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SOLDIERS' LEAGUE LOOKING AHEAD.

LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME PLANS FOR REPATRIATION OF EX-SERVICEMEN

Recommendations arrived at by the conference of soldier land settlement representatives of each State branch of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A., who concluded their deliberations last Saturday, were put before the Rural Reconstruction Commission on Monday.

The conference last week was held in accordance with a direction from the 27th annual congress of the League held in Sydney last November.

In regard to any future land settlement scheme for the purpose of repatriating ex-servicemen, it was agreed that the past experience of the R.S.L. had shown that in many respects soldier land settlement had been a failure. Therefore, with a view to avoiding a repetition, the following recommendations were submitted:—

1. That any future scheme in all its phases be a full Commonwealth responsibility.

2. That any interest chargeable shall not exceed 2 per cent.

3. Securing and allotting to the ex-serviceman suitable land at a reasonable price.

4. Advance of sufficient capital to provide stock, plant, water supply, housing and all facilities necessary to ensure decent living conditions.

5. Payment of rental and the repayment of advance and interest shall not commence until the stage of productivity, and until such stage is reached adequate sustenance to be paid.

6. Selection of right type of settler and provision for training where considered necessary and advisable.

7. Where a settler falls through no fault of his own, he shall not be debarred from further representation benefits.

8. That proper care should be taken in the selection and allocation of land, with the object of ensuring that all production shall be marketable on a profitable basis.

The conference was unanimous that legislation providing for any future land settlement scheme should be passed as soon as possible, and with this end in view a draft Bill, embodying all essential principles, will at an early stage be submitted to the Commonwealth Government.

Attending Monday's meeting with the Rural Reconstruction Commission was the Federal president of the League (Sir Gilbert Dyett), as well as representatives from the State branches.

SALE OF OUTSTANDING BULL CALF.—Last week, Mr John Pickford, of Buangor Park, Buangor, purchased an outstanding Stud Book polled Hereford bull calf, 10 months old, whose sire was Worthmore Beau 8th (Imported) six times U.S.A. champion. Messrs. J. and W. de Winter, Hillside Estate, Buangor, were the vendors, and they have established a small herd of choice polled Hereford cattle. They are to be congratulated upon breeding a bull of such high quality. Messrs. Dalgety & Company Limited were the selling agents.—"Ararat Advertiser."

A.W.L. SOLDIERS.—The military authorities have requested that any civilian who suspects a soldier of being absent without leave is requested to report this fact to the nearest area officer. It will be of assistance in this connection if particulars can be given in regard to the soldier, such as his army number and unit. Any instance reported to the area officer will be investigated and the necessary action taken. The National Security Regulations provide for a penalty of up to £100 or six months' imprisonment, or both, for any person who harbors or, in any way, knowingly assists a soldier to remain absent without leave. Every soldier who is thus absent, places an added burden on his comrades, and therefore the close co-operation of the public will be of material assistance to the armed forces.

PACKAGES BY AIR MAIL.—The Postmaster-General (Senator Ashley) has issued a public reminder that goods or materials of any kind other than paper, intended for conveyance by air mail, must be posted in open covers. Senator Ashley said that this requirement applied whether the articles were prepaid at letter rate or otherwise.

THE RIGHT OF MAN.—"It is the right of man to be a man and not a brute; the right to protect and educate his children, the right to have a home of his own, a religion of his own, a character of his own, unsubject to the will of another."—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

AROUND THE COUNTRYSIDE

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS. Snake Valley.

CARNHAM BRANCH A.C.F.
The Carnham branch, A.C.F., held a special effort for the special May appeal for the A.C.F. recently, and £51 10/ was raised. Donations were as follows:—Knitting Circle, £10/10/; Mrs P. Russell, £20; Mr T. Lewis, £2/2/; Messrs. J. Oddie and A. C. Roddis, each 10/; Mrs McCook, 5/; Mrs A. T. Brumby, 3/; and Mr M. Currie, 2/. A jumble stall, organised by Mesdames W. Callaghan, Leeman, A. Nunn, and Patching, realised £4/14/7. An auction sale of mysterious parcels, organised by Mrs J. Greenbank and Mrs Callaghan brought in £3/17/3. The rest of the money was raised by various competitions and afternoon tea. At the recent monthly meeting it was arranged to send £50 to headquarters from branch funds, and the branch has so far sent £101/10/ to headquarters for their special May appeal. At the monthly meeting of the branch a fair parcel of comforts was packed and sent to headquarters, comprising 36 pairs socks, 15 sleeveless pullovers, 9 scarves, 2 oiled wool pullovers, 5 pairs mittens, 4 helmets, polo neck pullover, and cap, 2 cakes soap, box shaving soap, 2 books 128 illustrated papers, magazines, etc. Donations at this meeting were as follows:—P. Russell, £5; Mrs J. McKay £1; Mesdames J. Oddie and J. Greenbank, each 10/; J. and R. Russell (sale of skins), each 10/; Mr F. Leeman (donation and sale of skins), 13/; Mr Walton, 6/; M. Russell (school wages), 6/; Mrs Burridge, 8/; Mrs E. Yeoman, 5/ donation, 2/ membership fee; Mesdames McCook, E. Brumby Misses Middleton and Lewis, Messrs. Lewry and J. Greenbank, and Mrs Baxter, each 5/; Mesdames Smith and G. Hall, each 4/; Messrs. W. Bass and J. Bath, Mesdames Sarah, Quilliam and Camp, each 3/; Messrs. A. T. Brumby, C. McLean, and A. Burridge Mesdames A. T. Brumby and McIntosh, each 2/; also Mesdames D. Whittala and G. Gardner, each 2/ membership fee. Mrs Drever presented £13 14/1, result of supper, 29th April, and dance 8th May. Miss A. Gardner, 6d; Mrs Crutch, 2 cakes soap; Miss Neville shaving soap.

A.N.A. MEETING.
The quarterly meeting of the Carnham A.N.A. was held on Saturday, the president (Mr Les Greenbank) presiding. Officers elected were:—President, Mr Les Greenbank; vice-president, Mr A. T. Brumby; treasurer, Mr W. E. Yeoman; secretary, Mr H. H. Roddis; committee, Messrs. E. Nice, C. McDonald, W. McLean, J. Cheeseman, and R. Snell; auditors, Messrs. D. McDonald and R. Snell. The secretary reported five members on the sick list.

DANCE AT MT. EMU.
A very successful dance in aid of the Mt. Emu State School War Relief Fund was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Snake Valley, on Saturday last, and was well attended by local and district dancers.

HEAVY FROSTS.
Heavy frosts have been experienced in the district during the past week. After the recent rains, farmers are able to proceed with their cropping. Stock are in very fair order, although green feed is very short.

Burrumbet.

EUCHRE AND DANCE.
The fortnightly euchre and dance social conducted by the Patriotic Committee is becoming increasingly popular. Last Saturday night the hall was nearly packed, and good music was supplied by the local dance band. The successful euchre players were: Messrs. D. Dickie, F. White, junr., and W. Dowler, Mesdames White and D. Walton. The present euchre aggregate will be completed at the next function.

Streatham.

RED CROSS SOCIAL.
Streatham Red Cross held their second tournament in the euchre aggregate. Prizes were won by Mrs W. Ward and Mr Vic Brown.

ON LEAVE.
Driver Lin Meek has been visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs E. T. Meek.—"Ararat Advertiser."

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ISSUE OF NEW RATION BOOKS

NEARLY 10,000 CENTRES

Nearly 10,000 issuing centres throughout Australia, with staff totalling approximately 30,000 persons will handle over 6,500,000 new ration books when these are issued to the public on June 5 and 6.

While big metropolitan centres, with staffs of up to 60 persons, expect to handle 15,000 books for the two issuing days, some centres established for convenience of country people, will issue less than 20 books.

All issuing centres will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on both June 5 and 6.

The Acting-Director of Rationing (Mr J. B. Cumming) said to-day that the public should profit by last year's experience and try to collect new ration books early and at "off peak" periods. Last year's rush demand occurred at noon on the Saturday in city areas, although suburban demand was evenly spread. Biggest demand on the Sunday was between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The public should try to obtain books at the nearest local centre to avoid a city rush on Saturday.

Mr Cumming emphasised that three things will be needed to obtain a new ration book—an identity card, a completed civilian registration form CR7, and the old ration book.

While in some respects the method of obtaining ration books has been simplified by comparison with last year's handling of civilian Registration Form CR7 for manpower purposes, will more than offset any reduction in work for electoral officers, he added.

Issuing officers will be doing a magnificent job in handing out millions of ration books and receiving millions of civilian registration forms, and old ration books in only two days.

In exceptional cases where persons are unable to attend their issuing centre, provision has been made for them to obtain the new ration book by post. These persons must first obtain Form RG6 from any post office, complete, and return it to the Divisional Returning Officer for their Commonwealth Electorate.

RAGLAN SPORTS

LIST OF DONATIONS.

The following donations were received towards the Raglan Patriotic League's gymkhana on Easter Saturday:—A. MacPhie, £1; Minty Johnson, 10/; W. Anderson, £1; R. Vowles, 5/; J. Wilkinson, £1; M. Pitcher, 5/; W. Hutton, 10/; G. Anderson, £1; E. J. Holland, 5/; C. Lang, £1/1/; A. Lofts, £2/2/; H. H. George, 10/6; R. Guyatt, 10/; S. Lyons, 5/; A. Duncan, £1; H. Scherger, £1; A. Wilkinson, £1; T. H. Trafford, 10/; E. J. Lacey, £1; A. Campbell, 4/; E. Drew, 10/; F. Haintz, 10/; J. Lamb, £1; B. I. Neil (New Guinea), £1/1/; G. Caulfield, £1; C. W. Broadbent, 10/; J. Dyer, 2/; J. Thomson, £1; J. Lacey, P. Gillingham, H. E. Shalders, 10/ each; I. Grant, £1; C. Jones, 6/; G. H. Cuthbertson, £1/1/; A. E. Crick, £1; A. Lewell, 10/; C. C. Tucker, £5; G. Nottmangel, 10/; T. McNish, £1; B. Panther, 5/; F. Drew, £2; A. Pitcher, £1; M. Drew, G. Pitcher, 10/ each; L. Tucker, £1; W. H. Shalders, 4/; H. Tucker, £1; L. C. Dunne, 10/; W. Lynch, 5/; J. A. Gillingham, 10/; J. Ball, £1; F. Rondinella, 5/; A. Maher, 10/; G. Sanfillippa, 5/; R. McNish, 10/; W. W. Ashley, 5/; Mrs McNish, 5/; F. Allen, 4/; Les. Anderson, 10/; T. W. Schlicht, 5/; Beau Wilkinson, £1; A. L. Trengove, £1; W. G. Wilkinson, £1; Ainslee Pitcher, 10/; R. Guyatt, 11/; Jas. Gillingham, 10/6; F. C. Tiley, Geo. Gillingham, 10/ each; H. H. Dunn, £2; Geo. Lacey, £1; R. Simpson, £1/1/; J. O'Hehir, 5/; Mrs P. Johnston, 5/; Les. Ball, £1; J. J. McLean, J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., G. H. Coughle, E. R. Martin, M. Welsh V. Welsh, Mrs M. Drew. The following donated a tin of honey each:—E. Anderson, W. J. Smith, R. Gross, W. J. Waldron, E. H. Cameron, Stribson Bros., S. Shalders. The sheep for guessing the weight was given by R. Pitcher. The profit on the gymkhana was £177/6/8.

VOTERS WILL HAVE A SAY

STATE ELECTIONS.

LABOR PARTY CALLED CITY PARTY PREMIER'S CRITICISM.

One of the mysteries of life was why there were still some country electorates so blind to their own interests as to return a Labor representative to Parliament, the Premier (Mr Dunstan) said when addressing a well-attended meeting at the C.W.A. Hall, Beaufort, on Friday night, May 28, in support of Cr. Boustead, C.P. candidate.

There was no community of interest, continued the Premier, between the industrial electorates of the city represented by Labor and a rural constituency such as Allandale. It was only at election time that the Trades Hall Council and the A.L.P. gave even a passing thought to the people in the country. They were too busy all the rest of the time attending to the wants of the city industrialists.

It was from the city that the Labor Party derived its strength, and it was from the unions in the metropolitan area that it received its orders.

Labor had nothing in common with the farmer. Mr Cain had said that he had a master plan for the country districts, but seeing that he was now only the sparring partner of the Communists, it was difficult to see how he could put his master plan into effect.

Mr Boustead's speech was reported in our last issue.

Cr. T. W. Schlicht officiated as chairman. (A. M. Parker, Lawrence Street, Beaufort).

RECONSTRUCTION PLANS
COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT PLANNED.

The country districts and embarking on a deliberate and sustained policy of developing those towns industrially and socially, the Minister for Post War Reconstruction (Mr Chifley) aims to achieve a much better distribution of population in Australia.

The amenities which a big city could give would thus be made more readily accessible to country residents.

Main points in the reconstruction programme are:—

Reducing marketing problems, developing educational facilities, raising hospital standards more effectively, giving greater opportunities for the development of cultural pursuits.

"Generally, this policy, if actively followed over a period, will give greater order and balance to our economic life, and better prospects for the farmer and his family," said the Minister.

"The policy of regional planning will make big demands upon local government authorities particularly. Already fine community work has been done by councils and also by War Agricultural Committees operating throughout the Commonwealth. This is evidence that there are available in country districts the public spirited men who would be required to make regional planning a success.

"The Rural Reconstruction Commission is to visit Tasmania early next month, and later, it will take evidence in the three Eastern mainland States.

"In this way it will be able to examine fully the views on regional planning held in all States, in the course of its general enquiries into our rural problems."

WOOL APPRAISMENTS.

District Clips.

Messrs. Elder, Smith & Co., Ltd., of Geelong, report (May 26) that the 74th series of appraisements was completed in that centre on that date, for which they submitted a catalogue of 1297 bales, consisting mainly of a further batch of bulk classed wool, crutchings, and scoured, fellmongered wool. The highest price in their catalogue was 26/4d for a merino wool, branded Rosehill/FAT from Moutajup. Bulk classed wool realised up to 25/4d for Merino fleece, 22d for Comeback fleece, and 18/4d for pieces. A final appraisement for the season will be held in Geelong on 23rd and 24th June. Proceeds for the appraisement of 26th May are due on Friday, 18th June. The following district sale was effected:—VM/Bolac (Lake Bolac), A. crs. 13/4d.

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U.A.P. CANDIDATE AT BEAUFORT

MR. ALLEN B. DRISCOLL'S VIEWS. Allowing for the inclement weather, there was a satisfactory attendance at the C.W.A. Hall on Monday night, when Mr. Allen B. Driscoll, U.A.P. candidate for Allandale, addressed the electors.

Mr. T. W. Schlicht, who acted as chairman, apologized for the absence of the president of Ripon Shire, Major F. Russell, and said he was acting for him. He also apologized for the absence of Mr. T. T. Holloway, U.A.P. leader in the State Parliament. Mr. Holloway had been ill over a week. He left Melbourne on Saturday and came to Beaufort with the intention of attending the meeting, but his doctor had advised him not to come.

Mr. R. C. Hodgetts read a letter from Mr. Holloway, explaining his action. Mr. Holloway stated that he would regretted he could not be present, as he particularly wanted to support Mr. Driscoll's candidature, because he felt that young men were needed in Parliament at the present time. He stated particularly for his ideas on education for rural districts, would be very valuable in the House. He believed very much of the original thought he had given to this subject would prove of great profit to the whole community. This was not a time when they could afford to record a vote purely on sentimental or sympathetic considerations. He hoped they would return Mr. Driscoll as a member of the party, so that they could carry out the policy of the U.A.P., namely fair play to all sections of the community, a reduction of interference by boards, restriction of Government by regulation, and the restoration to the people of their legislative rights. Mr. Driscoll was probably the ablest candidate Allandale had had the opportunity of supporting, and he hoped his vote in Beaufort would be the largest the U.A.P. had ever received.

Mr. Schlicht briefly introduced Mr. Driscoll, and said that gentlemen, when he had finished, would be pleased to answer questions.

Mr. Driscoll, who was well received said they had come here to-night to hear an election speech—a speech in which they would expect him to enunciate a policy and make statements which would win him their approbation and their vote on June 12. But to win that vote he would not make any statement which would not advocate any measure about which he was not 100 per cent. sincere. Should they do him the honour of electing him as their representative, he would endeavour, by all means in his power, to have executed the policy which he would outline to-night. The days were gone, or they should be, when elections could be won by speeches containing a mixture of untruthful promises and personal insults to other candidates. He would give very strong differences of opinion on political matters to his opponents, but he refused to attack them personally because he credited them with having the same high moral principles and the same high motives which he himself applied to. Any other attitude would nullify one of his dearest ambitions—in some small way to improve the tone of public life.

His conception of statesmanship and his politics placed them on the same high ethical plane as the services rendered to mankind by doctors. Ministers of religion and teachers. His six main headings were decentralisation, education, housing, health, population, and employment. He hoped they would realise that these were matters of such magnitude that they could not be dealt with satisfactorily in a period of six or 12 months, or even of some that could not be enforced until after the successful termination of the war.

As Allandale was a country electorate, it was not natural that he should deal first with decentralisation. This was a subject that was generally misunderstood, as it was thought by many people to refer only to the transfer of industries from the capital and coastal cities to the inland districts. But this was not so. Decentralisation might be defined as a policy by which living in country districts and whereby educational, occupational, recreational, social, and economic conditions in the inland districts were put on a basis comparable with the larger cities, with the object of making these inland districts more self-contained units and less dependent on the capital. It was even spread throughout the State. If they brought industries to country districts but still left the primary producer and his employees to contend with their present difficulties and farm worker would turn his time to the attractive wages, short hours and good conditions of factory employment.

Mr. Driscoll said that the first step must be to give the farmer a fair price for his products, not that there may be a shortage of his products but that they should be sold at a fair price. A stabilised price that will give the farmer the money to buy the things he needs and the natural difficulties that are

indigenous to farming, and a price that will enable him to pay a wage to his employees that will compare favourably with the wages received in industrial employment. For conditions of employment for farm workers—prior to the last 12 months, when manpower shortage has put a premium on rural workers' services, and when they have disgraced in their nation. Did they call it a Christian community that allowed a married man to work an 80-hour week for his keep and \$2 a week? Give the farmer a good wage and then make an adequate wage award for the farm labourer, and let him live and rear his family in conditions which will prevent him from feeling envious of the factory worker. The next step was to extend the electricity and sewerage throughout the country districts at the same flat rate as applied in Melbourne. That was essential if there was to be any comparison at all between living conditions in the country and in the city. The principle of flat rates applied to postage stamps—why not to electricity and sewerage? Water storages must be increased so that they could lessen the fear of drought throughout the country.

Only when they had accomplished these first essentials could they bring industries to the country town, without harmfully affecting their primary industries. Mr. Driscoll stated that he had passed that would prohibit the establishment in Melbourne of any industry employing over 15 hands unless a permit was obtained from the Minister for Decentralisation, such a permit not to be granted if there was any possibility at all of establishing the industry in the country. And the permit system must go even further than that. It must approve the pasting of district in which the industry would be established. Otherwise, instead of an even spread of industry throughout the State, they would find one or two highly industrialised centres, and the rest of the State would be a vast wasteland.

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His policy in connection with housing was that a scheme should be introduced either through the State Savings Bank or the Housing Commission, by which workers could purchase their homes for a deposit of £50 and small weekly repayments; but such a scheme must not permit the erection of four-roomed glorified boxes. Minimum standards must be set for the size of the house, the number of bedrooms, the "area circuit" system, and he would insist on the principle that one or two teachers could not deal efficiently with the education of a group of children. Therefore the school was to be divided into small areas. A large school was established in a central place in each area. The Education bus and other transport services, which collected the children at their homes and took them to and from school, at present. This service was exclusively for school children, and it was the bus left the school at about 4.15 in the afternoon, enabling children to reach Beaufort at a reasonably early hour. By this means one fully staffed school took the place of a number of very inadequately staffed schools. In some cases the older children were provided with bicycles to reach the school or the bus routes.

Now whilst the area system catered for primary education, it did not provide for secondary education in country districts. High schools and technical schools must be staffed by specialists in each subject, and the attitude in the past appeared to have been that the comparatively small numbers of children in country districts were a certain element in their economic life which contended with a 5 per cent. unemployment figure was necessary to keep labour disciplined, and as inhuman, and a policy of making. They did not want discipline, they wanted co-operation, and their policy for employment must aim at 100 per cent. permanent employment. To depressions which occurred from time to time, he advocated the establishment of a permanent Government body to carry out development work. This body would vary in size from time to time in inverse proportion to the depression in the labour market. This, together with a week at Amphitheatre two days a

week, and at Creswick on Fridays Mondays. With this scheme, country children would receive specialised instruction in technical subjects, and in the additional advantage of living at home. At present many country children had to board in the city from Monday to Friday to receive their education, which department of the State and the parent the mutual advantage of family life—and family life was one of the vital necessities of any true educational system. In short, the circuit system took the teacher to the children, instead of the children to the teacher.

Another vital need for country education was the provision of more agricultural colleges in Victoria. At present there were only two such colleges in the State, both of which were very far from the Allandale electorate, and he favoured the establishment of such a college in this district. Such a college could possibly be established in conjunction with the Forestry School at Creswick, and give to the science of farming the same attention as is devoted to other sciences.

There are two other educational matters to which I would draw your attention, which apply both to the city and to the country. The first is Mr. Dunstan's attitude that the raising of the school leaving age was a matter that could be shelved indefinitely. He advocated the immediate raising of the school leaving age to 16, and the rise to 16 immediately after the cessation of hostilities. He was also in favour of some scheme of compulsory night education for youths of 16 to 18 years of age, which would be found during the last few weeks that many people confused socialism with social services, and failed to realise that socialism meant to place their education in line with the most advanced schemes of other countries, they must abolish fees for secondary schools and universities. Provided a student passed his exams, he should be able to proceed to the next year of his course without payment of any fees.

They heard much talk of a New Order, but any New Order that withheld the highest forms of education from the masses was not a New Order. There was no possible doubt as to the Labour Party's intention to enforce socialism if they were returned to power. They admitted that it was the main plank in their policy, but they would notice that Mr. Cain very cleverly omitted any mention of socialism in the broadcast of his election campaign. He would have to return to the children that socialism was the freedom-loving antithesis of the socialist. And if he had come out and said frankly, "If you return me to power, I will bring socialism," he would have brought in so many votes. But if Mr. Cain omitted to mention that, many of his party members had admitted their intentions.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

To forgive and forget is wiser than to bear ill-will for a lifetime.

LEARNING TO DO WITHOUT.

During the past 12 months Australians have been learning to do without things which they never dreamed there would be a shortage. After the exciting experience of being issued with new ration books on Saturday, we were severely shaken by the announcement on Monday that butter was to be rationed. To-day we have to go to the polling booths to record our votes but the supply of poll-books was so restricted, we would receive it without a tremor. We will miss our ration books but a few poll-books will be neither here nor there. This habit of doing without things grows on almost imperceptibly. There are dozens of men in Beaufort who followed football or played golf regularly every Saturday, but sport is no longer a luxury and their spare time is fully occupied training with the V.C. The tobacco shortage is one of the hardest trials of the menfolk, who have been compelled to cut their smoking down by half and save their cigarette butts. It does not affect women smokers to the same extent because for the most part they are here and there who really enjoy a smoke, there are 20 who merely graze with a tiddle every day, and their finger-lips and chew the end of it. A pack lasts them a week. However, if they have little to smoke, they have to put up with an infinitesimal quantity of the men of the Services standing between us and a foreign foe.

WINDOW BROKEN. — A large pane of glass in Mr. E. R. Martin's book shop window was broken during the week-end.

KING'S BIRTHDAY. — There were no local fixtures in the Beaufort district on Monday, the King's Birthday holiday. All business places were closed.

MASONIC CHARITABLE NOTE. — At the monthly meeting of the Flery Creek Lodge on Wednesday night, the following charitable work was allotted: Freemasons' Homes, £3/3; Ballarat Ararat, and District, £1/1; Blind Asylum, and Ballarat Orphanage, £1/1; Total, £13/13.

RATION BOOKS ISSUED. — On Saturday and Sunday, Mr. G. Pascoe, W. A. Skene, F. W. Broadbent, and R. Sadtler were kept fairly busy at the Shire Hall issuing the new ration books. Their work was lightened by Mr. A. Campbell (Lands Officer), who attended to the manna-rationing.

BALLARAT DISTRICT BOARD. — Complaints that school teachers were supplying returned soldiers as poll clerks at Parliamentary elections, that returned men were not receiving preference in employment and several other grievances were discussed at the annual meeting of the No. 20 District Board, RESA.I.A. held on Tuesday night. Officers elected for the ensuing year were Chairman, Mr. D. Brokenshire; district councillor, Mr. C. H. McKay; secretary, Mr. S. R. Pascoe; treasurer, Mr. F. J. Webster.

BEAUFORT V.D.C. — There was a good muster of members of the Beaufort Platoon of the V.D.C. on parade on Saturday afternoon, in charge of Capt. J. B. Bussell and Lieut. G. Oddie. The afternoon parade was held on the parade ground, under the instruction of Lieut. Oddie, Sergt. S. Hayes, and Corp. C. W. Broadbent. Mr. A. McGreggor, Mr. A. B. Baker, a parade was also held on Wednesday afternoon, which was devoted to sub-machine gun and light machine gun drill. The platoon will again parade this (Saturday) afternoon.

ATTEMPTED DERAILMENT. — On Sunday morning a dastardly attempt was made to derail the East-West express that reached Beaufort at 11.45. Five minutes before the passenger train was to start, the express train reached the platform (the stationmaster Mr. W. J. Scriven) noticed three 3 x 3 pegs, 3 ft. in length, on the line at the western end of the yard, and removed them. The train, which was certainly held on the line, was delayed for some time. Half-an-hour after the express was taken to the platform, one was missing. The matter was reported to the police, who are investigating.

THISTLE CLUB. — The committee of the Beaufort Thistle Club met at night, 4th June. Mr. J. M. (chief) was in the chair, and 18 members were present. A profit of 18/1 reported. It was also stated there was a profit of £5/1 on the recent special euchre and dance for the patriotic funds. It was decided to add another £5 to this and divide £10 equally between the Ripon, Park and Compton clubs and the Prisoners of War Committee. Margaret and Helen Smith, of the dance school, have received their letters for being each £1 for the Schools' War Relief Fund.

DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES.

Skipton.

Mr. Angus presided over a moderate attendance of members at the monthly meeting of the Patriotic League on Tuesday night. An apology was received from Mr. and Mrs. Primrose. Correspondence included a letter from Capt. Jack Liston, Tpr. E. J. Dunstun, D.V.R. A. J. Dunn, A.C.I. W. N. Sturgeon, Pte. W. R. Alexander, and Sister E. Norman, for wallets, the cance orders, etc. sent from the League on Saturday. Letters of thanks were also received from Mrs. L. Clough for expressions of sympathy from the league but the supply of wallets was so restricted, we would receive it without a tremor. We will miss our ration books but a few wallets will be neither here nor there. This habit of doing without things grows on almost imperceptibly. There are dozens of men in Beaufort who followed football or played golf regularly every Saturday, but sport is no longer a luxury and their spare time is fully occupied training with the V.C. The tobacco shortage is one of the hardest trials of the menfolk, who have been compelled to cut their smoking down by half and save their cigarette butts. It does not affect women smokers to the same extent because for the most part they are here and there who really enjoy a smoke, there are 20 who merely graze with a tiddle every day, and their finger-lips and chew the end of it. A pack lasts them a week. However, if they have little to smoke, they have to put up with an infinitesimal quantity of the men of the Services standing between us and a foreign foe.

Mena Park.

SCHOOLS' WAR RELIEF EFFORT. — Mena Park State school gathered by means of direct giving £4 for the May special appeal, launched by the State School War Relief Fund organisers. It is intended that monthly efforts preparatory to the October special effort asked for by the Education Department for the State Schools' War Relief Fund. The last Friday's effort will be a concert and a concert to which mothers, fathers, and all interested are invited will take place. For the last Friday in August an American tea is proposed, and in August a concert, and if the weather is favourable by September, a vegetable day should gather some funds. From then on farm and school become too exacting, so only a direct appeal is proposed for October.

Waterloo.

TEACHER PAREWELLED. — On the eve of his departure for Camberville to take up the position of school teacher in the Secondary Division of the Education Department in August, Mr. C. Penduck, teacher for the past two years of the Waterloo School, was tendered a farewell social by the children in the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday, 5th inst. Commencing with singing, games and dancing, the evening was a most enjoyable one. Mrs. Russell, and Miss B. Russell, were present. During the evening a presentation on behalf of the children was made to Mr. Penduck by Miss J. Flynn (chairman of the School Committee), Mr. J. Dunn, to pay a tribute to the teacher and his sterling work as a teacher and citizen. Mr. Penduck, who has been a resident at Waterloo, Mr. Penduck thanked the children for their co-operation, the parents, and saying, "Thank you very much for your goodbyes, and for the remembrance. A dainty supper, provided by the children, was then partaken of, after which singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought the function to a close.

Raglan.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. — At the meeting held on 26th May there were 19 members present. Mr. W. G. Wilkinson took the chair. Correspondence included two cards from Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tiley and Mr. and Mrs. Lancy. A letter of thanks on behalf of a wallet of notes on the occasion of the A.I.F. was received from Dvr. Grant, and a letter from Mr. G. Pascoe, thanking the league for the supply of ration books. The following list of goods had been received: 100 lbs. of flour, 100 lbs. of sugar, 100 lbs. of rice, 100 lbs. of butter, 100 lbs. of tinned fruit, 100 lbs. of tinned meat, 100 lbs. of tinned fish, 100 lbs. of tinned vegetables, 100 lbs. of tinned soups, 100 lbs. of tinned milk, 100 lbs. of tinned coffee, 100 lbs. of tinned tea, 100 lbs. of tinned cocoa, 100 lbs. of tinned jam, 100 lbs. of tinned marmalade, 100 lbs. of tinned preserves, 100 lbs. of tinned pickles, 100 lbs. of tinned chutneys, 100 lbs. of tinned relishes, 100 lbs. of tinned dressings, 100 lbs. of tinned sauces, 100 lbs. of tinned gravies, 100 lbs. of tinned soups, 100 lbs. of tinned milk, 100 lbs. of tinned coffee, 100 lbs. of tinned tea, 100 lbs. of tinned cocoa, 100 lbs. of tinned jam, 100 lbs. of tinned marmalade, 100 lbs. of tinned preserves, 100 lbs. of tinned pickles, 100 lbs. of tinned chutneys, 100 lbs. of tinned relishes, 100 lbs. of tinned dressings, 100 lbs. of tinned sauces, 100 lbs. of tinned gravies, 100 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Says Mrs. J. M. Vasey wife of Major-General Vasey

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ALLIANCE MARKET. Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.

CATTLE — There was an improved offering of cattle forward, the total being 144. About 60 bullocks were yarded, practically all being prime medium-weights, with odd pens heavy. There were a few very prime cows, but the majority of this section comprised useful descriptions. The demand was very keen and a further sharp rise of fully £2 per head was recorded; the market closing strong. Quotations:—Prime medium-weight bullocks, £21 to £23; heavy, to £25; good, £18 to £20; useful, £14 to £16; prime cows, £17 to £18/10/; heavy, £20 to £22; odd beef, to £24/17/6; good, £14 to £16; useful, £9 to £11.

CALVES — 122 were penned. There was only a moderate number of prime calves, the majority comprising good and useful descriptions. Competition was keen and values for best quality were higher; others no alteration. Best made £15/6/.

SHEEP — 3109 penned. Wethers were in the majority and comprised numerous pens of prime crossbreds and comebacks, carrying particularly good skins; others good and useful. Merinos were only moderately represented. There were a few pens of exceptionally good ewes, but the majority in this section were good and useful. Sales opened to steady competition at last week's improved rates, but as sales progressed the demand improved, and values were 1/6 to 2/ dearer. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 33/ to 35/; extra, to 38/10; good, 27/ to 30/; prime crossbred ewes, 24/ to 26/; heavy, 28/ to 32/7; good, 20/ to 22/; prime merino wethers, 27/ to 30/; extra, to 33/7; good, 23/ to 25/.

LAMBS — 1374 penned. Prime quality was limited, the bulk of the supply comprising good and useful trade descriptions. A keen demand existed, and values were a shade dearer than the improved rates of last week. Quotations:—Prime, 33/ to 35/4; good, 28/ to 31/; useful, 23/ to 25/.

DISTRICT SALES — The following district sales are reported:—61 comeback wethers and ewes. Mr H. Hayward, Skipton, wethers 22/10, ewes 18/; 59 comeback ewes, Mr J. Kirkpatrick, Stockyard Hill, to 13/1, averaging 11/9; 36 comeback wethers and ewes, various vendors, account of Carnham Branch Red Cross, for a total of £39/9/6; 22 merino wethers, Mrs G. E. McErvale, Trawalla, 25/10 to 22/10, averaging 24/4; 10 bullocks, helters and cows, Lieut.-Colonel Alex. Russell, Mawallok, Beaufort, £20/15/ to £19/17/6, averaging £20/6/3, helters and cows £24/17/6, easily topping the market, to £18/15/, highest average, and averaging £20/10/7; 10 bullocks, Mr R. G. Chirnside, Carranballac Estate, Skipton, £18/17/6 to £15/5/, averaging £16/15/; 2 bullocks, Mr A. Maher, Raglan, £16/17/6; 3 steers and cow, Mr N. Maher, Raglan, steers £13 12/6, cow £10/17/6; cow, Mr H. Tucker, Raglan, £7/10/; calf, Mr L. H. Tucker, Raglan, £4/10/; calf, Mr W. Holdsworth, Beaufort, £3/11/; 75 merino wethers, Mr Denis Daly, Skipton, 31/ to 26/10, averaging 29/4; 21 Corriedale cross wethers, Mr Kevin R. Taylor, Baangal, Skipton, to 26/4; 10 Corriedale cross wethers, Messrs. W. and F. Alexander, Skipton, 32/10, 8 lambs, 24/1; 4 Corriedale cross wethers, Mr H. P. Grist, Skipton, 27/4, 18 lambs, 28/1 to 18/4; 18 lambs, Mr R. S. Alexander, Skipton, 26/1 to 21/1, averaging 25/1; 1 lamb, Master Noel Alexander, Skipton, 24/; 1 lamb, Master Keith Alexander, Skipton, 24/; 1 lamb, H. E. Ferry, Skipton, 24/3; 138 Corriedale wethers, St. Enoch's Estate, Stockyard Hill, 24/10 to 31/7, averaging 29/; 37 merino wethers, Mrs J. Ellis, Brewster, 25/7 to 33/7, averaging 28/8, topping the market; 22 crossbred wethers, Lake Goldsmith Community Club, 18/10 and 30/10, lamb 23/9.

SOCIAL AT WAUBRA. — A very successful euchre and dance took place in the Waubra Mechanics' Hall on Friday evening, 18th June, in aid of the State school funds. The euchre prizes were won by—Ladies, Mrs Cushion; men's Mr Trevor Molloy. During the evening, Mr Buchan, head teacher, cordially welcomed Lieut. Harry Moran, an old scholar of the Waubra school, on behalf of the residents of the district. Lieut. Moran is at present enjoying three weeks' leave. A Dutch auction was also held, which caused great amusement among the audience, and which proved very profitable. The music was supplied by Mrs Gorman and the Misses Loader.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF. — "Berlin will be wise to think of its safety. It is a criminal disaster. I shall not survive it. I have no further resources. All is lost. I shall not survive my country's downfall. A long farewell." — Frederick the Great of Germany, 1759.

"To prepare for peace we have to learn now, so that when peace comes we shall not present the broken, bleeding world with the spectacle of a victorious, enlightened saviour paralysed with indecision and deafened by the babble of discordant voices." — Col. Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy.

THE POETS' CORNER

AN EXAMPLE TO STRIKERS.

The attached lines were sent to Mr Lawson Nicholls, of Skipton, by a sapper on active service abroad, a member of a special unit. He has spent more than 12 months unloading stores and carrying out salvage work, including the salvage of a vessel some time ago that broke in two with a cargo of about £5,000,000 worth of 'planes, stores, etc., on board. About £3,000,000 was saved by these men at enormous risk of life. The writer suggests that the lines be printed, and hopes they come under the notice of some of the strikers, who are doing their best to sabotage the war effort, while others are working day and night for a few shillings a day, under conditions that have to be seen to be appreciated.

WHAT OF THE BOYS IN THE HATCHES?

By Colonel HUBBARD, U.S. Army. (Reprinted from "Guinea Gold," Official Army Newspaper).

The Marines have a Radio program, You hear of exploits by the score; The Air Force boys get all the glamour, And the Navy had pictures galore.

What of the men who are tolling Fifty feet down in the holds Of the ships that are carrying the rations? How shall their saga be told?

Who will press agent the soldiers Who have made a fine art of their toil; Labouring under New Guinea sun, Handling fuel and oil?

Unloading tractors and graders, Faithfully doing their share; Forwarding bombs for the bombers To hammer the Japs from the air.

When they go down with the fever, Keeping an eye on the ball, They stay in and keep right on pitching Asking no favours at all.

Endlessly working on schedule Twenty-four hours of the day; Tolling from twilight to sun up, That ships may be sent on their way

Listening in on the programmes, That tell of the hardy Marines, But never mention the stevedores Who send 'em their bacon and beans.

Why does no one ever wonder, Who keeps the "Glamour Boys" fed, Who sent them their ammunition That killed all the Japs that are dead

They are just as proud of the lacing The others are giving the Japs As the Radio Boys on the programmes— A little prouder, perhaps.

Drivers and winchmen and stevedores, Chockful of courage and sand; Why don't you folks in God's country Stand up and give THEM a hand?

PARTICULARLY CHOICE COWS AND HELFERS FROM MAWALLOK.

A feature of the cattle sales at Ballarat on Tuesday was a consignment of prime station bred cows and helpers from Lieut.-Colonel Alex. Russell's Mawallok property, Beaufort. These sold to £24/17/6 and averaged £20 10/7, this being the highest price secured for cows for a long time. The buyers were Messrs. Wilding and Grievie and the Ballarat Meat Stores; and the selling agents, Crawford Dowling Pty. Ltd.

CONTRADICTION. — This is the fight of young and fertile nations against sterile and declining nations. — Mussolini, 10/6/40. We have before us the example of an enemy who, beaten, abandoned, faced with invasion, and with everything in ruins around her, continued to resist. —Italian Home Broadcast, 30/5/43.

FLEMINGTON STOCK SALES. — At the Flemington stock sales on Tuesday, a superior draft of 250 merino wethers, super value skins and heavy-weights, sent in by Mr Notman, of Skipton, averaged 36/6.

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OBITUARY.

MR. WALTER T. BROWN.

Widely known and highly respected, Mr Walter Thomas Brown died at his home at Chepstowe, after a somewhat protracted illness at the age of 71 years. He was a lifelong resident of the district and a foundation member of the Carnham A.N.A. Besides his widow he leaves a daughter and two sons. The lengthy funeral cortege and the large number of friends assembled at the Carnham Cemetery on the 2nd June evidenced his popularity. The Rev. A. Milne, of the Presbyterian Church, officiated. The chief mourners were Mrs Brown (widow), Mrs Penlerick (daughter), Mr and Mrs Frank Brown, Mr and Mrs Graham Brown (sons and daughters-in-law), Misses M. and A. Brown (sisters), Mr and Mrs J. Whitta (sister and brother-in-law), Mr D. Brown (brother), Mr and Mrs J. and C. Brown (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mrs E. Brown (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs J. Nunn, Mr and Mrs W. Nunn, Mr and Mrs E. Nunn, Mr and Mrs J. Bath, Mr E. Nice, Mr C. Mitchell (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Misses Jean Bath, V. Brown, R. Nunn, Mrs J. Drever, Mrs D. Whitta, Mrs E. Nice, junr., Mrs J. Wise (nieces), Mr D. Nunn (nephew), Messrs. W. and A. Brown, and Mrs W. Callaghan (cousins). Coffin-bearers at the house were Messrs. F. Brown, senr., D., J. and C. Brown (brothers), E. Nunn, and J. Whitta; and at the graveside Messrs. D., J., and C. Brown, W. and T. Nunn, and J. Whitta. Arrangements were carried out by Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son.

MR. ROBERT SWEENEY.

Many friends in Ararat and Middle Creek district will learn with regret of the death of Mr Robert Sweeney at the age of 56 years (writes "The Advertiser.") Mr Sweeney, who passed away at the Ararat Hospital on Wednesday morning, 16th June, was the eldest son of Mrs Sweeney and the late Robert Sweeney, and was born at Ballarat. He was a ganger on the Victorian Railways, and retired on account of ill-health whilst stationed at Middle Creek. He came to Ararat to reside after his retirement two years ago. His younger days were spent in Allandale. His widow and two sons, John Robert and Leo Francis, both of whom are in the A.I.F., are left to mourn their loss. The deceased is survived also by his mother, two brothers—William, of Melbourne, and John, of Korongvale—and seven sisters, Mrs Harkness, of Melbourne; Mrs Crees, of Melbourne; Mrs McIntyre, of Ballarat; Mrs McMaisters, of Melbourne; Sarah, of Shepparton, and Nell, of Melbourne. The remains of the late Mr Robert Sweeney were removed to the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday evening, 17th inst. where the Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated on Friday morning, 18th inst., in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. Afterwards the funeral left for the Ararat Cemetery. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. W. Lunnie, E. Crees, C. Work, and J. Stapleton. The pall was supported by Messrs. M. Stapleton, S. Butler, J. Lannen, J. Brophy, and E. A. Fay. Dean Goidanich, assisted by Rev. Father Russell, officiated at the graveside. Mr J. Dunn conducted the funeral.

MR. WM. J. GLOVER.

The death occurred on 13th June at Richmond of Mr William James Glover, son of the late Mrs Lavinia C. Collett, of Amphitheatre, and brother of Mrs N. Watson (Ararat), Mrs W. Thomas (Melbourne), and Mr Edward James Glover (Burrumbeet).

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Lexton.

SCHOOL PATRIOTIC FUND. From an effort to raise funds for the State School Patriotic Fund, a profit of £6 was made which was considered very satisfactory. Concert items comprised:—Junior girls (1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades) sang "I'm a Busy Little Cook"; children's play, "Soot and the Fairies," cast, Queen Lily, Helen Harley; Wag Bobbie Loxley; Secretary, Annie McErvale; Baron Hainbrush, Marjory Loxley; Lord Bootlace, Betty Bauleh; Lady Soapbuds, Lois Karlslake; Dr. Sunlight, Gwenda Norbury; Dr. Sunlight's Secretary, Joy Norbury; Black Brigade, Margaret Morvell; 2nd Black Florence Fisher; 3rd Black, Beverley Giles. The play caused much amusement and the children were loudly applauded. Credit is due to Mr Lester (head teacher), Miss E. Jackson (assistant), and Mrs Lester for training the children. The function was held at the State school, and a guessing competition was won by Miss Marie Long. The senior girls were in charge of the stalls. Afternoon tea was served, and Mr Lester thanked everybody for their patronage. The National Anthem was sung at the close.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. — Rev. W. B. Jessop, vicar of St. John's, Beaufort, who was on active service in Egypt and France for two years, was 25 years ago promoted to the rank of major.

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