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## Local Water Supply Schemes of 1870.

### OLD LOCAL PAPERS

WHEN OLD PIONEERS WERE LAND APPLICANTS.

A copy of "The Beaufort Chronicle" of April 9, 1897, has come into our possession. One item records the collection of £24 towards the erection of a schoolhouse at Trawalla. A proposed water scheme for Lake Goldsmith was discussed by the Ripon Shire Council. The Council also carried a resolution giving the citizens of Beaufort a chance to demonstrate their desire for a water supply or otherwise. The Ripon Shire Council meeting was attended by Crs. Simson (president), Wotherspoon, Lewis, Hannah, Tomkins, Campbell, Morcombe, Forrest and Greig. Applications by the Local Land Board, and a number recommended:—Geo. Wilson, Wm. Barnes, Murdoch McLeod, Archelous Ball, John Ball, Edward Ball, Chas. Ball, Wm. Ball, Samuel Howard, Edward Ingram, John A. Wilson, David Evans, John Rutherford, Jno. Roycroft, Wm. Baker, Jas. Greenwood, Joseph Frusher, Alexander Ross, Joseph J. Stahl, Michael Hogan, James Frusher, Wm. Pitcher, Robert Fox, Wm. Foster, Duncan McAlister, Henry H. Jackson, Jas. Brown, J. F. Watkin, Jane L. Nihnam, Thos. Stevenson, Jno. Miller, Jno. Ferguson, Jas. Gillingham, Mitchell Welsh, Frederick and Geo. Willox, John Lancy, Thos. Kewley, Thos. Patterson, Rudolph Wanger, Daniel Kilbeg, Joseph McCracken, Jas. Cowans, Ann Geoghegan, Edward Dawson, Patrick and Daniel Hehir, James Gorrie, James Whittia, Richard Grange, Chas. J. Chapman, Frederick Fenton, David Troy, Alfred Finch, and John Cochran. The foregoing list contains the names of many old pioneers of the district.

We have also received a copy of "The Riponshire Advocate" of March 26, 1887. It contains a report of an inquest concerning the death of Stephen Parker, bracceman, who was killed in an accident at the New Victoria No. 2 Tribute Company's mine, Waterloo. For a week the yield at the New Victoria mine was 75 oz., and at the Saxon Consols 22 oz. Tenders were invited for the erection of Trawalla Station woolshed. The inaugural meeting of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., was recorded; the proceedings being opened by Mr D. J. Wheat (vice-president of the Board of Directors). The first local president was Mr Geo. A. Eddy, and the first secretary Mr C. W. Tompkins. The Beaufort Agricultural Society's 14th annual show was reported. For the Beaufort Athletic Club's Easter Monday sports, 84 entries were received for four footraces, and 37 entries for three bicycle races. The secretary was Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, and the hand-cappers Messrs. J. McKeich, R. A. D. Sinclair, and G. Loft.

### WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.

#### District Clips.

Strachan & Co. Ltd., Geelong, report (January 27):—GB/MCK (Buangor), ex sup com 30jd, bkn 28d; I/McE/Brewster, sup com 25d.

Dalgety & Co. Ltd., Geelong, report (Jan. 28):—Eyebrow/N/Skipton, ex sup com h 30jd, bkn 23jd, 1st bis 19jd, ex sup lms 27d; CMC/Skipton, sup com h 30jd, bkn 20d, sup lms 22jd; JJ/Buangor, ex sup com h 28jd; cross/Skipton, sup com h 21jd; Mc/L/Bit. (Beaufort), 1st com 27d, aa pcs 22jd; AP/Eurambeen (Beaufort), aa w 24jd, sup lms 20jd; GW (Middle Creek), aa 21jd.

Messrs. E. J. Strickland & Sons, of Ballarat, report (Jan. 28):—WW/Burumbet, aa m 20jd, aa m 19d, a m 16d, aa cbk 20d, aa cbk 19jd, a cbk 19jd, a f xbd 20jd, f xbd 19jd, a xbd 20 d, aa xbd 19jd, a xbd 19jd, aa m 22d, a m 21d, m f 24jd, aa 21jd, a 19jd; S/Main Lead, pcs 14jd.

Elder, Smith & Co. Limited report (28/1/44) that for the 87th series of appraisements, held in Geelong last week, they offered a catalogue of 3456 bales. The selection was a particularly choice one, and included many stylish merino and comeback clips from the Western District and Southern Wimmera, also from the border districts of South Australia. The highest merino prices were 38d and 36jd for WF/Buangor, and 35jd for OM/Fairfield, from Moutajup, and in the comeback section a Polwarth bred clip, McD/Endfield, from Camperdown, realised up to 26d, and O/H in a dia./Lismore made up to 25jd. Proceeds for this appraisalment are due on Friday, 18th February, 1944. District sales are as follow:—Merino: WP/Buangor, 38d, 36jd, lms 30jd, bkn 23jd; DD/R (Raglan), 31d; JL/-VV (Vite Vite), 30jd, pcs 20jd; SL (Mannibadar), 30d, 30jd, pcs 22d; WS/Skipton, 22jd, lms 21d; C/ML conj. CK (Middle Creek), 22jd, 24jd; RC/R (Raglan), 22jd; O/Buangor, 21jd.

### TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY BANQUET.

1000 GUESTS WERE PRESENT.

The palmy days of the past, when hospitality was dispensed on a lavish scale are recalled in the following paragraph taken from "The Courier" files of Christmas Day, 1873:—The attainment of his majority by Mr Philip Russell's son was made the occasion of a great banquet on Tuesday evening in a comfortably seated marquee erected near the Carngham Mechanics' Institute. Mr Russell, who gave the banquet on the right by Mr Forrest, and on the left by Mr Clarke, M.L.A. About 1000 persons sat down, in three relays, to the excellent repast, which had been prepared by Mr H. Parker, landlord of the Man of Kent Hotel. After the dinner the health of the Queen was drunk, and heartily responded to by Mr T. Hopper. The same gentleman proposed the health of Mr James Russell on attaining his majority. Mr Henry Davies, of Ballarat, proposed the toast to the host, Mr P. Russell, who suitably responded. After the dinner a ball took place.

### LEXTON POLICE STATION.

Early in the month of January the prospects of Lexion police station being closed were discussed at the Shire Council meeting. The Council considered that keeping the office open on two days a week was inadequate. Mr A. Duncan, Chief Commissioner, was communicated with, and after explaining the position, he expressed the hope that before long normal conditions could be resumed and the office reopened.

**BURRUMBEET C.W.A.**

At the annual meeting of the Burrumbeet C.W.A., the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mrs McCartney; treasurer, Mrs Henderson; secretary, Mrs Miller; vice-presidents, Messdames McLaughlin, Thomas, and Walton. Miss Stewart, the group president, gave a very interesting address on C.W.A. matters. The entrance prize was won by Lady Currie, and the winner of the competition was Mrs Burrows. The branch donated prizes to the two local schools and these were won by June Thompson and Eric Knight, of Errolton, and Ian Swan school.

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### NEW DEAL FOR TEACHERS

#### PROFESSION'S LACK OF PRESTIGE.

The teaching profession's greatest lack is prestige. In certain countries of northern Europe and in Scotland, the teacher is among the honoured members of the community. In Australia he is little regarded, and his status is correspondingly low. The salary scale of the educational services reflects the prevailing estimate. It appears that for some time about 70 per cent. of the teachers in the Victorian service have drawn less than £400 a year. The prospectus issued by the Department of Education to attract pupil teachers sets out the commencing salary of the recruit as £90 per annum and the limit to which he may rise as well under £400. In case he should experience misgivings he is assured that the conditions of the profession compare favourably with those in any other professions.

These facts suggest an economical administration of education, but it is open to question whether under these conditions the community will get an educational system adequate for the task entrusted to it or worthy of the children committed to it. It seems wrong for a community to offer terms of employment that demand a miracle of grace before the teacher can accept the restrictions that they impose upon him. He can hardly fail to see that his salary will not permit him to marry and bring up a family without feeling the pinch of poverty. He will find that it is not sufficient to allow him to buy the books to which he has a right as a man of intellectual interests, and that it will not permit him to meet people of other professions on equal terms. It is inevitable that under these conditions the supply of recruits should dwindle.

Quite frequently the argument is heard that the teacher should be kept fairly close to the bread line so that only men with a sense of mission will enter the profession. Cant of this kind has lost touch with realities. Men with a sense of mission can find other outlets for their sound intentions, and teaching will become very largely a last resort for those who have failed in other walks of life.

### ALL-ROUND INCREASE.

If the situation is to be saved, the State must boldly raise by a very substantial amount all rates or remuneration paid to its teachers. There seems to be no other way to establish the status of the profession on a satisfactory basis. Such evidence of the community's appreciation of the teacher's work would make a profound impression on the whole situation and would open up new prospects. No longer would a retreating head master have to complain that the salary of the school cleaner was greater than that of some members of his staff.

The State educational service would be much more attractive to men of ability and initiative if greater scope were given to individual enterprise and sense of responsibility. At present a great deal of time is devoted by head masters in particular to compilation of returns. This might well be restricted, and greater trust reposed in the headmaster to employ his time and energies in the best interests of his school. The existing system appears to have been devised to catch the defaulter rather than to encourage the conscientious. Nothing but good also would result from a more human form of address in official communications from headquarters. "You are requested" and "It is desired to inform you" are rather deficient in the all-important human touch that should distinguish all aspects of school work.

The impression of rigidity and distrust is not lessened by the oft-repeated warning that teachers must not indulge in criticism of the administration. This contrasts with the methods of one of our great utility undertakings whose employees are warned that if they have a criticism to offer it is their duty to make it known, so that no valid criticism or useful suggestion may go unheeded.

The question of prestige is also bound up with the conditions of teacher training. A teacher should be a person of high professional qualifications, comprising at least a university degree and a diploma of education. This condition of affairs cannot be realised while the pupil teacher system continues to operate. It is highly desirable that the system be abolished and that the staffing difficulties of the department should be solved by making entry easier but by making conditions of employment more satisfactory. "Argus."

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### OBITUARY.

#### MRS. MARIA WILLIAMS.

A large gathering, including many residents of Waterloo, attended the funeral of the late Mrs Maria Williams, wife of Mr George Williams, of 414 Talbot Street South, Ballarat, on Wednesday, 26th Jan., from Messrs. H. Evans & Son's chapel to the Ballarat New Cemetery. Mrs Williams and her husband were old residents of Waterloo. Mr Williams was until last week in the employ of the City Council as engine-driver at the Council quarry. Representatives from the City Council quary attended the funeral. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. J. Williams (brother-in-law), J. Rutherford and C. Herbert (nephews), J. Lamb (brother). The chief mourners were Mr George Williams (husband), Mrs M. Finch, and Mrs J. Laney (sisters), Mr J. Lamb (brother), Mrs E. Jones and Mrs M. Birckett (sisters-in-law), Mrs S. Johnstone, Mrs J. Kerr, Misses R. and E. Finch, Mrs B. Moncrieff (nieces), J. Rutherford, H. Finch, C. Herbert (nephews), Mrs H. Masterson, Mrs R. Berry, G. Williams (cousins). The many floral tributes included a wreath from the quarry mates of Mr Williams on the City Council. The Rev. A. D. Lelan conducted the services at the chapel and graveside, and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. H. Evans & Son.

#### MRS. BRIDGET I. HUTTON.

The death occurred at her residence in Main Street, Stawell, on Christmas Day of Mrs Bridget Isabella Hutton, wife of Mr Thomas Hutton, of Elmhurst. Mrs Hutton, who was 61 years of age, died after a severe heart attack. She had been practically an invalid for a number of years, and about five months before her death, she left Elmhurst, where her husband is employed, to reside in Stawell. She was a daughter of the late Hugh and Ann Johnston, old residents of Elmhurst. Her husband, four daughters and one son, who is serving with the A.I.F., are left to mourn their loss. The interment took place at Stawell. "Ararat Advertiser."

### LEXTON SHIRE MATTERS.

At the January meeting of the Lexion Shire Council Cr. Coutts considered it would be a good idea to endeavour to get several roads in the North Riding proclaimed main roads in the near future. The Beaufort-Lexion road was a main road, but it ceased being so just as it reached the North Riding. He would like to see it continued, also the Waubra-Talbot, which was no longer a main road after it reached Lexion. He moved that application be made to the Country Roads Board to have the continuation of the roads mentioned proclaimed main roads. Cr. Brody seconded the motion, which was carried. A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Survey, stating that an unused road licence had been issued to Mr H. W. C. Lewis over road south of allot. 6A, sec. C, parish of Langli-Kal-Kal. — Held over till next meeting.

### BURRUMBEET BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

With the recent fires fresh in their memories, local residents turned up in great numbers to the Burrumbeet Bush Fire Brigade meeting. The secretary reported that the central committee had allotted the local brigade four knapsacks and 12 beaters. Mr W. Coulter was appointed equipment officer. The constitution of the brigade was drawn up, and boundaries fixed were:—From the lake on the east end following the Burrumbeet creek to the three bridges, then along the Windermere road running north to the road running south of Lake Learmonth over Saddleback Hill to the Avenue, along the Avenue north to the lane running north-west to the Weatherboard Church, up the Addington road to Abbott's road, across the hills in line with Abbott's road to a line with the Kal-Kal boundary running north from Modesty lane, along Modesty lane to the Brewster turn-off, and then direct east along the Carngham boundary to the west end of Lake Burrumbeet. A start was made on burning the highway on Monday, Jan. 24, when one side was burnt from Modesty lane to the Burrumbeet Park. A euchre and dance entertainment was arranged for 5th Feb., in aid of the Bush Fire Relief Funds. Mr J. Walton and Mr A. Williams were appointed to audit the books at the end of the year. A general committee of five appointed comprised J. Swan, H. Nunn, T. Dobson, D. Powell, and H. Williams. The distribution of petrol ration tickets is to be considered by the committee.

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7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.

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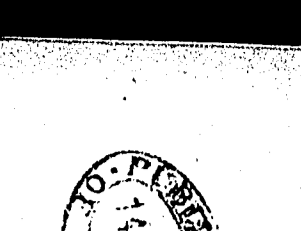
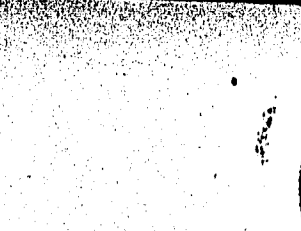
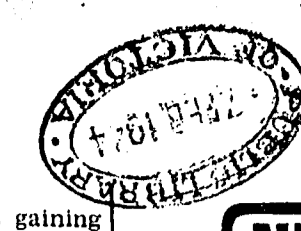
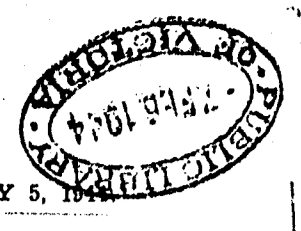
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RECEIPTS.	RIDINGS.			Total of Accounts.	RIDINGS.	Total of Accounts.	
	North.	East.	West.				North.
General Rates	27809 17 7	2395 5 10	1970 7 5	34453 6 6	335 15 0	290 14 0	493 0 0
General Rates, Overpayments, Water	1772 11 8	9382 0 3	22 0 0	1772 11 8	18 10 3	0 6 6	18 10 3
Interest on Rates & Rates Charges	222 7 6	32 7 6	71 10 0	326 5 4	34 6 5	22 2 0	57 8 7
Printing and Advertising	21 0 0	13 0 0	8 0 0	42 0 0	14 2 0	20 13 4	34 3 4
Public Works and Services	545 18 10	570 1 10	450 7 7	1566 5 8	30 11 7	21 0 5	51 1 2
Police	45 9 9	45 9 9	45 9 9	137 8 7	13 11 3	10 1 3	24 2 6
Fire	28 8 8	6 17 11	18 2 6	53 2 5	11 10 0	3 12 6	25 16 6
Health	27 7 6	13 19 9	10 1 3	51 7 8	11 10 0	3 12 6	25 16 6
Sanitation	1914 11 3	2044 13 4	375 15 11	4234 6 8	30 11 7	21 0 5	51 1 2
Public Works and Services	28 16 3	10 10 0	0 10 0	38 16 3	13 11 3	10 1 3	24 2 6
Police	45 9 9	45 9 9	45 9 9	137 8 7	13 11 3	10 1 3	24 2 6
Fire	28 8 8	6 17 11	18 2 6	53 2 5	11 10 0	3 12 6	25 16 6
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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

As men become older, they realize they have left the best years of life behind them.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1944.

RAINFALL.

The rainfall for the week at Beaufort was 45 points.

REVENUE FOR CROWN.

The fines imposed in five cases heard at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday totaled £147.

FISH BORN IN THROAT.

At the Ballarat Hospital on Sunday, Mr Roy Love, of Beaufort, had a fish-bone removed from his throat.

FORCED LANDING.

An aeroplane made a forced landing near Main Park on Saturday. The machine was damaged, but the aviators escaped injury.

HOUSE PASSES THROUGH.

A house on a linker, drawn by a motor truck, passed through Lawrence Street, Beaufort, on Thursday afternoon.

FETE AT SNAKE VALLEY.

The ladies of the district held a fete in the Snake Valley Mechanics' Hall on Saturday, 13th January. The effort was to aid the P.O.W. Fund.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society, called for Wednesday night, to consider holding a symposium in March.

MOTOR CYCLE.

Mr Ralph E. Hodges, 25, of Plenty Road, Preston, who suffered severe head injuries when his motor cycle came into collision with a motor car at the intersection of Bagin Street and Plenty Road, Preston, on Saturday night, died later in the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

PRISONERS OF WAR SHOP.

The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. shop wish to thank all donors and helpers last week.

FENCING MATERIAL.

Men who were previously engaged cutting and carting firewood for Melbourne from the State forest around Beaufort and Wood were engaged splitting posts and droppers and carting them for the people whose fences were burnt in the recent disastrous fire in the Western plains.

COMING EVENTS.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

L/A.C. Les Pearce, of the R.A.A.F., was home on leave at the weekend-end. His Officer Allan Thompson, of the R.A.F., spent the week-end in Beaufort.

Allan Scott, second son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Scott, of Horsham (M.V. of Beaufort), has joined the Air Force, in which his elder brother is already serving as a driver. Mr Scott is flying Percé Sandford, after being home from leave after serving for 20 months in New Guinea.

Jim McKenzie, of Beaufort, has joined the Corp. W. M. Fitzpatrick, of Beaufort, who is serving in New Guinea, has been ill in hospital for several weeks.

Strawell Akeman's Carnival, Saturday, Feb'y. 26. Mr Marchant, optician, visits Beaufort, Saturday afternoon, Feb'y. 19.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

People and Events.

The Beaufort Town Band held a social and snowball competition on Monday night.

The ladies' euchre and consolation prizes were divided by Mrs. H. C. Sullivan and A. Beer. The winner of the men's euchre prize was Mr H. Baker; the consolation prize being shared by Mr W. H. Williams and James Corral. W. Green.

On Tuesday the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a carpet bowls competition, which was won by Miss Jean Smith, and Moslimans Hilton Dunn and A. M. Parker.

The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre and carpet bowls social on Saturday night. The ladies' euchre prize was won by Mrs. H. C. Sullivan. W. Ellis and C. Broadbent dividing the consolation prize.

The men's euchre prize was secured by W. O. McGaffin, and consolation prizes went to Mr C. Foreman, Jun. The winners of the secret table prizes were Mesdames J. R. Hughes and J. Duke. The carpet bowls competition was won by Mrs Hilton Dunn. Messrs. A. McGregor and C. Broadbent.

The Beaufort Fire Brigade held a social on Thursday night for the members of the Fire Station. The takings were £10/14/6. In one section the three prize was divided by Mrs C. Whitfield, Miss M. Anderson, and Mrs J. E. Day.

The euchre prize in the other section was shared by Mrs McGregor, Mrs Sullivan, and Mr Scriven.

In aid of the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club and the Beaufort P.O.W. Fund, a social afternoon was held at the Fire Station on Thursday by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club. The takings were £5/15/6.

A song quiz was won by Mrs J. Duke, and a flag and ladies' euchre competition by Mrs. R. Hughes, A. J. Hughes, and A. M. Parker. Another competition was won by Mrs F. Worley, and a cake by Mrs E. Sullivan.

Mr and Mrs Geoff. Oddie, of Skipton road, and their children have been away for a holiday.

Mr and Mrs S. Coles, sen., of Beaufort, left for Ballarat last week, and in future the Beaufort Hotel will be carried on by Mr and Mrs S. Coles, Junr.

Mr and Mrs Kevin J. Cochran have been visiting the latter's sister, Mrs H. Anderson, of Beaufort. Mr Cochran is serving in the Army.

Mr and Mrs L. Pearce, of Beaufort, are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs Duke, of Beaufort, and Mrs. Anderson, and First-constable Duke, and First-constable Duke, who will be in charge of the Police Station.

Mr Alex. Pearce, of Beaufort, has suffered a bereavement by the death of Warrambool of her father.

Mr W. Ward, of Beaufort, and her daughter, Mrs. Ward, have gone to Warrambool for a holiday.

On Saturday morning last (writes the Advertiser), Miss Jean Newey, 19, was presented with a cheque from members of the Arrarat railway staff and fellow employees of the railway re-constructed rooms.

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BEAUFORT RAINFALL.

RECORDS FROM 1914.

Details of the rainfall registered at Beaufort Post Office from 1914 are as follows:

1914. — January, 74 points; February, 53; March, 79; April, 162; May, 102; December, 370; total, 1262.

1915. — January, 80 points; Feb'y., 31; March, 53; April, 166; May, 187; Sept., 371; Oct., 156; Nov., 99; Dec., 29; total, 1762.

1916. — January, 256; Feb'y., 74; March, 99; April, 169; May, 41; June, 274; July, 250; Aug., 241; Sept., 466; Oct., 304; Nov., 285; Dec., 370; total, 2739.

1917. — January, 83 points; Feb'y., 32; March, 110; April, 92; May, 275; June, 156; July, 159; Aug., 336; Sept., 320; Oct., 277; Nov., 176; Dec., 101; total, 2127.

1918. — January, 85; Feb'y., 67; March, 205; April, 204; May, 293; June, 185; July, 108; Aug., 289; Sept., 156; Oct., 141; Nov., 22; Dec., 93; total, 1946.

1919. — January, 264; Feb'y., 163; March, 140; April, 22; May, 170; June, 130; July, 157; Aug., 116; Sept., 174; Oct., 107; Nov., 58; Dec., 183; total, 1548.

1920. — January, 25; Feb'y., 8; March, 72; April, 52; May, 162; June, 127; July, 178; Aug., 332; Sept., 189; Oct., 211; Nov., 190; Dec., 64; total, 2072.

1921. — January, 40; Feb'y., 84; March, 17; April, 105; May, 280; June, 106; July, 235; Aug., 189; Sept., 195; Oct., 199; Nov., 68; Dec., 169; total, 1764.

1922. — January, 110; Feb'y., 26; March, 9; April, 1; May, 307; June, 559; July, 702; Aug., 356; Sept., 381; Oct., 328; Nov., 450; Dec., 184; total, 3881.

TWO YOUTHS.

FINED £50 EACH.

ALLEGATION THAT THEY LEFT FIRE IN OPEN WITHOUT PROPERLY EXTINGUISHING IT.

Before Mr G. S. Catlow, P.M., at Beaufort Police Court on Monday, Detective Wm. Watson Hunter charged Desmond Jax, Shearer, of Pirlo, via Red Hills, with leaving on 14th January a fire in the open air, and left it without being properly extinguished.

Alan Morrei Pender, of the same address, was similarly charged.

Both cases were heard together. Defendants pleaded not guilty, and Mrs Aronson, of Ballarat, appeared on their behalf.

Senior-Detective A. E. Hackwill prosecuted.

Detective W. W. Hunter, Ballarat, gave evidence that at 2 p.m. on June 15, with First-constable J. Duke, he went to Pretty Tower Estate, 12 miles from Beaufort, on the southern boundary of Pretty Tower and close to the dividing road which formed the boundary of Mooramong Estate, was a small corral, witness described the proximity of thistles and three or four green pine trees. About 3 ft. from the pine trees were the remains of a camp fire.

It was 12 ft. from the fence which divided from the open grass country, with grass standing 2 or 3 ft. high. There were high weeds near. About 5 ft. further down from the fire the grass had been burnt and spread about. In a south-easterly direction the fire had spread across. It travelled 25 yds. near the side of the road, crossed the road, and burnt in a south-easterly direction as far as he could see. The fence was burnt on the S.E. side of the road. He picked up some wood chips, and also an empty tin (produced). In company with First-constable Duke he searched the ground, and produced photographs illustrating the locality of the camp fire.

To Mrs Aronson — There was no sign of sheep where the camp fire had been.

To the P.M. — The whole would cover a quarter-acre, and he would hardly expect 1000 sheep to get on that. The spot where the fire was lit was right in the centre of what was called a stubble grass.

To Mrs Aronson — There was no fence gate to the pine plantation, but the fence was broken down. The sheep would have to be forced in. If the sheep were there, he would certainly have seen them. He would certainly have seen the sheep.

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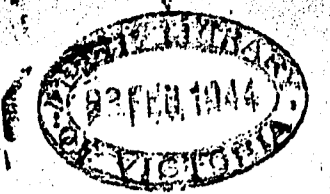












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## THREE SONS

(By R. MASLYN WILLIAMS)

Old man Shaw let the reins hang free on the mare's neck, while he lit his pipe with the slow and absented-minded precision of a man who is thinking deep and lonely thoughts. He had ridden up to the hill paddock to look at the calves and maybe move them down to the river flat, not that it mattered very much, there was still plenty of grass up here, but it was an excuse to get away from the homestead for awhile. To-day was the anniversary of Bob's death and the Old Lady would be taking it badly. She didn't cry any more, didn't even mention his name, but you could see the emptiness of despair in her face, and it was better to leave her alone for an hour or two.

Bill had been the first, but both of them had kind of expected him to go. He was always a bit wild ever since he was a kid, and completely fearless. The ghost of a smile lit the Old Man's face, as his mind went back to the time when Bill hooked it from school to join a travelling buckjump show, and it had taken them a fortnight to find him and bring him home. Bill was the first in the district to join the A.I.F. and go abroad. They had a few letters from him and some souvenirs from Cairo and Jerusalem; then a wire from the Army to say that he had copped it at Bardia.

Bob was still at school then, and Jack in camp "Somewhere in Australia." The Old Man remembered the time well. It had been a hot summer and hard to get hired labour to bring the crops in. He and Bob were finishing off a stack down in the lucerne patch late in the evening, and the kid had seemed unusually quiet. Then as they rode home it came out—he wanted to leave school and join the Air Force.

He broke the news to the Old Lady as they sat listening to the radio that night. She had taken it more quietly than he expected, as though she had been waiting for it, but in the morning he could see that she had aged 10 years overnight.

Then Jack went to Malaya. For months after Singapore they waited for some scrap of news that would set their minds at rest. Then, at shearing time, McKenzie had ridden over from Golden Valley with a card from his boy saying that he was a prisoner. Young McKenzie had been in the same unit as Jack, and their hopes rose suddenly. Every morning for a couple of weeks, the Old Man went to the cross-roads to wait for the mailman, but there was nothing except catalogues from the Farmers' agency and a few bills.

There was still hope, of course, but it was a dull, uncertain hope, eight parts fear.

The following months were lonely for the Old Man. Sue had come back with her two babies when her husband went to New Guinea, and she was company for the Old Lady, but out in the paddocks it was lonely, and he missed the boys.

Occasionally he went into Bob's room for something. It hadn't been touched since he went away, and you could always find what you wanted. It was a neat room for a boy, but a boy's room for all that. Adventure stories rubbed covers with old farming manuals on the bookshelf. Fuzzy, out-of-focus photographs of horses were flanked with prize ribbons won at local shows. There were pictures of the school athletic team with Bob sitting up proudly in the middle with his arms folded, looking like the kid he was, and a later one of the Squadron, in which he looked almost the same except for the slightly ridiculous red moustache.

When Bob was killed in a dogfight at Milne Bay, a flight from the local squadron had come flying low over the homestead. They had circled round a couple of times and then gone off, disappearing over the hill towards the dome. The old people didn't know then that Bob was killed, and the Old Man had damned the flight up hill and down dale for scaring the horses. But later in the morning the cable arrived, and he knew that the flight had been a sign of homage and respect, and remembering how he had lost his temper in the morning, the Old Man broke down. Later that day, he drove the car over to the Old Soldiers' Club and got drunk.

That was a year ago to-day, and now the Old Man sat still in the saddle and looked out across the farm. You could see almost the whole of it from here, even though it ran beyond two thousand acres. It was a good property, and he had worked hard for it for more than 20 years, ever since he had started as a soldier settler after the last war. He had worked for the boys, dreaming all the time of the day when they would take it over, and maybe buy the block next door. Then he and the Old Lady would settle down and watch the sunsets, and potter about the garden.

Now the boys had gone and there was nothing left—except Sue's youngsters. The oldest one was going to be like Bob. He had the same look, almost the same walk, even though he wasn't yet six, and he worshipped the Old Man. You could see that he belonged to the land by the way he walked among the horses in the yard. He wondered how the Old Lady would take it if he brought Bob's pony in for the boy to

ride. Maybe it was a good idea—he needed someone to help him with the mustering.

Old Man Shaw picked up the reins and nudged the mare with his heel. There was a new light in his eye as he went back down the hill towards the homestead, and a straightness in his back that hadn't been there for a couple of years.

This morning he had been thinking of selling out. There seemed no sense in carrying on now the boys were gone—it was too much work for no real purpose. But now he understood—it was his place, he had made it with his two hands; it belonged to him as much as he belonged to it—he and the farm, they were Australia and they would go on. He did a quick bit of mental arithmetic, and decided that at 60 he had still another 15 years of useful working life, and by that time Sue's boy would be ready to carry on—they might even hear that Jack was safe.

A mob of ewes and lambs scampered bleating across the track as he rode past them. "I must wear those lambs pretty soon," thought the Old Man, "maybe to-morrow—and I could bring the youngster out to give me a hand."

### ENTHUSIASTIC GLADIOLI GROWER.

Mr and Mrs J. E. B. White, of Challinor, Buangor, visited Ballarat for the Horticultural Society's gladioli display, held at the Wattle on Wednesday night. Mrs White is an enthusiastic gladioli grower and hopes to be among the exhibitors at the Society's Victory Show in March.

### COLLECTORS HELP.

Collecting waste paper is one of the little contributions that the individual citizen can make to the task of winning the war. Repulped and reprocessed, waste paper and cardboard can be put to a score of vital war-time uses. Old newspapers, brown paper, letters, documents and books, old cardboard boxes, cigarette and grocery cartons—all are waste that Australia needs urgently. Contributions of such material will be welcomed by local salvage organizations, which will provide details of collecting arrangements.

### NEED FOR VEGETABLES.

Vegetable dehydration was practically unknown in Australia before the war. Now there are about 20 plants operating and 11 others are nearly completed. When all are working they will treat 125,000 tons of fresh vegetables each year, mainly for the Services. Canning has also been stepped up considerably. Before 1939 Australia produced about 10,000,000 lb. of canned vegetables each year. Now the aim is to lift this to 112,000,000 lb. each year—an increase of 124 per cent. These figures indicate the need for ever-increasing vegetable production by farmers and home gardeners alike.

### "GOOD OLD HOME TOWN."

We take the following paragraph from the "Ararat Advertiser":—"Good old home town; that's where my dad comes from" was a remark made by a lad as he noted "Beaufort" on a garment received by bush fire sufferers from the Red Cross Society. Other garments, says a lady writing to one of her friends in Ararat, where she is frequently a visitor, showed that excellent work had been done by Ararat, Wallaloo, Warracknabeal, Ballan and Callawadda branches. Letters of appreciation frequently ended with "Thank you and God bless the Red Cross."

It is estimated that Australia is today feeding the equivalent of 12,000,000 people. This figure will rise steadily until the Pacific war is won.

To the end of November last the war had cost Australia £1,339,000,000—an average of £186 per head, or £84,000 for each day of hostilities, and more than five times as much as was spent during the entire period of the last war.

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## Red Cross Activities.

### SPLENDID SERVICE RENDERED IN BUSH FIRE RELIEF.

Red Cross preparedness and foresight played a vital part in the promptness with which the Society was able to meet the tremendous demands for immediate relief in those areas stricken by the bush fires.

At a meeting of the Bush Fire Committee as early as September, the Society's policy regarding supplies to possible bush-fire sufferers was formulated, and units of stores accordingly prepared. Under an arrangement with the State Relief Committee, the State was divided into two sections, the northern portion to be handled by the Committee, while the southern portion would be serviced by Red Cross. However, it was later agreed that relief would be rendered by the two bodies wherever practicable; each working in close liaison with the other. Thus when the Wangaratta fires occurred, although this district was in the area assigned to the S.R.C., for the sake of speed the Red Cross representative at Bonegilla was sent with two truckloads of supplies, and supplies of blood serum were despatched from Red Cross Headquarters by fast car.

Subsequently, Lady Dugan, president of Victorian Division of the Red Cross Society, visited the Wangaratta district and as a result of her visit first-aid Emergency Units were despatched to 180 strategic points throughout the State. Practically all of these had arrived in the areas concerned prior to the disastrous outbreaks on January 14. Since then more have been, and are still being despatched.

The fires at Beechworth were also serviced by Red Cross representatives. Further stores as well as fire-fighting equipment were sent up by truck.

With the outbreak of the devastating fires on January 14, calls were made almost incessantly on Red Cross headquarters for emergency relief of all types. In response to these, 1000 blankets were despatched at 4 a.m. for Lismore and Cressy, and on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday, 9 tons of food, bedding, clothing, utensils, and other necessities were sent. In order to do this retail shops had to be opened to obtain extra supplies, as the magnitude of the demands had depleted the Society's normal stocks of some articles. Apart from these supplies, trucks were sent to all the stricken areas with food and refreshment for firefighters, and five aids went to Hamilton to assist in the hospital there.

Trucks of all essentials, both domestic and personal items were also des-

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patched to the bayside areas. "Edgecliffe," Red Cross. Convalescent Home for Service Women at Hampton, was made available for first-aid cases, and eight Red Cross aids sent immediately to handle the extra work. Sandringham Red Cross Company, which had gone into action with the help of local medical officers, gave excellent service as first-aiders. When reports were received of fires in the Eltham district, a truck of supplies left immediately. It was feared that the fires would demolish the buildings of the Clayton Colony, and Red Cross assistance was sought in evacuating the patients. Five cars were sent, but fortunately were not needed.

At 5.15 on the Friday, a call was received for serum for Hamilton. Fifteen minutes later, a fast car was on the way carrying an additional supply for Colac, as reports of the fires there were serious. This foresight was more than justified, as the Hospital there had only just 'phoned Melbourne urgently for more serum when the supply arrived. This was instrumental in the saving of lives.

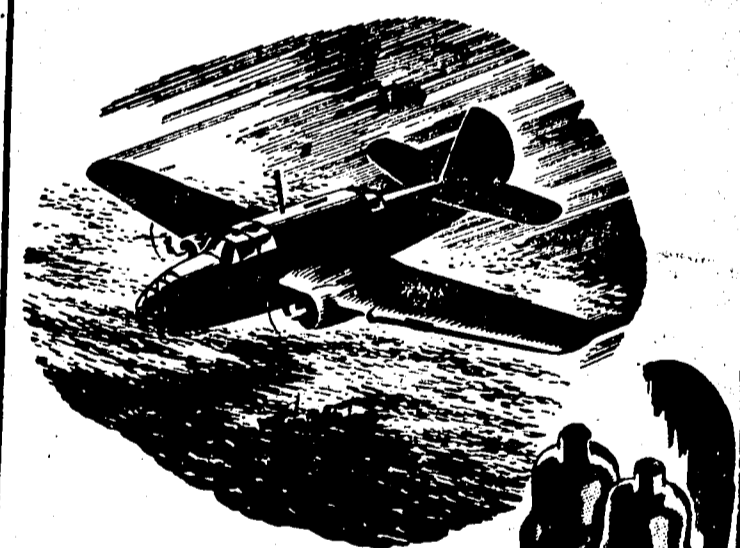
Throughout that week-end Red Cross House personnel were constantly available answering calls and despatching relief. Constant communication was maintained throughout the fire period with the State Relief Committee and Police Headquarters. Further supplies of serum were sent early on the Saturday morning to Ballarat and Horsham, and on the Monday two truckloads of clothes, food, utensils and other essentials went to those rendered homeless in the Beaumaris area. In one week alone 16 tons of supplies were distributed throughout the stricken areas.

An indication of the huge demand for clothing lies in the fact that the Red Cross Civilian Relief Depot supplied 12,000 garments in four days. It is impossible here to enumerate fully all Red Cross activity throughout the fire period, but the fact that 33 districts requiring assistance, with populations running into thousands, were supplied with every essential it was logical for the Society to provide, is indicative of the help rendered. The mileage covered by the Transport Section provides a fair epitome of the ambit of its services. The impressive total of approximately 8000 miles, 5000 of which were covered by the men drivers, and 3000 by the women drivers, tells its own story.

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