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Fire Brigade Achieves Objective for P.O.W.

FIRE BRIGADE.

Monthly Meeting.

Ten active and six junior members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade attended the monthly meeting, held at the Fire Station on Monday night; Captain J. Duke presiding.

Correspondence was read from the Country Fire Board, asking all brigades to exercise economy with motor spirit. — Received; the captain stating they did not use motor spirit any more than necessary here.

An account for 30/ was approved for payment.

The captain reported the return of Lieut. W. Green from the Middle East after two years and five months of service. He looked very well, and it was a great pleasure to welcome him home. Now that he and other boys were back, they all hoped they would not have to go overseas again. He thanked the brigade members for the great help they had rendered the Bush Fire Brigade at recent bush fires. It showed, despite the upheaval with the "G" Committee, they were not averse to working at bush fires.

Apologies were received for the absence of Foreman G. Gordon and Fireman C. Bates.

The captain commented on the interest shown in the teams' competition at present in progress, and expressed pleasure at the way the old members had run.

Fireman J. Stewart said Foreman Gordon suggested that a social or two be run for their own funds, in order to give the 11 soldier members a welcome home.

Lieut. J. Irving said Beaufort was the only place that had not given each soldier a welcome home.

Captain Duke — There was a little controversy here about the war not yet being ended. No town of its size was doing more for the boys while they were away. He instanced a girl from Beaufort who had got three parcels together, and her fellow service women, who got none, wanted to know what kind of a place this Beaufort was. The feeling here was that they were building upon one big welcome home for the boys when the war was over.

After discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Firemen Gillingham and Whittaker, to have a little function among the firemen to welcome Lieut. Green (former secretary of the brigade) home.

It was decided to hold the function on the following Friday night, and to invite Cr. C. H. McKay.

The matter of holding socials was held over till a later date.

It was reported that £50/18/3 had been raised for the P.O.W. Fund.

Fireman J. Martin was appointed for hall duty for the month, and Captain Duke and Fireman E. R. Martin for motor pump duty.

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OBITUARY.

MR. R. O. WELSH.

The many Beaufort friends of Mr Reginald Osborne Welsh, of Ballan, learned with regret of his somewhat sudden death on Friday, 26th February. The late Mr Welsh, who was of a very likeable disposition, was about 57 years of age. Prior to the last war, in which he served as a motor transport driver, enlisting as a member of Beaufort's First Unit at the beginning of January, 1916, he was employed for many years in Messrs. Hawkes Bros.' ironmongery establishment at Beaufort. He was also a leading local footballer and footrunner, and a playing member of the Town Band. After returning from the war, he went to Ballan, where he engaged in the motor garage business and was highly respected. He was secretary of the Ballan sub-branch of the R.S.L. for a number of years, and a member of the V.D.C. He was a very popular figure in that district. Deceased was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs T. Welsh, of Beaufort, and was a native of the town, and an old scholar of the local school. He leaves a widow and three brothers, Messrs. Edward, Ernest, and Arthur Welsh; the last-named being a resident of Beaufort. On Saturday the remains of the late Mr R. O. Welsh were cremated at the Springvale Crematorium.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. JOHNSTON.

The funeral of the late Mr John Johnston, of Snake Valley (a former resident of Raglan and Beaufort), took place on Friday, 26th February, and was attended by many relatives and friends. His remains were laid to rest in the Beaufort Cemetery. The coffin, which was covered with floral tributes of sympathy, was borne to the grave by Messrs. Adam, Peter, Andrew, and Alex. Johnston (brothers). The chief mourners were Mr and Mrs Henry Johnston (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Doris Johnston (daughter), Mr William Johnston (brother), Mr and Mrs Adam Johnston, Mr and Mrs Peter Johnston, Mr and Mrs Andrew Johnston, Mr and Mrs Alex Johnston (brothers and sisters-in-law), Beverley and Keith Johnston (grandchildren), Mesdames W. McNish, W. Moysey, W. Nixon, and B. Tiley (sisters), Mrs A. Hill (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs W. A. L. Johnston (nephew and niece), Robert Johnston (nephew), Mr and Mrs Wm. Hill (niece and nephew), Mr and Mrs A. Piltz (niece and nephew), and Mr Edward Tiley (nephew). Rev. J. P. MacDougall conducted the Presbyterian burial service. Messrs. H. Evans & Son, of Ballarat, carried out the funeral arrangements.

SAVING YOUR BRAKES. — It is not merely excessive use that burns your brake linings when the brakes are being used to retard the car on a long descent. When the brakes are called upon to do heavy work of this character the drums become hot and the brakes are, in effect, applied beyond what the driver believes is the case. It pays to relieve the pressure on the pedal from time to time during such a descent because the driver may not be aware of the fact that the brakes are applying themselves under excessive use. — R.A.C.V.

THE CHURCHES.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

A pleasant Sunday afternoon gathering in the grounds of the St. John the Baptist Church, Beaufort, on the 28th February, brought in £55. An afternoon tearoom and stalls were conducted by members of the congregation, and several guessing competitions and a tennis tournament were held. The winners of the stepping the distance were Mr Con Ahern in the men's division and Mrs Woods in the ladies', and the sheep-guessing competition was divided by Mr J. Jess and Miss Mulcahy. At the conclusion of the tennis tournament, the trophies were handed over to the winners by the Rev. Father J. Day, who made a few, congratulatory remarks. The tournament resulted as follows:—

SEMI-FINALS.

Mrs Q. W. Gregory and K. Briody, owe ½ 30, d. Miss Valda Martin and M. Bradley, owe ½ 30, 5—4.

Miss J. Flynn and W. Ashley, owe 40, d. Mrs K. Collins and B. McHugh, owe ½ 40, 5—2.

FINAL.

Miss J. Flynn and W. Ashley d. Q. W. Gregory and K. Briody, 6—4.

HARBOURING BY CIVILIANS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE A.W.L.

"It is not generally realised," stated an Army spokesman, "that regulations and legislation exist which involve a maximum penalty of £100 or 6 months' imprisonment, or both, for any person who knows a soldier is A.W.L. and conceals or harbours him, or in any way whatever assists him in this connection. Furthermore any employer who, by his actions, aids a person employed by him, to remain absent without leave from military service, is liable to other heavy penalties. It is the duty of every citizen, at a time when every man is needed for the successful prosecution of the war, and apart from the severe penalties involved, to give immediate information to the Army authorities concerning any case of illegal absence from military duty. It is the intention of the Army, in all cases where such duty is ignored or neglected, to take immediate steps."

SLOVENLY SIGNALS. — Many motorists are inclined to be slovenly in the matter of giving driving signals. Says "The Radiator," the official organ of the R.A.S.V. When a driver gives a hand signal, the driver of a car following closely behind varies his actions according to whether the car in front turns to the right or stops. The signal "I am about to turn right," is the arm extended straight out, whereas if about to stop, the extended arm should have the elbow bent so that the forearm is vertical. Many drivers just put the arm straight out for either. If the following driver interprets this as "about to turn right," he slows up and swings a little to the left. Then, instead of turning right he finds the car ahead swinging left also and stopping at the kerb. Had he known that this was to happen, he could have swerved a little to the right, in order to pass it. There is not a great deal of difference between the two signs, but it means a lot and entails no effort to give the correct signal.

THE POETS' CORNER.

MAIL DAY.

(Somewhere in Australia).

Back in the distant Mulga,
Far from the nearest town;
The troops returned from manoeuvres,
All dusty and dirty and brown.

They rushed for the nearest washtub,
And after a shave and a clean,
They all flocked down to the office
To see if the postman had been.

There was a look of expectancy on
every face,
As they waited for letters in vain;
And they silently cursed, for they
feared
That the letters had missed the
plane.

At last they learned that "It" had
arrived,
The look crept back in their eyes;
They all trooped back to the office,
Whilst their thoughts flew back all
those miles.

They thought of their wives and
sweethearts,
And the distance that lay between;
And each man resolved there and then
To fight or die for his queen.

At last the mail was sorted,
Each man received his share—
See what a difference! Now they knew
That all was well. "Back There."

When all the excitement was over,
Each man returned to his tent;
Each man returned to his duty,
For now they were more content.

—Composed by Trooper P. E. BUN-
STON (Skipton), VX81380, whilst wait-
ing for the incoming mail "Somewhere
in Australia."

HOT WEATHER STOPPAGES.

During the recent hot weather many calls for assistance were received by the road patrol service of the R.A.C.V. Nearly 70 per cent. of the calls during the hot days were due to petrol vaporising in the diaphragm pump, which thus ceased to draw the fuel up from the tank. This trouble, says the R.A.C.V., is very easily remedied by pouring a little cold water over the pump and the pipe leading to it, for the coldness will cause the petrol vapour to condense back again into liquid form. Sometimes, however, it is found necessary to prime the pump with petrol before the engine will run again. Owners of cars with diaphragm pumps should suspect a vapour lock if the engine stops on a very hot day. Once the petrol has been cooled and the engine starts to go again, further trouble from this cause can be avoided by wrapping a piece of water-soaked cloth around the petrol pump. The blast of air from the fan will keep this cloth cool so long as it is wet, and no further trouble should be experienced. But the cloth should be soaked with water at intervals. One member of the club who suffered frequently from this stoppage, fixed a piece of rubber tubing from the steering column to just above the cloth. At intervals during a hot day he poured a tablespoon full of water from a bottle he kept beside him on the seat into the top funnel and it ran down and saturated the cloth. Thus he was able to keep it damp and cool without stopping the car and lifting the bonnet.

BEAUFORT C.W.A.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The vice-president of the Beaufort C.W.A. (Mrs S. E. Humphreys) conducted the business at the monthly meeting of that organisation on Thursday, and although apologies were received from some absentees, there was a good attendance of members.

Mrs Humphreys extended the sympathy of the members to Mrs Max Watkin in the sudden death of her father.

Mrs Dalrymple was welcomed back by the chairwoman after a long illness.

The Victorian Sheep Skin and Vest Committee wrote, thanking the members for making a number up, and for their splendid help.

A letter of thanks was received from Mrs D. Stewart for the members' expression of sympathy in her recent bereavement.

L. B. A. Trengove wrote, returning thanks for canteen order and Xmas card.

Miss A. T. Stewart is to give a glove-making demonstration at the April meeting.

It was mentioned that the Empire gift was due; and also that 11 members were wanted for the War Savings group.

Next Thursday is the group meeting at Beaufort, and Miss D. Exell (group secretary) gave members a few reminders about the arrangements for same.

Three members volunteered to arrange the hall for next meeting.

Future meetings are to be commenced at 2.30 p.m.

The list of birthdays was read out.

A very interesting paper on "The Life and Work of Handel" was given by Mrs G. E. Vertigan, with illustrative songs; Mrs S. E. Humphreys acting as accompanist.

On the motion of Mesdames M. Exell and Dalrymple, Mrs Vertigan was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

SOLDIER BANDSMAN HONOURED.

On Thursday night a smoke social was held by the Beaufort Town Band in honour of Pte. George Barrett, a soldier bandsman who has returned after nearly 2½ years' service abroad.

In proposing a toast in honour of the guest, Mr J. Duke (president) said they were all very proud of George, who was one of the famous "Tobruk rats." Unfortunately, the war was not over. Pte. Barrett was a good bandsman and still carried the wallet presented to him by the band before he went away.

They extended to him their heartfelt congratulations. They hoped to be all here to meet him again when the war was over. Messrs. L. R. S. Dalrymple and A. Campbell (vice-presidents) heartily supported the toast; as did also Bandmaster R. Saddler, who said Pte. Barrett would get as great a "kick" as he did out of the fact that the band had functioned while he was away. He explained to Pte. Barrett how that had been possible through the loyalty of the old players. Max Torney spoke on behalf of the junior players. In responding, Pte. Barrett sincerely thanked them for the reception given him.

He was very pleased to be back, and only wished it were for good. He regretted he had not brought his cobbler Mervyn Crick, back with him. He hoped one of these days, when it was over, they would all be re-united again.

Pte. Barrett concluded with an account of his experiences as a bandsman abroad, and also told of some of his travels. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Band-Sergt. F. Blay, and Mr H. Hains played a couple of accordion solos and gave a song. In apologising for the absence of Mr H. J. Buchanan, the president said Mr Buchanan had received word that his soldier son was ill in W.A. They trusted he would soon be well again.

On Friday night the Fire Brigade held a social in honour of Lieut. W. Green another local returned soldier.

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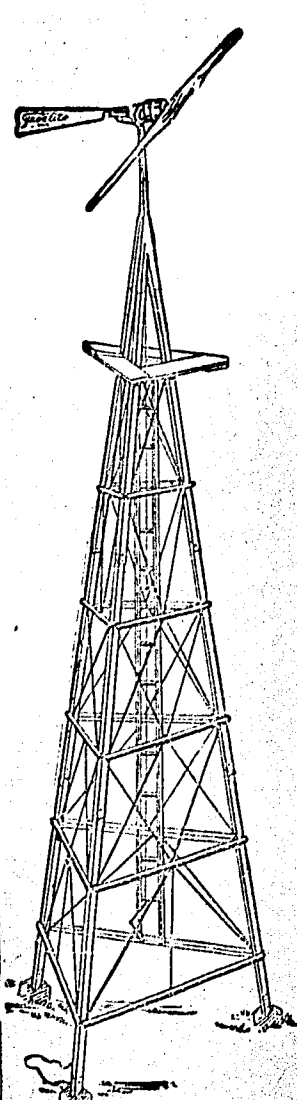
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Soviet Friendship League.

ADDRESS BY MR. IAN MILNER.

Under the auspices of the Australian Soviet Friendship League, Mr Ian Milner, a Rhodes scholar and University lecturer, gave an informative address on Russia at the C.W.A. Hall, Beaufort, on Wednesday night. There was a good attendance. Rev. W. R. Harrison presided. The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem. A collection was taken up for the Sheepskin Fund.

In the course of his remarks, Mr Milner said that Russia was a country about which ideas had changed a great deal in the last two years, and particularly in the past 12 months. When Hitler attacked the Russians, although they retreated, they did not give up the struggle and were not overwhelmed.

For the first time Hitler did not find a fifth column to help him. In Australia they did not always appreciate the victories of the Russians were also our victories in Australia. The sooner the war in Europe could be brought to a conclusion, the more quickly could they expect the whole of the vast resources of the British and American Navies, Air Forces, and Armies to be available to strike a death blow at Hitler's ally in Japan. All the men who took part in this fight meant to get something better as the result of the war than ever they had before. They wanted to see reconstruction—a peace settlement in which the people would be given the opportunity of a better

and fuller life. In the building of a better world, whether some people liked it or not, Russia was going to play a tremendous part. Russia had a great deal to teach them. The British and Russians were pledged to make a just peace and to remain allies for 20 years after the war. America had endorsed that treaty, which said the countries concerned would not seek territorial gains and there would be no meddling in the internal affairs of other countries. They were pledged to keep the peace against any aggressor, if necessary by pooling their military strength. After tracing the history of the Russian revolution, in which less than 50 people were killed, the speaker pointed out that the Russian system was based upon local Soviets or councils, with powers considerably wider than our councils had. On top of that was a Parliamentary system that worked the same as that of any other democratic country—the supreme Soviet. From the members of Parliament was formed the Government of the Union—the same as our Cabinet—the chairman of which was Joseph Stalin. Referring to the purges, the speaker quoted the opinion of Mr Davies, the American Ambassador and a big business man and trained lawyer, as to the justice of the trials; the accused having been plotting with the Nazis and Japanese, with a view to acting as a fifth column in Russia; which opinion Mr Davies confirmed three years later. The best test was what the Russian people had done. If they thought these men were just political opponents of Stalin, the people

would not have come through the terrible sacrifices they had been asked to make. The main difference between the Russian system and ours was that the former prevented powerful economic interests from exercising outside control. There was private ownership of homes and farms in Russia, but the things whereby to produce great wealth were taken out of private hands and made the property of the people vested in the State. Great ownership of wealth was impossible, and people were not encouraged to pass on large sums of money. Under a system by which a job for all was guaranteed, and the fear of doctors' expenses and old age removed, money took on a different meaning. Referring to the high cultural standard in Russia, the speaker said the highest wages in the land were paid to those engaged in the arts and sciences. The Russian people made their choice of a social system in 1917-18, and were fighting to preserve it, and also the right of other countries to have the system their people wished to set up.

After answering a number of questions, the speaker was accorded a vote of thanks, on the motion of Messrs. A. three years later. The best test was what the Russian people had done. If they thought these men were just political opponents of Stalin, the people

League, and a committee was elected.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Skipton.

FAREWELL SOCIAL AND PRESENTATION.

In his opening remarks at the social and presentation to Dr. Reid, Mrs Reid, and family, on Wednesday, Feb. 24 the chairman, Rev. G. L. Johnson spoke of the loss to Skipton and the surrounding districts by the departure of the guests. Dr. Reid was not only their medical adviser, but numerous messages he had received during the last few days spoke of Dr. Reid as a personal friend who had entered right into their hearts, and his departure would be a very severe loss. The hundreds of people who were present that night from as far as Lake Bolac on the west, to Linton and Carngham in the east, was a striking testimony to the popularity of the doctor and his family. The chairman then called on Mrs Willis to say a few words of farewell on behalf of Carngham district.

After handing a beautiful bouquet the gift of Mrs P. Russell, of Carngham Station, to Mrs Reid, Mrs Willis, in a very neat speech, wished Dr. and Mrs Reid and family health and prosperity in their new home. A roll of notes, contributed by the Carngham district, was handed to Dr. Reid by Mrs Willis.

A gift from the St. John Ambulance class was then handed over by the chairman, as deputy for Mr Tom Newman, who was unable to be present. The chairman remarked on the part played by Dr. Reid in connection with the St. John Ambulance Class, of which the doctor was honorary surgeon and lecturer.

Mr Angus was then asked to speak on behalf of the various bodies with which Dr. and Mrs Reid were connected locally. These included the St. John Ambulance, Returned Soldiers, Tennis Club Golf Club, School Committee, Red Cross, Patriotic Club, C.W.A., Mothers' Club, P.W.M.U., and Hospital Committee. Mr Angus also spoke for the districts represented there that night, which included Linton, Willowvale, Bradvale, Lismore, Nerrin Nerrin, Manlnbadar, Beaufort, Stockyard Hill, Carranballac, Streatham, Vite Vite, and Westmere.

A large number of apologies was also received from people who were unable to be present.

Mr Angus referred to the arrival about 19 years ago of Dr. Reid as a young man, a perfect stranger to the district, and later the arrival of his young wife. By careful attention to duty and a thorough knowledge of his craft, coupled with a kind and personal interest in his patients, and assisted by a competent and helpful wife, he not only built up an extensive and highly remunerative practice, but had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He regretted that it was necessary for families to leave the country in order to complete the education of their children. He hoped the time would come when educational facilities were available in all country centres. Mr Angus also referred to the important part played by a doctor's wife. A doctor was at the beck and call of the public, day and night, in all weather, and under all conditions, and during his absence his wife had to attend to the manifold duties of the house, answer the phone and door, and advise patients and console them until the arrival of the doctor. On top of all these duties, the doctor and his wife were able to play their part in the public institutions previously referred to. The departing family, Mr Angus said, would carry away the best wishes of the large gathering there that night, and many who were unable to be present, and as the representative of the public, he wished them every success in their new home and venture.

The chairman, after endorsing the remarks of the previous speakers, referred to the conditions under which doctors sometimes had to work, and he

did not envy them their job. In his position as a minister and a missionary he had come in contact with doctors and their work quite a lot, and could speak from first-hand knowledge of the wonderful work performed by the medical profession. Dr. Reid was leaving their district, but he was taking with him heartfelt regards from a host of friends. The chairman then handed to Dr. Reid a well-filled wallet of notes as a tangible token of the esteem of his many friends, and trusted that he and his family would enjoy health and prosperity, and that they would make as many friends in their new home as they had in Skipton.

Dr. Reid received an ovation from the large gathering on rising to respond. Speaking with much feeling, he said the warmth of the welcome from such a vast gathering had overwhelmed him and he found it difficult to express himself as he would like to. He asked Mrs Willis to express to the Carngham people his best thanks for their splendid gift and wonderful message of goodwill. He thanked all present for their expressions of goodwill, on behalf of himself and family. Although he regretted leaving them, he considered he owed a duty to his children to allow them to finish their education, and it was mainly in their interests he had decided to make the move. He hoped they would be as loyal to his colleague as they had been to him during the 19 years he had been associated with them.

"For They are Jolly Good Fellows" was sung, followed by the National Anthem.

An entertaining and delightful programme was provided by the following artists:—Pianoforte solos, Miss Hazel Atkins; bracket of songs, Mrs MacKinnon (accompanied by Mrs S. E. Humphreys, of Beaufort); bracket of numbers on piano-accordion and piano, Misses Nunn and Greenbank and Mr Selwyn Morgan; recitation, Miss Alma Kirkpatrick. All numbers were encored and extra items given by the artists.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was moved by the Rev. H. Price.

A vote of thanks was also moved by the chairman to the secretary, Mr L. D. Nicholls, for his work in organising the farewell, and also to the performers who had given such a splendid programme.

A buffet supper was served from well-laden tables at 12.30. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and a number of people departed for home. Dancing was continued till 1.30, to music supplied by Misses Grace Wise, Valda Notman, Nunn, Greenbank, and Mr Selwyn Morgan.

PRESENTATIONS BY SOLDIERS.

On Thursday night, 25th Feb., following a V.D.C. parade, members of the Skipton sub-branch, F.S.S.A.I.L.A. met at the Soldiers' Club Room, to bid farewell to two departing members, Dr. Reid and Sergt. Tom Newman. The evening took the form of a smoke social presided over by the president of the sub-branch, Mr A. A. Rowe, who wished the departing guests health and happiness. Sergt. T. Newman, who has played a prominent part in connection with the St. John Ambulance, will take up the work of Red Cross representative with the A.I.F. Most of the members present gave expression to words of farewell and goodwill. Both Dr. Reid and Sergt. Newman made appropriate replies, and trusted the branch would continue to prosper. A gift from the members to each of the departing guests was handed over by the president, and the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

A painful accident befell Mr C. Suttle, of Carranballac Lodge, on Friday morning, 26th Feb. While he was attending to a windmill the ladder slipped, and he was thrown to the ground, receiving a fracture of the lower rib. He was also badly bruised. He referred to the conditions under which doctors sometimes had to work, and he

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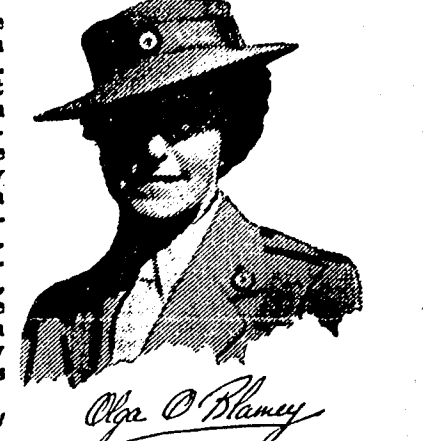
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DEATH.

WELSH. — On February 26, at Ballan Reginald Osborne, beloved husband of Mary Minton Welsh, aged 57 years.

WELSH. — At Ballan, 26th Feby., Reginald Osborne, beloved husband of Mary, son of late Thomas and Selina Welsh, of Beaufort, brother of Ted, Ern, Arthur, Effie (deceased). Sadly missed.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

It is often far wiser to listen than to talk.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1943.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP.

THIS afternoon all residents of the town and district who are in sympathy with the aims and objects of the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital will have an opportunity to give that worthy institution a little practical help. The annual garden party will be held in the Hospital grounds, and a good afternoon's amusement provided. The increasing burden of expenditure is making it harder for the committee to finance and carry on the Hospital, and any outside assistance that can be given will be thankfully received. The institution is a very necessary one for the convenience of maternity cases alone although patients are treated there for a great variety of complaints. For a number of years the committee has striven to increase the membership total to 300, but has failed to reach that objective. That number of subscribers would make the task of management much easier, and the committee still hopes to eventually enrol it. Anyone desiring to become a subscriber has only to mention the matter to the secretary or a member of the committee and his or her name will be immediately added to the list.

BEAUFORT V.D.C. — There was a good attendance 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. Field exercises were carried out in open country near the town, and the signallers practised procedure signals at the Park. There was again a good muster at Wednesday night's parade.

JAP. CONVOY CLEANED UP. — The Japanese convoy heading towards New Guinea, reinforced to a strength of 22 warships and transports, has been completely annihilated in the Battle of the Bismarck Sea. Every one of the 12 transports and 10 cruisers and destroyers has been sunk or is sinking. At least 55 Japanese fighters have been shot out of action, and at least 15,000 Japanese ground troops—the equivalent of an entire division—have been killed or drowned to a man.

THE ODDFELLOWS. — The Beaufort Oddfellows met in the C.W.A. Hall on Thursday night. There were present Sister N. McGregor, N.G.; Bro. J. Cole, V.G.; Bro. C. Stewart, I.P.G.; Bro. W. Skene (secretary) and eight members. Correspondence of a routine nature was dealt with. Bro. Skene mentioned that two lodge members had returned from overseas, and suggested that the Oddfellows give them and the other soldier boys a public reception. It was unanimously decided to have such a function for all the boys on Friday, 19th March, in the Beaufort Picture Theatre. It is to take the form of a euchre social and dance, with cash prizes for the euchre. Blay's Dance Band is to be engaged. A good supper is to be provided, and 2/ admission charged. The lady members and members' wives are to meet in a week's time to make final arrangements. Sister McGregor closed the lodge with the Oddfellows' prayer for peace, the Navy, Army, and Air Force.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

BAND EUCHRE. — On Monday night the Beaufort Town Band held the usual card social in conjunction with the snowball competition. Results:—Section 1—Euchre, Mrs J. Cole; consolation, Mrs P. Doull. Section 2—Euchre, Mr Long; consolation, divided by Mrs C. Gillingham and Mr C. Anderson.

BEAUFORT F.B. LADIES' CLUB. — On Saturday night at the Fire Station a card and carpet bowls social was held under the auspices of the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club. Results:—Ladies: Euchre and consolation, divided by Mesdames S. Coles, Reid, W. Ellis, and A. M. Parker. Men: Euchre, Mr A. S. Duncan; consolation, Mr W. J. Scriven. Carpet Bowls—Won by Mesdames E. Day, Broadbent, and Messrs. W. J. Scriven and C. W. Broadbent.

EUCHRE AND BOWLS. — On Thursday night the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre and bowls social. Results:—Section 1—Mesdames Gillingham, senr., and L. Sandlant divided the euchre and consolation prizes. Section 2—Mrs A. M. Parker and Messrs. A. Gercovich and G. Wilding divided the euchre and consolation prizes. Carpet Bowls—Mesdames Coles, E. Day, Broadbent, senr., Messrs Gardiner and W. Gillingham.

Mrs Mervyn Crick, of Rupanypup, and her daughter, Meryl Joy, are spending a holiday with relatives and friends in Beaufort and Ballarat.

First-constable F. C. Downie, of the mobile traffic section, Russell Street Melbourne, has been selected to fill the vacancy at Buangor.

Mr and Mrs S. Young, of Beaufort, have been away on holidays. Mr and Mrs Alex. Johnston, of Melbourne, and Mr and Mrs Les. Johnston of Ballarat, were in Beaufort on Friday, 26th Feby.

Mr Harry Ball, of Beaufort, has been ill in the Ballarat Hospital for some time.

Mr and Mrs Max Lamb, of Echuca, have been staying with Mrs Lamb's parents, Rev. J. P. and Mrs MacDougall, at the Manse, Beaufort.

Mr Gercovich, senr., of Stawell, has been spending a short holiday with Mr and Mrs A. Gercovich at Beaufort.

Miss Ada Norman, of Beaufort, has been very ill.

Mesdames J. McDonald and J. Halpin, of Melbourne, have been visiting Beaufort as the guests of Mr and Mrs W. Holdsworth.

Mr and Mrs A. DeBaere, of Hopetoun, have been visiting Mrs and Miss DeBaere, of Beaufort.

Mr and Mrs S. Emerson, of Beaufort and their children have gone for a holiday to Portland with Mr and Mrs J. Wright, of Carisbrook, and their family.

Mr and Mrs Harold Driver, of Melbourne, and Mrs Godson, have been staying with Mrs A. Driver, of Beaufort.

Mr and Mrs Lancaster have been staying with Mrs Lancaster's parents Mr and Mrs H. T. Slee, of Beaufort.

Mr and Mrs Vic Hunt, of Newcastle N.S.W., have been spending a holiday with Mr Hunt's mother, Mrs J. Lardner of Beaufort. Mrs Hunt is a corporal in the A.W.A.S.

Mr and Mrs B. M. Long, of "Nung-donda," Macorna, have been staying with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs W. J. Scriven, of Beaufort.

Mr and Mrs V. W. Pringle, of Melbourne, and their children, have been visiting Beaufort as the guests of Mr Pringle's parents, Mr and Mrs G. Pringle.

Mr Ivan Laney, of Narrapumelap, Willaura (son of Mr and Mrs Angus Laney, Waterloo), was successfully operated on for appendicitis at Ararat Hospital, and is doing well.

Mrs Gread, of Hamilton district, has been holidaying at Beaufort as the guest of her mother, Mrs Willis. The engagement is announced of

Lois, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F. G. Green, York Street, St. Kilda (formerly of Beaufort), to George William, only son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Hocking, Seymour Grove, Camberwell.

Miss J. Witherspoon, of the Beaufort State Savings Bank staff, is on leave, and the relieving officer is Mr Knoyott.

Miss Edith Minchin, of Melbourne has been visiting old friends in Beaufort.

DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES.

Brewster.

U.C.P. BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Brewster branch of the United Country Party took place recently. The following officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months:—President, Mr H. McIntyre; vice-presidents, Messrs P. Panther and A. Morcombe; secretary and treasurer, Mr J. L. Grant; committee, Messrs. R. Dunn, A. Morcombe, P. Panther, J. L. McErvale, and A. Matthews; delegate to conference, Mr H. McIntyre.

Pte. W. Anderson, of Brewster, has returned to Australia from the Middle East. He is spending his leave with his parents, Mr and Mrs W. Anderson.

Pte. Eric Hayward is at present an inmate of a Military Hospital at Ballarat.

Mr Stevens took up his duties at the local school last week as head teacher. Together with his wife and family, he is occupying the school residence, which had been vacant.

Middle Creek.

FAREWELL SOCIAL AND PRESENTATION.

One of the largest gatherings seen in the local Public Hall for some time assembled on Friday evening, 26th Feby., the occasion being a farewell social and presentation to Miss Nell Fay, who is being married in the near future, and will be leaving the district. The chair was occupied by Mr W. J. Roberts. Dancing was indulged in till about midnight, when the chairman explained that they had met to show their appreciation of their guest, who had been one of their best workers for anything that had taken place in the district, and whose place would be very hard to fill. Mr F. Liston endorsed these remarks. The chairman then called on the Rev. Father J. Day to make a presentation of a wallet of notes on behalf of her many friends. In doing so, the rev. gentleman said the popularity of their guest was reflected in the very large assemblage of all sections of the community that night, notwithstanding the difficulties associated with travelling. On behalf of all, he wished her and her partner the best of health and happiness in their future home. Miss Fay made a suitable response, thanking the speakers for their very kind remarks and the public for their gifts, and hoping to see them at her future home some time. Mr E. A. Fay also responded on behalf of himself and other members of the family. He thanked them for the kind sentiments expressed in regard to his daughter, and for their patronage that evening. Supper was served by the ladies present, and dancing continued till the early hours of the morning, to music supplied by the Buangor Orchestra, assisted by Mrs V. Waldron and Mr L. Martyn. Mr J. Kneebone officiated as M.C. During the evening, songs were rendered by Mrs Hunt and Mr N. Crocker. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem terminated a very pleasant function.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

Residents of Ripon Shire are notified that all dogs within the shire, over the age of six months, must be registered between 1st and 15th March.

The Waterloo Sports Club will hold a sports meeting on Easter Saturday, when a good programme will be presented. Euchre social and dance at night. Proceeds of whole effort for district patriotic funds.

Tenders, returnable at noon on 27th March, 1943, are invited for painting the bell tower at the Beaufort Fire Station. Specifications obtainable from Mr J. Duke.

Applications are invited, before Saturday, 13th March, for the position of assistant at the Beaufort electricity supply power station.

The Raglan Patriotic Club will hold a gymkhana on Easter Saturday, at the Recreation Reserve, in aid of patriotic funds.

A dance to entertain visiting soldiers will be held by the Younger Set, on Friday, March 12th.

Oddfellows euchre and dance in honour of Bro. Eric Trengove and all returned soldiers, Picture Theatre, Friday night, 19th March.

Salvation Army harvest thanksgiving services, Sunday morning, afternoon, and night; Monday, 8 p.m., programme and sale of goods.

OBITUARY.

MISS WINIFRED M. ANDREWS.

The death occurred on March 3 at Cremorne, Sydney, of Miss Winifred May Andrews, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Albert Andrews.

MR. MATHESON.

The death has occurred of Mr Matheson, father of Mrs M. Watkin, of Main Lead, and a former inspector of Trawalla Settlement. He served in the last war, and has recently been on military duty. He was twice married, and was a widower. He leaves a son and several daughters.

DVR. R. V. TYNAN.

The death occurred on 3rd March at the Military Hospital, Ballarat, of Dvr. Roy Vincent Tynan, of the A.M.F. He was the son-in-law of Mrs M. Kelly, senr., of Beaufort, and leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL GIRLS.

A.W.A.S. Mobile Unit to Visit District.

In order that women and girls of this district may have a special opportunity of securing information concerning attractive openings now occurring for service with the A.W.A.S., a mobile enquiry unit of the Services will visit this town on Tuesday, 9th March next. The unit will be in charge of experienced N.C.O.'s of the A.W.A.S., who will be glad to meet parents and girls for purpose of friendly discussion and advice. On arrival here, the truck conveying the unit will take up a position near the post office. It is hoped that a genuine welcome will be accorded to these girls and that they will be greeted by all who appreciate the splendid work being done by the A.W.A.S. in every part of Australia.

FISHING MISHAP. — While on a fishing trip last week-end with Mr W. Skene and his son Jack, Mr A. Lewell of Beaufort, met with an accident. He tripped and struck his shin against the rocks, fell into deep water, and was assisted out of the water by his companions. His leg was badly cut and bruised.

FOR THE EMPIRE. Navy, Army and Air Force.

Lieut.-Colonel H. Bastin, who recently returned to Australia after service in the Middle East campaigns, arrived home at Challeum South, Buangor, on Monday, and received a hearty welcome from his friends in the district. — "Ararat Advertiser."

The many Ararat friends of Flight-Lieut. F. J. Gourley, formerly of the Ararat High School staff, and now with an advance wing of the R.A.F. in the Middle East (writes the "Advertiser") will be pleased to know that a recent airgraph letter and a cable conveyed the news that he was well. Except for a short spell in hospital in Tobruk and Cairo, Flight-Lieut. Gourley has been in the desert battle area since three weeks after landing in Egypt. His unit pioneered the 8th Army Air Force co-operational work, and he is senior officer in charge of cyphers and wireless.

Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Bastin, Lieut.-Colonel W. N. Muntz, Captain P. E. White, Lieut. W. Green, Pte. Geo. Barrett, Gnr. Jim Harris, Gnr. E. Trengove, Tpr. Bob Crocker, Pte. W. Anderson, Pte. Ted Kelly, and Pte. Ivan Lowe, of Beaufort and district, have returned home. The majority of them have been on active service overseas for nearly 2 1/2 years.

Driver M. Webster, of Beaufort, was home on leave on Saturday. Sapper M. Slee, of Beaufort, has been home on leave.

Sergt. Arch. Campbell, of Trawalla visited the district on leave at the week-end.

Pte. Peter Doull, of Beaufort, was home on leave at the week-end.

Sapper N. Lardner, of Beaufort, has been home on leave from another State.

Lance-Corpl. A. McGregor has been home to Beaufort on leave.

Mr and Mrs H. J. Buchanan, of Beaufort, have received word that their son, Sergt.-Major Graham Buchanan, is seriously ill in W.A.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Committee Meeting.

The March meeting of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute Committee, held in the library on Tuesday night, was presided over by the president (Mr R. C. Hodgetts) and attended by six members and the secretary-librarian (Mrs C. Gillingham).

The president said he had written Mr Lindrum about his proposed visit, but had not yet received a reply. It was understood the president would write to Mr Lindrum again about his visit, and materials he was asked to supply.

The president reported there were 14 members of the juvenile library.

The secretary said she had obtained another to-night.

The president said Mr Buchanan had attended to the work in the grounds. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. Ashley, Martin, and Williams.

The secretary reported as follows:—Receipts for month, £28/14/5; expenditure, £11/10/10; credit balance, £171/6/9.

Accounts amounting to £28/14/8 were passed for payment, and the financial statement adopted, on the motion of Messrs. A. Downe and D. R. Hannah.

Correspondence was read from the Australian Comforts Fund, thanking the committee for a gift of books for the men and women of the Services.—Received.

The president said a 10/ prize had been donated for a billiard tournament to be played within six weeks. Mr Ashley had also promised a prize.

Mr Downe said he would give another 10/ prize.

The president thanked Mr Downe

and the other donors for their gifts.

On the motion of Messrs. Buchanan and Duke, it was decided to order 20 tons of wood from Mr F. J. Martin.

The president reported that the librarian had enrolled 11 new members since the beginning of the year.

It was decided to have more receipt books printed.

AEROPLANE CRASH.

THE INQUEST.

At the Beaufort Court House on Monday, March 1, Mr G. S. Calow, P.M., conducted an adjourned inquiry touching the deaths of Raymond Clyde Charlton and William Edward Littlejohn, two flight-sergeants of the R.A.A.F., who were killed in an aeroplane crash near Beaufort, on Decr. 31, 1942.

Margaret Panther stated on oath that she was a schoolgirl residing with her parents. At about 8.30 a.m. on 31st Decr., 1942, she noticed an aeroplane flying low on the east side of her father's property. It was travelling in a northerly direction. She watched it till it reached a plantation of pines a mile north of the house. The plane appeared to rise and attempt to clear the trees and then to fall helplessly over the trees. She noticed smoke rising from where the plane landed.

To the P.M. — It was flying quite northerly. She heard the engine running. She could not tell the height at which it was flying. It was lower than the trees, and would be three-fourths of the way down from the top of the trees very low. She could not see very clearly, but from what she saw it looked as though the plane just tipped the trees. The wind was blowing south, she thought. It was just about south-east but more south than anything.

The plane was coming from the south-east—the same direction as the wind.

Loris Callow, domestic help, gave evidence that at about 8.30 a.m. on 31st Decr., she noticed an aeroplane flying low towards a plantation of trees, 1 1/2 miles north of her place. It rose to go over the plantation. She saw a wing of the plane fly off, and the plane dive behind the plantation. She saw it burst into flames and called her mother, who telephoned to the Brewster post office.

To the P.M. — The height of the plane was half-way between the trees and the ground. It rose to go over the trees, apparently miscalculated the height of the trees, and tipped the top of the trees and went down.

First-constable J. Duke, Beaufort, stated on oath that at 8.40 a.m. on 31st Decr. last he received a telephone message from Mrs Dawson to the effect that an aeroplane had crashed and was in the office, and proceeded to the nearest scene. He noticed a part of the plane burning in the paddock, and the bodies of two persons were near the centre of the wreckage. He telephoned to Commander Mackenzie for a fire-cart to put out the remains of the fire. The trees would be 40 ft. to 50 ft. in height. Fragments of the plane were between the trees and where the plane was burning. The plane skidded about 20 ft. to where the remains were. An Air Force tender arrived. At the time witness was there, there was still a breeze blowing from the south-east.

The P.M. found that deceased each died from injuries which resulted from burns received when a training plane piloted by Raymond Clyde Charlton crashed on 31st Decr., 1942. He certified that in every respect the aeroplane was all the required official tests and inspection. He also found that the cause of the accident was that Raymond Clyde Charlton, the pilot, was immediately prior to the accident flying at a level not above 150 ft.—that being required by Air Force flying regulations and instructions. That was the immediate cause of the accident. The inquiry was closed.

TENNIS. — The lady members of the Beaufort Tennis Club held a doubles competition on Wednesday, which was won by Mrs Q. W. Gregory and Miss Joan Flynn.

SNAKE AT BACK DOOR. — On Tuesday evening a snake was killed at the back door of Mr J. Cole's home in Lawrence Street, Beaufort.

CROQUET CLUB. — The Beaufort Croquet Club held a full day competition on Wednesday.

SKIPTON EUCHRE. — The Skipton Mechanics' ladies' committee held their usual monthly euchre tournament on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs H. Bolte was the successful player.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the position of Assistant at the Electricity Supply Power Station, Beaufort from men over 45 years of age, unfit for active service; or from youths between 18 and 19 years of age. Applications to be in writing, stating experience, and to be addressed to the Shire Secretary, Beaufort, or National Service Officer, Area 8 B, Stawell, before Saturday, 13th March, 1943. Award rates.

N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.

WATERLOO SPORTS CLUB. Sports Meeting, Easter Saturday. Good Programme of Woodchopping and other Events. Euchre Party and Dance at Night. Blay's Orchestra. Whole effort in aid of P.O.W. Fund, Red Cross, and Comforts Club. E. C. PENDUCK, Secy.

COUNTRY FIRE BRIGADES' BOARD.

TENDERS will be received by the Board, up to 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, 27th March, 1943, for Painting the Bell Tower at the Fire Station, Beaufort.

Specifications obtainable from Mr J. DUKE, Secretary Fire Brigade, Beaufort. No tender necessarily accepted. G. G. SINCLAIR, Secretary. 60 Market St., Melbourne, C.1. 1st March, 1943.

LOST, Wedding Ring. Return this Office. Reward.

NOTICE is hereby given that, after the expiration of fourteen clear days from the publication hereof, application will be made to the Supreme Court of Victoria, in its probate jurisdiction, that Probate of the Will, dated the 8th day of October, 1942, of WILLIAM PITCHER, late of Raglan, in Victoria; pensioner, deceased, may be granted to me, EDITH CROCKER, of Raglan, aforesaid, married woman; being the executrix appointed by the said will.

N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary. 27/2/43.

Stranger (to temperance advocate): My 'dear, sir,' can you remember preaching here some five years ago? You then drew a vivid picture of the drunkard's starving wife and children, while the pulpit and his family were dressed in the finest silks. That speech of yours saved me! Temperance Advocate: You saw the error of your ways, and gave up the drink. Stranger: No, no. I took your advice, and opened a pub!

Lillian Bruythaile Hill, writer of humorous advertisements, spoke at a business men's dinner in Chicago on "Fun in the Ad." Miss Hill began in this way:—"Does it pay to advertise? Well, I should say so. A man came to an editor in the town of Shelbyville one day and asked that question."

"Does it pay," said the man, "to advertise in your paper?" "Does it pay to advertise in my paper? You just bet it does!" the editor replied. "Look at Sands, the catcher for the Indians. Sands advertised for a boy last week, and the very next day they had two at their house—both boys."

Every duty, ever, bit of work, will teach us something. We are prepared to learn it, but we can only learn the thing we have in hand.

Mrs. Blotter (of a literary turn): And, John, order a gallon of midnight oil. All our best writers, I am told, burn it.

He who can suppress a moment's anger may prevent many days of sorrow.

SHIRE OF RIPON. ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF DOGS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all dogs within the Shire over the age of six months must be registered between the 1st and 15th March, 1943, after which date all persons in possession of unregistered dogs render themselves liable to prosecution. Registration fee, 5/-; an additional fee of £2/10/- is payable in respect of Alsatian Dogs (Dog Act, 1936).

N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary. 27/2/43.

BEAUFORT BRANCH, A.N.A.

THE 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.

AUTUMN CHICKENS.

CHICKENS hatched in the Autumn are very quick growers. The Pullerets are laying by Sept., and last year the Cockerels brought fabulous prices at Cup time. In answer to many requests, we are hatching from the middle of March, special heavy-breed Chickens—Australorps and cross-breds from the mating of Rhode Is. Reds and Australorps. These will be extra good table birds. Day-old Chickens, 25 per 100. Special Offer.—If you have a broody hen, we will supply 20 chicks for £1. Stud Cockerels, closely related to our Burnley Champion, £2/2/- each. SWEENEY BROS., ARARAT.

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Waterloo Sports Club.

ANNUAL GATHERING ON EASTER SATURDAY.

The annual meeting of the Waterloo Sports Club was held at the Mechanics Institute, Waterloo, on Saturday evening, 27th February.

The office-bearers elected for the season 1943-4 were:—President, Mr J. Dunn; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Boyd and J. McErvale; treasurer, Mr C. Lewis; and secretary, Mr E. Penduck.

Mr Dunn received a hearty vote of appreciation from the members, following a glowing tribute from the vice-president, Mr J. McErvale, in which he praised the energy, interest and devotion that Mr Dunn had given to the club as its president for 20 years.

After a lengthy discussion, in which the president and secretary reported on a visit to the Raglan Patriotic League's meeting on the 24th ult., relative to the date of the Waterloo Sports Club meeting on their usual date, Easter Saturday, April 24th, while a eucyre party and dance is being arranged for the Saturday evening, it was felt regrettable that the Raglan Patriotic League had not consulted the Waterloo Sports Club regarding their intentions and thus avoid a clash in the dates of the respective meetings.

A unanimous vote decided that the total profits of the club's Easter meeting, eucyre and dance, be divided in equal proportions for the benefit of the Prisoners of War Fund, the Red Cross and the Comforts Club.

BALLARAT MARKET. Sheep and Cattle Prices.

CATTLE — 139 yarded, including 95 bullocks, the majority of which were prime light and medium weight. The reduced number of cows offered were chiefly useful, only odd beasts being good to prime.

CALVES — There was a lighter penning of 96. Prime pens were scarce; the bulk comprising good and useful steers and heifers. There were scarcely any vealers. Competition was brisk and values for best quality were dearer.

Sheep — 4905 penned, which was considerably lighter than last week. There was a fair proportion of suitable trade wethers, but very few outstanding lots.

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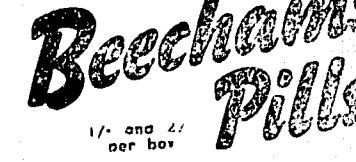
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DOSE: — For adults two or more pills as required taken before going to bed. Children should be given one pill.



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RED CROSS BRANCH. Fortnightly Meeting.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort Red Cross branch on Tuesday afternoon, the chair was occupied by Mrs S. E. Humphreys (vice-president).

The sum of £2/4, being the branch's quota and payment for calendars, has been forwarded to the Australian Red Cross Society and acknowledged.

A letter of thanks was received from the Ballarat depot for work done.

Stamps are to be saved for the Red Cross.

A sewing afternoon followed the meeting.

The following donations were received:—Mrs Ormond, 5/; Mr Haintz 10/; Mrs Dalrymple, magazines; Mrs Martin Brown, books; Mrs Troy, sleeveless pullover; Mrs F. Haintz, 1/.

List of work handed in at meeting:—Pyjamas—Miss Oddie, 4 pairs; Mrs MacDougall, 1 pair. Shirts — Mrs G. Cuthbertson, Miss Troy, 2 each; Miss Acott, Mrs Hayes, 1 each. Knitting — Miss Furness, Mrs McKay, Mrs H. Cuthbertson, Miss W. Wotherspoon. Mrs Hodgkiss, Mrs Troy, sleeveless pullover each. Socks — Mrs Kelly, 1 pair; Mrs A. Skene, 2 pairs.

CHEERED THEM ON. — In his reminiscences of shearing of 50 years ago. Mr Wm. Robertson refers to a dispute at a woolshed near Skipton, caused by the owner refusing a request to close the shed on a Saturday afternoon, after a ball at Skipton on the Friday night. He states: "The rouseabouts under 'Nugget' Kirkpatrick cheered us on. 'What band of youths would not?'"

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not in any way identify ourselves with opinions expressed by our correspondents.

WATERLOO SPORTS.

Editor, "Riponshire Advocate."

Sir,—I have been instructed by the members of the Waterloo Sports Club to draw attention to the reference in the "Riponshire Advocate," of Saturday, February 27th, to the effect that the Waterloo Sports Club had temporarily loosened its hold on Easter Saturday for a meeting. In my report of the annual meeting of the Waterloo Sports Club of March, 1942, it was stated that no sports meeting was to be held during 1942; but no mention was made of a cessation for the duration of the war.

On hearing of the Raglan Patriotic League's intention to hold a meeting on Easter Saturday of this year, the president of the Waterloo Sports Club and myself as secretary attended the Raglan Patriotic League's meeting on the 24th of February. Mr Dunn and myself went to considerable length to explain that Easter Saturday was recognised as the day of the Waterloo sports meeting. We asked the Raglan Patriotic League to hold their date open for three days until the Waterloo Sports Club held its annual meeting. No decision was given us at that time, but the unusual procedure was adopted of asking us to leave the meeting and that their decision would be conveyed to us verbally at a later date. Such decision resulted in the Raglan Patriotic League determining not to alter the date. At no time has the Waterloo Sports Club been consulted as to its intentions for Easter Saturday. We consider that such a procedure should have been adopted by the Raglan Patriotic League. It is specifically stated in your columns that Raglan's day was Foundation Day. Raglan Patriotic League should have arranged their meeting for that date. I have been instructed to point out that the Waterloo Sports Club has not loosened its hold on Easter Saturday, and feels fully justified in holding its sports meeting on that date this year.

E. C. PENDUCK, Secretary Waterloo Sports Club. March 1st, 1943.

RAINFALL. — The rainfall registered at the Beaufort Post Office for February amounted to 156 points, and for the two months of the present year 297 points. For the past week 25 points fell.

WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.

District Clips.

Dennys, Lascelles Ltd., Geelong, report (March 3):—DD/M in box (Mortchup), 1st com 29½d; EMR/Eurambien chup), 1st com 29½d; HD/Traralgon (Beaufort), sup com 29½d; WB/Buangor, 1st com h 25½d; TP/Beaufort, sup com 22d; MM/Beaufort, aa w ckb 21½d. Strachan & Co. Ltd., Geelong, report (March 3):—CB/MCK (Buangor) ex sup com 30½d, sup com 25½d, bkn 20½d; CMD in box (Mortchup), sup com 30d, 1st com 27½d, bkn 21d, sup lms 24½d; Challicum/South (Buangor), sup com e and aaa com h 27½d, a nks 24d, sup lms 24½d.

ARM BROKEN. — On Wednesday Mrs D. Nash, of Beaufort, fell and broke her right forearm. She was admitted to the local B.N. Hospital.



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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS. Skipton.

Continued from Page 2. ceived medical attention, and was ordered to rest for a month.

MINIATURE LUNA PARK AT SKIPTON A merry-go-round, ocean wave, and swing boats, accompanied by the usual side shows, darts, Aunt Sally, etc., arrived at Skipton last week, and set up on what is known as Circus Flat. Young and old have made this spot their rendezvous during the long evenings and have spent quite an enjoyable time, while the returns to the proprietor have been quite satisfactory.

EUCYRE SOCIAL AND DANCE. The eucyre social and dance, in aid of the Patriotic Funds, on Saturday night, were well attended. A number of Allied soldiers was present at the dance. In the eucyre section, Mrs Sturgeon, Mr F. Alexander, and Mr W. Alexander tied with eight games each. In the play-off, Mrs Sturgeon defeated each of the men in turn, and won the prize and also the ladies' aggregate; Mr Bolte winning the men's aggregate. These prizes of 10/ each were donated by Messrs. M. Osborne and A. Rowe, and have run for three months.

FOR THE EMPIRE. A number of local boys returned from overseas during the week-end. Some of these lads have been in the Middle East for more than two years. It is reported that several more are in Australia, and will arrive in their home town shortly. Pte. Fred Armstrong arrived on Saturday evening, and received a welcome at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. Pte. Kevin Liston arrived home on Sunday, while Pte. Alex. Hills, whose family has removed to Ballarat since his departure also arrived home on Saturday. Pte. "Digger" Wise is also reported to have joined his family, and was expected in Skipton during the week.

Members of the Forces home during the week-end included Major E. D. MacKinnon, L.A.C. Reg. Ellingham, A.C.1 W. N. Sturgeon, A.C.1 Norman Fowler, Pte. J. Parrington, and Pte. L. Osborne.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. At a special meeting of the Patriotic League on Saturday night, presided over by Mr Angus, it was decided to run a ball on Friday, March 26, to entertain a number of Allied troops who will be in the district. The request came from Mrs MacKinnon, president of the local Red Cross branch.

A.I.F. RECRUITING CEASED. — The Minister for the Army (Mr Forde) has announced that recruiting for the A.I.F. had definitely ceased (writes the "Ararat Advertiser.") He said transfers from the C.M.F. to the A.I.F. were a quicker medium than the recruiting method. Such action had been rendered necessary because of the acute shortage of manpower. There were two men in the A.I.F. to-day to every physically fit man suitable for the front line who was a member of the C.M.F. No man might volunteer for the A.I.F. until he was 19 years of age and no member of the C.M.F. might leave Australia for service abroad until he was 19 and had had six months' training.

LATE EASTER. — This year, Easter Sunday will fall on April 25—the latest date possible. Incidentally, the earliest date is March 22, and the last time it fell on that date was in 1118. Ash Wednesday this year will fall on March 10. Only once in each of the last five centuries has Easter fallen on April 25—this year's date. The years are sixteenth century, 1546; seventeenth century, 1641; eighteenth century, 1736; nineteenth century, 1886; twentieth century, 1943. The latest date which Easter will fall again this century is April 23, in the year 2000. If it catches you unprepared, don't say we didn't remind you. — "Courier."

WAGES BOARD DETERMINATIONS AMENDED. — The following Wages Board Determinations have been amended, operating from the beginning of the first pay period, commencing in February, 1943; wages having been increased:—Cemetery employees, commercial clerks, engineers and brass workers (skilled), hospital and benevolent asylum attendants, hotel and restaurant, fuel and fodder (country), chaffcutters. Copies of determinations can be obtained from the Government Printer, Melbourne, C2, at a cost of 3d per copy, plus postage.

GOOD RESULTS OF RIFLE CLUB TRAINING. — A good number of members of Amphitheatre Rifle Club are in the fighting services. The training received on the local range is proving very handy to them. Crack shots of the club are now holding their own with Australia's best. In a match over three ranges, Dvr. C. D. Keith made top score for his company while in camp. Dvr. Keith has been a gunner in the artillery somewhere in the Middle East. Pte. W. M. Richards while in training made the possible at one range, and was complimented by the officer-in-charge on his fine performance. W. Joseph, who is in the Air Force, was top scorer for his company in a match over three ranges. He only dropped one point off the possible. There were 400 shooters in the event. Albert Westbrooke, whose father was a blacksmith at Amphitheatre for many years, also got a possible at one range.

DEATH OF NONAGENARIAN.—One of the oldest residents and a very early pioneer of the Ararat district has passed away in the person of Mrs Sarah McGuiness, who died early on Friday morning, 26th Feby., at her residence at Warrak, at the advanced age of 94 years. Mrs McGuiness was a wonderful old lady, and until the day before her death was about as usual, hale and hearty. She was a daughter of the late George and Margaret Brown, and was born in Adelaide. She came with her parents to the Warrak district as a young child and resided there ever since. Her father was the first sawmiller in the Mt. Cole district. She was the widow of the late Alexander McGuiness, who predeceased her over 33 years ago. The deceased lady had an interesting store of memories of the early pioneering life of the district, and by her death one of the last remaining direct links with those stirring times has been severed. In her younger years she took an active part in the affairs of the community and retained the respect and affection of friends and neighbours. Mrs McGuiness is survived by two sons, James and Leonard, both of Warrak, and five daughters, Mrs Tassell, of St. Kilda; Mrs Gallagher, of Elmhurst; Mrs Padgett, of Ararat; Miss Clara McGuiness, of Sydney; and Mrs Cousins, of Northcote. Three sons and one daughter had predeceased her. Her remains were interred in the Mount Cole Cemetery on Saturday afternoon.—"Ararat Advertiser."

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Research on industrial health in wartime work has revealed that our output will be seriously hampered unless firm steps are taken to guard the health and happiness of the individual worker. To this end, a load has been given to employers, and must now realise that long hours of overtime only increase labour wastage and absence from work.

However, no matter how considerate the employer may be in providing adequate working conditions, there are many simple fitness rules which every woman, whether in her home or in a war job, should consider it her duty to carry out.

Conquer fatigue. The most common cause of flagging in our work is fatigue, and from fatigue many evils spring, making their mark on our health and on our work. Fatigue, however, need not occur in any normal woman eating proper food, wearing proper clothing and getting adequate exercise and rest. These are things that each individual can attend to, thus building up an unconquerable, irresistible army of women to back up our front line forces.

There are many excellent books and charts setting out well-balanced and simple menus, and every woman would do well to study the interesting facts. The National Fitness Council will be glad to help you in this matter.

The majority of Australian women dress sensibly, but often, particularly in factories, fatigue has been found due to the worker wearing old dance shoes or narrow, high heeled shoes giving no support whatever. Tired feet make a tired worker, who cannot apply her maximum effort to the job at hand. To prevent this, the feet should be bathed at least once a day, and strong, sensible shoes worn.

Exercise is most important for one of us, particularly those engaged in heavy daily work. It is more beneficial, of course, to take exercise out of doors, and daylight saving provides splendid opportunities for this. Hiking, cycling, swimming, gardening or organised games are all excellent forms of exercise for the indoor worker. Fresh air will refresh tired bodies, and a change of action will relieve those muscles which are being constantly used during the day.

WARNING TO LAND GIRLS.

Just as important to our health as exercise is rest, and rest must be taken if our efficiency is to be maintained. The body should be rested whenever possible, in a relaxed, comfortable position, with shoes off and tight clothing loosened. Ten minutes rest in this position after lunch is invaluable to any woman. The women engaged on the land in the vital production of food-stuffs particularly needs rest, as she is using up much energy in the strenuous farm jobs. Land girls should also guard against strain, for this is caused very simply through unaccustomed handling of heavy farm implements. It is better, for our war effort, to wait for assistance in any heavy work liable to produce strain, for a Land Girl with injuries due to strain is useless both to the farmer and the country. Rest during sleep will come more easily if one's room is kept dark, quiet and airy. We must remember that we are not

machines, and our country cannot afford to pay for work done during incapacity from fatigue. If we can keep our bodies and minds fit, we can, and no doubt will, offer our utmost energy to whatever job we undertake.

EXAMINING TYRES. — Periodical examination of your tyres should include the jacking up of each wheel to determine whether the tyre is true on the rim, as an out-of-true wheel will cause undue wear. The small moulded line on the tyre adjacent to the rim will give a fair indication of the fitting in the rim, the line being concentric with the rim when true. — R.A.C.V.

AMUSING CHALLENGE MATCH. — At the conclusion of a tennis tournament at Beaufort on 28th Feb., a challenge match was played between a visiting Allied soldier and a member of the 1st A.I.F. As neither appeared to have played tennis in his life before, the match caused considerable amusement.

PRECIOUS NATIONAL ASSET. — Every motor tyre in use in Australia today is a precious national asset; every motor user with a vehicle on the road is the custodian of one of the most vital raw materials of war. These points are emphasised by the Minister for Supply and Shipping (Mr Beasley) in appealing for the co-operation of motorists in conservation of rubber. The Minister said Australia's rubber stocks must be husbanded for urgent war and other essential requirements. The rubber in the tyres on vehicles now operating in the Commonwealth was greater than the nation's stocks of rubber; thus they must depend to a very large extent on tyres now in use to see them through the war.

SUPERPHOSPHATE RATIONS. — The standard ration of superphosphate available to growers for non priority crops and pastures is 55 per cent. of the quantity obtained by each consumer for the period 1st January, 1942, to 30th June, 1942. In most cases, this provides farmers with a quota of one third of the annual amount of superphosphate used in recent years. Where it does not, farmers may apply for an adjustment to the Fertilizer Section, Department of Agriculture, 81 Collins Street, Melbourne. Growers of priority crops such as vegetables and flax may obtain additional rations for these crops to bring the amount available for them to the normal quantity used per acre. The Director of Agriculture (Mr H. A. Mullett), said that the rationing plan provides that consumers should obtain their superphosphate from the agent or person who supplied them last year. When the superphosphate was obtained from another farmer, then this practice should be continued. Farmers who purchased on behalf of others in the past must make available to them the appropriate share of the ration. Farmers concerned in such an arrangement who experience difficulty in obtaining their share of superphosphate should report the case fully and immediately to the Department. The ration is based on the amount of superphosphate used on the particular property in the past, i.e., the ration goes with the land. Any farmer who sells or leases his property should transfer to the new occupier the appropriate ration which rightly belongs to the particular property. Farmers who acquire land should therefore take steps to have the appropriate ration transferred to them. In all correspondence with the Fertilizer Section of the Department of Agriculture regarding rations, the brand of fertilizer purchased in the past and the name of the agent concerned must be supplied.

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RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

Monthly Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council was held 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.

Cr. Hinton apologised for his absence from last meeting, as he had been away from the State.

CORRESPONDENCE.
From War Damage Commission, forwarding copy of regulations.

Received: it being understood that a record would be kept for two years, and an application then made to the Commission.

From Public Works Department, concerning audit fees, War Damage Account.

Received: it being understood that a record would be kept for two years, and an application then made to the Commission.

From same, re change of engineer.

Replied to by secretary to the effect that Mr Muntz had been appointed during the absence on leave of Mr Crouch.

Cr. MacPhie — They would want to know the arrangements between Lexton and Ripon.

From State Treasury, in regard to loan programme, 1943-4.

Received.

From Postmaster-General, per Mr A. McDonald, M.H.R., with regard to Council's complaint about allowing lottery tickets to be sent by registered post.

Cr. Wills — He wanted to know if he had to re-stamp the envelope, and the inspector said he had. Why should he? He did not order it, and did not want it.

Cr. MacPhie — They could not notify the Department not to send registered matter. Cr. McDonald — The Department had talked about everything they should not have mentioned. The president — He put his in the waste paper basket. Cr. McDonald — If they had sent it to the proper address, he might have got it with far less trouble.

The secretary — The sender would have to pay excess fees if it were returned. The letter was received.

From Mr A. McDonald, M.H.R., concerning Council's request that the Adelaide express be allowed to stop for one minute at Beaufort nightly.

Received. Cr. Kirkpatrick said Mr Denigan had not heard any further word about it. The secretary — They would hear something from the Victorian Railway Commissioners shortly; the matter having been referred to them.

From Liquid Fuel Control Board, giving details of priority markings.

Referred to Advisory Committee. The secretary said the board would take the responsibility for amendment of priority. Ordinary primary producer's trucks should be marked priority 4 instead of 3. A car, if the only vehicle on the primary producer's place, came under priority 4.

From same, with respect to firewood supplies.

The secretary said he had received an application from a merchant in Ballarat to supply Mr Crick with petrol tickets. Referred to Advisory Committee, on motion of Cr. McDonald.

From Emergency Road Transport Board, concerning motor tyres. The Council was asked to make a further

survey of deliveries, with a view to economies. — Referred to Advisory Committee, on motion of Cr. McDonald.

From War Loans Committee, with regard to loans.

The secretary reported that he had called a meeting, and Mr Niere explained the new loan and suggested various ways of organising the campaign. On the occasion of the last loan the Council circularised the ratepayers and obtained more than their quota. Their quota this time was £18,000 and 150 subscribers. Cr. Wills moved that the Council's procedure be the same as last time, providing the banks gave their support. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried. The secretary handed over to the president the honour pennant awarded for the shire's effort in the last loan.

From City of Brighton, with respect to supply of axe handles.

It was suggested in the letter that every Transport Advisory Committee hold a small stock of axehandles for sale to woodcutters. — The president — He thought to hold three handles would not be enough. Cr. MacPhie said that it was a serious matter. As long as cutters could not obtain axehandles and axes, there would be a shortage of firewood. If councils pulled together and brought pressure on the Department, there would be no need for Councils to stock axehandles. — Cr. Schlicht — The axemen here got their own handles. Cr. MacPhie — As they were situated in a forest area, the Council should take some action. He moved that it be pointed out to Brighton Council that their letter did not go far enough, and suggested that application be made to Mr Dredman's Department of War Organisation and Industry for a release of axes and axehandles. Cr. McDonald — Till they moved the Federal Government, they would not get a better supply in quantity. Cr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion, which was carried. Cr. MacPhie also moved that the Council write to the Minister for War Organisation and Industry stating that they could not obtain axes and axehandles in this district, and that the price of 18/6 for an axe was exorbitant. Cr. Wills — They should get the statistics of the wood sent away from here. The president — It would be sufficient to state that Beaufort was one of the main sources of supply. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick and carried.

From Victorian Decentralisation League, forwarding report.

Received.

From Limbless Soldiers' Association of Victoria, concerning home front functions.

Received.

From Missions to Seamen, appealing for assistance.

Received.

Notification of 3 cases of scarlet fever in shire.

Received. Cr. MacPhie — It seemed that odd cases kept recurring, and he wondered if the health officer could give them any information. The president — He did not think so, as that was always the case. Cr. MacPhie — He would like to see the Council get a report from the health officer. He moved to that effect. Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried.

Notification of birth in shire.

Received.

Dr. J. Blair Donaldson, M.O.H. for East Riding, reported that the general health was good. There were two scar-

let fever cases in February. — Received.

From analyst, forwarding annual report.

Received.

From Dr. Reid, thanking Council for letter of appreciation of his work as health officer in the West Riding.

Received.

From Dr. Donaldson, accepting position of West Riding health officer, vacated by Dr. Reid.

Received. Before Dr. Donaldson's appointment was recommended to the Health Department, Cr. McKay suggested that Drs. Donaldson and Humphreys come to an agreement as to a more equal distribution of ratepayers in the area. Cr. McDonald — A good proportion of the East Riding ratepayers should come under Dr. Humphreys. Cr. McKay — Before the appointment was finally made, he moved that the two health officers meet and discuss a redistribution of their areas. Cr. Hinton — Dr. Donaldson was appointed, and seemed silly to ask him to do that now. Cr. McKay — He did not usually bring silly resolutions before the Council. If the two medical men could not agree the Council could work it out themselves. The motion was seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

From health inspector, giving notice to destroy rats at rubbish tip, Beaufort.

Cr. Schlicht — He moved that it be left in the hands of the engineer, with power to act. Seconded by Cr. MacPhie, and carried. Cr. Schlicht — He suggested that they spray it with kerosene and burn it. Rats could be seen there in the daytime. Cr. Roddis — He had heard they were very prevalent.

L. E. La Roche, shire health inspector, reported as follows:—I beg to report that I have made general inspections in the shire and found that the health regulations were being complied with. Notices issued for cleaning and improvements have received attention. The annual registration fees for sawyards, slaughteryards, piggeries, eating houses, and other places were paid, and amounts handed to the Shire Secretary. Shannon's slaughter yard at Skipton has now been registered by H. W. Haigh, who also has a butcher's shop in Ripon Shire. The pure food samples for the present quarter were obtained and forwarded to the Government analyst. Rats, if allowed near food supplies, may cause disease. They pollute much more than they eat. Regulations provide that the occupier or owner must destroy all rats on their premises, and it is an offence to leave any waste food or edible substance upon any yard, road, or place under a penalty of £20. I would suggest, to check the rodent increase, that the Council provide suitable rat poison for any ratepayers who may require it. The medical officer, Dr. S. E. Humphreys, agrees that the health and sanitary condition of the shire is satisfactory.

The inspector further reported that in regard to a travelling show in the main street of Beaufort, provision had been made for the burial of rubbish. — Cr. Schlicht asked if there was any by-law to prevent travelling shows camping in the main street, and if not, was the Council prepared to pass one. The secretary — There was none at present. Cr. Schlicht — There were any amount of vacant blocks in the town where these shows could be held, as the owners had to live. People in business could not ring up on the telephone for the

noise. Cr. Kirkpatrick — There was a lot in what Cr. Schlicht said. They should pass a by-law and should not be humbugged by these people coming in and disturbing other people's rest. Cr. MacPhie — The owner of the block might stop the practice, if approached. Cr. Schlicht — If he were not agreeable, the Council should pass a by-law. The secretary — The Council could make a by-law concerning such matters, and also in regard to minimising noises on public highways. Cr. Schlicht said some time there would be an accident to children running across the street to these shows, not to mention the annoyance to sick people caused by the shows. He suggested that Mr Young be written to and asked to refuse permission to hold these shows on his block. Cr. Hinton — He did not think they should hunt these people, who provided a lot of amusement, out of the town. Perhaps they did not like horses. Cr. Schlicht — He knew more about horses than Cr. Hinton, who could not comprehend what these people did there, and did not know what he was talking about. Cr. Wills moved that the matter be left in the hands of the North Riding members to deal with. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

From J. Whittle, applying for use of Carriham Recreation Reserve for Presbyterian picnic.

Referred to Cr. Roddis and engineer, by whom permission had been given.

From A.N.A., re rates and interest on house, estate late W. J. B. Johnson. The Council was asked to waive the interest, as a considerable sum had been spent on the renovation of the property. — The secretary said there was £18 15/ in interest. Cr. Wills — Could they waive the interest? Cr. MacPhie — He did not think they had the power to waive interest. They should be notified to that effect. Cr. Schlicht — The A.N.A. should not be treated differently to a private person. Cr. MacPhie moved that the A.N.A. be informed that the Council had no power to waive the interest. Seconded by Cr. McKay, and carried.

From Secretary, Public Health Department, acknowledging receipt of annual report.

From V. N. Dunn, Chepstowe, offering to buy screenings near his property. — Cr. Schlicht said it was a bad practice to start. They did not know where it would end. The request was refused on motion of Crs. MacPhie and Wills.

From road ranger, Beaufort, reporting that there had been no impoundings for the month. — Received. Cr. Schlicht — No business for the auctioneer.

The secretary said there was no correspondence from either Mr McDonald or Mr Denigan about the damage to forest roads by Government carting of firewood and timber.

Cr. McKay said Mr Denigan was forwarding a report.

GENERAL BUSINESS.
Cr. Roddis — He had received a complaint about a patch of saffron thistles on Carroll's reserve. — Referred to engineer.

Cr. Schlicht — Were there any applications to rent the Park house?

The secretary gave a negative reply.

Cr. Schlicht — They could get Mr Slee as a tenant, if they could do something to the outside sheds. — Referred to North Riding members, on motion of Crs. Wills and Kirkpatrick.

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RIPONSHIRE REPORTS.

WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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

The following accounts were passed for payment, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, on the motion of Crs. MacPhie and McKay:— Day labour vouchers, £278/9/4; A. M. Parker, £13/18/6; Government Printer £1/10/4; Chartres Pty. Ltd., £1/5/3; Kalamazar, £6/7/8; salaries, £41/18/4; £15/1/8, £30/5/10; Colonial Mutual, £6 15/4; Commissioner of Taxes, £9/7/7; secretary's petty cash, £5; State Treasurer, £83/2/3; L. La Roche, £9/15/5; Dr. Reid, £6/5/5; J. Duke, £1/10/10; E. Crick, £6/10/10; Electricity Supply Department, £3/13/4; H. V. Martin, £6/2/2; S. T. Roberts, £3; L. L. Gillingham, £6; R. Harris, £4/16/6; Commercial Union Insurance Co., 5/; B. & W. Co-op., £2 19/3; Shire a/c., £22/18/9; H. H. George, 10/3; Forests Commission, £2 16/11; Notman Bros., £1/12/12; W. M. Fay, £2; War Damage Commission, £25 1/; J. Barber, £52/10/10; Ronaldson Bros. & Tippett, £2/12/3; Wilson's Motors, £67/1/3; T. Trafford, £1/15/15; Vacuum Oil Co., £1/8/8; engineer's car allowance, £8/12/12; C. Bates, £29/3/11; W. Williams, junr., 17/4; W. H. Cumby £2/18/4; S. George, £5/10/10; J. E. Day, £3/12/6; total, £761/17/17. Country Roads Board Account—Vouchers, £81/15/7; Shire of Ripon, £5/17/17; total, £888/12/10. Sustainance wages, £8/7/7.

The West Riding Committee reported that they met on 8/2/1943; Crs. Kirkpatrick and Willis being present. It was resolved that engineer procure 100 extra planks, 18 ft. x 6 ft. x 4 ft., for Cameron's bridge. When suitable, arrange to repair Fay's road. Make enquiries cost of 20 ft. tower and 10 h. mill to replace mill at Carranballac. Report on rabbits, Watkin's Hill. Raise foundation between O'Loughlan's and Mawallak road.

Adopted.
The Reserves Committee reported that they met on 8th Feby. The motion by Crs. MacPhie and McKay, that the Park house be let to E. Shaw, was lost. Secretary to advertise house to let.

Adopted.
The North Riding Committee reported that they met on 8th Feby. It was resolved that engineer have complaint by Mrs Lancy, Raglan, re water supply attended to.

Adopted.
The Electricity Supply Committee reported that a meeting was held on 8th Feby.; Crs. McKay, MacPhie, and Schlicht being present. Correspondence was read from the Director-General of Man Power, re J. F. Martin. — Permission to be obtained from National Service Officer at Stawell to advertise for a man over 45 years of age or a youth between 18 and 19 years, as assistant at power house at award rate. From Controller Electricity Supply, re engine. — Received. On motion of Crs. Schlicht and MacPhie, the following accounts were passed for payment:—Wages, £62 4/; petty cash, £2; Railway Department, £14/2/5; S.K.F. Ball Bearing Co., £3 1/4; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £2/8/11; British General Electric Co., £1/0/11; total, £84/17/7. The report of the engineer-in-charge was received. The secretary reported a Dr. balance of £500 6/1.

Adopted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and McDonald.
Secretary's Financial Statement.—Sundry receipts banked, £1276/5/3; cheques paid, £540/19/9; Dr. balance, £520/13/8 as against a Dr. balance of £1255/19/2 on 8/2/43. Rldings Account.—North, Dr. £880/18/6; East, Cr. £559 17/2; West, Cr. £687/9/2; Beaufort Water Supply, Dr. £639/4/4; Snake Valley Water Supply, Dr. £64/4/7; Trust, Cr. £10.

Adopted. The secretary.—The general account was about £800 better off than this time last year. The assessments were all out for the war damage insurance.

District Clips.

Dalgety & Co. report (March 4):—MD/Trawalla, sup com 26½d, cbk 1st a 25½d; GG/Beaufort, 1st com 25½d; JR (conj) H/Beaufort, aa merino 24½d, a cbk 22d.

Messrs. Elder, Smith & Co. Ltd. report on 4th March that a further series of appraisements were held in Geelong this week, for which they submitted a catalogue of 3956 bales. Some choice merino and comeback clips drawn from the far Western district were included in the offering; the Wimmera and Central district of Victoria, as well as the border districts of South Australia were also represented. Their highest price for merino was 34½d for Nedley/HB from Balmoral, and a Polwarth clip, Moyno Falls/JWR, was highest in the comeback section at 27d. Proceeds for this series of appraisements are due on Friday, March 19th. Districts sales:—Merino—AM/Buangor, sup com 30½d, 1st pcs 20d; JGB/Willow Bank (Buangor), sup com 30d, a com 26½d, bkn 20½d; LPC/Skipiton, sup com h e 30d, bkn 20½d; JB (conj)/R (Raglan), aaa com 26½d; Yalong/M (Chute), sup h 25½d; WJA/Trawalla, f 22½d; EH/BFT (Beaufort), aa cbk 21d; R/Chepstowe, aaa cbk f h 22½d.

E. J. Strickland & Sons, Ballarat, report on March 5th:—We submitted an average catalogue for our 68th series of appraisements, comprising a mixed selection of wools from our local districts. No extra super clips were included. Our top price realised was 25½d, obtained from the aaa m of J/PGRT from Pig-goreet, closely followed by the super coming of h of CRL/Dowling at 25½d. Proceeds will be available on the 19th inst. District sales:—S/Main Lead (Beaufort), aaa m 23d, aa m 21½d, a m 20½d; AC/Lexton, mf 19½d, aa cbk 19½d a cbk 19d. A further batch of bulk-classed wools was also included and these were appraised at very satisfactory prices. District sales: — S/Main Lead, aaa m 23d, aa m 21½d, a m 20½d, aa pcs 18½d, b and p 10½d; AC/Lexton m f 19½d, aa cbk 19½d, a cbk 19d; cbk 18d, aa xb 16½d.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

Neighboring Shires.

LExTON COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Lexton Shire Council was held on Wednesday, 3rd inst.

A letter was read from J. V. Nothnagel, Beaufort, offering to do work at a bridge on a byroad near Waterloo, if a man could be got to help him:—Left in the engineer's hands.

Among isolated roads where gravel was required, the engineer (Mr Muntz) mentioned the Lexton-Beaufort road, and it was decided that he submit a report on gravel requirements for roads at next meeting.

From Department of Lands and Survey, stating that it had been reported that a frontage to Emu Creek had been occupied by Langi-Kal-Kal Pty. Ltd. In order that action could be taken to license it in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act a report from the Council was desired. — Engineer to report at next meeting.

BEAUFORT V.D.C. — There was a good muster of members of A Coy. of the 20th Bn. at Beaufort, on Friday night, 5th inst., in charge of Capt. C. H. McKay, when a visit of inspection was paid by Capt. R. H. McIntyre (Brigade Major, N.W. Group) and Captain Connor, of Corps H.Q. Lectures of a very informative nature, were given by the visiting officers. Parades were also held on Wednesday afternoon and night, when Lieut. Protheroe gave machine gun instruction.

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GARDEN PARTY.

EFFORT FOR B.N. HOSPITAL.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL RESULT.

Under ideal weather conditions, the annual garden party in connection with the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital was held in the Hospital grounds on Saturday afternoon, and was attended by about 200 residents of the town and district. The financial result—about £80—is very satisfactory and constitutes a record. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr P. T. Stevenson. The ladies and men of the committee, members of the C.W.A. Younger Set, and other helpers conducted several stalls and competitions. A tea basket was won by Mrs J. L. McEwale, a dinner by Mrs C. Vowles, and a trophy and the pegging the claim competition by Miss J. Flynn. Among those present were several Allied soldiers, and one of them had a nice little win. The Beaufort Town Band, under the baton of Bandmaster R. Saddler, played an excellent and lengthy programme of popular music.

Mr A. R. Beggs (president) extended a hearty welcome to all present, and said he was pleased to see so many. The Hospital, like everything else, was being run in difficult times. It cost approximately £1200 a year to run this Hospital. It was a lot of money, but it had to be found. The Hospital was worth while; the number of patients treated last year being about 280. Imagine what it would have meant if they had had to go further afield. That proved conclusively the Hospital was necessary in the district. There was a baby health centre in connection with the Hospital, and that was one thing they gave away free. The babies visiting the institution numbered about 40 per month. He thought they would agree with him when they saw the babies running round that they were a jolly healthy lot. The Hospital fees were, he thought, as low as anywhere they liked to mention. In fact, as someone had said, the Hospital fees were only equivalent to board and lodging without medical attention. Owing to the increased cost of living and the increase in salaries, the committee was going to find it necessary to increase the fees slightly. He was letting them in on the ground floor. The committee regretted that this had to be done, and he assured them that as soon as conditions generally warranted it, the fees would be reduced. The president then introduced and welcomed Mr P. L. Denigan, M.L.A. for Allandale.

Mr Denigan said in the first place he desired to thank the committee for the kindly invitation to come along. He was pleased to see so many well-wishers of the institution here. He also noted the preparations made by the ladies in charge. It was a raceless Saturday, and the men could spend the money they usually invested on the racecourse. As far as hospital work and management were concerned, he had taken a keen interest in them. He had been associated with three district hospitals in the northern areas at Inglewood, Dunolly, and Maldon, and on many occasions made appeals at pleasant Sunday afternoons for them. He was also made a life governor of the Bendigo Hospital for some little action to assist that institution. He could pay a compliment to one Bush Nursing Hospital as far as he was concerned and that was the one at Boort. His daughter had been playing tennis there and some poison from her shoe got into her foot and poisoned her ankle. Early next morning the trouble developed, and she was taken to the B.N. Hospital and attended to by the doctor at the institution within three minutes. The doctor afterwards said if she had been left for another hour there would have been very little hope. The difficulties all hospitals laboured under to-day were more pronounced than ever before. They all met frequently in vari-

ous districts to support some worthy patriotic object, but this and similar charitable institutions should not be overlooked in the rush to do something to save the country and win the war. The B.N. Hospitals had capable medical officers and nursing staffs, who had devoted all their lives to looking after cases of sickness and injury. Some said their troubles had been brought about by increased salaries to nurses. As far as he was concerned, he would say the nurses had not received increases anything like what they deserved. They had to live the same as anyone else. The troubles of medical officers and nurses were increasing, and they were not overpaid. The people should realise what these institutions had done and what they were prepared to do. He understood the membership of the institution in this district was not what it should be. In regard to Government assistance, B.N. Hospitals received very little. It was always held that if an institution received money from the Government, the Government should be the controlling body. There was a danger in that—the creation of bureaucratic control. There were many examples of the good the Charities Board had done, but there was also danger for them in that. They wanted to run the whole show, and the committees of management and staffs had

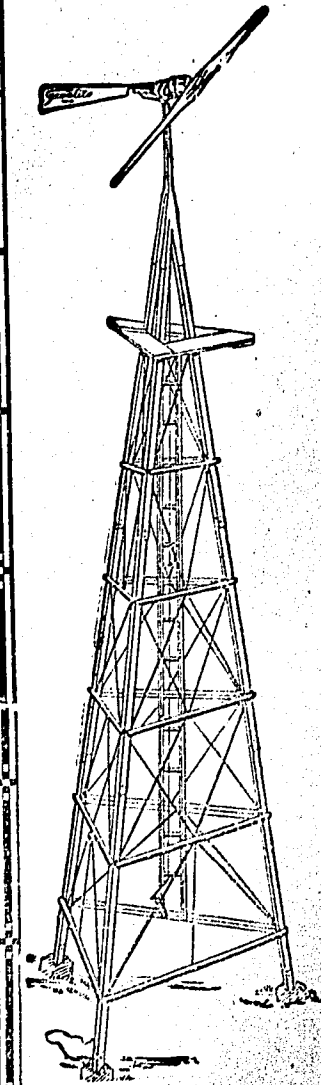
very little say. The spirit of co-operation between the people and these departments was what they wanted to-day. He thought that would be the spirit of the great world order that would obtain when this trouble was over. This institution was well equipped to do a reasonable job as far as this district was concerned. It was well staffed. The cost was little below the ordinary board demanded by some of those guest houses and hotels in the metropolitan area. They were insuring themselves against this trouble and making provision for the future by becoming members of such an institution. Many friendly societies had adopted a hospital contributory scheme. As a member of the A.N.A., for the miserable pittance of 7/6 a year, he could demand from any hospital in Australia 13 weeks' treatment a £3/3 per week. The ordinary contributory scheme for individuals was 9d and 6d per week. Everyone should do something to help himself. He did not want to get sick, and he dodged the nurses and doctors as much as he could. He appealed to the people to do what they could for their own institution. Regarding the maternity section, he believed that most of the hospitals were busier than before. He did not need to urge the people to support to-day's effort, as they had come for that purpose. The com-

mittee and ladies had done their best. He thanked those who had come along to-day. He wished the institution the best in the future, and the loyal support of the citizens of this town and district. He had great pleasure in declaring the garden party open, and asked them to be as generous as they could. (Applause).

AUTUMN CHICKENS.

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ROBERTS. — On the 10th March, at Private Hospital, Ballarat, William P. Roberts, of Middle Creek, dearly beloved husband of Annie, and loving father of Edward, Carrie (Mrs Pryderch), Stanley (A.I.F. abroad), Lindsay (Balk), Alice; aged 67 years.

BEREAVEMENT CARD.

The Family of the late Mrs. M. LYNCH desire to sincerely thank all kind relatives and friends for letters, cards, floral tributes, and other expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Will all please kindly accept this as a personal expression of our gratitude.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1943.

CRIOQUET CLUB. — At the Beaufort Crioquet Club's all-day competition on Wednesday, 3rd inst., the winner of the championship was Mrs N. B. Acton.

TENNIS. — On Wednesday afternoon the lady members of the Beaufort Tennis Club held a doubles tournament, which was won by Messdames W. Ashley and A. M. Parker.

WOOL APPRAISEMENTS. — The Australian Mercantile, Land and Finance Co. Ltd. report (March 9):—WB/Trawalla (Chepstowe), aas 25d, aas 1 21d, aa 20d; JB/Chepstowe, aa fice 24d, a fice 20d.

COLLECTION OF STATISTICS. — Next Monday First-constable S. Emerson will commence the annual collection of statistics in Beaufort and district, and farmers and others are advised to make preparation for his visit.

RAGLAN SPORTS. — The committee of the Raglan Easter Saturday sports met on Wednesday night; Mr W. Wilkinson (president) being in the chair. The various sports officials were appointed. The secretary (Mr C. V. Wylie) stated that he had written to the Beaufort Town Band, asking the band to play at the sports. Numerous details in connection with the sports were arranged. Since last meeting two riding whips and a double-reined bridle have been donated as prizes at the sports.

BALLARAT MARKET. — The following district sales were effected at the Ballarat stock market on Tuesday:—8 cows and bulls, Pickford Bros.; Bun-
gor Park, Buangor, cows to £10/12/6; 2 cows, Mr A. Macrae, Buangor, £11/2/6 to £8/17/6; cow, Mrs Bastin, Chalcum South, Buangor, £9/17/6; 224 merino wethers and ewes, Mr J. V. Liston Carranballac, wethers to 15/1, ewes 17/1 to 10/7, averaging 13/10; 125 merino wethers, Mr W. T. Smith, Beaufort, 23/4 to 16/10, averaging 20/3; 111 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr John Franc Shirley, wethers to 20/3, 2-tooths 16/10 ewes to 16/7; 96 merino wethers, Mr Alex. MacPhie, Chute, to 21/, averaging 17/; 70 comeback wethers, Mr W. J. Anderson, Brewster, 22/2 to 17/7, averaging 20/4; 14 comeback ewes, Mr Robt. Ward, Lake Goldsmith, 12/4; 8 lambs Ball Bros., Raglan, 24/1.



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Pioneers pushed out from the coastal settlements into the bush. They made narrow, indistinct trails that grew into cart tracks and then into roads. Many a romantic story can be read into the cold facts of the official records of this growth.

Governor Hunter started a scheme of road maintenance which had its points. Each farmer was required to lend two men for three days of each week. Superintendents, storekeepers and "persons of that description" were let down lightly, only one man being required from each of them.

COACHING ENTERPRISE. THE coaching business which figured most in Australian history and which became famous throughout the world—that of Cobb and Co.—was commenced in Victoria in 1835 by four Americans. There was much heavy going at first, many trials, and the firm changed hands a number of times. But it finally achieved success un-

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Rutherford was fortunate in assuming control just as the gold rush at Lambing Flat began. It was this rush that gave the coaches their real start. The operations of the company were extended to New South Wales, and for fifty years the head office was located at Bathurst.

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The camel played a far greater part than the average city dweller imagines. This useful animal figured in the development of the dry centre of the continent. Three camels were bought for Australia at Tenerife in 1840, but only one survived the sea voyage. The Burke and Wills expedition imported a fleet of these desert "ships" twenty years later. During a period of extreme drought Cobb and Co. used camels to draw the coaches on the Mount Browne to Wilcanilla run.

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the preference when you wish to buy.

B.N. HOSPITAL.

Committee Meeting.

The president of the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital Committee (Mr A. R. Beggs) was in the chair at the monthly committee meeting on Monday night, at the Shire Hall. There was an attendance of 10 members.

A letter was read from Cr. P. Russell (shire president) stating he was unable to open the garden party owing to petrol restrictions, and forwarding a donation of £3/3.

From Mr P. L. Denigan, M.L.A., stating he would open the garden party. From secretary Beaufort Town Band stating the band would play at the garden party if they could get together.

Letters were received enclosing donations of £12/10/6 for the garden party.

The secretary was instructed to write thanking the donors for their gifts, on the motion of Messrs. McLeod and Currie.

Accounts amounting to £24/12/2 were passed for payment, and a small credit balance reported.

The secretary (Mr P. T. Stevenson) presented a financial statement in connection with the garden party, showing a Cr. balance of £85/12/.

In moving the adoption of the statement, Mr Beggs said it reflected the greatest credit upon the committee and those who had helped. The receipts were a record, and the reason was the energetic work of the committee. He thanked all who had helped, and would like the secretary to write and thank the band.

Mrs R. T. Macdonald seconded the motion in a few, well-chosen words, and said she was grateful to all the helpers.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

Apologies were received from several members who were absent.

Arrangements were made to get some wood cut.

The following visiting committee was appointed:—Messdames A. R. Beggs, M. Hinch, T. Beggs, Messrs. N. S. McLeod, McLean, and Parker.

The president said the meetings would be held at 8 p.m. for the next few months.

The secretary said the Buln Gherin trustees had donated £20 per year for the past two years, and one of the trustees' names should be placed on the honour board.

It was decided that Mr A. R. Beggs' name be added to the list of life members.

Mr Beggs briefly returned thanks for the honour.

Miss Lewis said she had received complaints about the noise at dances at the C.W.A. Hall interfering with the rest of hospital patients. — It was decided to refer the matter to the C.W.A. Mr Beggs said the Finance Committee had, with regret, to write to the Prices Commissioner, asking permission to raise the fees by 7½ per cent. That increase would be added to the account an undertaking had been given to the Commissioner that the increase would be taken off when things returned to normal. The committee was doing a good job in the collection of outstanding accounts.

The following donations were received for the month:—Mr Nothnagel, eggs; Mrs E. Broadbent, vegetables; Mrs M. Brown, jam; Mrs Robt. White, tomatoes; Mrs McKay, cream, scones; Mr Campbell, vegetables; Mrs Oldridge, vegetables, jam; Dr. Humphreys, vegetables, honey; Miss Stewart, fruit, tomatoes; Mrs Hodgetts, cream, sandwiches; Norman Day, rabbit; Mrs Humphrey King Street, peas; Miss Exell, eggs; Mrs C. Bates, vegetables; Mrs J. Kirkpatrick, plums, vegetables.

Mr McDonald said the covering on the floor of the sisters' sitting room was

COUNTRY WOMEN.

GROUP CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES OF ASSOCIATION AT BEAUFORT.

The Beaufort C.W.A. Hall was prettily decorated with dahlias, autumn leaves, Easter daisies, etc., on the occasion of the third group conference of branches of the Country Women's Association held in the town. There was a large attendance of delegates and members; the following branches being represented:—Beaufort, Skipton, Burrumbeet, Waubra, Avoca, Ararat, Willaura, Tatyoon, Elmhurst, and Streatham. Poses were presented to each visiting delegate.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

In a picture of R.A.A.F. pilots in the "Sun" on Friday, 5th inst., who took part in the Spitfire attack on Japanese raiders in the North was Flight-Lieut. Jack Newton, son of Mrs Newton, of Beaufort.

Seated on the dais were Mrs Marfell (State president), Miss A. T. Stewart (group president), and Miss D. Exell (group secretary).

Resolutions to be brought before the State executive and later before the annual conference were discussed.

The balance-sheet of the group which was adopted, showed a credit balance of £19/3/2.

Mrs S. Young (president of the Beaufort branch) heartily welcomed the State president and visiting delegates. Beaufort, she said, was very honoured in having a third conference here.

Miss A. T. Stewart welcomed the State president on behalf of the group; and also Mrs Bill (Central Wimmera) and Mrs Bell (Stawell), and all delegates and members.

Bouquets were then presented to the State and Group presidents.

The State president spoke in appreciation of the warm welcome.

Routine correspondence was dealt with, and apologies received from several absentees.

Accounts amounting to £8/9/10 were passed for payment.

A letter of thanks is to be sent to the auditor.

Miss Stewart said she had enjoyed her term as group president. She had travelled 514 miles and visited each branch at its annual meetings. She congratulated each branch on its excellent work and the money it had raised. She had attended six meetings of the Central Executive; one having been attended by Miss Exell. The annual conference was to be held on 6th, 7th, and 8th July. She touched briefly on the aims of the association.

Branch reports from Ararat, Avoca, Beaufort, Burrumbeet, Skipton, Elmhurst, Carnham, Waubra, Streatham and Willaura were read.

Miss Stewart thanked all branches and the Misses Morrison, O. Young, and D. Exell for their assistance to her during her term as group president.

Miss A. T. Stewart was unanimously re-elected group president for the ensuing year, and returned thanks for the honour.

In the course of an interesting address, Mrs Marfell (State president) congratulated one and all on the excellent reports, their loyalty to the Association, and the good work they were doing. It was 15 years since the inauguration of the association. The speaker then outlined its aims and objects. Their first obligation was to their own branch. Mrs Marfell then dealt with the following peace-time activities of the association:—Home help scheme, Somers' House (which had been handed over to Lady Dugan for evacuee women and children), baby health centres, ambulances, the flying doctor, aerial medical services, free kindergarten, and crippled children. She urged them to keep appeals for these worthy objects before their branches. The speaker also touched on the finances of the association, and the allocation of the result of its annual effort; also dealing with the Younger Set and country crafts. Referring to the war work of the organisation, she described their efforts on behalf of the land army, de facto widows, abuse of liquor trade, the Red Cross, Red Cross emergency service, Australian Comforts Fund, sheepskin vests

and camouflage nets appeals, Empire gift, Million Members Fund, and War Savings groups. She asked all members to carry on their good work. She believed everyone would do whatever she could, and asked them to make the soldiers' wives and mothers their guest members at meetings. It was the little things that created differences, and in the big things of life they were one. She thanked them one and all.

Miss Morrison moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Marfell, which was seconded by Mrs McLean, and carried.

The next group conference is to be held at Ararat in March, 1944, and there is to be only one group conference per year for the duration of the war.

Mrs Young suggested that they should take an interest in the women of the Services, and establish a hostel where they could go and feel it was a home.

Mrs McLean spoke in support.

A member advocated the provision of special railway travelling facilities for young women.

A hearty vote of thanks to the State president, and the Group president and secretary, was moved by Mrs Mills, and carried by acclamation.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 14th MARCH, 1943.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

CONTROL OF DRAG SAWS ORDER.

WHEREAS it appears to me FRED GARNER THORPE, a delegate of the Minister of State for Munitions that drag saws are essential for the defence of the Commonwealth and the efficient prosecution of the war:

AND WHEREAS it appears to me the delegate aforesaid to be necessary in the interests of the defence of the Commonwealth and the efficient prosecution of the war to make the following Order:

NOW THEREFORE I the delegate aforesaid in pursuance of regulation 59 of the National Security (General) Regulations and all other powers me thereunto enabling DO HEREBY ORDER as follows:—

Citation:

1. This Order may be cited as the Control of Drag Saws Order. Definition:

2. In this order—"drag saw" means a mechanically operated power driven cross cut saw.

Application of Order:

3. The provisions of this Order shall extend only to the State of Victoria. Returns:

4. Every person who, at the date of this Order, has any drag saw in his possession or under his custody or control whether on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person, shall, or before the fifteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three furnish to me at No. 499 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, a return giving the particulars set out in the Schedule hereto.

False Statements:

5. A person shall not make any false statement in any return furnished or purporting to be furnished in pursuance of this Order.

Particulars to be given in Return under this Order.

(1) No. of Drag Saws in the possession or under the custody or control of person furnishing return, and where each drag saw is situated.

(2) Make and size of each drag saw.

(3) How drag saw is operated, i.e. whether by Petrol or Kerosene Engine. (A description of the engine should be given).

(4) Engine No.

(5) Year of Purchase of Engine.

(6) Number of Saw Blades with each machine.

(7) Work on which each Machine is being used.

(8) Number of hours during which each machine is being used daily. DATED this Third day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

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DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES.

Skipton.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.

Mr Angus presided, and there was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Skipton Patriotic League on Tuesday evening. Correspondence included replies from several judges who had been approached in connection with the flower show, to be held on March 20th. A letter of thanks was also received for £5 donated to the Welfare Hut Appeal. A request from Mrs Stevens to hold a euchre party at her home on March 16 for Patriotic funds was granted. On the motion of Mrs Bolte and Mr Osborne, it was agreed to engage Mr Saunders as judge for the flower show. Miss Saunders is to be asked to assist Mrs Wishart in judging the decorative section. On the motion of Messrs. Osborne and Rowe, it was decided that the president, Mr Angus open the show. The secretary reported a profit of £3/15/3 from a recent euchre and dance; also a donation of 18/6 from an afternoon euchre run by the ladies. The minutes of the special meeting to deal with a proposal to run a ball on March 26 were read, and Mr Angus explained the result of an interview with Mrs MacKinnon, when it was decided to alter the night to Saturday March 27, when it was anticipated, a number of Allied soldiers would be able to patronise the dance, which is to be run in aid of the funds of the Patriotic League. On the motion of Messrs. Sturgeon and Nicholls, the action of the president was endorsed. A motion by Messrs. Osborne and Rowe, that the dance be abandoned, was lost; only the mover and seconder voting for it. Mr Angus said that Mrs MacKinnon, of Lang-Willi, had offered to provide all the cakes for the dance. The secretary was instructed to engage two women to attend to washing up, etc., at the dance. The secretary was also instructed to try and arrange for an orchestra from Beaufort or Carnham. Mr Anderson promised a 1/2 lb. of tea and Mr Nicholls 1 lb. of coffee. Mr Sturgeon asked that the addresses of all men on active service be sent along to him, so that he could attend to the canteen orders. It was a big job, and he was finding much difficulty in getting the orders away. A discussion arose during the meeting about entertaining local returned men and Allied soldiers. It was explained by various speakers that no slight was intended to the local returned men. The dance arranged for the 27th March was to allow the Allied soldiers to patronise it, if they felt inclined. These men were prepared to pay their own way, and were desirous of making new contacts and new friends instead of roaming around the larger towns. They were not short of money and the money spent at a gathering of this kind, while providing a certain amount of entertainment for the visiting troops, would also benefit the local patriotic funds. It was the opinion of the majority of the meeting that as the first contingent of boys to return home were not entertained at a public function, it would not be wise to arrange a public welcome for the boys who arrived home recently. More than one of the boys has expressed the opinion that as they were only home on leave, they would appreciate a public welcome to a greater degree when finally discharged or when the war was over.

A NEAR MISS.

While attempting to alight from a load of wood on a waggonette on Monday last, Mr E. A. Wise, senr., slipped and fell. He hit the ground with some force, but escaped with a shaking. As Mr Wise has passed the three score years and ten and is a very heavy man he was fortunate to escape serious injury.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Several A.I.F. men are on leave in Skipton. These include Pte. A. Hills, Pte. Chas McKinnon (Bradvale), Pte. H. ("Digger") Wise, Pte. Keith Crawford (batman to Major Alistair McIntyre). Others previously mentioned are still on leave in Skipton. These include Tpr. F. Armstrong and Pte. Kevin Liston. It is understood that Major A. McIntyre will visit Skipton in the near future.

Members of the A.M.F. on leave during the week include Ptes. Wally Wilkie, Les. Wilkie, and Les. Thomas. Aircraftman Keith McLean has been home on leave.

PERSONAL.

The health of Mr Jack Budge, a native of Skipton, now on the postal staff at Hamilton, has been causing his family much concern during the last week. Mr Budge underwent an operation for appendicitis recently, and appeared to be making good progress for a time, but last Saturday the members of his family were summoned to his bedside and a second operation was deemed necessary. At time of writing Mr Bodge's condition was anything but satisfactory. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

OBITUARY.

Mr J. Parrington, senr., of Skipton passed away early on Tuesday morning at the Skipton Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. Mr Parrington had been in ill health for some time, and his death was not unexpected. The funeral took place at the Skipton Cemetery on Wednesday.

RED CROSS BRANCH.

Twenty-four members attended the February meeting of the Skipton Red Cross Society, at which Mrs E. D. MacKinnon presided. After being in recess in January, the branch had two months' collections, etc., in hand. It was reported that the following amounts had been received:—Euchre parties, £5/10/6; stalls, £8/19/9; collection boxes, £16/10/2; Mr and Mrs A. Rowe £1; Mrs J. H. Walker, 7/ (sale of cakes). It was stated that the Skipton Patriotic League had voted £20 each to the Red Cross and P.O.W. Fund. The sum of £40 was voted to headquarters and the following garments packed:—5 pairs pyjamas, 4 long-sleeved pullovers, 28 sleeveless pullovers, magazines. Six new members were enrolled, and Mrs Reid's resignation accepted with regret.

PATRIOTIC EFFORT.

Members of the Patriotic League held a card afternoon on Tuesday. Mrs Donaldson by winning nine games out of 10 won the trophy, but donated it back to be played for again.

Buangor.

PATRIOTIC BALL.

A very large crowd was present at the Buangor Patriotic Club's ball, which was held on Friday evening, 5th inst. The very creditable profit of £34 resulted from the effort. The Buangor Dance Band was in excellent form, and the lively music supplied by them kept the dancers in good fettle all the evening. Guessing competitions were won by Mr Williams and Mr J. Kneebone. A stall conducted by Mrs J. E. B. White, assisted by members of the Red Cross swelled the profits of the evening very

EUCHRE SOCIAL AND DANCE.

There was a moderate attendance at the euchre social and dance on Saturday night, in aid of the Red Cross funds. Mrs Sturgeon was again successful, after a play off with Mrs Tait.

A DESPICABLE ACT OF PILFERING.

A hamper, recently despatched by the local Red Cross branch, was broken into before reaching Melbourne, and several pullovers and pairs of pyjamas

considerably. A very tasty supper was as usual, supplied by the local ladies. Mr J. Kneebone carried out the duties of M.C. in his customary capable manner. Members of the Warrak Dance Band very kindly supplied the music for the extra dances. It was the early hours of the morning before a tired company of dancers made their way homeward; all agreeing that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

PERSONAL.

Miss Flora MacInnes is at present on annual leave, and has gone on a tour of the Gippsland Lakes.

SOCIAL EVENING FOR SERVICEMEN

The local hall was well filled last Tuesday evening; the occasion being a social evening in honour of four local returned men. The guests of the evening were Lieut.-Colonel Bastin, Lieut. W. H. Green, and Trooper W. Matthews. An apology for the absence of Captain P. White was received. Mr H. H. Hooke, in a few, well-chosen words eulogised the soldiers, and was supported by Mr E. Morton, on behalf of the R.S.L. Lieut.-Colonel Bastin suitably responded on behalf of the guests. During the evening items were rendered by Mrs W. Hunt, Mr Ogilvie, and Douglas O'Brien. A tasty supper was served by the ladies. The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

SALVATION ARMY.

Successful harvest festival services were held on Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening by the Beaufort Salvation Army; Captain E. Johnston presiding. On Monday night an entertainment and sale of gifts took place.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

BAND SOCIAL.—The Beaufort Town Band's snowball competition and card social took place on Monday night. Results:—Ladies—Euchre, Mrs A. J. Hughes; consolation, Mrs F. Worsley. Men—Euchre, Mr A. Gercovich; consolation, Mr J. Stewart.

CARPET BOWLS.

A carpet bowls competition was held on Tuesday afternoon by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club. The winning team comprised Mesdames S. Karslake, E. Broadbent, senr., and J. Duke.

THISTLE CLUB SOCIAL.

A card social was held by the Beaufort Thistle Club on Friday night, 8th inst. Results:—Ladies—Euchre, Mrs W. Gillingham; consolation, divided by Mesdames Gillingham, senr., and Beer. Men—Euchre and consolation, divided by Messrs A. S. Duncan and G. Wilding.

F.B. LADIES' CLUB.

The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a card and bowls social on Saturday night. Results:—Euchre—Ladies, Mrs Long; consolation, Mrs Sullivan. Men—Euchre Mr G. Foreman; consolation, Mr Long. Carpet Bowls—Mesdames P. Doull W. Gillingham, Miss J. Smith, and Mr G. Wilding.

PATRIOTIC EFFORT.

At an afternoon entertainment on Thursday, the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club raised £10/7/6 for the P.O.W. Fund. The following programme was given:—Pianoforte solo, Mrs F. Worsley; song, Fred Worsley; accordion solo, Mrs Grant; song, Miss Davis; yodelling song, George Davis; tap dance, Bonnie McDonald; pianoforte solo, Clarice Broadbent. A guessing competition for a goose was won by Miss Armstrong, of Waterloo and the entrance prize was secured by Mrs Beer.

Mr Geo. Boyd of Chute, has made a good recovery from his recent illness and is about again.

Mr R. T. Macdonald has been spending a holiday at Warrnambool.

Mr Fred Worsley, of the Beaufort railway staff, severely bruised his leg while on duty, and has been on leave. Mr Gowen has been the relieving officer.

Trevor Cuthbertson, of Raglan, is holidaying with his cousins, Mr and Mrs M. Williams, of Red Cliffs. He is accompanied by Mervyn Spicer.

Mr A. Roffey, of Glenhuntingly, paid a brief visit to Beaufort on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs H. A. Stowell returned to Beaufort on Wednesday.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

On Saturday, 20th March, on the property, Lake Goldsmith Road, Beaufort, at 3 p.m., Mr Theo. W. Schlicht will hold a sale by auction of land and houses, sheep, furniture, etc., under instructions from Mr P. Lynch, trustee for the estate of the late Margaret Lynch.

Mr Roy Reed, the well-known Ballarat tailor and clothier, will visit Beaufort on Wednesday, 17th March.

Annual Catholic ball, April 9th, at Beaufort Picture Theatre.

First night of four Wednesday nights' euchre aggregate, Mrs E. Sullivan's residence, Wednesday night, 17th.

Raglan Patriotic League gymkhana, Easter Saturday. Entertaining programme of woodchopping, sawing, cycling, horse, and novelty events. Euchre and dance at night.

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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 Auxiliary. — Second Monday in month.

C.W.A. — First Thursday in month.

Flery Creek Masonic Lodge. — Second Wednesday in month.

Mark Lodge. — Fourth Thursday in every second month.

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

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.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The shire engineer (Mr E. J. Muntz) reported as follows at the Council meeting on Monday:—

1. Lands Department, 10/86. This is a road in the bush, south of Snake Valley-Smythesdale road, and near the Canico dam. I am not at all clear why the road is there, or what is to become of the balance of the road, but there seems no objection to a lease.

Clause 1 — Engineer's report adopted and no objection to be offered, on motion of Crs. McDonald and Roddis.

2. In Watkin's Hill, Beaufort-Carramballuc road, on north side, the rabbits have been getting into the old wall to a small extent. This should be broken up. On the south side the whole slope of bank was covered with wire netting buried in earth. Most of the earth has been dug away and should be replaced. In the cutting along west side, they are burrowing in four places. These have been dug out and plugged. If much further trouble is given, the bad places should be stoned up in concrete.

Clause 2 — Referred to West Riding members, on motion of Cr. Kirkpatrick.

3. Culvert on back road to Raglan, opposite old brick kiln, is quite unsafe, though a serious accident is not likely. I would recommend that it be replaced with a 30-inch pipe. There are no concrete pipes of this size on hand, so I have ordered a truck load. They may be difficult to obtain later.

Clause 3 — Cr. MacPhie moved that the engineer's recommendation be adopted in regard to the 30-inch pipe, and his action endorsed concerning the purchase of the truckload of pipes. This was agreed to.

4. I submit a sample of weed which is beginning to give a good deal of trouble in Beaufort street channels. It seems hard to get rid of. Some form of poison seems called for, but if used, this may prove a danger to wandering stock.

Clause 4 — The engineer informed Cr. MacPhie that they called it umbrella fern. An ordinary shovel would not cut it. After the matter of poisoning the weed or killing it with salt had been discussed, Cr. Wills moved that the matter be referred to the North Riding members. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

5. I have ordered windmill and stand for bore at Carramballuc. It will probably take three months to deliver. Cr. Wills was good enough to put bore and pump in order.

Clause 5 — The best thanks of the Council was tendered to Cr. Wills, on the motion of the president and Cr. Schlicht. Cr. Wills — A lady should get that vote of thanks. The man looking after the mill was working at the Lake Bolac flax mill, and his wife made the arrangements. Mr Muntz informed Cr. Kirkpatrick that he had ordered a Bryan Bros.' mill. Cr. Wills said the tank and bore were full.

6. I have prepared estimates for work on the Trawalla West road, and submitted them to the board for approval. The total estimated cost is £115, of which the Council has to provide one-third.

Clause 6 — Adopted.
 7. In view of present weather conditions, I would be glad to know if the Council still considers it necessary to keep the fire cart ready.

Clause 7 — Cr. McKay — He would like to be guided by how much Mr Muntz needed it for other works. He felt the real danger period had passed. Cr. Kirkpatrick — There might be danger in the forest area. They should have equipment that could be loaded from rollers. Cr. MacPhie — They had had nice rains recently, and out their way the bad danger had passed. The ratpayers had had a good "go," and he felt they could dismantle the equipment and utilise the truck for shire work. Cr. Schlicht said Cr. Kirkpatrick's suggestion was a good one. The president — It all took time to put the equipment on the truck, bolt it, and fill the tank. Cr. McDonald moved that the engineer be allowed to dismantle the apparatus and use the truck, and that it be recommended he have a frame made to quickly load the apparatus on the truck. Seconded by Cr. MacPhie, and carried. The engineer — If there was a hot spell, it could be put back for a while.

BEAUFORT A.N.A. — Eight members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., attended the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night at the Mechanics' Institute; Mr A. H. Sands (president) being in the chair. An appeal was received from the Austin Hospital for financial support. — Donation of 10/6 voted. The treasurer (Mr N. S. McLeod) reported a credit balance of £93/9/11 to the general fund, and £35/10/ to the credit of the sick fund. Sick-pay and accounts amounting to £16/7/2 were passed for payment.

THISTLE CLUB. — The Beaufort Thistle Club committee met on Friday night, 5th inst., at the Mechanics' Institute. Mr A. Campbell (chief) was in the chair, and six members were present. The Raglan sports committee wrote, asking for the loan of the club's colours and badges for the forthcoming gymkhana. — Mr Duncan moved that the request be granted. Seconded by Mrs Newey, and carried. It was reported that there was a profit of 13/3 on the last social. Apologies were received from several absentees.

CROWN LANDS SALE. — At a Crown lands sale at Ballarat on Tuesday, the following district lots were sold:—Erambeem, in east of Parish: Upset price £10; charge for survey, £3/2/6. Lot 20, area, 1 a 1r 39p, allotment 923. Valuation of improvements, £6/13/6. (W. G. Glenister, at upset). Carnham, at Snake Valley: Upset price, £3; charge for survey, £1. Lot 27, area 2r 16p, allotment 15 of section 15. Valuation of improvements, £1/2/6. (E. Nunn, at upset).

A.W.A.S. MOBILE RECRUITING UNIT. — A special mobile recruiting unit of the A.W.A.S. visited Beaufort on Tuesday. The unit comprised Sergt. D. Webb, Corpl. E. M. Cooper, and Driver E. Lester. Army liaison officer was Lieut. P. Cogger. The object of the visit was to afford a special opportunity for local girls to secure information concerning opportunities now open in the anti-aircraft branch of the A.W.A.S. work. "Girls are urgently needed for these special operations," Sergt. Webb stated. "Age limits are 18 to 35. There are excellent prospects of rapid promotion, and the work should have direct appeal to country girls who like an active, outdoor life. In addition to the attractive standard rates of pay, every member of the A.W.A.S. is now entitled to deferred pay on completion of six months' service." It was pointed out that full information, leaflets, and application forms are now available from Miss Alma Williams, at the Shire Hall, Beaufort.

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Waterloo Sports Club.

GENERAL MEETING.

At the Waterloo Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night, a general meeting of the local Sports Club was held in connection with the Easter Saturday gathering. It was attended by 13 members, and presided over by Mr J. J. Dunn (president). The president welcomed Mr A. E. Crick.

Mr Crick expressed regret that he was unable to attend the last meeting. He had promised a donation to the Raglan Club, and said if Waterloo was running a sports meeting he was with them. He would give Waterloo the same donation as Raglan. It was unfortunate they were running their meetings on the same day.

The president said Mr Penduck and he had visited Raglan and asked them to hold their hand till Waterloo held a meeting of the club.

Mr Penduck — The annoying part was they were not prepared to wait three days.

Mr Penduck informed Mr C. Lewis he had secured the services of Blay's Orchestra for the Easter Saturday night dance.

Mr W. Kay moved that the membership fee admit the member and his wife and children, under 14, or a single member and lady friend. Seconded by Mr C. Lewis.

Mr G. Boyd moved, as an amendment that as the sports was for a patriotic purpose, the fee only admit the member. Seconded by Mr R. Gardiner.

The amendment was lost.

Mr Penduck, on behalf of Mr Flynn, stated that the hall would be registered for dancing before the dance came off.

In answer to Mr J. McErvale, the president said the club had a credit balance of £70.

A discussion took place on the amount of prize money to be offered; there being some difference of opinion as to whether they would show a profit if they gave big money in the present times of national stress; other members feeling that the club should put on a good programme to safeguard its reputation, and provide the public who had plenty of money at the present time and were bursting to spend it — with a first-class afternoon's entertainment.

Mr W. McErvale moved that £30 be awarded as prize money for a sports meeting and gymkhana, whether they were allowed to have a publican's booth or not. Seconded by Mr R. Vowles.

Mr C. Lewis moved, as an amendment, that the prize money be £45. Seconded by Mr A. E. Crick.

The amendment was carried.

Mr Boyd moved, and Mr Kay seconded, that the president, secretary, and Messrs. Russell, C. Lewis, and R. Vowles be appointed as a sub-committee to draft a programme for submission to next meeting.

Mr C. Lewis moved, as an amendment, that a rough outline of a programme be drawn up that night, to be presented at next meeting; in the event of some events not being allowed, newly events to replace them. Seconded by Mr W. McErvale.

The motion was carried on the casting vote of the president.

Another general meeting is to be held next Saturday night; and it was arranged that the sub-committee meet on the previous Wednesday night.

The secretary was instructed to obtain information about running trots and having a publican's booth.

The matter of running the luncheon booth and a novelty stall and helping in any way they thought fit was left in the hands of the ladies, on the motion of Messrs. Boyd and Crick.

It was decided to engage the Beaufort Town Band to play at the sports, and if the band is not available, enquiries are to be made as to the cost of engaging the Maryborough Pipe

Band. In the event of a working bee being held to get the logs for the woodchops Mr H. Lewis promised to lend his truck and cart the logs free of cost.

It was resolved to take advantage of this generous offer.

Mr C. Lewis donated £1 for a sheep-guessing competition.

The sports are to be insured for £25 against rain.

The matter of a loud speaker and announcer was held over till next meeting.

Messrs. J. Rutherford and A. Laney were appointed gatekeepers, and Messrs C. Lewis and W. McErvale doorkeepers if available.

Prices of admission to the dance were fixed at 2/ for men and 1/ for ladies.

Prizes for the euvre, to the value of 10/6 each, were donated by Messrs. G. Boyd and W. McErvale; in the event of trophies being given by others the donations of Messrs. Boyd and McErvale to be given to the club.

Shire Council.

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Cr. Wills — He moved that standing orders be suspended to deal in committee with a matter about which the Council was going to get a castigation.

This was agreed to, and a lengthy discussion ensued concerning noxious weeds.

Cr. MacPhie — Had anything been done to the Sandy Creek, on the Glut road.

The engineer — He was waiting on the truck.

In reply to Cr. MacPhie, the engineer said nothing had yet been done about the water at Lancy's.

Cr. MacPhie — Mrs Lancy said she could get a man to do it, if she could get permission.

The engineer — He did not think so. They had better leave it as it was, and he would have it done as soon as possible.

The meeting then closed; Cr. Roddie congratulating the president on finishing the business before lunch.

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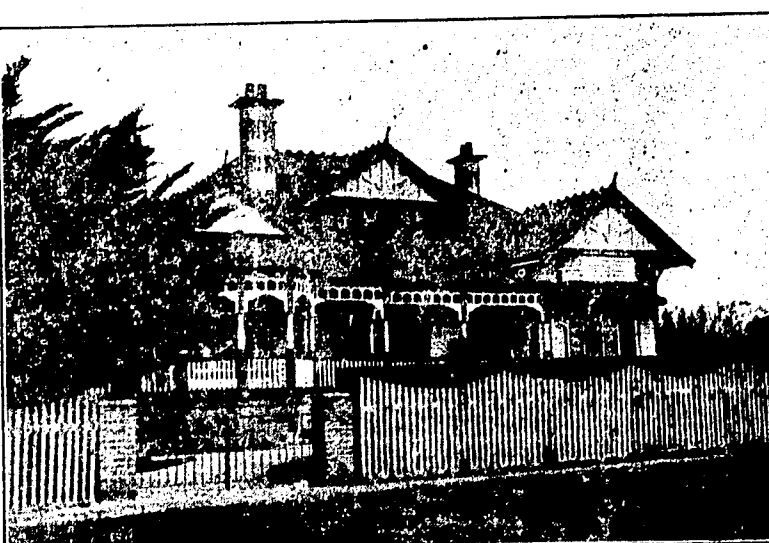
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BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL.

MONTHLY MEETING OF MOTHERS' CLUB.

The president of the Beaufort Mothers' Club (Mrs C. V. Wyllie) was in the chair on Friday afternoon, 12th inst. at the March meeting of that organisation. There was a good attendance of members.

It was reported that £7/7/4 had been raised at a street stall.

A letter was received from the Rating Commission in reference to a supply of sugar for the children's winter hot drinks.

The president extended a hearty welcome to the following old and new members:—Mesdames Lyons, A. Pearce, Matthewson, and F. Wilson.

Accounts amounting to 19/7 were passed for payment.

Mrs Torney reported that she had received a donation of 10/ from Mr S. Young for the street stall.

A donation of three cases of pears for the children was received from Mrs Max Watkin.

It was decided to send a letter of thanks to Mrs Watkin, and also to place a minute of appreciation on the books.

The following donations to the Cocoa Fund were received:—Mrs Cawthorn, 3/; Mrs Vertigan, 2/; cocoa, Mrs G. Gordon.

On the motion of Mrs E. Sullivan, it was decided to purchase 20 lb. of cocoa for the children's winter drinks.

A list of members appointed to conduct the street stall on the following Thursday was read out.

It was reported that the Club had 104 financial members.

Games are to be sent to John Wotherpoon, Laurie George, and Bill Thacker, who are ill.

It was resolved to send a letter to Mrs Max Watkin, sympathising with her in her recent bereavement.

Mrs E. Day wrote thanking the club for the gift sent to her son while in hospital.

It was arranged to hold a social afternoon in May.

It was announced that Mrs Hare was the winner of the trophy, donated by Mrs Wyllie, for securing the most members during last year.

BEAUFORT V.D.C. — The field exercise, known as "the battle for the lanterns," was carried out on Saturday night by the members of the Beaufort Platoon of the V.D.C. There was a good muster of men under Captain C. H. McKay, Lieut. G. Oddie, and the N.C.O.s. The signallers remained at the Shire Hall for practice. On Wednesday night the customary lectures and signallers' practice took place.

POLICE COURT. — Messrs. H. J. Buchanan and T. W. Schlicht, J's.P., presided over the Beaufort Police Court on Monday. Carriers' licences were granted to the following:—James A. Harris (2), William Holman Williams Henry Dawson, and Whitfield Bros.

SHIRE SECRETARY AS LABOUR CANDIDATE. — As a result of the A.L.P. pre-selection ballot recently to select a Labour candidate for the Stawell-Ararat seat in the forthcoming general election for the Legislative Assembly, Mr E. Morton, shire secretary, of Ararat, was successful over Cr. W. G. Wilson, teacher, of Stawell.

SOLDIERS' LEAGUE.

Committee Meeting.

Owing to a V.D.C. parade, the majority of the members were in khaki on Saturday night at the monthly meeting of the Ripon Sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League. Fifteen members were present, and the chair was occupied by Mr C. H. McKay (president).

Correspondence was read from Anzac House, re Anzac tokens and Anzac Day Appeal. Sub-branches were also asked to furnish to electoral officers a list of suitable men to distribute ration books.

A circular was read re soldier settlement matters.

Further correspondence referred to conscientious objectors, the re-printing of "Mufli" editorials in local papers, and the League radio session. Sub-branches were also requested not to allow speakers from a certain political association to address their meetings.

The president said he was not concerned about other ex-servicemen's organisations, as there were 16 after the last war, and only one survived. All that mattered was that ex-servicemen got a fair deal.

From Captain and Mrs Stan Walker Ballarat, returning thanks for letters of sympathy in their recent bereavement — Received.

Mr W. Gleeson, Ararat, wrote, thanking sub-branch for letter of sympathy in the illness of his wife.

Mr F. J. Webster (secretary and treasurer) reported a credit balance of £25/9/11 and a membership of 59.

An account for 5/ was passed for payment.

The president — They had to begin starting to think about Anzac Day, which fell on Easter Sunday. That would make it difficult, as he doubted whether they would get the clergy on that day.

It was resolved to interview the local clergymen in regard to the matter.

In regard to a speaker for Anzac Day, the president said he had one in view.

The president imparted some confidential information in regard to soldier settlement to the members, and said the matter was in safe hands.

The sub-branch's correspondence relating to soldier settlement was acknowledged by the Closer Settlement Committee of the League.

In reply to Mr McLeod, the president said the only concession rate soldiers got was to travel to their own town.

Instances of hardship among servicemen in this connection were quoted Messrs. McLeod, McKay, Webster and McDonough were appointed to draft a resolution in regard to the matter to be sent to the State Council of the League.

In reply to Mr L. Nell, the secretary said only a second schedule man could get assistance for his boy at school.

The president asked Mr Nell to put the case he had in mind in writing, and he agreed to do so.

RAGLAN SPORTS

The following sports programme for Easter Saturday was adopted at a meeting of the Raglan Patriotic League:—

BOYS' RACE, 16 yrs and under, 100 yds.—1st, 2/6; 2nd, 1/6.

BOYS' RACE, 10 yrs. and under, 75 yds.—1st, 2/6; 2nd, 1/6.

BOYS' RACE, under 6 yrs.—1st, 1/; 2nd, 6d.

GIRLS' RACE, 16 yrs. and under, 75 yds.—1st, 2/6; 2nd, 1/6.

GIRLS' RACE, 10 yrs. and under, 50 yds.—1st, 2/6; 2nd, 1/6.

GIRLS' RACE, under 6 yrs.—1st, 1/; 2nd, 6d.

UNDERHAND CHOP, 13-inch logs—1st, £1/10/ and Axe (donated by Mr Wilkinson); 2nd, 10/. Entry, 3/. Entries to be in hands of the Secretary by Saturday, 17th April.

SAWING MATCH, Double-handed, 12-inch logs—1st, £1 (donated by Mr W. Anderson); 2nd, 10/. Entry, 2/ per pair.

BACKYARD CHOP—1st, Trophy; 2nd, Trophy. Entry, 1/.

STANDING BLOCK CHOP, 12-inch logs—1st, £1/10/; 2nd, Trophy. Entry, 2/.

Entries to be in the hands of the Secretary by Saturday, 17th April. (£1 donated by Mr. A. E. Crick).

LOCAL CYCLE RACE, 2 miles—1st, Trophy; 2nd, Trophy. Entry, 2/.

LOCAL CYCLE RACE, 16 years and under, 1 mile—1st, Trophy; 2nd, Trophy. Entry, 1/.

FLAG RACE ON HORSES—1st, 10/; Entry, 1/.

BENDING RACE ON HORSES—1st, 10/; Entry, 1/.

TROT, 1 1/2 miles—1st, £2/2/; 2nd, 10/; Entry, 3/.

TROT, 1 mile—1st, £1 and bridle; 2nd, 7/6. Entry, 2/6. Post entries for both events.

MARRIED LADIES' RACE—1st, Trophy. Entry, 6d.

SINGLE LADIES' RACE—1st, Trophy. Entry, 6d.

BOWLING AT THE WICKET—1st, 10/; Entry, 1/.

STEPPING THE DISTANCE—1st, 10/; Entry, 1/.

MEN'S RACE, 50 yrs. and over—1st, Trophy. Entry, 6d.

LADIES' CYCLE RACE—1st, 10/6 Trophy; 2nd, 2/6. Entry, 6d. Two laps (Gift of Foy & Gibson).

CATCHING THE ROOSTER—1st, Trophy. Entry, 3d.

BOYS' SACK RACE, 15 yrs. and under—1st, 2/6. Entry free.

BOYS' SACK RACE, 10 yrs. and under—1st, 2/6. Entry free.

BEST BOY RIDER—1st 10/ and riding whip; 2nd, 2/6. Entry, 6d.

BEST GIRL RIDER—1st, 10/ and riding whip; 2nd, 2/6. Entry, 6d.

CATCHING THE PIG—1st, the Pig.

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BENDING RACE ON CYCLES—1st, 5/ (donated by Mr. L. Welsh). Entry, 6d.

GUESSING THE WEIGHT OF SHEEP—1st, the Sheep (sheep donated by Mr H. Tucker.)

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Lexton.

PATRIOTIC BALL.

One of the biggest crowds ever seen in the local hall attended a patriotic ball. Visitors came from Ballarat, Beaufort, Landsborough, and Avoca. Blay's Beaufort Orchestra provided music which was appreciated. Mr. B. Briody donated a prize for a competition, which was won by Jim Briody. Among those present were Gnr. Jessie Walsh (A.W.A.S.), Dvr. V. Phillips, Pte. V. Armstrong (A.I.F.), and other members of the Forces. The hall was beautifully decorated by Mrs. S. Wheeler who neatly arrayed flags and bicycle wheels to which were attached lilies and ferns. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Wheeler, and several other ladies are deserving of thanks for their kindness and help. A large profit was made and it is intended to hold another patriotic ball in April.

WELCOMED BACK.

Cr. W. H. Kaye, who met with a serious accident last year, was welcomed warmly when he took his seat at the Lexton Shire Council meeting. Cr. A. Clerk (president), on behalf of the councillors, staff, and the Press, expressed the hope that Cr. Kaye, who was popular with everyone, would enjoy good health for many years. Cr. Kaye, in reply, said words failed to express his feelings to all for their kindness. It did, indeed, give him pleasure to be back again. He thanked them sincerely for sympathy extended to his wife, family and self in their time of trial.

Burrumbet.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

A harvest thanksgiving service was conducted in the Burrumbet Presbyterian Church. The congregation was exceptionally large, and a very stirring address was given by Rev. N. McDonald. The decorations were magnificent. As a solo Mrs. W. A. Walton gave a delightful rendering of the "Te Deum."

DAMAGED BY FIRE.

While travelling along the Western Highway, near the Burrumbet Park, a tractor, with a strawpress in tow, caught fire and was extensively damaged. The press was undamaged, but the majority of the rubber tyres on the tractor were burnt off. Both were the property of Mr. W. Blackmore, of Sulky.

THRESHING AND PRESSING.

Mr. R. Ross has started work in this locality with his thresher and press. He is handling about 500 tons of hay for defence orders.

C.W.A. BRANCH.

The local C.W.A. branch held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. D. G. Walton. The February meeting was held at Mrs. Henderson's, and the April meeting is to be held at Mrs. McCartney's.

JOINED THE A.W.A.S.

Misses L. Nunn and P. McCartney have joined the A.W.A.S.

PATRIOTIC SOCIAL.

The local patriotic committee conducted the second of their fortnightly euche and dance socials. The music was provided by Mrs. Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Turner. Don White and Miss Dawn Henderson won a novelty dance. At the euche tables there was keen competition, as the contest was the start of the euche aggregate. Successful players were:—Men: A. Miller, 1; W. Newton 2. Ladies: Miss A. Burke, Miss D. Lickson, and Mrs. McCartney tied for first.

Snake Valley.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

At the annual meeting of the Snake Valley Mechanics' Institute the vice-

president (Mr. H. H. Roddis) presided. The secretary (Mr. W. E. Gray) reported a credit balance of £42/18/6. Officers elected were:—President, Mr. H. H. Roddis; vice-presidents, Messrs John McKay and Wm. McLean; treasurer, Mr. W. E. Yeoman; secretary, Mr. W. E. Gray; auditors, Messrs. Jas. Whittia and H. H. Roddis. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. N. Drever and helpers for conducting the recent dance for the hall, which raised the sum of £8/3/. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the secretary, Mr. W. E. Gray, for the work he had done for the hall during the year.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A parents' meeting was held in the Snake Valley State school, the head-teacher (Mr. I. Patching) presiding. The committee elected for the ensuing term comprised Mesdames W. E. Yeoman and J. Willis, Messrs. N. McIntosh, P. Yeoman, Les. Greenbank, Jas. Cheeseman, and H. H. Roddis. The latter was appointed chairman and Mr. Jas. Cheeseman correspondent. It was decided to burn grass in the school grounds. A working bee to cart firewood for the school was very successful. Ample wood was cut for the winter months. Recent appointments to school staff are Miss Weatherall, from Mont Albert, and Miss Dann, of Eddington.

CEMETERY TRUST.

The annual meeting of the Carngham Cemetery Trust was held on 27th February. Mr. W. E. Yeoman presided in the absence of Mr. J. Callaghan. After investing £129/12/ in war savings certificates, the financial statement showed a credit balance of £12/13/2. Mr. W. E. Yeoman was elected chairman for the ensuing year, and all other officers were re-elected. It was left in the hands of Mr. Whittia to arrange for a working bee to burn off the grass on a suitable day.

DANCE AND CARD SOCIAL.

A very successful dance and euche tournament was held in the Mechanics' Hall, in aid of the hall funds. Dancers were present from Linton, Happy Valley, Ballarat and surrounding districts. Music was supplied by Misses G. Greenbank, Dulcie Nunn (piano-accordion), and Mr. Selwyn Morgan (piano). Mr. F. Brown acted as M.C. The euche tournament was won by Mr. and Mrs. P. Yeoman. Mrs. N. Drever carried out the duties of secretary.

Amphitheatre.

SERVICEMEN ENTERTAINED.

The local public hall was crowded when several well-known and popular district servicemen were entertained. Crs. D. Keith, W. H. C. Ennis, and Messrs. Les. Neil and John Dridan delivered addresses. Pte. Dridan was warmly congratulated on winning the Military Medal. Music for dancing was played by Mr. H. Cocking (violin), and Miss Alice Cocking (piano). Mr. Jack Walsh officiated as M.C.

GRASS FIRE.

A fire destroyed about 60 acres of grass and some fencing in Pine Paddock, on Amphitheatre road. The fire spread to paddocks on the estate of the late G. P. Howell, but the firemen gradually got control and prevented what might have been a serious conflagration.

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If you want to see your town progress, don't make a practice of trading elsewhere.

Waterloo Sports Club.

A general meeting of the Waterloo Sports Club, held at the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night, was attended by 12 members and presided over by Mr. J. J. Dunn (president).

Officials were appointed to carry out the sports.

The following sports programme for the Easter Saturday gathering was adopted:—

Underhand Chop, 40 in. girth logs—£5/5/, £1/10/, and 10/. Nom., 2/6; acc. 1/6.

Standing Chop, 36 in. girth logs—£5/5/, £1/10/, and 10/. Nom., 2/6; acc. 1/6.

Cycle Race, half-mile—£3, £1/10/, and 10/. Nom., 2/; acc. 1/.

Cycle Race, 1 mile—£3, £1/10/, and 10/. Nom., 2/; acc. 1/.

Boys' Cycle Race, 15 and under—Silver Cup (gift of Mr. G. Loft's) Entry free.

Girls' Cycle Race, 15 and under—10/ trophy. Entry free.

Meany Trot, 11 miles—£4 and £1. Nom., 3/; acc. 1/.

Dunn Trot, 1 mile—£4 and £1. Nom., 3/; acc. 1/.

Footrace, Sheffield Handicap, 130 yds—£3, £1, and 10/. Nom., 3/.

Children's Races. Prizes, 3/ 2/ 1/ each event—Boys, under 14. Girls, under 14. Boys, under 10. Girls, under 10.

Throwing the Basket Ball—5/. Entry, 3d.

Ladies' Nail Driving—5/. Entry, 3d.

Guessing Weight of Sheep—£1 (gift of Mr. C. Lewis).

Beaufort Band parade. Stepping the Distance—10/. Entry, 6d.

Shear Tossing—15/. Entry, 1/.

Ladies' Cycle Race (open)—£1 and 10/ Nom., 1/.

Tug of War, 5 men; teams of unlimited weight—£4. Entry, 10/ (a team)

Mr. Gil. Smith's offer to donate a sheep was accepted with thanks.

Mr. W. Connor was appointed handicapper of the woodchops.

It was decided to interview Messrs. F. S. Latch and E. R. Martin in regard to handicapping the cycle races.

The Ararat and Ballarat Amateur Cycle Clubs have been written to and invited to the sports.

Messrs. Harry Dunn and Jas. L. McErvale are to be interviewed in relation to handicapping the trots.

Messrs. John McErvale and E. C. Penduck were appointed to handicap the principal footracing event.

Messrs. C. M. Flynn and C. Lewis were appointed as handicappers of the children's races.

Misses Betty Russell and Dorrie Tiley were appointed stewards of the basket ball event, and Messrs. R. Vowles and W. Kay stewards of the ladies' nail-driving competition. This is to be run in batches of three; the first home the winner.

It was decided to have teams of five in the tug-of-war, catch-as-catch-can weights.

Mr. Jaeger, of St. Arnaud, and Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co. of Beaufort are to be interviewed in regard to broadcasting the results of the sports.

Mr. W. Kay donated the cost of printing 50 members' tickets, and Messrs. H. and C. Lewis the cost of printing 100 posters.

CROQUET CLUB.—An all-day competition held by the Beaufort Croquet Club on March 3 resulted as follows:—

Mrs. Trafford d. Mrs. Hirsch; Mrs. Macdonald d. Mrs. Stevenson; Mrs. Scriven d. Mrs. Hannah; Mrs. Acton d. Mrs. McNaughton.

Semi-finals—Mrs. Macdonald d. Mrs. Trafford; Mrs. Acton d. Mrs. Scriven. Final—Mrs. Acton d. Mrs. Macdonald.

SPIDER IN EAR.—Mrs. W. Gillingham, of Beaufort, had a very unpleasant experience. A small spider found its way into her ear, and was still alive 24 hours afterwards when extracted by the doctor.

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PATRIOTIC AND COMFORTS CLUB.

A general committee meeting was held in the Shire Hall on Friday, March 12. Present:—Messrs. S. Young (in the chair), N. S. McLeod (hon. secretary), F. S. Latch, C. H. McKay, H. M. Hirsch, F. Webster, Mrs. W. A. Gillingham, Misses H. Miller and A. T. Stewart. Apologies were received for the absence of several members, and the chairman welcomed the newly-elected member, Mr. H. M. Hirsch, who suitably responded. As Friday night has been found unsuitable by some members for meetings, it was decided to hold same on the first or second Tuesday of each month, of which notice will be given to each member by the secretary.

A large pile of correspondence from the troops relative to the receipt of Xmas. billies and canteen orders was read and received. Donations of £10 each were allotted to the Victorian Appeal for the Merchant Navy, Toc H Advanced Hostels, and the Welfare Service Huts. It was resolved to forward from stock in hand at the depot a box of seaman's comforts, consisting of long stockings, sweaters, cuffs, mittens, and caps, to the Victorian Mission for Seamen for distribution. A report of the

drive for 500 club members showed good progress had been made, but the committee feels that intending members should volunteer instead of waiting to be asked for the small amount of 1/ for a membership ticket. Instructions were given to the secretary to order knitting wool to the value of £30. He reported that for a donation of £1 to the Club he had given permission to a travelling show to use a vacant allotment at Beaufort. It was noted that only three on the register were now overseas, namely Pilot-Officer Allan MacDougall (England); Sergeant-Observer J. T. Rayment (England), and A/C.I. Lloyd Tame (Canada). On the general list there are 148 names. Extracts from some of the letters recently received are:—"Last year I received my Xmas parcel on an exciting day at Rayak; Syria, and this year in West Australia. Both were put to good use I can assure you." "I was thrilled when my hamper arrived so unexpectedly, as I did not dream that my home town would remember me." "2/ Aussie is worth 1/7 English, and I find the orders quite handy. Particularly I thank the Club for the billy, sponsored with a card from Miss E. Lewis. English winter is just dense fog, sleet and snow, and the English women do the hardest work under the most difficult conditions, and many are most attractive. My job

is on the world's biggest bomber, so think of me on raids on the Continent." "I shall never forget the kindness of the wonderful little town cradled in the hills near the Great Divide—people of Beaufort, I thank you." "Man to man these Nips are twopence a dozen alongside our boys. No doubt about old Beaufort town. I have not missed a canteen order for over two years." "Conditions in New Guinea, as far as I have experienced, are worse than the Middle East—more mosquitoes, more malaria, and incessant rain. We used to growl at sandstorms over in the East—one would now be welcomed. I am happy to say how the work of the Club is appreciated by myself and comrades."

AUTUMN CHICKENS.

CHICKENS hatched in the Autumn are very quick growers. The Full-ets are laying by Sept., and last year the Cockerels brought fabulous prices at Cup time. In answer to many requests, we are hatching from the middle of March, special heavy-breed Chickens—Australorps and crossbreeds Australorps. These will be extra good Special Offer. — If you have a broody hen, we will supply 20 chicks for £1. Stud Cockerels, closely related to our Burnley Champion, £2/2/ each.

SWEENEY BROS., ARARAT.

DEATH.

SUMMERS. — At Ballarat Hospital, on the 12th March, James, beloved husband of Elizabeth (deceased), and loving father of William (deceased), Albert, Elizabeth (Mrs McDougall) Isabel (deceased), Margaret (Mrs Craig), Mabel (Mrs Barnett), and Eric.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

To look forward is the habit of youth, and backward the privilege of age.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1943.

SNAKE IN YARD. — On Monday night a snake was killed in the yard at Mrs DeBaere's residence, Lawrence Street, Beaufort.

TWO ACCIDENTS IN TWO DAYS. — Mrs A. J. Hughes, of Beaufort, on Thursday accidentally drove a fork through her foot. The evening before she had the misfortune to fall from a bicycle and break her thumb.

LABOR DAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS. — Holiday arrangements are to be observed at the Beaufort Post Office on Monday as follows:—Open for all classes of business, except money order, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Outward mails will close at 10 a.m. The first delivery by postmen will be effected.

TOWN BAND. — The March meeting of the Beaufort Town Band Committee was held at the Shire Hall on Thursday night, and was attended by 10 members and Bandmaster R. Saddler. Mr J. Duke (president) was in the chair. A letter was read from the B.N. Hospital Committee, in appreciation of the band's assistance at the garden party. —Mr Dalrymple spoke in support. Correspondence was received from the Waterloo Sports Club and the Raglan Patriotic League, inviting the band to play at their gatherings on Easter Saturday. —After some discussion, it was decided to defer the matter for a fortnight, on the motion of Messrs. Blay and Duncan. The secretary is to notify the two clubs of this decision. An account for £2/3/2 was passed for payment. It was decided to send a present to John Hughes, who has obtained a position in Melbourne in the railways. Bandmaster R. Saddler reported that the usual practices had been held and the band had played at the Hospital garden party, when they had the pleasure of the company of Pte. G. Barrett, a returned soldier member. Mr Blay had conducted the band during his absence on holidays. It was decided to hold the next amateur hour on Sunday, April 11. A credit balance of £57 was reported.

REMOVING GRASSHOPPER SMUDGES. — When grasshoppers are numerous, motorists compelled to travel through the swarms generally emerge with the front mudguards and windscreen covered with a thick, gummy substance, the result of thousands of the pest being squashed on impact. This substance is extremely hard to remove by washing in the ordinary way. An easy and effective method of removal says "The Radiator," the official journal of the R.A.C.V., is first to wet the surface to be cleaned; then take a handful of long, green grass, free of grit, wet it and use it in the same manner as chamomile leaves. This method acts like magic, and if the grass is free of grit, no damage will be done to the duco. Of course, motorists living in hopped infested districts generally use a screen to cover the radiator grille, but the screen does not always fully protect the front mudguards and other parts of the bodywork.

DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES.

Skipton.

EFFORT FOR WAR NURSES' FUND.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs Stevens on 16th March when an effort was made to raise money to assist the Victorian War Nurses' Special Fund. The evening was a social and financial success. The winners of the card party were Mrs R. Wilkie and Mr H. Bolte. Mr G. Anderson secured the entrance prize, and a competition for a fowl was won by Miss Hester Andrews.

PERSONAL.

Mrs W. Sue, of Gol Gol, N.S.W., is on a visit to her sisters, Mesdames L. Gardiner and A. Johnston.

Mrs Reg Graham is spending a holiday with her parents, Mr and Mrs W. Sturgeon.

Mrs J. Balfour, with her small daughter, is on a visit to her parents, Mr and Mrs A. P. Notman.

Mrs W. Martin, of Skipton Street Ballarat, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs Val Nicholls.

Rev. G. L. and Mrs Johnson are at present on their annual holidays.

Mrs F. Ellingham has returned from a holiday spent in Melbourne.

Miss Edna Cliff, who is on the staff of the Bush Nursing Hospital, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Monday last.

AN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.

Miss Verna Wise, who is on the Hospital staff, was the victim of an unusual accident on Saturday night. When she was about to take part in a dance with a girl friend at the local hall, the pair came into collision with an Allied soldier. Miss Wise received a severe blow on the nose, and had to receive attention for a compound fracture of the nose.

RETURNED SOLDIERS HONOURED.

The National Anthem opened the proceedings at the Soldiers' Club Room on Saturday night, when a function was held in honour of returned men. The following returned servicemen were present:—Ptes. F. Armstrong, A. Hills, V. Cobden, C. McKinnon, K. Crawford, R. Goodall, Alan McIntyre, Ray Howell, Mervyn Howell, F. Rowbottom, Kevin Liston and an Allied soldier, Corpl. Manna. Apologies were received from Major Guthrie, Ptes. Chester Megee, H. Wise, and L.A.C. Arthur Smith.

The gathering took the form of a smoke night. Refreshments were provided in abundance, and a pleasant evening was spent by all. The principal speakers were Mr U. O. Thomas (president), supported by the past president, Mr A. Rowe. Captain G. Primrose, Captain G. Chirnside, Colonel C. M. Chase, Major J. Main, Corpl. S. Stretch and others also spoke. Responses were made by Ptes. A. Hills, Alan McIntyre, K. Crawford, F. Armstrong, and F. Rowbottom. Captain W. Moysey, of the V.D.C., was also present. The secretary was instructed to thank the following for gifts of drinks, sandwiches, sausage rolls, etc.—Mr W. Liston (Skipton Hotel), Mrs Harrison (Linga Longa Tearooms), Mr A. Rowe, Mrs Nash, and Mr R. Atkins.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Skipton sub-branch, R.S.A.L.L.A., was held on Saturday night. Mr G. Primrose was voted to the chair for the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—President, Mr U. O. Thomas; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Primrose, C. M. Chase, Bart Phillips, and Alf. Smith; secretary and treasurer, Mr P. Nash (re-elected); auditor, manager National Bank. The secretary was instructed to purchase Anzac badges for sale, in aid of the Distressed Diggers' Fund. Arrangements for meetings were left in the hands of the president and secretary to be held, when required, after V.D.C. parades, to save travelling. A minute

of appreciation is to be placed on the books for services rendered by the past president, Mr A. Rowe. At a meeting held on the previous Saturday, accounts were passed for payment, and the secretary was instructed to write to Anzac House, regarding the erection of a headstone on the grave of the late Pte. T. E. Walker. The following annual report was presented by the secretary (Mr P. V. Nash):—In presenting the annual report and balance-sheet for the year ending 31/12/42, I am pleased to say the branch finished with a credit balance of £19/10/5. In addition £10 was subscribed to the War Loan. Membership dropped from 68 last year to 49 this year. Mr U. O. Thomas represented the branch at the annual conference, and I wish to thank him for attending same and returning to the branch in the form of a donation, half the delegate's expenses. A farewell social was given to Mr H. Bruce, who joined the A.I.F., and also to Mr W. Worrall, who has taken up war work in Melbourne. Mr H. Bruce was presented with a past president's certificate, and also Mr Rowe as past and present president. The Anzac service was held in the Mechanics' Hall, as usual, but was not so well attended as in former years. Following the service, the usual pilgrimage to the Avenue of Honour was dispensed with, and members marched to the Club Room and placed a wreath on the new Honour Board, made and donated to the branch by Mr Frank Touhy. The brass name plates, which were originally on the treeguards in the Avenue of Honour, were donated by the late Mrs F. Austin, of Mt. Widderrin and were replaced about three years ago by the Ripon Shire Council with cast iron plates. The Anzac tokens and poppies were sold (100 of each) and I wish to thank all who helped in disposing of same. "The Last Post" was sounded towards the close of last year for one of our oldest members, Mr J. Merton. In conclusion, I wish to thank our president, Mr A. Rowe, for his valuable assistance throughout the year and all members for their support, and hope the incoming year will be more successful than the past year.

BUANGOR.

RED CROSS BRANCH.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Buangor Red Cross, the chair was occupied by the president (Mrs J. E. B. White). There was a good attendance of members. A letter of thanks, acknowledging the receipt of 8½ doz. face washers and 6 doz. white handkerchiefs was received from head quarters. A donation of 10/ was gratefully received from Mrs G. Brebner, Members' weekly subscriptions amounted to £2 3/9 and afternoon tea receipts to 7/.

PATRIOTIC CLUB.

The monthly meeting of the above club was held on Tuesday evening last; Mr H. H. Hooke being in the chair. Correspondence was received and two accounts passed for payment. Mr F. C. Hughes was elected secretary on the motion of Messrs. G. Brebner and J. K. Pickford. The balance-sheet of the ball recently held was discussed, and a profit of approximately £35 will result. Canteen orders are to be sent to the men on active service.

THE CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The distribution of prizes to the Sunday school scholars took place at the morning service last Sunday. Books or war savings stamps were presented to each child attending the school throughout the year.

The annual congregational meeting is to be held on 22nd inst.

Arrangements have been made for Miss Rene Watkins, the organising secretary of the Presbyterian Girls' Fellowship, to visit Beaufort next week-end.

WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.

District Clips.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Ltd. report (March 12):—HHG/Main Lead (Beaufort), com 20/d.

RED CROSS BRANCH.

Fortnightly Meeting.

There was a good attendance on Thursday afternoon at the fortnightly business and work meeting of the Beaufort branch of the Red Cross Society. Several members unable to attend sent apologies. A notification was received from headquarters that booklets ordered had been sent on. It was decided that sewing be continued till 5 p.m. at each meeting. The following donations were received:—Mrs Cording, tea and sugar; Mrs J. Franc, 10/; magazines Mesdames Skene, J. F. Wotherspoon and Miss Dalgliesh; Jars, Mrs Jackson and Miss Athol Glenister.

OBITUARY.

An old and highly respected resident of the Skipton district, in the person of Mr John Parrington, passed away at the Skipton Hospital on Tuesday, March 9th. Mr Parrington, who had almost reached his 88th year, was a familiar figure about the town until a few weeks prior to his death. Although in indifferent health for some time, he was up and about the house two days before death claimed him. He was of a jovial disposition, and always had a cheery word and a smile for everyone. He was employed at Chatsworth House for 25 years, and on his retirement, returned to Skipton to live, and had resided there for the last 16 years. His funeral took place to the Skipton Cemetery on Wednesday, 10th March, and there was a large and representative gathering at the graveside. The coffin-bearers were Pte. J. W. Parrington (son), Messrs. T. G. Cook and M. Thomas (sons-in-law), A. H. Walker (grandson), J. J. Grimmer, and C. Parrington (nephews). A number of beau-

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.

Fleury Creek Masonic Lodge. — Second Wednesday in month.

Mark Lodge. — Fourth Thursday in every second month.

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

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.

Golf Club. — In recess.

HANDS OFF PRIMARY PRODUCTION

—Hands off primary production will be the policy of Mrs Harold Brushfield, of Curdievale, who will contest the Corangamite seat as an Independent at the next Federal election, and will be supported by the Women to Canberra movement.

RE-ERECTING SIGNPOSTS.

—The R.A.C.V. has been informed that in certain places, road direction signs are to be replaced. A National Security Order was recently passed exempting certain roads from the order directing the removal of signs. These exemptions include all road direction posts and name boards on railway stations, provided that:—(a) Any such direction post or name plate is erected in such a manner that it may easily be removed or destroyed; (b) the lettering shall not be higher than 4 inches; and (c) that the name of any city, town, or place in an attached schedule shall not appear on any road direction sign or name plate. Then follows the names of 22 cities and towns, the names of which may not be placed on any direction posts.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

F.B. LADIES' CLUB. — The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held the customary card and carpet bowls social on Saturday night, and there was a good attendance. Results:—Section 1—Euchre Mrs I. Waldron; consolation, Mrs L. Stephens. Section 2—Euchre—Mrs J. Duke; consolation, Mr G. Wilding. Carpet Bowls—Mesdames J. Duke, A. McGregor, H. Lardner, Messrs. G. Foreman, and Anderson.

CARPET BOWLS. — The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a carpet bowls competition on Tuesday afternoon, and the winners were Mesdames W. Torney, A. M. Parker, and Miss L. Smith.

BAND SOCIAL. — The Beaufort Town Band held the usual card social on Monday night in conjunction with the snowball competition. Results:—Section 1—Mesdames J. Duke and L. Stephens divided the euchre and consolation prizes. Section 2—Euchre and consolation prizes divided by Miss E. Smith and Mr A. McGregor.

F.B. LADIES WELCOME MRS J. R. HUGHES. — At the usual social gathering of the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Social Club on Tuesday afternoon, there was a pleasing interlude. An invitation had been sent to the former president (Mrs J. R. Hughes) to be present. That lady, who has recovered from a serious illness, was presented by the president (Mrs W. G. Gillingham) with a beautiful bouquet. Mrs Gillingham remarked that they were all very pleased to see Mrs Hughes back and taking part in the game again. Mrs Hughes complimented the members of the club on the fine work they were doing for the fighting Services, and thanked them for their kind invitation and the lovely flowers.

CARDS AND BOWLS. — On Thursday night the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre and bowls social. Results:—Section 1—Euchre and consolation divided by Mrs J. E. Day and Tpr. Bob Crocker. Section 2—Euchre won by Mrs Beer; consolation divided by Mesdames Coles and Gillingham, senr. Carpet Bowls—Won by Mesdames Lardner and Gillingham, senr., and Messrs. J. Stewart and G. Wilding.

CARD SOCIAL. — On Wednesday night a card social was held at Mrs E. Sullivan's residence. Results:—Ladies—Euchre, Mrs F. Worsley; consolation Mrs M. Anderson. Men—Euchre, Mr E. Charles; consolation, Mr A. Hughes. Secret table prizes—Mesdames Willis and Hare. Competition—Robt. Stephens.

C.W.A. YOUNGER SET. — The monthly meeting of the Beaufort C.W.A. Younger Set was held in the Club Rooms on March 15. Several apologies from absentees were received. The president (Miss Joyce Hall) welcomed two new members, Misses Elma Buchanan and Pat Sullivan. The balance-sheet of the dances showed that the proceeds had been satisfactory. It was decided to donate £5 to the local Prisoners of War Fund, and £5 to the fund opened for the "Fuzzy-Wuzzy Angels." A dance is to be held on March 26, and Blay's Orchestra engaged.

YOUNGER SET DANCE. — A dance was held in the C.W.A. Hall on March 12, and there was an excellent attendance. Visitors were present from a neighbouring convalescent depot, the R.A.A.F., and Allied Forces. Blay's Orchestra was engaged, and a novelty dance was won by Mr G. Davies and partner. Miss Joyce Hall welcomed the visitors, and W.O. Wood responded on their behalf, and said they would like to come again in the near future.

Mr and Mrs Frank Wilson have returned to Beaufort to reside, after several years in other parts of the State; Mr Wilson, who is a railway employee, having been transferred to this town.

Mr Harry Ball, of Beaufort, who has been ill for some time, is making satisfactory progress.

Mr and Mrs R. King, of Beaufort have gone away for a holiday.

Mr R. Simpson, of Beaufort, has returned from a holiday in Melbourne.

Mr G. McGregor and Miss Thelma McGregor, of Beaufort, have gone to Melbourne for a holiday.

Mr and Mrs R. Saddler, of Beaufort have been away on holidays.

Mr G. Quigley, formerly of Main Lead and now a resident of Melbourne, has been visiting friends in the Beaufort district.

John Hughes, son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Hughes, of Beaufort, has obtained a position on the railways in Melbourne.

Mr C. Dowling, of Terang, has been spending a holiday with his wife and daughter at Beaufort.

COMING EVENTS.

Euchre at Mrs M. Kelly's residence Wednesday night, 24th inst.

At the Raglan Patriotic League's gymkhana on Easter Saturday, there will be woodchops, trots, cycling, sawing, and novelty events.

Band Amateurs Hour, Sunday, April 10. Artists please enrol.

Donations of cocoa, sugar or cash for the school children's winter cocoa fund will be thankfully accepted by the Beaufort Mothers' Club.

Tenders are invited for grazing leases of the Beaufort Golf Course (40 acres) and Young's paddock (8 acres) for 12 months. Conditions are advertised. Tenders close with Mr R. K. Cording, 6 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

WET CHARCOAL. — If you are on a trip and suspect wet charcoal, lift the hopper lid after running about 10 miles, says the R.A.C.V. As you lift the lid, stand clear, as a "pop" will occur when the unburnt gas ignites. If charcoal is wet, steam will rise and drops of water will collect on lid. Leave hopper lid open for a few minutes and allow steam to escape and charcoal to dry out. Top-up more frequently on long runs when using wet charcoal, as the added charcoal will soon become dry. If the hopper is allowed to burn low and considerable re-fuelling becomes necessary, excess steam will be generated. Refuel immediately a stop is made, instead of waiting until the journey is to be resumed. During the stop, keep hopper lid open slightly. Charcoal will dry when you are ready to move off.

FIREMEN HONOUR A.I.F. OFFICER. —Lieut. W. G. Green, of the A.I.F. who served abroad for nearly 2½ years was the guest of honour at a function held by the Beaufort Fire Brigade on Wednesday night at the Fire Station. He was formerly secretary of the brigade. Captain J. Duke, who presided said they were proud of Lieut. Green and hoped the time would not be far distant when they would have all their firemen now in the Forces back again. Every man in the brigade was looking forward to that time. He explained how the brigade had been carried on by the older men and boys. All the firemen and junior firemen present spoke in support of the captain. An apology was received for the absence of Foreman G. Gordon, Lieut. Green, in the course of a very neat response, spoke in appreciation of the warmth of the reception given him, which, he said, had impressed him. He referred to the sterling service rendered by the Fire Brigade Ladies' Club in keeping in touch with the men overseas. It was, with mixed feelings, he came along here, as he was just in the transitory stage. Nothing would give him greater pleasure than to see the brigade win some of the prizes at demonstrations after the war. He would always have a warm spot in his heart for the Beaufort Fire Brigade. The speaker also made a few appreciative remarks in regard to the magnificent work overseas of the Australian Comforts Fund and the Red Cross.

JUDICIAL AND LAW NOTICES.

WILLIAM PHILMORE ROBERTS, of Middle Creek, in the State of Victoria, farmer, deceased. —After 14 clear days, Hector Edward Alexander Roberts, of Middle Creek, aforesaid, farmer, the sole executor appointed by deceased's Will, dated the 18th day of January, 1943, will apply to the Supreme Court for a grant of Probate of the said Will.

SAMUEL YOUNG, Solicitor, Beaufort.

THE Beaufort Mothers' Club wishes to announce that any donations of Cocoa, Sugar, or Cash, towards the School Children's Winter Cocoa Fund will be thankfully accepted. **B. WORSLEY,** Hon. Secy.

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BAND AMATEUR HOUR, Sunday, April 11th. Artists please enrol.

RAGLAN PATRIOTIC LEAGUE GYM-KHANA, Easter Saturday, April 24. Woodchop, Trots, Cycling, Sawing. Events for Everyone. Make a note of the date — **EASTER SATURDAY.** C.V. WYLLIE, Hon. Secy.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 21st MARCH, 1943

Church of England: — Beaufort, 8 and 7; Learmonth, 11; Waubra, 2; Tra-walla, 3.30—Rev. W. J. Tame, Beaufort, 11—Lay-helper.

Methodist Church: — Beaufort, 11 and 7; Main Lead, 2; Raglan, 3.15—Rev. W. R. Harrison.

Presbyterian Church: — Lexton, 11; Waterloo, 3; 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. — Captain E. Johnston.

V.D.C. PLATOON. — At Wednesday night's parade of the Beaufort platoon of the V.D.C. Corpl. R. Cording gave an informative lecture on intelligence work and identification of aeroplanes.

UNSIGNED LETTER. — We have received a letter over the nom de plume of "Disgusted Ratepayer." Publication is withheld until the writer calls and leaves at this office his or her signature and address as a guarantee of good faith.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC BALL, April 9th. Beaufort Picture Theatre.

EUCHRE, at Mrs M. Kelly's Residence, Wednesday, 24th, 8.30 sharp. Cash Prizes. Supper.

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TENDERS are hereby called for the lease of the Beaufort Golf Course (40 acres) for grazing sheep only, for a period of 12 months from the 31st March, 1943. Usual conditions. Tenders must be lodged with the Secretary by 6 p.m., Thursday, 25th March. **R. K. CORDING,** Hon. Secy.

TENDERS are hereby called for the lease of the paddock known as "Young's" (8 acres), for the grazing of sheep, or cattle, or both, for a period of 12 months from the 6th May, 1943. Returning as for Golf Course. **R. K. CORDING,** Hon. Secy.

JUDICIAL AND LAW NOTICES.

WILLIAM PHILMORE ROBERTS, of Middle Creek, in the State of Victoria, farmer, deceased. —After 14 clear days, Hector Edward Alexander Roberts, of Middle Creek, aforesaid, farmer, the sole executor appointed by deceased's Will, dated the 18th day of January, 1943, will apply to the Supreme Court for a grant of Probate of the said Will.

SAMUEL YOUNG, Solicitor, Beaufort.

THE Beaufort Mothers' Club wishes to announce that any donations of Cocoa, Sugar, or Cash, towards the School Children's Winter Cocoa Fund will be thankfully accepted. **B. WORSLEY,** Hon. Secy.

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BAND AMATEUR HOUR, Sunday, April 11th. Artists please enrol.

RAGLAN PATRIOTIC LEAGUE GYM-KHANA, Easter Saturday, April 24. Woodchop, Trots, Cycling, Sawing. Events for Everyone. Make a note of the date — **EASTER SATURDAY.** C.V. WYLLIE, Hon. Secy.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 21st MARCH, 1943

Church of England: — Beaufort, 8 and 7; Learmonth, 11; Waubra, 2; Tra-walla, 3.30—Rev. W. J. Tame, Beaufort, 11—Lay-helper.

Methodist Church: — Beaufort, 11 and 7; Main Lead, 2; Raglan, 3.15—Rev. W. R. Harrison.

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FOR THE EMPIRE.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

EXPERIENCES OF LOCAL PILOT WITH THE R.A.A.F.

Among those who have returned from active service abroad to Beaufort is Flying Officer John S. Newton R.A.A.F. On enlistment early in 1940 he completed his initial training on various New South Wales aerodromes and was selected to proceed to Canada to complete his training as a pilot. After a severe course during the rigours of a Canadian winter, in which snow-covered dromes were a feature, he passed out as a Pilot Officer. In accordance with the Empire Air Training Scheme, his next posting was to Great Britain, but on the way he disembarked in Iceland—a country very different from his homeland. Night pony racing and canoe pulling were the popular amusements in the short summer, but the strangest phenomenon was daylight until the hour of midnight. Vegetation on the island was very scarce, but the farms were heavily stocked with poor rough sheep, and the only town of any consequence is the capital, Reyjavik. During his stay American troops arrived and jointly occupied the country with British troops who had preceded them. The next stage was operational flights in Wales, and a qualification to fly Spitfires was attached to a Spitfire squadron, consisting practically of Australians. This squadron did convoying duties over the Irish Sea for some time and was then transferred to a fighter station in the South of England. Months of convoying work over the Channel, escorting bombers over France and Belgium, and daylight fighting patrols over the towns of Abbeville, St. Omer, Calais, and Dunkirk, in occupied France followed, in which the squadron was very successful, with very few losses of personnel. His transfer to Australia has been accompanied with promotion to Flying-Officer. A long voyage home through the Atlantic and Indian oceans, though devoid of major incidents, did not enable him to regain the weight lost by him during strenuous combats in the French war zone with hundreds of flying hours in various aircraft, he is strongly of opinion that there is no plane equal to a Spitfire.

Captain Ivan Hare, who has been awarded the Military Cross, was killed in Egypt on Nov. 1. His name is mentioned in the last list of awards. He was educated at the Church of England Grammar School, Ballarat, and he was one of the keenest and best Scouts connected with any branch in Ballarat. At the time of his enlistment at the outbreak of war, he was a master at St. Peter's College, Adelaide. Captain Hare was in the siege of Tobruk for eight months, and then went to Egypt. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Hare, of Drumcondra, Geelong, and the nephew of Mr and Mrs S. Young and Mrs R. E. Halpin, of Beaufort. He is survived by a widow and two children. Sister Jean Oddie, of Chepstowe, the popular matron at 108 Hospital, has been enjoying two weeks' holiday before taking up her new duties as matron with her old unit. Lance-Corpl. John William Bell, who has been awarded the Military Medal for services in the Middle East in 1942 was once a pupil at both Shirley and Middle Creek schools. He returned from abroad, after nearly 2½ years' service. He is a grandson of Mr Richard Bell, of Shirley, whom he visited last week for a couple of days, and his parents reside at Merino.

In the last casualty list issued by the Minister for the Army, Pte. J. G. Howlett, of Snake Valley, is reported wounded in action. Pte. Roy Hancock, who returned from service abroad nearly a year ago

and has since been serving in Australia has been home to Beaufort on leave. Corpl. Rex Dunn, of Chute, has been promoted to sergeant. He has been on special duty in a Pacific island, and is now back in Australia.

Pte. Peter Schlicht, who has been serving in New Guinea, and has been wounded, has returned to Australia, and came home to Beaufort on Monday night.

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Sergt.-Major Graham Buchanan, son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Buchanan, of Beaufort, who was recently very ill in another State, is now convalescent.

Pte. Reg Davey, of Beaufort, has been in the town on leave.

Pte. Tom Lewis has been spending his leave in Beaufort.

Pte. Ken Johnston, who has returned from service overseas, has been visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs H. Johnston of Beaufort.

Seaman T. Thacker, R.A.N., of Beaufort, was home on leave for the week-end.

Corpl. J. King has been home to Beaufort on leave from another State.

OBITUARY.

MR CHAS. MANN.

The death occurred on 18th March at Ballarat, of Mr Chas. Mann, a respected resident of Lexton. Deceased was 80 years of age, and his wife predeceased him. He leaves four daughters and four sons. His remains were interred in the Lexton Cemetery on Friday.

MRS. M. LANCEY.

One of the best known and most highly respected residents of Raglan, Mrs Margaret (Madge) Lancey, wife of Mr George Lancey, passed away at the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital on Thursday. Mrs Lancey, who was 76 years of age, had been failing in health for some time. She was a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Malcolm Nicholson, pioneer residents of Mt. Cole, and had resided in the district all her life. She endeared herself to all who knew her by her kindly ways and neighbourly acts, and always took a keen interest in every movement for the advancement of the district. She leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn their loss. Her husband (Mr Geo. Lancey) and son (Mr Ronald Lancey) reside in Queensland, and were on their way to Victoria when Mrs Lancey died. Her daughter, Miss Marjorie Lanfey, is a resident of Raglan, a sister of deceased is Mrs J. Wise, of Elmhurst, and Mr John Lancey, of Raglan, is a brother-in-law. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives. The remains of the late Mrs Lancey were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery on Thursday afternoon; the funeral leaving the Presbyterian Church after a service there, which was conducted by the Rev. J. P. MacDougall, who also officiated at the graveside. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, and many beautiful floral tributes of sympathy were received. The chief mourners were Mr John Lancey (brother-in-law), Mrs J. Wise (sister), Mr and Mrs E. J. Lancey (nephew and niece), Mr and Mrs Geo. Willis (nephew and niece), Messrs. Roy and Frank Wise (nephews), Miss Elsie DeBaere (niece), Mrs Twining (niece), and Mr and Mrs W. Kay (niece and nephew). The following acted as coffin-bearers:—Messrs. Roy and Frank Wise (nephews), Max Watkin, and W. Wilkinson. Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son, of Ballarat and Beaufort, were the undertakers.

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SHIRE OF RIPON.

Beaufort, 16th March, 1943.

£100,000,000 THIRD LIBERTY WAR LOAN.

Dear Sir or Madam,— On behalf of the Shire of Ripon War Loan Committee, I desire to commend to you the above Loan.

My Committee is gratified that our quotas for the previous Loans were obtained by the residents of the district.

In this Loan our quota is £18,000, and 150 subscribers are required, so our efforts will have to be greater. There are few of us who cannot do something to help, at least by the purchase of a £10 Bond by instalments. Will you do your part?

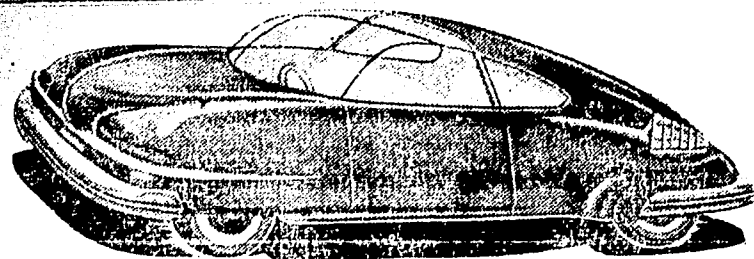
Ordinary standards cannot count at such a time. Ordinary buying and spending can have no place when Australia's survival depends upon the proper use of every ounce of manpower, every scrap of resources, and every penny.

It is vital that our fighting men shall be properly equipped to enable them to meet the enemy on at least equal terms, and a duty devolves upon those of us who are not members of the Forces to ensure the success of the Loan.

Subscribe to this Loan to the best of your resources. Think of the men who are fighting for YOU—AND LEND.

If you are subscribing to the Loan through a Bank outside the Shire, ask your banker to advise the Shire Secretary of the amount (not necessarily your name), so that the Shire will be credited with the amount.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP RUSSELL, President.



AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION, gained from leading designers' forecasts, of the "shape of the car to come."

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SENSEING the wide public interest in the future car, star reporters interviewed the leading American minds on car design, and the following is a condensation of their collective thought.

Smaller, but highly efficient motors, using super-octane fuel, will drive better functionally designed cars, liberally constructed with plastics and sold at lower prices within the reach of new millions. The future engine need not weigh more than 2 lbs. per horsepower, nearly half its present weight. This will bring greater fuel economy, giving thirty miles more per gallon of fuel. . . . 300-horsepower fuel will develop 50 per cent. more horsepower from which will increase the mileage obtained. Clear plastic for car tops will increase visibility and enjoyment of travel.

The public generally, these experts contend, want fast-looking, low and graceful cars, functional in appearance. "Design," says one, "is the most potent factor a manufacturer can command to-day."

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Air-conditioning will be controlled automatically. Interiors will be heated in cold weather. These experts agree that passengers will be suspended in seats such as radio studios are suspended within a building structure. They will read and write with comfort and ease, individual air-springing will vary in proportion to the load, sure, according to the road they are travelling. A lever will replace the steering wheel. Comfort will be the keynote of body design, ability for lower-paid workers to purchase the dominant signpost pointing to cost.

Lessons learned from wartime developments in aviation undoubtedly will be exploited by the car designers of to-morrow, which, they conclude, will not be a dual air and road unit. As far as can be seen now this combination is at present not on the horizon of current planning.

That is the preview of things to come in post-war automotive field, not so revolutionary perhaps to the readers of to-day's developments in military science familiar with hermetically sealed pilot cabins, stratosphere bombers, and amphibian tanks.

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LIBERTY LOAN QUOTA

ALL-OUT EFFORT URGED.

BEAUFORT'S quota in the Third Liberty Loan is £18,000 and 150 subscribers.

Announcing this, the Commonwealth Loans Director (Mr C. R. Banfield) said that, in setting the new quotas for Victorian towns, the War Loans Campaign was deeply appreciative of the magnificent part county and suburban loan committees and residents played in the record-breaking Austerity Loan campaign in November-December last. Then practically every Victorian town excelled its previous best result and some of the outstanding per capita contributions came from some of the smallest towns in the State.

"I am certain," said Mr Banfield, "that committees and public alike will realise why, on this occasion, it has been necessary to set quotas exceeding those previously asked for. In the first place, the Third Liberty Loan is the largest in our history in that every pound of the £100,000,000 Australia is seeking must be all new cash. Secondly, the money is required at a stage of the war when our peril is in no way diminished; when we must get more munitions and weapons and planes into the hands of our fighting men with the utmost urgency if we are to drive the enemy out of his strongholds and thwart the ever-increasing threat of invasion."

The system of quotas for both cash and subscribers was successfully introduced for the first time during the Austerity Loan. In the Third Liberty Loan campaign the number of individual subscribers produced by each town will again be equally as important as the amount of money raised.

In calling upon committees to work at full strength and to use every possible facility to ensure that local quotas are filled, Mr Banfield reminded them that during the last loan challenges between State and Inter-State districts did much to live public interest and to gain the very excellent results. It is hoped that there will be even bigger and better challenges during the Third Liberty Loan campaign.

DEFEATED ALL BREEDS. — Defeating all breeds, an Australorp hen, the property of the enterprising Ararat poultry breeder, Messrs. Sweeney Bros., won the recent Burnley egg-laying competition (Government) by laying 290 eggs in 11 months. They also owned the White Leghorn hen that came fourth in the dry mash section. SAVING YOUR BRAKES. — It is not merely excessive use that burns your brake linings when the brakes are being used to retard the car on a long descent. When the brakes are called upon to do heavy work of this character, the drums become hot and expand and the brakes are, in effect, applied beyond what the driver believes is the case. It pays to relieve the pressure on the pedal from time to time during such a descent because the driver may not be aware of the fact that the brakes are applying themselves under excessive use.

WILL OF SIR H. ALAN CURRIE.

The Equity Trustee Company and Lady Muriel Currie are applying for the probate of the will of Sir Henry Alan Currie, late of Ercildoune, Burrunbeet, Knight. Sir Alan was chairman of the V.R.C. and the owner of Ercildoune, one of Australia's best-known stations. The Victorian estate is sworn at £123,768/2/8, consisting of realty £76,309/14/, and personality of £47,548 8/8, and is bequeathed to Lady Currie and near relatives. There are also assets in South Australia.

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.

BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.

CATTLE—165 yarded, including 80 bullocks, the majority good quality with a few pens prime. There were a few extra good cows, but the remainder were chiefly useful. Sales opened to brisk competition, and values for bullocks recovered the drop of last week, whilst cows and heifers were very firm. Quotations:—Prime medium weight bullocks, £16/10/ to £17/2/6; prime lightweight bullocks, £14/10/ to £15/10/; good, £13 to £14; prime cows, £12/10/ to £13/10/; extra prime and heavy to £15/7/6; good, £10 to £11/10/; useful, £7/10/ to £9.

CALVES—155 penned. There was a slight improvement in the quality, a fair proportion consisting of decent young steers and heifers, others useful. The demand was active and values were very firm. Best made £14.

SHEEP—5145 penned. There was again a fair proportion of good and prime wethers, but the bulk of the supply comprised second grade quality. Ewes as usual consisted chiefly of canning descriptions. Early sales attracted brisk competition, particularly of wethers, which obtained throughout, and values for same were fully 1/6 to 2/ dearer, whilst values for ewes of all classes were very firm. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 23/ to 26/; extra to 27/10; good, 20/ to 22/; prime crossbred ewes, 16/ to 18/; extra, to 22/1; good, 13/ to 15/; prime merino wethers, 20/ to 22/; extra, to 24/3; good, 16/ to 18/.

LAMBS—2575 penned—800 more than last week. Quality, too, showed an improvement, a good proportion comprising good trade descriptions, with several pens choice and heavy. Turning-out sorts were limited. Early sales opened at about equal to last week's rates, but towards the close the demand weakened and values eased slightly. Quotations:—Shorn: Prime, 25/ to 27/; extra prime and heavy to 30/7; good, 22/ to 24/; useful, 18/ to 20/; a few in the wool sold up to 33/7.

The following district sales are reported:—25 merino ewes, Mr C. C. Newey, Burrunbeet, to 13/10, averaging 11/4; 103 Corriedale ewes, Mr E. A. McErvale, Trawalla, 17/10 to 11/4, averaging 15/11; 90 comeback ewes and 2-tooths, Mr Chas. McDonald, Mortchup, 2-tooths to 23/3, ewes 16/1 to 14/1, averaging 15/7, 9 lambs 27/4; 42 merino ewes, Mr P. Panther, Burrunbeet, 11/4; 11 comeback ewes, Mr Robert Ward, Lake Goldsmith, 12/7; 48 crossbred ewes and wethers, Mrs M. Dobson, Burrunbeet, wethers 27/10 (topping the market) and 25/10, ewes 19/4 and 12/1; 56 lambs, 26/4 to 23/7, averaging 24/8; 42 merino ewes, Miss Anderson, Trawalla, 11/2; 36 merino wethers, same owner, 24/3 (topping the market for merino wethers) to 16/; averaging 20/10; 16 merino wethers, Mr C. Anderson, Trawalla, 15/4; 10 merino ewes, Mr Sam Hayward, Burrunbeet, 16/4; 30 merino wethers and ewes Mr J. Nunn, Chepstowe, wethers 15/ ewes 10/4.

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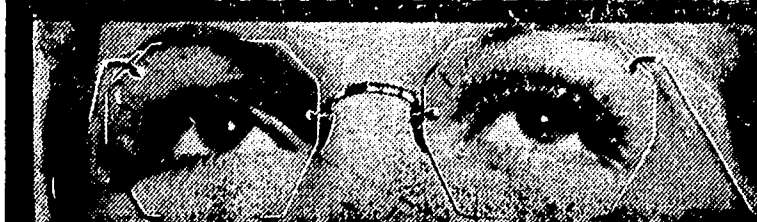
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OBITUARY.

MR. WM. P. ROBERTS.

A well-known resident of the Middle Creek district, the late Mr William P. Roberts, was buried on 12th March from H. Evans & Son's chapel, in the Ballarat New Cemetery. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. H. E. A. Roberts, L. R. Roberts (sons), H. R. Roberts (brother), W. Gibson (nephew). The chief mourners were Messrs. H. E. A. and L. R. Roberts (sons), H. R. and W. J. Roberts (brothers), Mrs Pydderch (daughter), Mrs H. E. Webb (sister), Mr and Mrs R. Anderson (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), A. McDonald, Miss A. McLean (nephews and nieces). A number of close friends also attended. A collection of floral tributes was received. The Rev. W. J. Kelly conducted the services at the chapel and graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by H. Evans & Son.

MR. JOHN PARRINGTON.

An old and well-known resident of the Skipton district, the late Mr John Parrington, aged 87, was buried on Wednesday, 10th March, from his residence. His remains were interred in the Skipton Cemetery. The coffin-bearers were Pte. J. W. Parrington (son), Messrs. T. G. Cook, M. Thomas (sons-in-law), A. H. Walker (grandson), J. J. Grimmer, C. Parrington (nephews). A number of beautiful floral tributes was sent by sympathising friends. The Rev. G. L. Johnson (Presbyterian) conducted the services at the house and graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by H. Evans & Son.

MR. REGINALD O. WELSH.

We take the following from the "Ballarat Times" of March 4:—A wave of sorrow and regret passed over the whole of the surrounding district on Friday morning, February 26, when it became known that Mr Reginald Osborne Welsh, well-known and highly esteemed resident, had passed away with tragic suddenness at his residence, Flisken street. Mr Welsh's health had not been entirely satisfactory for some time, and he underwent a major operation, but there was no cause for anxiety and he was able to attend personally to his business. He played a game of bowls on the Thursday evening, and was attending to clerical work connected with his garage a few minutes before his demise. Born at Beaufort in 1885, Mr Welsh was in his 58th year. At the age of 19 he went to West Australia, but a few years later returned to take a position with Hawkes Bros., ironmongers at Geelong. He enlisted in the A.I.F. at Beaufort in 1915 and became attached to the 39th Battalion, 3rd Div., Motor Transport, and saw four years' active service in France. He returned in 1919 and a year later arrived in Ballarat. With Mr R. C. Linsdell as partner, he produced the business of the late Mr W. E. White was purchased, and under the title of Linsdell & Welsh, the business was carried on at the old site from July 12, 1920, until February, 1922. Meanwhile the partners had erected the substantial building (since destroyed by fire) in the centre of the town. The business was converted into a garage in December, 1923, and eight years later the partnership was terminated (the business was subsequently sold to Mr R. G. Skelbeck). The late Mr Welsh took over Fraser's garage on Decr. 29, 1931, and conducted that business most successfully until his death. In his younger days, Mr Welsh was a most versatile athlete and excelled particularly in footracing and football. He was a member of the Beaufort brass band, was a keen trap-shot, and regularly followed plumpston coursing. He was a great dog lover and took many prizes with his Irish setters. At Ballarat he took an active part in most public movements and was a generous patron. He

was a vestryman of St. John's Church, a member of the Mechanics' Committee and hon. secretary of the Soldiers' Club. Although in the early autumn of his athletic career, he played football regularly with Ballarat in 1920 (end of the season), 1921 and 1922. Always a serviceable player, following or back, at times he was outstanding. He was president and stock player of the Tennis Club and foundation member of the Golf Club—in fact, he was one of several who were instrumental in forming the latter club. In recent years he was an active member of the Bowling Club. In all his activities he was noted for his fair-mindedness and upright character, which, with his jovial disposition, won him widespread popularity, and his untimely death is keenly regretted by a community. He is survived by his widow, also three brothers—Mr Edward Welsh (East Malvern), Mr Ernest Welsh (Geelong), and Mr Arthur Welsh (Beaufort). With Mrs. Welsh and all other relatives profound sympathy is expressed. The remains were privately cremated at Springvale on Saturday February 27.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Streatham.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL EFFORT.

The members of the Younger Set were pleased to have such a good attendance at their euchre and dance, held in the Streatham Hall. Failing all attempts to procure an orchestra, Mrs W. Chew, assisted by Miss Faith Murray, supplied the music. A number of people played cards, and the prizes were won by Mrs Le Marquand and Mr Vic Brown. The proceeds were in aid of the Children's Hospital, and approximately £13 was taken for the day. During the afternoon a tennis tournament was held on the local court. The finals were played off by Miss Gilliland and Mr W. Chew against Miss Flanner and Mr R. Dobson, and resulted in a win for the former, 7-6.

RED CROSS.

The Streatham Red Cross held their weekly euchre tournament in the Streatham Hall. Prizes were won by Miss Elsie Flanner and Miss Richards.

SCHOOL RECORD.

Streatham State School holds the Victorian record for money raised towards penny a plane campaign. Ten scholars hold squadron leader badges. The amount totals £22.

The amount of £13/15/ has been raised in the school garden and forwarded to the district treasurer at Warrnambool.

NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS.

Pte. R. R. Brown has been visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs O. Brown, Mr and Mrs S. Davenport have had their son-in-law, L/A.C. Arthur Smith, with them on leave. — "Ararat Advertiser."

Lexton.

LOCAL SERVICEWOMAN HONOURED.

A large number of local and district residents attended a social in honour of Gnr. Jessie Welsh, A.W.A.S. Cr. A. Clark, president of Lexton Shire, presided and presented Gnr. Welsh with a leather writing case. The president spoke very highly of the recipient and said she would go a long way in her new position as she was popular with everyone. Jessie made a neat speech in reply, and thanked everybody for their kindness. She hoped to be back with them soon. Gnr. Welsh has two brothers in the A.I.F. Winners of the euchre prizes were Mr R. H. Shaw and Mrs Hinchcliffe. A nice d'oylye was won by Barry Quinlan. Mrs Loader and Misses M. and A. Loader supplied music for dancing. Novelty dance prizes were won by Mr and Mrs R. Giles. Appreciative reference was made to Gnr. Jessie Welsh by Messrs. D. G. Jackson, C. E. Giles, and J. H. Karlake. "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem concluded an enjoyable evening.

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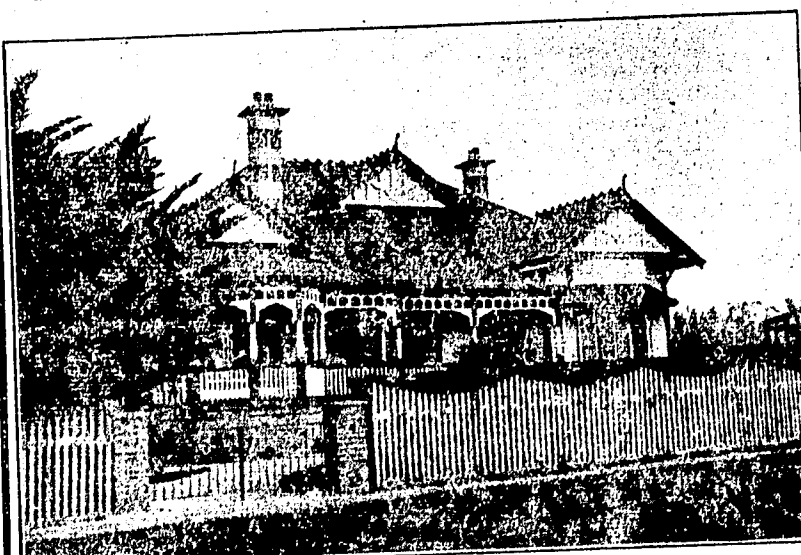
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and have a common background for discussion.

Incidentally, we also send you quarterly copies of our Group Affairs Bulletin, "GAB," which contains interesting news and notes from other country groups, and enables you to square up your opinions with those of a wider field. From time to time, if you wish it the extension Board will send a tutor (usually me!), to talk about topical matters.

Talk over with some friends the idea of forming a group, and you will probably be surprised how much interest is lying dormant. If you are too busy to attend to the preliminary organising of a group yourself, the Extension Board will send a tutor to arrange an inaugural meeting for you.

More information (a booklet explaining how the scheme works, full lists of books and records, and enrolment forms) is available at the office of this newspaper, by courtesy of the Editor. Or if more convenient, you can write directly to me, and I will be pleased to send information.

ELIZABETH HAMILL, Organising-Tutor, Melbourne University Extension Board.
March, 1943.

LIFE'S DIVIDENDS.—It is the small things of life that count; attention to the small details always pays big dividends on the big matters. Take your eyes for instance. Compared with the rest of the body they are small, but how important you do not realise until they begin to fail. But wait until this occurs? Have your eyes tested at regular intervals, and thus reap big dividends of perfect sight. For this eyesight test consult Coles & Garrard, Melbourne's Master Opticians, on their next visit to Beaufort, on Monday, March 29th, at the Mechanics' Institute, from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. An appointment may be arranged with their local agent, Mr W. W. Ashley, Chemist.

INTERESTING A.W.A.S. TRAINING.—An educational scheme is now being considered by the Assistant Controllers of the A.W.A.S. and will bring within the reach of every member of the service extensive educational facilities, which, in the ordinary way, would be beyond the reach of country girls. It will be possible for members of the A.W.A.S. to continue University courses, study languages, music, typing and shorthand, drawing and designing, fine arts and commercial art. In one area the Administrators of the Public Picture Gallery have co-operated magnificently by lending pictures and arranging lectures for the girls. Handicrafts, carpentering, wood and leather work, dressmaking, voice production and folk dancing are other subjects for study, while the programme of organised sport, already extensive, is being further developed. The honorary adviser and organiser for the A.W.A.S. in this district is Miss A. Williams, Shire Hall Beaufort.

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LETTER FROM AMERICA

The following interesting letter has been received by Mrs Dowsett, of Sydney, from Mr J. R. Sands, of Columbus, U.S.A. (formerly of Beaufort):—I think I have received two letters from you during the closing months of last year, and I am now going to try and answer them. For the past six months I have been so busy, that now for the time being I have caught up with my work—it seems almost a nightmare. For my age, I really was carrying too big a load, but it was, and is now, impossible to get any help—especially experienced and technical men, skilled in chemical work. Practically all men who could help are in the armed forces or will go. We have been at war now a little over a year, and it is already a new world for us—completely changed, and it's only a beginning to what it eventually will be. Automobile tyres and gasoline (petrol) are both strictly rationed—have been for some time, but now certain things in the grocery line are to be rationed—coffee, tea, sugar, and tinned goods mainly. All tin cans then go to plants to salvage the tin, for that is one thing we are short of since the Japs took over the Malay Peninsula, our chief source of supply. As time goes on, many other things will be curtailed to insure our forces overseas getting full supply at all times. Then, too, our taxes are being increased—nothing like the average in Australia or England. They will probably increase as time goes on. Only those who are selfish complain. On the whole, I think, the country is gradually realising that we have a big job ahead to help win the war, and are getting in line behind the Government. However, there will always be a few who play the traitor outright, and others who just help Hitler by not backing our war policies 100 per cent. But we will win, no matter how long it takes. I was glad to get your letters, mainly to know that all was going well at time of writing, and to get news of the old home. My sister in Sydney writes occasionally, but schedules are so uncertain. She also sends the Beaufort papers on. In the past few years most of the old Beaufort folk I knew have passed on, and each one brings a flood of memories. You know we had, and I suppose still have, some of the world's best people in our section. I wonder if you know my brother in Sydney is now a lieutenant-colonel. He never has time to write, but leaves it to Margaret. I trust that all your folks in the war have so far escaped. I wondered, too, as the great North African battle started—driving Rommel out of Egypt—if, like in the other war, Australia lost a lot of men, and will in this one. Our wounded are now returning home from many fronts, but, like the Aussies, they just want to get well and go back to make another slap at the enemy. I cannot give you details, but one of my boys, a lieutenant-commander, is now in dangerous waters, and I believe will put up a great record. My youngest boy, who graduated at Georgia Technical College in Atlanta last May, and was sent to the Government Research Laboratory at New Orleans, is now due to be called up. Many of my wife's relatives are already in the pay and in distant fronts. Our daughter, Mary, in San Francisco, keeps busy in war activities, and being a large coastal city on the Japanese side, they are always on the watch for another Pearl Harbour

affair. Since the bombing of Tokio, it's expected, for the Japs would like to do something to prevent "loss of face." I doubt whether they could make a successful try at our West Coast parts, except for a minor hit and run try. While I'm writing, a terrific storm is breaking over us—great hailstones, a heavy wind, treetops shaking, and every now and then loud thunder. The Negroes say, when they hear thunder, "Ole Massa is moving furniture about in the upper stories." To-day the weather is symbolic of the stormy state of these uncertain times. I suppose you still have the maps of the U.S. I sent you. Some time I wish you would get them out and locate my scattered children. They are at San Francisco, Paris, Texas, New Orleans, La. Mobile (Ala.), New London (Conn.), and here in Columbus. As tram, bus, and automobile travel is restricted, we are wondering when we will see any or all of them again. We have six grandchildren, and used to like to have them visit, us occasionally, but may have to wait for the duration. We now have many U.S. soldiers in Australia. I think you will find that they will adapt themselves quickly to your customs and conditions, for Americans are that way. It's doubtful, however, if you will ever get them used to mutton. Mutton and lamb are not used much here—beef and pork and veal mainly. Mary sends me curry powder, and my wife often makes a good dish of curried lamb, with rice. Well, I hope you and each member of your family had a nice Christmas, and my wish for this new year now starting is that you and yours will have good news, good health, and showers of blessings.

ALLANDALE ELECTORATE.—Representatives of the Australian Women's National League and the United Australia Organisation in the Allandale electorate, at a convention held last week, invited Mr A. B. Driscoll to nominate as the United Australia party candidate for the Allandale electorate at the forthcoming State elections.

FIRE AT BUANGOR.—A fire broke out in a stubble paddock, belonging to Mr Hillman, at Buangor on Friday afternoon, 19th March. The fire travelled into Mr Hooke's property, and was got under control by the Buangor-Middle Creek brigade, assisted by local residents. — "Ararat Advertiser."

EASTER HOLIDAYS.—Good Friday and Easter Saturday have been gazetted public holidays throughout the Commonwealth. Easter Monday will be a public holiday for all except essential workers. Announcing this, Mr Ward said the Government had decided it would not be justified in the present emergency in agreeing to requests that Anzac Day, which falls on Easter Sunday, should be observed on some other day than Easter Saturday or Easter Monday.

SALE OF ERCILDOUNE.—Ercildoune, the former home of the late Sir Alan Currie, near Burrenbeet, where royalty and many other noted visitors have been entertained, is to be sold shortly. The estate was founded by the Learmonth family 96 years ago, and passed from the Learmonth to Sir Samuel Wilson and then to Sir Alan Currie. The picturesque homestead, set in beautiful grounds, was built in the style of an old Scotch baronial hall from granite quarried on the estate, and is one of the show places of the State. In 1872 it was held up by the bushranger, Gowrie, who lived in a fortified cave on Ercildoune Hill.

THE CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIANS' ANNUAL MEETING

There was a fair attendance on Monday night at the annual meeting of members and adherents of the Beaufort Presbyterian Church, held at St. Andrew's Church. Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., presided.

Mr T. McNaughton presented the report of the Kirk Session, dealing with spiritual matters in the charge. This stated that the congregation had had losses, but there had been some gains. It was pleasing that the attendances at Communion services throughout the year had been better than in other years, and three new members were welcomed to the fellowship. In these days when the sanctity of the Lord's Day was being so freely attacked, all their people were asked, as they had opportunity, to discountenance this practice. The session expressed its deep appreciation of the work of the Sunday school teachers. At present the school was somewhat understaffed, and additional help was needed. Mrs Campbell was thanked for her interest in the Mission Band, and also those ladies who so ably and willingly officiated at the organ during the illness of Miss Wotherspoon. To Miss Wotherspoon herself they could but re-affirm their gratitude for her long and generous service and express their thankfulness that her health had greatly improved. They hoped and prayed that, before this Church year ended, a lasting peace would be restored to a stricken world their people freed from fear and anxieties and limitations, and their hearts more firmly set towards the Highway.

Mr H. M. Hinsch (treasurer) presented the following report:—The Board of Management has pleasure in submitting the balance-sheet for the year ending 31st Decr., 1942, the results of which give cause for satisfaction and call for congratulations. Comparing the balance-sheet with that for the previous year, the revenues from all sources show an increase, which must be gratifying to everyone concerned. The annual special appeal was a most heartening feature of the year. The congregation supported this appeal in a most gratifying manner—an increase of £17 over that of 1941. An anonymous donation of £20 at the beginning of the year was very acceptable when finances were low. The Waterloo Ladies' Guild's effort was most successful, there being an increase of £3/10/. The committee desire to tender their sincere thanks to the congregation for their cordial assistance in achieving the very satisfactory result of raising the congregation's quota of £40 for the Budget Fund, representing the enterprises of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. This reflects great credit upon the congregation, and places our Church in an honourable position among the churches of Victoria. The bank balance of £23/17/6 should actually be £43/17/6, as £20 was received from Buangor a day or two after the closing of the books. In this balance is included a £6 donation from the P.W.M.U. for repairs to the Manse now completed. Expenditure has been kept to a minimum. Only £2/5/2 was expended upon repairs to Church property and the Manse. The expenditure for 1941 was £18/11/. The generosity of Mr C. Lewis has helped in keeping down expenditure on Church property. Cost of repairs from time to time have been met by Mr Lewis. The neat outside appearance of the property and grounds are the result of his labours and watchful attention. As a result of the afternoon services throughout the winter months, brought about by the national emergency restrictions, a saving of £1 6/7 was effected in the electric lighting account. Contributions per medium of the weekly freewill offering system number 16. This means of contributing to the finances of the congregation is highly commended. It is hoped for an increased number of contributors dur-

ing the year. All members and adherents of the congregation are thanked for their co-operation and support throughout the year and asked hopefully for a continuance of their support and interest in the future.

The following annual report of the Sunday school was presented by Miss W. Wotherspoon (secretary) and Mr H. M. Hinsch (superintendent):—Once again it is our privilege to present the annual report of the Sunday school for the year 1942. The number of scholars on the roll is about that of last year, and the attendance throughout the year has been satisfactory. At the end of the year Miss H. Miller resigned the leadership of the kindergarten, but the teachers were fortunate in securing the services of Mrs R. Jones, with Misses E. Blay and V. Wilson as helpers. The teaching staff is as follows:—Misses H. and W. Wotherspoon, G. Campbell, E. Blay, V. Wilson, Mrs R. Jones, and Mr and Mrs Hinsch. Additional teachers are required to help in this most important work of the Church. Our thanks are due to and Misses E. Blay and V. Wilson as helpers. The teaching staff is as follows:—Misses H. and W. Wotherspoon, G. Campbell, E. Blay, V. Wilson, Mrs R. Jones, and Mr and Mrs Hinsch. Additional teachers are required to help in this most important work of the Church. Our thanks are due to and Misses E. Blay and V. Wilson as helpers.

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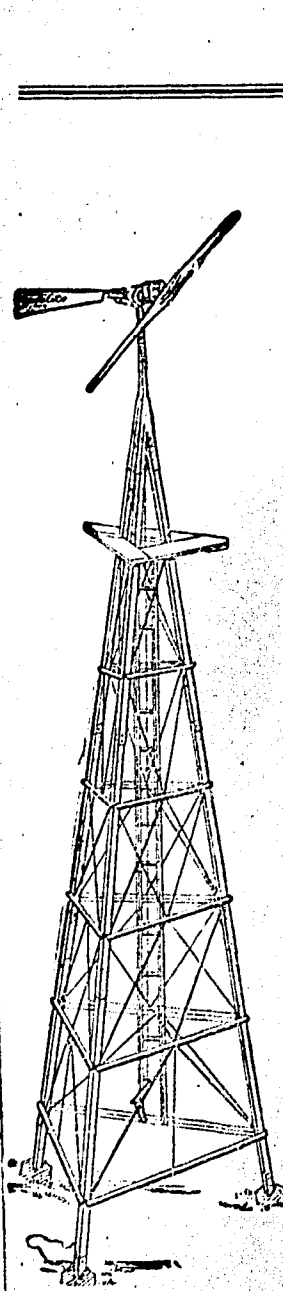
PATRIOTIC AND COMFORTS CLUB.

The hon. secretary (Mr N. S. McLeod) has received a very appreciative letter from the hon. secretary of the Victorian Division of the Australian Comforts Fund, thanking the club for a large parcel of books, magazines, digests, and illustrated weeklies. The secretary for the Mission to the Merchant Navy states that the seamen's woolies sent by the club are greatly desired. A large parcel of woollen comforts was forwarded during the week to the Australian Comforts Fund, and a sub-committee met and forwarded canteen orders approximately amounting to £40 as a March issue to district troops. A letter from Darwin expressed grateful satisfaction for the work of the club, on behalf of several Beaufort servicemen who had met in that area, and surprise was expressed at the neglect of many Beaufort people in failing to take out a shilling membership ticket. No. 5807, Gunner Colin S. Gillingham, who is a prisoner of war in Stalag XVIII, has written to Beaufort that he has received from the club to the date of his letter eight permit parcels of tobacco and cigarettes from the club. Since last press acknowledgment, donations of 5/ from Mr A. Parker, senr., and 3/ from "Mum" have been received, and the comforts included in the following list have been left at the depot established at the business premises of Mr H. V. C. McLean:—"A Friend," pair socks; Miss Troy, pullover and books; Miss A. T. Stewart, 6 tooth paste; Mrs N. Daniels, 3 pairs socks, Balacava, cap 3 pairs mittens; Mrs N. McLeod, 2 pairs socks; Mrs S. Young, pair gloves; Mrs Kay, 3 pairs socks; Miss Kay, pair mittens; Miss A. M. Cushing, 4 pairs mittens, cap, magazines; Mary Cushing magazines; Miss Halg, pair socks; Mrs J. Laney, 6 pairs socks; Mrs D. McCallum, 9 pullovers and cap; Mrs C. Morvell, 14 face washers; Miss Bell, pair socks; Mrs R. A. D. Sinclair, 2 pairs socks; Miss Morley, 2 pairs socks; Sister Eckersley, pair socks; Miss L. Callow, magazines; Mrs W. N. Muntz, pullover; Miss Backhouse, pair socks; Miss R. Bennett, 2 pairs socks; Mrs D. Carmichael, 2 pairs socks; Miss E. Lewis, 2 tooth paste and 9 soap; Mrs P. Johnston, Mrs J. Thomson, magazines; Anonymous, 2 pairs socks; Miss E. Buchanan, 2 pairs mittens; Miss B. Carmichael, pair mittens and 2 Balacavas; Miss Humphrey, pair socks.

STOCK SALE. — At the Flemington stock sales on Thursday, bullocks and steers sold on account of Langl-Willi Estate averaged 15/7/.

CHAMPION HEN. — Defeating all breeds, an Australorp hen, the property of the enterprising Ararat poultry breeders, Messrs. Sweeney Bros., won the Burnley egg-laying competition (Government) by laying 290 eggs in 11 months. They also owned the white leghorn that came fourth in the dry mash section. These are outstanding performances, and the owners are to be congratulated on such successes. Inspired by such results, these breeders have now purchased the sire of Herberts Burnley Record Team. He is proclaimed the best male Australorp in the world, and will be matched with the above-mentioned winner.

PRISONERS OF WAR SHOP. — The committee of the above wish to thank all donors for last week's contributions. For the last four weeks Mesdames Campbell, Wotherspoon, A. Exell, M. Harris, Duke, A. M. Parker, Jones, North Tame, Misses Stuart, Donovan, Edwards, Mesdames Torney, Sullivan, V. Wilson, and B. Burns were in charge, and the following amounts were received:—£6/18/8, £6/17/11, £8/14/4, £6 15/11/15/11. Each week the "Riponshire Advocate" has kindly agreed to grant us space for a small report.



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OBITUARY.

MRS. CLARA C. SMITH.

The death occurred on 21st March at the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Skipton, of Mrs Clara Catherine Smith, widow of the late Mr Philip R. Smith, of "Rocklea," Lismore road, Skipton. Deceased was 76 years of age, and leaves four sons and two daughters. The sons are Messrs. Alfred, William, Hubert and Douglas Smith, and the daughters Mrs W. Alexander and Miss Phyllis Smith. Deceased was highly respected. Her remains were interred in the Skipton Cemetery on Monday.

MR. JAMES WESTBROOK.

Mr James Westbrook, aged 79 years, a well-known and respected former resident of Lexton, died on 20th March at his residence, Lydiard Street North, Ballarat. His wife predeceased him, and he leaves five sons and two daughters. The sons are Messrs. Jim, Will, Edmund, Allan, and Denis Westbrook, and the daughters Mesdames D. McDonald and A. McEwale. The remains of deceased were interred in the Ballarat New Cemetery on Monday.

MRS. M. V. GLEESON.

Many friends in Ararat and Beaufort will regret to learn of the sudden death of Mrs Mary Veronica Gleeson, who passed away at her home in Vincent Street, Ararat, on Wednesday afternoon, 24th March. She was the wife of Mr Wm. Gleeson, of the Postal Department, and a daughter of Mr William Fitzpatrick and the late Mrs Fitzpatrick, of Beaufort. The deceased lady, who was 37 years of age, resided in Beaufort all her life until she came to Ararat about four months ago. She leaves her husband, one son (Brian) and one daughter (Frances) to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother. A brother (Mr James Fitzpatrick), a sister (Mrs McHugh), of Beaufort, also survive her. Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Friday morning, and afterwards the funeral left for the Ararat Cemetery. "Ararat Advertiser."

News of the death of Mrs Gleeson came as a severe shock to her numerous friends in Beaufort. For many years she was an ardent worker in connection with the St. John the Baptist Church, the annual Catholic ball, and Tennis Club. She also took an interest in the affairs of the Ripon sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, of which her husband was a committee-

man. Mrs Gleeson, who will be sadly missed, was endowed with a bright and charming personality which endeared her to all. Deep sympathy is felt for her bereaved husband and children, and her father, brother, and sister. This is the family's second bereavement within a few weeks; Mrs Fitzpatrick, senr., having passed away on 23rd January.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM. Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements. Children's concert and dance, Buangor Hall, May 14th. The Beaufort C.W.A. meets Thursday afternoon, 1st April. A demonstration of glove-making will be given by Miss A. T. Stewart. Thistle Club Committee meeting and euchre social, Friday, April 2. Euchre at Mrs M. Kelly's residence, Wednesday night, 31st March. LAND SALE. — On Thursday, 18th March, Mr T. W. Schlicht sold 120 acres of land and the homestead on the Lake Goldsmith road, Beaufort, in the estate of the late Mrs J. Lynch. It was purchased by Mr Thos. Pearce for £565.



EMPIRE GIVES FOOD VANS TO LONDON. The resumption of Nazi bombing of London on January 17 will bring into blitz service again the 450 Ford Emergency Food Vans provided from funds sent by Henry and Edsel Ford and Ford Companies throughout the Empire. They are used in non-blitz times to provide hot meals for school children, dockers, factory workers and the like, and thus help to relieve the ever-increasing demand for more of these "British Restaurants on Wheels," as the vans are often called.

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The FEVDs are now being used for distribution of hot meals in the city streets as an extension of the canteen and carry arrangements of the British restaurants. In addition, they are used for serving dockers and demolition workers, school children and workers in factories, who do not possess their own canteen, and farm workers.

On The King's Estate

In December last the King, who knew of the plan, following his in-

spection of the first London contingent of the FEVDs, himself conceived the idea of extending the service of feeding the agricultural workers on the Royal Estate, Sandringham.

The system adopted at Sandringham covers nearly every worker on the Estate. Since there is a day to day variation in the places where the men and land girls work, a programme is prepared each morning and the workers are advised as to the exact location and time of delivery of their meals at the roadside. The workers collect the food in their own dishes at the point nearest to their job. They buy tickets in advance to cover a week's meals, at the cost of sixpence per meal of two courses. An average of nearly 80 meals a day have been served ever since the scheme was put into operation.

This fleet of "mercy" vehicles was brought into existence through the generosity of Mr. Henry Ford and his son, Mr. Edsel B. Ford, who, when informed of the plight of British people after the blitzes, immediately offered 350 fully equipped vans as their personal gift to the British people. Nearly 100 more vans have been added to the total by industrial firms, societies and private individuals and by collections from Ford Co. workers in the Dominions.

Canada's Army Commander Is Tough

General McNaughton Gets Ready for European Offensive

With a hard campaign looming ahead for his men, the leader of Canadian forces overseas plans the heaviest mechanised force in existence.



LEADER of Canada's army overseas, General A. G. L. McNaughton, soldier-scientist, knew what to look for when inspecting army equipment at the Ford Motor Factory, Canada.

NO Brass Hat nor Chocolate Soldier is General Andrew McNaughton, commander of the Canadian Army, who in three years has risen from comparative obscurity to that of a leading contender for the command of the Allied armies.

Besides being a gun wizard, he is one of Canada's outstanding authorities on electrical science. His degrees show an amazing mixture of academic and military honours: D.S.O., C.M.B., M.Sc., C.B., Hon. LL.B., Hon. D.C.L., Hon. P.R.C.P. The cathode ray compass, which helps armies get their bearings while flying over mountainous areas, is his invention. He distinguished himself as an artillery genius in World War I.

As head of Canada's National Research Council, he has constantly urged increased expenditure on scientific experimentation for military purposes.

McNaughton has always worked on the principle that every new idea, even that of a vehicle, should first be thoroughly tested by himself or his officers before it was turned over to the troops. It was essential that the people "up above" should be familiar with the tools and equipment the men were using.

After the fall of France, when Britain's defences were being streng-

thened to meet the threat of a possible invasion, the Canadian soldier put up miles of defensive works, tank traps or road barriers in a tactical plan evolved by McNaughton—and later adopted by the British War Office as an ideal of flexible defence.

On becoming commander of the Canadian Corps, he utilised his supremely efficient scientific and technical knowledge to map out a superb training schedule for his troops. Mobility, manoeuvrability and adaptability—these were the three principles which guided him. On the basis of his experience in the early part of the war, McNaughton determined that the Canadian army would become the most heavily mechanised military force of its size in existence—a more powerful striking force even than the German panzers. His visits to war factories, such as Ford Co. of Canada as illustrated, are to check, first hand, the output and quality of the equipment needed to achieve this aim.

Highly mechanised and heavily armed, McNaughton's Canadians are intended to constitute a compact, massive striking force, functioning as a tremendously effective unit once it gets to the enemy country. "Let's use more shells and fewer lives" is his constant admonition to his officers.

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WOMEN IN HEAVY INDUSTRIES have become an accepted condition under to-day's manpower petition and the war programmes of the motor factories have required women to undertake numerous jobs which relieve men for more specialised and heavier tasks. The underlined numerous jobs which relieve men for more specialised and heavier tasks. The women shown are some that were recently trained at a Ford Motor Co. plant for with certain of the voluntary transport services.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

Neighboring Shires.

ARARAT COUNCIL.
At the Ararat Shire Council meeting on Friday, 19th March, a letter was read from Bush Fire Brigades' Committee, asking for approval of delegation of powers to Buangor and Middle Creek brigade and J. K. Pickford, Buangor, as first lieutenant. Cr. McDonald moved that Mr Pickford be approved. Seconded by Cr. Brebner, and carried.

From Department of Agriculture, advising that it was intended to release from quarantine the west side of the Eurambeen-Streatham road adjoining Blythvale from 16th inst. — Received.

From M. O'Loughlan, Ballyrogan drawing attention to the bad state of the road at the Flery Creek bridge on the Geelong road at Ballyrogan. The creek is filling up with sand, banking the water up to the road and making it difficult to get through in winter. Half a mile lower down the creek is another bridge where the clearance now is only 18 inches. He would like the engineer to inspect. — Cr. King — The bridges were getting silted up. He moved that the engineer or overseer inspect and report. Seconded by Cr. Doery, and carried.

DEFERRED CORRESPONDENCE.

Application to license unused road west of allot. 15 and 15A, parish of Buangor, to J. E. Clough. — No objection. Cr. Brebner moved that no objection be raised. Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried.

Application, Blythvale proprietors, to purchase 2 1/2 acres water reserve at Carranballac North. — No objections. Cr. Doery — The reserve was well within the station properties, and was not accessible to the public. He moved that the council object to the sale, but not to the lease. Seconded by Cr. King, and carried.

In answer to Cr. Brebner, the engineer said that he had inspected the drain at W. Hillman's. He did not think that the shire should take action.

Cr. Brebner asked that the overseer inspect the road to Mr MacInnes' property at Buangor. — "Ararat Advertiser."

PRESBYTERIAN ANNUAL MEETING.

Continued from Page 2.
Turn and spring to keep things going. It seemed necessary to have a couple of special efforts each year.

In lieu of a fair, it was decided to have a day for special contributions on the first Sunday in May, on the motion of Messdames MacDougall and Exell.

It was decided to change over on the second Sunday in April to 4 p.m. service for the winter months at Beaufort.

Mr W. Stevens was thanked for acting as auditor and re-appointed to the position on the motion of Messrs Hirsch and McNaughton.

It was arranged to hold a harvest thanksgiving service probably on the second Sunday in April, on motion of Misses Lewis and Hannah.

The matter of a party for the Sunday school children was discussed, and referred to a teachers' meeting.

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BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.
CATTLE — A reduced offering of cattle came forward, totalling 115. There were only 36 bullocks, all good to prime light- and medium weights. With the exception of about 12 to 15 prime cows and heifers this section comprised secondary and chopping descriptions. The demand was keen throughout and values, particularly for best quality, were 10/ a head dearer. Quotations:—Prime medium weight bullocks, £17 to £18; extra, to £18/15; prime lightweight bullocks, £14 to £16; good, £13 to £14; prime cows, £12 to £13/10; extra, to £14/12/8; good, £10 to £11/10; useful, £7/10/ to £9.

CALVES — One hundred and twenty-three penned. There was a fair percentage of good and prime quality and a few more vealers than in recent markets, but there was a big proportion of chopping sorts. The demand was again active, and values were dearer. Best made £14/6/8.

SHEEP — A heavier penning of 6252. Only a small proportion consisted of wethers, the bulk of which were of good and prime quality, including several pens of heavyweights. Ewes were plentiful, particularly canning descriptions, but there were a number of pens of decent quality heavyweights. Competition was slack at the commencement, and values generally were lower, wethers 1/ a head and heavy ewes 1/6 to 2/.

Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 22/ to 24/; extra, to 27/1; good, 19/ to 21/; prime crossbred ewes, 15/ to 16/6; extra, to 18/7; good, 12/6 to 14/; prime merino wethers, 20/ to 22/10; good, 16/ to 18/.

LAMBS — An increased penning, totalling 3092. There was again a good proportion of good and prime quality, and the remainder comprised killable descriptions. Practically no graziers' sorts were forward. As for sheep, the demand was not so keen, and values did not reach the best rates of last week.

Quotations:—Prime, 23/ to 25/; a few, to 29/1; heavy, to 26/7; good, 20/ to 22/; useful, 16/ to 18/.

DISTRICT SALES — The following district sales are reported:—120 crossbred wethers and comeback ewes, Mr D. R. Hannah, Lamonde, Stockyard Hill, wethers to 25/; ewes to 16/11; 101 merino wethers and ewes, Mrs E. A. Oddie, Challieum Park, Beaufort, wethers, 20/ to 14/9; 80 merino ewes, Mr C. W. Broadbent, Trawalla, 12/11 to 10/10, 40 lambs 16/11; 74 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr J. H. Cook, Mena Park, wethers 23/4 to 18/10, ewes 14/9 to 11/9; 2 crossbred wether and 2-tooth, Mr Robert Ward, Derry Farm, Lake Goldsmith, wether 24/, 2-tooth 17/9; 10 lambs, same owner, 21/7; 51 merino ewes, Mr Sam. Hayward, Burumbet, 17/; 162 merino wethers, Mrs E. A. Oddie, Challieum Park, Beaufort, 16/4 to 18/4; 55 merino ewes, Mr C. C. Newey, Burumbet, 12/7 to 14/10.

DAYLIGHT SAVING. — Daylight saving will cease at 2 a.m. on Sunday, 28th March, and all clocks throughout the Commonwealth will be put back one hour. Summer time came into operation on 27th September.

BEAUFORT A.N.A. — The fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A. on Tuesday night at the Mechanics' Institute was attended by six members, and Mr A. H. Sands (president) was in the chair. A letter was read from the Austin Hospital, returning thanks for donation of 10/6. Circular from Board of Directors, re annual conference in Melbourne, probably commencing on October 4th, and asking that names of delegates appointed be forwarded. It was also stated that lady members of the office staff would type letters for relatives to prisoners of war. Sick-pay and accounts amounting to £10/18/4 were passed for payment. An apology was received for the absence of Mr N. S. McLeod.

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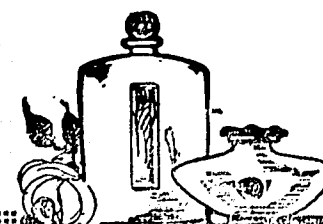
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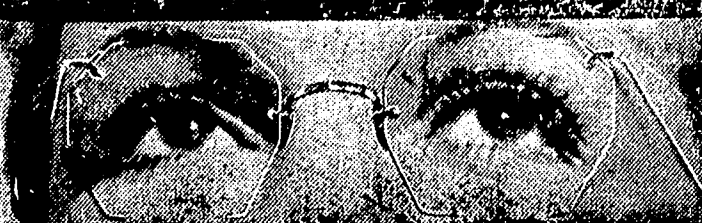
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THE ODDFELLOWS

WELCOME TO RETURNED SOLDIERS.

On Friday night, 19th March, there was a large attendance at the Picture Theatre, Beaufort, when a card social and dance took place in honour of two soldier members, Lance-Corpl. P. Trengove and Pte. Ivan Lowe, who recently returned from active service in the Middle East. Other returned soldiers present were Pte. George Davis, Ptes. Bob and Keith Smith (Nerring), and Corpl. Bill Anderson. In addition, a number of Allied servicemen was present.

Bro. W. A. Skene (secretary) introduced Sister N. McGregor, N.G. of the Lodge, who heartily welcomed all the soldiers present, and hoped it would not be long before they were home again permanently.

Cr. C. H. McKay (president of the Ripon sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League), welcomed all the returned men, on behalf of the shire president (Cr. P. Russell), councillors, and residents of the district. He also expressed the hope that it would not be long before the war was over, and they would all be given one big welcome home. He also asserted that it was their duty to see that these boys got their rights when the war was over.

Bro. Skene heartily endorsed Cr. McKay's remarks, and also welcomed all the district returned soldiers and Allied servicemen present.

Lance-Corpl. Trengove and Pte. Lowe briefly responded.

"For They are Jolly Good Fellows" was played by Mr F. Blay's Orchestra, which also supplied the dance music.

Novelty dances were won by Mr C. W. Broadbent and Miss Joan Broadbent, and by Mr A. Crick and Miss Nancy Davis.

The euchre winners were:—Men, Mr Andrew Johnston, of Raglan. Ladies, Mrs L. Stephens; consolation divided by Mesdames Sullivan, Torney and Doull.

OBITUARY.

REV. FATHER RYAN.

The news of the sudden death at Inglewood a fortnight ago of the Rev. Father Ryan was learned with deep sorrow by his old friends and former parishioners in Ararat and Beaufort, where he worked over 40 years ago under the late Father Meade. He was appointed assistant priest at Ararat in 1898, and left for Mildura in 1903. Later he suffered from ill-health and retired and went to live at Charlton. Last year, however, he took up active work again, and became parish priest of Inglewood. When in Ararat the deceased gentleman entered fully into the life of the community. He played in the football team and was also an excellent tennis player. His parishioners held him in the highest regard, and there are many still in Ararat who will recall his fine work in their midst. — "Ararat Advertiser."

MR. CHARLES MANN.

The funeral of the late Mr Charles Mann, of Lexton, took place on Friday afternoon, 19th inst., from his residence, when his remains were interred in the Lexton Cemetery. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. J. Mann (son), R. Mann (brother), R. J. Dalton (son-in-law), V. Giacimitti (son-in-law), Mr and Mrs Charles Mann, Mr and Mrs J. Mann (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Jim Mann, Mr Tom Mann (brothers and sister-in-law), Mrs G. Retallick (sister), also nephews and nieces. A beautiful collection of wreaths and floral tributes was sent by friends. The Rev. W. Tame conducted the service at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. H. Evans & Son.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Amphitheatre.

RED CROSS BRANCH.

A parcel packed and sent to headquarters by the Amphitheatre Red Cross branch contained 11 short-sleeved pull-overs, scarf, S.S. Cardigan, 8 toilet bags 14½ doz. face washers, books, and a box of used stamps. The monthly collection amounted to £11/9/. Mrs Quayle made and sold crochet bags, giving the proceeds (£1/12/6) to the Red Cross. The branch also sent a further £20 to headquarters.

OBITUARY.

Mr Joseph Edward Johnson, 78, an esteemed pioneer, died in Maryborough Hospital. Deceased was a son of the late Mr and Mrs Jeremiah Johnson, pioneers of Amphitheatre district. For many years he was engaged in the saw-milling industry, and eventually settled on the land at Greenhill Creek, following farming and grazing until he retired. His wife resides at Amphitheatre. Mr Arthur Johnson (Watchem) and Mr Harry Johnson (Avoca) are brothers of deceased. Two brothers, Frank and Alfred, predeceased him. He leaves a widow and family. The funeral took place at Glenlogie Cemetery; Rev. P. H. James (Methodist) officiating. Many relatives and friends attended. Coffin-bearers were:—Messrs. F. Johnson (son), H. Miles, Alf. Rivett, John Redpath (sons-in-law), H. Johnson, and A. Johnson (grandsons).

Lexton.

A number of local servicemen were entertained at a social arranged by a citizen's patriotic committee. Addresses were delivered by Cr. G. Gordon, Mr D. G. Jackson, Mr C. E. Giles, and Mr P. Smith, all of whom spoke in eulogistic terms of the guests. In response Bmdr. F. Ransome, Pte. V. Armstrong, Dvr. V. Phillips, Sergt. A. Studd, Gnr. A. Mann, and Pte. Reg Roxburgh returned thanks for the enjoyable evening provided, and the kind remarks of the speakers. An Allied serviceman also spoke a few words, and was loudly applauded. Sergt. Studd thanked the Welfare Club for their kind thought in sending hampers and canteen orders to the boys, who greatly appreciated them. The euchre competition was won by Mrs R. H. Shaw and Mr G. B. Lester. A novelty dancing contest was very attractive; the winners being Mr M. Bradley and Miss K. Briody. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies, and the evening was closed by all joining in singing the National Anthem.

DEER PROTECTED. — Under the Game Acts, deer are now protected in the Shire of Grenville.

TWO R.A.A.F. MEN KILLED IN PLANE CRASH. — A staff pilot and a trainee were killed on Sunday when an aircraft from a R.A.A.F. station in Victoria crashed while on a training flight. They were:—Sergt. Charles Martin Wallace 27, single, of York (W.A.), and L.A.C. David Archibald Odgers, 21, single, of Cottesloe (W.A.) Before enlisting in the R.A.A.F. in May, 1941, Wallace was a storekeeper, and Odgers before joining the service in August, 1942, was a clerk in the West Australian taxation department.

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