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Raglan Patriotic League's Good Work.

AROUND THE COUNTRYSIDE DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Raglan.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.

The following reports were presented at the annual meeting of the Raglan Patriotic League:

We have pleasure in presenting the annual report for the year ended June 30th, 1943. Membership for the year was 77—a slight increase on the previous year—but we would welcome a much greater number. Seven meetings, in addition to a number of committee meetings, were held during the year. Average attendance, 17. Amount raised during the year totalled £445. Canteen orders forwarded to men amounted to £33/8/10, 1 parcel at 10/ 8 wallets and notes to a total value of £80/8/11. Entertainments have been held throughout the year on Saturday evenings, and have been successful in raising a steady sum of money each week. In the latter part of 1942 a Princess competition was held with gratifying results; the sum of £121 being raised. The other outstanding effort to raise funds was a sports gathering on 24th April, 1943, when £177 was raised. Donations have been received from time to time for hall hire, also small but necessary ones of sugar for suppers until we obtained a special ration. For these we thank the donors. Donations have been sent by us to the Red Cross, A.C.F., Salvation Army and Prisoners of War. The ladies have continued their work in the knitting sphere, and Miss Bell will supply us with an account of their good work. In conclusion, thanks are due to those who supply music on Saturday evenings, donors of euvre prizes, suppers, helpers at suppers, doorkeepers, and M.C.s.; also those who assisted in making the two large functions, the Princess Competition and Sports Carnival, a success. Thanks are due to Middle Creek Minstrels for a well-attended concert and dance, at which they gave the items. Lastly, we thank all who patronised the many functions of the league and thus made them a success; also Mr Gregory for audits, and Mr V. Martin for typing the balance-sheet. — KATE M. TILLEY, Hon. Secy.

I have pleasure in presenting the third annual report of the activities of the ladies' branch of our Patriotic League. During the year 908 oz. of wool were purchased. We have forwarded to the Australian Comforts Club parcels containing 117 garments. Two district soldiers on final leave received parcels of knitting. Journals and magazines were sent to Beaufort Comforts Club, medicine bottles, jars, and old linen to Beaufort Red Cross, and waste to Beaufort depot. We have also sent several parcels of herbs, tea labels, and coupons to Ballarat Red Cross. I would specially like to thank Mrs McNish for the amount of knitting she has sent in; also all for their very fine co-operation at the refreshment and market stalls at sports gatherings. — ALICE BALL, Secy. Ladies' Branch; E. M. Thomson, president.

Amphitheatre.

GIRLS' PATRIOTIC CLUB.

The Girls' Patriotic Club held a successful euvre party and dance in the Public Hall. Musicians were Misses Eileen Egan, Alice Cocking, Messrs. J. Smith, and W. Montgomery. Pte. Chas. Robinson officiated as M.C. Misses Marjorie Anderson and Avis Dridan won the prizes for a Monte Carlo dance. At the card tables Mrs Leo Neil and Mr E. Anderson were successful. Secret table prizes were awarded to Mrs T. Egan and Mr J. Haynes. — SISTER APPOINTEE.

SISTER APPOINTEE.

Sister H. L. Keith, of Mount Lonarch, has been appointed to a position on the staff of the Bush Nursing Hospital at Korumburra.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT.

The death occurred at Maryborough Hospital of Mr George Henry Bird, 78 a highly esteemed resident of Amphitheatre. Deceased was a son of the late Mr and Mrs Henry Bird, who formerly owned the Amphitheatre Hotel. He was born in the district and followed farming and pastoral pursuits all his life. He is survived by a widow and family of two—Miss Mavis Bird and Mr George Bird—who have the deepest sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. Deceased was a brother of Mr Fred Bird, Misses Bessie and Isabel Dods (Kerang). Two brothers and three sisters predeceased him. The funeral took place at Glenlogie Cemetery and was attended by many relatives and friends.

THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE

JOHN SMITH'S SUCCESS STORY

Here's the success story of John Smith, a veteran of the last war. He enlisted at 18, saw three years in France.

In 1918 John came home again. He had intended to be an engineer before he went away, but after four lonely years, he wanted a wife and family.

So John was married. He hadn't time to become an engineer. His father took him into his small garage business and there John worked hard by day and late into the evening. As the popularity of cars increased, so the business grew. John was extremely happy his ever-growing success inspired by the love of his wife and children.

That's the success story of John Smith, World War I. What of John Smith, World War II? Maybe he's your son. Will his story have a different ending, simply because YOU haven't made any provision to put him on the road to independence when he comes home?

And yet it's so simple. All you need is a little foresight. You are probably doing a lot to help John win the war. Help him enjoy the peace. There'll be capital for him to start on if you invest your savings for him now in your war savings group. Let your money help your son.

PENSIONERS' WELFARE SOCIETY

A resolution was carried at the half-yearly meeting of the Ballarat Pensioners Welfare Society in the Trades Hall recently, recommending that all pensioners should keep in the society for their own benefit, despite the funeral grant of £10 given to pensioners.

The resolution arose out of a discussion regarding the Federal Government's action in granting this funeral benefit. The secretary (Mr A. E. Potts) said that the Government's action showed it had the welfare of the pensioners at heart. With the £10/10 made available by the society, pensioners would now receive more than £20 towards a proper funeral.

The president (Mr H. E. Pitman) said the pensioners had been treated most liberally by the Federal Government, and he thanked Mr R. T. Pollard for the interest he had taken in their society's affairs. Many people thought, however, that because the Government had given a £10 funeral grant, it would do everything associated with their burial, and therefore they did not need the society. This was not the case. It would only be able to meet a portion of the expenses of a suitable funeral. Those people who surrendered their contributions to the society by withdrawing their membership were being very foolish. There was no certainty that the grant would be continued indefinitely. A change of Government might end the grant, just as before pensions had been reduced. Members should therefore remain with the society.

HALF-YEARLY REPORT.

The half-yearly reported stated that at the beginning of the term the society's credit balance stood at £400 17/1, and the management fund at £96. Assets amounted to £1550, but these had been increased by £100 invested in the Third Liberty Loan. Membership stood at 595 for funeral benefits and 168 for welfare benefits. Tribute was paid to the work of the late Mr John Power, of Oliver Street, a former president of the society and a member of the board of management for a number of years. The report added that Federal Government had passed legislation to give pensioners an allowance of £10 for burial and the board had taken a keen interest in this matter. The board had been addressed to Mr Pollard on this important subject, and he had promised to forward all regulations to the society as soon as possible. Thanks were expressed to the collectors, the trustees and auditor (Mr J. B. Corbet), and to Messrs H. Evans & Son. Mr Pitman also made special reference to the valuable assistance given by the Press.

A letter was received from the auditor, stating that he had received the books too late to make a report and prepare a balance-sheet for the meeting.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

U.A.P. CANDIDATE

HON. A. McDONALD AND SENATOR LECKIE AT BEAUFORT.

Although the weather was very wet and cold on Monday night, there was a fair attendance of electors at the C.W.A. Hall, Beaufort, to hear the views of the Hon. A. McDonald, U.A.P. candidate for Corangamite, who was supported by Senator J. W. Leckie.

Cr. T. W. Schlichte apologised for the absence of the shire president (Cr. P. Russell), who had asked him to act for him. He had much pleasure in introducing the Hon. A. McDonald, endorsed U.A.P. candidate and sitting member for Corangamite, a former Minister of the Menzies and Fadden Governments, a dinkum digger of the last war, and one of the best known business men in the Western District and also one of the most approachable men in the House. They would have to go a long way to meet a more capable representative. He also introduced Senator Leckie and Mr de Fegley (pre-Council).

Hon. A. McDonald said it was very encouraging to see that so many had braved the elements to hear political speeches on such a night. Parliament had become unworkable because no legislation could be enacted which did not bear the hallmark of two independent. An offer to form a National Government and a 50-50 Government were turned down by the Labour party. It proved an idle dream that Mr Fadden could carry on with the help of all those opposed to Labour, and he was defeated on the Federal budget. Labor had held up their hands in horror at but later decided they would impose a tax on the lower-salaried group and imposed one on the £104 annual income. But for steps recently taken, they would have had inflation here—tide of inflation.



Hon. ALAN McDONALD, U.A.P. Candidate for Corangamite.

The Prime Minister's opening speech was ungenerous and ungrateful to the Opposition, but utterly unworthy of a Prime Minister. But for the U.C.P. and U.A.P. Government deciding they would have been formed. It was done against the bitter opposition of Labour in the first African campaign one of the greatest feats of arms ever accomplished was carried out. The so-called disasters of Greece and Crete gave Britain a breathing space to build his forces to the sea and ignominious surrender. This ended in the turning point of the war.

These men were sent to fight for Great Britain when the enemy was within 20 miles of Britain's coast. Would anyone suggest they did the wrong thing, before Japan was in the war, in making those rifles and equipment available to Britain? Could any up his head if they had not done so? Few people realised the position of Britain at that time, when Mr Churchill had said they would fight the enemy wherever they met them. He was fulfilling now the prophecy, in Britain's darkest hour, that for every bomb dropped on Britain, two would be dropped on Germany. Mr McDonald referred to the great feat of Britain in keeping supplies up to Russia. People asked what had Britain done. Britain had saved the world for civilisation. They had called for Spitfires when they were in danger, and Britain had sent them. What right would they have had to expect help if they had refused to give it? Without the British Navy, not one ton of their produce could have gone overseas for four years. It made him see red when he heard people say Britain had let them down. The Prime Minister (Mr Curtin) had only done what any Prime Minister would have done under the circumstances. Prior to the war, they were endeavouring to build up a militia force of 70,000, and Labour people say they would fight when the Japanese came here. That would be too late. The militia force were already trained and equipped when the Labour Opposition said they should not defend New Guinea at all. He had advocated a National Government from when he first entered the Federal Parliament. There was a distinct need for a National Government now to prevent the Labour

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NEW ORDER DISILLUSION

OPINION OF MINISTER

Dr. C. Irving Benson, speaking at a reception at Timboon on Monday, said people were talking too much about a new order. He was afraid a great disillusion waited them. There would never be a new world without a new spirit and without change by the people.

parly implementing their policy under the guise of war policy. They found unionists being paid more in May 1942, than non-unionists, under the instructions of Mr John Curtin. He believed in unionism, but also in freedom of association. They believed many Ministers were using their position to bring about compulsory unionism. In a country where they boasted of liberty and freedom, it was disconcerting to see this being engineered by a Government—not out in the open, where it could be opposed, but by Ministerial direction. One Minister said men had no right to go on strike because they did not want to join a union. They wanted a National Government with a 100 per cent. prosecute the war policy. They could very well follow the example of Britain, who had done wonderful things from a standing start.

If they were going to have a continuation of boards and regulations tangled like flies in a spider's web and unable to get out. Their boys might return to find the liberty they had fought for gone. These things should be done by legislation and not by regulation.

If laws were going to be passed that only the law-abiding members of the community observed, it was something Australians should not stand for two minutes.

Touching on primary production, Mr McDonald said that against the 500,000 employed in primary industries before the war, there were only 100,000 to-day. The success or failure of an army depended on the way they could feed it, and men would probably have to be released from the Army to carry on the primary industries. They were fortunate to have been able to carry on in the country with depleted man-power. Some lines with a guaranteed price could carry on at the increased cost of production, but the hay and oats men, for instance, were in a different position, because of the ceiling price for oats, the high cost of production, and their having only a lameness to draw from. If a ceiling price was to be arbitrarily fixed, these people must be guaranteed either a subsidy, or he did not like subsidies—or a payable price for their products.

Referring to the dairy subsidy, Mr McDonald said an expert committee was set up to enquire into the industry. The Minister refused to table the report, and decided on a £2,000,000 subsidy to the dairy industry, to be distributed at the discretion of the Tariff Board—one person said, because they knew the least about it. (Laughter.) There was such an outcry that the Government retreated from every position it had taken up, and eventually agreed to provide a subsidy which would give the amount per pound recommended by the committee of experts. He believed it would have been fairer to subsidise on a poundage basis, instead of a lump sum. The consumers were also getting benefits from this subsidy. He would be pleased to answer any questions after Senator Leckie had spoken. He urged them to vote McDonald 1 on August 21, and also for the U.A.P.-C.P. Senate candidates. If they supported them, they would enjoy that prosperity the country would undoubtedly have, if properly governed in the future. (Applause.)

Senator Leckie recalled with a tinge of sadness that nine years ago he had stood on this platform advocating the candidature of his late friend, Geoff Street. They were good pickers of men in Corangamite, and it spoke well for the electors here to be able to pick a man out of the blue who could become a minister in so brief a time. Although he was not a candidate, he asked that the Senate be supported for the way it had brought the Government to book in the last few months. They did things that were valuable to Australia. The Senate forced into the Act the preference to soldiers clauses, and would force more of that in. A certain national service group was formed within the U.A.P. They thought the Opposition was just a little slack in the fight, and they put pep into it. This election was being fought because the Labour party was at the beck and call of two independents. The best brains of Australia should not be in cold storage. It was now up to the people to say whether they would be governed by the principles enunciated by the Opposition or the Labour party. He believed both sides were sincere, but the Labour party worked within narrow limits laid down in a policy formulated by outside organisations. The Prime Minister's opening speech was a chorus of nauseating self-praise, and a charge that the U.A.P. had not fully prosecuted the war. They presented the Labour Government with a complete machine, minus the tool, and the Prime Minister had been tooting about what his party had done ever since. He quoted a Labour member's (Mr Holloway's) former praises of the miracle performance.

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Mr. J. Oliver Terrant,
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(late Mr. E. Thomas),
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If you preach the gospel that your town, its trading facilities and institutions are no good; there will be a backlash coming to you some day.

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

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Ballarat.

Desire to announce that Mr. P. T. STEVENSON will continue to be their DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE at his usual Office. Phone, Beaufort 21.

RED CROSS BRANCH

The Beaufort branch of the Red Cross Society met on Tuesday afternoon...

METHODIST CHURCH

At the quarterly meeting of representatives of the Methodist Church...

The Riponshire Advocate

Published every Saturday Morning. Printed by Arthur Morris Parker...

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

Life has been compared with a voyage, therefore both heavy and calm weather are but incidental to it.

COMMISSIONERS' VISIT

The Railways Commissioners made their fourth visit of inspection to the Beaufort railway station on Friday.

RAINFALL

For the past week the total for July was 255 points, and for the past seven months 1237 points.

P.O.W. SHOP

The organizers of the Beaufort Prisoners of War Shop wish to thank all donors...

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PATRIOTIC AND COMFORTS CLUB.

The committee acknowledges, with thanks, the following donations: Mrs. and Mrs. A. Laney, Waterloo, 15/...

FOR THE EMPIRE. Navy, Army and Air Force.

District servicemen home on leave during the week included Lt. A. C. B. Hooper, Lt. A. C. B. Hooper, Lt. A. C. B. Hooper...

AUSTRALORPS, WHITE LEGHORNS.

OUR Australorp Hen beat all breeds in the last Burnley Egg Laying Competition...

REWARD, £100.

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VACANCIES FOR LADY POSTERS.

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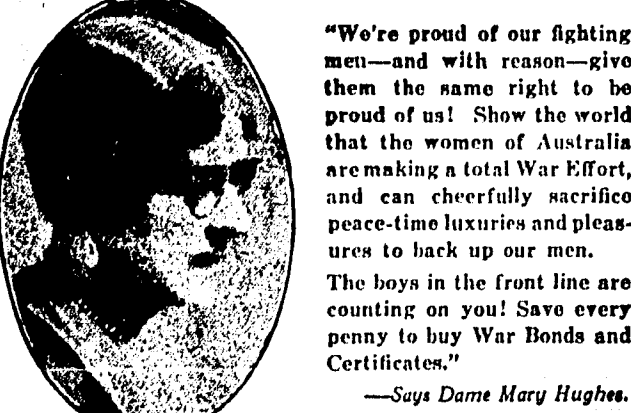
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Plus 7/6 surcharge on above for extra two months to receive the benefits of reduced fees.

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FEDERAL ELECTIONS DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

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ed by the previous Government in regard to industry. He touched at turning upon what had been done in turning out planes for the Air Force to learn to fly. Before the Labour party took power, 10 Beaufort bombers had been built, 10 to 20 per cent finished. That was an example of what had been done in the whole munitions output in regard to submarine nets, light projectors, armoured steel, guns, shell, and small-arms ammunition. When the battle of Britain was on, Australian-made ammunition was shooting down Germans over London. The U.P. Government made Labour a perfect machine, but Labour had not yet attained to the schedule they laid down. They formed committees of industrialists, which was not an easy thing, and they bucked down to it and put up a good showing. The Labour party, although they had abused those men for years, had not changed any of them, because they knew they were hand-picked. Had the Labour party justified themselves? They had claimed they were in favour of the little man. The result was the small business was getting bigger than ever. The Labour party did not work. What did they offer when they came to power? They offered a tag to it. If they did not pay their taxes to the unions, they did not get a job. Men who were released from the Army to cut cane, but they could not have their wages until these fellows got the union fees. It was laid down that the unions was to get a higher wage than the non-unions—yet this was a democracy. The Labour administration was so bad that one department was run by the other. No one could interpret the regulations being sent out day after day, week after week, and month after month. Even the lawyers could not interpret them. The red tape under those bureaucrats could not be cut. The worst they ever had in Australia. The Labour party talked loudly of global strategy, but they had limited outlook. They did not give them even the best Government they could get from the Labour party. Ministers had led to log-rolling, a lot of ministers were appointed in the cabinet. He wanted them to vote for the three U.A.P.-C.P. Senate candidates—Beaurepaire, Moss, Spicer, the latter was the best and most promising Parliamentarian elected during the last 10 years. In all these offices they wanted both ability and character—if they were not, they would not be alright. He also advised them to vote for Mr. McDonald. This was the most serious election they had had to face—they had to face two different schools of thought. They had to make a vital choice. If he were wrong for wages, he would say the end of the war, he would keep his job after the war, and was he to give up all ambition and spend his life in regulation, or to get what kind of a job? He would say he would stop or slacken off, and they could only get orders from private enterprise and prosperous people. He would say he could not face a future in which he would be ordered to realise his ambition. The history of industry in Australia was going to be the man with ability got the reward of his labour, and was going to be the man with a powerful nation. The history of Australia British dug in her heels and saved the world. (Applause.)

In answer to Cr. C. H. McKay, Mr. McDonald said the system of voting for soldiers on service. He suggested that parents and friends give the soldiers some political outside as a guide on polling day.

In answer to Engineer-Commander H. P. Mackenzie, Mr. McDonald said it applied to sailors also.

Mr. McDonald said he explained the matter to other questioners.

Mr. A. R. Beggs moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. McDonald.

This was seconded by Engineer-Commander Mackenzie, and carried by acclamation. Mrs. Mackenzie speaking in support.

A. Campbell congratulated Mr. McDonald on what he had said about the thanks, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Cr. Schlicht, briefly acknowledging the compliment.

(A. M. Parker, Lawrence Street, Beaufort.)

BIG SEWING DRIVE.

COUNTRY UNITS TO MEET.

CLOTHING NEED.

Clothing manufacturing units, each comprising between 40 and 50 operatives, are to be established in country towns throughout Australia, the Minister for Supply (Mr. Beasley) announced on Sunday.

This decision, he added, was reached in Melbourne on Saturday night at a conference between the Director of Clothing and Textiles and the State Controllers of Clothing.

Throughout the Commonwealth there were 10,000 idle sewing machines, and if operatives could not be brought to the machines, then the machines would be transferred to where prospective operatives were located and could be trained.

Under the scheme buildings and halls in country towns would be used to accommodate women who would be operatives for the chain of miniature factories.

Clothing manufacturers, shire and municipal councils and chambers of commerce in country towns in every State were invited to contact the Federal or State Controllers of Clothing with a view to establishment of the units.

Clothing units in their areas.

Clothing is the main output of the new factories.

Vote for the UNITED AUSTRALIA and COUNTRY PARTY

Senate Three

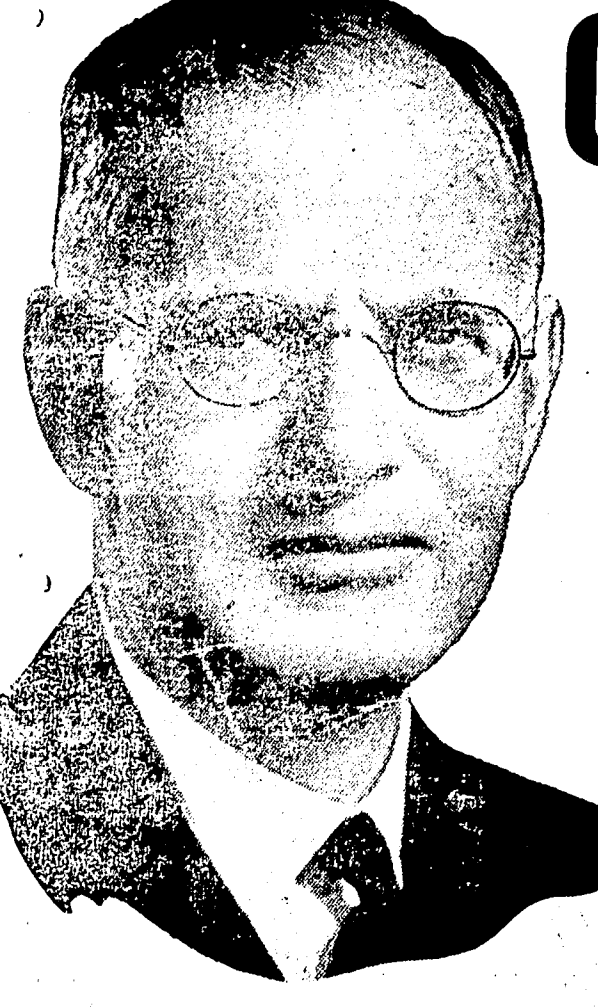
- 1 BEAUREPAIRE, Frank
- 2 MOSS, W. L.
- 3 SPICER, J. A. Senator

Vote 1 McDONALD, A.

ENDORSED UNITED AUSTRALIA CANDIDATE for CORANGAMITE

The U.A.P. and C.P. are pledged to a NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Authorised by T. K. MALTBY, 395 Collins Street, Melbourne.



Curtin keeps his word

but

FADDEN HAS NOTHING FOR FARMERS

The policy speeches of the U.A.P. and "Country" Party were barren of any real plans for continued stabilisation of primary industries. Being essentially "city-minded" and directly under city control, Mr. Fadden regards country policy merely a side-line.

Curtin has PROVED his determination to assist Primary Industry

- HE PROVED IT TO THE DAIRY FARMER by a subsidy of £6,500,000 a year to the butter industry.
- HE PROVED IT TO THE WHEATGROWER by guaranteeing a net 4/- a bushel free of storage, handling and other charges.
- HE PROVED IT TO FARMERS GENERALLY by providing long-term loans and by establishing the Mortgage Bank.

THE ONLY TRUE COUNTRY PARTY IS THE LABOR PARTY. LET'S CARRY ON WITH CURTIN.

VOTE 1 MILLER, H. D. B.

FOR THE SENATE:

- 1 CAMERON
- 2 KEANE
- 3 SHEEHAN

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Authorised by D. L. McNamee, Trades Hall, Melbourne.



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C.R.B.'s Sanction Awaited to Fell Pines.

Executive Department FEDERAL ELECTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRYSIDE DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS. Lexton.

On Friday night Dr. H. D. Miller, dressed a meeting at Corangamite, addressed the Riponshire Council meeting. The chair was occupied by Cr. Schlicht. At the conclusion of the meeting, the following report was read from the Riponshire Council meeting, held on Wednesday, 4th August, 1943, to the same fund.

Amphitheatre

GIRLS PATRIOTIC CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Amphitheatre Girls' Patriotic Club, the secretary, Miss Betty Looney, reported that the organisation, which has been working for 38 months, had a total of 124 in the bank. It was mainly the result of the work of the members of the club, who were mainly school girls and young women. In August last year, the club received a grant of £50 from the Government. The club has also received a grant of £50 from the Government for the year 1942/43. The club has also received a grant of £50 from the Government for the year 1943/44. The club has also received a grant of £50 from the Government for the year 1944/45. The club has also received a grant of £50 from the Government for the year 1945/46. The club has also received a grant of £50 from the Government for the year 1946/47. The club has also received a grant of £50 from the Government for the year 1947/48. The club has also received a grant of £50 from the Government for the year 1948/49. 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Mrs. Jones, wife of Air Vice-Marshal Jones

STAMPS CERTIFICATES

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

Neighboring Shires.

At the Linton Shire Council meeting on Monday, 4th August, a letter was read from H. Lewis, Waterloo, asking for permission to erect telephone wires across main road in front of his house. — Permission granted, subject to approval of engineer.

The secretary reported that no objection had been made to J. V. Nothnagel's application to license a frontage at Waterloo.

Mr E. J. Muntz (engineer) reported that handrails on bridge, Beaufort, have now been completed. Painting will not be carried out until later.

THE WAR AND IMMEDIATE POST-WAR POLICY OF THE R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

Forwarded by resolution of the Federal Executive, at its meeting held on 5th and 6th July, 1943, to the leader of each of the parties in the Commonwealth Parliament.

1. The integrity of our Empire.
2. The formation of a War Government representative of all sections of the people of Australia, thereby ensuring—
 - (a) The Unity of the Nation.
 - (b) A maximum War effort.
 - (c) The successful prosecution of the War.
3. The amalgamation of the Military Forces into one Australian Army for service wherever required.
4. Preference in employment to ex-servicemen and women, with absolute preference to those who enlisted for service abroad and who served in a combat area.
5. The immediate application of a comprehensive scheme of Vocational Guidance and Training for discharged members of the Fighting Services, with provision for adequate sustenance during

STREATHAM RED CROSS

The Streatham Red Cross held their annual meeting on Friday, August 7. The secretary read the following report:—Meetings have been held fortnightly. There is a membership of 46, including a number of male members. Entertainments have been held fortnightly, under the capable leadership of Mr and Mrs W. Chew. Proceeds from these amounted to £185/11/1. The branch has supported most of the appeals launched from headquarters, and the total amount raised for the year was £335/4/4. Three dozen buttons were sold for Young Bill's Day appeal for P.O.W.; two prisoners of war at a cost of £104 per annum, and special donation of £2/13/. The third birthday was celebrated. Visitors from Westmere and Miniera Red Cross branches were present, also Streatham C.W.A. and Younger Set. Credit balance from flower show held last year was £97/17/6. The branch is finding it difficult to obtain material for making garments. Four hundred and sixty-six articles were sent away during the year. The sum of £138/6/3, a special donation, was sent to headquarters. Garments were made up for evacuee children, also a quantity of waste has been sent away. Mrs C. Oman attends to packing and carting of this. The Streatham Younger Set has given very valuable assistance to the branch, including a donation of £20 from their efforts. At a general meeting, it was decided to have voluntary giving and four functions annually instead of one fortnightly during the coming year. The office-bearers were elected as follows:—President, Mrs J. Brown; vice-presidents, Mesdames Geddes and McEgan; treasurer, Mrs C. Oman; secretary, Miss Joan Thomson; stallholder, Mrs Kinnerley; assistant secretaries, Mrs Dorrington and Miss G. White; packers, Mesdames McLean and Forbes. An auction sale

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Repatriation of Returned Servicemen.

R.S.L. VIEWS ON SOLDIER SETTLEMENT

FEDERAL BASIS ESSENTIAL.

Any land settlement scheme for returned soldiers must be Australian in character and must be controlled by the Commonwealth Government, representatives of the Victorian R.S.L. Branch said in evidence before the Rural Reconstruction Commission. This Commonwealth control was necessary because it might be found that in a State like Victoria insufficient land was available to meet all applications while in other States larger areas might be available. Therefore the soldier must not be restricted to the place of his enlistment. This demand is made in a draft bill prepared by the Federal R.S.L. executive.

Factors which, in the opinion of the branch, were not given sufficient consideration in the promoting of the last soldiers' settlement scheme, and which are deemed to be very important in the planning of a new scheme, included the need for finance to remain entirely a Commonwealth responsibility; that the purchase price to the settler should not be more than 80 per cent of the productive value of the block, so as to leave the settler with an immediate

WEDDING BELLS.

BAKER — HALL.

The marriage was celebrated on Saturday, 26th June, at St. John's Church of England, Beaufort, of Gwendoline Joyce, only daughter of Mrs L. R. Hall, Neil Street, Beaufort, and the late Mr W. Hall, in Andrew Lionel, only son of Mr and Mrs L. Baker, Bourke Street, Beaufort.

The bride, who was given away by Mr Alan Whitting, wore a very lovely gown of satin striped taffeta, made on bouffant lines. Her embroidered tulle veil was mounted on cut tulle, and held to the head by a court headress of ostrich tips. A pair of lace mittens and her mother's pearls completed the bride's toilet. A bouquet of chrysanthemums, winter roses, and orchids was carried.

Attending the bride as matron of honour was Mrs L. Wills (sister of the groom), frocked in gold, stiffened net, built over bronze taffeta, with heart-shaped headress to match. Her bouquet was in Autumn toned chrysanthemums and pansies. The tiny flower girl, Helen Wills, and trainbearer, Elizabeth McKenzie, wore matching frocks in the same tones as the matron of honour's, and carried gold baskets and ivory christening

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Burrumbeet.

CARD SOCIAL. The fortnightly euchre and dance social in the Burrumbeet Hall was exceptionally well attended. The dance floor was crowded, and the euchre tables attracted about 50 contestants. Good music was supplied by the local dance band. Successful euchre players were: Men, Mr S. Alexander. Ladies: Mrs Miller, 1; Miss Anderson, 2.

Snake Valley.

DANCE AND PRESENTATION. A very successful dance was held in the Mechanics' Hall, in aid of hall funds. Dancers were present from Linton and surrounding districts. During the evening the opportunity was taken to make a presentation to AC.1 Kelvin Nunn, who was home on leave. Mr Frank Adams made the presentation to AC.1 Nunn on behalf of the residents of the district, and in doing so, congratulated him on the step he had taken and wished him a safe return. A presentation was also made to Sergt. D. Whittle, and was received on his behalf by his wife. AC.1 Nunn suitably responded. Music for the dance was supplied by Miss

OBITUARY.

MRS. HELDA ROGERS.

The sudden death of Mrs Hilda Rogers, wife of Mr E. V. Rogers (son of the late Mr and Mrs Edwin Rogers, of Beaufort), postmaster at Bundanoon, N.S.W., on Thursday afternoon, August 12, removes a popular figure from the business, social, religious and philanthropic life of that township.

Deceased was overcome by a stroke, and removed immediately by ambulance to the Berima District Hospital. She passed away shortly after admission. Burial took place on Saturday afternoon, 18th August, representatives of numerous organizations being present to pay their last respects. The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. R. A. Johnson, who referred to the loss suffered by the church life of the community by the passing of the deceased. He said that the late Mrs Rogers was an example, both in the home and outside, and he knew he voiced the feelings of the whole of the community when he expressed the keenest sympathy with her husband and three children, Edwin, Vivienne, and Gordon. Apart from her association with the Women's Guild, she took an active interest in the work of the S.T.D.A., as well as the Red Cross and other outside organizations. The members of

Mr. J. Oliver-Tarrant, SURGEON DENTIST (late Mr. E. Thomas), WILL VISIT BEAUFORT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2. Appointments with Mr. Ashley.

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

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REPLIN. — On August 13th, at Lidcombe (Sydney), Sidney, the beloved husband of Mary (nee Pedder), and loving father of Jack and Dorothy. IN MEMORIAM.

CARLAND. — In loving memory of our brother, Walter Carland, who died in action on the Western Front, 30th August, 1942. All you had hoped for you got to know, yourself you earned to know.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY. As time passes, events are seen in their true perspective.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1943. POLICE COURT. There was a clean sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday.

RAINFALL. — Fifty-eight points of rain were registered at Beaufort since our last issue, 37 points of which fell BIG PARSNIPS. — Mr J. Duke, of Beaufort, on Tuesday dug up a pair of parsnips from his garden which weighed 4 lb. each.

MINOR ACCIDENTS. — Mr W. Thomson, of Beaufort, was using a wedge when a small piece of steel broke off and entered the right eye of Mr and Mrs Q. W. Gregory, of Beaufort, had a finger crushed in a shop.

BILLIARDS. The billiard tournament at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute reached the semi-final stage last night, in one A grade contest, 2-0. (Saturday) afternoon pupils will be dug.

BEAUFORT V.D.C. — At the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Wednesday night, a training picture was screened for the benefit of the V.D.C. by Sgt. W. A. Skene and Mr. J. Trevelyan, who acted as secretary.

PATRIOTIC SOCIAL. — The Beaufort P. B. Ladies' Club held a social at the P.O.W. Fund, the song quiz was won by Mrs. J. Trevelyan, and a recitation by Mrs. Worsley. A competition was won by Mrs. J. Trevelyan, and a recitation by Mrs. Worsley.

DEATH OF MR. A. DE CHAUFF. — A former resident of Waterloo, Mr Albert Edward De Graaff, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs H. De Graaff, died at Eureka Street, Ballarat, on 20th August. He was 67 years of age.

PREPARING FOR THE NEW LOAN. — Savings groups formed throughout the city and country areas, are greatly facilitating the organisation of the next Commonwealth Loan, the date and terms of which will be announced shortly by the Treasurer (Mr Chiffley). It has been the policy of the present Government to instil in the public mind the need for national saving as both a wartime and post-war measure.

WARRANT OFFICER. — James Tarlton, Warrant Officer, who was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant, is on duty at the Beaufort Police Station.

MR. H. BROWN, who is engaged in work in Melbourne, came home to Beaufort for the week-end.

MR. AND MRS. W. J. STEVENSON, of Beaufort, have been spending a holiday at Cobran in the company of their daughter, Mr and Mrs W. H. Cole, of the Beaufort railway staff, has been on the sick-list during the past week.

MR. J. SCRIVEN, the Beaufort stationmaster, has been suffering from influenza.

MR. E. LANCEY, of Raglan, has been very ill during the week.

MR. W. LINKS, of Melbourne, has been staying with Beaufort relatives.

MISS MILLIE GLEISTER, of Melbourne, has been holidaying at Main Lead with her parents.

MR. JOHN ROBSON, manager of the Beaufort branch of the State Savings Bank, has been very ill during the past few days.

THE BEAUFORT school children, their parents, the teaching staff, and school committee received with great regret the news that Mrs. R. S. Dalrymple, R.S. Dalrymple, has been appointed to Box Hill school. During his stay at Beaufort, Mr Dalrymple has been instrumental in the raising of the local school and other educational results.

A man of personal personality, he has made many friends and has proved a useful citizen by taking an active part in the affairs of the Town Band, N.S. Hospital, and patriotic organisations.

DR. I. H. YOFFER, a leading member of the local C.W.A., was elected secretary for some time. All sections of the community will congratulate Mr. Yoffer on his well-earned promotion, and wish him well in his new position.

MR. JOHN WILSON, of Pine View, Carnham, has suffered a bereavement by the death of his mother, Mrs. R. Hearn, at Rokeby, on August 17th. The late Mrs Hearn was 83 years of age.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS

People and Events

CARPET BOWLS. — On Tuesday afternoon the Beaufort P. B. Ladies' Social Club held a carpet bowls competition, which was won by Mesdames Day, A. Reid, Hughes, and McLean.

HAND SOCIAL. — The Beaufort Town Band's card social and snooker competition, held on Monday night, was well attended, and the result was: Section 1. E. B. L. (E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 2. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 3. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 4. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 5. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 6. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 7. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 8. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 9. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 10. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 11. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 12. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 13. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 14. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 15. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 16. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 17. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 18. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 19. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 20. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 21. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 22. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 23. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 24. E. B. L. and J. Duke, Section 25. E. B. L. and J. 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BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL.

Committee Meeting. HIGHLY ESTEEMED TEACHER LEAVING.

Several important matters cropped up on Monday night at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort H.E. School Committee, held at the Shire Hall. Four members and the head teacher (Mr L. R. S. Dalrymple) were present and Mr J. Duke was voted to the chair.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from Mr C. V. Wyllie, thanking the committee for their expression of sympathy in his recent bereavement, and also apologising for his non-attendance at the meeting.

From Education Department, granting permission to thin out the pines in the school endowment plantation and stating that the money received must be paid into the School Endowment Plantation Account.

From Education Department, stating that the work of heating the science room could be carried out under certain conditions; the allowance being 25/- per annum per unit, but an increase would be considered.

Circulars were read from the State School Committees' Association, with regard to the annual conference, and asking that items for the agenda paper be forwarded.

Circular from Horsham and Kyneton School Committees, suggesting that certain questions on education be submitted to Federal election candidates.

Replying to Mr S. Emerson, the correspondent (Mr H. J. Buchanan) said they were permitted to use the School Endowment Plantation Fund for school purposes. He also stated there was a bank balance of £5 or £6 to the School Endowment Plantation Fund.

Mr Duke said they would have to wait for the gentleman from the Forests Department to come along.

The correspondent reported that the members of the Mothers' Club had already raised £10 for the School Heating Fund.

Mr Duke apologised for the absence of Mr W. J. Scriven (chairman), who had a bad cold.

It was also mentioned that Mr J. Cole was absent through illness.

Mr Emerson asked if they thought it advisable for the committee to join the School Committees' Association again. It would be lending their weight to anything the association wanted to bring forward. He thought if they belonged to it, it would be to their benefit, even if they did not send a delegate.

Mr Dalrymple said that personally he had never heard of any good thing they had done.

Mr Duke — They could bring the matter forward again when they had a full committee.

The action of the correspondent in forwarding a letter of sympathy to Mr Wyllie was endorsed, on the motion of Messrs. Emerson and A. J. Hughes.

FINANCE.

An account for 15/8 was passed for payment to Mr A. H. Hall, on motion of Messrs. Emerson and Hughes.

AREA SCHOOLS.

The correspondent mentioned that area schools were being established in various parts of the State, and he thought it desirable to draw the Department's attention to the suitability of Beaufort for the establishment of such a school here. He moved that the attention of the Department be drawn to the suitability of Beaufort for the establishment of an area school.

In reply to Mr Emerson, Mr Buchanan said he had heard nothing of how big the areas were going to be.

Mr Dalrymple said it was a matter he had been going to bring up. When he heard the Minister of Education (Mr Lind) and the Director (Mr Slet) were here, he thought they might have been making investigations, but they only stayed here for the night. They had decided to establish one of these area schools in Portland. The idea was to bring all country schools into one area, where there would be better buildings, better schools, and better teachers to carry out the work. They would have special teachers for certain subjects. It would be a saving to the Government.

They would close 10 or 12 little country schools in a district, and two teachers would be able to do the work of 10 teachers in the country schools. Then these teachers would be available for other schools, particularly where they now had married women and student teachers. If they got the area school system working, there would be a big economy in teachers, and to the district itself it would be a blessing indeed, as the children in the smaller country towns would get all the advantages the bigger schools could get. He urged them to advocate it for all they were worth.

Mr Hughes seconded the motion which was carried.

HEAD TEACHER GOING TO BOX HILL SCHOOL.

Mr Dalrymple reported that the staff of the school was the same, but probably it would not be the same after the holidays, as he had received an ap-

pointment to Box Hill. He did not just know when he would be leaving, as he had only got a private note to-day. Probably he would be leaving in the near future. If he could stay on till Christmas, he would. He would not be here after Christmas. The school attendance was practically the same. They were hoping to get a few extra children after the holidays when they opened the new term. They wanted to get as many little ones as they could; September being an ideal time for sending them along, as they got over the preparatory stage before Christmas. They could not do anything about the pines until such time as they saw this forests officer. It would be a good idea to thin out the pines now, as they would make better prices. The money would go into the plantation account and could be used for ordinary school requirements, as well as for the plantation. A few might make a fuss, and he noticed in the local paper there had even been criticism of the Church people by a correspondent. He thought public bodies such as school committees and churches should be able to manage their own affairs. In case he did not have the chance to meet the committee again when school was resumed in the new term, he took the opportunity of thanking them for the wonderful help they had given him during the seven years he had been here. He had had a happy time in Beaufort, and it had been a successful time, both for himself and the children. They were a tip-top and straight-out lot of children — he had never been associated with better—and they had had a really good time together. He would particularly like to thank the correspondent, Mr Buchanan, who was the first man he had met in Beaufort and who had stood behind him and backed him up in everything he had brought forward.

Mr Duke, on behalf of the chairman and members, wished Mr Dalrymple all the best. He had known him ever since he came to Beaufort, and the committee appreciated all he had done for the school. A man had to improve his position, and they wished him a successful and happy time, although they did not like to part with him.

Mr Buchanan asked if the head teacher would have any objection to their protesting against the change at this time of the year.

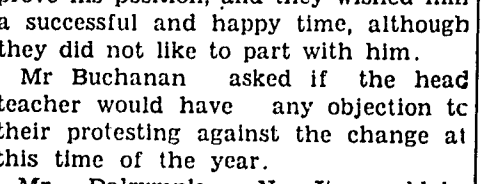
Mr Dalrymple — No. It would be better to send a relieving teacher there than here.

Mr Buchanan moved that they protest against the Department moving the head teacher before the end of the year. Seconded by Mr Duke, and carried.

Mr Emerson suggested that they should put a minute on the books in appreciation of what Mr Dalrymple had done for the school.

Mr Buchanan said they were sorry to hear the news. He had been associated with Mr Dalrymple during the whole of his sojourn at the school, and they had had a very great deal of trouble with the Department to get him here. He was a great change from his predecessor. Mr Dalrymple's association with them had been one of the best for the school, the committee, and the parents that he had ever experienced.

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