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BEAUFORT.

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PRICE THREEPENCE.

To Work for School for Another Three Years.

BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL. NEW COMMITTEE ELECTED.

The triennial meeting of parents, convened by the head teacher (Mr L. R. S. Dalrymple), was held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday night, to elect a school committee for the ensuing three years. Mr Dalrymple presided, and there was an attendance of eight townsmen and two ladies. The chairman read the regulation relating to school committees.

There were eight nominations.

Mr J. Duke said he would help the committee in any way, but would rather drop out to save holding a ballot, as he thought only parents should be elected. The attendance, however, did not say much for the interest shown by the parents.

Mr Duke's offer to withdraw from the ballot was not accepted.

The following were elected as a committee:—Messrs. W. J. Scriven, J. Duke, A. J. Hughes, C. Wyllie, H. J. Buchanan, S. P. Emerson, and J. Cole. The chairman thanked all those who had attended, although, he said, he was sorry there were not more.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

The following office-bearers were then elected by the new committee:—Chairman, Mr W. J. Scriven; correspondent and treasurer, Mr H. J. Buchanan.

MEETING OF NEW COMMITTEE.

The newly-elected committee afterwards met; Mr Scriven presiding.

Mr Buchanan reported on the noxious weeds in the school plantation, complained of by the local inspector.

It was arranged to have a working-bee to eradicate the weeds; the matter of organising same being left in the hands of Messrs. Duke and Emerson, on the motion of Messrs. Wyllie and Hughes.

The head teacher reported that the boys and he had cleared out the weeds in the school playground, and Mr Duke kindly burnt them. The attendance was much about the same, and the staff the same as at last meeting. He also reported in regard to the boundary fence.

PROCEDURE FOR TAX REFUND APPLICATIONS.

— Mr L. S. Jackson, Federal Taxation Commissioner, said on Monday night that a request for refund of any amounts of tax in excess of assessments must be paid at the time assessments are paid. In the case of group deductions in respect of which the tax is adjusted through the employer, the application to Taxation Department should be submitted preferably in writing through the employer, he said. All tax stamps presented in payment of assessments should be correctly dated, and cancelled with taxpayer's initials. Tax stamps obtained after March 31 should be posted on a new page of the stamp book. This would save the taxpayer much time and trouble when applying for a refund. All tax stamps accumulated up to date of payment of assessment must be presented with the application for refund. "There is no need," Mr Jackson said, "for a taxpayer to wait for the due date of his notice of assessment to arrive before submitting his tax stamps or group certificate in payment of the tax, assuming he has sufficient deductions made to meet the tax."

WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.

District Clips.

Dalgety & Co. report, March 25:—ROB/BGR (Buangor), sup com w 28d; DS/B (Beaufort), 1st com 27d; TRS/Skipton, com 25d; EJM/Raglan, aa com 25d; JL/Raglan, aa com 25d; The Grange/BFT (Beaufort), 1st com 25d; COW/B (Raglan), aa com 25d; VW/R (Raglan), aa com 24d; AF/Eurambeen, 1st com 24d; JK/MID (Middle Creek), aa com 24d; JT/R (Beaufort), aaa mer 23d; TW/East Lynne (Beaufort), com 22d, 1st a ckb 22d; RD/Trawalla, com 21d, a 21d; B/Skipton, aa ckb 21d.

Messrs. Elder Smith & Co. Ltd. report on 25th March that after an interval of three weeks, appraisements were resumed in Geelong this week. Our catalogue comprised 4549 bales of wool drawn principally from the Western and far Western districts of the State and the border districts of South Australia. Many choice merino and comeback clips were included in the offering. The highest prices realised in our catalogue for each section was for merino 35d for GM/Linlithgow from Moutajup, and f or comeback 27d for JMcL/Ferngrove from Barwon Downs. Proceeds for this appraisal are due on April 16th. District sales are as follows:—WJH/Middle Creek, sup com 27d, bkn 21d; WLF/Skipton, sup com 27d; half-circle/T/BFT (Beaufort), aaa com 21d; CA/TR (Trawalla), f 21d; Mt. Mitchell/East (Ballarat), sup com a 21d.

Messrs. E. J. Strickland & Sons Ballarat, reported on March 26:—We submitted our 70th series for appraisal to-day and brought forward a good average catalogue of later shorn wools from various districts. The top price realised was 28d, obtained for the super aaa m of DD/Bopeep; the super aa m of the same clip realising up to 28d, and the super combing h 28d. A further batch of bulk-classed wools was also included, and these were appraised at very satisfactory figures. Proceeds of this appraisal will be available on April 16th. District sales:—PC/AM (Amphitheatre), m f 24d; JBS/Lexton, 1st and 2nd lms 14d, b and p 14d; GA/Trawalla, m f 22d, bls and 1st pcs 16d, locks and 2nd pcs 10d; RURADENE, aa b 18d, aa m & r flc 18d, ckb 20d, aaa ckb 19d, aa ckb 19d, a ckb 18d, a f xb 19d, f xb 17d, aaa xb 17d, aa xb 17d, a xb 17d, xb 16d, x flc 17d, r flc 16d, 1st ckb pcs 17d, 1st xb pcs 14d, bls 12d, bls 11d, nks & wigs 11d, ckb locks 7d, locks & stns 7d, 1st ckb lms 16d, 2nd ckb lms 12d; SB/Trawalla, lms 14d, 2nd lms 13d; GC/Trawalla, crs 9d; WTL/Trawalla, aa lms & lms 14d.

PRISONERS IN FAR EAST.

— Representations for information concerning the 17,000 A.I.F. and other Australian servicemen in the Far East are continuously being made by the Australian Red Cross in conjunction with the International Red Cross at Geneva, but so far no details have been received, except in the case of 2734, apart from unofficial information concerning another 500. Of these 2734 the camp addresses of only 786 have been notified. The Red Cross at Geneva advises that 230,000 letters for all Allied prisoners had been distributed, and that relief supplies were also being sent to the prison camps. Of the letters sent by Australians no replies have yet been received.

WAR BONDS ARE NEGOTIABLE

There is a generally-held and entirely wrong view on the part of small investors in Australia that putting money into Government bonds for a period of five or 10 years means tying it up, beyond recall, for the whole of that period.

This point was made in a recent broadcast in support of the £100,000,000 Third Liberty Loan by the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr H. T. Armitage).

He added that it could not be too strongly stressed that in an emergency Government bonds can always be sold at market price and the money obtained promptly. The Commonwealth Bank or any other bank, savings bank, or stockbroker will undertake the sale of Government bonds on behalf of an owner at any time.

It should also be remembered that money invested in the Third Liberty Loan pays a double dividend. It becomes immediately a fighting weapon—a means of backing up our fighting men and an aid to the Government to push on unhampered with its victory plans.

At the same time, money put into the Third Liberty Loan to-day is an instalment on our security in the future. Tens of thousands of investors in Government loans have the comfort of knowing that they will have a nest-egg—a stand-by—when peace comes again.

BEAUFORT V.D.C.— Captain P. Russell and Lieut. G. Oddie were in charge of the Beaufort platoon of the V.D.C. on Saturday night, when a good number of men were on parade. Field signalling was practised in the open country close to the town; the signal section co-operating. On Wednesday night the customary classes were held. This (Saturday) afternoon there will be rifle practice at the local range.

V.D.C. SIGNALLERS.— A feature of the V.D.C. parade in Ballarat on Thursday night, 25th March, was the work performed by the signal section, under Lieut. Gilbert, in operations embracing almost the whole of central Victoria. By means of visual signalling the centres of Bendigo, Dunolly, Maryborough, Beaufort, Skipton, Ballarat, Blackwood, Daylesford, and Castlemaine were linked up, with Bendigo acting as the base. The Ballarat section operated from a position north-east of Ballarat. The results of the operation were most satisfactory, and revealed the high efficiency of the V.D.C. signalling units in the various centres. The Beaufort signallers were stationed at a post in the hills south-east of the town. They were in charge of Corpl. J. F. Wotherpoon, working under the control of Captain C. H. McKay, C.O. of A Company.

SAVINGS THAT COUNT.— Thousands of Australians still fail to realise the mighty power towards winning the war that lies in the collection of scrap and the saving of fuel. Here are two simple examples from London. The London, Midland and Scottish Railway sent 156,000,000 used railway tickets for repulping in the last year. They weighed 122 tons, and will make 12,000 4.5 shell containers. London transport will save 3,500,000 gallons of petrol a year by operating 550 producer-gas buses in the London area. Don't throw things away! Think always of the salvage collector.

OBITUARY.

MRS. MARY J. CRAIGEN.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Jane Craigen, of Banongill Station, Skipton, took place on Monday, 22nd March, from the Skipton Hospital, when her remains were interred in the Skipton Cemetery. The deceased had resided with the Fairbairn family for 20 years, and was held in very high esteem. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. J. T. Stokle, F. H. Cowan, C. Kearns, E. Duncan, K. McIntyre, and F. Alexander. A beautiful collection of wreaths and floral tributes was received. The Rev. E. A. Forbes conducted the service at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. H. Evans & Son.

MRS. M. V. GLEESON.

The remains of Mrs Mary Veronica Gleeson, wife of Mr William Gleeson, of Ararat (formerly of Beaufort), were removed to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ararat, on Thursday evening, 25th March, and Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated by the Rev. Father J. Day on Friday morning, 26th March. The funeral left the Church at the conclusion of the Mass for the Ararat Cemetery. There was a large attendance of sorrowing relatives and friends. Amongst the many floral tributes were wreaths from the Ripon Sub-branch, R.S.A.I.L.A., St. John's Ladies' Committee, and the Postal and Engineers' Staffs, Ararat. The coffin was borne to the grave by Messrs. J. J. Fitzpatrick (brother), P. Gleeson, B. McHugh (brothers-in-law), and G. Collins (cousin). The pall bearers were Messrs. H. Norton, H. Studd, J. Brophy, F. Webster, F. Lange, A. Curran, D. Burnard, D. Ryan, S. Bailey, and T. Creenaune. Dean Goidanich, assisted by Rev. Fathers Day and Russell, officiated at the graveside. Mr J. Dunn, of Ararat, carried out the funeral arrangements.

TUBELESS TYRES.— Details of South Australian motorists' successful experiments with tubeless tyres have been sent to Melbourne by the Adelaide office of the Department of Supply and Development. Professor Kerr Grant and other officers of the War Inventions Board, who have inspected the tyres, are greatly impressed with their success. One motorist who has fitted them to his car and tried them over rough roads, says that at the end of 10 days of running, an air pressure check showed that less than half a pound had been lost of a 40 lb. pressure in the cover casing.

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Back-seat rider's view of the interior of one of the mass-produced, troop-carrying gliders now being built by the Ford Motor Co. and other war factories in the U.S.A.

Swarms of Gliders for Coming Allied Offensive?

The Air-borne Invasion of Crete Proved the Success of Engine-less Planes.

The unnerving attack by glider-troops at Crete was something that the world had never seen before. There were thousands of gliders, carrying ten times their number of troops. As they came over, the pilots slipped cables, and down rained the frail craft on the rocky earth of the British-held island.

CRETE was lost to air-borne divisions, and gliders played a large part in the victory. The nucleus of the present German glider force was built up in pre-war years by...

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BALLARAT MARKET.

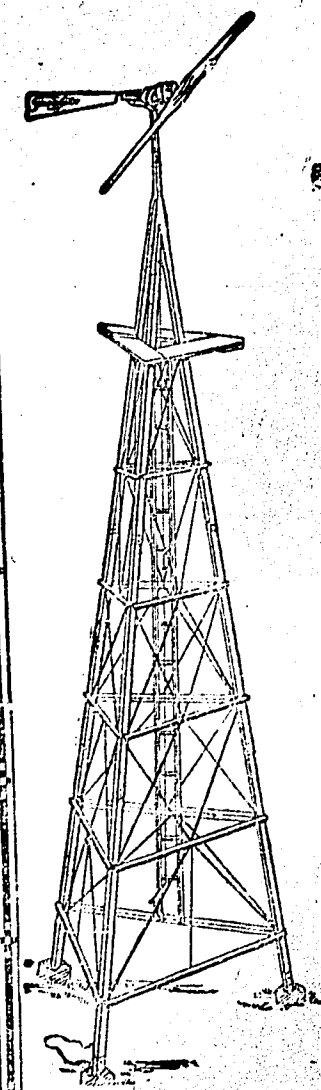
Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.
CATTLE — A heavier yarding of 182. There were 70 bullocks, two trucks of which were prime heavyweights; remainder chiefly light and handy weights of good to prime quality. Two trucks of cows were good to prime, others plain and useful. Competition was active for best quality and values for same were very firm, but other grades showed a slightly easier tendency. Quotations:—Prime medium-weight bullocks, £17 to £18; extra prime and heavy, £10 to £20/17/6; prime lightweight bullocks £14/10/ to £16; good, £12/10/ to £13 10/; prime cows, £12 to £13/15/; good, £9/10/ to £11; useful, £7 to £8/10/.

CALVES — A very heavy penning, totalling 172. A fair proportion consisted of decent quality steers and helpers; others useful. There were also a few nice quality vealers. The demand was strong and values firm. Best made £15

SHEEP — 4318 penned. There was a slightly better offering of wethers, the majority good and prime quality; with a few pens heavy; others useful. Ewes were again heavily supplied, particularly canning descriptions. Only a limited number of good and prime quality was forward in this section. Sales opened to fair competition, and as sales progressed bidding became keener; values for wethers being 1/ to 2/ higher. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 23/ to 26/; extra, to 29/10; good, 20/ to 22/; prime crossbred ewes, 15/ to 17/; extra, to 18/7; good, 12/6 to 14/; prime merino wethers, 21/ to 24/; extra, to 25/10; good, 17/ to 19/.

LAMBS—1606 penned. Prime quality was scarce, the majority comprising good and useful trade descriptions. There were also a few pens suitable for



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OUR OLD BUSH HOME.

By the side of the road stood our old bush home,
Under a weeping peppermint tree;
In summer the neighbours would come
Then how happy we children would be.

They told us of their homeland,
While the sun sank in the west;
Tales we children could understand
Were the ones we loved the best.

Told of games they used to play
In that land beyond the sea;
In the meadows among the hay,
They were happy as could be.

They told of winter and the snow
And of many a happy Christmas day;
But when it came near time to go,
"Let's have a song," someone would say

The music was played by two or three
They sang the songs they loved so well;
They sang the songs, "Ever of Thee,"
"Sweet Alice" and "The Hazel Dell."

Then they sat looking into the sky,
Not a word seemed to come;
They thought of the One on High
And quietly left our old bush home.

A.P.

OBITUARY.

MR. L. C. SCHERGER.

One of the oldest residents of Cathcart, Mr Leonard Charles Scherger, has died at the age of 79 years, and his passing will be deeply regretted in the district, where he was held in high esteem. He had not been in the best of health for some time, but his end was rather sudden, came as a shock to his relatives and friends. A son of the late Charles and Abigail Scherger, the deceased was born at Cathcart, where he had resided all his life. Although of a quiet disposition, Mr Scherger was well known in the Ararat district and had many friends, especially in cricket and football circles in which he took great interest in his younger days. He was also a very keen fisherman. For 62 years Mr Scherger was a member of the Cathcart Hall Committee and was the last surviving foundation member. He leaves to mourn their loss his widow and family of five sons, Henry (Raglan), William (Cathcart), Stanley (Barton), Leonard (A.I.F.) and James (Cathcart), and two daughters, Mrs Knight (Coleraine) and Mrs Eckhardt (Sorrento). One brother, Ernest, of Jalluka, and three sisters, Mrs Cattinach (Ararat), Miss E. Scherger (Ararat), and Mrs Pipkorn (Melbourne), also survive him. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon when his remains were laid to rest in the Spring Lead Cemetery. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, and the hearse was laden with beautiful wreaths, including those from Cathcart Hall Committee, Cathcart Tennis Club, trustees of the Spring Lead Cemetery, committee and scholars, Cathcart State School. The coffin was borne by Messrs. H. Scherger, W. Scherger, S. Scherger, and J. Scherger (sons), and the pall-bearers were Cr. A. McDonald, M.L.A., Messrs. A. Hargreaves, W. Hastings, J. Clark, Cr. A. Vanstan, Messrs. E. Scherger, W. McDonald, R. Moorfoot, R. G. McDonald, S. Clark, A. Scholes, and M. Heenan. Canon Dewhurst conducted services at the residence and graveside. Mr J. Dunn carried out the funeral arrangements. — "Ararat Advertiser."

POLICE COURT. — There was a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday.

INQUEST TO BE HELD. — On Monday, 19th April, an inquest will be held at the Beaufort Court House, concerning the death of William McCormick who was killed by a train at Trawalla railway station on April 2.

EXPORT LEVY ON RABBIT SKINS. — The Minister for Commerce, Mr Scully, announced on March 31 that the exemption of rabbit skins from export levy, which was granted from the 1st January to 31st March, will be continued for a further month to the 30th April, and will cover all skins purchased during the month of April for shipment overseas. Mr Scully said he wished to make it clear that suppliers of rabbit skins were entitled to receive prices based on ruling market values during the month of April and that buyers were not entitled to make any adjustment for export levy in that period. The Minister added that the action taken by the Government during the past six months in reducing the rate of levy and then suspending it entirely for a further period had done much to stabilise market values over the lean summer period. Skin values are now very high for this time of the year, but the Government does not wish to disturb a rising market at this stage, although this means a loss of revenue which the Government itself may be called upon to bear. The Government, however, considers this action worth while, to encourage rabbit destruction in the interests of rural industries.

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Don't run down the town in which you get your living. It stamps you as a "moaner" and may do other folk much harm. Local business people keep the local institutions going—give them the preference when you wish to buy.

The man who skites about the bargains he gets from traders in other towns, generally squeals the loudest when someone else goes to the city to buy some article he has for sale.

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

THE POETS' CORNER

CHRISTMAS DINNER, 1942, OR THE INTERRUPTED FEAST.

The boys awoke on that Christmas morn,
To see a lovely sky of blue,
And they wondered if the Bible saying
Of "Peace on Earth" would ever come true.

The mail had arrived the night before
With letters and parcels and hamper galore;
And they all hoped to eat in peace—
The delicacies that would form the feast.

They all sat down in the nearest shade;
When, suddenly, like a bolt from the blue,
The siren sounded: And in the space
Of a minute, seven big 'planes came into view.

The gun crews sprang to man the guns,
Whilst the rest fell flat on the face,
And a solemn look crept into each eye
As all prepared to die for the race.

At last the command was given to fire,
All nerves were cool, as they took the sight;
Then there was a terrific explosion,
Quite a few jumped with fright.

Out of the blue came hurtling down
A Zero, with all of its crew;
The others made off in very great haste
And then the "All clear" blew.

We silently buried the crew of four,
Whilst the Padre muttered a prayer;
And all the men felt sorry
For the ones they put "under there."

None of our men was wounded,
Although they had been under fire;
They raised up their eyes to heaven,
And thankfully said a short prayer.

At last they returned to their trenches
And prepared to dine in state;
They knew they had done their duty,
And once more believed in fate.

That night, while the moon was rising
They sat in a circle of light;
And they sang the old Christmas carols,
For it was Christmas night.

(Written by Tpr. P. E. Bunston, VX81380 (Skipton), Somewhere in Australia)

YANKS MAY COME AND YANKS MAY GO.

I dedicate this poem of mine
To our loyal girls, who toe the line,
And stick to our boys in khaki and blue,
Forever staunch, forever true.

We salute the girls who stick to same
Through all the flattery and fun
Brought from afar to our fair land,
By this glamorous Yankee band.

With their "Hi ya, Toots," and "Howdy Honey,"
Plenty of swank and pots of money,
They give you that and buy you this,
But it's only a very short moment of bliss.

You may be dazzled for a while
By drawing speech and flashing smile,
But we know the girls who stop to say
"Goodbye, Yank, be on your way."

When this war's over and done,
Those are the girls who will have the fun,
For by then the flippant type will be
As far as the Statue of Liberty.

Remember, 'twill be the Aussies,
Dressed in khaki and blue,
Who will stand beside you with joy and pride,

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On the day when you are a happy bride.

And in conclusion, let me state,
This is not a hymn of hate,
But a little piece of sound advice,
If you want your wedding bells and rice.

(This was written by a boy who returned from overseas. He was engaged to a girl before he went away, and when he arrived home, she had married a Yank).

BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.

CATTLE — One hundred and eighty-eight were penned. There was a heavy penning of bullocks, which numbered 110, half being prime light and medium weights, with a few pens heavy, remainder useful descriptions. Cows were chiefly useful to good. Although the demand was steady, values generally for bullocks were 10/ to 15/ lower, whilst cows showed little alteration. Quotations:—Prime medium weight bullocks, £16 to £17; prime heavy weight bul-

locks, £18 to £19; prime light weight bullocks, £14 to £15/10; good, £12 to £13; best cows, to £12/2/6; good, 9/10/ to £11; useful, 7/ to 8/10/.

CALVES — Another heavy penning of 194. There was a scarcity of choice pens, but a fair number of good trade quality, others useful. Competition was fair, but values were lower. Best made £13/11/.

SHEEP — 4620 penned. There was a decided improvement in the quality of the offerings, a bigger proportion comprising good and prime crossbred and comeback wethers. Merinos were not so plentiful. Ewes also were in better condition; there being fewer caniling descriptions than in recent markets. Sales opened to good competition at values quite equal to last week, but towards the close the demand was not so keen and values were slightly easier. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 23/ to 25/; extra, to 27/5; good, 20/ to 22/; prime crossbred ewes, 15/ to 17/; extra, to 20/10; good, 12/ to 14/; prime merino wethers, 20/ to 22/; a few, to 23/4; good, 16/ to 18/.

Lambs — 1656 penned. Prime quality was again limited, the bulk of the supply comprising good and useful descriptions. Heavy lambs were scarce, also graziers' descriptions. Competition was

keen throughout and values were quite equal to recent quotations. Quotations:—Prime, 23/ to 25/; extra, to 26/2; a few, to 27/4; good, 20/ to 22/; useful, 16/ to 18/.

The following district sales are reported:—Two cows, Mr W. A. Scott, Mena Park, £12/2/6 and £10/10/; steer, same owner, £14/15/; 11 merino wethers and ewes, Mr Chas. Young, Mena Park, wethers 23/4, ewes 14/2; 3 lambs, Mr J. E. Bennett, Chepstowe, 21/4; 24 bullocks, Major Phillip Russell, Carngham Estate, Carngham, to £12/15/; 4 cows, Mr J. R. Donald, Skipton, to £7 2/6; 3 cows and bull, Mr Les J. Greenbank, Lightwood Grove, Snake Valley, cows £9, bull £8/2/6; 2 cows, Mr K. R. Taylor, Baangal, Skipton, £8/5/ to £5 5/; 4 calves, same owner, to £7/13/3; calf, Mr Geo. Smith, Skipton, £3/15/; 64 merino wethers and ewes, Mr D. A. Carmichael, Nerring, 21/4, ewes 13/7 to 10/11; 53 Romney cross wethers and ewe, Mr H. McLean, Skipton, wethers 24/10 to 20/10, averaging 23/3, ewe 20/9; 37 crossbred ewes, Mr C. Lewis, Waterloo, 11/10 to 10/7; 10 merino ewes, Mr H. H. Roddis, Snake Valley, 11/4; 8 lambs, Mrs A. Greenbank, Lightwood Grove, Snake Valley, to 26/7; 2 cows, Mr Jas. Whitia, Snake Valley, at £7/17/6 and £4/5/; 6 calves, same owner, to £9 6/; 5 lambs, Mr R. W. Borbridge, Skipton, 21/10.

COST PLUS AS IT AFFECTS THE FARMER.

EXPERT'S ANALYSIS.

"Until the spirit and letter of the Atlantic Charter are applied, I am afraid there are certain to be surpluses of some agricultural commodities. . . . To rid the world of these surpluses by freeing the channels of distribution will require great statesmanship and a change in international spirit, and also a supreme effort of salesmanship on the part of the producers themselves."

This combined warning and invitation was contained in an address by Dr. A. R. Callaghan at the annual meeting of the Council of the Victorian Chamber of Agriculture.

Dr. Callaghan, principal of the Roseworthy Agricultural College, South Australia, was appointed last year Assistant Director (Rural Industries) of the Department of War Organisation of Industry. It is his function to survey agricultural problems in their international aspects as well as their national setting.

He questioned the applicability of a "cost-plus" system to farm produce. The system served in secondary industries, he said, to start production of war-time necessities which were wanted in unlimited quantities. There was all the difference in the world, however, between production by a single factory of large quantities of some secondary commodity, and the production of a primary commodity by innumerable farm units under highly variable conditions. The system of "cost-plus" reduced the incentive to economy and efficiency, which were the very things the primary industries needed most. Farmers had to fall back on average costs; it was impossible to guarantee profits for every farmer for any long period irrespective of his costs. To do so would encourage gross inefficiency and overproduction. It was possible, nevertheless, to stimulate or depress production by fixing prices—but fixed prices must mean profits for some farmers and losses for others. Actually, the demand for "cost-plus" was a snappy way of admitting that production and prices could not be left in the giddy hands of supply and demand. The fate of marginal wheat growers, marginal apple growers, marginal dairymen and other uneconomic producers depended on the level of price fixation.

The centre of the problem, continued Dr. Callaghan, was that satisfactory prices encouraged production beyond demand, with consequent embarrassing surpluses. Some control over production was therefore the corollary of stabilised remunerative prices—at any rate until the channels of world trade flowed more freely.

Dr. Callaghan concluded by saying that rural producers must organise and act unitedly if they wanted payable prices and were not getting them—but this would mean controlled production. There were a quarter of a million rural producers; a very small subscription from each would be enough to establish a highly qualified secretariat to protect their interests.

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute met in the library on Tuesday night; Mr R. C. Hodgetts (president) presiding. There was an attendance of five members and the secretary—librarian (Mrs C. Gillingham). The president reported on cues received from a trader in Melbourne. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. J. Duke, D. R. Hannah, and W. L. Williams. The financial statement for the month showed:—Receipts, £262/2/8; expenditure, £24/12/10; credit balance £122/16/7. — Adopted. The president reported on the polishing of the card table. An appeal was received from the Federal Treasurer for support for the Liberty Loan. Accounts amounting to £24/12/10 were passed for payment. Mr Ashley reported that the book committee had obtained a reserve supply of books from Whitcombe & Tombs. It was decided to return some billiard cues considered to be unsuitable. The secretary presented a complete list of 126 members for perusal. She said there were also 20 members of the children's library. It was decided to alter the committee meetings to the third Monday in the month at 8 p.m.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.—Mr A. H. Sands (president) conducted the business at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., held at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday night. Five members were present. Correspondence was read from Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick, returning thanks for letter of sympathy in his recent bereavement. Circulars were read from the Board of Directors, re appeals being made to branches without the consent of the board. The proposed formation of junior branches was also referred to, and the opinions of the branch asked for. A further circular from the board urged the branch to take an interest in the formation of libraries, especially children's libraries. — Action deferred till quarterly meeting. The State Treasurer wrote, urging the branch to support the Third Liberty Loan. — As the branch had invested £100 in a recent loan, the letter was received. The treasurer's account showed a credit balance in the general account of £109 18/3, and a credit balance of £37/10/ in the sick-pay account. Accounts and sick-pay amounting to £13/6/8 were passed for payment.



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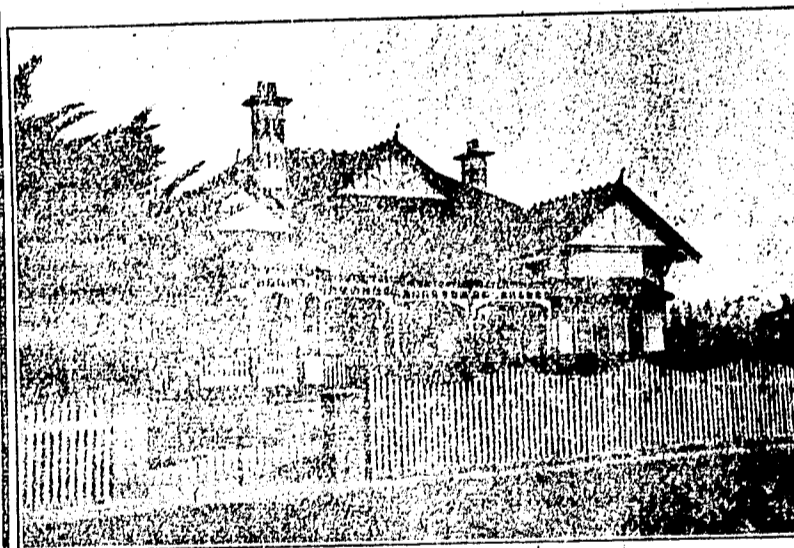
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No. 3584.

Heavy Firewood and Timber Traffic.

Damage to Roads FORESTS DEPARTMENT CANNOT ASSIST COUNCIL.

The following letter was read on Monday at the Ripon Shire Council meeting:—

From Mr A. McDonald, M.H.R., and Mr P. L. Denigan, M.L.A., in reply to Council's request to Federal and State Governments, in regard to damage caused to roads in shire by Government carting of firewood and timber, and stating that the Forests Department had no funds to assist the shires in this matter.

Cr. McKay said a resolution should be moved through the Municipal Association. They had got the same reply for years past. Cr. Schlicht—He thought the poles were being carted for wheat silos. He considered that came under defence. Cr. Wills—They should ask them to make a road themselves. The secretary—The Council had power to close the roads. Cr. MacPhie—He had not intended to approach the Forests Department at all, but the State and Federal Governments. He thought the National Emergency Act would override the Council's powers as to closing the road. If they got a wet winter, the road would have to be done for a considerable distance, not a few chains. It would be impassable to their own ratepayers. The president (Cr. Russell)—The royalty on the timber would do a lot of work. Cr. McKay said he agreed with Cr. MacPhie. An approach might be made to the C.R.B. Surely their members of Parliament could see the correct bodies to approach. He felt they were not making an effort to do that. Cr. Kirkpatrick—If they stated the amount they wanted, it should be considered by the Forests Department. Cr. McKay—The only way they could get a grant, he thought, was through the C.R.B. from the Federal Aids Grant. Their members wanted more than approaching—they needed driving. Cr. McDonald—They would not get an unconditional grant. Mr Denigan told him that Cr. MacPhie moved that the Federal and State members be written to, pointing out that they already knew the Forests Commission had not the power to spend money on roads, excepting forests, and asking them to ascertain the correct body to approach to have the shire compensated for the damage done to the road. Cr. Wills—They should get an estimate from the engineer, and go to the C.R.B. on a 50-50 basis. Cr. McKay seconded Cr. MacPhie's motion, and said he was not agreeable to going to anyone on a 50-50 basis. It was understood an estimate would be made before next meeting.

THREAT TO BUSH HOSPITALS.

The following item of correspondence came before the Ripon Shire Council at Monday's meeting:—

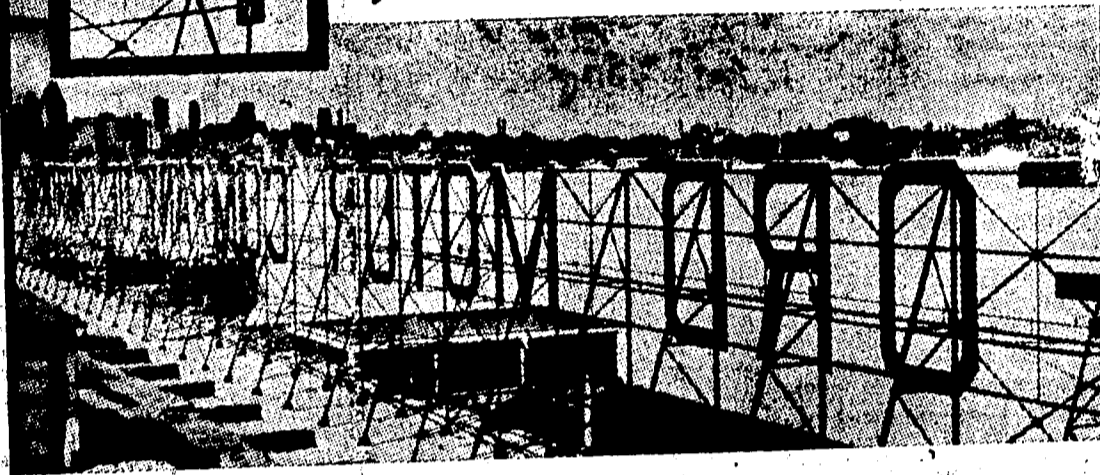
From Shire of Phillip Island, concerning proposed abolition of Victorian Bush Nursing Association.

Cr. McKay said he was in favour of everything in the letter, and it was beyond his comprehension how anyone could contemplate closing such an institution as a B.N. Hospital. He knew nothing would suit one member of the Charities' Board better than to get bush hospitals closed. He moved that the letter be supported, and that local Parliamentary members be written to and asked to support same. Seconded by Cr. Rodgers, and carried.



JUST A "SIGN OF THE TIMES" was the removal of the name from the top of the Ford plant in Windsor, Canada, which was dismantled so that the steel framework might be broken up into scrap iron. Some idea of the size of the sign and amount of steel salvaged is gained from the fact that the letters were 10 feet high, making up the name of the Company, stretching 400 feet along the Detroit River. The steel has now been melted down to make vehicles of war, and possibly may be in some of the engines reaching the Ford Co., Australia, where war vehicles of all kinds are being built.

Canada's Part In Mechanising Our Armies



Great Railway Organisations' Active Role in Munitions, Construction and Transport.

THE area of Canada is so vast and her geographical features so varied, that it is not surprising that the climate is also varied. It is on the whole, however, a friendly climate. Her southern border is as far north from the Equator as Tasmania is south from it, so her average temperatures are colder than those prevailing in Australia.

In the great wheat growing areas the summers are hot and the winters cold, but it is a dry cold that is stimulating and without fog. The water power resulting from the lakes and rivers has been utilized to great advantage in the country's manufacturing industries. Pulp and paper headed the list of manufactures in pre-war days, with flour and grist milling next. Sixth on the list was the manufacture of automobiles.

The latter industry has responded to the demands of the war needs in a truly remarkable way and production has reached hitherto undreamed of figures. As far back as August 1941 the Ford Motor Company of Canada, parent company of the Ford Motor Company of Australia, produced its 100,000th military vehicle.

Canada is fortunate to have her splendid railway systems so adequately equipped, and strategically

situated to meet the wartime demands of the nation. Many do not realize that there are only three transcontinental lines on the North American Continent, and that they are all located in Canada—two being operated by the Canadian National Railways and one by the Canadian Pacific Railway. By the term "transcontinental" is meant a railroad operated from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific Coast by one entity and one management. The C.N.R. and the C.P.R. also are the two largest railroads, so far as mileage operated is concerned, on the Continent. The Canadian National operates twenty-three thousand and six hundred miles of road and the Canadian Pacific operates seventeen thousand miles.

Moreover, Canada's railways operated many services which in the United States were provided by companies other than those of the railroads: hotel systems, express and telegraph systems, and sleeping car services. They owned their own coal mines and operated shipbuilding plants and fleets of vessels on the oceans and on the Great Lakes. Apart from these varied activities, Canada's railways were actively engaged in war work. The Canadian National had extended aid in the formation and operation of numer-

ous Government departments for war work, acted as agent in acquiring property for training camps and airfields; assisted industry in locating new sites for plants and in the planning of towns to house war workers. The railway had supplied skilled men from every department for these purposes. In its own shipyards the C.N.R. had built large freight steamers and minesweepers and in its shops made guns and gun carriages and secret devices. This work was being continued and extended.

Speaking to the Canadian Club at Toronto on December 2, the Minister of Munitions and Supply (Mr. C. D. Howe) revealed that the armies of the Empire all over the world were almost entirely dependent on mechanized vehicles from Canada. He said that the armada of ships which recently moved into North Africa carried some 40,000 Canadian mechanized vehicles (mostly from the Ford Motor Co. of Canada).

Mr. Howe also stated that Canada had manufactured and delivered to Russia a very large number of Valentine tanks. In this connection, he quoted a letter from Major-General Belyaev, Chairman of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, stating that "Canadian Valentine tanks have shown good results in combat action on our front and have proved themselves the best of all our imported tanks."

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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.

An actress claims that women have cleaner minds than men. They should have, considering the number of times they change them.

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, T. Willis, J. Kirkpatrick, J. A. Hinton, C. H. McKay, A. MacPhie, and T. W. Schlicht.

CORRESPONDENCE.
From the Prime Minister, urging the Council to give the greatest support in its power to the Third Liberty Loan.
The secretary said the quota was £18,000 for 140 subscribers, and they had 219,000 for 63 subscribers.
From Public Works Department, with respect to building regulations.
Referred to North Riding members.
From Lands Department, concerning unused roads, Eurambeen Estate.
To lie on the table for a month, and engineer to report, on motion of Crs. McKay and MacPhie.
From Lands Department, with regard to a road in Parish of Haddon.
To lie on the table for a month and engineer to report, on motion of Crs. McKay and MacPhie.
From Lands Department, in relation to water channel, Lake Goldsmith.
To lie on table for a month and engineer to report, on motion of Cr. McDonald.
From Lands Department, with reference to closed road, Parish of Travalla.

The secretary — The Council dealt with the matter on 10th August, 1942, and agreed to the road being closed.
From Department of Agriculture, notifying release of Eurambeen-Stratham road, closed owing to pleuro outbreak.
The engineer — That meant the quarantine regulations had been re-arranged. In answer to Cr. MacPhie, the president (Cr. Russell) said, the pleuro should be definitely cleaned up now.
Cr. MacPhie moved that they write to the officers of the Department of Agriculture, expressing their appreciation of their work in the matter. They were pleased it was confined to the two herds. The president — As one of the owners, he felt treatment of them was not satisfactory. Cr. McDonald seconded the motion, and said the steps taken by the owners of the cattle were also appreciated. But for them, the result would not have been achieved.
From Shire of Dimboola, re closing of small shops, and valuation of same.
Cr. Kirkpatrick moved that action be deferred till they got the report of the executive of the Municipal Association.
Cr. MacPhie — He did not think a small business should be penalised, but if they were able to get a reduction in the rate the following year it was alright. It was resolved that the valuer report at next meeting.
From Municipal Association, asking that business items for annual session be forwarded not later than 30th June. Deferred till next meeting.
From Victorian Decentralisation League, forwarding minutes of meeting.
Received.
From Red Cross Society, acknowledging receipt of waste consignment.
Received. Cr. Willis said if the trucks called, he could give them a lot of cast iron. The engineer — They would attend to that.
From Empire Day movement, re Empire Day celebration on 24th May.
Referred to riding members, and as many as possible to attend.
From president of Sheepskins for Russian Sick and Wounded Fund, forwarding appeal for assistance.
Appeal received and everyone urged to support it, on the motion of the president. In reply to Cr. McKay, the president said they would take any skin with over a quarter of an inch of wool on it. They should support that and the C.W.A. appeal. Seconded by

Cr. Roddis, and carried.
The engineer — If skins were left in the shire yard, he would see they were sent on. The secretary — He would advertise that fact.
From Mrs. Tiley, concerning tree on road at Raglan.
Left in engineer's hands to attend to, on the motion of Cr. MacPhie.
From East Riding registrar of dogs forwarding report.
The secretary said the man referred to had paid for three dogs, and the inspector said he had four. The matter was referred back to the inspector.
From D. Stevenson, Beaufort, applying for permission to clear timber for new fence on back Raglan road. — Referred to engineer, with power to act on motion of Cr. McKay.
From Town Clerk, Ballarat, concerning erection of new infectious disease wing at Hospital, and asking for information re valuation. — Cr. Roddis moved that the information be supplied by the secretary. Carried.
From road ranger, North and West Ridings, reporting three impoundings for the month. — Received.
From W. H. Brumby, caretaker Snake Valley reservoir, drawing attention to damage being done to Council property by boys, in connection with local water supply. — Copy of letter to be sent to Linton police, on motion of Crs. McDonald and Willis.
From W. O. Young, Lillie Road, asking Council to arrange for water pumps to be put back on wells. — Cr. McKay — Too late; it's raining now. Referred to East Riding members on motion of Cr. McDonald.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Cr. McDonald — He had read a financial statement for last year, made by the secretary, and he noticed that in every riding and all undertakings but the Snake Valley Water Supply, arrears of rates had gone up. He drew the attention of councillors to that.
The secretary — A good many of those arrears were already in. There were no arrears owing by the West Riding.
Cr. Hinton — The West Riding had plenty of money on hand. He moved that they put £400 or £500 into the War Loan. There was not much traffic on the roads. He would also put in £100 himself.
Cr. McKay — The North Riding members could not vote the West Riding money away.
Cr. MacPhie — They would get a lot of pleasure out of doing it.
It was resolved to refer the matter to the West Riding members.
Cr. Willis — He would make it £300, as they would have future loans. He seconded the motion, which was altered accordingly by Cr. Hinton, and carried; the money to be on short term.
Cr. MacPhie — He had a request from the Raglan Patriotic League, who were running sports on Easter Saturday for patriotic purposes, and wanted to know if the Council would assist them in grading the track. He moved that the request be granted and the work done as soon as possible.
Cr. Schlicht — Would Cr. MacPhie include Waterloo, who had made a similar request to him?
Cr. MacPhie — He was only too pleased to do so.
Cr. Schlicht seconded the motion which was carried.
In answer to Cr. MacPhie, the secretary said there was no reply yet to the Council's letter about axe handles.
The president — He had put in an application for some.
Cr. MacPhie — That did not work out too well with woodcutters who broke an axe handle.
The president — From what he was told, there were axes about.
Cr. MacPhie — A lot of handles on the market were absolutely useless.
The president, in reply to Cr. MacPhie, said the axes were 17/ to 18/ each.

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GOLDIERS' LEAGUE.

Arrangements for Anzac Day were finalised at the monthly committee meeting of the Ripon sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, held at the Shire Hall on Saturday night, and attended by 17 members. The president (Mr C. H. McKay) presided. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. H. Baker, L. Neil, and H. Currie.

The president said in regard to the resolution they were asked to draft, he wrote to Mr Joyce asking for a clarification of the travelling facilities for men on leave, and had not yet received a reply. They had done nothing, awaiting that reply. He had received no information to date from the Federal Committee going into soldier settlement.

Correspondence was read from the State branch, with regard to the Comforts Fund.

From State branch, asking that speakers at league gatherings emphasise the principle of preference to returned soldiers. — The president said he had contacted district Parliamentary members, who had indicated their intention to support Senator Brand's amendment, giving preference to Service men only.

In reply to Mr McLeod, the president said the Shire Council had already reaffirmed their resolution with respect to this matter.

From same, re Anzac Day dawn pilgrimage and march.

From same, re amendment of Australian Repatriation Act. — Received.

The president said that on 21st April there would be the usual Anzac Day broadcast for schools. It was to be held in Beaufort at the C.W.A. Hall. For Anzac Day he had contacted a speaker in Melbourne, but had not had a reply yet. They would have a little trouble in regard to clergymen, but the Rev. J. P. MacDougall would be able to come. The secretary would make arrangements about wreaths. Mr J. Martin would act as bugler. The band would assist. Present service men were being asked to attend.

The wives of committee members are to be asked to assist with the afternoon tea.

It was arranged to fall in at the band rotunda at 2 p.m.

Mr A. McGregor offered to convey the seats to the Memorial Ark.

The secretary and treasurer (Mr F. J. Webster) reported a present membership of 63 and a credit balance of £20/4/.

The president referred with deep regret to the death of Mrs W. Gleeson, of Ararat, and it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mr Gleeson, on the motion of Messrs. Hayes and McDonald.

The president heartily welcomed Sergt. Shannon, a returned 9th Division soldier, who was formerly a teacher at Mena Park.

Mr Ringin drew attention to a pension matter, and it was decided to go into it, and also to contact the Skipton and Ballarat sub-branches.

LEG GASHED. — Mr A. Crocker, of Beaufort, had the misfortune to gash his leg with an axe while working in the bush on Monday, and several stitches had to be inserted.

FLAXGROWERS' ASSOCIATION. — At Ballarat on Friday, 9th April, Mr D. R. Hannah, of Stockyard Hill, was elected president of the Flaxgrowers' Association, Messrs. J. Kirkpatrick (Stockyard Hill) and H. McIntyre (Brewster) were elected to the committee.

PRISONERS OF WAR SHOP. — The organisers of the Beaufort prisoners of war shop would like to thank all donors to the shop this week, also the helpers, who were Mesdames Lardney and Robinson on the Friday and Mesdames Burns and Wilson on the Saturday. Receipts for both days were £9/14/8. The shop will be open on Thursday, 22nd April, instead of Good Friday.

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Committee Meeting.

At the Shire Hall on Monday night, there was an attendance of 14 members at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort B.N. Hospital Committee which was presided over by Mr A. R. Beggs (president). Apologies were received for the non-attendance of Mrs A. R. Beggs, Messrs. S. Hayes, McLean and Currie.

Correspondence was read from the Central Council, in regard to the proposal to destroy the Bush Nursing Association and its hospitals by establishing small A Class centres, providing a service that was not nearly so efficient as the B.N. Hospitals. All the efforts of the committee would be required to frustrate the plan, and it was suggested that district members of Parliament be asked for their support.

—Received.

From Deputy Prices Commissioner approving of increase of hospital fees by 7 1/2 per cent. — Received.

Accounts amounting to £25/8/11 were passed for payment; leaving a fair credit balance.

The secretary said a donation of £5 had been received from Mrs Theodore Beggs, who was unable to attend the

garden party.

Mrs Beggs was thanked, on the motion of Messrs. Wotherspoon and Hinch.

The statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the recent garden party showed a Cr. balance of £94/12/.

The president said the new Hospital fees had been recommended by the finance committee, and the 7 1/2 per cent would be added as a surcharge to the ordinary account. This was just the bare cover.

Mr F. J. Webster moved that the new scale of fees be adopted. Seconded by Mrs M. Hinch, and carried.

In regard to the statement from Sir James Barrett, the president said that the Minister had given an undertaking that B.N. Hospitals would not be interfered with.

Mr McKay said the Shire Council had decided to write to the State and Federal members, asking them to use their influence to preserve B.N. Hospitals.

Mr McKay moved that the committee write to Mr Alan McDonald, M.H.E. for Corangamite, and Messrs. P. L. Denigan, M.L.A. for Allandale, and A. J. Pittard, M.L.C. for Ballarat asking them to support retention of B.N. Hospitals, and drawing attention to Sir James Barrett's circular. Seconded by Mr J. F. Wotherspoon, and carried.

The president moved that their best thanks be tendered to Messrs. E. Broadbent and W. G. Gillingham for assisting at the working bee last Saturday, and that they be written to to that effect by the secretary. He mentioned that another working bee would be held next Saturday. Seconded by Mr Dalrymple, and carried.

It was resolved that the truck owners and saw-bench owners who assisted at the working bees be recompensed for the cost of the petrol used by them.

The following donations were received:—Lady White, tomatoes; Dr. S. E. Humphreys, vegetables; Mr Topp, tomatoes; Miss Lewis, vegetables; Mrs F. Foster, cream; Miss A. T. Stewart, vegetables; Mrs H. Hooke, vegetables, flowers; Buln Gherin, eggs, tomatoes; Mrs A. R. Beggs, lettuce, tomatoes; Mrs Stowell, fowl, vegetables; Mrs Hinch, cakes.

RAINFALL. — The rainfall for the week at Beaufort amounted to 87 points.

LOCAL FOOTBALLER. — Among the best of the new men with the Footscray football team this season, Jim Barnes, a former Beaufort half-forward and left-footer, is mentioned in the "Argus."

DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES.

Skipton.

FOR THE EMPIRE. The following is taken from the Canberra Times:—Military Cross: Captain William John Stanley Atkinson...

The following servicemen were home during the week-end:—A.C.2 Reg Graham, Stoker Percy Nash, Corpl. Alan McIntyre...

EUCHE PARTY AND DANCE. The euche party and dance run in aid of the War Service Funds was responsible for a moderate attendance...

FAREWELL TO CLERGYMAN. At the meeting of the Church of England Ladies' Guild on Thursday, April 8...

PERSONAL. Mr Ray Gibson, of Skipton, is at present an inmate of the Ballarat Base Hospital...

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. There was a good muster at the monthly meeting, presided over by Mr Angus, on Tuesday night...

THE WEATHER. A cold snap has set in and rain has fallen on several occasions...

C.W.A. MEETING. The monthly meeting of the C.W.A. was presided over by Mrs Johnson (president)...

Trawalla. A euche party was held in the school on Friday, 9th April...

EUCHE PARTY. A euche party was held in the school on Friday, 9th April, when there was a good muster of local residents...

Primrose. The secretary reported that there was about £98 in the bank. After allowing for canteen orders, wallets, etc., there would be about £50 to allocate...

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT. An accident, which might have had more serious consequences, occurred on the Lismore road, about seven or eight miles from Skipton...

MECHANICS' BALL. At the monthly meeting of the Skipton Mechanics' Institute, presided over by Mr C. R. Loudon...

PERSONAL. Mr and Mrs Dawson have had a letter from their son, Ted, who is on active service in New Guinea...

Raglan. PATRIOTIC LEAGUE'S GYMKHANA. (Contributed.) After weeks of work the stage is all set for the conducting of the gymkhana on the Raglan Recreation Reserve...

TOWN BAND. — Mr J. Duke (president) was in the chair on Thursday night at a committee meeting of the Beaufort Town Band...

WAR SAVINGS GROUP. The local War Savings group is doing fine work, and over 140 certificates have been purchased...

WAR LOAN QUOTA. We understand that Trawalla also did its share in assisting Beaufort in obtaining its Liberty Loan quota...

PERSONAL. Corpl. J. Rigby, of the W.A.A.F. spent a day of her leave with her sister Mrs Flavell, before returning to her duties as drill instructress...

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number of good things for the public to buy. An old and esteemed resident of Raglan Mr F. Drew, has undertaken to take charge of all the children under 14 years, and will see that each one of them wins a prize...

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. A meeting of the above was held in the Raglan Hall on Wednesday night, April 7. Mr W. G. Wilkinson (in the chair), 18 members, the treasurer and secretary were present...

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN. — On Monday Beaufort (Ripon Shire) had subscribed £19,600 for 63 subscribers to the Third Liberty Loan, and £400 was added during the day...

WATERLOO SPORTS CLUB. — There was a good attendance of members of the Waterloo Sports Club at a meeting on Saturday night, in connection with the Easter Saturday sports...

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The shire engineer (Mr E. J. Muntz) reported as follows at the Council meeting on Monday:— 1. Work on north bank of Sandy Creek has been completed...

Clause 1 — Referred back to North Riding members, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Kirkpatrick. 2. Two trees in front of Miss Lewis' home in Livingstone Street appear to be gone beyond recovery...

Clause 4 — The engineer — He thought they would send them to their factory in N.S.W. In reply to Cr. Roddis, the engineer said he had considered the East Riding truck...

RIPONSHIRE REPORTS.

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

The West Riding Committee reported that they met on 8/2/43; Crs. Kirkpatrick and Willis being present. It was resolved that the engineer procure 100 extra planks...

The North Riding Committee reported that a meeting was held on 8/2/43. It was resolved that engineer have complaint by Mr Lancy, Raglan, re water supply, attended to.

The East Riding Committee reported that they met on 8/3/43; the three councillors being present. It was resolved that J. R. Gardner be appointed dog registrar for the East Riding for the year ending 28th July, 1944...

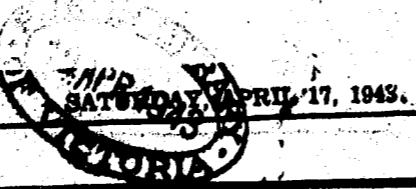
counts were passed for payment:—Wages, £62/4; Lawrence & Hanson, £5 10/3; Siemens Pty. Ltd., £3/3; Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd., £156/5; War Damage Commission, £2/12; total, £229 14/8.

The following accounts were passed for payment, on the recommendation of the finance committee, on the motion of Crs. McDonald and Kirkpatrick:—Day labour vouchers, £273/18/4; Government Printer, £1/14; A. M. Parker, £3/1; Chaires Pty. Ltd., £2 2/; Arnall & Jackson, £2/10; salaries, £31/18/4, £15/1/8, £36/5/10; Colonial Mutual, £8/0/2; Commissioner of Taxes, £14/4; Cr. Russell (president's allowance), £12/10/0; secretary (war savings certificates), £20; petty cash, £5; Dr. S. E. Humphreys, £10; Dr. Donaldson, £7/10/0; Ballarat Hospital, £17/14; L. E. La Roche, £9/15/3; County Fire Board (maintenance), £574 17/11; E. Crick, £3/5; S. T. Roberts, £3/15/5; E. L. Gillingham, £33/12/6; J. R. Gordon, £34/7/6; Electricity Supply, £3/13/4; R. Harris, £6; Bateman Muscovitch, £11/0/11; B. & W. Co-op., £2 0/5; Cuthbertson & Son, £23/16/3; David Shepherd, £2/8/10; Concrete Construction, £33/0/3; H. Johnston, £4 9/3; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £2 18/8; T. Willis, £1/15/9; Railway Department, £5/4/11; Pool Petroleum, £62 11/9; Atlantic Union, £1/8/5; Wilson's Motors, £7/13/7; engineer, £9/12/0; A. H. Hall, £2; C. Bates, £36/6/4; vouchers, £141/1/5; total, £1493/2/4.

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

MOTHERS' CLUB. — The monthly meeting of the Beaufort Mothers' Club was held on Friday afternoon, 9th April, at the school. Mrs C. V. Wylie (president) was in the chair. Apologies were received for the non-attendance of Mesdames E. Sullivan, W. Gillingham, A. M. Parker, P. Doull, and J. Pearce. An account was passed for payment. A stall was conducted in the street on Thursday, April 15, for the cocoa fund. Donations of cocoa were received from Mesdames Q. W. Gregory and A. Gercovich. The secretary was instructed to forward a letter of sympathy to Mr W. Gleeson, of Ararat (formerly of Beaufort), in the death of his wife.

BEAUFORT V.D.C. — More than 40 members of the Beaufort Platoon of the V.D.C. were on parade on Saturday night. Captains C. H. McKay, P. Russell, and Lieut. G. Oddie were in charge. After practice at the Park in passing messages, the men were given an interesting lecture in the orderly rooms on intelligence work by Sergt. Shannon, who recently returned from the Middle East. Lieut. Oddie thanked Sergt. Shannon for his informative talk. A special parade was held on Wednesday night, and another parade will be held to-night (Saturday). Mr George Jackson has been nominated as a justice of the peace at Lexington in place of Mr R. Roxburgh, who has left the district.



HEALTH REPORTS.

The following health reports were presented at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday:—

Dr. J. Blair Donaldson, M.O.H. for the East Riding, reported for March that the general health was good, and that there was nothing further to report except some further cases of epidemic jaundice.

Received. The engineer said that nothing had eventuated about a conference between the doctors.

Cr. McKay reported on the matter, and said **Dr. Humphreys** would prefer the Council to arrive at an agreement themselves, and thought **Dr. Donaldson** would also. It was not a matter of area but schools. He suggested that the area remain the same, and the money be divided between the two.

Cr. Schlicht spoke in a similar strain. He suggested that the medical officers be given £25 each.

Cr. McKay moved that the territory remain as it is, and the remuneration be equally divided between the two medical officers. Outside of the schools there was not much for the medical officers to do.

It was suggested that the engineer call on the two medical officers and see if the proposal was acceptable to them; **Cr. McKay** adding this to his motion, which was carried in that form.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys, M.O.H. for the North Riding, reported for March that a case of scarlet fever was sent to Base Hospital at Ballarat; that there were a number of cases of mild gastroenteritis throughout the month. There were 27 attendances of mothers with babies at the Bush Nursing Hospital for infant welfare advice. **Public Health Department** informs that the Advisory Committee set up in connection with the present outbreak of typhoid recommends that all members of a household in which a case has occurred be immunized at once, so as to have effective immunity on return of the convalescent, but does not recommend any general immunization. While chances of an outbreak here are remote it is well that the community should be careful. All precautions can be summed up in the one word—cleanliness. The germ of typhoid has to be swallowed before it can cause the disease, so that cleanliness as to hands and the handling of food is the first thing to think of. Disposal of garbage and nightsoil must be efficient, for these are the breeding places of flies, which are the natural carriers of typhoid germs. Scalding of milk and cooking of other foods is ample to kill the germs of typhoid.

Later (9/4/43).—In consequence of information received that public immunization was being carried out in some centres, I spoke by phone to the Director of Public Health (Dr. Featonly) and he confirmed the previous recommendation, viz., that public immunization is not absolutely advisable. The Council might, nevertheless, offer to supply vaccine and immunization to any ratepayer desiring it.

Cr. Kirkpatrick — If a request were made to the doctor, they would be expected to pay. They should leave it till a request was made.

The report was received, and the recommendation of the medical officer adopted.

Dr. Humphreys also reported at length, in reply to the request of the Council, for information as to prevalence and care of cases of scarlet fever, in our district.

Cr. MacPhie — The report had given a lot of information. He moved that **Dr. Humphreys** be thanked for it. He (**Cr. MacPhie**) thought there might have been a carrier at the school.

Cr. McKay — The report proved that was not so.

The motion was seconded by **Cr. Roddis**, and carried.

Stoppage of Express

RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL NOT GRANT CONCESSION.

The following correspondence in regard to the stoppage of the night express came before the Ripon Shire Council on Monday:—

From Secretary for Railways, per Mr P. L. Denigan, M.L.A., as follows:— Adverting to your recent representations in support of the request of the Shire of Ripon for the stoppage of the Shire of Ripon at Beaufort, I desire to say that, concurrently with the introduction of priority travel in respect of interstate journeys, the Commonwealth Government authorities requested that travel of interstate passengers by interstate trains be restricted, as far as practicable, in order to conserve accommodation on the Overland for long distance passengers, and thus avoid the running of additional divisions, except where necessary for troop movements. In consequence, only passengers for Ararat and stations beyond are now permitted to travel on the down Overland. If the Shire of Ripon's request were met, applications for the train to stop at other stations through which it now runs express could not logically be declined, with the result that accommodation for intersystem passengers would be further restricted. Moreover, the running time of the express would necessarily be lengthened to the detriment of long-distance passengers, for whom the service is primarily provided. Passengers, including servicemen, travelling from Melbourne to Beaufort, are now reasonably catered for by the 9.5 a.m. train on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or the 2.15 p.m. train on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, and soldiers on leave should not be subjected to any of the inconvenience referred to in the letter of 23rd February from the Secretary, Shire of Ripon. Only one instance, during the past two months is known of a soldier whose home is Beaufort having travelled to Ararat on the Overland and returned to Beaufort on the following morning. In all the circumstances regret that while existing conditions continue, they would not be justified in stopping the down Overland at Beaufort.

A similar letter was received from the Minister for Transport, per Mr A. McDonald, M.H.R.

Cr. Kirkpatrick — It was not satisfactory, but they did not seem to be able to do anything.

Cr. MacPhie — They did not tell them about the service men who had to stay in Melbourne overnight. He instanced such a happening in regard to a man returned from the Middle East. They should write and say the reply was very unsatisfactory.

Cr. Kirkpatrick — It was absolutely wrong to say there was only one case of a man having to stay in Ararat overnight and return next day. He did not see any difference in the train stopping going to Adelaide as well as coming back.

Cr. Schlicht — There was more traffic from Melbourne to Adelaide than from Adelaide to Melbourne, that was the trouble.

Cr. MacPhie — If they made one-class carriages and did away with the first-class ones, it would relieve the trouble.

The president (**Cr. Russell**) — He had travelled oftener in a second-class compartment on a first-class ticket than in a first-class one.

Cr. Kirkpatrick moved that the local members of Parliament be thanked. This was agreed to.

Mr J. Crowe, a returned soldier of the 1914-18 war and who had also been on active service for two years in the present war, is now home again in Lexton Shire. He requires a job. Mr A. Clark (president of the shire) said Mr Crowe wanted to get work in the shire where his home was situated. If possible, the Council should employ Mr Crowe.

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Porter-in-Charge Finds Mutilated Body.

KILLED ON RAILWAY

OLD MAN'S END.

At the Beaufort Court House on Monday, Mr J. R. Wotherspoon, J.P. (Acting-Deputy-Coroner), assisted by the Clerk of Courts (Mr J. Hayes) and First-constable J. Duke, conducted the inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of William McCormick, whose mutilated body was found on the railway line at Trawalla on April 2nd, 1943.

Mr Carbine appeared to watch the case on behalf of the Railway Commissioners, and Mr Collins appeared for the driver and fireman.

First-constable J. Duke, Beaufort, gave evidence of identification. He stated that for some time deceased had been living in a house on Mr Tom Rodgers' property, Trawalla. McCormick was a heavy drinker, and had been locked up by witness several times at Beaufort for being drunk. Witness knew of no living relative of McCormick's. He last saw McCormick alive during the week ending 27th March. He was then sitting on the step outside the Beaufort Post Office, and slightly under the influence of drink, and witness advised him to return to his home.

Albert Henry Stephens stated that he was an engine driver on the Victorian Railways, stationed at Ararat, and residing at South Boundary Road. On 1st April he was driver of the 10.55 p.m. goods train from Ararat to Melbourne. On arrival at Ballarat, he was informed that there had been an accident at Trawalla. He made an examination of his engine, 23C, and found marks on the cow catcher and a hat stuck in it indicating that somebody had been struck. When approaching and when passing the station at Trawalla, he saw no person on or near the line. He did not feel any bump or hear any noise to indicate that the engine had struck anybody.

In answer to Mr Carbine, the engine driver said the fireman was getting ready to change the staff, and he would only see the left hand side of the line for about 20 ft. If a man were lying in the centre of the rails or near the station platform, his vision would be completely obscured for fully 100 yds.

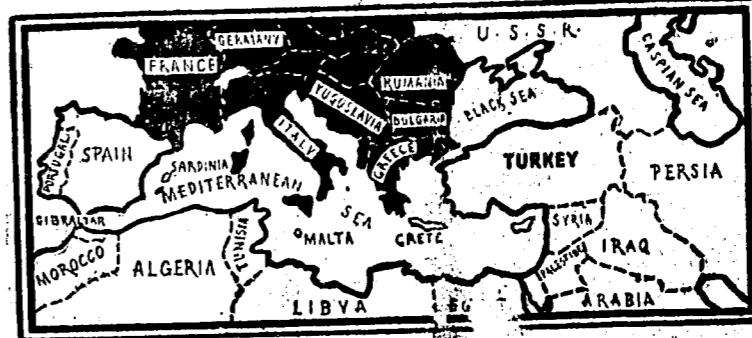
Allan Murray Styles, railway fireman 85 Barkly Street, Ararat, stated he was with Driver Stephens on 1st April on the 10.55 p.m. goods train from Ararat to Melbourne, and gave corroborative evidence.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys, legally qualified medical practitioner, Beaufort, gave evidence that at about 2.30 p.m. on April 2, he made a post mortem examination of the body of William McCormick, aged about 68 years, at the Beaufort Hotel. After describing the terrible injuries received, witness said that he had been informed deceased had been found on the railway line. The nature and extent of his injuries would be consistent with his having been struck and run over by a train.

To First-constable Duke—He had no idea how long it was since death had occurred.

Victor Ernest Bonighton, porter-in-charge, stationed at Trawalla, deposed that on April 1 he came on duty at 7 p.m. At about 7 p.m. he saw deceased and another man near the "down" end

(Continued on another page).



The strategic position of Turkey, at the East of the Mediterranean, is clearly shown in the above map.

Turkish Diplomacy Surmounts A Crisis

By skillful diplomacy, Turkey has managed to remain neutral while so many other countries have been drawn into the turmoil. What are the prospects of Turkey retaining her neutrality to the end of the war?

WITHOUT a complete knowledge of the background and a sympathetic understanding of the difficulties of her position, the man in the street will find much to puzzle him in the question of Turkey's neutrality. Like most things viewed from a distance, many unexpected factors are brought to light on a closer investigation.

Although distinctly favoured by fortune and her geographic position, it is extremely unlikely that Turkey would have been able to maintain her clear-sighted attitude if the Government had not handled the difficult situation—or series of situations—with the skill and foresight that has marked most of the affairs of her nation since its rehabilitation under the late Kemal Ataturk.

Much of the credit must go to the Turkish Foreign Minister, Sukru Saracoglu, who has proved himself more than a match for the German arch-plotter, von Papen.

ATATURK'S POLICY.

In discussing Turkish neutrality in an interview with a representative of the Italian "Popolo di Roma," Saracoglu summed up the situation thus.

"We are convinced that our neutrality is useful to all the belligerents and that no one will dream of attacking us, because the belligerents already have enough ene-

foreseen eventuality which pertained when this was broke out. This was the pact of friendship between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia.

So Saracoglu went to Moscow to readjust the friendly relations between his country and Russia and found, it is understood, that van Ribbentrop was doing all he could to undermine those relations. Ribbentrop was trying to induce Stalin to menace the Turks. Saracoglu needed all his patience and firmness to combat the insinuations of the wine salesman. He succeeded, for he went back to Ankara with a non-aggression pact in his pocket, signed in October, 1939.

This triumph of Turkish diplomacy could be nothing less than a blow to Nazi intrigues and it was made even more unpalatable by the signing of the alliance between Turkey, Britain and France almost immediately following his return.

Turkey's actions then were not so much those of a neutral as a non-belligerent. Circumstances forced a sudden change, for with the defection of France in the summer of 1940 a major political crisis confronted Turkey. She lost an ally when France went and her Syrian frontier was left wide open.

"Turkey remained loyal to her alliance with the Democracies, but she had no alternative but to take a prudent course when the growing power of Germany was so obvious. From a non-belligerent, she became a neutral."

By early summer 1941, Hitler's hordes had overrun all the small countries of the Balkans and there were armed Nazis on Turkey's Thracian frontiers. Vichy France had announced her intention of handing over Syria to the Axis. Russia was still a neutral. The position in Turkey was even more critical than before, but there was no wavering from neutrality, although the temptation must have been great. Thousands of children were evacuated from Istanbul, but the crisis passed.

Her neutrality has been of great benefit to the Allied cause. She bars the way to the Middle East—real, not the strangely re-named territory in North Africa—and her control of the Dardanelles has been a great help to the Soviet by keeping the Axis fleet out of the Black Sea. Axis warships in these waters so vital to the Soviet would have made a vast difference to the south Russian campaigns.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Burrumbet.

DRY WEATHER. Dry weather delayed preparation of the ground at Burrumbet by farmers for the cropping season. The potato crops needed a good soaking.

KITCHEN TEA. In the Burrumbet Hall on Tuesday April 13, a kitchen tea was tendered to Miss Phyllis Henderson, whose marriage was arranged for Easter Saturday. Mr A. Williams, president of the Ecclestone School Committee, on behalf of the gathering, presented Miss Henderson with a large and assorted collection of kitchen utensils. Mr L. Henderson returned thanks on behalf of his sister. The evening was devoted to dancing and a euchre tournament. The music for the dance was supplied by Mrs Newton and Mr and Mrs Turner. Euchre winners were Mrs Williams and Mrs E. Dobson. The consolation prizes went to Mr J. Jackson and Mrs Coulter. Supper was served by the ladies.

PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE. The local Patriotic Committee had greater success at their last euchre and dance social in the Burrumbet Hall. The card winners were Mr H. Dickie and Mrs Nunn, 1; Mr J. Driffin, Mrs White, and Mrs D. Walton, 2.

RAINFALL. The fall of rain on Wednesday night 14th inst., yielded 32 points, bringing the total for the month to 62 points. Further rain greatly assisted the farmers in preparing the ground for sowing and in sowing the crops.

TELEPHONE SERVICE. In response to its request for a telephone service to Burrumbet from an employee's residence, the Ballarat Shire Council was advised by the Postmaster-General that the facility could be afforded at a rental of £3/5/ per year conditionally on all poles on private property being supplied, erected, and when necessary, renewed. An agreement to rent the service for a minimum period of three years would be required. The matter was left in the hands of the South Riding members, with power to act.

BURRUMBET PARK. The President (Cr. R. T. White) reported to the Ballarat Shire Council that the cause for complaint at Burrumbet Park had been removed. The trouble had been overcome, the president added, by the firm but tactful intervention of the Council's prosecuting officer, Constable French, of Learmonth.

Amphitheatre.

AIRMAN ENTERTAINED. A.C.I Harry Johnson was entertained at a social in the Public Hall. There was a big attendance, and a dance and supper were included in the function. Cr. W. H. C. Ennis, Mr J. Dridan, and Mr Les Neil extended good wishes to the guest on behalf of Amphitheatre and district residents. Mr Neil presented a money belt to A.C.I Johnson, and said that Lexton Shire would present a wallet. As no fountain pens were available similar to those given to other Amphitheatre servicemen, the guest was given the price of same (25/-). The Comforts Club also presented a parcel to A.C.I Johnson.

MOTHERS' CLUB. Mrs W. Cloke presided at the sixth birthday meeting of the Amphitheatre Mothers' Club, and welcomed visitors from Avoca and Glenlogie, and local members. The following programme was given—Piano-accompaniment, Miss Muriel Rivett; songs, Miss Julie Egan; pianoforte solos, Miss Alice Cocking. A competition resulted in a win for Mrs Walsh, after a tie with Mrs Lusby and Mrs De Merio. Mrs W. Morley donated the price of birthday cake, and Mrs H. Trickey, of Avoca, thanked the Amphitheatre Club for their invitation.

SERVICE MEN HONOURED.

A large assemblage of local residents attended at the Public Hall to honour A.C.I Les Smith, R.A.A.F., and Gnr. L. Townsing, A.M.F. Some Overseas soldiers were present and were heartily welcomed. Cr. D. Keith presided and spoke in terms of praise of the two local lads and the visitors. Cr. W. H. C. Ennis and Mr E. Anderson supported the chairman's remarks and wished the guests all the best. Mr Les Neil, on behalf of residents, presented A.C.I Smith with 25/-, also a money belt and wallet from Lexton Shire. Mr J. Dridan made a presentation to Gnr. L. Townsing, while Miss Grace Firms presented both boys with gifts from the Comforts Club. Mrs T. Egan played "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows." The recipients returned thanks for the gifts and good wishes. Concert items were contributed by: Songs, Miss Julie Egan; song, Mrs Crust; tap dancing, Miss Alma Summers; violin solo, Mr H. Cocking. Miss Alice Cocking (piano) played excellent music for a dance which followed; Mr J. Walsh acting as M.C. A sumptuous supper was provided by the ladies. Tpr K. Rayner returned home for a few days and was welcomed by many friends.

Streatham.

RED CROSS. The Streatham branch of the Red Cross held their fortnightly meeting on Tuesday, 13th April. The second prisoner of war has been adopted. Plans were discussed for the flower show to be held in October. A card afternoon was held in March, and the winner was Mrs A. Matheson. Proceeds were in aid of the jumble stall. Shirts were made for evacuee children. A large quantity of waste was forwarded to headquarters. The sum of £17/0/7 was received from Dennys, Lascelles for wool exhibited at flower show. The local entertainments run for the branch have averaged £20 per month. A basket was packed containing 28 draw sheets, 19 facewashers, 3 surgical towels, old linen, 4 pairs socks, 4 pullovers (sleeves), 4 pullovers (sleeveless), 3 dozen and 10 toilet bags magazines, and bottles.

COMMUNITY.

Community singing, dancing, games and euchre passed Saturday evening 10th April, in the local hall very pleasantly. Proceeds were in aid of Red Cross funds. The euchre was won by Mr J. Kinnersly and Mr W. Chew.

C.W.A. MEETING.

The Streatham C.W.A. held their monthly meeting on 8th April. Mrs Thomson (president) presided. Mrs J. Davenport was made a C.W.A. member. C.W.A. hampers are to be sent to Corpl. Tom Meek and L.A.C. Joe Davenport. The 12th birthday is to be celebrated at the May meeting, and cards will be played. Members are asked to bring a gift and buy a gift. Proceeds will go to the Famine Relief Fund. The Red Cross branch is to be asked to help in this effort. Another consignment of sheep pelts has been sent. A report of the Beaufort conference was read. The competition was a service man's socks. Mrs W. Chew and Mrs Kinnersley were equal 1st. Junior members: Joan Thompson, 1st; Gladys White, 2nd. The competition for the May meeting will be a baby's singlet, to go to one of the babies' homes.

STATE SCHOOL EFFORT.

Streatham State School held a street stall on Saturday, 17th April; Mesdames Flanner, J. Brown, W. Chew, and R. Hinton being in charge. Business was brisk, and a substantial amount was taken. In the evening community singing, dancing and euchre took place. The euchre was won by Mrs W. Ward and Mr Vic Brown. Over £17 clear was raised for the afternoon and evening. "Ararat Advertiser."

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AUSTERITY MESSAGES

From the wives... of AUSTRALIA'S LEADERS

To win this war, the whole nation must swing over to an austere wartime way of life. This can't be done without the whole-hearted cooperation of every woman in the community. Use your influence with the family, friends, every one with whom you come in contact, to discourage extravagance and encourage saving. Above all, set a personal example—wear last year's frock, and be proud to do it; live simply; cut out spending on pleasure, and invest every penny you can in War Bonds and War Saving Certificates. —Says Lady Blamey



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IMPORTANT NOTICE! Mr. J. Oliver Tarrant,

SURGEON DENTIST (late Mr. E. Thomas), WILL VISIT BEAUFORT ON THURSDAY, 29th APRIL. Appointments with Mr. Ashley.

GEO. R. WILKINSON SURGEON DENTIST of Ballarat, VISITS BEAUFORT EVERY THURSDAY. Appointments at McLEAN'S PHARMACY.

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

The man who skites about the bargains he gets from traders in other towns, generally squeals the loudest when someone else goes to the city to buy some article he has for sale.

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

COINCIDENCE UPON COINCIDENCE

Here is a coincidence as remarkable as any of the other series which have recently appeared in the columns of an English paper: A couple of men, strangers, sat down together to lunch in a restaurant in a Middlesex city. One noticed that the other was reading an Australian paper. The two got into conversation, and the first, pointing to the newspaper, ascertained that the other was a resident in the colony whence the sheet had come. "I have a friend out there; he went away from here ten years ago. I wonder if you know him," and the questioner mentioned his friend's name. "It is very singular," answered the Australian, "that you should ask me this question at this moment. I was reading when you first spoke, a three-column article in this paper describing the mysterious disappearance from the colony of that very man. I knew him intimately." The Australian went on to describe the strange disappearance of the mutual friend. He had gone from the colony when you first spoke, a three-column article in this paper describing the mysterious disappearance from the colony of that very man. I knew him intimately. The conversation was suddenly interrupted by the entrance of the missing man himself, hearty and well. He had been seized by an intolerable weariness and brain fog, and, acting on an impulse, had fled from the colony to his birthplace to recuperate. There was all.

SAVED BY COURAGE.

Mr. Becke, the well-known author, tells of his tutor, who seemed to him the most heroic man in the world because he had been through the first Maori war, and because of an adventure which there befell him, and which is given as follows:— Guy, such was the tutor's name, was a lieutenant, and he and his two companions were captured by the Maoris. They were taken inside the stockade, and the chief, taking up on of the captured Maori cutlasses, felt its edge, and then fixed his keen eyes on the young officer's face. "I shall not harm these two men of yours," he said slowly. "They shall go safely back to your lines if I do. He paused, and a grim smile distorted his tattooed lips. "If you will stretch out your right hand so that I may cut it off at the wrist, swiftly, no further harm shall come to you, and you, too, shall go free." "Will you keep your word?" "Aye, I, Te Atua. We are no liars." Guy nodded, and held out his coat quietly, and held out his left hand. "Sticker!" he said. The chief again smiled. "Thou art as cunning as thou art brave. I said the right hand." Guy extended his right arm. Te Atua then stepped back a pace, raised the cutlass and struck the point of it into the ground. Then he bent forward and gravely rubbed noses with Guy. "Go," he said, "but come back no more."

RENEWING THE SOIL.

It must always be remembered that everything which is taken from the soil, whether it is grain, roots, fruit, vegetable, hay, straw, stock, or dairy produce, is so much fertility extracted from the soil, and it is the aim of the progressive farmer to make up for this loss by supplying the deficiency in the most effective manner possible. Rain, to some extent assists him. Rain-water down with it a certain amount deposit a film of alluvial matter over the surface, often consisting of decayed vegetable mould washed down from the sides of thickly wooded hills. But nature cannot, except in regularly flooded river valleys, be left to work unaided, and the agriculturist should so manage that the soil may at least receive as much fertility as it had in its primary state. Even were the supply of fresh land unlimited, it would still in most instances pay better to do this than to be continually bringing fresh areas under cultivation and abandoning the previously cropped land, for the more crops the soil is cultivated, the easier it is to reduce it to a fine tilth, and the more permanent improvements can be effected. Further, under judicious management, special crops, such as clover and lucerne, can be grown in certain soils, the fertility can be greatly increased. In fact, where the needs of centres of population make intensive cultivation of small areas practicable, to no inconsiderable extent the soil within certain limits becomes in due time what the agriculturist chooses to make it.

FOR THE EMPIRE Navy, Army and Air Force.

Mentioned in Despatches. — We take the following from the "Ararat Advertiser"—Hearty congratulations will be extended by a host of friends in the Ararat and Buangor districts to Lieut.-Col. Hector E. Bastin, of Challeum South, Buangor, who has been mentioned in despatches for conspicuous services. The official notification stated that Lieut.-Col. Bastin was mentioned in despatches for gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East during the period November, 1941, to April, 1942. Lieut.-Col. Bastin won the Military Cross in the last war and he was at the landing at Gallipoli. Rising from the ranks he was one of the youngest majors in the Army. Before enlisting for service in the present war he was O.C. of the 4th Light Horse.

L/Corpl. Jessie Roberts, of the A.W.A.S., has returned to camp after spending her seven days' home leave with her parents at Middle Creek. Corpl. P. Johnston, of Raglan, has been home on leave. Miss Olive Ward, of the W.A.A.F., has been home on leave. Pte. Grant Cougle, of Beaufort, who served in W.A. for a long time, is now home on leave from New Guinea. In Wednesday's "Sun" were pictures of Gnr. L. Lowe and Dvr. R. Lowe, of Beaufort, who have been missing for more than a year in Malaya. They are sons of Mr and Mrs C. Lowe, of this town.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

CARPET BOWLS. The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a carpet bowls competition on Tuesday afternoon, and the members of the winning team were Mesdames J. Duke, E. Broadbent, S. Coles, and Miss Waldron.

BAND SOCIAL. On Saturday night the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a carpet bowls and euchre social. Results:—Ladies—Euchre, Mrs P. Doull; consolation, Mrs Willis. Men—Euchre, Mr G. Wilding; consolation, Mr R. Saddler. Secret number prize, Mr G. Wilding. F.B. LADIES' CLUB. On Saturday night the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a carpet bowls and euchre social. Results:—Ladies—Euchre, Mrs Ellis; consolation, Mrs Cobden. Men—Euchre, Mr W. J. Scriven; consolation, Mr G. Foreman. Secret table prizes, Miss M. Anderson and Mr Les Stephens. Carpet Bowls—Won by Mesdames Cobden, W. Ellis, Miss Waldron, Messrs. J. Martin and Burister.

Mr and Mrs James Johnston, of Melbourne, are staying with Mr and Mrs G. Nothnagel, of Beaufort. Mr George Collins, of Geelong, was in Beaufort on Monday. He lived here 33 years ago, and is now a bank manager at the seaport. Mr Bert Spicer, of Ararat, spent the week-end with relatives at Beaufort and Raglan.

EASTER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS AT BEAUFORT P.O.—The following arrangements will be observed at the Beaufort Post Office during the Easter holidays:—Good Friday: Postal and money order business entirely suspended. Easter Saturday: Open for all classes of postal and telegraphic business, other than money order business, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Letter delivery will be effected by postmen. Easter Monday: Open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for all classes of post and telegraph business, except money order business. No delivery will be effected by postmen.

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THE best support you can give your Newspaper is your JOB PRINTING. If you do not feel able to run an advertisement, surely you can afford to give the Newspaper your Cards, Dodgers, Billheads, Letterheads, Envelopes, and all Business Printing to execute. The Newspaper Man NEEDS it, and it helps him to pay his printers for setting up the thousand and one free notices he gives you and your town. The time may come when a newspaper can live simply upon the revenue obtained from advertisements and subscriptions, but no ordinary newspaper in any ordinary town can exist without the auxiliary support derived from Job Printing.

A day for the Sick Kiddies. — One of the brightest programmes on the air on Good Friday will be provided by 3DB. The occasion is an all-day radio appeal for funds for the Children's Hospital. The Prime Minister (Mr Curtin) will open the appeal, which will commence at 9 a.m. and continue until midnight.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

SHEEPSKINS FOR RUSSIAN SICK AND WOUNDED FUND. A DEPOT has been established at the Shire Yard, Beaufort, where dressed skins will be received. The appeal is urgent. N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary. 22/4/43. ANZAC DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1943.

MEMBERS of the Ripon Sub-branch, R.S.S.A.I.L.A., and all Returned Sailors and Soldiers will assemble at Band Rotunda, at 2 p.m., and move off to Cemetery at 2.15; returning to Schlicht's corner and moving off to the Shrine for the Commemoration Service at 3 p.m. Medals and decorations to be worn. Speaker: Mr. R. CURNOW. An invitation is given to the Second A.I.F. to join in the march.

RAGLAN PATRIOTIC LEAGUE GYM-KHANA, EASTER SATURDAY, APRIL 24th. Woodchopping, Trots, Children's Events, Cycling, Sawing, and Horse Events. Fun for both Young and Old. GRAND CHALLENGE SAWING MATCH: McLean-Hayes v. All Comers. 1.15 p.m. C. V. WYLLIE, Hon. Secy.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TENDERS are invited for the Supply of Locomotive and Station FIREWOOD. Particulars and tender forms obtainable at local Station or Contractors' Room, Railway Offices, Spencer Street, Melbourne. Tenders are returnable at Tender Box, Room 191, Railway Offices, Spencer Street, Melbourne, by 11 a.m. on 26th May. No tender will necessarily be accepted D.3554/43. 250 JP.

WATERLOO SPORTS.

EASTER SATURDAY, APRIL 24. SUPPORT the Sports Club that is giving its proceeds to the Beaufort District patriotic organisations. Good Programme. Donations received of Ace for Woodchops; and Cup for Cycle Races. Pte. Eric Russell has given a 30/- prize for Novelty Dance. The Trots will definitely be held. BAND AMATEUR HOUR, Sunday, 25th April. Two sections—Gents, over 50, and Children. Twelve Quiz Prizes. Two 10/- Prizes. 10/- Prize by Independent Judges, for Best Performance.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

INTEREST ON RATES. NOTICE is hereby given that interest will be charged on all Rates remaining unpaid after 30th April, 1943. N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary. Beaufort, 2/4/43. C.W.A. OPPORTUNITY SHOP, Thursday, 29th April. Stalls—Produce, Cake and Delicatessen, Old Clothes, and Afternoon Tea. Exhibition of Members' Work and Treasures. LOST in street, two House Keys, on string. Reward. Apply this Office. PRESBYTERIANS! Note that in place of the usual Autumn Fair, you are invited to make a Special Offering for the Church Funds on Sunday Afternoon, May 2nd.

GRAND BALL, in aid of Red Cross Branch Funds, Buangor Hall, Easter Monday, April 26th. Excellent Supper. Good Floor. Local Orchestra. Double Ticket, 5/-; Single, 2/6. M. J. WHITE, President; I. M. BRENNAN, Hon. Secy.

Wanted to Buy for Cash PIANOS By Good Makers. Send Particulars and Prices of ALLAN'S Music Warehouse (Allan & Co. Pty. Ltd.) 276 Collins St., Melbourne, C.I.

CHURCH SERVICES. GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 23. Church of England.—Beaufort, 11 a.m.; Learmonth, 3 p.m.; Waubra 7.30 p.m.—Vicar. Combined Presbyterian and Methodist service in Methodist Church, at 7 p.m. SUNDAY, 25th APRIL, 1943. Church of England.—Beaufort, 7.30 a.m.; Waubra, 9.30 a.m.; Learmonth 11 a.m.; Lexton, 2 p.m.; Waterloo 3.30 p.m.; Beaufort, 7 p.m.—Vicar. Beaufort, 11 a.m.—Lay Helper. Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Chute, 2; Raglan, 3.—Rev. W. R. Harrison. Presbyterian Church.—Buangor, 11; Middle Creek, 2; Beaufort, 7.—Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

Salvation Army Meetings. — Every Thursday.—Women's Home League Meeting, 3 p.m.; Young People's League, 7 p.m.; Public Salvation Army Meeting, 8 p.m. — Captain E. Johnston.

AT YOUR SERVICE Now—more than ever.

As a free service the Commonwealth Savings Bank will accept Commonwealth Bonds for safe custody from any person. It required, the Bank will also sell such bonds for the holder at current market rates, paying to him full proceeds, less selling expenses—(1/- for 410 Bonds, 5/- for £100 and over). The Bank will at all times accept subscriptions or Advance Subscriptions to Commonwealth Loans.

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DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES.

Lexton. SOLDIER ENTERTAINED. Driver Alan Karslake was entertained in the A.N.A. Hall by many friends...

Waubra. EUCHRE AND DANCE. The monthly series of euchre tournaments and dances, in aid of the Red Cross and Comforts Fund...

COMFORTS FUND. The annual meeting of the local branch of the Australian Comforts Fund was held in the Mechanics' Institute...

Snake Valley. DANCE FOR A.C.F. FUND. An enjoyable dance was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday, 10th April...

COLD SNAP. A cold snap was experienced in the district on Thursday, 15th inst. Wellcome rain fell. Fifty points were registered...

Skipton. SOCIAL AND PRESENTATION. A social and presentation was tendered Pte. R. Howlett and Able Seaman Don Cheeseman...

BENEFICIAL RAIN. After a long, dry spell, welcome rain set in on Tuesday night and Wednesday, when 35 points were registered...

Waterloo.

SPORTS CLUB.

A meeting of the Waterloo Sports Club took place at the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night. Nine members were present, and Mr J. J. Dunn (president) was in the chair...

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB. On Friday afternoon, 16th April, the members of the Waterloo Young Farmers' Club held a horticultural and vegetable show at the school...

SCHOOL COMMITTEE. At a meeting of parents, the following were elected as a committee of the Waterloo State School: Messrs. C. Flynn (chairman), J. McErvale (correspondent), C. Lewis (treasurer), W. McErvale, B. Russell, H. Lewis, and C. Herbert...

Skipton.

BLIND ENTERTAINERS. The Blind Entertainers made their annual appearance on Saturday night and the crowded house which again greeted them was treated to a first-class performance by this talented band of artists...

THROWN FROM HORSE. Mr Tim Cook, who is employed on Banongill Station, met with a painful accident on Thursday, 15th inst. While carrying out his duties, he was thrown from a horse and severely injured...

home, almost in a state of collapse. He was brought to Skipton, and an ambulance sent for, which conveyed him to the Ballarat Hospital. Upon examination, it was discovered that he had a fractured pelvis...

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION. At the meeting of the Skipton Progress Association on Tuesday night, presided over by Rev. G. L. Johnson, the resignation of Rev. H. Price, who is leaving Skipton, was received with regret...

WAR LOAN QUOTA. Reports to hand state that Skipton's quota in the Third Liberty Loan has been over-subscribed, but the number of subscribers is below that set out for this district.

OVER THE AIR. In the re-broadcasts of B.B.C. news on Tuesday, a message was heard from Pilot-Officer Claude Austin, sending greetings to his wife, and also to his mother in Skipton.

WINTRY WEATHER. Very cold weather has been experienced during the last few days, accompanied by exceptionally heavy wind and some heavy showers of rain. Forty-eight points of rain have been recorded during the past week.

OLD BOYS' & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION. At the meeting of the Old Boys' and Girls' Association, held on Friday, 16th April, Mr W. Sturgeon (vice-president) was in the chair. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at the State School at 3 p.m. on Easter Saturday...

ANZAC SERVICE. The usual combined Anzac service in the Mechanics' Hall has been arranged for Easter Sunday. Details are in the hands of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A., and there should be a good attendance.

Raglan.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. The committee of the Raglan Patriotic League wishes to acknowledge the following knitting sent to the A.C.F.: Mrs McNish, 9 sleeveless pullovers, 6 pairs oiled wool long stockings, 1 long-sleeved polo neck pullover; Miss Ball, 4 pairs socks and 2 pairs mittens; Mrs A. Johnston, 1 pair oiled wool long stockings and cap; Miss A. Ball, 2 pairs oiled wool long stockings, 2 Balaclavas, 2 pairs socks; Mrs P. Trengove, 2 pairs socks; Mrs P. Johnston, 4 pairs socks, 3 sleeveless pullovers; Miss L. Ball, 2 Balaclavas, 1 sleeveless pullover; Mrs A. Trengove, 2 pairs mittens; Mrs Reynolds, 1 pair socks.

RAGLAN PATRIOTIC LEAGUE GYMKHANA.

Challenge Sawing Match. After carrying the crosscut saw all the afternoon at the recent working bee for wood for the Hospital and trying out every log to find the softest, the two expert sawyers, McLean and Hayes have decided to challenge all comers including the well-known champions Campbell and Lewell, to a sawing match at Raglan on Easter Saturday. The other well-known and noted performer, Wally Skene, regretted that owing to a previous engagement as loud speaker at an adjoining function, he would be unable to accept the challenge of these two noted men and show these two experts how to handle the saw. Eighteen woodcutters are ready to show their paces in the Underhand Chop and 11 are ready for the stand-

ing Block Chop, so everything is set for a good afternoon's chopping. The first event is timed to start at 1.15 p.m., and for the remainder of the afternoon, there is a succession of bright, entertaining events to keep both young and old entertained. The floor of the hall having received careful attention at the hands of the committee, a good night's dancing is assured.

Following are the handicaps for the woodchops:—

Underhand Chop.—T. Pearce, 16 sec. bhd. scr.; H. Broadbent, 10 sec. bhd.; J. Connor, 10 sec. bhd.; E. Anderson, 10 sec. bhd.; J. Fisher, 9 sec. bhd.; E. V. Broadbent, 9 sec. bhd.; W. Connor, 9 sec. bhd.; Eric Tiley, 8 sec. bhd.; M. George, D. May, J. Crick, 2 sec. bhd.; A. C. Jaensch, scr.; Reg Sandiant, Arthur Crick, W. Stokes, M. Pitcher, Joe Kelly, Les Crick, 6 sec. in front.

Standing Block Chop.—T. Pearce, H. Broadbent, 10 sec. bhd. scr.; E. V. Broadbent, 6 sec. bhd.; J. Fisher, Eric Tiley, 3 sec. bhd.; E. Anderson, D. May, J. Crick, scr.; M. Pitcher, Les Crick, Joe Kelly, 7 sec. in front.

SOLDIER HONOURED. Mr and Mrs E. Drew tendered a welcome home on Wednesday, 14th April, to Pte. Arthur Spicer (returned from New Guinea), at their home at Raglan. There was a good gathering of friends and euchre and dancing were enjoyed. Mr W. Wilkinson (president of the Patriotic League) was in the chair, and the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. A song was contributed by Mr A. Johnston, and was loudly applauded. The evening closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

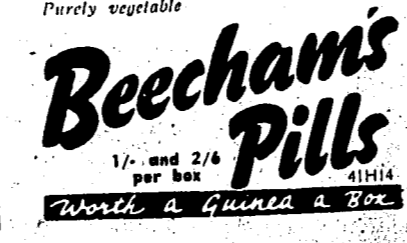
A very enjoyable evening was spent on Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs A. Maher, where they entertained a number of friends at a dinner, in honour of Pte. Arthur Spicer, and also held a birthday party in honour of his twin sisters, Beryl and Merle, who were 12 years old. Mr W. Wilkinson (president of the Raglan Patriotic League), was in the chair, and toasts incidental to the happy occasion were proposed and responded to. Music and singing were part of the evening's programme. The pleasing function terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

WELCOME RAIN. An inch of rain fell during the past week, and it is very welcome to farmers and graziers.



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THE POETS' CORNER

THE FIGHTING LADS OF AUSSIE.

Somewhere in New Guinea There's a gallant fighting band; The vallant sons of Aussie, Who guard our native land.

Over the Owen stanleys they marched Laden with heavy packs; Fired on by deadly snipers, Along muddy, jungle tracks.

In Buna, Kakoda battles They beat the savage foe; While from the air dive bombers Dealt them a mortal blow.

Australia deeply mourns the loss Of many a vallant son; Written in history's pages Will be heroic deeds they've done.

R. H. PITCHER, Western Hill, Beaufort.

OUR GALLANT AIRMEN.

In calm or stormy weather, Our gallant airmen fly; Like our noble bird, the eagle, They sweep the Southern sky.

They seek not fame or fortune— But to fight the Fascist foe, Destroy their ships and aeroplanes And give them blow for blow.

With the Americans, our Allies, We will beat their ruthless hordes; But never will surrender To their treacherous war lords.

Over this fair land of outs They keep a watchful eye; Onward to victory and freedom Shall be their battle cry.

R. H. PITCHER, Western Hill, Beaufort.

Poor Economy.

Worn out with the winter's gales, a society dame journeyed to a south coast resort for a complete rest. She departed in a very weak, run-down condition, and her husband was dreadfully shocked—yet not at all incredulous—when he received one day this wire:—

"Do come down to see me at once. I am dying. Helen."

The wretched man slammed down the lid of his desk, despatched a wire in reply, and reached the coast by the first express.

In a ravishing toilet his wife was at the station to meet him with the hotel motor "bus."

"But—but—" he stammered; "what did you mean by that telegram about dying?"

"Oh," she explained, laughing, "I wanted to say that I was dying to see you, but my twelve words ran out, and I had to stop."

Postal Clerk: You'll have to put another stamp on that letter. Miss Pert: Why? Postal Clerk: Because it's overweight. Miss Pert: But, gracious! Another stamp would make it still heavier.

Mrs. Jones: Oh, dear, I have just broken my new smelling-bottle! Mr. Jones: It is like you! All your belongings are either broken or shattered. Mrs. Jones: Quite true, John! Even you're a bit cracked!

Book Agent: Good morning! Are you the lady of the house? Bride: I'm wan of thin.

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BALLARAT MARKET

SHEEP AND CATTLE PRICES.

Tuesday, April 20. CATTLE — Supplies totaled 212 nearly 100 more than last week. There were 85 bullocks, several trucks being prime medium weights, others good trade quality. Prime quality cows were limited, the majority in this section comprising midding and useful descriptions. The demand was keen and well sustained throughout, and values were fully 10/ per head higher. Quotations:—Prime medium weight bullocks, £17 to £18; extra, to £18/17/6; prime lightweight bullocks, £15 to £16; good, £13 to £14; prime cows, £13 to £15; extra, to £16; good, £10 to £12; useful, £7/10/ to £9.

percentage good to prime, others secondary descriptions. As there will be no market next week, there was a full attendance of town and country butchers, as well as metropolitan buyers. The market opened to strong competition which obtained throughout, and values were considerably dearer, ranging from 2/ to 3/ per head; and in some cases higher. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 27/ to 30/; extra, 32/ to 36/7; good, 24/ to 30/; prime crossbred ewes, 19/ to 22/; extra, to 24/; good, 15/ to 17/; prime merino wethers 24/ to 26/; extra, to 29/3; good, 20/ to 22/.

LAMBS — 1243 penned. There was a fairly good percentage of good and prime quality, others chiefly useful. Sales opened to even stronger competition than for sheep, and there was an immediate rise in values. The demand became keener as sales progressed; prices being easily 3/ to 4/ a head dearer than last week's advanced rates, and in some cases higher. Quotations:—Prime 30/ to 32/; extra, to 36/1; good, 25/ to 28/; useful, 20/ to 23/.

The following district sales are reported:—Cow, Mr Clarrie Thomson Burrumbeet, £12/5/; 100 merino wethers and ewes, Mr Geo. Hayward, Skipton, wethers 29/3 to 24/1, averaging 27/4, topping the market for merino

wethers, ewes 24/1 to 19/11, averaging 22/10; 10 bullocks, Mrs E. M. Smith, Waterloo, £17/17/6 to £14/17/6, averaging £15/19/3; 2 cows, Mr J. P. Rogers Beaufort, £5/10/; cow and bull, Mr J. A. Harris, Beaufort, £11; 5 calves, same owner, to £9/6; 104 Corriedale cross wethers, Mr H. McLean, Skipton, 27/8 to 23/1; averaging 25/8; 100 Corriedale wethers, Mr D. R. Hannah, Lamonde, Stockyard Hill, 26/7 to 23/11, averaging 25/3; 64 merino wethers and ewes, Mrs E. A. McErvale, Trawalla, wethers 26/11 to 24/1, averaging 26/2, ewes 13/4 to 10/11; 18 merino wethers, Mr Len Greenbank, Snake Valley, 23/4; 80 Corriedale wethers, Mr M. Matthews, Burrumbeet, 27/4 to 29/4, averaging 28/; 35 merino ewes and wethers, Mr F. E. Filtridge, Snake Valley, ewes 16/10, wethers 16/7; 27 merino wethers, Mr D. Nunn, Chepstow, to 28/4, averaging 26/1; 10 lambs, Mr E. D. Nunn, Chepstow, 15/10.

ANZAC SERVICE BROADCAST. — Beaufort and district school children assembled at the C.W.A. Hall on Wednesday for the broadcast of the State Schools' Anzac Day Service from Melbourne. An address was given by Mr C. H. McKay (president of the Ripon sub-branch, R.S.S.A.I.L.A.). The children afterwards placed wreaths on the Ripon War Memorial.

IN MEMORIAM.

SMITH.—Treasured memories of my loving husband and our dear father, R. R. Smith, who died April 26th, 1936. As we loved you, so we miss you, As it dawns another year.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1943.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The man who tries to drive women very soon finds that they are queer cable.

BEAUFORT V.D.C.—Members of the Beaufort Platoon of the V.D.C. turned out in force on Saturday night, in charge of Captains C. H. McKay, P. Russell, and Lieut. G. Oddie. An exercise in attack and defence of a building was carried out in hilly country near the town. The signallers held their parade on Wednesday night. The next parade will be held on Wednesday night 28th April, and there will be another on Saturday night, May 1.

POLICE COURT.—Mr J. R. Wotherspoon, J.P., presided over the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, when Dr. E. R. Humphreys, under a default summons, proceeded against D. Williams to recover £1/4 for work and labor done. An order was made for the amount claimed, with 15/6 costs. Dr. Humphreys also sued, under a default summons, Miss Rene Finch, for the sum of £1/4 for work and labor done, and an order was made for this amount, with 15/6 costs.

ARARAT SHIRE COUNCIL.—At the monthly meeting of the Ararat Shire Council on Friday, 16th April, the overseer reported that Cr. Brebner and he met Messrs. O'Loughlan and Jess at Ballarat to discuss the situation of the roadway near the Fiery Creek Bridge. In answer to Cr. King, the engineer said he recommended that a stone bank be erected and the road gated at the bridge over the Fiery Creek near Mr O'Loughlan's. Cr. Brebner said the V at Middle Creek was badly washing out and something should be done.—'Advertiser.'

ERCIDOUNE UNDER HAMMER.—Generally regarded as Australia's most notable auction, 'Ercidoune' bought by the late Sir Alan Currie in 1927, was offered for sale last week. The special interest attaching to 'Ercidoune' because of the many distinguished guests who have been entertained there, including the Duke of Gloucester and various vice-regal representatives, attracted a large gathering to the sale. There were prospective buyers for the historic property, but the bidding did not reach the reserve, and it was passed in for private negotiation. It is expected that it will be sold.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.—Mr A. H. Sands (president) conducted the business on Tuesday night at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A. An apology was received for the absence of Mr C. V. Wylie. A circular was received from the A.N.A. Hospital Visiting Committee. The Board of Directors wrote, forwarding dividend of £21 10/ from Surplus Reserve Fund. The treasurer (Mr N. S. McLeod) reported a credit balance of £26/11/8 to the sick fund, and a credit balance of £159/16/5 to the general fund; the total being £186/8/1. Accounts and sick-pay amounting to £10/10/4 were passed for payment. The officers for the ensuing half-year are to be nominated at next meeting.

KILLED ON RAILWAY

(Continued from page 1.)

of the platform. They had two bottles of wine, and both appeared to be under the influence of drink. He told them to leave the station, and endeavoured to get them off the platform, but they would not leave. He returned to the station at about 9 p.m., but he did not see either the deceased or the other man. At about 1 a.m. on 2nd April, when walking along the platform, he saw the body of deceased lying between the rails of No. 1 road, about 20 yds. from the "down" end of the platform. He immediately advised Burrumbeet station, and requested Beaufort to inform the police. He did not see the deceased between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m., and he did not hear anybody about the station. A goods train passed, going towards Ballarat, at 12.46 a.m.

Witness, under cross-examination said that six trains had passed the station between the time the train which caused the accident passed and when he went off duty at 7.15 a.m. Deceased was able to walk when he saw him and was not staggering, but was very active. The other witness was in a worse state. Deceased would not go off the station when he told him to. Had he forced him to go, he could have got back again.

Timothy Moynihan, old age pensioner, residing at Trawalla, stated on oath that on 1st April he drew his pension at Trawalla post office, and then walked to Beaufort. He had three lemonades and one wine at the Golden Age Hotel and then three wines at the Beaufort Hotel. He saw deceased there, and had one wine in company with him. He later caught the train home to Trawalla and when he alighted, saw deceased get off the other end of the train. He spoke to the deceased, who produced a bottle of wine and invited him to share it with him. They sat on a barrow on the platform and drank the wine between them. He then left the deceased and crossed the line and went to sleep near the pine plantation. When he left deceased, he said he was going home to his camp. He did not see deceased again. He could not say what time it was that he left the deceased, or whether it was daylight or dark.

First-constable Sydney Phillip Emerson, Beaufort, gave evidence that on 2nd April, at about 1.30 a.m., as the result of a message received, he went to the Trawalla railway station. The weather was dry, but the night very dark; there being no moon and only few stars visible. With the aid of a hurricane lamp, he examined the railway track beside the platform. He there saw a man's arm lying between the rail and platform. About 5 yds. further on, a man's leg was also lying between the rail and platform, and about another 5 yds. further on, the remainder of a man's body, dismembered, and with the head crushed, was lying between the rails. From the marks on the track he considered the man was first struck at a point opposite the goods shed and about 25 yds. west of where his body was lying. The body was removed from the railway track and placed in the goods shed and later removed to Beaufort. As the result of something he was told, he searched the vicinity and later found Timothy Moynihan asleep between some straw and the fence on the opposite side of the line to the platform. He awakened him, but he was too drunk to be able to talk intelligibly, and he was unable to obtain any information from him. On the platform beside the goods shed he found two empty wine bottles (produced). From his enquiries into this matter, he had ascertained the following:—The deceased, an old age pensioner residing at Trawalla went to Beaufort on 1st April, and when seen there was drinking wine. He returned to Trawalla by train, and when he alighted, he was under the influence of liquor, and had two bottles of wine

in his possession. He remained in the vicinity of the station and drank half-a-bottle of wine whilst in the company of Moynihan. In his opinion, after Moynihan had left him, McCormick drank the other bottle of wine, and then whilst drunk, fell from the platform on to the railway line. He was either stunned, or too drunk to move, and was lying on the line until struck by the train. There were no suspicious circumstances connected with this death. The Acting-Deputy-Coroner found that the deceased, William McCormick came by his death on 2nd April, 1943, at the Trawalla railway station, from injuries accidentally received through being struck by a train.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JULIA ELLINGSEN.

The many friends of Mrs Julia Ellingsen will regret to learn of her death, which occurred on the 6th inst., at the age of 73. Wife of Lieut.-Colonel G. Ellingsen, V.D., she was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Absalom Peters former well-known residents of Ballarat West. Twenty years ago, Colonel Ellingsen, who was headmaster of Sebastopol State school, and later of Urquhart Street S.S., was transferred to Melbourne, and with Mrs Ellingsen and family, lived in Canterbury. The elder son, Leslie, served during the Great War in Gallipoli, Egypt and France. The only daughter, Thelma Iris, was head prefect of Clerendon College, and is now engaged in the Munitions Supply Laboratories. The younger son, George Melville, has served for 3 1/2 years of the present war in the Middle East and New Guinea. Mrs Ellingsen in her younger days was an excellent musician. At one time she resided with her husband at Main Lead and Buangor. Her remains were cremated at the Springvale Crematorium.

MR. JAMES CLARK.

Mr James Clark, J.P., of Beaufort, who died in Mount St. Evins Hospital, Melbourne, on Wednesday, was a pioneer of the Watchem and Donald districts, who later moved to Balmarring where he took a keen interest in activities on the Mornington peninsula. He was a P.M. of the Mornington Masonic Lodge, and a life governor of the Freemasons' Hospital, Melbourne. The deceased broke his leg a few months ago, and has since been falling in health. He is survived by a widow. He also leaves a brother, Mr George Clark of Shirley, and a sister (Mrs Fielding) besides a number of nephews and nieces. The remains of the late Mr Clark were laid to rest in the Melbourne General Cemetery on Thursday.

MISS CHRISTINA CAMPBELL.

The death occurred on 19th April at a private hospital at Ballarat, of Miss Christina Campbell, of 45 Durham Street West, Ballarat. Deceased was the third eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Campbell, of Chute. She leaves a brother and three sisters as well as two step-brothers; one of the latter being Mr Geo. Pringie, of Beaufort. The funeral of the late Miss Campbell took place on Wednesday afternoon, and moved from the residence of her sister, Mrs C. Nancarrow, of 45 Durham Street West, Ballarat, for the place of interment in the Beaufort Cemetery. Many relatives and old friends were in attendance.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO.—The Coliban Park Estate, near Elphinstone, was disposed of 70 years ago by S. McGregor & Co., at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne for the sum of £41,000. There were 13,505 acres of freehold land in the estate, all fenced and divided into paddocks.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

The Shire of Ripon notifies that interest will be charged on all rates remaining unpaid after 30th April, 1943.

The Waterloo Sports Club is running a good programme of events at the Local Recreation Reserve on Easter Saturday, and urges the public to support the sports club that is giving its proceeds to the Beaufort district patriotic organisations. Donations of an axe for the woodchops and a cup for the cycle races have been received. Pte. Eric Russell has given a 30/- prize for the novelty dance. The trots will definitely be held.

Band Amateur Hour, Sunday, April 25. Two sections: Men over 50 and children. Twelve quiz prizes. Two 10/- prizes; also 10/- prize (to be awarded by independent judges) for best performance.

A grand ball, in aid of Red Cross branch funds, will be held at Buangor Hall, on Easter Monday, April 26.

In place of the usual Autumn Fair Presbyterians are invited to make a special offering to the Church Funds, on Sunday afternoon, May 2.

On Anzac Day, Sunday, April 25, the Ripon sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League will hold the annual pilgrimage to the Cemetery and commemoration service at the War Memorial. All returned sailors and soldiers (including Second A.I.F. men) will assemble at the band rotunda at 2 p.m. and march to the Cemetery; returning to Schlicht's Corner, and moving off to the Shirline at 3 p.m. Medals and decorations will be worn. The speaker will be Mr R. Currow.

The Beaufort C.W.A. will conduct an opportunity shop and exhibition of members' work and treasures, on Thursday, 29th April.

A depot has been established in the Shire yard, Beaufort, for dressed sheepskins for the Russian Sick and Wounded. The appeal is urgent.

Tenders, returnable on 26th May, are invited by the Victorian Railways for the supply of locomotive and station firewood.

At the Raglan Patriotic League's gymkhana on Easter Saturday, April 24 there will be fun for young and old. Good programme of chops, trots, children's races, cycling, sawing and horse events. At night there will be a dance and euchre social.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY.

It is often observed that few women know how to grow old gracefully. There is certainly a graceful way and an ungraceful way of taking all the good and savor of life, and since we must take what life offers, it is well to accept the inevitable in as graceful a manner as possible. The ungraceful way of receiving the advances of Father Time is persistently to refuse to acknowledge him. "Here is a grey hair, and I am only twenty-five. Pull it out." Out it comes, and seven more spring up in its place. "I shall get that particular shade of red, or pink, or blue, for it always was so becoming to me." Yes, it always was, but it is not now, all the same. If the fact that the first freshness of youth has departed be acknowledged, a more becoming style may certainly be selected.

A true, earnest woman can never have a better opportunity for usefulness, nor be able to win more admiration from those whose approval is worth winning, than in middle life, if she only takes the right method of doing so. Increasing years ought to bring wisdom, and they will if they are not wasted in a vain attempt to settle down where we are on the road, instead of travelling gladly onward and upward. Many women have achieved their best work in literature, in art, or in business, after they were thirty years old, while not a few have taken up new studies in which they have found much profit and pleasure, or entered upon a new life of enlarged responsibilities on some unexpected road, after they were forty. The best way to grow old gracefully is to grow in knowledge and usefulness, and such women are sure to be admired and prized to the end of their days.

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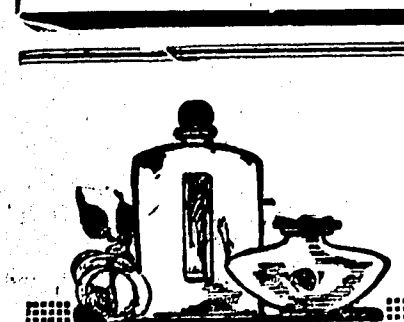
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BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday. The following district sales were effected at the Ballarat Stock Market on Tuesday, 13th April:—119 merino ewes and wethers, Mr L. Franc, Middle Creek, ewes to 16/8, wethers to 26/; lamb, same owner, 15/; 50 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr Walter Scott, Mena Park, wethers to 19/, ewes 14/ to 11/4; 31 comeback ewes, Mr Andrew Ringin, Chepstowe, 15/1; 20 merino wethers, Mr J. Ringin, Chepstowe, 20/10; 10 crossbred wethers and ewes, Mr J. E Bennett, Chepstowe, wethers 22/3, ewes 13/10; 70 comeback ewes, Kirkpatrick Bros., Stockyard Hill, to 14/10, averaging 13/1; 52 crossbred wethers, Mr R. W. Borbridge, Skipton, 20/; 108 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr Robert S. Alexander, Skipton, wethers to 22/10, ewes 17/10 to 11/10, averaging 14/6; 100 merino wethers and ewes, Brennan Bros., Buangor, wethers 18/5 to 13/1, averaging 16/2; 10 merino wethers and ewe, Mr H. H. Roddis, Snake Valley, wethers 18/10 to 15/4, ewes 17/; 9 calves, Mr A. M. Matthews, Burrumbeet, £3/17/ to £9/16/, averaging £7/9/; 111 comebacks, same owner, wethers 24/10 to 27/1, averaging 26/5, weaners 9/2 to 14/1, averaging 11/7; 108, Mr W. J. Roberts, Middle Creek, merino wethers 15/7 to 23/4, averaging 19/2, cbk. ewes 15/7 to 19/10, averaging 18/3.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.—That the Volunteer Defence Corps is still regarded by the Government as an important auxiliary of the defence forces of the Commonwealth was emphasised on April 5th by the Minister for the Army (Mr Forde), who stated that the recent decision of the War Cabinet to increase the establishment of the corps to enable its members to take over a substantial portion of anti-aircraft, coast, and searchlight defences, and other essential tasks on a part-time basis, with the object of releasing a considerable number of A.M.F. personnel for front-line duties, was evidence of this fact. Mr Forde also stated that the majority of members of the V.D.C. were men in reserved occupations, and regarding those members who are not in reserved occupations or in protected undertakings, it was the policy that with the exception of officers N.C.O.'s or specialists, they be available for call-up by both Army and Allied Works Council. It is the responsibility of the V.D.C. commander in each L. of C. area to notify area and national service officers when a V.D.C. member is an officer, N.C.O., or specialist.

HISTORY OF ESTATE.—Convalescent soldiers from 108 Hospital have again been entertained by the Waubra branch of the Red Cross. The president, Miss M. Mitchell, of East Mt. Mitchell, in whose home they were entertained on each occasion, was tendered a hearty vote of thanks by Mr E. H. Price (president of the Ballarat Red Cross), and Pte. Savage seconded. Responding, Miss Mitchell gave a brief sketch of the history of Mt. Mitchell which was of great interest to the Allied members of the party. The estate of Mt. Mitchell, named by Major Thomas Mitchell, and of which East Mt. Mitchell is a part, was bought 100 years ago from the Learmonth brothers by Mr T. Robertson and Mr W. Skene. The former was the great-grandfather of the present owners, Miss M. and Mr J. G. Morrison. About 30 years ago the property was divided, and a new homestead was built by Mr J. G. Robertson at East Mt. Mitchell. After the last war a large part of East Mt. Mitchell was sold for soldier settlements.

Dalgely & Co., Ltd., Geelong, report (April 8):—E. & Co./Skipton, sup com h 25/1; ITM/Trawalla, a com 25/; HW/MP (Beaufort), com 24/1; GH (Skipton), aaa h 23/1; Lambs—Cahirbionig, sup 28/4. Strachan & Co., Geelong, report (April 7):—PH/C (Carngham), h fice mer 27/1; 1st lms 24/1; TE/Beaufort, aaa 25/1; H/X/Skipton, ex sup com 24/1; SA/Buangor, sup mer 24/1; JAS/C (Carngham), a fice m 23/; HS/Buangor, 1st com 22/1; WE/Beaufort, aaa 21/1; CS/Buangor, 1st com h 21/1; Dennys, Lascelles Ltd., Geelong, report (Aug. 8):—FO/Skipton (Stockyard Hill), sup com 30d and 29/1; WHP/Buangor, sup com 24/1; two triangles/ WAK/Buangor, aaa com h 22/1; SH/Trawalla, cbk a 23/; KRT/Baangal (Skipton), aaa sup cbk 22/1; sup aaa 1x 21/1. Goldsbrough, Mort & Co. Ltd. report (April 16):—ND/Wongetta (Beaufort), aaa m 26d, aaa com 24/; McD/S (Streatham), sup aaa cbk 20/1.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

Neighboring Shires.

At the Lexton Shire Council meeting on Wednesday, 7th April, a letter was read from the Country Roads Board, intimating that the Council's proposals for work on the Lexton-Beaufort road were satisfactory, but it was desired that a cross section (in duplicate) of the reconstruction deck of the bridge be submitted for record purposes.—Referred to the engineer. From Country Roads Board, enclosing cheque for £332/9/ for maintenance works on Beaufort-Lexton, Lexton-Talbot, and three other roads. Mr D. G. Jackson has been recommended for the position of Justice of the Peace at Lexton, in place of Mr R. Roxburgh, who has left the district. The engineer (Mr E. J. Muntz) reported that he had arranged with Mr J. Nothnagel for construction of culvert at Waterloo.—Adopted.—'Avoca Free Press.'

WOOL APPRAISMENTS.

District Clips.

Messrs. Elder, Smith & Co., Limited, reported on 8th April that the 71st series of wool appraisements were held in Geelong, for which they offered a catalogue of 3042 bales. The selection comprised late shorn clips from most of the wool producing districts of the State, and the border districts of South Australia. Our highest price for merino was 30/1d and for comeback 26/1d. Proceeds for this appraisement are due on April 30th. District sales:—AAH/Beaufort, sup com 22/1; JH/Lamonde (Beaufort), sup com 21/1; Ruradene (Beaufort), 1st cbk 1 21/1; JHR conj./I (Mt. Lonarch), sup com 26/1; CMC/Skipton, sup lms 26/1; EI/A (Amphitheatre), sup com 25/1; J-/JD/Amphitheatre, sup com 23/1; AAH/Beaufort, sup com 22/1; J/L/Mt. L (Mt. Lonarch), aaa m 22/1; FD/A (Amphitheatre), aaa com 22/1. E. J. Strickland & Sons, Ballarat, report:—We submitted our 71st series for appraisement on 9th inst., and brought forward a catalogue comprised mainly of late shorn fleece wools and lambs' wool. The top price realised was 25/1d obtained for the top line of EJS/B (bulk-classed wool), the second line of the same brand being appraised to 24/1d. The aah h of IB/Grassmere from Piggoreet, and the aaa of HXA from Durham Lead both realised 24/1d. Proceeds of this appraisement will be made available on the 30th inst. District sales:—M/Star (Beaufort), a cbk 20/1; aaa xb 20/1; M/A Star, aa cbk 20d, a cbk 20/1; cbk 19/1d, aaa xb 20/1; aa xb 19d, a xb 18/1d, b & p 14/1d; JS/B-Beet, 1st lms 16d, 2nd lms & locks 9d; GSS/Lexton, 1st lms 15/1d; JCWB-Beet, lms 16d; P/Burrumbeet, lms 15/1d; GR/Lexton, lms 15/1d; WDN/Bur., lms 15/1d; WW/Raglan, lms 15/1d. Dalgely & Co., Ltd., Geelong, report (April 8):—E. & Co./Skipton, sup com h 25/1; ITM/Trawalla, a com 25/; HW/MP (Beaufort), com 24/1; GH (Skipton), aaa h 23/1; Lambs—Cahirbionig, sup 28/4. Strachan & Co., Geelong, report (April 7):—PH/C (Carngham), h fice mer 27/1; 1st lms 24/1; TE/Beaufort, aaa 25/1; H/X/Skipton, ex sup com 24/1; SA/Buangor, sup mer 24/1; JAS/C (Carngham), a fice m 23/; HS/Buangor, 1st com 22/1; WE/Beaufort, aaa 21/1; CS/Buangor, 1st com h 21/1; Dennys, Lascelles Ltd., Geelong, report (Aug. 8):—FO/Skipton (Stockyard Hill), sup com 30d and 29/1; WHP/Buangor, sup com 24/1; two triangles/ WAK/Buangor, aaa com h 22/1; SH/Trawalla, cbk a 23/; KRT/Baangal (Skipton), aaa sup cbk 22/1; sup aaa 1x 21/1. Goldsbrough, Mort & Co. Ltd. report (April 16):—ND/Wongetta (Beaufort), aaa m 26d, aaa com 24/; McD/S (Streatham), sup aaa cbk 20/1.

POSITION OF THE HEAD IN SLEEP

Custom has imposed the use of the bolster and the pillow, but it does not of necessity follow that they are advantageous or conducive to sound sleep. Physiologically, we are entitled to entertain a doubt, seeing that physiologists are still unable to state authoritatively whether the brain in sleep is congested or anaemic. The general experience is that the lower the head the deeper is the sleep, and vice versa. Apart from morbid conditions which render it impossible to sleep with the head low—conditions which vary ad infinitum from mere preference for a thick bolster to positive orthopnoea—habit, and, possibly, physiological conformation, render the head-low position in bed intolerable to some, it is urged against the use of these supports that they inflict a constrained position of the neck, which interferes with the passage of blood to and from the brain, and contracts the thorax. On the other hand, unless one lies on the back, it is obvious that the neck must be uncomfortably curved in the absence of a pillow, far more so than would result from even a very thick bolster. On the whole, it would seem that in order to obtain sleep as deep and reposeful as possible, we ought to aim at having the head as low as is consistent with actual comfort. To submit to absolute discomfort in view of a problematical and much-disputed advantage is not an experiment that will commend itself to the majority of mankind.

A TEST FOR DIAMONDS.

The public is frequently deceived in regard to the sale of jewellery and precious stones, and the authorities have issued a statement upon the accurate testing of diamonds.

When a diamond is quite clean and dry, the following experiment should be tried: Place on the surface a tiny drop of water, and then take a needle or pin and try to move the drop about. If the diamond is genuine, the drop can be rolled about intact. On the other hand, where the gem is an imitation the water spreads directly it is touched with the needle-point.

Another very good test may be carried out with a tumbler of water. In this put the suspected article and examine its appearance. A real diamond will show up in the water with startling clearness, and it can never be confounded with the water. On the other hand, the imitation looks indefinite, and it is sometimes difficult to see it at all.

PUNISHED AND PARDONED

Last night my little son was sent
Unkissed to bed, with angry eyes
And lips that pouted willful-wise;
This was his mother's punishment.
A gentler woman does not live,
But yet she tarried to forgive.

The childish fault, the passionate deed,
They must be checked, so in the gloom
He stumbled to his little room.
He was too proud to weep or plead.
I saw his mother's eyes grow dim,
In tender yearning following him.

But in the silence when he slept
Undried the tears lay on his cheek.
The little face seemed very meek.
How piteously, perchance, he wept
Before he took to slumberland
The grief he could not understand.

Then tenderly his mother soothed
The fair tossed hair back from his brow,
And kissed the lips so passive now,
But woke him not, since he was soothed,
And there beside his little bed
Knelt praying for awhile instead.

Ah! so, dear God, when at the last
We lie with closed and tear-stained eyes,
And lips too dumb for prayers or sighs,
Sorry and punished for the past,
Surely Thou wilt forgive and bless,
Being pitiful for our distress?

A SUNSHINY HUSBAND.

"A sunshiny husband makes a merry, beautiful home, worth having, worth working in and for. If the man is breezy, cheery, considerate, and sympathetic, his wife sings in her heart over her puddings and her mending basket, and renews her youth in the security she feels of his approbation and admiration. You may think it weak or childish, if you please, but it is the admired wife, who hears words of praise and receives smiles of commendation, who is capable, discreet, and executive. I have seen a timid, meek, self-distrusting little body fairly bloom into strong, self-reliant womanhood under the tonic and cordial companionship of a husband who really went out of his way to find occasion for showing how fully he trusted her judgment and how fully he deferred to her opinion."

NURSERY RHYME SERMONS.

"LITTLE JACK HORNER."

Who was Little Jack Horner? Who can say? I cannot. No mention of his parentage, lineage, or after-career; none of his rank, age, or condition. We must rest satisfied with the text as we find it, accept gratefully the meagre but weighty information therein contained, and draw from it the lessons, precepts, and warnings it is so well constituted to convey.

Of his personality we gather that he was short of stature—puny, small, little; that his baptismal name was John, and that in the intimacy of the home-circle, where he was known and—rightly or wrongly—loved, he was styled "Jack."

Was Jack a good boy? According to his own account he was blameless. He exclaims, "What a good boy am I!" Ah, grave delusion, fatal fallacy! Jack was a selfish, greedy, smug little pig, brethren.

Now note! He had a Christmas pie, a plum-pie, probably a large-sized pie, one which he might easily, had he so willed, have shared with another not so well circumstanced as himself. But what does he do?

He goes into a corner, all alone, to eat his pie. He hugs this precious confection to his bosom and devours it unseen.

What, further, did he fail to do? What was his sin of omission? Brethren, he omitted to be kind—in short, he omitted to be a pal, and not only to do his bit but to give his bit as well. Jack Horner was greedy. He ate his pie alone.

Furthermore, brethren, Jack Horner was what a great poet styles "a little vulgar boy." "He put in his thumb." Had he inserted his forefinger—especially if it had lately been washed—we should not have experienced that sense of disgust the insertion of the thumb engenders. There are precedents for this distinction. An ancient proverb tells us fingers were made before forks—a statement none can deny; and so, had Jack delicately used the digit generally employed in lieu of the implements of civilisation, we might have forgiven him. But the thumb! It is the sign-manual of vulgarity.

Further, brethren, note the word "pulled" in our text. It is not lightly used. Had my text sought to convey the idea that Jack lifted the plum delicately from the pie's interior, would it have used the word "pulled"? Nay, verily. It would have said "took" or "picked" or "extracted" or "drew forth."

But now we come to the worst characteristic of Jack Horner: his smug self-righteousness, his cool assumption that he is a good fellow, that there is nothing wrong with him, that the rest of mankind may have been born in sin, but he is an exception to the rule.

You may take it for granted that the man who pays himself compliments, who plumes himself on his moral perfections, is generally, like Little Jack Horner, engaged at the self-same moment in arrogating to himself not only a maximum and exclusive dote of virtue, but also a maximum amount of this world's goods.

So, finally, brethren, let me exhort you to avoid the man who loves "corners." The "corner" man, the man whose aim is to corner everything from corn to kingdoms, is the arch-enemy of the race. His gain is others' loss, his happiness others' sorrow, his riches others' poverty, his power others' slavery. When he has devoured crust, plums, and juice you can have the dish to lick and the stones to crack. Further, do not put a recreative, selfish thumb, or finger either, in any pie. It's a bad habit and seldom pays in the end. It is not only vulgar, it is also unpleasant. Be content to sit down at the Round Table of common sociability, to fall in with the ordinary usages and conventions of society, rather than try to be original or singular and succeed only in being a boor.

But whatever you do or do not, brethren, avoid self-laudation and the difficult acrobatic feat of patting your own back. If your trumpeter happens to be deceased don't do your own blowing, but rather use your wind to praise your friend, when you have performed the earlier and paramount duty of sharing your pie and its plums with him.

Driver (to quiet stranger in suburban road): Hi! mister, jest hold that there horse's head for a minute while I get down, will yer?

Stranger (nervously): Wh-wh-which one?

Driver: Why, the off 'un, to be sure. Stranger: My good man, I am totally unacquainted with horses, and it is quite impossible for me to tell which o' your animals is an orphan.

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