple, Lesley Dunn and Loretta; most humorous character, Mr Melbourne, David Hughes; best sustained group, The Family, Wanda, Alwyn and Jean Gordon; special prize, Posy Grusec, Jno. Stowell; special prize, Posy Gwen Blay. The dance music was supplied by Mr F. Blay. The results of the euchre tournament were:—Section 1—Euchre, Mrs Hearn; 2—Euchre—Mr A. S. Duncan; consolation, divided by Mrs E. Whitefield and Mr L. Stephens.

On Saturday afternoon Mr Theo. W. Schlicht (honorary auctioneer) conducted a successful auction sale in Sturt Street, Beaufort, in support of the Oddfellows' Queen (Miss Thelma McGregor).

"If the victors in this war fall in, or shirk their duty, another Hitler will arise out of the ensuing chaos and the whole issue will have to be fought out again." — Bishop Burgmann, of Goulburn.

CHANGING SPARK PLUGS.

When it is necessary to change a spark plug, always use the correct spanner. This is a tubular box spanner which fits the body hexagon. Open spanners are liable to slip and crack the porcelain even when the plug is fairly accessible.

Before replacing, see that the seating surface is free from grit, or gas leakage is likely to occur. Never attempt to replace a spark plug by gripping the ring-plate with the spanner. When a plug is put with the spanner, the ring-plate must be dismantled for cleaning, the nut must be removed to allow the cement insulator to be removed. When re-placing, be careful to clean all surfaces and tighten down the ring-nut firmly. — R.A.C.V.

CALEDONIAN DINNER. — Engineer-Commander H. P. Mackenzie, of Trawalla, who is chief of the Ballarat Caledonian Society, was a speaker at the St. Andrew's Day dinner in that city on Saturday night. He said, in proposing the toast of "The Victorian Scottish Union," that the bagpipe was not an instrument indigenous to Scotland. It came to Scotland from Ancient Rome, via England; but the story of the bagpipe went back to remote antiquity. References to it were found in ancient Persia, India, and Chaldee. The bagpipe was very popular in England in the Middle Ages, but since the close of the 15th Century, it had always been associated with Scotland. The speaker also referred to the splendid record of the Scots in the Great War and the present conflict. They had shown their courage once again, which had made their fighting qualities renowned. He said it was necessary to combat the propaganda put out by those persons who were always speaking disparagingly of their own country and fighting services and praising the systems of other countries. He concluded by referring to the early days of the Victorian Union.

ODDFELLOWS' COMPETITIONS.

Competitions run by the Beaufort Oddfellows in connection with the Queen Carnival resulted as follows:—Trophy, Mrs G. Grant; trophy, Lindsay McGregor; soldier's cake, Mrs Worsley; turkey, Miss Joan Thomas, Trawalla; trophy, Mrs B. McHugh; ton of foot blocks, Mr R. Hare.

FISH BONE IN THROAT. — While eating a fish at her lunch on Friday, 27th November, Alice Howlett, of Snake Valley, swallowed a large bone. She was conveyed to the Ballarat Base Hospital, and although the bone was no longer in her throat when she arrived, she was admitted for observation.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

ODDFELLOWS' VICTORY BALL. Xmas. Night, 25/12/42, in Beaufort Picture Theatre.

BEAUFORT Methodist Ladies' Guild Christmas Fair, Thursday Decr. 10th. Opening at 3 p.m.

PRESBYTERIANS, NOTE! Special Service on Decr. 13, at 3 p.m. Preacher: Rev. FINLAY FRASER, Scots' Church, Ballarat.

BAND Amateur Hour, Sunday, Decr. 6.

RED CROSS Radio-sterility Party, C.W.A. Hall, Thursday, 10th Decr., 8.30 p.m. Euchre and Flag Bridge. Admission, 1/6.

NOTICE.

TO WOMEN RESIDING IN BEAUFORT AND DISTRICT.

URGENT DEFENCE WORK AT ARARAT, STAWELL, AND MELBOURNE.

ALL Women between the ages of 15 to 50, married, single, widowed, or divorced, without dependent children under the age of 12, who are not in receipt of wages or other remuneration are requested to report at the Court House, Beaufort (between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.), on Thursday 10th December. Identity cards must be produced. J. F. O'HARA, National Service Officer.

What are you doing about your RENEWAL NOTICE? for 1943

Renew your WAR DAMAGE INSURANCE NOW

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1942.

Church of England. — Beaufort, 11 and 7; Waubra, 2; Learmonth, 3.30—Rev. W. J. Tame.

Methodist Church. — Beaufort, 11; Main Lead, 2; Raglan, 3.15 and 7.30—Rev. W. R. Harrison. Chute, 2; Waterloo, 3.15; Beaufort, 7. — Mr. G. Kenwright.

Presbyterian Church. — Lexton, 11; Trawalla, 2; Beaufort, 7. — Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

Salvation Army Meetings. — Every Thursday — Women's Home League Meeting, 3 p.m.; Young People's Legion, 7 p.m.; Public Salvation Army Meeting, 8 p.m. Officer. Major B. Smith, of Ballarat.

BEAUFORT is the Capital of Ripon Shire, and the centre of an important Wool-growing and Farming District. Trawalla Soldier Settlement, 37,000 acres, is close to the town. Population of Town, 1400; district, 3000; Ripon Shire, 5000.



Swing into Spring New Spring Goods at Wotherspoon's.

MANY months ago our buyers were fortunate enough to secure a splendid range of Ladies' Frocks and Millinery. The goods were both purchased and delivered at that time, and they have been stored here during the whole of the Winter Season.

The Time has Arrived for their Display It is with Confidence that We Invite Inspection.

Here will be found the latest in Spring Frocks of all descriptions. FERGUSON'S FABRICS — GRAFTONS — VOILES — SHEER — VERY NICE LINENS (Plain and Floral), etc., etc. In the Millinery Section will be found the latest designs: PANAMAS — PEDAL STRAWS — LINENS — FANCY STRAWS



Yes!! Not often have WOTHERSPOON'S been able to feature a better display in their Showroom. It is essential these days that the best values be obtained for one's coupons. Don't let the best things go before you do your shopping. GET IT AT WOTHERSPOON'S.

J.R. Wotherspoon & Co. BEAUFORT & BUANGOR.

AUCTION SALES.

SPECIAL OPENING SHEEP SALE.

SKIPTON.

MONDAY, 7th DECEMBER, At 1.30 p.m.

4000 SPLENDID SHEEP.

CRAWFORD DOWLING PTY. LTD. Will hold their OPENING SALE in their NEW, UP-TO-DATE, AND SPACIOUS YARDS at Skipton, on the above date, when they will have a splendid offering of DISTRICT SHEEP, direct from local breeders, graziers, and including—300 Corriedale-Cross Ewes and Wethers—2-tooth.

385 Merino Ewes, 4-tooth, station bred (Mooramong).

340 Crossbred Wethers and Ewes, 1 1/2 years.

300 Merino Ewes, 6-tooth, station bred—1 year.

200 Merino Ewes, full mouth, guaranteed mouths.

200 Romney-Cross Ewes, 2-tooth.

170 Corriedale Ewes, 2 years.

150 Corriedale Ewes, 6 years, guaranteed mouths.

150 Merino Ewes, 4 and 6-tooth.

150 Merino Wethers, 4 and 6-tooth.

120 Merino Wethers, 3 and 4 years.

100 Corriedale Wethers, 2 years.

100 Crossbred Ewes, 1 year.

100 Crossbred Wethers, 1 year.

100 Polwarth-Merino Cross Ewes, 4 years.

100 Merino Wethers, 2 years.

90 Corriedale Cross Wethers, 3 years.

85 Polwarth-Merino Cross Wethers 4-tooth.

80 Merino Wethers, 2 and 4-tooth.

80 Merino Wethers, mixed sexes.

50 Romney Cross Ewes, 4-tooth.

50 Merino Ewes, 6 years; and

100 Mixed Sheep, in various lots.

4 English Leicester Rams.

Buyers are strongly recommended to attend; Skipton district sheep being noted good doers.

The usual rebate of 1 1/2 per cent. will be allowed to Agents introducing buyers for whom they settle.

Further entries are invited, and will be received by the Auctioneers at Ballarat (Phone 363) or by Mr Geo. S. Primrose, Skipton Representative (Phone Skipton 44).

SALE BY AUCTION.

TOWNSHIP PROPERTY, FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th, At 2 p.m.

DENNYS, LASCELLES LIMITED & THEO. W. SCHLICHT,

(Agents in conjunction), Have been favoured with instructions from Mr. H. McCracken, who is leav-

ing the district, to Sell his Township Property and Furniture:—

8-roomed W.B. Dwelling, situated in Lawrence Street, erected on 2-acre allotment. The house is in splendid order, with all conveniences, garage, large shed; the garden is in splendid order.

2 1/2 acres of land situated at rear of house.



SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS

FOR THE EMPIRE.

F.B. Ladies' Club.—There was a good attendance on Saturday night at the card and carpet bowls social held by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

Sergt. Floyd, who resides in Tasmania, has been spending his leave at Beaufort with his mother (Mrs Floyd) and brother-in-law and sister (Mr and Mrs A. Hall).

Pte. Jack Duke, of Beaufort, who is serving with the A.I.F., is in hospital at Heidelberg. His parents, Mr and Mrs J. Duke, went to Melbourne to see him on Sunday.

Pte. V. Cobden, of Carranballac, has been wounded in action. His name appeared in Tuesday's casualty list.

During the week Sapper N. Lardner and Trooper Roy Crick, of the A.I.F., were in Beaufort on leave.

Captain Reg Pringle, who was recently in Beaufort on leave, is a member of the A.I.F.

Corpl. J. Wain, who has been serving with the R.A.A.F. in New South Wales, has been on a visit to his mother Mrs A. L. Trengove, of Chute.

Sergt. A. Thompson, of the R.A.A.F., has been spending his leave at Beaufort.

Pte. Reg Davey, of the A.I.F., has been home to Beaufort on leave.

In a prisoner list from Japan appears the name of J. Hannah, who is believed to be Gnr. J. Hannah, son of Mr and Mrs D. R. Hannah, of Stockyard Hill.

Captain George Beggs, of Buln' Ghe-rin, taking part in an Austerity Loan march in another State, was only separated by a few yards from his wife who, as a sergeant in the A.W.A.S., was also participating in the march.

It transpired later that Lieut. Ralph Beggs was also in the march. Some months ago he transferred to the A.I.F. and is now with an Australian Divisional Cavalry Regiment.

Driver N. E. Daniels, of Staff Headquarters, Broadmeadows, spent six days' leave with his parents at Mt. Emu recently.

Welcome news was received by the relatives of Driver Jack Daniels this week that he has been discharged from the Convalescent Depot, and will be returning home at an early date.

Jack returned from service overseas early in the year, where he was attached to a unit that served in Libya and Syria. He was stricken by illness, which eventually led to his discharge from the A.I.F.

WEDDING BELLS.

NATT — RAMSAY.

A pretty, but very simple wedding was celebrated in the Beaufort Methodist Church on Saturday, 10th October, by the Rev. W. R. Harrison, when Alberta Anita Ellen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Ramsay, Haylock Street, Beaufort, was married to William George, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Natt, of Edithburgh, South Australia.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a sea blue ensemble, with navy accessories, and carried a beautiful bouquet of pink tulips, carnations, watsonia, and heath. The bride was attended by her sister Ailsa as bridesmaid, wearing a pretty frock of dusty pink, with navy accessories. She also carried a bouquet of pink tulips, forget-me-nots, heath and watsonia. The bridegroom was attended by Mr Phillip Cowden as best man. As the bride left the Church, a lucky horseshoe was placed on her arm by her sister Wenonah. During the signing of the register, Mrs Bert Newey sang, "I'll Walk Beside You."

A reception was held at the Aus-lice Cafe, where the bride's mother, wearing a navy ensemble, relieved by gold and a shoulder spray of golden tulips, received the guests. Mrs Olsen (great aunt of bride) assisted, wearing a black costume and black accessories relieved by a mauve shoulder spray. The happy couple left by the evening train, amidst showers of confetti and good wishes, for their honeymoon. Mr and Mrs Natt have since made their home in Ballarat.

"When victory comes we shall stand shoulder to shoulder in seeking to nourish the ideals for which we fight. It is a worth-while battle. It will be so recognized through all the ages, even amid the unfortunate peoples who follow false gods to-day." — President Roosevelt.

Band Social. — The Beaufort Town Band continued the snowball competition in conjunction with a card social on Monday night. Results:—No. 1 section Monday night. Mrs. A. Beer. Consolation—Euchre: Mrs. M. Anderson. No. 2 section Tuesday night. Mrs. A. Beer. Consolation—Euchre and consolation: Divided by Mrs. J. E. Day and Messrs. J. Stewart, A. S. Duncan, and G. Wilding.

Carpet Bowls.—On Tuesday afternoon a carpet bowls competition was held by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club and the winning team comprised Mesdames A. Beer, H. T. Sleat, T. Thacker, and H. Lardner. A singles tournament that has been in progress for some time was divided by Mesdames A. Beer, H. T. Sleat, T. Thacker, and H. Lardner. A singles tournament that has been in progress for some time was divided by Mesdames A. Beer, H. T. Sleat, T. Thacker, and H. Lardner.

Thistle Club Social.—A card social was held by the Beaufort Thistle Club on Wednesday night. Results:—Section 1: Euchre and consolation: Divided by Mesdames R. T. Macdonald and P. Doull. Section 2: Euchre: Mrs. C. Gillingham. Consolation: Mr. J. Millar. The winners of the aggregate competition were Mrs. S. Coles and Mr. R. J. Millar.

Social Afternoon.—A social afternoon was held by the members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club on Thursday afternoon. The euchre tournament was won by Mrs. Quick, and Mrs. S. Coles won the carpet bowls competition; Mrs. Quick being the runner-up. A cake was won by Leslie Cuthbertson, of Main Lead. The takings were £4/12/1, and the P.O.W. Fund will benefit.

Mr and Mrs Rex Johnson, of Ballarat, spent the week-end with Mrs Johnson's mother, Mrs G. McCracken, of Beaufort.

The Beaufort stationmaster, Mr W. J. Scriven, was unable to carry out his duties this week, owing to eye trouble. Mr W. Hayward is the relieving official.

The marriage of Veronica Jean, youngest daughter of Mrs Phillips and the late Mr G. Phillips, Beaufort, to Clifford Leslie, second son of Mr and Mrs A. Jeffrey, Mount Clear, will take place at St. John's Church, Geelong, to-day (Saturday, 5th December), at 1.30 pm. A reception will afterwards be held at the Pyramid Cafe.

Mrs Cowden and her two little daughters have been spending a short holiday at the home of Mr and Mrs Robert Ramsay, of this town.

Mr Les. Stevenson visited his father and brother, Messrs. D. and P. T. Stevenson, of Beaufort.

Miss M. Daniels, of Melbourne, spent her annual leave with her relatives.

Mrs E. W. Brown, of Melbourne, has been the guest of Mr and Mrs N. Daniels and family during the past week.

Mr. Ted Dawson, of Melbourne, has joined the A.I.F. He is a son of Mr and Mrs H. Dawson, of Brewster.

Mesdames J. Clark and W. Beaton, of Melbourne, have been spending a holiday with their parents, Mr and Mrs H. Dawson, of Brewster.

Mrs A. J. Saph and Mrs R. Day, of Ballarat, together with the latter's small daughter, came to Beaufort for the queen crowning ceremony.

A LUCKY SHOT.—While motoring with three others recently at Lake Goldsmith, Mr W. A. Skene, of Beaufort, noticed a hare sitting in the long grass, 40 yds from the road. The car was stopped, and Mr Skene shot the hare with a rifle. On going over to collect it, he was amazed to find that he had shot two full-grown hares with one bullet.

CROQUET.—On Saturday, 28th November, the following events were run by the Beaufort Croquet Club:—Clock: Mrs Trafford, 1; Mrs Acton, 2; Mrs Tame, 3. Doubles: Mesdames Trafford and Tame.

"We are determined that, before the sun sets on this terrible struggle, our flag will be recognised throughout the world as a symbol of freedom on one hand and of overwhelming power on the other."—General George C. Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff.



This map of Brazil shows the important territorial position and extent of the country where efforts are being realized to supplement the U.S.A.'s dwindling rubber supplies. The Ford Motor Co. has extensive plantations located in Para, Brazil.

Reasons Why Brazil Fights With the Allies

Brazil's entry into the war is more than just a gesture, for this largest country of South America can bring much valuable war material into the United Nations' Pool.

VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCES. The production of rubber in Brazil was allowed to decline by most plantation owners, although the Ford Motor Co. has been working hard for a number of years to cultivate large plantations which are now supplying certain of the needed supplies for Ford-built bombers and army vehicles.

Another very valuable product is chromium, used for all purposes of electrical insulation. Brazil is sent, all round the world. Finally, of course, there is coffee. Brazil produces three-fourths of the world's supply.

NAVAL CONSIDERATIONS. Geographically, Brazil is in a position of strategic importance to the anti-Axis forces. Forming the western boundary of the South Atlantic, she is able to provide valuable bases for the navies operating in those waters.

The South Atlantic has become the essential line of communication to the Allied forces in the Middle East and from the battlefield which extends from Egypt to Australia. German U-boats had been increasingly menacing in those waters, with surface raiders active also.

From Pernambuco, on the north east tip of Brazil, it is 1000 miles in a direct line to Dakar, on the large western bulge of Africa. From Rio de Janeiro, further down the long eastern coastline, it is 3,580 miles to Cape Town and so on into the Indian Ocean.

R.V.L.B. AUXILIARY.—The Beaufort Auxiliary, of which Miss E. Lewis is president and Miss K. Rodgers secretary, has received a very appreciative letter from the acting secretary and superintendent of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind for its contribution of £85/10/.

TENNIS.—The lady members of the Beaufort Tennis Club held a doubles tournament on Wednesday, which was won by Mesdames Gregory and Ashley.

OBITUARY.—We record with regret the death of Miss Euphemia (Effie) Tulloch, of Beaufort, the sad event occurring on Thursday night, at her home in Beaufort. The deceased had lived in the town all her life, and was very highly respected.

THE COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK. Provides all facilities for saving money. CHRIST COMES FIRST.

DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Skipton.

SUCCESSFUL BALL.

The ball run under the auspices of the Volunteer Air Observers' Corps on Friday, Nov. 27, was an outstanding success. There was a large gathering of visiting Air Force personnel and Allied soldiers, as well as a number of W.A.A.F.S. and A.W.A.S. These blended with beautiful frocks and artistic decorations, presented a gay scene.

DEATH OF RETURNED SOLDIER.

The sudden death of Mr J. Merton, of Skipton, early on Sunday morning came as a shock to his friends and relatives. Although the deceased had not enjoyed the best of health for a long time, it was not thought the end was so near.

The committee appointed to draw up a programme for the gymkhana met on Tuesday evening, when a programme of 35 events was compiled, including a fancy dress procession and numerous novelty events and sideshows.

DEPARTING RESIDENTS.

A largely-attended meeting of citizens of Skipton was held on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of arranging a farewell to Mr and Mrs Stephens, of the National Bank, who expect to leave for Melbourne in the near future.

PROPOSED GYMKHANA ON JAN. 2.

A meeting of combined parties to deal with the proposed picnic sports meeting, to be held during the Christmas holidays, was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday, Nov. 28.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

L/A.C. Keith MacLean, who has been in Canada completing his training, arrived home during last week.

RED CROSS BRANCH.

Sixteen members attended the monthly meeting, at which Mrs Donaldson presided. The following donations were received during the month:

connection with previous sports meetings. The appointment was very popular, and Mr Sturgeon received an ovation on taking up his duties. The committee will comprise members of the Carranballac A.C.F. and the Skipton Patriotic League, with power to add. The following were appointed to supervise the refreshment and afternoon tea booths and arrange for the appointment of stallholders, etc.:

Boite, Sturgeon, Stevens, Waldron, Williams, McIntyre (C'ballac). A resolution was carried that the V.D.C. be asked to music supplied by Eryc's excellent orchestra. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Air Force Orchestra was unable to be present.

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received during the month: Mrs. J. Merton, £10; Mrs. Funston, £14; Euchre and dance, £4/6/6; afternoon tea, 10/6. Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Tait, and Dr. Donaldson donated war savings stamps as trophies. The stalls yielded £3/5/6, and the monthly collection boxes £8/2/6. An account for £8/2/6 for material was passed for payment, and £28/10/0 for headquarters. Regret was expressed that the branch would lose an active member through the departure of Mrs. Stephens.

PERSONAL.

Miss Wright resumed teaching at the Skipton S.S. this week.

Miss McGuane has been relieving teacher during Miss Wright's absence.

Mr. Main, head teacher, is still an inmate of the Skipton Memorial Hospital.

Mr. W. Notman, who was an inmate of the same institution, returned home on Sunday last.

Raglan.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE MEETING.

Fifteen members were present at a meeting of the Raglan Patriotic League on Wednesday, 25th Nov. The president (Mr W. G. Wilkinson) was in the chair. A large amount of correspondence was read, including thanks for donations received from the Salvation Army, the A.C.F., and the Red Cross; from the League permission to buy sugar; from the Beaufort Band, re proposed dance; and from Corpl. R. E. Tiley, expressing thanks for wallets received.

The treasurer (Mr L. H. Tucker) reported a credit balance of £41. Accounts amounting to £11 were passed for payment. Arrangements were finalised for running the social in aid of the band on Saturday, Dec. 5th. It was decided to present each man on the list with total number was 34. In the matter of the required sugar ration, it was agreed to make further application. Other matters were attended to. The secretary (Mr K. W. Lewis) then tendered his resignation, owing to his pending transfer from the district. The resignation was received with regret, and it was decided to make Mr Lewis a life member of the league. Nominations for the position were Mr E. J. Lancy and Mrs R. E. Tiley. After a ballot, Mrs Tiley was declared elected.

SOLDIERS REMEMBER HOME TOWN.

PRIVATE Norman Lyons, who is at a battle station "somewhere in Australia," sent the A.N.A. Queen (Miss Heather Campbell) a donation of 5/- and abroad have remembered their home town by sending the Queens donations to help their comrades in prison camps.

EUCHRE AND DANCE.

The weekly social was fairly successful last week. Bright music was provided by Mrs. A. A. Wilkinson, Mrs. C. V. Wylie (piano), Mr. D. Nairn (violin), Mr. G. Gillingham (mandolin), and Mr. F. Welsh (accordion).

RAINFALL, ETC.

The rainfall recorded for November was 372 points, compared with 237 points for November last year.

Main Lead.

EUCHRE AND DANCE. Inclement weather was responsible for a smaller attendance at the euchre and dance at Main Lead School last Friday evening, Nov. 27th.

Buangor.

RED CROSS SOCIAL. The Buangor Red Cross concluded the year's activities with an enjoyable society night, held in the Buangor Hall on Tuesday night.

Miss Glynis Humphreys, who is a patient at Novar Hospital, is making a good recovery after an operation.

the duties of chairman, and after the singing of the National Anthem extended a warm welcome to Trooper Eric Mathews, who returned on leave from Northern Australia. Mrs. Banks accompanied the various artists, and the items were appreciatively received by the audience.

POLICE OFFICER TRANSFERRED. First-constable W. N. Drummond, who has been stationed at Buangor for about two years, is to be transferred to Inglewood.

THISTLE CLUB.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

Ten members of the committee of the Beaufort Thistle Club were present on Wednesday night at the monthly meeting, which was presided over by the chief (Mr Andrew Campbell). A letter was read from A. Ramsey, past president, V.S.U., stating that the new president, Mr Blackie, of Ballarat, had been installed on Sept. 12 at the annual conference.

The secretary (Mr A. S. Duncan) reported on the special meeting at Macdonald's Cafe, which was attended by Mr Blackie, president V.S.U., at which it was explained that the club's correspondence had not been attended to, owing to the secretary's office staff having joined the Forces.

The secretary reported that both the president and he had interviewed Mr F. J. Ely about the music for New Year's Eve. An apology was received for the absence of Mr A. McGregor. The secretary reported that from last social £1 each had been paid to the two local queens. Accounts amounting to £3/10/ were passed for payment. It was decided to make Mr Lewis a life member of the league.

NOT IN CIRCULATION. AT a meeting of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute Committee on Tuesday night, a discussion arose in regard to culling out of the library books not in circulation.

There were some books he would say had not been out since 1878. (Laughter).

DEATH.

TULLOCH. — On December 4, 1942, at Beaufort, Euphemia, loved sister of Margaret, James, Nellie, Agnes (Mrs A. L. Wotherspoon), and May (Mrs Harmer). Sweet Rest.

Funeral, Saturday, Decr. 5, at 3 P.M., from Presbyterian Church.

IN MEMORIAM.

DANIELS. — In loving memory of our beloved daughter and sister, Jane, who passed to a higher life on Decr. 2nd 1937. So dearly loved, so sadly missed by her parents, brother, and sister.

DANIELS. — Treasured memories of our darling sister, Jane, who fell asleep on Decr. 2nd, 1937. Ever remembered by Mary, Jack, and Norman, 146 Barkly Street, East Brunswick.

JAENSCH. — In memory of Mrs. G. Jacnsch, who died on 4th December, 1941.

—Inserted by E. A. Saph. LOFT. — In loving memory of my dear father, who passed away 3rd December, 1939.

—Dearly loved, sadly missed. —Inserted by his loving daughter, Rene (Mrs. A. D. Calow).

SMITH. — In loving memory of my dear son and our dear brother, Perc. (late 8th L.H., A.I.F.), who died 7th Decr., 1936.

—Ever remembered. —Inserted by his loving mother, sisters, and brothers.

"The Riponshire Advocate."

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Don't let your troubles weigh too heavily upon you—there is always somebody in a worse plight."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1942.

HAVE WE REACHED THE TURNING POINT?

THE heartening war news of the past few weeks has led most people to hope, be it ever so cautiously, that our side has reached the turning point in this mighty struggle. If the past three years of war have taught us anything, it has been not to be too dogmatic in our opinions or too optimistic in our prophecies. Looking back to the dark days of the fall of France, the evacuations of Dunkirk, Greece, Crete, the fall of Singapore and the Dutch Indies, and the game of shuttlecock and battledore in the Middle East, we remember how not only our own opinions and preconceived notions were all astray, but also those of the experts in high places who should have been in a position to see the international situation in the true perspective. Having failed to subdue England when she stood alone on the defensive, Hitler could hardly hope to do so after he committed the blunder of forcing two powerful Allies to take up the cudgels on her side. Britain, Russia and America are now beginning to put the screw on, owing to their growing strength, and that is why the Axis powers are at present getting a good taste of what they gave us. Even the Japanese, who got a flying start in the Pacific, are now being stubbornly harassed day after day by the Americans and Australians. When that great day comes on which the Germans and Italians will be definitely out of the war, it will be interesting to see what will happen to Japan with the full strength of the American and British navies, armies, and air forces turned loose upon her. However, that is looking rather far ahead, and committing the sin of being too optimistic. We must content ourselves with the "Asquithian" attitude of "wait and see."

CHRISTMAS MAIL. — This Christmas the Deputy Director of Posts and Telegraphs (Mr R. N. Partington), while seeking early postings, suggests that greater co-operation would be accorded the Department by restricting postings of gifts and greetings to an absolute minimum. This would be in harmony with the Government's desires for the observance of austerity and would assist the manpower position. Those posting remembrances are asked to lodge such mail not later than Wednesday, Decr. 16.

APPLE AND PEAR BOARD TO GO.

After being in operation for three years at a cost to the Commonwealth of more than £2,000,000, the Apple and Pear Board is to be suspended in four States, including Victoria. The Minister for Commerce (Mr Scully) said that the board was suspended because of widespread dissatisfaction with it. The acquisition scheme will continue to operate in Tasmania and West Australia.

PRIVATE CARS AND REPAIRS. — Private motorists are finding some difficulty in getting repairs done to their cars, says "The Radiator," the official organ of the R.A.C.V. In the last 12 months many garages have closed in both the metropolitan and country areas owing to petrol rationing and the calling up of skilled mechanics for aircraft and motor transport work.

The facilities available to private motorists have been further curtailed by the declaration of some hundreds of garages as "protected" undertakings which can only do work for motor vehicles in Priorities 1 to 6. From the standpoint of the private motorist a most important decision was recently given by the Automotive War Advisory Committee which instructed the proprietors of "protected" garages to attend to break-downs of vehicles on the road irrespective of priority, as, besides getting the owner out of his difficulty there was a danger in vehicles being left unattended on public highways, particularly under brownout or blackout conditions.

Roughly about 150 metropolitan and 380 country garages have been declared "protected" undertakings, but there are still about 900 garages in the State, including about 400 in the country, not included in the group that must give priority jobs to the first six classifications. However, in many of the unprotected workshops, private jobs have been banked up to such an extent that owners have to wait a considerable time before their cars can be touched. It is also understood, says "The Radiator," that the man power authorities are making heavy demands upon the what might be termed "free" garages, and many of them are being denuded of skilled mechanics.

LOWERING THE DRIVING AGE.

As the result of requests made by many members, particularly those living in country districts, the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria recently approached the State Government to suggest that the age at which motor drivers' licences are issued be reduced from 18 to 17 years. Members engaged in primary production and in business have urged this course because of the shortage of man power. It was pointed out that business men and farmers were compelled to rely more and more on the aid of their families in carrying on their work, but just at the time when a son could give valuable help in driving a truck or delivery car, he was liable to be called up. The reduction of the age would be a great help in the coming harvest season. Some opposition has been expressed to the reduction by newspaper letter writers on the ground that young people were more irresponsible and a greater number of accidents would result. However, motor licences have been issued in New South Wales and South Australia for many years to persons aged 17 years, and the accident statistics of those States are no worse than in the States where the age is 18 years.

The Premier promised legislation on the lines indicated, and last week the Bill was introduced. During the debate the Chief Secretary (Mr Bailey), who was in charge of the measure, agreed to an amendment suggested by Mr Michaels, limiting the operation of the section dealing with the reduction in age to the war period only. Other clauses give concessions in registration fees on tractors used for primary production, and give power to the police to cancel or suspend the licence of anyone suffering from a bodily infirmity rendering him or her unfit to take charge of a motor vehicle.

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TRIUMPHANT ENDING OF QUEEN CARNIVAL.

MORE THAN 1931 RAISED.

KING CARNIVAL FIGURES BEATEN.

The most successful patriotic effort in the history of Beaufort—surpassing the King Carnival of 19 months ago when £222 was raised in six weeks—was brought to a triumphant conclusion on Thursday night, when the queen crowning ceremony took place at the Picture Theatre. It was a brilliant and impressive pageant. The queens were Misses Thelma McGregor (Oddfellows) and Heather Campbell (A.N.A.), and the carnival lasted for two months. The results were:—

Oddfellows' Queen .. £468 1 7  
A.N.A. Queen .. £462 19 1

Grand Total .. £931 0 8  
The Oddfellows' Queen won by the margin of £5/2/6.

To the takings will be added the door takings of about £50 (less expenses). Many beautiful bouquets were presented to the queens and their attendants.

Each queen was presented with a gold watch as a memento of the occasion.

The ceremony was well carried out by Cr. C. H. McKay (chancellor) and Mr. W. Lewis (Herald). Mr. A. H. Sands (president of the A.N.A.) acted as chairman. Complimentary speeches were made by Mr Menadu (chief president of the A.N.A.), Mr S. Young (chairman Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club), Mr A. Campbell (president Beaufort Prisoners of War Fund Committee), and others. The effort was in aid of the Ripon P. & C. Club and the Beaufort P.O.W. Fund. A concert by local and visiting artists preceded the crowning ceremony, a feature of the programme being the artistic singing of Mrs Mackinnon, of Skipton. The secretaries were Messrs. F. S. Latch (A.N.A.) and W. A. Skene (Oddfellows). The full report will appear in our next issue.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

At their new Skipton yards on Monday, 7th Decr., at 1.30, Crawford Dowling Pty. Ltd. will offer 4000 splendid district sheep. Mr Geo. S. Primrose is their Skipton representative.

Chances in a fine array of prizes are offered at the radio party drive, to be held by the Beaufort Red Cross on Thursday, 10th Decr., in aid of the R.A.N. Relief Fund and the Royal Melbourne Hospital War Emergency Equipment. These include a case of cutlery, a 40-piece dinner service, a silver entree dish, English teaset, set silver knives and forks, silver cup, grocery hamper, hearthrug, ladies' handbags, blankets, sheets, and many other valuable trophies. There will also be local prizes.

To celebrate the victory of their queen, Miss Thelma McGregor, in the queen carnival, the Beaufort Oddfellows are holding a victory ball on Xmas night.

On Saturday, Decr. 12, at 2 p.m., at Beaufort, Messrs. Denny, Lascelles Ltd. and Theo. W. Schlicht (in conjunction) will sell township property, furniture and effects, on account of Mr H. McCracken, who is leaving the district.

At their Beaufort off-shears sale on Thursday, December 17th, Messrs. Denny, Lascelles Ltd. will offer 2000 merino and comeback sheep by auction.

A special service will be held at the Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, on Decr. 13 at 3 p.m. The preacher will be Rev. Finlay Fraser, of Scots' Church, Ballarat.

Beaufort Methodist Ladies' Guild Christmas fair, Thursday, Decr. 10.

Band Amateur Hour Sunday, Decr. 6. Women between the ages of 15 to 60 are requested to report for urgent defence work, at the Beaufort Court House on Thursday, 10th December.

V.D.C. NOTES. — At their class on Wednesday night, the Beaufort V.D.C. signallers had the assistance of Mr Fisher, who was in charge of divisional signallers in the last war. The Battalion parade at Ballarat is to be held on New Year's Eve, instead of Christmas Eve, as previously reported.

BEAUFORT C.W.A.

SOCIAL AFTERNOON.

The December meeting of the Beaufort C.W.A., held on Thursday, took the form of a social afternoon, and was presided over by Mrs S. Young, the new president. The hall was nicely decorated. The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, and the Collect was read by the group president (Miss Lalla Stewart). A number of apologies was received, and the list of birthdays read. It was decided not to hold a meeting in January. At the February meeting a paper on Holland is to be given by Miss N. Tulloch. All members were asked to bring a half-cup of sugar each to the February meeting. Mrs Young, on behalf of the members, welcomed the relatives of the men and women of the Fighting Forces, and apologised if any might have been overlooked, as they had taken the names from the register of the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club. Mr S. Young (chairman of the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club), who was accompanied by Messrs. N. S. McLeod and A. A. Downe, thanked the members for the wonderful support that had been given by the C.W.A. to that club for the past three years, under Misses A. T. Stewart and E. Lewis as presidents. They had raised £58 and the Younger Set £14 in one month, and they had helped to pack the parcels for the soldiers. He asked them to write to soldiers. Mr Young then introduced Sergeant Allan Thompson, and said he had been mentioned in American dispatches. Sergt. Thompson then gave an interesting talk on the work of the Air Force in the islands north of Australia. He was accorded a vote of thanks, on the motion of Miss Lewis and Mrs Humphreys. A very enjoyable programme of songs, instrumental items and recitations was given by Misses D. Exell, C. Lynch, A. Kirkpatrick, Mesdames W. R. Harrison and MacKinnon. The accompanist was Mrs S. E. Humphreys. The entertainers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Miss Stewart and Mrs Campbell.

WOOL APPRAISEMENTS. — Dalgety & Co., Melbourne, report (Decr. 1): — Hillside/Buangor (Buangor) sup com 25jd, aaa com 23d, aa com 20jd.

A.N.A. CARNIVAL COMMITTEE. — The Beaufort A.N.A. Queen Carnival Committee has arranged a wind-up meeting for Monday night.

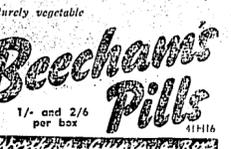
RAINFALL. — Thirty points of rain fell at Beaufort since our last issue. For the month of November 304 points was registered at the post office, as against 290 for the same period in 1941. For the present year to the end of November the registration totalled 2919 points.

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THE POETS' CORNER.

The following has been sent to us by Driver W. Smith, of the A.I.F., who is serving in the far North:— SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA.

Somewhere in Australia, where the sun is a curse, And each long day is followed by one slightly worse; Where the red dust blows thicker than the shifting desert sands, And the white man dreams of a fair and greener land.

Somewhere in Australia where a woman is never seen, Where the sky is never cloudy and the grass is never green; Where the dingoes' nightly howling robs a man of blessed sleep, Where there isn't any whisky and beer is never cheap.

Somewhere in Australia, where nights were made for love, Where the moon is like a searchlight, shining down from above; And the Southern Cross is sparkling like a diamond in the night, And every star in the heavens shines like a candle light.

Somewhere in Australia, where the mail is always late, Where a Christmas card in April is considered up-to-date; Where we seldom have a pay-day and never have a cent, But we never miss the money, 'cause we never get it spent.

Somewhere in Australia, where the ants and lizards play, Where a hundred fresh mosquitoes replace every one we slay; So take me back to Beaufort, and you'll hear me yell— For this God-forsaken outpost is a substitute for hell.

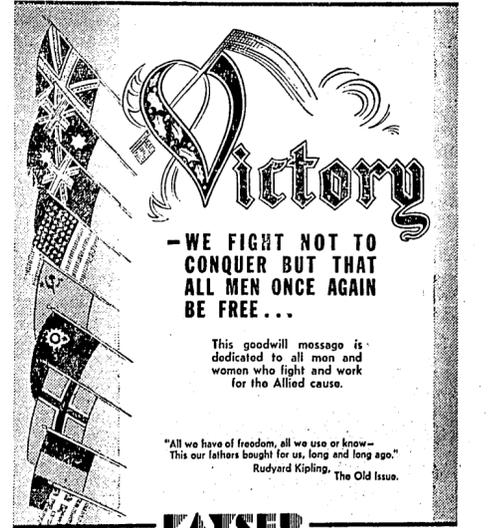
THEFT FROM PAVILION. — Recently the pavilion at the Beaufort Tennis Court was broken into and a dozen cups stolen. The thieves effected an entrance through the servery.

V.S.U. PRESIDENT'S VISIT. — A special meeting of members of the Beaufort Thistle Club was held on Friday night, 27th inst., at Mr and Mrs Macdonald's cafe. The chief (Mr A. Campbell) presided, and seven members were present. The chief introduced Mr Blackie, president of the Victorian Scottish Union, who explained why the club's correspondence had not been attended to. He pointed out that it was because the members of the Union's office staff had joined the Forces. He mentioned that he was the first president of the V.S.U. to visit Beaufort on official business not connected with an entertainment. He expressed the hope that the club would renew its affiliation with the V.S.U. The chief thanked the president for his attendance; the members generally being satisfied with his explanation. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the president, on the motion of Messrs. H. J. Buchanan and H. J. Miller.

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WEDDING BELLS.

TINWORTH - CLELAND.

With her wedding gown of creme slipper satin, Gladys Jean (Dolly) Cleland wore a pendant that had been worn by the bridegroom's mother on her wedding day. Her full length veil was held in place by orange blossom (lent by Mrs J. Roberts) and she carried a bouquet of white carnations, lilies and lily-of-the valley. The bride is the third daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Cleland, of Ballarat (formerly of Waterloo), and the bridegroom, Leslie Tinworth, is the elder son of Mr and Mrs L. Tinworth, of 72 Brewster street, Essendon. The ceremony took place on Saturday, 17th October, at the Ebenezer Church, Ballarat; the Rev. Paterson Campbell officiating.

The bride's sisters, Misses Betty and Margaret Cleland, as bridesmaids, were dressed alike in pink and blue taffeta respectively, with matching headresses and bouquets of pink carnations, tuberoses and delphiniums. Mr Max Tinworth was best man and Mr Jack Cleland and groomsmen. Mr B. Carland gave his niece away.

Afterwards a reception was held at the Alexandria, where among the many congratulatory messages read was a cable from the bride's brother (Spr. Bill Cleland) in the Middle East. Mrs F. Gesell (sister of the bride), as hostess, wore a dusty pink frock beaded in gold, grey fur cape and navy picture hat. On her shoulder was arranged a spray of pink carnations. Mrs Tinworth wore a navy crepe ensemble. The frock was embroidered with moonlight beads and the coat made with wide lapels. A navy hat, navy accessories, and a shoulder spray of carnations and rosebuds were worn.

The honeymoon was spent at Healesville, and Mr and Mrs Tinworth have made their home at Thornbury.

FRASER - RAMSAY.

On Saturday, 24th October, at St. Andrew's Kirk, Ballarat, the marriage was celebrated of Miss Lillian Joan Ramsay and Mr Norman R. Fraser. The Rev. Dr. C. N. Button officiated.

The bride (whose parents formerly resided in Beaufort) was given away by her father, and wore a gown of lace and georgette over shell pink silk. Her embroidered veil was held to the head by a topknot of rhododendrons and carnations. A bouquet of arum lilies, rhododendrons, and pink carnations was carried. Miss Thelma Ramsay attended her sister as bridesmaid, frocked in pale mauve lace over taffeta. Her shoulder length veil was held to the head by a halo of flowers and a bouquet of carnations, lupins and rhododendrons was carried. Mr Alan Fraser supported his brother as best man.

A reception was held at the Wattle, where a two-tier decorated birthday cake (made by the bride's aunt) held pride of place on the table. The guests were received by Miss N. Jaensch (aunt of the bride), who wore a sky blue ensemble with navy accessories. Mrs Fraser assisted the hostess, wearing a biscuit colored coat over a floral frock, and matching accessories. Mr H. Ludbrook was chairman.

MACDONALD - EDWARDS.

The marriage of Judith Dimant, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. B. Dimant Edwards, of 628 St. Kilda road, Melbourne, and Squadron-Leader John Geddie Macdonald, R.A.A.F., only child of Mr and Mrs J. G. Macdonald, of "Mt. Salina," Scallan Street, Stawell, and grandson of Mrs A. Bell, of "Waverley," Wendouree Parade, Ballarat, was celebrated at Christ Church, South Yarra, on Friday, 27th November. A reception was afterwards held at No. 9 Darling Street, South Yarra. Squadron-Leader Macdonald, who has had a meritorious career with the R.A.A.F.

in the Middle East, was before the war actively associated with commercial aviation. The future home of the young couple will be in Brisbane, which should suit the bride, who lived for three years in Suva.

The parents of the bridegroom are former residents of Beaufort.

OBITUARY.

MRS. SARAH KELLY.

The death occurred on 27th November at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr C. Anglin, Dodd Lane, off Eureka Street, Ballarat, of Mrs Sarah Kelly, of Snake Valley, widow of the late Wm. Kelly. Deceased, who was 83 years of age, leaves four sons and three daughters. She was a respected resident of Snake Valley for many years. Her remains were interred in the Skipton Cemetery on Monday.

BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

CATTLE: A very short yarding came forward on Tuesday, the total being only 95. Bullocks were particularly scarce, only 10 being yarded. There were a few pens of prime cows, remainder useful. The short supply was responsible for brisk competition, and values were fully 20/ a head dearer. Quotations:—Best bullocks, £17/10/ to £18/17/6; good, £16 to £17; prime cows, £13 to £14; extra heavy, £15 to £16; good, £10/10/ to £12; useful, £8 to £9.

CALVES: A fair offering of 113. Prime quality was not plentiful, a bigger percentage consisting of useful and chopping sorts. Competition was animated, and values, particularly for best quality, were higher. Best made £12/18/.

SHEEP: Prime quality was limited. Wethers were only moderately represented and were chiefly good and useful. The bulk of the ewes were second grade. Sales opened to keen competition, and values were fully 1/ a head dearer. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 22/ to 24/; a few, to 25/1/; good, 18/ to 20/; prime crossbred ewes, 14/ to 15/11; good, 11/ to 13/; prime merino wethers, 17/6 to 19/7; good, 14/ to 16/.

LAMBS: An increased penning of lambs was recorded, the total being 7615. The quality throughout was exceptionally good, easily the best for the season. The bulk of the lambs came from local districts, and included some outstanding drafts. There was a number of pens of prime shorn lambs and a fair number of graziers' lots in good condition. Sales opened to brisk competition from exporters and the trade at a higher level of values. The demand became keener as sales progressed, prices showing an advance of 1/6 to 2/ a head; the market closing strong. Quotations:—Woolly: Prime, 24/ to 26/; extra, 27/ to 28/10; a few, to 29/5; good, 21/ to 23/; extra, to 24/7; good, 18/ to 20/.

The following district sales are reported:—Steer, Mr C. Thomson, Bur-rumbet, £15/17/6; 35 lambs, same owner, 26/; 80 lambs, Messrs. Wm. Lynch & Son, "Ruradene," Beaufort, 25/7 to 28/10, averaging 26/3; 75 lambs, Mr W. T. Bagnall, Carranballac, 24/10 to 27/7, averaging 26/8; 8 cows, Mr Bruce Sutton, Beaufort, to £15; 9 calves, same owner, to £10/13/6; 3 cows and bull, Mr E. A. Mulvahn, Middle Creek, cows £10 17/6 to £9, bull £6/7/6; cow, Mr Robt. Ward, Derry Farm, Lake Goldsmith, £9; 231 merino wethers and ewes, Messrs. Dalgliesh Bros., Lake Goldsmith, wethers 19/10 (topping the market) to 14/7, averaging 17/1, ewes 14/2 to 10/10, averaging 11/9; 74 merino wethers, Mr A. J. Hinton, Carranballac, 19/1 to 14/10, averaging 16/2; 42 lambs, same owner 24/4.

POLICE COURT. — No cases were listed for hearing at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday.

THE BOYS ARE GRATEFUL. — We have received the following letter from Pte. E. Russell, from a battle station "somewhere in Australia":—"Would you kindly publish a few lines of appreciation for we Beaufort boys up here, thanking the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club for their loyal support to us during the year, also thanking the Ladies' Fire Brigade Club. We get your local paper sent up to us from our homes, and don't we appreciate it—just like we do a letter. We are all well and happy, and wish all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. —From the Boys.

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A new Beaufort record for a patriotic or any other effort was exceeded on Thursday night, Decr. 3, when the financial result of the queen carnival that has been in progress for two months between the local Oddfellows and A.N.A. was announced at an impressive and spectacular queen crowning ceremony at the Picture Theatre. The carnival was in aid of the Ripon Patriotic Club and the local P.O.W. Fund.

An enjoyable concert preceded the crowning ceremony, and long before starting time the hall, which had been booked out, was packed. Mr A. H. Sands (president of the A.N.A.) presided. The Town Band, under the baton of Bandmaster R. Saddler, played the incidental music, and the duties of accompanist were shared by Mrs S. E. Humphreys and Miss E. Thomas. The programme opened with the National Anthem and selections by the Town Band. Mr Chamberlain, a Scotch comedian, gave a couple of humorous items, with patter and local hits. He was well received, and gave Harry Lauder's well-known song, "Till the End of the Road," as an encore number. Piper McLeod stirred the Highland blood of many present by his rendering of "Ye Banks and Braes" and "Robin Adair." Mrs Mackinnon, of Skipton, artistically contributed a group of songs, including "God Save Me Mountains," "When the Rainbow Shines Again," and "Oh, No, John" (a request number). In which her cultured and beautiful voice was heard to advantage. In response to enthusiastic appreciation she gave a stirring song written during the last war, "The Americans Come," which displayed her remarkable dramatic powers. Her encore number was "Lindy Lu," of which she gave a charming rendering. Jack Blay, the local saxophonist who recently won a juvenile competition over the air in the P. & A. Parade, skilfully played bracketed numbers. His effort was loudly applauded. Miss D. Exell sang "One Fine Day" (from "Madame Butterfly") in very pleasing style, and responded to hearty applause with an equally meritorious number, "Life is a Song." Mr A. Geroovich gave several popular numbers on the piano-accompanist, and was accorded a great reception. He responded with more lively music. The programme ended with two humorous items by Mr Chamberlain.

The band played several tunes during an interval. Mr S. Emerson produced two sealed envelopes, which were opened by Cr. C. H. McKay (chancellor), who impressively carried out the crowning ceremony, with the valuable assistance of Mr K. W. Lewis as herald. The platform was tastefully decorated with tree lupins, delphiniums, and foxgloves with yellow broom and crimson curtains as a background. Bunting was also effectively displayed. After the band had played the National Anthem and "Advance Australia Fair," Mr Lewis read the proclamation. After the band had played "Rule Britannia" and the ceremony was proceeding with great decorum, a vase of flowers on the platform fell among the bandmen and caused considerable laughter.

The Queen of the A.N.A. (Miss Heather Campbell) and her retinue made their entry as the trumpeter (Mr F. Blay) played a fanfare. Her committee raised £462/19/1. Miss Heather Campbell (Queen of the A.N.A.) wore pouffant lemon organdie with a ruffled long-waisted. She also wore amethyst earrings, bracelet, and necklace, and a gold-beaded coronet. The attendants were dressed as follows:—Miss Betty Hannah, ice-blue taffeta, ruffled skirt, crystal accessories Rhine-beaded coronet. Miss Beth Schlicht, period gown of old rose taffeta worn with a seed pearl coronet, garnet necklace and bracelet. Margaret Campbell, floor length frock of pink organdie, trimmed with dull blue. Verna Wilson, floor length frock of white, trimmed with dull blue bows at neckline. Both Margaret and Verna wore coronets of sweet peas. Dorothy Latch (flower girl) also wore a floor-length frock of pink organdie, trimmed with dull blue, coronet of sweet peas. The Queen of the Oddfellows and Queen of Queens (Miss Thelma McGregor) then entered with her attendants, amidst great applause. Her committee raised £468/17/7.

The Queen of Queens (Miss Thelma McGregor) was attired in white spotted net over taffeta, rucked to the waist, puffed sleeves, full skirt, gold locket, silver sequined crown on white satin background. Phyllis Haintz, blue silk heart-shaped neck, puffed sleeves, full skirt, gold brooch (gift of queen). Jean Gordon, blue silk, heart-shaped neck, puffed sleeves, full skirt, gold brooch (gift of queen). Gwen Emerson (flower girl), pink organdie, lace trimmings, pink headress, gold brooch (gift of queen).

The complete figures are:—Oddfellows' Queen ... £468 17 7 A.N.A. Queen ... £462 19 1 Grand Total ... £931 0 8 The Oddfellows' Queen won by the margin of £5/2/6. Added to the total proceeds of the effort will be the door takings of about £50 (less expenses).

Cr. McKay congratulated both queens on their individual and collective efforts, and thanked them on behalf of the Australian fighting men. Cr. McKay then robed the queen of queens (Miss McGregor). The queen of queens was enthroned and crowned, amidst great applause. Cr. McKay presented a gold watch to each queen as a symbol of appreciation from her supporters and admiring subjects. He said the A.N.A. queen's effort had been no less than that of the Queen of Queens. The queen of queens thanked all who had helped her to secure this position and congratulated the Queen of the A.N.A. Bouquets were presented to both queens by Barbara Hughes and Shirley Torney, and a basket of flowers and many other bouquets and posies were also presented to the queens and their attendants.

Mr Menadue, of Horsham (Chief President of the A.N.A.) remarked that they would agree with him that he had an exceptional privilege, and one he deemed an honour, to have a few words to say. He congratulated the queens' committee, and all concerned, on bringing this carnival to such a happy and glorious conclusion. It was a great achievement on the part of the people. It was a great thing to see the friendly societies here working so amicably together. That was typical of the friendly societies, which existed to guard their fellow men. The A.N.A., of 46,000 members, was very interested in the men overseas, some of whom had given all they could for the country, and others being prisoners of war. There were 4000 to 5000 A.N.A. men in the fighting services. Both the Association and the Manchester Unity were deeply interested. He outlined the A.N.A.'s activities on behalf of the troops, in addition to levying themselves to the extent of £10,000 per annum. This was done to assure the lodge benefits to the men overseas, and to their loved ones here. The Association was also out to see that they had sufficient money to meet the exceptional circumstances when the war was over. To-night they felt a lighter in heart than a fortnight ago by reason of the military successes of their nation and their Allies. They could be proud also of the work of their Government and people, with the help of America, to place this country in an impregnable position against the Japanese. As they saw the wonderful array of youth come on to the platform to-night, it should convince them that they should be proud of the British people and the Australian boys. They should make the greatest vows they could that Australia would always be free from the oppression of the Japanese.

Mr W. A. Skene (secretary of the Oddfellows' Lodge) apologized for the absence of Bro. J. Cole, N.G., who was unable to be here. No one ever thought three months ago, he said, that such a splendid effort would result. Heather's father, Mr Andy Campbell, was the greatest one-man organizer Beaufort had ever seen, and was assisted by "Tony" Lewell, a great pal of his. The Oddfellows had had a wonderful ladies' committee. The speaker humorously reviewed the efforts on both sides, and had a good night's sleep for three months. "Tony" Lewell put the propaganda over so well that the Oddfellows' ladies' committee got the jitters badly. The tale told on the A.N.A., and Andy Campbell and "Tony" Lewell could not make the spotters' post one night. He then realised that the A.N.A. was cracking up. (Laughter). The Oddfellows' sale realised something like £105. He thanked the Oddfellows' ladies committee very much, and congratulated the A.N.A. queen and committee on their effort and all who helped. He thanked the local Press and all who had helped to make the carnival such a wonderful success.

Mr A. H. Sands (president of the A.N.A.) also spoke, and outlined some of the A.N.A. efforts. They were fortunate to get Miss Heather Campbell as their queen. She was a sport, and did not care a rap whether she won or not. He was pleased that so much money had been raised, and that the co-operation of the lodges had proved so successful. Mr S. Young (chairman of the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club) said that the four sweetest words in the English language were "enclosed please find a cheque." When their Scotch treasurer, Mr Norman McLeod, received that, he would dance the Highland Fling. Eighteen months ago, the King Carnival raised £222/10/7, which staggered them. This effort for £900 was stupendous. Every serviceman and woman also had received a hamper from the home town. He thanked the lodges which had previously assisted them greatly. In future they would have further demands upon them. Whatever they had done in the past was not equal to one week's service by a soldier, or airman. He urged them to stick to these men "till the end of their saying "Beaufort" did not forget us."

Mr A. Campbell (president of the P.O.W. Fund Committee) said the previous speakers had emphasised what had been achieved and he supported what they had said. He thanked their committee, and the public of Beaufort throughout the carnival. It was a wonderful effort. Last year the P.O.W. Committee raised £707 for five prisoners, and to-night's receipts would make a hole towards raising the £1200 they would want for 20 prisoners before next October. They had sympathy for all in enemy hands, who were probably in un-advantaged. Those men might be broken in body, but not in spirit as Australians. He congratulated both lodges on their splendid effort.

Cr. C. H. McKay said there was little he or they could do to help those on active service or unfortunate enough to be prisoners of war, but such an effort as to-night's went a long way towards helping them. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to the combined committees for their great effort. They had exemplified the meaning of the name "friendly society." What spurred them on had been that the object was greater than the contest. That kind of thing brought out the great feeling that existed in their democratic country. All the fighting men of the district would thank them for this supreme effort. Mr Latch, secretary of the combined committee, was worthy of praise. The driving force was demonstrated by two men who had been before them to-night. The ladies were deserving of

great appreciation for their work. The people did not mind the work they were putting in, and he thanked them on behalf of the fighting men.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT. A LENGTHY SITTING.

The Beaufort Police Court sat for nearly four hours on Monday afternoon, when Mr C. S. Catlow, P.M., dealt with a lengthy list of applications for renewal of licences, and four prosecutions for alleged gaming. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES. W. Holdsworth, E. R. Martin, A. J. Skene, W. J. and D. Stevenson, and V. R. Wilson applied for renewal of sections and hand dealers' licences. — Applications granted, with the exception of W. J. and D. Stevenson's, which was adjourned for the present.

John Robertson Witherspoon applied for a gold buyer's licence. — Granted. R. T. Macdonald applied for a collector's licence. — Granted. ALLEGED GAMING. First-constable Herman S. Hawkes charged Robert Simpson with street betting at Beaufort on 14/11/42. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr Byrne. All witnesses were ordered out of court.

Inspector Woolley prosecuted. In outlining his case, he said the police relied on the evidence that defendant was in Mr Bailey's room betting through the window. Constable Henry Bruce Wallace, Ballarat, gave evidence that on 14th November he entered the Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort, where he saw Simpson. He said to Simpson, "Any chance of a bet on the races?" Simpson replied, "No, we do very little about the races here. Witness walked away and sat down on a couch in the bar of the hotel. He observed men leaving the bar and going to a room at the rear of the hotel. An hour and a quarter later, witness walked into the room at the rear of the hotel, and saw three men standing outside the window. He saw a man named Harry McCracken accept money from men in the bar. McCracken entered the room prior to the race, and betting there where Simpson was out of the bar all the time, and going to the room of the hotel at the rear. At about 3.30 p.m. witness again noticed McCracken amongst the men in the bar, and he appeared to accept money but witness did not hear any horses' names mentioned. McCracken again entered the room occupied by Simpson. That was Mr Bayley's room. At about 10 to 4 Simpson came out of the room and returned to the room. Approximately two or three minutes later, First-constable Hawkes came to the entrance of the bar. From something witness said, they went to Bayley's room, and found the door securely fastened on the inside. They tried it. Witness went into the yard to the window of Bayley's room, which faced the yard. It was raised 5 or 6 in., and Simpson appeared to be throwing a book (produced) out the window. Witness took the book out of his (Continued on Page 2).

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**Police Court.**

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 hand. It was inside the window ledge. Witness pulled the window down and returned inside the room, and First-constable Hawkes was already there. McCracken was in the passage, and witness asked him to come inside. McCracken was towards the rear of the hotel. Witness said, "This man has been accepting money in the bar, and bringing it into the room occupied by Simpson." McCracken replied, "No, that chap owed me 4/, and he paid me." Prior to each race, a telephone rang on three or four occasions in Bailey's room, whilst witness was in the bar.  
 To Mr Byrne — McCracken offered to confront the police with the man who paid him 4/. Witness would not say he forgot it, or that he deliberately did not tell them. He was sitting in the main bar parlour, and would say it was the main bar. The bar was on the corner of the building. He could observe the men coming and going from the bar parlour. The part of the hotel he was in was the bar parlour. He did not know it was not the public bar. He thought he was in the public bar. There was a bar counter there. He could not see the door of Bailey's room, but knew exactly where the door was. He could see the men enter the room from the bar. He saw McCracken enter it, and another young man who was not there when the room was raided. There was a lady serving in the bar, and he would say she was Mrs Wood. He had been staying at another hotel in Beaufort and was told he could get no further accommodation. He had told the hotel-keeper where he was staying that he was a soldier absent without leave.  
 Supt. Woolley objected to a further question, and the p.m. upheld the objection, but later permitted the question.  
 Further cross-examined by Mr Byrne witness said he told Mr Coles and other men that he was absent without leave. Coles said he was an old soldier, but he could not remember his saying it was peculiar witness taking the whole world into his confidence.  
 To Inspector Woolley — In his opinion he was in the main bar room.  
 To the P.M. — He saw McCracken approach the men in the bar, and they handed him money on four occasions. He heard nothing of the conversation; being about 10 ft. away. Conversation took place. He saw a 2/ piece. There was nothing else done. He appeared to accept money on the second occasion. He got alongside men and saw their hands put towards McCracken and something said he did not hear. After that he left the room.  
 First-constable Sydney Philip Emerson, Beaufort, stated that on Novr. 14 he went to the Golden Age Hotel with First-constable Hawkes. He entered the hotel by a rear door, and entered the door of a room in the passage, indicated by Constable Wallace. The door was locked, and he leaned against it. The catch gave way, and he entered the room. He saw defendant in front of the window. He had a betting book and a sheet of newspaper in his hand (produced). Witness took the book and newspaper out of his hand, and said, "Have you been betting here to-day?" Defendant said, "Yes, I have taken a few." Defendant admitted the entries in the book were in his handwriting. Witness said, "How many have you taken to-day?" Defendant indicated certain pages, and witness marked them by turning the pages down. Witness asked him to put out all money he had in his pockets. From page 129 to 150, which witness had numbered since, were the entries. Defendant placed a certain sum of money on a bed in the room. This, together with what First-constable Hawkes picked up off the floor totalled £17/8/11. Defendant said he started with between £5 and £6 that day. He was asked if the remainder would be betting money, and said, "About £12 is what I have taken this afternoon." The newspaper was folded up under the book in defendant's hand. The money was returned to defendant, and they left the hotel. The newspaper contained a list of horses running that afternoon. The book showed that in the afternoon £70/11/ was accepted in bets and a total of £613 accepted in bets and a total of £613 accepted in bets. He had known defendant for the past few years, and defendant had boarded since he had known him, at the Golden Age. On the 16th November, defendant called at the local police station for a copy of the bets in the book, as he wanted to pay out, and there was some doubt as to what they were. The defendant was allowed to take a copy, and took it away with him.  
 To Mr Byrne — The book did not all relate to that day.  
 Mr Byrne submitted that the amount

of money accepted in bets in the book was not material.  
 The P.M. — The betting in the book would throw the onus on defendant to show it was legal, unless it was dated.  
 Witness to Mr Byrne — He took no interest in betting. Defendant only copied out the winning bets for the afternoon on the marked pages. He assumed defendant was taking bets in the room he was in. Witness used the word "here" when he asked him. He was the only local constable being called in relation to betting. Mr Bayley was a stock agent, and used the room as a combined office and bedroom. Bayley boarded at the hotel.  
 First-constable John Duke, Beaufort stated that he was present at the Flemington races on 14th Novr. and took notes of the horses that ran and won. He looked at defendant's betting book and found the names of a number of horses that ran in the races that day.  
 First-constable Herman L. Hawkes Ballarat, gave corroborative evidence. He was in company with First-constable Emerson on gaming duty at Beaufort on 14th Novr. Constable Wallace brought McCracken into the room, and alleged that he had been taking bets in the bar and bringing them into this room. McCracken said he was not, but a man paid him 4/ he owed him. He said he could point out the man. Simpson also said McCracken had not been bringing bets. Defendant said he was taking bets through the window. After defendant put his money out, witness asked him was that all he had on him, and he said, "Yes." He also said, "Mrs Wood told me this morning there was to be no betting here to-day. There is very little betting here at any time." In this room was a 3-bed; a window leading into the back yard. This was partly open. There was a table under the window with a phone on it. It rang while they were in the room, but was not answered. There was a roll-top desk and two or three chairs. The chairs were in the vicinity of the window. He could not clear up whether it was a bar or bar parlour referred to by Constable Wallace.  
 To Mr Byrne—Constables Wallace and Emerson were there when Simpson said he took bets through the window.  
 Mr Byrne submitted that there was no case of betting in the yard to answer.  
 Inspector Woolley — He had information that they were using it as a common gaming house.  
 Mr Byrne quoted section 106 of the Act. Here was a man who had an office and bedroom combined. That was the prosecution's difficulty. The point was that this was the private home of Mr Bailey, whether leased or not, and was not in the street. There was no betting in the yard, and no arm out through the window.  
 Inspector Woolley made application to amend the information to: Being a person using a certain place for the purpose of betting with persons, to wit a private room in the Golden Age Hotel.  
 Mr Byrne argued that parts of public houses were private, even if they were public houses.  
 Inspector Woolley quoted the case of O'Donnell v. Chambers. He was prepared to argue that the hotel yard was a street, but not on the point of a private dwelling in an hotel. He asked for permission to withdraw this information and substitute what he had outlined.  
 Mr Byrne asked that the case be dismissed.  
 The P.M. allowed the police to substitute the information, as requested.  
 Defendant was then charged with using a room in the Golden Age Hotel for betting with persons.  
 Defendant pleaded not guilty.  
 Mr Byrne — As far as the user was concerned, the position was the same. The position with regard to user was that no person could use premises unless he had the consent of one with dominion or control. Mr Byrne reviewed previous decisions on the matter.  
 The P.M. — In some cases there was a certain amount of delegated authority.  
 Mr Byrne — There was no evidence that any permission at all was given in this case. No further evidence could be given.  
 Inspector Woolley quoted authorities on the matter of using. He intended, he said, to prove that defendant had authority from Bailey.  
 The P.M. said he could hardly extend his powers of discretion to that extent.  
 Inspector Woolley said Bailey was present in the room.  
 Mr Byrne — There was no evidence of that.  
 Inspector Woolley made application to re-open the case.  
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**RED CROSS BRANCH.**

**Fortnightly Meeting.**

Mrs T. Beggs (president) conducted the business at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort Red Cross branch on Tuesday afternoon. Apologies were received from several absentees.  
 A letter of thanks was received for the quota of £3 for three months.  
 Headquarters wrote, stating that the management of the annual meeting had to be carried out under the new regulations.  
 Goods required in the priority group were read out.  
 The Brewster Auxilliary forwarded a donation of £10 from its Community Fund.  
 It was stated that more sorters were required for the Red Cross depot. Mrs Young moved that £1 be spent on material for stuffing soft toys at a military hospital.—This was agreed to.  
 Mrs Beggs expressed the regret of the members at the death of Miss E. Tulloch.  
 The following donations were received:—Mr Ashley, sale of bottles, 9/; Miss Brown, Niawanda, 10/; Mrs A. Skene, Mrs Moloney, Mrs Campbell, magazines; Miss Alma Kirkpatrick, bottles and magazines; Lady White, magazines; pieces for soft toys, Mrs Hancock; medicine bottles, ointment jars, silver paper, etc.; Mesdames Reynolds and J. Thomson; bottles, Mrs Campbell.  
 List of work handed in at meeting:—Shirts: Miss Acott, 2; Mrs Burns, Miss Troy, Mrs Tame, Mrs T. Beggs, Miss Wotherspoon, 1 each. Pyjamas: Mrs Morvell, Mrs Ball, Mrs J. F. Wotherspoon, Miss Kirkpatrick. Donations: Mrs Tame, medicine bottles and book; Mrs J. Pearce, medicine bottles and jars.

**TOWN BAND.**

**RECITAL AND AMATEUR HOUR.**

The Beaufort Town Band's recital and "amateur hour" on Sunday night at the Picture Theatre attracted a crowded house, and the collection amounted to nearly £9. The winner of the amateur hour competition was Mr George Davies, a Waterloo yodeller, and he will receive his trophy at the next recital. The winner of the last contest, Les. Broadbent, was presented with his trophy. A new feature that has won popularity in radio circles — a quiz contest—was introduced. Several correct answers were given and trophies awarded. Whilst votes were being counted, recitations were given by Ivan Broadbent and Patie Lewis. The band president (Mr J. Duke) was at his customary post as master of ceremonies. Mr R. Sadder conducted the band, and their items were:—March, "Invercargill"; march, "Blades of Steel"; march, "Royal Duke"; waltz, "Dorothy"; march, "Gladialor."  
 The remainder of the programme was as follows (the accompaniments being played by Misses E. Thomas and D. Exell):—Song, Mrs A. Newey (encored); song, Mr George Davies (unaccompanied), encored; song, Miss Nancy Davis; song, Mr W. Bruty; duet, Messrs. Des. Lynch and George Exell; recitation, Mrs E. Broadbent, senr.; humorous selections, Mr A. King.  
 Mr F. S. Latch carried out the secretarial duties.

**COMMERCIAL SCHOLARSHIP.** — Twenty-three scholars sat for the commercial scholarships given by the Ballarat School of Mines. One of the full scholarships was won by Gwenda Harrison (Beaufort Higher Elementary School).

**TENNIS.** — The lady members of the Beaufort Tennis Club held a doubles competition on Wednesday, and the winners were Mesdames Q. W. Gregory and A. M. Parker.



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**LOCAL FIXTURES.**

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.**  
 A.N.A. — Every alternate Tuesday.

Ripon Shire Council — Second Monday in month.  
 Police Court. — Every Monday (except holidays).  
 Mechanics Institute. — First Tuesday in month.  
 Fire Brigade. — First Monday in month.  
 Bush Nursing Hospital Committee. — Second Monday in month.  
 B.N. Hospital Auxilliary. — Second Monday in month.  
 C.W.A. — First Thursday in month.  
 C.Y.M.S. — Second Monday in month.  
 Flery Creek Masonic Lodge. — Second Wednesday in month.  
 Mark Lodge. — Fourth Thursday in every second month.  
 Mothers' Club. — Second Friday of month.  
 Oddfellows. — Every alternate Thursday to Rechabites.  
 Rechabites. — Every alternate Thursday to Oddfellows.  
 Town Band. — Third Thursday in the month.  
 Committee Ripon Sub-branch, R.S.L. — Second Saturday evening of each month.  
 School Committee.—Fourth Monday in each month.  
 Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club. — Every Tuesday afternoon, every

Saturday night, every alternate Thursday night.  
 Thistle Club. — First Wednesday of month (committee meeting and social).  
 Golf Club. — In recess.  
 Town Band Social. — Every Monday night.  
 Younger Set. — Third Monday in each month.  
 Swimming Club Committee. — First Thursday in each month.  
 Red Cross Branch. — Every alternate Tuesday of month.  
 Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club. — As summoned by secretary.  
 Prisoner of War Committee. — As summoned by secretary.  
 Red Cross Emergency Service Company's Classes. — Every Monday night.  
 Volunteer Defence Corps. — Parades three Saturdays each month.  
 V.D.C. Signallers' Class. — Every Wednesday night.  
 The man who skites about the bargains he gets from traders in other towns, generally squeals the loudest when someone else goes to the city to buy some article he has for sale.

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**A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.**

"Indulge in no vain regrets about  
the past, and steel yourself to face  
the future without flinching."

**THE LADIES.**

**WAGS** were once prone to facetiously  
ask the question, "Where would the  
men be without the ladies?" It must  
be freely admitted by almost every man  
who tries his hand at working for a pa-  
triotic society that he is beaten to a  
frazzle by the feminine members of his  
family, who have acquired the everyday  
habit of raising money for the cause by  
means that would never have occurred  
to him. The amount of money netted  
during the past three years by the lad-  
ies of Beaufort, through their personal  
efforts, for various funds in connection  
with the prosecution of the war must  
run into many thousands of pounds.  
Men may be quite useful in such organ-  
isations as the Fire Brigade, Volunteer  
Defence Corps, Red Cross Emergency  
Service, and V.A.O.C., but they must  
play second fiddle to the ladies when it  
comes to the gentle art of raking in the  
shelks. There was a time when men  
considered themselves to be the superior  
sex in every business and social activ-  
ity; nowadays they would be well on  
the way to developing an inferiority  
complex but for the fact that they sec-  
retly retain a last shred of conceit,  
which saves them.

**RAINFALL.** — The rainfall registered  
at the Beaufort Post Office since our  
last issue was 25 points.

**BEAUFORT ODDFELLOWS.** — The  
half-yearly meeting of the Beaufort  
Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Odd-  
fellows was held on Thursday night at  
the C.W.A. Hall; Bro. J. Cole, N.G.,  
in the chair. Officer-bearers were instal-  
led for the ensuing six months (Bro. J.  
Stewart, P.G., Lecture Master) acting  
as installing officer:—N.G., Sister N.  
McGregor; right supporter, Bro. A.  
Crick, P.G.; left supporter, Bro. H.  
Ward; V.G., Sister Thelma McGregor;  
right supporter, Bro. C. Stewart, P.G.;  
left supporter, Bro. A. Hughes; warden,  
Bro. H. Whittaker; guardian,  
Sister Norma Cole; I.P.G., Bro. J.  
Cole; secretary, Bro. W. A. Skene,  
P.G. All the newly-elected officers re-  
turned thanks. Final arrangements  
were made for the Victory Ball on  
Christmas Night. Blay's Orchestra was  
engaged, and the prices for admission  
fixed as follows:—Ladies, 2/; gentlemen,  
3/; euchre players, 2/.

**BALLARAT MARKET.** — The follow-  
ing district sales were effected at the  
Ballarat stock market on Tuesday:—25  
bullocks; Major Phillip Russell, Carn-  
ham Estate, Carnham, £15/12/6 to £12  
10/; averaging £14/0/1; 108 merino we-  
thers, ewes and weaners, Mr. N. Smith  
Trawalla, wethers 15/1, ewes and weth-  
ers 16/3, weaners 14/6; 61 crossbred and  
comeback wethers, Mr. A. R. Lofts, Lake  
Goldsmith, 23/6, topping the market, to  
15/4; 12 merino wethers and ewes, Mr.  
W. L. Fay, Carranballac, wethers 15/1,  
ewes 11/4; 40 lambs, same owner, 24/5;  
15 Corriedale x ewes, estate late An-  
drew Fraser, The Grange, Beaufort,  
12/4; 26 lambs, same owner, 24/1; 92  
lambs, Messrs. William Lynch & Son,  
Ruradene, Lake Goldsmith, 25/1; 82  
shorn lambs, Mr. S. H. Bantz, Trawalla,  
to 21/11, averaging 20/10; 50 merino  
wethers, Mr. E. A. Fay, Middle Creek,  
18/2 to 16/11, averaging 17/7; 60 lambs,  
same owner, 22/6; 35 lambs, Mr. Clarrie  
Thomson, Burrumbeet, 24/11; calf, Mr.  
N. Drummond, Buangor, £4/9; 92  
lambs, Messrs. W. Lynch & Son, Lake  
Goldsmith, 23/7 to 25/7, averaging 24/4.

**FIRE BRIGADE.****ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Beaufort  
Fire Brigade, held on Monday night at  
the Fire Station, was attended by 12 ac-  
tive, one reserve, and 12 junior mem-  
bers. Apparatus-officer G. Gordon  
took the chair, as the captain was un-  
able to attend the opening part of the  
proceedings; having been called out in-  
to the country.

Correspondence was read from the  
Country Fire Board, re special tele-  
phone arrangements at country ex-  
changes for bush fires, etc.—Received,  
and contents noted.

From Taxation Office, re tax on en-  
tertainments, which must be registered  
seven days before being held. — Refer-  
red to secretary.

From Country Fire Brigades' Associa-  
tion, in reference to technical represen-  
tation of country brigades on the G  
Committee. — Received.

From Mr P. L. Denigan, M.L.A.,  
stating that he had placed request of  
brigade in regard to above matter be-  
fore the Premier, and enclosing a let-  
ter from the Secretary to the Premier.  
—Received. The captain said he was to  
place the matter before the Shire Coun-  
cil at next meeting.

From Country Fire Board, stating  
there was no objection to the brigade  
placing another window in the Fire  
Station. — Received.

From Ex-Captain G. Wilson, Balla-  
rat, regretting he could not attend  
smoke social. — Received.

A letter to the same effect was re-  
ceived from Corpl. W. Day. — The  
chairman said they were pleased to  
hear from both these former officers of  
the brigade.

Foreman E. Hopkins applied for  
three months' leave of absence, as he  
was engaged in a seasonal occupation  
outside the town. — Application to  
be submitted to the board for approval  
on motion of Firemen E. R. Martin  
and F. Allan. The chairman said he  
hoped Foreman Hopkins would soon be  
back to take his old place.

The secretary said £40/16/3 had been  
paid by the brigade to the P.O.W.  
Fund.

An account for £1 and the smoke  
night expenses were passed for pay-  
ment.

A working bee for the P.O.W. Fund  
was discussed; the secretary stating Mr  
Lyons would pay 4/6 a ton for all the  
wood they could cut in his paddock.

On the motion of Firemen F. Allan  
and E. Gillingham, it was decided to  
cut the wood, as suggested.

The working-bee was arranged for  
Saturday afternoon, 19th inst., at 1.30  
o'clock.

Transport arrangements were left in  
the hands of the captain and secretary.

The captain and lieutenant arrived  
at this stage of the meeting.

The following office-bearers were el-  
ected for the ensuing two years:—Cap-  
tain, J. Duke; Lieutenant, J. Irving;  
foreman, G. Gordon (E. Hopkins de-  
clining nomination); apparatus-officer,  
C. Bates; secretary, C. Stewart.

A practice night was arranged for the  
Monday before Christmas, when motor  
pump practice and work for the junior  
members will be carried out.

Fireman A. Telford was appointed  
for half duty for the month, and the  
captain and Fireman E. R. Martin for  
motor pump duty.

The captain wished the members the  
compliments of the season, and hoped  
they would have all the boys in the  
Forces back with them next year.

**SMOKE SOCIAL.**

The meeting was followed by the an-  
nual smoke social—a very enjoyable  
friction at which several local organisa-  
tions were represented. Captain Duke  
presided. There was a short musical  
programme, and Mr W. L. Williams  
acted as accompanist.

After Captain Duke (chairman) had  
made a few, introductory remarks, the  
loyal toast was honoured.

A minute's silence was observed in

memory of departed comrades.

Captain Duke proposed "The Coun-  
try Fire Board." He did so, he said,  
with mixed feelings, as for 15 years they  
had had a member of the Board pres-  
ent, in the person of the late Captain  
R. A. D. Sinclair, and also an old vol-  
unteer fireman, the late Mr H. M.  
Stuart, who had usually proposed that  
toast. The Board had ruled over them  
efficiently, and had supplied many brig-  
ades with motor pumps. But for the  
war, every brigade would have had one  
now. He could not understand why  
when the G Committee was started, a  
fire brigade officer of years of training  
and standing was not appointed to it  
but the country fire service had been  
ignored. The fire service expressed its  
feelings in strong terms, and asked  
that the chief officer or deputy chief be  
appointed to the position, and the G  
Committee's control excluded from  
country towns.

A saxophone solo was given by Junio-  
reman J. Blay.

Captain Duke read the following an-  
nual report:—I have much pleasure in  
presenting to you a report of the activi-  
ties of your brigade during the year of  
1942. In the first place I would point  
out to you that this is the first year for  
many years that we have had no town  
fires, and I trust that this state of af-  
fairs will continue; although the brig-  
ade members have given considerable  
assistance at bush fires. During the  
year there were 25 practices held, and  
the following attendances were made  
by members:—Secretary Stewart and  
Fireman Allan, 25; Captain Duke and  
Fireman J. Martin, 24; Apparatus-offi-  
cer Gordon, 23; Lieut. Irving, 22;

Foreman Hopkins, 18; Fireman R. Mar-  
tin, 20 out of 20; Fireman Coughle, 17  
out of 19; Fireman J. Stewart, 14 out of  
15; Fireman Holdsworth, 12 out of 12;  
Fireman Bates, 9 out of 9; and  
Firemen Telford and Macdonald, 4 out  
of 4. Some time ago it was suggested  
that we form a boys' auxiliary brigade  
and we were successful in obtaining 12  
boys, most of whom have shown great  
keenness in the work. Small competi-  
tions have been run between them, and  
from what I have seen of their work  
I am sure that we can rely upon them  
to do a good job in fire work should  
they be required. The present strength  
of the brigade is 15 active members, 20  
reservists, and 18 boys as auxiliary  
members. We now have 11 firemen in  
the Forces, one of whom is at present a  
prisoner of war. Towards the end of  
the year we thought it would be a good  
gesture to try and raise the £50 to keep  
one prisoner. Up to the present time  
we have raised £40/16/3, and we intend  
to complete the £50 before the end of  
the year. We regret the passing during  
the year of our comrade, R. A. D. Sin-  
clair, who was a member of the board  
since 1925, and was always present at  
these small functions. Ex-Captain Sin-  
clair had done a great deal for this  
brigade, and he was one of a number of  
pioneers who placed the country Fire  
Brigades Board on its present footing  
The Beaufort Brigade was established  
in 1874, and joined up with the Country  
Fire Brigades Board in 1890. The brig-  
ade started the year with a credit bal-  
ance of £15/9/11, and the present bal-  
ance is £13/9/11; no functions having  
been run for the brigade during the  
year. I could not conclude this report  
without once again bringing under your  
notice the good work performed by our  
Ladies' Club. Their present membership  
is 107, and they have been untiring in  
their efforts to supply comforts for our  
fighting men. In addition, they have  
completed 19 camouflage nets, and have  
several more near completion. They  
have also continually helped outside  
bodies in their efforts for the comfort of  
the boys. In conclusion, gentlemen, I  
wish to thank you for once again elect-  
ing me as your captain. I trust that the  
co-operation existing between officers  
and men will continue as it has always  
been in the past. I have the honour to  
be your captain, J. DUKE.

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Dalgety & Co. Ltd. report (Decr. 9):  
—Our highest price was obtained for  
the ex sup com of Langi-Kal-Kal (Tra-  
walla), 36/d, sup com aaa 31/d, 1st nps  
20/d, lms sup 28/d; AJC/Beaufort, sup  
com aah 24/d; CW/Emu Park (Beau-  
fort), 1st com 23/d; GW/Middle Creek  
(Middle Creek), aah 23d. Comeback and  
Crossbred.—CW/Emu Park (Beaufort),  
1st a 23/d.

Messrs. Elder, Smith & Co. Ltd. re-  
port on 9th Decr. that the final series  
of appraisements for the year were held  
in Geelong this week, for which they  
catalogued 3197 bales from most wool  
producing districts of the State; the  
greater portion being grown in the Wes-  
tern and Wimmera districts. The high-  
est price in the catalogue was secured  
by JHK/Glenogle and BP/Pitong, both  
of which made up to 30d. In the come-  
back section 25/d was realised for JVN  
from Beaufort. Proceeds and account  
sales for this appraisement will be for-  
warded from this office on Wednesday  
6th January, 1943. District sales:—JL/  
Skipton (Carranballac), sup com H 28d,  
ex sup com H 28d, ex sup lms 27/d; M.  
Lonarch/DK (Amphitheatre), sup E  
29d, ex sup lms 27/d; JVN (Beaufort),  
sup aaa 25/d; AC/Skipton, 1st cbk 22d;  
JK/Beaufort, a 22d; Dalgliesh/Bros./  
Trawalla, m aaa f 24/d; JK/Beaufort,  
M 20/d; JJC/R (Raglan), sup com 19d.

**COMING EVENTS.****MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.**

Paragraphs are only inserted in this  
column simultaneously with advertise-  
ments.

At their Beaufort off-shears sale on  
Thursday, December 17th, Messrs.  
Dennys, Lascelles Ltd. will offer 2000  
crossbred, comeback, and merino sheep  
by auction.

A special service will be held at the  
Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, on Decr.  
13 at 3 p.m. The preacher will be Rev.  
Finlay Fraser, of Scots' Church, Balla-  
rat.

An entertainment, sponsored by the  
Ripon R.S.L., will be given to the chil-  
dren of district servicemen at the Beau-  
fort Picture Theatre, on Thursday af-  
ternoon, Decr. 17th.

Lake Goldsmithschool break-up, Wed-  
nesday, December 16th, 2 p.m.

Beaufort Younger Set will hold a ball  
on 18th Decr. J. Currie's Orchestra.

At their Lexton stock sale on Wednes-  
day, Decr. 16, Dennys, Lascelles Ltd.  
a good yarding of merino, comeback  
and crossbred sheep.

At Lexton on Saturday, Decr. 19,  
Messrs. Dennys, Lascelles Ltd., will  
hold a clearing sale of timber, buildings,  
galvanised iron, motor car, and sundries.

**WAR WORK.** — The response to the  
advertisement in our last issue calling  
upon women of the district to attend at  
the Court House, Beaufort, on Thurs-  
day, for examination for war work, was  
very good; about 58 attending, and  
quite a number expressing their willing-  
ness to do war work.

**MR. ROY REED,**

**LADIES' AND GENT'S.  
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OF  
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VISITS BEAUFORT REGULARLY.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

MODERATE PRICES.

NEAREST VISIT:

**AUCTION SALES.****LEXTON STOCK SALE**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

**DENNYS, LASCELLES LTD.,** Geelong,  
Melbourne, Avoca, and Branches,  
have received the following entries for  
their Lexton Stock Sale, to be held on  
the above date:—

180 Corr.-Mer. Cross Ewes, 2 yrs.  
90 Corr.-Mer. Cross Ewes, 1 yr.  
100 Merino Ewes, 2 yrs.  
80 Comeback Ewes, 1 yr.  
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130 Corr.-Mer. Cross Wethers, 2 yrs.  
80 Comeback Wethers, 1 yr.  
60 Merino Wethers, 2 yrs.  
150 Merino Ewes, 5 yrs.  
120 Merino Ewes, 4 yrs.  
60 Full Mouth Ewes.  
22 X Ewes and Wrs., 1 yr.

20 Merino Ewes, 20 X Lambs at foot.  
40 Ewes and Wrs., mixed ages.  
200 Sheep to be drafted.  
5 Pure English Leicester Rams, 2-1/2.  
FURTHER ENTRIES INVITED.

**Lexton.****EXTENSIVE  
CLEARING SALE**

OF BUILDINGS, TIMBER & GALVAN-  
ISED IRON, MOTOR CAR & SUNDRIES  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th,  
At 1.30 p.m.

**DENNYS, LASCELLES LIMITED** will  
offer, on behalf of various Vendors,  
as under:—

300 sheets of Galvanised Iron, in vari-  
ous lengths, good order.  
About 10,000 feet Hardwood, in vari-  
ous lengths of 3 x 2, 3 x 1 1/2, 3 x 1.

About 3000 feet Hardwood Flooring,  
6 x 1.  
About 2000 feet Pine flooring, 6 x 3/4.

About 2000 feet Pine Weatherboard, 6  
x 3, feather-edge.  
About 2000 feet of Pine Lining.

4-cylinder Dodge Motor Car, in good  
running order; Doors, Windows, Man-  
tepieces, 2 Stoves, Copper and Stand,  
Pram, Harness, 2 Spring Carts, Platform  
Scales, 2 Bag Trucks, 3 Glass Show  
Cases, 2 Tanks (1000 and 600-gal.), 3  
Tubs, 2 zinc-lined Bins, Separator  
(new), Iron Safe, Kitchen Safe, Kettle,  
Billiard Table, 2 Chaffcutters (3 and 2-  
knife), Blacksmith's Bellows, Buggy,  
Garden Flow, Garden Ditch, Delivery  
Horse, 6 years; 1 Draught Horse, 1  
Cow, numerous Sundries.

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## DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

## Skipton.

## PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.

Mr Angus presided over a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Skipton Patriotic League on Tuesday evening. Correspondence included a card from Mrs Kilburn, thanking the league for sympathy in connection with the death of her husband while on active service in New Guinea. A letter of thanks was also received from A.C.I.W.C. Bellfield for a wallet forwarded by the league. The Merchant Navy also forwarded a letter of thanks for £10 received from the league. The secretary reported that the recent concert returned a profit of £23/18/10. The sum of £41/1/6 was received from the Banonhill shearers, as a result of their recent effort. — The secretary reported that he had forwarded a letter of thanks to the organisers. Mr Angus referred to the bereavement suffered by Mrs Merton, one of their active members. — It was agreed to forward a letter of sympathy from the league. The sum of £30 was voted to the Salvation Army Red Shield, £10 to the Red Cross, £10 to the A.C.F., and £15 to the Seamen's Mission. The secretary reported that the Mothers' Club had again donated their flower show day to the patriotic league. He understood they would continue to do so for the duration. — The Mothers' Club is to be thanked for the generous offer. Messrs Main and Sturgeon and Mesdames Worrall and Slater were appointed to draw up a schedule and present same at next meeting.

**EUCHRE AND DANCE.**  
There was only a small attendance at the Comforts Fund euchre and dance on Saturday night. The winner of the euchre was Mr J. H. Boite.

## FOR THE EMPIRE.

The following were home on leave during the week-end:—L.A.C. Ted Osborne, L.A.C. Reg Ellingham.

Sergt.-Observer Alan Thompson was also in Skipton during the week, accompanied by L.A.C. Keith MacLean. The name of Gnr. Reg Bunston appeared in Wednesday's list of those wounded in action in Australia and the Islands. Gnr. Bunston enlisted early in the war, and was engaged in several battles in the Middle East. He was one of the first local boys to return to Australia.

## SKIPTON HOSPITAL.

A special meeting of the Skipton Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Committee was held on Monday, Decr. 7th. The object of the meeting was to discuss a letter from the secretary of the V.B.N. Association (Sir James Barrett), opposing Government control of Bush Nursing hospitals. The matter was left in abeyance, pending further enquiries. A general meeting of the members of the Skipton Hospital was arranged for Wednesday, January 6th, 1943, to discuss the deletion or otherwise of rule 10.

## Stockyard Hill.

## P.W.M.U. MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Stockyard Hill P.W.M.U. was held at the Church on Decr. 9; Mrs Johnson (president) presiding. There was a good attendance. Mrs Johnson read an interesting letter from Rev. Mr Paton, Kummunya Mission Station, W.A. Donations for Christmas cakes to be sent to Erskine Mission amounted to £3/5/. The sum of £15 was divided between the Deaconess' Salaries Fund and the General Fund. A donation of £1 was made to Church funds. A letter of thanks was read from the Renfrew Hostel for a case of eggs. The men held a working bee in the Church grounds.

## Buangor.

## HALL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Buangor Hall Committee was held on Decr. 5; Mr Macrae in the chair. The balance-sheet, which showed a debit balance of about £23 and had been audited and found correct, was adopted. The resignation of Mr H. K. Parker as secretary and as a member of the committee was received with regret, and a minute placed on the books in appreciation of his services as secretary for the past 10 years. Mr J. G. Brebner was elected to fill the vacancy in the committee, while Mr J. K. Pickford agreed to act as secretary pro tem.

## PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Progress Association, presided over by Mr R. W. Pickford, it was decided to go into recess for the duration of the war. Outstanding accounts were passed for payment. Arrangements are to be made to elect a committee of management for the Buangor water reserve. Mr W. Surridge was appointed secretary pro tem, to deal with any correspondence which might arise until the next meeting is called.

## PATRIOTIC AND COMFORTS CLUB.

All the Christmas bills and hampers for district troops have now been packed, and the great bulk of same have been despatched. The exact number prepared was 190, and any person who receives a card from a soldier acknowledging the Xmas. gift is kindly asked to furnish the name to the hon. secretary, Mr Norman S. McLeod, so that a record may be kept of the number that reached the correct destination. It is known that one already reached its recipient at Milne Bay, New Guinea, so it is likely that it was taken the whole journey by air transport. Further donations to the hamper fund have been received from Miss Rodgers, Trawalla, 5/; Mrs Stowell, 5/; Miss Mary Daniels, 10/; and Mrs J. Exell, 11. A sub-committee has remitted £43 in cartons orders to the troops during this week, so that many of them will have the benefit at Xmas. or New Year. The general fund has received the following direct donations since last Press acknowledgment:—Mr and Mrs A. Laney, 3/; Mrs Raymont, 10/; Pte. A. Cobden, 10/; Brewster Patriotic Auxiliary, £10; and "Dad," 2/. The Club has received Christmas greetings from some of the Western Desert troops, North Africa, namely, Pte. Alex. de Valle, Gunner Jim Harris, Gunner Eric Trengove, and Capt. P. B. White.

## DISTRICT WAR AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES.

Mr A. Campbell, of Beaufort, has been appointed chairman of the local Advisory War Agricultural Committee. The local committee will assist the Ballarat Regional Committee, whose chairman and organiser is Mr R. L. Twentyman. Members of the local committee are Cr. C. H. McKay, Mr W. Ashley, Beaufort; Mr A. Mathews, Brewster; Mr J. K. Pickford, Buangor. The first meeting will be held at the Ripon Shire Council's offices during next week, when the committee members will be notified, and Mr Twentyman will go into detail as to the duties and functions of the committee.

## "THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE."

THE Xmas issue of "The Riponshire Advocate" will be published on Thursday, 24th December, and there will be no issue on Saturday, 2nd January, 1943.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS

**CARPET BOWLS.** — On Tuesday afternoon the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a carpet bowls competition, which was won by Mesdames S. Coles, W. Torney, E. Sullivan, A. M. Parker, and E. Day.

**BAND SOCIAL.** — On Monday night the Beaufort Town Band held its weekly euchre social and snowball competition, and there was a good attendance. Results:—Ladies: Euchre, Mrs P. Doull; consolation, Mesdames E. Sullivan and A. M. Parker. Men: Euchre and consolation, divided by Messrs J. O'Brien and A. Duncan.

**F.B. LADIES' CLUB.** — A euchre and carpet bowls social took place on Saturday night, under the auspices of the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club. Results:—Ladies' euchre and consolation prize: Divided by Mesdames J. Duke, P. Doull, S. Coles, A. M. Parker, and Miss M. Anderson. Men's euchre and consolation prize: Divided by Messrs. A. S. Duncan and A. McGregor. The winners of the carpet bowls competition were Mrs G. McCracken, Miss J. Smith, and Mr McMillan.

**RADIO PARTY.** — A successful radio party was held at the Beaufort C.W.A. Hall on Thursday night, under the auspices of the local Red Cross branch, in aid of the R.A.N. Relief Fund and the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Results:—Euchre: Ladies, Mrs L. Sandilant; men, Mr McMillan. Flag bridge, Miss Alma Kirkpatrick, Mrs Hinsch, and Mr Williams. Special prize for hostesses, Furness. Entrance prize, Mrs Hodgetts. Competition, Miss T. McGregor. The takings amounted to £7/7/.

**EUCHRE AND BOWLS.** — On Wednesday night the members of the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre and bowls social at the Fire Station. Results:—Ladies: Euchre, Mrs W. Gillingham; consolation, divided by Mesdames J. Duke and A. M. Parker. Men: Euchre and consolation, divided by Messrs. Lewis, H. McCracken, and Halliday. Carpet Bowls: Mesdames H. Lardner, Thacker, Cobden, and Messrs. H. McCracken and G. Wilding.

**METHODIST FAIR.** — Members of the Beaufort Methodist Church held a successful fair on Thursday afternoon. Rev. W. R. Harrison, who acted as chairman, thanked the ladies for organising such magnificent stalls. He then introduced Mrs Theodore Beggs, who performed the opening ceremony in a neat and appropriate speech. Berta Simper presented Mrs Beggs with a lovely bouquet, and Joan Fisher presented bouquets to Mrs Hinsch and Miss Alma Kirkpatrick. A programme was given, consisting of songs by Mrs Hinsch and a recitation by Miss Alma Kirkpatrick. Miss M. Jackson played the accompaniments. The following had charge of the stalls:—Cake: Mesdames Vertigan and W. Gillingham. Produce: Mesdames N. Lyons and J. Simper. Soft drinks and parcels: Mesdames E. Dunn and J. Waldron. Fancy stall: Mesdames C. Morvell, H. Cuthbertson and C. Downes. Afternoon tea: Mesdames H. Brown, L. Sandilant, R. Davey, S. Hayes, A. Newey, J. Fisher, Misses Jackson and Joan Fisher.

Mrs T. Darling is leaving Beaufort for Ballarat, where her husband is permanently employed. Mrs Darling was closely associated with the local Company of Girl Guides and the F.B. Ladies' Social Club and Mothers' Club, in which organisations she has many friends and well-wishers.

Mrs Ron Fiscalini, of Ararat, has been visiting her Beaufort friends. Sergeant and Mrs Penny have been visiting Mr and Mrs W. J. Scriven, of Beaufort.

Miss Nancy Holdsworth, of Melbourne, has been staying with the Misses A. E. and Beth Schlicht, of Beaufort.

Mr W. Norman, of Beaufort, has returned from Daylesford, where he has been staying with relatives.

Mr R. Ward, of Lake Goldsmith, has been an inmate of the Skipton Hospital. He was on the verge of an attack of pneumonia.

Mr and Mrs F. Webster, junr., of Daylesford, have had a visit from the stork, and the bundle consisted of twin daughters.

## FOR THE EMPIRE.

## Navy, Army and Air Force.

Sergt.-Pilot F. Donaldson, of Skipton, who was invalided home from service in the Middle East with eye trouble, has been promoted pilot-officer, and is duty pilot at a battle station in N.S.W. He is regarded as permanently unfit for flying.

Captain-chaplain G. E. Vertigan was home on leave at the week-end. The following servicemen have been home to Beaufort on leave:—Sergt. H. Penny, Alrcraftman Reg Davis, and Pte. P. Doull.

Ptes. Clyde Slee and H. A. Stowell, of Beaufort, were home on leave during the week.

Pte. R. Pickford, of Buangor, has been home on leave.

Gnr. R. H. Bunston, of Skipton, has been wounded in action.

Flying-officer J. Newton, of the R.A.A.F., has been home on leave.

Major W. N. Muntz, second in command of an armoured regiment in the Middle East, has been promoted to the rank of Lieut.-colonel, and is in charge of his regiment during the absence of Lieut.-colonel H. E. Bastin, who is attached to headquarters. Lieut.-colonel Muntz is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. J. Muntz, of Beaufort.

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## Police Court.

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The P.M. — He would be exceeding his discretionary powers if he allowed that at this stage.

Mr Byrne objected to it. He had disclosed the whole of his case, and had answered two cases. If the P.M.'s discretion was carried further, it would result in unfairness to defendant.

The P.M. — He thought so. Inspector Woolley — He had evidence that Mr Bailey was in the room, and that defendant was using the room with his permission.

The P.M. — There was a proper time to call that evidence. Inspector Woolley — He made the application now.

The P.M. — It was one of those cases in which he would not use discretion to allow it to be re-opened. The case against Simpson was dismissed.

**ALLEGED AIDING AND ABETTING.**  
First-constable H. S. Hawkes charged Augustus C. Bayley with aiding and abetting Robt. Simpson in street betting at Beaufort on Novr. 14.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr Byrne.

Inspector Woolley asked permission to amend the information to read: "A room in the Golden Age Hotel." He made the amendment.

Mr Byrne said he was entitled to an adjournment, but was not clear about the matter when the case against the principal was dismissed. He objected that no such charge could be laid, and his client should not have to answer it.

Inspector Woolley contended that they could prove there was an offence and defendant was a party to it.

The P.M. asked what answer could the inspector give to Mr Byrne's contention that there could be no abettor when there was no principal.

Inspector Woolley — An abettor could be charged before or after.

Mr Byrne quoted an authority in Archbold where an abettor could be charged.

The P.M. — That was an English authority.

Mr Byrne applied for a short adjournment at the end of the case.

Constable Wallace, after giving similar evidence to that tendered by him in the previous case, stated that he noticed Bayley in the bar room, and saw him listening to the wireless in the bar and then return to the room where Simpson was. Bayley was present when First-constables Hawkes and Emerson entered Simpson's room. He had a conversation with Bayley. Bayley had a newspaper and pencil in his hand. He saw Bayley go in and out of the room on two occasions. When he went round to the window, he did not see Bayley. Bayley was present when the money was on the bed, and when the police started questioning Simpson. He was afterwards told to leave the room.

First-constable S. Emerson stated that he interviewed Bayley, in company with First-constable Duke, on 17th November. Defendant admitted that he was the occupier of the room on Saturday, 14th Novr. In answer to First-constable Duke, as to his arrangements with Simpson to use the room, defendant replied that Simpson and he were very good friends and used one another's rooms as they pleased. About 12 months ago, Simpson asked him could he use the phone if he paid for his calls. He agreed to that, and Simpson had used the phone when he desired since. First-constable Duke said, "What about at the week-ends?" Defendant replied that he was away from the hotel most week-ends, but left the door unlocked, and Simpson used the phone and the room if he wished to. The betting book showed that defendant had a number of bets with Simpson that afternoon.

Mr Byrne submitted that the evidence about the betting book was not permissible in this case. Inspector Woolley — That was the substance of their charge. The P.M. — If the substance of the charge fell, the whole charge fell. He could not admit the book.

Inspector Woolley submitted that it was evidence against Bayley.

The P.M. — They were entitled to put in the book, but not to use it as evidence against a third party. The book was not evidence against this man.

Witness (continuing) said he was present when the raid took place. He did not question Bayley on that occasion, but Bailey afterwards admitted that it was his room. Bailey declined to make a statement on the 17th, and said he did not wish to say anything that might incriminate him.

To Mr Byrne — He was questioning Simpson in the room, and had no conversation with Bailey.

First-constable J. Duke corroborated the evidence of First-constable Emer-

son, and added that the names of the starters on the 14th were in the book. First-constable Hawkes gave similar evidence as on the previous occasion. When the police forced the door and entered the room, Bayley and another man were sitting in the room.

Mr Byrne said the evidence given previously was not evidence against Bayley, as to his knowledge of betting. The P.M. — He must admit it as evidence.

Witness (continuing) stated that Bailey could hear everything said to Simpson.

To the P.M. — Bailey made no reply or statement. Later he told Bailey he was not required any longer. Simpson was asked nothing in private about evidence given to-day.

Mr Byrne submitted that there was no evidence of betting. This prosecution seemed to have been misconceived, and there was no evidence of consent on the part of Bayley.

The P.M. — He could not admit that contention.

Mr Byrne — Clearly it was not contemplated doing anything about Bailey. Surely Mr Bailey was not to be prejudiced by statements made by Simpson. Assuming Simpson's statement was admissible, there was no evidence against Bayley or that he was there. In these broadcasting days there was a tremendous listening public to racing.

Inspector Woolley submitted that evidence was given that money was taken from a man in the bar and taken to the room.

The P.M. — Not in this case. Inspector Woolley — The window was open, there was a table in the room, and a betting book and paper there. The P.M. pointed out that the inspector had lost his opportunity, and he was not satisfied that the betting book or conversation could be given as evidence against this man.

Inspector Woolley made application to recall Constable Wallace.

Mr Byrne said there must be a limit to the time to present the case against the accused. He submitted that the witness should not be recalled, and that evidence was not deliberately given of this transaction. His friend was relying on another line of evidence altogether.

The P.M. — He did not have Bayley's room under observation all the time. He saw Bayley on two occasions return to the room. McCracken's bets were taken between 2 p.m. and 2.55 p.m. He could not say Bayley was in the room at 3.30, or five minutes after he left at 2 o'clock.

Mr Byrne submitted that this had not advanced the matter at all. It must be proved the bets were made in the room by Simpson. There was no evidence that bets were made by Simpson with McCracken. If there was no evidence, it did not matter how strong the inference. What evidence was there that Simpson bet?

The P.M. — That was what was worrying him.

After further argument by Mr Byrne, the P.M. said it all hinged on whether he admitted statements made by Simpson.

Mr Byrne — McCracken's evidence did not help them. The statement of Simpson and the writing in his book was not evidence against his client at all. Bayley not being regarded as a possible defendant, no one asked him anything.

Inspector Woolley quoted section 97, dealing with the use of a house or place for betting business. There had been some evidence put before the court on the question of "or otherwise." There was evidence of gaming—that money was collected in the bar-room, and the money in the book was taken that day. He could be punished as a principal.

The P.M. — Why was he not charged as a principal?

The inspector — The Act was very wide. The whole thing revolved around one section. He relied on it, and defendant was present when betting was taking place.

Mr Byrne said section 159 only applied where there was a warrant.

Inspector Woolley said the Police Offences Act, sections 154 and 165, provided the procedure and the punishment. It was unnecessary to have a warrant.

The P.M. — He was not prepared to admit that.

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Police Court.

(Continued from Page 7). The P.M. - There was not sufficient admissible evidence in this case, and it would be dismissed.

Same v. H. McCracken, on a similar charge.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Inspector Woolley made application to amend the information to charge defendant with straight-out street betting at Beaufort on 14th Novr., at the Golden Age Hotel.

The court adjourned for five minutes to enable Mr Byrne to talk to his client. Defendant pleaded not guilty to the amended charge.

Constable H. B. Wallace gave similar evidence to that in the preceding cases. In the presence of First-constables Hamkes and Emerson defendant denied that he had been betting. The room McCracken was in was the room in which the book was seized.

Mr Byrne objected, as this was a separate betting case.

Inspector Woolley submitted that defendant took other money.

The P.M. - There might have been a thousand books in the room.

Inspector Woolley - The book was an instrument of gaming, in which were entries of bets taken that day.

The P.M. - The book might be written by Tom Brown or anyone in Victoria. They must prove the book was entered by him, or by some other person at his direction.

The Inspector - It was in the room he frequented.

The P.M. - They could not put in the book as evidence.

The Inspector - They would have to rely on the constable's evidence.

First-constable Hawkes repeated his evidence in the preceding cases, and corroborated the statements of Constable Wallace. Defendant was present when the books, papers, and money were found.

To Mr Byrne - Defendant was brought there by Constable Wallace.

First-Constable J. Duke repeated his previous evidence.

Mr Byrne submitted that there was no evidence of abetting.

The P.M. - That was very obvious. The case would be dismissed.

ALLEGED CONNIVANCE.

Same v. Wood Pty. Ltd., on a charge of conniving at betting on licensed premises, known as the Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort.

Inspector Woolley said the evidence was the same as in the previous cases.

Mr Byrne appeared for the company.

The P.M. - The nominee was not charged - the company was charged.

The Inspector submitted that any director was liable. He cited authorities in support, which cast an obligation to police premises. He also gave the interpretation of connivance in the Oxford dictionary - tacitly permitting.

He would prove that betting had taken place there for a considerable time, to the knowledge of the licensee, and that she had been warned by the police.

Constable H. B. Wallace gave evidence similar to his previous statements. He was present when the books were seized.

Mr Byrne objected to the admissibility of the books.

The P.M. upheld the objection.

Witness to the P.M. - The licensee was not present throughout any of the conversations.

To Mr Byrne - The room he was in was fitted as a parlour with a slide.

First-constable S. Emerson stated that he had not inspected the licensee.

The Inspector - He would prove that First-constable Duke inspected the licensee, and the licensee was the nominee.

The P.M. - There was no need to. First-constable Emerson (continuing) gave evidence that at 5.30 on the 14th November he warned defendant that if betting continued on the premises she might be charged, and it would affect her licence. She replied, "I did not know there was any betting going on on the premises. I have told Mr Simpson a number of times he was not to bet here. I told him this morning he was not to bet here to-day." On 16th November he again interviewed Mrs Wood, who made a signed statement that she had previously warned Mr Simpson during the past 18 months against betting on the premises, and was busy on the afternoon of the 14th, and did not know any betting was taking place.

First-constable Duke gave corroborative evidence. At the time he reminded Mrs Wood that he had warned her previously.

To Mr Byrne - He admitted Mrs Wood's statement that she had told him she told Simpson not to bet on the premises.

Mr Byrne - There was no evidence of connivance or betting.

The P.M. - The case was dismissed.

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RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

Monthly Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council took place at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday.

Present: Crs. P. Russell (president), A. C. Roddis, D. McDonald, C. H. McKay, A. MacPhie, T. W. Schlicht, J. Kirkpatrick, T. Wills, and J. A. Hinton.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Lands Department, asking if dam, Parish of Carngham, can be sold. -The secretary: It was an old dam site. The engineer: He would look it up.

From same, enquiring if two acres in Parish of Carngham can be sold or leased.

Cr. Wills: He did not believe in selling every little bit of land. Cr. Roddis: They were not favourable to selling. Cr. Wills moved that both letters lie on the table for a month, and the engineer report. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

From same, re lease of roads, Township of Buangor East.

To lie on the table for a month and the engineer to report, on motion of Cr. Roddis.

From Health Department, forwarding copy of regulations.

Referred to health inspector.

From War Damage Commission, in regard to renewal of premiums.

The Council and officers were thanked for their past praiseworthy co-operation. The secretary: There were about four premiums outstanding. The letter was received.

From Transport Regulation Board, concerning the matter of obtaining tyres for harvesting operations.

The secretary: He had received one application already. Cr. Kirkpatrick: Did it include tractors? The president: It should. The matter was referred to the local committee, on motion of Crs. Roddis and McKay.

From State Rivers Commission, stating that estimates for water rate had been approved.

Received.

From Bush Fire Brigades' Committee, with regard to appointments to bush fire brigades.

In regard to the appointment of Messrs. Goodeson (Kal-Kal), F. Webb (Blythvale), and P. Kinnersley, it was decided to approve of the three names, on the motion of Cr. MacPhie. It was mentioned that one man was a V.D.C. member, and could not be both, and this was included in the motion, which was seconded by Cr. McKay and carried; the matter to be pointed out to the committee and the Carranballac brigade.

From Chief Commissioner of Police, with respect to report of District Warden.

The letter stated that further installations of sirens were not justified, and that the present one was working efficiently. - The president asked if it had since been tested. Cr. MacPhie - They should back up the District Warden. Cr. Roddis moved that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the District Warden, and that he be asked for a further report. This was not seconded. Cr. McDonald moved that the Police Department be informed that the Warden was not satisfied, and the siren had not been tested since. Seconded by Cr. MacPhie, and carried.

From Liquid Fuel Control Board, forwarding copy of Bulletin No. 6.

In reply to Cr. Roddis, the secretary said people could send applications to the nearest Transport Advisory Committee. In reply to Cr. McKay, the secretary said the District Warden and A.R.P. personnel would get tickets from their own headquarters. On the motion of Crs. Wills and Roddis, the District Warden is to be notified of this by the secretary.

From Municipal Association, re investment of municipal funds in Commonwealth Loan.

Received. Cr. MacPhie: That would suit the West Riding members. The secretary: Councils had the authority to invest.

From same, re protective clothing for municipal employees.

Received, and referred to officers.

From same, concerning manpower regulations in regard to contracts and piece work.

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Received, and to be attached to agreement with W. Greenbank re gravel heaps.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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Clause 1 — Cr. MacPhie: The usual thing was to lease them, not close them permanently. The secretary said Phillips and Craigs had the roads fenced in. Cr. MacPhie: He had no objection to the roads being leased in the usual way. Cr. Schlicht: It was all Crown lands, and it would not affect the Council to let it go. They were getting another road. The engineer: He did not think it would affect them, either. They had closed two north and south roads, and opened an east and west road. Cr. MacPhie moved that the North Riding members inspect. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

2. One abutment of Badcock's Bridge has completely collapsed through decay and undermining with water; under present conditions, repairs cannot be carried out till creek is dry.

Clause 2 — Referred to North Riding members, on motion of Cr. Kirkpatrick. 3. Tablings west of Liston's at Middle Creek are badly scoured, and repairs are urgent. I do not think there is sufficient traffic on road to justify culverts. I would therefore recommend that banks be placed right across.

Clause 3 — Engineer's recommendation adopted, on motion of Crs. MacPhie and McKay. Cr. MacPhie: There were a lot of jokes about Muntz's leaps but they were very serviceable.

4. Road in front of R.C. Church Beaufort, has been reformed and water brought along tabling from one end to the other; water from building has also been diverted into this tabling, result is scouring away of clay; in addition culverts and drains along school fence are choked. Culverts should be cleaned out, one shortened, water from tablings and buildings should be brought into them, and tabling in front of gate and building filled up. Some attempt should also be made to prevent the four culverts from getting choked; it may be necessary to renew partially.

Clause 4 — Engineer's recommendation adopted, on motion of Crs. MacPhie and Wills.

5. Damage back of Miss Schlicht's.—Originally drainage from golf links which comes along bottom of gully was diverted by means of banks and drains across blocks now taken up back to South Street; banks have been cut, drains filled up, and the whole of the water now comes to the junction of Eyre and Warburton Streets. I expect the owners of the land could be compelled to restore the original conditions or Miss Schlicht could hold them liable for flooding. Failing this, I think the tabling along south side of Warburton Street could be cut to carry the water hence in front of houses to culvert on Park road; some banking and a good deal of cutting would be required, as well as a new culvert across footpath on Park road.

Clause 5 — Referred to North Riding members.

6. Water across road back of Niawanda was caused by banking across outlet drain to hold water in a dam. I have had this bank cut away (the owner offered no objection) and drain into dam banked to hold in water, but I have not seen it since.

Clause 6 — Cr. McKay: Some had a lot of trouble in getting to the Cross Roads sale, but Mr O'Loughlin allowed them to go through his paddock. Cr. Wills: They had the permission of the

late Mr Beggs to drain that away. The engineer: They should leave it for a while, as the water had not had time to drain away. Cr. McKay: It would require further attention. The matter was left in the hands of the engineer.

7. I understand that in the past it has been customary to hold one of the shire trucks for fire fighting purposes. I don't quite see how it was done, but if the Council desires this, instructions should be given.

Clause 7 — Cr. McKay: It was only held on dangerous days. The president: For two months. The engineer: He had four trucks, but mostly only three—if they took one, that would leave him with two. Cr. Wills asked Cr. Roddis what they had done to the truck in the East Riding. Cr. MacPhie: He would like to see the truck placed there the same as last year, and moved that it be done. They had passed a resolution to dispose of one truck, which had not been carried out. Cr. Kirkpatrick moved that the truck be got ready within a week. Seconded by Cr. Roddis. Cr. McDonald: The danger was not great this side of Christmas. He moved that the engineer take notice of the council's attitude, and that the time of bringing it in be left to him. Cr. MacPhie's motion was agreed to, and Cr. McDonald's also carried.

SOLDIER'S LEAGUE.

Committee Meeting.

The vice-president of the Ripon sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League (Mr N. S. McLeod) was in the chair at the monthly committee meeting on Saturday night at the Shire Hall; 11 members being present. Apologies were received for the president and several other absentees.

Correspondence from the State Branch included a circular relating to the league half-hour "Gateway of Memory" radio session over UZ, sponsored by Foy & Gibson.

Another circular stated that folders would be forwarded to facilitate collection of subscriptions.

Further circulars related to the eligibility of Second A.I.F. men, Naval and Air Force men, for membership. Members were asked to forward their copies of "Mufti" to the troops. It was also stated that badge clips for 1943 were now available.

A Xmas. card was received from the Middle East from Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Bastin, which included a picture taken from the interior of a tank of the crew (including the sender) looking down the turret.

A circular was read from the United Ex-service Men's and Women's Political Association of Australia.

The secretary (Mr F. J. Webster) reported a credit balance of £13/8/, and a membership of 90. The subscriptions received for the Servicewomen's drive totalled £2/8/.

Details in connection with the children's Xmas. picture entertainment on Thursday, Decr. 17, were finalised, and it was resolved to ask the ladies to assist in distributing the sweets and ice-cream to the 400 children expected to be present.

An account for 9/, was passed for payment.

The annual meeting was fixed for Saturday night, Jan. 23, on motion of Messrs. F. J. Martin and A. McGregor.

It was resolved to recommend to the incoming committee that the possibility of holding the annual smoke night be considered.

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BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL. MOTHERS' CLUB.

The Beaufort Mothers' Club met on Friday afternoon, 11th Decr., and Mrs W. Torney (vice-president) was in the chair. Apologies were received for the absence of Mrs Wylie, Mrs Duke, and Mrs A. Stowell.

A welcome was accorded the new secretary, Mrs A. Lofts. Five new members were also welcomed.

Appreciation was expressed of the valuable help given at the exhibition by Mr H. J. Buchanan.

It was reported that the proceeds of the school exhibition were £21/13/6.

Mr Dalrymple thanked the ladies for their help with the exhibition.

Arrangements were made for a picnic to be given to the children on the following Friday.

A competition was won by Mrs Gregory.

The children entertained the members of the club with Christmas carols.

WAGES AWARDS. — The following wages board determinations have been amended from the beginning of the first pay period in November:—Cemetery employees, chaffcutters, dress shirt and underclothing, engineers, and brassworkers (skilled), hospital and benevolent asylum attendants, fuel and fodder (country). The bread trade wages board determination was amended on November 15. Wages and piece work prices have been increased. Copies of determinations can be obtained from the Government Printer, Melbourne, C2, at a cost of 3d per copy, plus postage.

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The eating of young pigs by sows is usually due to the feeding of an improperly balanced ration previous to the time of farrowing. Supply only clean pure food for two weeks at least, and also have a mixture of ashes and salt where they may be taken at will. It will also be necessary for the sow to be carefully watched the next time when farrowing, so that the young pigs may be protected for a few hours until she becomes familiar with them. The feeding of animal food at this time is advisable because it will supply the constituents which are lacking to a large extent, and by nature the animal has no desire to eat her young.

FATTENING BACONERS

With good management very little capital is required to rear and fatten baconers. The common notion that milk is absolutely necessary for suckling and weaning piglets is fallacious. One of the most distinguished Berkshire breeders, whose name continually appeared in prize lists, once told the writer that he kept no cows or gave any milk to his pigs, a nutritious grain answering every purpose. If calves can be reared almost from birth on milk-substitutes, of course young pigs not deprived of the teat until big enough to wean can be. Nevertheless, if there is separated or skim-milk to spare, it would make an excellent soured intermixed with barley and maize meal. Soups of a nutritious nature should always be placed in a trough to which the litter, but not the sow, can have access before weaning, so make sure that the piglets have sufficient food at all times. Nor should they miss this after weaning, the endeavor being to keep them progressive in condition while growing to the requisite size and weight desired. Besides fattening food they may be fed on vetches, clover, cabbage, kale, or any other green crop at command in summer and autumn, and on mangels, swedes, turnips, carrots, or small potatoes, in winter or spring.

Happy Prospect for Them.

Good Minister (a married man): Do you wish to marry this woman? Man: I do. Minister: Do you wish to marry this man? Woman: I do. Minister: Do you like the city as a place of residence? Man: No; I prefer the suburbs. Minister: Do you like the suburbs? Woman: No, indeed; I prefer the city.

FEEDING.

As to feeding, there is no question whatever that the way in which food is prepared and fed in pigs has a great deal to do with their rapid coming on. Fry them on a cold morning with a pailful of cold, sloppy, unappetising food, and with another warm and nicely mixed, as it should be. They will speedily let it be seen which they prefer. If their meals are given to them warm they will eat more contentedly and does them much more good.

Milk is not only a first rate flesh producer in itself, but it adds greatly to the value of ordinary farm foods, and also renders them more digestible.

Do not use a cold, but feed steadily and regularly to get satisfactory results. Three times a day at fixed hours is a good rule. Make a point also of keeping a clean, dry bed under them. The pens, while well ventilated, should be warm and comfortable. Attention to such details means the putting on of flesh in less time and at less expense. A pig loused in a cold, draughty sty, and with but a poor bed on which to lie, will waste half its food in sheer restlessness and discontent with its uncomfortable surroundings and in keeping up its bodily heat.

Cool food is a leading factor, but to a lesser minor, but none the less important, details must be added in order to attain the best results.

DAINTY MATS.

Prepare some art linen rather more than six inches square. Draw a good conventional pattern on tracing paper. Fix it on the linen, and then with a fine needle run over each line which will render the pattern sufficiently distinct to work from. Cut out where open spaces are indicated on the design, and work the whole in button-hole stitch, using silk or lustrine thread. Next cut a piece of satin or silk the size of the holland, and tack on to the back, the material showing up well, and it can be easily changed to avoid sameness. The linen mat is, of course, easy to wash and get up when soiled. Oval and oblong mats can be made on the same principle.

BEREAVEMENT CARD.

TULLOCH. — The sisters and brother of the late Miss Effie Tulloch wish to thank all friends in Beaufort and district for loving messages of sympathy and beautiful flowers, and for many practical acts of kindness during their recent sorrow. Will friends please accept this as a personal acknowledgment of thanks and appreciation?

IN MEMORIAM.

HOBSON. — In loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, who passed away on the 17th Dec., 1941. Ever remembered.

—Inserted by her loving husband and family.

LEWIS. — In ever loving memory of our dear father, Thomas Lewis, who departed this life Dec. 17th, 1941. Ever remembered.

—Inserted by his loving daughter, Winnie, son-in-law Sydney, and granddaughter Lorette.

LEWIS. — In loving memory of our dear father Thomas Henry, who passed away at Beaufort, Dec. 17th, 1941. You bade no one a last farewell.

Nor knew the end was near; You left behind you aching hearts, That loved you most sincere.

The flowers we place upon your grave May wither and decay, But our thoughts for you, dear father, Will never fade away.

—Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Eva and Claude.

LEWIS. — In loving memory of our dear father, who passed away on 17th December, 1941.

Beautiful memories linger still, Not only now, but always will.

—Inserted by his loving daughter, son-in-law (Lorna, Ned), and grandchildren and son (Max).

LEWIS. — Treasured memories of our dear dad and granddad.

One sad year of longing For the dear dad that we lost, Only God in heaven knows What that parting cost.

—His loving son Harold, daughter-in-law Ursula, daughter Paity, grandchildren Nancy and Brian.

PARKER. — In loving memory of my dear wife and our beloved mother, Ida Grace Parker, who passed away on 19th December, 1935.

Sweet memories. —Inserted by Arthur Parker; also A. M., R. H., H. K. (sons), and Trixie (daughter, Mrs. C. Hunt).

SPICER. — In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Arthur Spicer, who passed away December 20th, 1939.

Sweet memories. —Inserted by his loving wife and family.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

CARPET BOWLS. — On Tuesday afternoon the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Social Club held a carpet bowls competition, the winners of which were Mesdames E. Sullivan, E. Whitfield, T. Darling, R. Saddler, and S. Coles. Advantage was taken of the occasion to wish Mrs T. Darling the best of luck and to present her with a crystal dish as a token of esteem, on the occasion of her departure for Ballarat.

F.B. LADIES' CLUB. — The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre and carpet bowls social on Saturday night at the Fire Station. Results:—Section 1: Euchre and consolation, divided by Miss M. Anderson and Mrs P. Doull. Section 2: Euchre, won by Mrs J. Duke; consolation, divided by Messrs. G. Wilding and G. Foreman. Carpet bowls competition, won by Mesdames E. Day, A. Gercovich, W. Ellis, Messrs. A. Gercovich and Smith.

TOWN BAND SOCIAL. — The Beaufort Town Band held the weekly card social and snowball competition on Monday night. Results:—Ladies: Euchre and consolation, divided by Mesdames C. Gillingham and A. Cobden; Men: Euchre and consolation, divided by Messrs. G. Foreman and A. Duncan.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.—Sponsored by the Ripon sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, a Christmas entertainment in the form of a picture show was held on Thursday afternoon at the Beaufort Picture Theatre, for the children of district servicemen. The children were given ice-cream and sweets. A number of ladies assisted the members of the committee of the sub-branch. The arrangements were in the hands of a sub-committee, at the head of which were Messrs. C. H. McKay (president) and F. J. Webster (secretary).

SOCIAL AFTERNOON. — The Beaufort Fire Brigade held a social afternoon on Thursday, which was organised by several members, with Mrs E. Sullivan as chairwoman. The programme was as follows: Overture, Mrs Worsley; songs, Mrs A. Newey; songs Fred Worsley; accordion solo, Mrs R. Hare; songs, Carmel Cody; recitation, Mrs Worsley; songs, Mrs Fisher. Mrs Worsley played the accompaniments. The takings were £5/8/1. Competitions were won by Mrs A. Beer, Mrs Fisher, and Pte. P. Doull.

COMMITTEE ENTERTAINED. — A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs A. Campbell at Beaufort on Thursday night, when she entertained the committee of the A.N.A. Queen (Miss Heather Campbell). Flag bridge was won by Mesdames W. Gillingham, F. Worsley, and A. Beer. All pure good news. Toasts were given by Mrs V. Wilson. Each of the queen's attendants received a gift.

TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY. — On Friday, 4th December, Mr and Mrs E. H. Rogers, of "Wattle Grange," Beaufort, gave a delightfully informal party to celebrate the coming of age of their second younger daughter, Betty. The reception rooms were gay with bowls of roses. The guest of the evening received her friends with her mother, both of whom looked charming. A delightful buffet supper was served; pride of place being given the birthday cake (made and artistically decorated by Mrs Rogers), standing in all the glory of palest pink icing and proudly bearing 21 candles. Toasts of the evening were enthusiastically received and responded to. Many congratulatory telegrams were read, and beautiful gifts accepted. Goodbyes were said after singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." Among the guests were Mrs MacMahon, of Balwyn, and her son Alan, on leave from the A.I.F.

FAREWELL SOCIAL. — Mr K. W. Lewis, head teacher of the Raglan school for a number of years, was the guest of the residents at a farewell social on Thursday night, when suitable presentations were made in appreciation of his valuable services to many local organisations.

Miss Sinclair presented Miss Heather Campbell, the A.N.A. Queen, with a lovely basket of flowers as a tribute of appreciation of her magnificent effort. Mrs A. Roffey, of Glenhuntingly, and her little daughter, have been visiting Mr and Mrs A. M. Parker, of Beaufort. Mr David Schlicht, of Beaufort, is home on holidays. Miss J. Higgins, a teacher at the Beaufort school for several years, is being transferred. She has taken an interest in the local golf and tennis clubs, and made many friends.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPECIAL SERVICE.

Dr. Finlay Frazer, of Scots' Church, Ballarat, was the speaker at the annual special service held at St. Andrew's Beaufort Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, the object of which was the annual appeal for funds. There was a good attendance.

Dr. Frazer appealed to those present to loyally support the appeal, in spite of the many extra calls which were being made upon them. One lesson which the people of the times were learning was "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The rev. gentleman chose as his text, The world by wisdom knew not God; it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them. — Corinthians I, xxi. Corinth, he said, was very important in the old world, as ships travelling from the Near East to Rome came there, and it was the centre of life and commerce in the old world. Paul sought to answer the question of these people by the words of the text. It was not the prominent people and the big things that mattered in life, but it was the ordinary people who counted most. In the world to-day there had been wonderful discoveries, such as aeroplanes, wireless, pictures, and cars, and man had progressed, yet was still on the threshold of these wonders. However, he had tried to make a pattern of life, with the inclination to leave out religion. He had prospered and progressed only on material lines, and left out the spiritual side. The new teaching was that man would step up towards goodness without any great effort on his part; yet, to-day, with all our boasted civilisation, the world was again torn asunder with global war. So much for the past, but what of the future? Men did not fight to-day to preserve the original few, or for prosperity, but all were talking of a new world, made up of something lacking in the pre-war world, and people were groping towards it. The Church said that it was Christianity, but people had yet to be convinced. They had not much notion of this new order, and like the weather, no one could agree about it. Would preaching survive, or was the conventional form of Church service doomed? Preaching did not seem to be very popular to-day, but Paul was not referring to preaching as they knew it, in his text. The meaning of gospel then was just good news. They must work out their theories and practise them in the new world, which must have the pattern of Christianity running through it like a thread. To-day they were gathered to witness that Christianity was something to them, and each must, in his humble sphere, carry it into the new world, as a small contribution toward it.

During the service Mrs Hirsch rendered the solo, "Praise the Lord." Mrs Gregory was the organist. The collection amounted to about £50.

TENNIS. — In the Beaufort Tennis Club's ladies' doubles on Wednesday afternoon, the winning pair were Miss E. Nickols and Mrs Max Cuthbertson.

We regret the late publication of this issue, owing to mechanical trouble. Several letters and items of district news have been unavoidably held over.

B.N. HOSPITAL.

Committee Meeting.

Several important matters cropped up at the Beaufort B.N. Hospital Committee's meeting on Monday night at the Shire Hall. Mr A. R. Beggs (president) was in the chair, and there was an attendance of 13 members.

Correspondence was received from Sir James Barrett, secretary of the Central Council of the V.B.N.A., stating that the National Medical and Research Council had drawn up a scheme for the control of hospitals, and the B.N. Hospitals might come under Government control. He maintained that they only wanted to be let alone. He asked that the local Parliamentary representatives be approached on the matter. — Replied to by secretary, who also wrote to Messrs. P. L. Denigan and A. McDonald, M.S.L.A., asking for their support.

A further letter was received from Sir James Barrett, in regard to shortage of nurses. From Donald B.N. Hospital, asking that certain information be furnished. Letters were received from Messrs. P. L. Denigan and A. McDonald, M.S.L.A., in reference to the matter of Government interference with Bush Nursing Hospitals. — The president outlined the letters sent by the secretary and he to the Parliamentary representatives on the matter. Sir James Barrett had been giving evidence before the Council. There was apparently nothing more they could do in the matter.

The action of the president and secretary was endorsed, on the motion of Miss Lewis and Mr F. J. Webster.

Accounts amounting to £86/19/8 were passed for payment. A small credit balance was reported.

In regard to the woodcutting working bee, Mr P. T. Stevenson (secretary) said Mr Lewell suggested that it be allowed to stand over till the middle of January. There was still plenty of work to do at the Hospital in the way of woodcutting, etc.

Mr Hirsch said the sister had suggested a roster.

The matter was left in the hands of the president and secretary.

The monthly report of the sister-in-charge was laid on the table.

Mrs Macdonald said the sister required two more bath mats. She had received 18 doz. eggs from the school children but more were required.

The secretary reported that £5/18/ had been realised by the sale of surplus furniture, etc., at the Hospital.

It was decided to write, thanking the school children for the eggs, on the motion of the president and Mrs McKay.

Mr Hirsch reported that the sister would like a yard broom for cleaning the drain, which was again being overgrown with grass. A pane of glass was broken in one of the rooms. Another working bee was required in the garden.

The following donations were received:—Mrs Dalrymple, eggs; Miss Ball, Miss Exell, Mrs T. Beggs, potatoes; Mrs Cuthbertson, cream; Mrs Hirsch, cakes and scones; Mrs Aldrich, flowers, vegetables; Buln Gherin, vegetables, meat; Mrs Cleary, vegetables; Miss Schlicht rhubarb; Mrs A. Kirkpatrick, eggs.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

Lieut. David Humphreys, son of Dr. S. E. and Mrs Humphreys, of Beaufort, was home on leave last week.

Driver P. C. Jones, who has returned from service in the Middle East, has been spending his leave with his wife and family at Beaufort.

Mrs North, of Beaufort, has had her soldier husband, Lieut. North, home on leave.

Pte. P. Doull, of Beaufort, has been home on leave.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Skipton.

The following programme has been adopted for the Skipton picnic gymkhana on Saturday, Jan. 2.

FANCY DRESS PROCESSION. SECTION A (OPEN).

Best Group. Best Individual Character. Best Sustained Character. Best Decorated Vehicle.

SECTION B (FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL).

Best Group. Best Individual Character (Boys). Best Individual Character (Girls). Best Sustained Character (Boys or Girls).

MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS.

CHILDREN'S RACES. ENTRY FREE.

GIRLS, 9 years and under.

BOYS, 9 years and under.

GIRLS, 12 years and under.

BOYS, 12 years and under.

GIRLS, 14 years and under.

BOYS, 14 years and under.

FOOTRUNNING.

Entry, 6d.

SINGLE LADIES' RACE, 50 yds.

YOUTHS' RACE, 20 years and under 100 yds.

OLD BUFFERS, 50 years and over, 50 yds.

MARRIED MEN'S RACE, 75 yds.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' RACE, 50 yds.

V.D.C. RACE, full-dress uniform, 75 yards.

WALKING RACE, 480 yds.

NOVELTY EVENTS.

ROLLING BARREL, BLINDFOLD.

BLINDFOLD BARROW RACE.

BUN-EATING RACE.

POTATO RACE ON FOOT, three events, Men, Boys, Girls.

SIAMESE RACE.

SACK RACE.

BOOT JUMBLE.

BOYS' CYCLE RACE, 16 years and under, three laps.

GIRLS' CYCLE RACE, 2 laps.

LADIES' NAIL-DRIVING COMPETITION.

LADIES' EGG & SPOON RACE.

GENT'S EGG & SPOON RACE.

BOYS' HIGH JUMP, 18 yrs. and under.

MEN'S HIGH JUMP.

PEANUT HUNT FOR CHILDREN.

BOWLING AT SINGLE WICKET.

STEPPING DISTANCE.

TOSSEING CABBAGE.

HORSE EVENTS.

POTATO RACE. FLAG RACE. BENDING RACE.

TUG OF WAR.

V.D.C. Challenge to All Corners. Eight men a side.

GUESSING THE WEIGHT OF SHEEP.

Three Starters or no Event.

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Swing into Spring

New Spring Goods at Wotherspoon's. MANY months ago our buyers were fortunate enough to secure a splendid range of Ladies' Frocks and Millinery. The goods were both purchased and delivered at that time, and they have been stored here during the whole of the Winter Season.

The Time has Arrived for their Display. It is with Confidence that We Invite Inspection.

Here will be found the latest in Spring Frocks of all descriptions. FERGUSON'S FABRICS, GRAFTONS, VOILES, SHEER, VERY NICE LINENS (Plain and Floral), etc., etc. In the Millinery Section will be found the latest designs: PANAMAS, PEDAL STRAWS, LINENS, FANCY STRAWS.



Yes! Not often have WOTHERSPOON'S been able to feature a better display in their Showroom. It is essential these days that the best values be obtained for one's coupons. Don't let the best things go before you do your shopping. GET IT AT WOTHERSPOON'S.



BEAUFORT C.W.A.

— A Christmas dinner, donated by Mrs H. P. Mackenzie, Trawalla, to the Beaufort branch of the C.W.A., has been won by Miss Margaret Hillman, of Middle Creek.

BEAUFORT BOWLING CLUB.

— There was a good attendance of members at the official opening of the Beaufort Bowling Club for the season on Saturday afternoon by the President (Mr J. R. Wotherspoon). The green was in good condition, and the members enjoyed themselves very much. Everything points to a successful season. A rink game was played.

BEAUFORT TENNIS CLUB.

— Xmas TOURNAMENT, SATURDAY, DEC. 26th. MEN'S DOUBLES: Entry 4/ pair. LADIES' DOUBLES: Entries, 4/ pair. MONDAY, DEC. 28th: MIXED DOUBLES: Entry, 4/ pair. Trophies donated. Committee will accept single entries, and arrange partners. Entries close at Williams' Newsagency, Thursday, Dec. 24th. W. L. WILLIAMS, Secy.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Swimming Club, Monday, 21st, 8.30, Shire Hall.

BAND AMATEUR HOUR.

Picture Theatre, SUNDAY, Dec. 27th, 1942. Quizzes for All.

UNITED Christmas Service.

— in the Methodist Church, Beaufort, at 8 p.m. on Christmas Day. Everybody Welcome.

LOST.

— Bag of Lambs' Wool. Reward. BURNS & McCLEAVE.

THE Salvation Army.

— Xmas. Sunday, Dec. 20th, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. Children's Anniversary; also Carol Singing; Captain Walker leading. Monday, 8 p.m., Programme and Prizes.

A EUCHRE PARTY AND DANCE.

— will be held in the Skipton Mechanics' Hall, on Boxing Night, Dec. 26, 1942, in aid of St. John's Church Funds. Admission: Ladies, 1/6; Gents, 2/4. Four Good Prizes, Good Music, Excellent Supper. H. DALY, Hon. Secy.

HAPPY NEW YEAR PICNIC GYM-KHANA.

— SKIPTON RESERVE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1943. Proceeds in Aid of Carranballac Comforts Fund and Skipton Patriotic League. Prizes for all events. Fancy Dress Procession, headed by Local V.D.C., to start at 1 p.m. sharp. Children's Races, Foot-running, Novelty and Horse Events, Tug of War. Admission: Adults, 1/6; Children, 6d. GRAND CONCERT AT NIGHT.

"THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE."

— THE Xmas issue of "The Riponshire Advocate" will be published on Thursday, 24th December, and there will be no issue on Saturday, 2nd January, 1943.

WANTED TO BUY.

— Lady's Bike. Apply this Office.

CHURCH SERVICES.

— SUNDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1942.

— Church of England. — Beaufort, 8 and 7; Wauabra, 2; Trawalla, 3.30 — Rev. W. J. Tame. Beaufort, 11; Middle Creek, 3 — Lay-helper.

— Methodist Church. — Beaufort, 11 and 7; Chute,

**HEALTH REPORTS.**

The following health reports came before the Ripon Shire Council at their meeting on Monday:—

From Dr. S. E. Humphreys, reporting two cases of scarlet fever at Beaufort.

Received.

Dr. C. C. Reid, M.O.H., West Riding, reported for November that measles were very prevalent still. Several cases of infectious jaundice have been seen, in each case in children.

Received.

J. A. La Roche, health inspector, reported that he had made general inspections of business places in the shire and found that the health regulations were being carried out. The district health inspector, Mr. Mahoney, accompanied him on a tour of inspection in the shire, and had a discussion with Mr. A. A. A new regulation to compel licensees to place in all drip-trays in their bars "methyl violet," so that all waste beer would be violet tinted, was now in force, and would receive attention. Re infectious disease reported, he visited the family affected and insisted that the other inmates of the house must be isolated for the period stipulated by the medical officer. The pure food samples were forwarded to the Government analyst.

Received. Cr. MacPhie: Who will they get to drink beer if they taint it that colour?

**COMING EVENTS.**

**MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.**

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

United Christmas Service at Beaufort Methodist Church, at 8 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Annual meeting, Beaufort Swimming Club, Monday night, at Shire Hall.

Salvation Army Christmas Sunday and Children's Anniversary, Sunday, Decr. 20th. Monday night, programme and prizes.

Band Amateur Hour, Picture Theatre, Sunday, Decr. 27th. Quizzes for all.

On Saturday, Decr. 26, the Beaufort Tennis Club will hold Men's Doubles and Ladies' Doubles; and Mixed Doubles will be played on Monday, Decr. 28. The entry fee for each event is 4/ per pair, and entries close at Williams' news agency, on Thursday, Decr. 24.

A picnic gymkhana will be held at the Skipton Reserve, on Saturday, Jan. 2, in aid of the Carranballac Comforts Fund and the Skipton Patriotic League. There will be a fancy dress procession and good sports programme.

A euchre party and dance will be held in the Skipton Mechanics' Hall on Boxing Night, Decr. 26, in aid of St. John's Church Funds.

**BEAUFORT V.D.C.**—There was a summer muster than usual at the Saturday afternoon parade of the Beaufort platoon of the V.D.C., C.S.M. H. Currie and Corp. A. McGregor being in charge. After a lecture, the men were put through a field exercise. The signallers practised semaphore and signalling with the flags. During the week several officers and N.C.O.'s attended a school at Ballarat. On Wednesday night the signallers held a class at the Shire Hall and other members of the unit practised the new drill, and were given a lecture on demollition by Pte. Rex Cording. Commencing from to-night (Saturday) parades will be held at night.

**AN ENGINE-DRIVER HEARS PADEREWKI.**

A railway engine-driver writes to a musical paper as follows:—  
Sir,—A gentleman gave me a ticket for the Paderewski concert, and I went to hear the great man play a piano in a way that made me feel all over in spots. As soon as he sat down on the stool I knew by the way he handled himself that he understood the machine he was running. He tapped the keys up one end just as if they were gauges, and he wanted to see if he had water enough. Then he looked up as if he wanted to know how much steam he was carrying, and the next moment he pulled open the throttle and sailed on to the main line as if he were half an hour late.  
You could hear, per thunder over culverts and bridges, and getting faster and faster, until the fellow roared about in his seat like a cradle. Somehow I thought it was my engine pulling a passenger train and getting out of the way of a "special." The fellow worked the keys on the middle division like lightning, then he flew along the north end of the line until the drivers went around like a buzz saw, and I got excited. About the time I was thinking to tell him to cut her off a little, he kicked the dampers under the machine wide open, pulled the throttle back in the tender, and, Jerusalem! how he did run.  
I tried to yell out, but my tongue wouldn't move. He went around curves like a bullet, slipped an eccentric, blew out his soft plug, went down grades 50ft. to the mile, and not a confused brake set. She went by the meeting-point at a mile a minute, and calling for more steam. My hat stood up like a cat's tail, because I knew the game was up.  
Sure enough, in front of us was the head-light of a "special." In a daze I heard the crash as they struck, and I saw carriages shivered into atoms, people mangled and bleeding, and gasping for water. I heard another crash as the Polo struck the top keys down on the lower end of the southern division, and then I came to my senses. There he was at a dead standstill, with the door of the firebox of the machine open, wiping the perspiration off his face, and bowing to the people before him. If I live to be a thousand years old I'll never forget the ride the Paderewski gave me on a piano.

**WASTED LIVES.**

There is nothing sadder in this world than the lost or wasted lives of men, sadder to the eye which is able to discern them than poverty or death. Those who are the sufferers in this generally retain a lifelong delusion about them, namely, that they are caused by anybody's fault rather than by their own. And they do, in fact, rise commonly not out of any great fault or crime, but from ignorance of the world or want of conduct, or neglect of opportunities which never recur. Who has not met with the helpless, half-intelligent man full of many schemes, who in middle life has nothing to do, and is soliciting his friends to obtain for him an office which he is unfitted to hold, that he and his family may have the means of support?

**To Satisfy a Grudge.**

Sir Thomas Lipton, apropos of bachelorhood and marriage, said, during an after-dinner speech in Chicago: "Bachelors, I admit, are villains; but it is a shame to play such tricks on them as it is customary everywhere to do."  
"A nasty trick was played on a bachelor friend of mine at a dance. A woman was reproaching him for never having married, when her husband, a little bored perhaps, said gruffly: "He says he could have cut me out and married you if he had wanted to."  
"Indeed!" she cried. "Why didn't he do it, then?"  
"He says he owed me a grudge," the husband explained, with a chuckle.

At one of our seaside resorts, a lady fell into the water from a landing-stage while entering a boat. Her husband appeared frantic, and cried in the most beseeching tones: "For Heaven's sake, save her! She is my wife!"  
A young man gallantly plunged into the water, and brought back the poor woman.  
The look of gratitude the husband gave fully repaid him for his efforts.  
On recovering his equanimity, the husband thrust his hand into his wife's wet pocket, pulled out a somewhat bulgy purse, and with infinite relief said: "Old woman, the next time you tumble overboard just leave that purse behind, will you. You almost scared me to death!"



First Aid is rendered by bus-men (above) while the Ford bus-casualty vehicle stands concealed from enemy aircraft by tree foliage. Left—Planning the route before bus convoys are marshalled—secretary and executive of the N.S.W. Bus Proprietors' Association Emergency Transport Unit confer with the military before commencing a recent large-scale test.

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*Convoy and Evacuation Unit Proves Efficiency in Recent Demonstration "Somewhere in N.S.W."*

With the knowledge that in a national emergency there would be a vital job to be done by the hundreds of private bus owners and their vehicles, operators have formed themselves into an Omnibus Emergency Transport Unit.

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Map reading, first aid, and convoy driving form the principal requirements of members of the unit, and thus owners are confident that they will be capable of carrying out their work in a thoroughly efficient manner. As yet the private buses have not been required to be painted in camouflaged patterns. Nevertheless the art of camouflaging is one in which many of the members are specialising for a convoy of some hundreds of buses in their present bright hues would be immediately visible and would form an excellent target for hostile aircraft.

One of the facts proven by the test is that until the time necessary to swing to full convoy work regular

feeder services could be maintained with skeleton timetables while replacing large numbers of spare buses sufficient to form several preparatory convoys. The 50-vehicles which took part in a recent large-scale test formed only a small section of the vehicles available if the time comes.

Military authorities who accompanied the N.S.W. Commissioner for Road Transport, Mr. C. N. Neale (who is also the Director of Emergency Transport for N.S.W. and A.C.T.), were agreeably surprised with the efficient manner in which these convoys were manoeuvred and handled the various aspects of their work.

The public, generally, has been pleased to learn that the private bus owners have established a co-ordinated and thoroughly efficient plan of utilising their vehicles for an emergency which may come at any time. The public has seen various pictures, from overseas countries now in enemy hands, showing many wrecked transport vehicles and scenes of disorder and confusion which occurred at the time of even expected invasions.

That each bus has its appointed task, and that each owner, driver and employee of bus companies their appointed duties, proves that the private-operator of public transport has not been idle in past anxious months.

**LOCAL FIXTURES.**

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.**

- A.N.A. — Every alternate Tuesday night.
- Red Cross Branch. — Every alternate Tuesday of month.
- Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club. — As summoned by secretary.
- Prisoner of War Committee. — As summoned by secretary.
- Mothers' Club. — Second Friday of month.
- Oddfellows. — Every alternate Thursday to Rechabites.
- Rechabites. — Every alternate Thursday to Oddfellows.
- Town Band. — Third Thursday in the month.
- Committee Ripon Sub-branch, R.S.L. — Second Saturday evening of each month.
- School Committee.—Fourth Monday in each month.
- Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club.—Every Tuesday afternoon, every Saturday night, every alternate Thursday night.
- Ripon Shire Council — Second Monday in month.
- Police Court. — Every Monday (except holidays).
- Mechanics' Institute. — First Tuesday in month.
- Fire Brigade. — First Monday in month.
- Bush Nursing Hospital Committee. — Second Monday in month.
- B.N. Hospital Auxiliary. — Second Monday in month.
- C.W.A. — First Thursday in month.
- C.Y.M.S. — Second Monday in month.
- Fleary Creek Masonic Lodge. — Second Wednesday in month.
- Mark Lodge. — Fourth Thursday in every second month.
- Thistle Club. — First Wednesday of month (committee meeting and social).
- Golf Club. — In recess.
- Town Band Social. — Every Monday night.
- Younger Set. — Third Monday in each month.
- Swimming Club Committee. — First Thursday in each month.
- Volunteer Defence Corps. — Parades three Saturdays each month.
- V.D.C. Signallers' Class. — Every Wednesday night.

**RIPONSHIRE REPORTS.**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

The following reports were dealt with at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday:—

**SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

Receipts: Sundries, banked, £460 19/4; cheques paid, £ 582/0/7; drawn since, £210/7/8; Dr. balance, £1072/7/1, as against a Dr. balance of £740/18/1, at last report.

Adopted.  
Ridings Account. — North, Dr. £763 10/8; East, Dr. £14/18/5; West, Cr. £363/4/10; Beaufort Water Supply, Dr. £390/17/8; Snake Valley Water Supply, Dr. £71/10/4; Trust, Cr. £10.  
Adopted.

**FINANCE.**

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the finance committee:—Day labour vouchers, £354/7/8; A. M. Parker, £0 14/6; Whitehead & Co., £6/0/11; salaries, £41/18/4, £15/1/8, £38/0/10; Colonial Mutual Society, £3/15/6; Commissioner of Taxation, £3/15/6; Secretary, £10; E. L. Gillingham, £6/15/5; Municipal Association, £6/6/3; J. Duke, £1/10/0; K. Harris, £6; S. Roberts, £3/15/5; E. Duncan, 15/; engineer's car allowance, £10/6/6; G. M. Garrett (audit fees), £29/2/7; L. E. La Roche, £9/15/5; analyst, £1/17/6; Treasurer of Victoria, £415 6/11; Closure Settlement Board, £77 13/5; Electricity Supply, £3/13/4; H. T. Norman, £3/18/10; Murray's Stores, 10/10; A. Trengove, 6/; W. W. Ashley, £3/10/0; G. F. Oddie, £1/9/3; Notman Bros., 19/6; B. & W. Co-op., £1/10/1; Mining Supplies, £2/15/2; A. J. Skene, £9/6/3; J. Nothnagel, £10/4/4; Automobile Fire Insurance Co., £15/2/9; Forests Commission, £24/1/10; J. L. Crick, £20; Pool Petroleum Pty., £80/3/8; Vacuum Oil Co., £4/5/3; Caltex Ltd., £40 4/3; C. Bates, £36/10/8; State Assurance Society, 12/6; total, £1302/9/1.  
Country Roads Board Payments — Vouchers, £55/15/. Sustainance Wages, £7 18/9.

The Machinery Committee reported that a meeting was held on 9th Novr. The engineer was instructed to get No. 3 truck rebored and overhauled, in accordance with estimate submitted. Truck No. 4 is to be fitted with new rings when required.  
Adopted.

The North Riding councillors reported that they met on 9th November; the three councillors being present. Summer track to be constructed, Star's to Ahern's, clause 3 of engineer's report. Drain and tablings at Gillingham's Raglan, to be cleaned out. Top of Red Hill to be repaired, culverts cleaned out and water cut off in other places. Cutting west of Panther's referred to engineer for attention. Approach to C. R. Vowles' house, Trawalla, to be inspected, and report if necessary. Grating near B. & W. Co-op. stores to be improved. Overhanging limbs in streets to be lopped where causing inconvenience to traffic. Meter to be installed at bowling green and club to be charged for water used. Water supply to Stevenson Bros' house, Market Square, referred to engineer. Drain at Miss Schlicht's referred to engineer. Estimates for 1942-43 water rate approved. Drain at Lyons' shop referred to engineer. Pot holes, Pitcher's bridge, Raglan, to be attended to. Resolved that the Park cottage be let to H. G. Lardner at 11/ per week under the agreement drawn up.  
Adopted.

The Electricity Supply Committee reported that a meeting was held on 9th Novr.; Crs. McKay, MacPhie, and Schlicht being present. Correspondence: From State Electricity Commission, re annual returns. — To be complied with. On motion of Crs. Schlicht and MacPhie, the following accounts were passed for payment:—Wages, £64/10/; Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd., £139/4/1; Railway Department, £14/3/10; Stevenson Bros. £1/4/6; B. & W. Co-op. Society, £1

10/6; Ronaldson & Tippett, £7/4/10; Loan a/c., £182/8/11; total, £410/19/8. The report of the engineer-in-charge was received. The secretary reported a Dr. balance of £329/6/6. Resolved that a price of £275 be submitted for sale of Ruston-Hornsby engine. That wages of J. F. Martin be fixed at £5/9/ per week as assistant shift electrician.

Adopted, on motion of Cr. Roddis.  
The Government auditor, Mr. Geoffrey M. Garrett, reported as follows:—I wish to report that I have completed my audit of the books and accounts of your shire for the year ended 30th September, 1942, and have certified to the correctness of the accounts as at that date. Rates, general: Collections of general rates have not been as satisfactory as last year, and the arrears have increased by £51/1/1. The greater part of the increase is in the North Riding. Included in the North Riding arrears are amounts totalling £37/9/2 charged against unknown owners. I would suggest that the Council consider taking action to clear the outstanding amounts. Rates, water and sanitary: Collections of water and sanitary rates have also not been so satisfactory, and the sanitary rate arrears have increased by £16/1/8, and the water rate arrears by £51/16/3 for the Beaufort water supply. Snake Valley water rate arrears have, however, decreased by £3/8/. Electricity Supply: Collections have been very satisfactory, but included in amounts due by consumers are three amounts totalling £5/16/1, which have been outstanding for a long period. I understand these amounts are in dispute, and I would suggest that the Council take action to finalise the dispute. War Damage Trust Account: Two receipts, each for £1 were made out in respect of assessment No. 38. I understand one of these receipts was issued in error, and as the original receipt could not be found for cancellation, the shire secretary paid in £1 out of his own pocket. This amount has been banked in the War Damage Trust account, but not shown as a receipt on the assessment roll. I would suggest that the Council consider accepting the secretary's explanation and refund to him £1. General: I wish to express my appreciation of the assistance and courtesy extended to me by your secretary during the audit.

Received, and the £1 to be refunded to secretary, on motion of Crs. MacPhie and Kirkpatrick.

In reply to Cr. Schlicht, the secretary said the members for each riding would go into the outstanding rates.

**Shire Council.**

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rabbits there, too.  
The President on the Trawalla-Chepstowe road, scours needed attention at the north end, between the Trawalla lodge gates and the railway station.

Cr. Roddis moved that the books and accounts, as examined by the auditor and certified to as correct, be finally allowed as just and true. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick, and carried.

**MOTIONS BY NOTICE.**  
Cr. McKay moved, pursuant to notice: "That the rating by-law of the Shire of Ripon water supply district for the year 1942-43 be adopted."  
Seconded by Cr. MacPhie, and carried.

The president wished the councillors, officers, and Press the compliments of the season, and hoped that before another year had passed these dark days would be over.  
The good wishes were heartily reciprocated, and a toast in honour of the president drunk.

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## COMMITTEE G.

## APPOINTMENT OF C.F.B. TECHNICAL OFFICER URGED.

The following correspondence was dealt with at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday:—

From Rural Fire Fighting Services (Committee G), concerning appointment of committee.

Received.

From same, with regard to the appointment of a Country Fire Brigades' technical officer to Committee G.

Standing orders were suspended to hear Captain J. Duke, of the Beaufort Fire Brigade, who stressed the necessity of appointing a Country Fire Brigades' technical officer to the Committee G. He urged the Shire Council to support this request. Men were trained all the year in Country Fire Brigade work. The G Committee's powers overrode the powers of the Country Fire Board, and would upset a system that had been going well for 60 years. They desired to have the township areas covered by the Country Fire Brigades' Board excluded from the G Committee's area. The G Committee was largely composed of the Forest Commission's officers. They felt that the Country Fire Brigades' Board's Chief Officer and Deputy-chief had the necessary experience.

The president (Cr. Russell) asked if the Country Fire Board would be satisfied with representation on the G Committee alone.

Mr Duke said a representative would make representations in regard to the matter he had mentioned.

In reply to Cr. McKay, Mr Duke said the Country Fire Brigades had power in regard to fire hazards when recommended by the Government. The G Committee had power to order their equipment about, and he had instructions not to let it go out.

Replying to the president, Mr Duke said all Councils had not placed the Fire Brigade captain on the local G Committee, like Beaufort had. Having their representative there would override a lot of objections that would arise.

Cr. McKay: Without having heard the circular from the G Committee, he thought commonsense demanded the appointment of a technical C.F.B. officer on the G Committee.

Cr. Roddis: The Beaufort people were fortunate in having the fire brigade captain on their committee.

The president thanked Mr Duke, who thanked the Council for their courtesy trusted they would give the Country Fire Brigades their sympathy, and withdrew.

The secretary then read the circular from the G Committee, which replied to articles in the country press in regard to the appointment of a technical officer of the Country Fire Board on the committee. It was pointed out that several members of the G Committee had had experience of bush fire fighting and Country Fire Brigade work. The Government could not have made a wiser choice. No attempt had been made to control activities of Country Fire Brigades, and it was wrong for certain country brigades to assume that the Committee G would do so. Country Fire Brigades were assured that they would control their own areas.

Cr. McKay moved that the Council approve the appointment of a technical expert from the Country Fire Board to Committee G. He felt there was a bit of feeling somewhere. Seconded by Cr. Wills.

Cr. MacPhie: The appointment of a technical expert to that committee was not going to help one iota. Now was the only time practical steps had been taken to prevent fires on Mt. Cole by a local man on the job (Mr Wylie). He was not concerned with a squabble with people in Melbourne for a little lime-light. It was ridiculous to assume that the G Committee would interfere with a house fire. If the antagonism was there, there would be no harmony in

working, and he opposed the motion.

Cr. Wills seconded the motion, he said, because he thought it would be just as well to have a C.F.B. technical expert on Committee G.

Replying to Cr. MacPhie, Cr. McKay said Mr McKenzie was not a technical expert.

Cr. Hinton — They should not let people in Melbourne control their fire brigade.

## Austerity Loan.

## COUNCIL'S SUBSCRIPTION.

At their meeting on Monday, the Ripon Shire Council received a telegram from the Commonwealth Loan Director, appealing for subscriptions to loan. Irrespective of whatever had been done in the past.

Cr. Wills said some time ago he favoured putting £400 into the loan. He moved that £400 from the general revenue be put into the loan. He was taking a long view. When the war was over, they would have to renew the trucks at a cost of £2000. The trade-in value would not be very great. If they did nothing, they would have to put on a 6d rate to pay for the trucks, which would not make them popular. Seconded by Cr. Roddis.

Cr. MacPhie opposed the motion, and said each riding should handle its own financial affairs.

Cr. Kirkpatrick said he would support the motion, as he thought they were doing the right thing in regard to the trucks and national matters.

Cr. McDonald said he agreed with Cr. MacPhie. He would not agree to putting East Riding money into the war loan till they had a surplus. He contended that at present the West Riding should pay the 100 per cent.

Cr. Roddis: The trucks had been taken over by the shire.

Cr. Schlicht: The war would have to last something like 250 years to enable them to replace the trucks. He was not against putting money into the loan, but was thinking of the North Riding.

Cr. McKay: If they got into any difficulty, probably the West Riding would buy their quota.

Cr. MacPhie moved, as an amendment, that each riding attend to its own financial matters.

Cr. McDonald: If the East Riding had the money, it would have gone in.

Cr. Schlicht: The North Riding, too.

Cr. Wills: When they bought the trucks, they financed them by selling machinery, and bought them cheaper than they could now, and they would not be able to finance them that way in the future.

Cr. MacPhie: No one could say what the price of trucks would be.

Cr. McDonald: The shire paid a 2/6 rate after the last war.

Cr. Wills: He paid £150 in rates to Ripon after the last war, and they refused to make a road for him. He thought it the meanest turnout he had ever seen.

Cr. McDonald, although he thought it unnecessary, seconded the amendment, which was carried.

Cr. Kirkpatrick: He would not now support the full amount of £400 for the West Riding.

Cr. Wills moved that the West Riding put in £200 in the long term loan. Seconded by Cr. Hinton, and carried.

Cr. Roddis moved that the East Riding put in £100 for the long term. Seconded by the president (Cr. Russell), and carried.

Cr. McKay: The North Riding members would decide what amount they would put in after consultation. They were in favour of the War Loan, but could not lend what they did not have.

The engineer (Mr Muntz) said he was astonished that the Council had no depreciation fund, and would bring the matter before them at next meeting.

The secretary said that so far Ripon Shire had subscribed about £7000 out of its loan quota of £15,000.

The president: He knew of over £1000 additional being sent in in the East Riding.

working, and he opposed the motion.

Cr. Wills seconded the motion, he said, because he thought it would be just as well to have a C.F.B. technical expert on Committee G.

Replying to Cr. MacPhie, Cr. McKay said Mr McKenzie was not a technical expert.

Cr. Hinton — They should not let people in Melbourne control their fire brigade.

The motion was carried.

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## JUVENILE SECTION OF LIBRARY.

Editor "Riponshire Advocate."

Sir.—In another part of your paper the Committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute is making an appeal for donations of books suitable for a juvenile section of its library. We are making this appeal on the suggestion of a gentleman of the town who has given us 30 books. We think that there may be others like him, who, having no further use for children's books, would be glad to give them to an institution where the best possible use would be made of them. It is the committee's intention to purchase new boys' and girls' books when they are available. At the moment there is a very great shortage of such literature. You, sir, have already given prominence in your paper to the fact that we are attempting to start this children's library. We are grateful to you for this. I wish again to thank you for your generosity in allowing me space to make this appeal on behalf of the committee.—Yours faithfully,

R. C. HODGETTS, President.

## CARTRIDGES WANTED.

Sir,—Last week I received a registered letter, being a notice to kill all vermin (rabbits) on my land. I am not much concerned at present about that particular vermin, as I find local lads are just as keen after them, and just as ambitious to own a gun as I was 50 years ago. I would much prefer to have received notice that 500 rounds of cartridges, loaded with B.B. shot or slugs, were awaiting me at the Police Station. For over half-a-century we have been receiving 12-gauge shotguns from 16 or 20 of the world's best gunsmiths in England. Consequently, there are many thousands of guns distributed in the country, and in the hands of farmers and householders. No military expert could teach these gunmen anything about their guns or the art of stalking game. But what use are these weapons at present? Cartridges are unobtainable — a most tragic affair for war precaution authorities! We are at war, and (as our boys in the Islands know only too well) with a dirty low-down race of people. General Blamey says of them: that it is a case of kill or be killed. All right, if the tide of battle should turn against our brave defenders (and it would not be the first time), and Australia should be invaded, we could expect many thousands of paratroops to land, not in Collins Street, but in our rural districts among a defenceless people, with hundreds of guns and no ammunition. Should some of these vermin land at my ranch, what would be the procedure, with two empty guns on hand? Endeavour to mow them down with a scythe, or try and hold them with a pitchfork till the police arrived, or meekly accept slaughter on behalf of myself and helpless dependents, who would have fled from Melbourne to seek a sanctuary with us. Surely if the Government considered it necessary to blot out the names of towns from business houses, and pull out and bury the mileposts, how much more ur-

gent is it that every owner of a registered gun should be supplied with a quantity of cartridges. Kill or be killed. He would have at least a fighting chance of spraying some of the vermin, while defending his home and dependents.—Yours, etc.,

T. E. SANDS.

## TOWN BAND.

## Committee Meeting.

The committee of the Beaufort Town Band met at the Shire Hall on Thursday, 17th inst. Mr A. Campbell (vice-president) was in the chair, and there was an attendance of 10 members. Apologies were received from several absentees.

It was decided to write, thanking the Raglan people for running an effort in aid of the band.

The credit balance amounted to £40 11/6.

Mr R. Saddler (bandmaster) reported that the attendances were fair, but the tenor horn players had been absent. There had been two engagements since last meeting.

The next amateur hour was arranged for Sunday, Decr. 27, and a good programme is assured.

It was decided to have the music stands repaired.

The president (Mr J. Duke), who attended at this stage, took the opportunity of thanking the committee and players for their splendid co-operation, and wished them seasonal greetings.

Mr Campbell spoke in support.

A Christmas greeting was received from ex-Bandsman J. Fitzpatrick, now on military duty somewhere in Australia.

It was resolved to send him a telegram.

**BUSH FIRE PRECAUTIONS.** — The following appeared in a circular issued by the Graziers' Association of Victoria:—

In Circular No. 12 of 1942, the necessity for precautions against bush fires was stressed, and the attention of members is now directed to the following extract from a recent bulletin issued by the Victorian Bush Fire Brigades Association:—"All burning operations should be completed before the danger period arrives, and any fire lighting that is then essential should be carried out in strict conformity to the conditions prescribed in the General Fire Lighting Regulations. These precautions have been fixed, not to impede any essential fire lighting operations, but to ensure that they are conducted safely and do not endanger adjacent property. It is the duty of every country landowner to exercise the greatest care with fire, not only for his own protection, but for the safety of his neighbours. In harvesting activities it is desirable to carry a knapsack spray pump to permit the speedy extinguishment of any fires that may occur from the tractor. The operations of gas-producer propelled vehicles should be closely observed and the attention of owners directed to any fire danger that may arise from their vehicles. Flagrant breaches of the Regulations should be reported to the nearest police. Members of bush fire brigades should not hesitate to take any action necessary to ensure the observance of the fire prevention laws — failure to do so may result in great losses of primary produce and even of lives of fellow citizens."

Letters containing the resignations of Messdames Drummond and Parker were received with regret. The president said members regretted the departure of Mrs Drummond from the district, and referred to her excellent work while a member of the branch, and also requested that a minute of appreciation of her services be recorded. In referring to Mrs Parker's resignation as secretary, Mrs J. E. B. White moved that a minute of appreciation be recorded. She had done splendid service for the branch, and the Buangor Red Cross owed its existence to her, as it was Mrs Parker who convened the meeting on 30th Sept., 1939, when the branch was formed. Since then, Mrs Parker, as secretary, with her initiative, tireless energy, and ability, had carried the work forward, and the success of the branch had been largely due to her good work. Other members supported the president's remarks. Mrs G. Brennan was elected to fill the vacancy, and agreed to accept the office of secretary.

**BUANGOR RED CROSS.**

The fortnightly meeting of the Buangor Red Cross was held on Decr. 10. The president (Mrs J. E. B. White) occupied the chair, and there was an attendance of 15 members. The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem. A credit balance of £17 10/5 was reported from the stall at the Cross Roads sale. Mrs J. E. B. White was warmly applauded for her efforts in connection with this stall. The Red Cross social showed a profit of £5 12/.

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## DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

## Buangor.

## SOCIAL EVENING.

Residents of Buangor and surrounding districts gathered in force at the Buangor Hall on Monday evening, 14th Decr., to say farewell to First-constable and Mrs Drummond and family. The greater part of the evening was taken up by dancing, to the excellent music of the Buangor Dance Band. At about midnight, Mr H. H. Hooke, in making the presentation, stressed the valuable assistance given by Mr and Mrs Drummond to the various organisations during their stay in the district. Rev. Father J. Day and Mr A. J. Felmingham supported the chairman's remarks. Mr Drummond suitably responded. A tasty supper was served by the ladies. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.**

Local members of the V.D.C. were out on Saturday night, 12th Decr., practising manoeuvres and stalking exercises.

**PATRIOTIC CLUB.**

The monthly meeting of the above club was held on Decr. 15. Mr H. H. Hooke occupied the chair. It was decided that all district women enlisting in the Services will receive comforts on the same conditions as the A.I.F. men. The balance-sheet, which had been audited and found correct, was adopted. The resignation of Messrs. H. K. Parker (secretary) and W. H. Drummond, both of whom are leaving the district, was accepted with regret. It was decided that a minute be placed on the books in appreciation of their services.

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## Skipton.

## DEPARTURE OF POPULAR BANK MANAGER.

One of the largest and most representative gatherings ever seen at a function of this kind took place at the Skipton Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 9, to tender a farewell to Mr and Mrs Stephens and their daughter. Mr Stephens has been manager of the National Bank for a number of years, and has proved himself an efficient manager and a worthy citizen. All sections of the community were represented from all parts of the district. The early part of the evening was spent in dancing. On the arrival of the guests of honour a halt was called, and the chairman, Rev. Mr Price, extended a welcome to Mr and Mrs Stephens. Mrs Stephens was met at the door by the wife of the chairman and presented with a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers. Afterwards a pianoforte solo was contributed by Miss Hazel Atkins, and songs by Mrs D. S. J. Mackinnon, and Pilot-officer Henstridge. The accompaniments were played by Mrs Chirnside and Miss Atkins.

Mrs Loudon (secretary of the Red Cross), after apologising for the absence of Mrs E. D. Mackinnon (president), spoke of the good work performed by Mrs Stephens, who had always been a very active member. Their daughter had also played a very prominent part in Junior Red Cross Work, and had assisted in raising some large sums of money. Mr Stephens had given the local branch much assistance in many ways, beside auditing their books, which in itself was no small job. She wished them every success in their future life.

Mr M. Notman, who was the first client of the bank in Skipton, gave an interesting account of events leading up to the opening of the branch. He considered the departing manager one of the best he had known, and if he could do anything for him, he would be only too pleased to do it.

Rev. G. L. Johnson, president of the Progress Association, said he was only a newcomer, but it was not necessary to know Mr Stephens long to appreciate his worth to the town and district. He thought that Mr Stephens could see the "writing on the wall" and was getting a flying start, as under the New Order they heard so much about, bank managers would be the first to be shot.

Colonel C. M. Chase spoke as a fellow digger. He first met Mr Stephens in the Soldiers' Club Room, and a friendship sprang up that he would find hard to sever. Few people knew that Mr Stephens had been a member of both the A.I.F. and the New Zealand Forces. He was a true digger, and a man whose place would be very hard to fill. There was a lot more he could say, but perhaps this was not the best place to say it. He joined the other speakers in wishing the family every success.

Mr L. D. Nicholls spoke of the interest Mr Stephens had always taken in anything for the progress of the town. He had given them valuable assistance and advice regarding the installation of electricity. His work in connection with the War Loans was outstanding, and mainly through the efforts of Mr Stephens, Skipton had passed its quota on each occasion. He trusted the family would have all the success they deserved.

The chairman, after enlarging on the remarks of the previous speakers about the good qualities of the Stephens family in every walk of life, read an address, which will be written on a scroll in book form, the reverse side to contain the signatures of 150 clients, and the whole to be bound up in beautiful leather, as a lifelong memento and reminder of their sojourn in Skipton. A well-filled wallet of notes was then presented to Mr Stephens, as a tangible token from the residents of Skipton and

district.

Mr Stephens, in replying, said the large gathering of people from far and near who filled the hall that night meant much to him at the present time, and he would always remember that night as an outstanding event in his life. He appreciated very much everything the various speakers had said about himself and his wife and daughter. He had tried to pull his weight while stationed here, and if he had given satisfaction, he was more than repaid for any small effort that he had made. Knowing the difficulties of travel at the present time, he appreciated the number of country and district people who had made the journey that night. Mr Stephens made a stirring appeal for people to subscribe to the Austerly Loan. He read a telegram from Mr Chiffley, Federal Treasurer, congratulating Skipton on having reached its quota, both in the amount subscribed and in the number of subscribers. Mr Stephens said, had he remained here, it was his ambition, not only to reach the quota set out for Skipton, but to try and put Skipton on top in its section. He hoped that when the loan closed Skipton would have £10,000 to its credit. He thanked the performers and the speakers, and also the huge gathering for the expressions of goodwill.

Mrs Stephens, in a graceful speech also thanked the various speakers, and all the friends who had come along to make their parting easier.

Major Peterson moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, and commented on the beautiful decorations adorning the stage. He also referred to the sterling qualities of the departing family, and spoke of the strong attachment that existed between his wife and Mrs Stephens. He also complimented the energetic secretary (Mr G. Anderson) and the committee for the excellent way they had carried out the arrangements. "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne" were sung.

Apologies were received for the absence of Wing-Commander and Mrs Fairbairn, the Daly family, "Fairview"; Mrs Andrew Chirnside, and Dr. Reid.

The chairman thanked the secretary and committee, and the ladies responsible for the beautiful decorations.

The serving of supper brought a memorable evening to a close.

**GOLDEN WEDDING AT SKIPTON.**  
About 30 persons gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs J. Cluff on Tuesday, December 8, to celebrate with them the 50th anniversary of their wedding, which took place in the Skipton Presbyterian Church on Dec. 8, 1892; the Rev. Mr Ross being the officiating clergyman. Mrs Cluff, whose maiden name was Miss Alice Bradshaw, has lived in the Skipton district practically all her life. Mr Cluff came to Skipton as a young man, and although both are of a quiet nature, they are well known and highly respected. Mr Andy Corbett voiced the opinion of all present when wishing the happy couple continued happiness and good health. Both children of Mr and Mrs Cluff and a number of grandchildren were present at the celebration.

**RED CROSS EUCHRE AND DANCE.**  
There was only a moderate attendance at the Skipton Red Cross euchre and dance on Saturday night, 12th inst. Mr A. R. Notman won all 10 games.

**FOR THE EMPIRE.**  
The following members of the Services have been home on leave.—A.C.2 W. Sturgeon, A.C.2 W. Fowler, Pte. K. Kelly, Pte. H. Haslem, Pte. Max Merton, Tpr. L. Young, L/A.C. R. Wade.

Sister Elywn Norman, who has been on duty at the Heidelberg Military Hospital, spent her leave at Skipton.

**PERSONAL.**  
Sister Mavis Graham has been on leave from the Women's Hospital, Melbourne.

Nurse Muriel Nichols has also been on her annual leave.

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## BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL.

The Beaufort H. E. School, of which Mr L. R. S. Dalrymple is head teacher, obtained satisfactory results at the recent examinations. They are as follows:—

Proficiency Certificates: John Wood, Norman Day, Ivan Tiley, Shirley Crocker, Lesley Jean Sandiant, Patricia Robinson, Gwenda Harrison.

Merit Certificates: John Wood, Frank Duke, John Hughes, Douglas Lofts Jim Wyllie, Alan Lancey, Leslie Broadbent, Bob McKenzie, Maurice Vowles, Aileen Pearce, Enid Buchanan, Valerie Hancock, Peggy Vowles, Marjorie Dalrymple, Muriel McKenzie, Kathleen Doull, Evelyn Jones.

## SCHOOL BREAK-UP.

The Beaufort school break-up took the form of a picnic in the Park on Friday afternoon, 18th Decr. There was a good attendance of children, and all seemed to enjoy themselves, especially at tea time. Mr Dalrymple (head teacher) and Mr Buchanan thanked the ladies of the Mothers' Club for arranging the treat for the young people. Races were run during the afternoon, and the results were as follows:—Girls, under 6—Gwen Emerson, 1; Beth Cawthorn, 2. Boys, under 6—John Hopkins, 1; Ronald Latch, 2. Girls under 7—Elizabeth Gregory, 1; Margaret Newey and Joan Doull, equal 2. Boys under 7—Robert Irving, 1; Fred Worsley, 2. Girls under 8—Barbara Hughes, 1; Grace Harrison, 2. Boys under 8—Robert Hains, 1; Peter Ashley, 2. Girls under 9—Judy Gregory, 1; Heather Sandiant, 2. Boys under 9—Neville Broadbent, 1; Trevor Davey, 2. Girls under 10—Carmel Cody, 1; Ann Cobden, 2. Boys under 10—William Irving, 1; John Doull, 2. Girls under 11—Pat. Nash, 1; Joan Lardner, 2. Boys under 11—David Harrison and Frank Newey, equal 1. Girls under 12—Shirley Torney, 1; Jean Gordon, 2. Boys under 12—Ian Lofts, 1; Ron Fisher, 2. Girls under 13—Audrey McGregor, 1; Beryl Dunn, 2. Boys under 13—Keith Torney, 1; Douglas Lofts, 2. Girls under 14—Betty Davis, 1; Kath Doull, 2. Boys under 14—Robert Broadbent, 1; Eric Hayes, 2. Girls over 14—Audrey Thacker, 1; Berta Simper, 2. Boys over 14—John Hughes, 1; John Woods, 2.

## SKIPTON SPORTS.

The following programme has been adopted for the Skipton picnic gymkhana on Saturday, Jan. 2.

## FANCY DRESS PROCESSION.

**SECTION A (OPEN)**  
Best Group. Best Individual Character. Best Sustained Character. Best Decorated Vehicle.

## SECTION B (FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL).

Best Group. Best Individual Character (Boys). Best Individual Character (Girls). Best Sustained Character (Boys or Girls).

## MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS.

**CHILDREN'S RACES. ENTRY FREE.**  
GIRLS, 9 years and under.  
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## FOOTRUNNING.

Entry, 6d.  
SINGLE LADIES' RACE, 50 yds.  
YOUTH'S RACE, 20 years and under 100 yds.  
OLD BUFFERS, 50 years and over, 50 yds  
MARRIED MEN'S RACE, 75 yds.

## RETURNED SOLDIERS' RACE, 50 yds.

V.D.C. RACE, full-dress uniform, 75 yards.

## WALKING RACE, 480 yds.

## NOVELTY EVENTS.

ROLLING BARREL, BLINDFOLD.  
BLINDFOLD BARROW RACE.  
BUN-EATING RACE.

## POTATO RACE ON FOOT, three events;

Men, Boys, Girls.

## SIAMESE RACE.

## SACK RACE.

## BOOT JUMBLE.

BOYS' CYCLE RACE, 16 years and under, three laps.

## GIRLS' CYCLE RACE, 2 laps.

## LADIES' NAIL-DRIVING COMPETITION.

## LADIES' EGG &amp; SPOON RACE.

## GENT'S EGG &amp; SPOON RACE.

BOYS' HIGH JUMP, 18 yrs. and under.  
MEN'S HIGH JUMP.

## PEANUT HUNT FOR CHILDREN.

## BOWLING AT SINGLE WICKET.

## STEPPING DISTANCE.

## TOSsing CABER.

## HORSE EVENTS.

POTATO RACE. FLAG RACE. BENDING RACE.

## TUG OF WAR.

V.D.C. Challenge to All Comers. Eight men a side.

## GUESSING THE WEIGHT OF SHEEP.

Three Starters or no Event.

## Ballarat Wool Market.

E. J. Strickland & Sons report:—We held our 64th series of wool appraisements on Friday, 11th inst., and brought forward an excellent selection of merino and comeback wools, drawn mainly from our better style wool districts, together with a small percentage of agricultural wools. A further batch of bulk classed wools was also included, realising up to 25½d for the top line. Our best price on Friday was 29½d for three bales of the super combing of JLG/Trawalla, from Trawalla, which opened up very attractively. This was closely followed by the super combing of TWC/Pittong, at 28½d, and the super combing of D L McK/Chepstowe, at 28½d. Proceeds of this appraisalment will be available on 6th January, 1943. District sales:—JLG/Trawalla (Burrumbidgee), sup com a, 29½d; D L McK/Chepstowe, sup com 28½d; LEN/G/Carngham (Snake Valley), sup com a 28d, 20 bales fleece averaging 25½d, sup com h 27½d, sup com 27d; JR conj./Chepstowe, aaa m 26½d; TG/Carngham (Snake Valley), sup m h 25½d, ex sup 25½d, aaa w 25½d; MF/B/Waterloo (Beaufort), aaa e and w 25½d; LEN/G/Carngham, aaa h 25½d, a w 25½d, sup aaa w 25d; JLG/Trawalla (Beaufort), sup com 25½d; TG/Carngham, sup w 24½d, aaa e 24½d, sup m and aaa h 24d; LEN/G/Carngham, aa h 24½d, aaa w 24½d, sup aaa e 24½d; JLG/Trawalla, com 24½d; JR/Chepstowe, aa m 24½d; AJS/BFT (Beaufort), aaa 24½d; DL McK/Chepstowe, 1st com 23½d; TG/Carngham, aaa e 23½d; MF/B/Waterloo, aaa h, 23½d; LEN/G/Carngham, aa w 23½d; JR/Chepstowe, aaa cbk 23½d; TG/Carngham, aaa m e 22½d; LEN/G/Carngham, aaa e 22½d, aa e22d, sup lms 22½d; JR conj./Chepstowe, a m 22½d, sup com 22d, aa cbk 22½d; AJS/BFT (Beaufort), aa 22½d, a 22d; MB/Skipton, m h 21½d; TG/Carngham, aaa w 21½d; HP/Lex-ton, sup cbk 21½d; MB/Skipton, sup com 20½d, m h 20½d; TG/Carngham, aa e 20½d; JLG/Trawalla, aaa pcs 20½d, sup lambs 30d; JR conj./Chepstowe, m f 20½d; DL McK/Chepstowe, broken, 20½d.

## LOCAL FIXTURES.

## REGULAR MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.

A.N.A. — Every alternate Tuesday night.  
Red Cross Branch. — Every alternate Tuesday of month.

Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club. — As summoned by secretary.  
Prisoner of War Committee. — As summoned by secretary.

Mothers' Club. — Second Friday of month.

Oddfellows. — Every alternate Thursday to Rechabites.

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Town Band. — Third Thursday in the month.

Committee Ripon Sub-branch, R.S.L. — Second Saturday evening of each month.

School Committee.—Fourth Monday in each month.

Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club. — Every Tuesday afternoon, every Saturday night, every alternate Thursday night.

Ripon Shire Council. — Second Monday in month.

Police Court. — Every Monday (except holidays).

Mechanics Institute. — First Tuesday in month.

Fire Brigade. — First Monday in month.

Bush Nursing Hospital Committee. — Second Monday in month.

B.N. Hospital Auxilliary. — Second Monday in month.

C.W.A. — First Thursday in month.

C.Y.M.S. — Second Monday in month.

Fiery Creek Masonic Lodge. — Second Wednesday in month.

Mark Lodge. — Fourth Thursday in every second month.

Thistle Club. — First Wednesday of month (committee meeting and social).

Golf Club. — In recess.

Town Band Social. — Every Monday night.

Younger Set. — Third Monday in each month.

Swimming Club Committee. — First Thursday in each month.

Volunteer Defence Corps. — Parades three Saturdays each month.

V.D.C. Signallers' Class. — Every Wednesday night.

## POSTAL INFORMATION.

Mails for Melbourne close 10.30 a.m., Monday to Saturday; 4.30 p.m., Monday to Friday; 12.40 p.m. Saturday.

Mails for Ararat and Middle Creek close 11.45 a.m., Monday to Saturday.

Mails for Nerring close 9.40 a.m., Tuesday and Friday.

Mails for Trawalla close 4.30 p.m., Monday to Friday; 12.40 p.m. Saturday.

Mails to Raglan, Waterloo, Chute close 9.30 a.m., Saturday.

Mails for Waterloo, Raglan, and Chute close 12.30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Mails for Mana Park close 12.30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Waterloo private bag service closes 12.30 p.m., Monday to Friday; Saturday, 9.30 a.m.

vice closes 12.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

Mails for Lake Goldsmith close 12.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

Mails for Eurambeen close 12.30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

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In our hearts you are always near, We, who loved you, sadly miss you, As it dawns another year.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1942.

**A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.**

"Never meddle in the business-of others—you have enough to do to look after your own."

**THIS "AUSTERITY CHRISTMAS."**

AN "austerity Christmas" has been decreed for this, the fourth Yuletide of the second world war. People have become accustomed to austerity suits, austerity loans, and the rationing of many common articles of everyday use, and will no doubt survive a Christmas season deprived of most of its attractive features. Back in Charles Dickens' day, Tiny Tim and the members of his family would have had a very austere Christmas, had not Old Scrooge relented. However, we are not suggesting—notwithstanding that ladies who have never soiled their hands may have to dispense with household help and do their own work — Mr Dedman is a modern Scrooge or that he is showing any signs of relenting. The troops on active service have to put up with conditions more closely related to austerity than anything the civilian population has to face, and this Christmas there is a great opportunity for the public to emulate another character of Dickens', Mark Tapley, and take a pride in being jolly under adverse circumstances.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS.** — We wish our subscribers, advertisers, correspondents, and printing customers the compliments of the season. With last issue a sheet calendar for 1943 was distributed. There will be no issue of "The Riponshire Advocate" on Saturday, January 2.

**R.S.L. SCHOLARSHIP.** — The scholarship awarded by the 20th District of the R.S.A.I.L.A. was won by Beverley Joy Thomas, but the second place holder will get the scholarship through the generous action of the parents of the winner. Joy McLeish, 112 Wendouree parade, Ballarat, will be the actual holder of the scholarship. This decision was made by the board after it had considered the financial circumstances of the winner's parents, it being a condition of the scholarship that the winner must be the child of parents not financially well-off. The scholarship holder was also some two years younger than the actual winner. Third place was gained by Douglas Falla. Mr H. J. Costello, Avoca delegate, said there was more to the scholarship than actual money. Many parents entered their children to test the educational standard, and he knew of cases where parents had been so satisfied that they had continued with their children's education when they might otherwise have given up. On the motion of Messrs. Costello and H. May (Newlyn), a letter will be sent to Mr N. McHutchison, district inspector of schools, for his interest in the scholarship and for setting the paper.

**DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES.**

**Raglan.**

**PRESENTATION TO MR K. W. LEWIS**  
A large and representative gathering assembled at the Raglan Hall on Thursday night, Dec. 17, when a farewell social was tendered to Mr K. W. Lewis, who has been in charge of the local school for the past 16 years, and has been promoted and transferred to Collingwood. The first part of the evening was taken up with the items given by the children. Mr Lewis acted as accompanist. He then presented merit certificates to Audrey Johnston and Joan Tiley. Musical and vocal items were rendered by Mrs Harrison, Mrs Eric Ball, Miss Betty Ball, Mrs Fisher, Miss Tiley, Miss S. Grant, and Mr L. Tucker.

Mr Lancey, who acted as chairman, said it was gratifying to him and to their guest to see such a good gathering present, as it showed the esteem in which Mr Lewis was held in Raglan.

Rev. W. R. Harrison said it gave him great pleasure to be here to-night to say a few words. As the minister, he was very sorry in one way to be losing Mr Lewis from the Church, as he had been such a tower of strength to it. He was a member of the Church, a junior circuit steward, choir-master, and assistant-organist. The only thing pertaining to the Church he was not a member of was the Ladies' Guild, but he always audited their books for them each year. Mr Lewis never had to make up his mind on Sunday if he would go to church or not; he was always there at his post. The Rev. J. P. MacDougall asked him to apologise for his absence, and to thank Mr Lewis for the help he had always given to the Presbyterian Church. No man, he said, was indispensable. They would miss Mr Lewis, no doubt, and somebody would be needed to step in and fill his place. He wished him God speed in his walk of life.

Mr Gillingham (secretary of the Methodist Sunday School) said they were losing their superintendent of the school. Mr Lewis had always taken a great interest in the welfare of the children, and he thought the Sunday school was his pet hobby. Of the 16 years Mr Lewis had been in Raglan, he had lived eight of them at his (Mr Gillingham's) house, so if ever a man should know Mr Lewis, he should. He would be a great loss to the Sunday school, but he (Mr Gillingham), with the help of others, would do his best to step in and fill the breach, and carry on to the best of his ability. He wished him success in his sphere of labour.

Mr Dalrymple, who spoke as a brother in the teaching profession, said he had not known Mr Lewis for 16 years, but for six, and Mr Lewis had won his highest respect. He had taught several of the Raglan pupils, and they were a credit to Mr Lewis, as he had given them a thorough grounding—a good foundation on which they were building. He had come in contact with Mr Lewis at the combined schools' sports, and referred to the help he was always willing to render. Raglan children always held their own at the sports gatherings, and this was due to their training, which reflected great credit on their teacher. He concluded with a little saying he had read, "If you are boring and you can't find water, well stop boring," so he thought perhaps he had better stop boring. He wished Mr Lewis, on his own and their brother teachers' behalf, a happy and prosperous future.

Mr W. Wilkinson (president of the Patriotic League) said they were losing, in the person of Mr Lewis, a man who was going to be very hard indeed to replace. Since the inauguration of the league two years ago, he had acted as secretary. He knew his job well, and he did it well. There was a great

deal of work to do as secretary of a small club, but when it came to handling nearly £500 for the two years, one wanted his wits about him. He thanked Mr Lewis for all he had done for the league, and said they all appreciated it. As a mark of appreciation, Mr Lewis had been made a life member of the league. On behalf of the Patriotic League he wished him all the best in the future.

Mr E. J. Tiley (secretary of the Swimming Club) said that they were losing one of the best supporters that the Swimming Club had. If it had not been for him, he doubted very much that there would ever have been a pool at all. At first they did not get much backing, but they kept on with it, and to-day they had a fine pool, where many happy hours had been spent. Mr Lewis had spent many of his spare hours, with other local men in making the pool and erecting the changing sheds, and they owed their thanks to him for having it. They were also grateful to him for teaching all the children to swim. A great number had gained their junior and senior certificates under his tuition. He hoped there would be a pool at Collingwood, where he could carry on with the good work. He wished him all the best for the future, and hoped he would climb up the ladder.

Mr George Cuthbertson (secretary of the Hall Committee) spoke of Mr Lewis' help in connection with the hall. He was president of the committee at the time the ante-room was erected, and what an acquisition it had been to the hall! Mr Lewis had been a valuable member of the hall committee, and they all regretted his departure, and hoped when he returned, he would find the hall with a new fence and a shiny coat of paint. He wished him the best of luck in the future.

Mrs Cuthbertson (correspondent of the School Committee), who spoke on behalf of the committee, said she could only speak of Mr Lewis in the highest terms. She had always found him very courteous and obliging, and he had done all in his power to help them. She thanked him for the interest he had always taken in the children. He had always carried out his duties well, and they were very sorry to lose him as the teacher. He carried with him their sincerest wishes for a happy future.

Miss M. Lancy (secretary of the Tennis Club) said it was usually the lot of the president to make any speeches necessary, but as their guest this evening was the president, it gave her pleasure on behalf of the tennis members, to say a few words. She mentioned the loss the Tennis Club had sustained in the last two years in regard to gentlemen members. Mr Lewis was the seventh to leave. He was one of the club's staunchest supporters. He had never missed a match, even if he had to ride Shanks' pony. He had always acted as captain or vice-captain, and was usually one of the handicappers for the tournaments—and wouldn't the girls give him a warm time when they arrived and saw the handicaps he had given them. If it had not been for Mr Lewis and one or two other faithful members, they would not have the fine court they had to-day. Saturday after Saturday, he would be there with his pick, shovel, and wheelbarrow, and worked like a nigger until it was finished. Mr Lewis was not chicken-hearted and had great grit and determination to carry a thing through to a finish. She concluded by quoting the old proverb, "You never miss the water till the well runs dry." They would miss Mr Lewis on the court, and on behalf of his fellow members, she wished him a happy and prosperous career.

Miss F. E. Ball (secretary of the Basketball Club) said she would like to thank Mr Lewis for acting as umpire for the girls. He was the first one to introduce the game at Raglan, and he had tutored them on its finer points, and they had won the premiership two years in succession. She wished him a happy future.

**CAUGHT IN BELT.** — A serious accident befel Mr W. H. Kaye, of Elmhurst on Friday morning, 18th inst., while he was pressing meadow hay. The belt from the engine of the presser flew off, and in attempting to replace it, Mr Kaye had his right arm entangled in the belting. The right arm was torn off at the elbow. His left arm and lower jaw were also fractured. He was taken to Ararat hospital in a serious condition.

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With a few, well-chosen remarks, Mr Lancy handed Mr Lewis an address and a wallet of notes from the residents of Raglan, as tokens of the esteem and respect in which he was held. He hoped the recipient would be long spared to enjoy the pleasures life held in store for him.

Mr Lewis, who rose to speak amidst great applause, said he was sorry in many ways to be leaving Raglan, as he had been here for 16 years. He had taught some as children when he came, and they had now grown up and married, and if he stayed on for another two years, he would be teaching the second generation, and he would not like to be doing that. Many folk who were in middle life when he came were now feeling the weight of years. He had been here so many years, he had become just a part of the scenery, but now would have to dig up the roots and move on. He appealed to all parents to give their children as good an education as possible. The height they got up to in the world would be due to the education they received in their youth. He said the human body consisted of four sides—the moral, mental, physical, and spiritual—and the Education Department expected a teacher to see to each of these sides but the spiritual. That was left to the minister to come and give religious instruction once a week. Some people had said to him, "What do you do in Raglan to fill in your time?" So he said, "Interest yourself in everything that is going on." He was himself interested in no less than 16 different organisations, and he had his time well filled. He appealed to all parents to give his successor (Mr Parker) their wholehearted support and co-operation. He thanked the different speakers and the public in general for the handsome gift they had given him, and hoped to return one day and find everything progressing well.

This part of the function terminated with the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and three cheers. A tasty supper was served, and a dance followed.

**Buangor.**

**PAINFUL ACCIDENT.**

Max Murray, a 14-year-old boy, had a painful experience one night last week. Whilst fishing at the local pond, he ran a hook into his finger, and had to visit Dr. Mathews to have the hook removed.

**SCHOOL PICNIC AND XMAS TREE.**

The annual school picnic and Xmas tree took place on Saturday last. Races and games passed the afternoon away very enjoyably for the children. In the evening the children gave a concert, which was appreciated by everyone present. Great credit was reflected on Mr and Mrs H. K. Parker for the way in which the children had been prepared for the occasion. Santa Claus made his appearance to the great joy of the children, and distributed books and toys to each child. After Santa Claus had departed, all present enjoyed an hour's dancing, to the music of the local orchestra. Supper was supplied by the ladies.

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**WEDDING BELLS.**

**JOHANSEN — HILL.**

The marriage of Miss Dulcie Hill to Mr George Johansen was celebrated at the Presbyterian Church, Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, by the Rev. Swanson. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs and the late Mr Hill, Neill Street, Beaufort, and the bridegroom is the second son of Mrs and the late Mr Johansen, "Tremayne," Power Street, Balwyn, Melbourne. White beaded satin and a tulle veil caught to the head with orange blossom were worn by the bride, who had as her attendant, her sister, Mrs A. Leverington, as matron of honour. The latter's frock was made on similar lines in blue lace. The reception was later held at "The Burwood," Burwood Road, Hawthorn, where a large number of guests was entertained. The happy couple left to spend their honeymoon in Belgrave.

**WALKER — McDONALD.**

Decorated by Mrs Tame, St. John's Church of England, Beaufort, made an attractive setting for the marriage of Anne Joyce, second youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. McDonald, of Beaufort, and William George, second youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. Walker, of Ballarat, which took place on Saturday, 26th September. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin with an embroidered veil (lent by Mrs R. Goldsmith, of Red Cliffs). She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations, lilies and lily-of-the-valley. Miss Bonnie McDonald attended her sister, frocked in blue taffeta, with a veil mounted on a blue velvet halo and a bouquet of pink blooms. Mr J. Walker of Geelong, was best man.

A reception was held in the Parish Hall. Mrs McDonald received in a black frock, relieved with a pink shoulder spray. Mrs Walker's grey tailored costume was worn with a spray of red carnations. The honeymoon was spent in Melbourne.

**HEDE — RODERICK.**

The marriage of Ena Mary, only daughter of Mr J. Beresford Roderick, of Adelaide (formerly of Beaufort), and of the late Mrs Roderick, to Gnr. John Douglas Hede, A.I.F. returned, only son of Mr J. Hede, Geelong, and of the late Mrs Hede, took place on Dec. 16, at St. Mark's, Camberwell. Rev. P. W. Robinson officiated. The bride, who was unattended, wore white moire taffetas with a veil held with gardenias, and she carried water lilies and gardenias.

**O'BRIEN — FRANC.**

On Saturday, November 14, the marriage was celebrated at St. Monica's Church, Footscray, of Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Theodore and Mrs Franc, of Middle Creek, and John, eldest son of Mrs O'Brien and the late John O'Brien, of Beaufort. The bride looked charming in a graceful dinner gown of teal blue crepe matalasse, trimmed with gold kid. Her matching toque also featured the same trimming, and she carried a sheaf of cream and gold water lilies. The bride's sister, Mrs J. Howard, was matron of honour, and she chose a charming gown of dusty pink beaded crepe and a matching toque. Her sheaf was of pink gladioli and delphiniums. Also attending the bride was her cousin, little Margaret Jess, whose dainty frock of gold crepe had a beaded and pink-tucked bodice. She wore a bonnet of golden brown silk net, and carried a basket of water lilies and delphiniums. Sixty guests were entertained at a reception at the home of the bride's cousins, Detective and Mrs J. Jess, 29 Stirling Street, Footscray. The bride travelled in a smart, woollen suit of Reseda green, with navy accessories. The honeymoon was spent at Geelong.



**Swing into Spring**  
**New Spring Goods at Wotherspoon's.**

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**RED CROSS BRANCH.**

**Fortnightly Meeting.**

The fortnightly work and business meeting of the Beaufort branch of the Red Cross Society took place on Tuesday afternoon, and was presided over by Mrs T. Beggs (president).

Letters of thanks for expressions of sympathy in bereavements were received from Miss N. Tulloch and Mrs A. A. Downe.

A notification was received from Red Cross headquarters that a dozen extra calendars had been sent.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Ballan Red Cross branch, stating that a Ballan soldier had received a pair of socks from the Beaufort branch.

Mrs Hirsch reported that £7/10/- had been raised at the radio party recently held.

The following donations were received:—Mr Foster, Buln Gherin, £1/10/-; Presbyterian Sunday School, £1; Mrs McNaughton, magazines.

**"THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE."**

THE Xmas issue of "The Riponshire Advocate" will be published on Thursday, 24th December, and there will be no issue on Saturday, 2nd January, 1943.

**BAND AMATEUR HOUR, Picture Theatre, SUNDAY, Decr. 27th, 1942**

Quizzes for All.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR PICNIC GYM-KHANA, SKIPTON RESERVE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1943.** Proceeds in Aid of Carranballac Comforts Fund and Skipton Patriotic League. Prizes for all events. Fancy Dress Procession headed by Local V.D.C., to start at 1 p.m. sharp. Children's Races, Foot-running, Novelty and Horse Events, Tug of War. Admission: Adults, 1/-; Children, 6d. **GRAND CONCERT AT NIGHT.**

**BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB'S EUCHRE AND DANCE, New Year's Eve, Picture Theatre, 50-50 Patriotic Funds.** Admission: Euchre, 2/-; Dance, Ladies, 2/-; Gents, 3/-.

**DESIRE** to thank Dr. Humphreys Mr. and Mrs. Wylle, and all friends for kindness and attention during my recent illness. **W. ANDERSON, Main Lead.**

**BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**

THE Committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute would be grateful to receive donations of Books suitable for a Juvenile Section of the Library. **R. C. HODGETTS, President.**

**BEAUFORT BRANCH, A.N.A.**

**TIME FORTNIGHTLY MEETING** of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, at 8 o'clock on Tuesday Night. Members are Cordially invited to attend the meeting and assist in transacting business. **W. G. GILLINGHAM, Secretary.**

**WANTED** to BUY, Lady's Bike. Apply this Office.

**CHURCH SERVICES.**

**SUNDAY, 27th December, 1942.**

Church of England — Learmonth, 11; Lexton, 2; Waterloo, 3.30; Beaufort, 7—Rev. W. J. Tame; Beaufort, 11 — Lay helper.

Methodist Church — Chute, 11; Main Lead, 2; Raglan, 3.15; Beaufort, 7 — Rev. W. R. Harrison; Beaufort, 11 — Mr J. V. Nothnagel.

Presbyterian Church — Buangor, 11; Middle Creek, 2.30; Beaufort, 7—Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

Salvation Army Meetings. — Every Thursday — Women's Home League Meeting, 3 p.m.; Young People's Legion, 7 p.m.; Public Salvation Army Meeting, 8 p.m. Officer. Major B. Smith, of Ballarat.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Skipton.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION. The annual meeting of the Skipton branch of the Country Women's Association was well attended. The following officer-bearers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, Mrs Johnson; vice-presidents, Mesdames McLean, Notman, and Peterson; treasurer, Miss A. Daly; stall hostess, Mrs Primrose; market stall, Mrs Bolte; secretary, Miss H. Daly. The retiring president (Mrs McLean) was presented with floral tributes, and members spoke warmly of her work for the branch while she occupied the chair. The group president (Miss A. T. Stewart) was also present, and congratulated the branch on the good work done during the year. She also gave an interesting talk on C.W.A. matters, etc.

The following annual report was submitted by the secretary (Miss H. Daly) and adopted:—The Skipton branch of the C.W.A. was formed on October 20th, 1933, and it gives me great pleasure to present to you the ninth annual report. It is interesting to note that our first president (Miss M. Daly) has not missed a branch meeting during those nine years. We wish her many more years of such faithful service. Our membership for the past year was 20, and the average attendance for 9 months was 13. At two meetings play readings were given; one month being our annual effort. No meeting was held in January. Our bank balance is very satisfactory. Over 100 sheepskin pelts were collected and forwarded to Melbourne, as well as articles made from same. A large box of clothes made from new and old materials is on hand for the evacuee cupboard. A quantity of dried herbs for the fighting forces was sent to the Town Hall, Melbourne; and 29 cakes were distributed to the Seamen's Mission, Blamey House and Air Force House. A donation of £2/2 was sent to Tennant's Creek branch, towards the cost of a refrigerator. Forty-five camouflage nets were made and sent to headquarters. Mesdames Bolte and Notman I wish to thank for demonstrating the making of same and distributing the material. Eight members made 33 nets, and non-members 12. The following members made nets:—Mrs Bolte, 7; Miss H. Daly, 7; Mrs Notman, 5; Mrs Primrose, 5; Miss A. Daly, 5; Mrs Donald, 2; Mrs McLean, 1; Mrs Brown, 1. Non-members:—The late Mrs Slater, 2; Mr Keith McIntyre, 1; Mr Hinton, 1; Miss Bradshaw and Miss Cluff, 3; Mr Henry Johnson, 3; Mr William, 1; Mr Waldron, 1. Much more twine is still on hand, and we would welcome new workers. Donations to the Empire Gift Scheme amounted to 11/2. Twelve members contributed the 1d to the Million Members Fund. A donation of £3 was sent to headquarters from our annual effort, which realised £5/0/9. To the Beaufort Younger Set, under the guidance of Miss Exell, we are deeply grateful for giving us two entertaining plays and duets, and also to Miss Aiken, of Vite Vite, who contributed two delightful pianoforte solos. Five members of our branch gave a play reading of "Apartments to Let," and received very favourable comment on their amateur performance. Perhaps in the coming year more of our members will contribute to the social side of our branch meetings. A cooking competition resulted in the winners being Mrs Notman, Mrs Reid, and Mrs C. Grist. Our group president, Miss Stewart, came along in August and gave us a very interesting talk on C.W.A. work and activities, as well as those of the Associated Country Women of the World. Mrs Johnson also gave a delightful talk on Fiji at our September meeting. Articles and photos of the islands were eagerly inspected by the members. The international paper on Holland was read by five members and

proved educational and interesting. The group conference at Beaufort on March 5 was attended by Mrs McLean and the secretary (delegates), and Mesdames Johnson, Gill and Notman. Three members have left the district during the year—Mrs Dunn (our former secretary), Mrs Gill, and Mrs Brushfield. We wish them happiness and success in their new abodes. Mrs McLean has been our president for the past two years, and the record of the year's work speaks for the capable manner in which she has fulfilled her office. To you, Madam president, I extend the deep gratitude of our members, and I personally thank you for the great assistance and co-operation in my term as secretary, under your presidency. May the coming year bring peace and happiness to us all, and let us say—

O haste the day when nations say, "Let war and its sorrows cease," When every land stands hand in hand for universal peace.

Snake Valley.

The Carngham branch of the A.C.F. held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 16th Decr., when final arrangements for the fair to be held at Snake Valley were discussed. The following donations were received:—Major P. Russell, £5; A.C.F. raffles, £2/10; Mesdames J. McKay, J. Oddie and McCook, Miss Muir (garden produce), and Mr T. Ryan, each 10/-; Mrs J. Greenbank, 8/6; R. Russell (sale of skins and school wages), 8/6; Mesdames Sarah, P. Yeoman, and Miss E. Lewis, each 5/-; Mr A. Burridge (sale of seeds and donation), 4/6; Mesdames A. Burridge and Smith, each 4/-; sale of carpet, 3/-; Messrs. F. Leeman, J. Bath, Mesdames Patching and Camp, each 3/-; Mesdames A. C. Coates, A. C. Roddis and Hall (mem. fee) and Mrs Menzies, Messrs. C. McLean, A. T. Brumby, each 2/-; Mrs McIntosh, 1/-; market stall, 6/6; afternoon tea, 8/-. The parcel of comforts was not so large. It comprised 26 pairs socks, 23 pairs mittens, 7 scarves, 3 caps, 3 helmets, 1 polo-neck pullover, 11 sleeveless pullovers, 1 washer, 2 packets seeds, 1 packet boracic acid, 1 tube tooth paste, and a very nice knotted knee rug, donated by Mrs Bouquest. Mrs Crutch donated face washer and seeds; Miss Neville boracic acid and tooth paste; Mrs Carmichael, Mrs Bromley, and Mrs Kewley sent books and magazines.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

From Pilot-officer E. S. Crouch, of Beaufort, who is serving with the R.A.A.F. in North Australia, we have received a copy of an interesting newspaper issued to the troops. Aircraftman J. E. Pearce, of Beaufort, has been home on leave. Petty-officer G. Jackson and Seaman T. Thacker, of the R.A.N., have been on leave in Beaufort. Mrs W. Wood, junr., has received word that her husband, Pte. Walter Wood, is very ill in Northern Australia. His mother (Mrs W. C. Wood) and brother (Mr Graham Wood) are residents of Beaufort. Spr. F. J. Briody, son of Cr. and Mrs H. Briody of Lexton, has been home on leave. Private Hector Bates, who has been serving in the northern part of another State, came home to Beaufort on leave on Wednesday. Lieut. David Humphreys and Aircraftman Don Jackson, of Beaufort, have been home on leave. Squadron-leader John Macdonald, of the R.A.A.F. only child of Mr and Mrs J. G. Macdonald, of Stawell, has been mentioned in despatches. Flying-officer C. V. Reddie, formerly of Ararat, who is with the R.A.F. in the Middle East has been promoted to flight-lieutenant. Five months ago he was promoted to flying-officer.

BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday. CATTLE: The final market for the year was held, when there was only 110 yarded. The yarding consisted almost entirely of cows and heifers, very few being prime, the bulk comprising useful and chopping sorts. Best quality commanded late rates, but other grades were easier. Quotations:—Best bullocks, £16 to £17/2/6; prime heifers, to £13 7/6; best cows, to £11/17/6; good, £9 10/ to 11/.

CALVES: There was a heavy penning of calves, totalling 269, but prime quality was scarce, the majority consisting of useful and inferior descriptions. Best quality attracted active competition at firm values, but all other grades were easier. Best made £14/1/.

SHEEP: 3144 penned. There was a fair proportion of wethers, chiefly merinos, only a small number of cross-breeds, being penned. The quality generally was fairly good, but there were few prime lots. Ewes again were aged and inferior, and mostly suitable for canning. The demand was steady, but values generally for wethers were cheaper, particularly heavy weights. Prices for ewes were unaltered. Quotations:—Best crossbred wethers, 18/6 to 20/1; good, 16/ to 18/-; heavy wethers, 16/ to 18/-; best crossbred ewes, to 13/10; good, 11/ to 13/-; prime merino wethers, 17/ to 18/8; good, 14/ to 16/-.

LAMBS: 3196 penned. There was a reduced percentage of prime quality, a fairly big proportion comprising secondary and graziers' descriptions. Owing to the shorter supply, export competition was not so strong, but there was a keen demand from the trade, and values almost recovered the drop of last week. Quotations:—Woolly: Prime, 23/ to 25/-; extra, 26/ to 27/7; good, 21/ to 22/-; Shorn: Prime, 21/ to 23/-; good, 18/ to 20/-.

The next market at the Corporation yards will be held on Tuesday, 5th January, 1943.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

CARPET BOWLS. — A carpet bowls match held on Tuesday afternoon by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club was won by Mesdames J. Duke, W. Ellis, and H. Dunn.

BAND SOCIAL. — The Beaufort Town Band's weekly card social and snowball competition took place on Monday night. Results:—Ladies: Euchre, won by Mrs A. McGregor; consolation, divided by Mesdames G. McCracken and Willis. Men: Euchre and consolation, divided by Messrs. R. Murray and Gercovich.

F.B. LADIES' CLUB. — There was a good attendance on Saturday night at the card and carpet bowls social held by the Beaufort F. B. Ladies' Club. Results:—Euchre — Section 1: Divided by Miss M. Anderson and Mrs W. Ellis. Section 2: Divided by Mr G. Wilding and Mrs A. Beer. Carpet Bowls— Won by Mesdames Gillingham, E. Broadbent, J. Duke, and Messrs. W. Torney and J. Holdsworth.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENT. — In a recent accountancy examination, held by the Commonwealth Institute, Miss A. M. Pearce, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Pearce, of Main Lead, obtained equal third place with three others in advanced auditing; the two who secured equal first place obtaining the highest marks in Victoria. This adds another success to the lengthy list already obtained by Miss Pearce, who has been an exceptionally brilliant student.

The engagement is announced of Esther Jean, youngest daughter of Mr George Porter and the late Mrs G. Porter, of Warragul, to Driver Thomas Albert Pearce (A.I.F.), eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. Pearce, of Beaufort.

Mr Max Buchanan, who is employed in Melbourne, has been home to Beaufort on holidays. He is the son of Mr and Mrs E. S. Buchanan.

Doug. McCracken, of Beaufort, has gone to Melbourne to take a position with Ansetts, the well-known aerial and road transport firm. He is the younger son of Mrs G. McCracken.

At the School of Mines at Ballarat, Harold George Bantz passed with credit in engineering drawing (first year).

Mrs A. Wilkinson, senr., of Waterloo road, Beaufort, has been ill during the past week.

Mr Charlie Hobson has been spending his holidays at Beaufort with his father and sisters.

At the Rossbridge State School break-up on Friday, 18th Decr., a Christmas gift was handed to Miss L. Buchanan, head teacher, by Valerie Timms, on behalf of the children.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

Band Amateur Hour, Picture Theatre, Sunday, Decr. 27th. Quizzes for all.

A picnic gymkhana will be held at the Skipton Reserve on Saturday, Jan. 2, in aid of the Carranballac Comf6rs Fund and the Skipton Patriotic League. There will be a fancy dress procession and good sports programme.

The Beaufort Thistle Club will hold a euchre social and dance at the Picture Theatre on New Year's Eve, 50-50 Patriotic funds.

MEETING LAPSES. — The annual meeting of the Beaufort Swimming Club, called for Monday night, lapsed for want of a quorum.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOSEPH MCCALLUM.

Mr Joseph McCallum, a well-known and esteemed resident of Waterloo for many years, passed away at Ballarat on Decr. 21, at the age of 61 years. He had been in ill-health for a considerable time, and his death is regretted by many old friends in the district. Much sympathy is felt for his widow, Mrs Muriel McCallum, Messrs. Robt. McCallum (Amphitheatre) and Donald McCallum (Mt. Emu) are brothers of the deceased. The remains of the late Mr Joseph McCallum were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon; the funeral being attended by many relatives and friends.

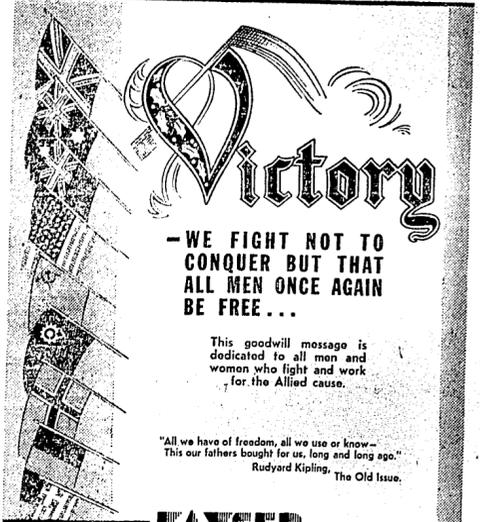
MRS. MARGARET LYNCH.

A highly respected resident of Lake Goldsmith road, Beaufort, for more than 35 years, in the person of Mrs Margaret Lynch, died on 21st Decr., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs L. Ransome, of 207 Dowling Street, Ballarat. She was 75 years of age, and the widow of the late Mr John Lynch. Mrs Lynch, who had enjoyed fair health until recently, was of a kindly, gentle disposition, and was greatly liked by all who were acquainted with her. She leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The sons are Messrs. John Lynch, of East Malvern, and Pat Lynch, of Coburg; the daughters being Mrs L. Ransome, of Ballarat, and Mrs J. O'Hara, of Stawell. One son (James) pre-deceased his mother. The deceased also leaves three grandchildren. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives. After prayers at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Beaufort, the remains of the late Mrs Lynch were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. The funeral was attended by many relatives and friends.

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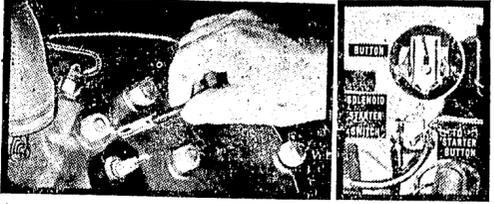
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Figure A (top left)—If Ignition is correct high-tension sparks will jump this gap. Figure B appears top right; Figure C at middle top right; Figure D, at bottom right, shows how to remove cover to inspect points. Figure E, shown also in figure E at immediate left, the Ford and Mercury distributor is illustrated immediately above, at left.

If your engine is flooded it may occur through too liberal application of the choke while running or if you have tramped your foot on the accelerator pedal several times before starting. This condition can often, but not always, be detected when the bonnet is raised and a very pronounced smell of petrol is apparent. The remedy is to switch off ignition and make sure hand choke is pushed right in. Keep your foot down on accelerator—do not pump. Turn motor over for 30 seconds or so with starter motor. This will scavenge the over-rich mixture from the cylinders. Switch on ignition and start up in normal manner.

If the cause of the trouble is not due to the engine being flooded with petrol, we must then check to see whether there is a spark being provided to ignite the gas. Here are the necessary steps to make this inspection.

During these tests the ignition switch must be on. Remove spark plug wire and hold it about 1 in. from cylinder head. Get a passerger to turn the engine over (starter button or crank handle if battery low). If ignition is correct a high-tension spark will jump this air gap between the wire and terminal (Figure A).

TEST YOUR PLUGS. Test a few plugs at random and when testing be careful that your hand does not contact metal terminal or end of spark plug wire whilst motor is being cranked or you can easily get a shock.

When making this test and there is no passenger to turn over the engine, this can be done by the driver himself if he presses the auxiliary starting button at the bottom of the solenoid starter switch which is located on the body bulkhead near the battery (Figure B depicts arrangement for Ford and Mercury).

If points do not open they can be adjusted by:— a. Turning the engine until breaker arm cam follower is at highest point of breaker cam.

b. Loosening adjustment lock screws.

c. Turning eccentric gap adjustment screw until gap between points is .014 in. to .016 in.

d. Re-tighten the adjustment lock screws, replace all covers and make all connections.

If a spark is getting to the plug it is then most likely that the trouble is in the supply of fuel. If no spark is visible we must then begin to trace back through the ignition system and see where the hold-up has occurred. The first step is to check whether current is flowing to the distributor and coil assembly. This is the point where the

low tension battery current is transformed to the high tension current necessary to fire the charge. (Note: Keep the ignition switch on during these tests also.)

For Ford V-8 and Mercury remove the wire "A" running to the terminal on the ignition coil and flick the end against the cylinder block or any convenient part of chassis for arthing purposes (Figure C).

DISTRIBUTOR TROUBLE. If a faint spark is observed the trouble will be in the distributor and coil or between that point and the spark plug. For Profect and Anglia motor vehicles remove the wire running to the terminal on the side of the distributor and flick against a convenient earth.

If no spark is visible it is proof that the distributor is not getting current and the most likely reason for this would be a fault in the ignition switch, broken wire in his circuit or a faulty battery terminal connection.

After deciding that the trouble is in the distributor remove the spark plug terminal end plate and covers. This will permit visual examination of operation of the breaker points. A small mirror (from a lady's handbag) will help here. (Figures D and E.)



**BEAUFORT A.N.A.****QUEEN CARNIVAL WOUND UP.**

The Beaufort A.N.A. queen carnival committee held its wind-up meeting at Lewell's Cafe on Monday night, 14th December. Mr A. H. Sands (president of the A.N.A. lodge) was in the chair, and 13 other members of committee were present.

Before commencing the meeting, Mr Sands, as president of the A.N.A. and on behalf of the branch, said he desired to thank Miss Heather Campbell and their working committee, country people included, who assisted them to raise such a fine sum of money in the Queen Carnival effort. They also desired to especially thank Mr Lewell for the use of his tea room for their meetings, and also Mrs Worsley for obtaining the use of St. John's tennis pavilion free of all cost. They entered the contest with one object in view, which was achieved. It proved that Beaufort with a district population of 3000, could compare favourably with other towns its size. They had met to receive the balance-sheet from the secretary, which would be open for discussion before adoption. He also thanked their banker, Mr A. A. Downes, for his assistance.

The secretary (Mr F. S. Latch) read a balance-sheet, showing the sum of £462/10/1 at credit.

The following report was presented by Messrs. A. Campbell (president of the committee) and Latch (secretary):—We have pleasure in submitting a summary of the balance-sheet in connection with the queen carnival, as follows:—Raffles, £34/18/; donations, £66 4/8; entertainments, £83/1/5; miscellaneous, £203/8/7; opportunity shop, £15 17/; Mrs Campbell's garden party, £29 17/5; sweep, £29/12/; total, £462/10/1. The balance-sheet has been audited by Mr Robinson, of the State Savings Bank, Beaufort, and found correct. The A.N.A. Queen (Miss Heather Campbell) and her committee desire to thank all who worked for her and supported all the efforts to raise money. Will all accept this as personal thanks, and although receipts were issued for all monies, it was impossible to write to all, owing to wartime conditions prevailing. Our sincere thanks goes to Mr A. A. Downes, local manager of the C.B. Co. of Sydney, who afforded us every banking facility, and to the "Riponshire Advocate" for Press reports.

The balance-sheet was received, on the motion of Mesdames A. Beer and W. Torney.

After discussion, the balance-sheet was adopted, on the motion of Mr A. Campbell and Mrs Alex. Lofts.

Mr Campbell thanked the committee for their splendid co-operation.

Mrs Gillingham moved that Messrs Campbell and Latch be authorised to sign cheques. Seconded by Mrs V. Wilson, and carried.

Mr N. S. McLeod moved that the allocation be as follows:—Beaufort Prisoners of War Fund, £231/0/7; Ripon Patriotic Club, Beaufort, £231/0/6.

Mr McLeod moved a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary (Mr Latch), and congratulated him on his excellent clerical work.

This was supported by Mr Campbell.

**SUCCESSFUL WORKING BEE.**

A successful working bee, to aid the P.O.W. effort, was held by the members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade and a few outsiders on Saturday afternoon, in Mr S. Lyons' paddock. The tally was 42 tons of wood. The ladies of the F.B. Social Club provided afternoon tea.

**BEAUFORT V.D.C.** — There was a good muster of members of the Beaufort platoon of the V.D.C. at Saturday night's parade; Captain C. H. McKay and Lieut. G. Oddie being in charge. The men were drilled in preparation for the Battalion parade at Ballarat on New Year's Eve. The usual classes were held on Wednesday night.

**WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.****District Clips.**

The Australian Mercantile, Loan and Finance Co. Ltd. report (Decr. 16):—HB (conj.)/Lexton, mw 24½d, m e 23½d, sup cbk aaa 22½d; JB/Lexton, sup cbk h 23d, sup f h 22½d, aaa cbk 21½d.

Dalgety & Co., Melbourne, report (Decr. 18):—PC/AC in box/Moorallah (Streatham), ex sup com a h 30d, sup com 30d, sup com a 27½d.

**SPECIAL OPENING SALE AT SKIPTON.** — Crawford, Dowling Pty. Ltd. (incorporating Coles & Pullum) report having held their opening sheep sale at their new Skipton yards on Monday, 7th December. There was an attractive yarding of about 4000 crossbred, Corriedale, and Merino sheep, direct from numerous local and district vendors, which were well displayed in the up-to-date and well designed yards. A good, representative muster of buyers attended the sale, and competition from them was brisk and well sustained throughout, a full clearance, with the exception of one small pen of ewes, being readily effected at fully recent ruling market values; the sale being generally agreed to be a most satisfactory one. Sales were effected for the following district vendors:—Major R. C. Guthrie, Warrawidgee, Pittong; Messrs. D. R. Hannah, Lamonde, Stockyard Hill; H. T. Walker and H. R. Walker, Vite Vite; D. J. S. Mackinnon, Mooramong, Skipton; A. McCook and V. Martin, Chepstowe; B. Phillips and P. Howell, Mannibadar; W. and F. Alexander, R. Alexander, H. P. Grist, P. H. Bunston, J. F. Grist, J. P. Daly, P. B. Nash, M. Notman, J. H. Slater, and Mrs A. M. Leyden, all of Skipton; R. V. Waldron, W. H. Waldron, J. and J. Liston, W. M. Fay, all of Carranballac; C. Gillespie, Bradvale. Quotations:—Crossbred ewes, 1 year, 30/1, 27/6, 25/9, 18/10; comeback ewes, 1 year, 26/7; sound mouths, 10/; aged, 7/6; Romney-merino cross ewes, 2 years, 25/; Corriedale ewes, 2 years, 25/2; do., 6 years, 10/11; crossbred wethers, 1 year, 20/5; Corriedale wethers, 3 years, 22/7; merino ewes, 2 and 3 years, 17/; 2 years, 17/ 16/6; 1 and 2 years, 11/1; 2 and 3 years, 16/; 3 years, 16/; 4 years, 12/ 9/1; 5 and 6 years, 8/ 6/; merino wethers, 4 years, 19/; 1 year, 16/9; 3 and 4 years, 16/9, 16/; 2 years, 20/2, 18/1; 1 and 2 years, 13/; 2 and 3 years, 15/; Pol-merino cross ewes, 4 and 5 years, 14/; B.L. rams, 5½ gns., 4½ gns., 4½ gns.; Corriedale rams, 4 gns., 3½ gns., 3 gns.

**BALLARAT MARKET.** — The following district sales were reported at the Ballarat stock market on Tuesday, December 15:—19 bullocks, Major Philip Russell, Carnigam, £17 to £11/17/6, averaging £13/8/8; 5 calves, same owner £11; 10 bullocks, estate late Theodore Beggs, Eurambeen, £14/15/ to £13/17/6 averaging £14/6/3; 7 steers, cow and heifer, Mr W. M. Fay, junr., Carranballac, steers £13/2/6, cow £6/12/6, heifer £8/15/; 3 (cow and heifers), Mr J. O'Brien, Middle Creek, £8/2/6 to £7 17/6; 14 calves, Mr Eric Fay, Carranballac, to £10/16/; calf, Mr H. Dunn, Middle Creek, £5/17/; 118 comeback ewes, Mr J. G. George, Lake Goldsmith, 11/4 to 7/9; 112 merino wethers, Mr D. R. Hannah, Lamonde, Stockyard Hill, 20/ to 16/11, averaging 18/8; 6 crossbred ewes, L. Broadbent, Trawalla, 14/10; 101 lambs, Messrs. Cushing Bros., Craigbilly, Lake Goldsmith, 23/4 to 22/10, averaging 23/1; 94 lambs, Mr A. J. Hinton, Carranballac, 22/4 to 17/7, averaging 20/7; 93 lambs, Messrs. Wm. Lynch & Son, Ruradene, Lake Goldsmith, 24/3; 23 comeback wethers, Mr S. G. Bantz, Beaufort, at 20/1; 60 shorn lambs, same owner, 18/2; crossbred ewe, Mr L. Franc, Shirley, 23/3; 127 lambs, same owner, 19/ to 16/10, averaging 18/; 40 lambs, Mr Clarence Thomson, Burrumbeet, 23/; 60 lambs, Mr J. L. McErvale, Burrumbeet, 20/10.

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Members, £3 per week; Non-members, £5/5/ per week  
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