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OBITUARY. MR. HENRY McERVALE. A very well known and respected resident of Lexton, Mr. Henry McErvale, died on the 13th October, at the age of 81 years. He was a native of Carnham, in which district his parents were pioneers.

BACK THE ATTACK. Compliment Paid Mr. H. M. Cushing. A warm compliment was paid to Mr. J. H. Cushing at the Ballarat City Oval Bowling Club's green by Mr. J. M. Hoskings (president) on Saturday afternoon, 24th October.

TENNIS. BEAUFORT CLUB'S OPENING TOURNAMENT. The Beaufort Tennis Club's opening tournament concluded on Saturday, and resulted in a win for A. A. Downe and Miss Pat Robinson, who defeated W. W. Ashley and Mrs. M. Muntz in the final.

THIRD ROUND. W. L. Williams and Miss B. McErvale, one 15, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Miss B. Schlicht, ser., 9-6, 6-2. A. A. Downe and Miss Pat Robinson, one 15, 6-4, 6-2.

SEMI-FINALS. A. A. Downe and Miss P. Robinson, one 15, 6-4, 6-2. W. W. Ashley and Mrs. M. Muntz, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3. Carnham Comforts Fund. The Carnham branch of the Australian Comforts Fund held their monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, October 27.

BACK THE ATTACK. Performance Repeated. At the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Friday night, 29th October, the local Dramatic Club, which was greatly enjoyed, consisted of a short play, a number of blackouts, and songs and choruses.

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Ripon Shire's Post-war Programme.

ENGINEER'S REPORT. The shire engineer (Mr. E. J. Muntz) reported as follows at the Council meeting on Monday: 1. Rabbits seem to be fairly plentiful in the Monmool scoria pits. 2. In reply to Mr. Roddis could and the C.E.B. had promised to send an engineer to inspect C.W. traction engine... HEALTH REPORTS. The following health reports were presented at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday.

LAND SETTLEMENT. The Minister for Lands (Mr. Lind) said on Monday, Oct. 1, that the State had the machinery for carrying out the settlement of prisoners of war and the experience of the Australian Red Cross Society. MINISTER'S REASONS FOR STATE CONTROL. The Minister for Lands (Mr. Lind) said on Monday, Oct. 1, that the State had the machinery for carrying out the settlement of prisoners of war and the experience of the Australian Red Cross Society.

SEARCH FOR HEIR OF RICH RECLUSE. Unless a nearer blood relative is discovered, it is likely that the United States will apply to the Supreme Court for administration of the estate of Robert Edgar Loft, the rich Melbourne recluse, on behalf of his daughter, William John Trescowthick. Many financial executives who knew him are endeavouring to figure always by auction sales, believed he was married, but inquiries have failed to trace him.

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BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL. Mothers' Club. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of a very useful organisation, the Beaufort Mothers' Club, was held at the H.E. School on Friday afternoon, 12th November. The chair was occupied by Mrs W. Torney (vice-president), and 26 members were present.

Correspondence was read from Mesdames A. Lotts and S. Karaske, returning thanks for letters of sympathy in their recent bereavements. Mrs Robinson wrote, thanking the members for letters of sympathy received during the illness of her husband.

The secretary (Mrs F. Worsley) reported that she had applied to the Department of War Organisation of Industry for the release of material for installing the tubular heating in the science room. A reply had come requesting letters from the Education Department, in regard to the essentiality of tubular heating for the room.

In regard to the November appeal for patriotic purposes, Mrs Davey moved that a stall be held in the street. Seconded by Mrs Gillingham and carried.

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METHODIST CHURCH. SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. Pleasant weather favoured the anniversary services, held on Sunday in connection with the Beaufort Methodist Sunday School, and there was a good attendance on each occasion.

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WEDDING BELLS. STEVENSON — GREEN. The marriage of Phyllis Mack, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Green, 25 Murrumbidgee road, Murrumbidgee, to Mr Warrant-Officer Douglas McKerral Stevenson, R.A.A.F., only son of Mr and Mrs D. McKerral Stevenson, 1 Dalmore Avenue, Ormond, was celebrated at the Presbyterian Church, Murrumbidgee, on Saturday, 2nd October.

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REMINISCENT AND TOPICAL NOTES

(By "Lillie.")

The Beaufort Rifle Club was a semi-military organisation which originated away back in the days of the Russian war scare. One of its oldest members, George Loft, had the rather doubtful honour of very nearly shooting Colonel Tom Price, of South African War and "fire low and lay 'em out" fame. At a parade, George, who was rather deaf, failed to hear the order to unload before inspection of rifles—hence the narrow escape of the Colonel and a flood of bad language. Charlie Loft, brother of George, was also a loyal clubman and a good shot. Among the best marksmen in the club in its earlier days were Fred Troy, Jim McKelch (a kindly coach of young shots), Ern and Bert Buchanan, Fred Prince, Bill and Percy Dunn, J. B. Prentice, Geo. Wilson, Albert Ramsay, Lou Wyatt, and Alf Saph. Other well-remembered riflemen were Bert Trompf, A. E. and George Collins, George Cuthbertson, and Lou Bravo. The most consistent of latter-day marksmen was Bruce Johnson, whilst Theo. G. Beggs, Moreton Johnson, Claude McCook, and Ron and Roy Dunn were often prizewinners. Another good rifleman was Alf Lawrence, who afterwards went to Cambridge University to study forestry. Other excellent club men were the Lightfoot brothers, Sam George, and E. S. Crouch.

The sport of the 14 and 15-stoners—wood-chopping—has always had many adherents in the Beaufort district. Some of the best local performers in days gone by were Jack Kinleyside (Chute), Bill Nixon (Waterloo), Jack Dunn, George Boyd, Wattie and Alex. Anderson, Bert and Charlie Crick. For a number of years Bert Crick was able to take his place among the leading axemen of the Commonwealth, and won many big events at the Royal Show and elsewhere. In later years our principal choppers have been Bob Davis, Tom Pearce, Ern Glenister, Hector Glenister, junr., Joe and Jack Lamb, Connor Bros., Jack Fisher, Ted and Harry Broadbent. One of the keenest followers of the sport in Victoria is Bill Connor, senr., of Raglan, who is well known and esteemed as a handicapper throughout this part of the State.

Cycle racing has always aroused keen interest at local sports meetings, even in the days when R. A. D. Sinclair was a champion on the penny-farthing machines, and Alex. Peacock and Alf Pittard (later to become Parliamentarians) were competitors. After the so-called "safety bicycle" came into use, regular performers here years ago were Don Jewell, of Melbourne, and "Bunnie" Roberts, of Ballarat. There were many local riders; among the best of them being "Boxer" Pearce, Charlie Crick, Jack McErvale, Albert Pimblett, Bill Pedder, "Diamond" Tompkins, and Alex. McDougall. Local cyclists in the years that have elapsed since the older generation gave up the game are Arthur Pedder, Vic and Dick Martin, Driver Bros, Norman Simper, Fred Schmidt, Norman Lamb, Charlie Stewart, Les, and Jack Pearce, Arnold Stowell, Bill Hains, and a host of others.

The members of the Welsh family were all fleet of foot, and Ted, Ern, Arthur, and Reg each won a Sheffield handicap in their time. Jim Harris and Theodore Schlicht were also successful runners in their youth, and like the Welshs, good footballers. Mick Tyrrell, Sam Young, Vic Hardy, Jack McDonald, Bill Cheeseman, Jack Day, Archie Sneddon, and Tom Rodgers were noted Beaufort footballers in the days before organised competitions were held in the district.

Talking of old-time concerts and leading local singers reminds me of Patti Nickols (now Mrs F. B. Wilson), who was once a very popular soloist on the local platform. Bert Carthew was an acceptable basso here 35 years ago, and Ben Stuart, a singer of the latest songs of the time—one of which was the rather prophetic "Stir Up the Feeling for Defence, Boys"—always got a hearty reception from the young men of his generation. His brother Harry made many good hits as a comic singer.

The beautiful English trees in the streets of Beaufort have often been greatly admired by visitors, particularly the two spreading chestnuts at the entrance to the railway station, and the pink hawthorn trees at the Shire Hall. Now there is a nice row of young chestnut trees in Pratt Street from Harold Geodge's residence to the stationmaster's house. They are all doing well, and in a few years will be the pride of the town. Stan Crouch, Ripon Shire engineer, now on service with the R.A.A.F., was very keen on having these planted. One day the writer met a delighted old lady in the Memorial Park when the deciduous trees (elms and silver poplars) were at their best, and she excitedly exclaimed, "This is a little bit of old England." The man to whom the credit is due for conceiving the idea of converting a one-time street avenue into the present beautiful Memorial Park is E. J. Muntz.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

Neighboring Shires.

ARARAT COUNCIL.

At the Ararat Shire Council meeting on Friday, 19th November, the overseer reported that rabbits had been dug out on Challicum road; filled holes and gravelled road at Flery Creek, Ballyrogan; filled holes on Buangor-Tatyoan road; gravelled Streatham-Minlnera East road, and Eurambeen road; repaired Dobson's bridge at Streatham and fitted new handrails and wings; power grader on Streatham-Rossbridge road; gravelled approach at Challicum crossing; power grader on Buangor-Tatyoan road and Streatham-Rossbridge road.

The president (Cr. J. G. Brebner) said there was a tree, near Mr Jim Murray's place at Buangor, he would like councillors to inspect. — "Ararat Advertiser."

BOWLING CLUB

THE SEASON OPENED.

Opening day was held on 11th inst., and the president (Mr J. R. Wotherpoon), in a happy speech, welcomed all old members and intending members. He said, although owing to the times the membership had dwindled, the few old stalwarts were keeping the flag flying, and the green and surroundings were a credit to them, as most of the work had been done by the members. He wished them all a very happy season.

A rink match was then played, and resulted in a win for Acton (c.), D. Stevenson, A. A. Downe, and W. Stevens.

Last Saturday play was confined to progressive pairs (8 ends) for trophies kindly donated by Mr D. R. Hannah. These were won by D. Stevenson and H. M. Hinsch, who showed excellent form for so early in the season, and fully deserved their win.

From now on evening play will take place on Tuesday and Thursday of each week, and the president would like all who can possibly play to roll up and enjoy the pleasure of night bowling, and in doing so, infuse some life into the club. The membership fee for night bowling is £1/1/.

To-day (Saturday) rink matches will take place for trophies, donated by Mr D. Stevenson.

TOWN BAND.

RECITAL AND "ARE YOU AN ARTIST?" COMPETITION.

The sum of £7/15/9 was collected on Sunday night at the Beaufort Town Band's well-attended recital and "Are You an Artist?" Competition. Mr J. Duke (president) officiated as chairman, and the band was conducted by Mr R. Saddler. Mr F. Latch acted as secretary. The accompaniments were played by Mrs F. Worsley and Misses C. Bellis and E. Thomas. The band opened the programme with spirited renderings of the National Anthem and the march, "Royal Duke." In the ladies' section the guest artist was Miss Jean Sandlant, and the challenger Miss Betty Rogers. The verdict of the voters was in favour of Miss Rogers. The hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee" was played by the band. Mr E. R. Martin, the guest artist in the men's section, was challenged by Mr W. Hains, who won on the ballot. The selection, "Scottish Gems," was rendered by the band. The guest artist in the juvenile section, Gwen Blay, was unsuccessfully challenged by Alan Cobden. The band played "Soldiers in the Park." In the instrumental section the guest artist was Miss C. Bellis (pianiste), and she was challenged by Miss B. Crick (piano-accordion player). The latter was the winner. "Evening Shadows," a selection, was given by the band. A quiz session and community singing followed. Seaman Tom Thacker, of the Royal Australian Navy, came up from the audience and gave a recitation. The band then played the march, "New Era." A special prize (donated by Mr S. Coles, senr.) for the best item for the night, was awarded to Mr W. Hains.

ROYAL BLIND ENTERTAINERS.

A good house greeted the Royal Blind Entertainers at the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Monday night, when a good programme of musical and vocal items was given by the Lynton Bros., Miss Flixie Osborne, Harry Keegan, Buddy Rae, Paul Du Bois, and Miss Ivy Chant. The stage manager thanked Mrs A. Woods, of the Golden Age Hotel, and Mr S. Coles, of the Beaufort Hotel, Mr H. J. Buchanan, Mr L. Dalrymple, Mr J. Harris, and the local Press for assistance rendered the company. A competition for a mat was won by Mrs J. Robinson.

Wool Appraisements. — Australian Mercantile, Land, and Finance Co. Ltd. report (Novr. 17):—Woodleigh/Chute, aa com 22d, aa com 22d, aa com 22d; Challicum Hills, Buangor, aa f cbk 21d, aa f cbk 21d, aa ckb 20d, aa x 20d.

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