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Windy Afternoon at Beaufort Baths.

SWIMMING CLUB. SUCCESSFUL CARNIVAL.

Under weather conditions that were none too pleasant the Beaufort Swimming Club held a very successful carnival on Saturday afternoon at the local baths. The takings at the gate and booths amounted to about £8/10. The programme was a very enjoyable one, and the entries in the various events were numerous. The races were got off promptly, and there were no tedious intervals. The officials responsible were Messrs. S. Emerson (president), R. Corning, J. Skene (assistant-secretary), A. Campbell, N. Day, S. Young, and L. Robinson. The afternoon tea booth, was conducted by Mesdames W. Torney, C. Ward, and A. Cobden, and the soft drinks stall by Misses Nancy Trafford and Dulcie Lyons.

The opening ceremony was performed by Cr. S. Young, who said he understood the lands officer thought this land was ground vacated by the Lands Department. He was very glad they had vacated it. When they looked round and saw this wonderful pool and their boys and girls, they realised that swimming facilities were necessary. He would give them a little of the history of Beaufort's swimming facilities. First they used to swim in the lake at the Park, but the Council objected to swimming. In those days they believed in neck to ankle costume, but they wore next to nothing, and looked just as well, too. (Laughter). The boys got over that objection. They used to go out in boats, with Cr. Schlicht and others, and fall in. (Laughter). They had to swim to the shore. Then the Council built some baths, but people found it rather far to walk. An agitation started to make baths near the Cemetery. That failed because of certain objections. During the last war the late Cr. Halpin and Miss Tulloch got moving in the matter of baths near the school. Under the supervision of Mr. Muntz the present pool was constructed with timbered sides, and a number learned to swim. Then after the war, a movement started to get a proper baths, and the result was this magnificent pool, which had turned out some great swimmers in Ivan Don Jackson and Phil Harris. There was no reason why these boys and girls should not do as well. Old soldiers, such as Colonel W. N. Muntz, Captain Doug. Rogers, and Major E. Muntz, used to walk to the Park for a swim, and they now had this magnificent pool that cost £800. One day he hoped to see better dressing rooms, instead of these iron ones. He hoped they would provide after the present war for more substantial dressing sheds and a refreshment booth for the club. The present one would blow away if the wind got much stronger to-day. After a few further remarks, Cr. Young formally declared the carnival open, amidst applause.

Appended are results of the events:—
Boys, under 10, 25 yds.—Barry Pearce, 1; Trevor Davey, 2. Won by 2 yds. Only starters.
Boys, under 12, 25 yds. Handicap—John Davey, 1; Ron Ringin, 2. Won by 3 yds. Only starters.

Girls, under 12, 25 yds. Handicap—Pat Ashley, 1; Barbara Skene, 2. Won by inches. Three starters.
Boys, under 14, 25 yds. Handicap—Ron Johnston, 1; Ian Lofts, 2. Won by inches. Five starters.

Girls, under 14, 25 yds. Handicap—Ethel Trafford, 1; Pat Ashley, 2. Won by half-a-yard. Six starters.
Open Handicap, boys, 55 yds.—Jack Wylie, 1; Alan Cobden, 2. Won by fully 4 yds. Eight starters.

Open Handicap, girls, 55 yds.—Grace Campbell, 1; Betty Davis, 2. Won by about 3 yds. Six starters.
Boys and girls, under 16, back or breast stroke, 25 yds.—Loretta Davey, 1; Bill Ward, 2. A close finish—won by inches. Twelve competitors.

Diving Competition, boys, open—A. Wilson, 18 points, 1; J. Wylie, 17 points, 2; J. Davey, 15 points, 3. Eleven competitors.
Swimming Under Water, boys and girls (open)—W. Ward, 1; Grace Campbell, 2. About a dozen competitors.

Under 16 Championship, girls, 55 yds.—Betty Davis, 1; Marie Worsley, 2. Won by about 4 yds. Four starters.
Swim in Clothes, boys, 25 yds. Handicap—Alan Ferguson, 1; Ian Lofts, 2. Won by a yard and a half—an amusing event. Six starters.

Diving Competition, girls (open)—Betty Davis, 17 points, 1; Nancy Davis, 16 points, 2; Ethel Trafford, 15 points, 3. Six competitors.
Funnist Dive (open), boys and girls (Continued next column).

DADS' ASSOCIATION LOCAL BRANCH TO BE FORMED.

Twenty-three residents of Beaufort and district attended a meeting at the Shire Hall on Saturday night, to consider the matter of forming a local branch of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Fathers' Association, better known as the Dads' Association. Mr. F. J. Webster (convener) presided. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. Nicholson, W. Dickman, E. J. Muntz, C. Lowe, H. T. Slec and W. Scriven.

Mr. Webster outlined the objects of the meeting, and read correspondence he had received from headquarters, making suggestions as to the procedure in the formation of a branch, and forwarding the application form for a charter. He also read parts of the constitution, and a copy of the charter.

Mr. J. Duke moved that a Ripon branch of the Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Fathers' Association be formed, and that Mr. Webster act as secretary, pro tem. Seconded by Mr. R. King, senr., and carried unanimously. Ten fathers of Service men and women then signed the form of application to obtain a charter, and it was understood that a later meeting would be held to elect office-bearers.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NOVEMBER SHOW TO BE HELD.

To consider the advisability of holding an Autumn show or gymkhana, nine members of the Beaufort Agricultural Society met at the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night, the chair being occupied by the president (Mr. William Lynch).

The matter of holding a show or gymkhana in the Autumn or Spring was lengthily discussed; Mr. D. Lynch strongly advocating holding a gymkhana, including such attractions as steer riding.

Mr. G. Pringle indicated that he would be unable to act as secretary of either a show or gymkhana in the Autumn, but might be able to manage a Spring show.

The consensus of opinion appeared to be that it would be wise to defer the matter till next Spring, and that the society then get into its stride again by holding a show, at which, to meet Mr. D. Lynch's views, some new attractions could be added to the ring events. Steer riding, however, did not find general favour, owing to the limited area of the ground.

Eventually Mr. D. R. Hannah moved that the society decide to hold a show on the second Saturday in November. Seconded by Mr. G. Topper, and carried.

The secretary reported that the society had a credit balance of £24/1/8. They had £45 after the last show, and gave £90 to the P.O.W. Committee, Red Cross, and Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club.

The president said they must try to make the coming show better than previous ones.
Mr. Hannah said he agreed with Mr. D. Lynch that they should try and introduce some novelty events. The show could be improved in a great many ways.

The president said he hoped members would go round and boost the show, and they might be able to get some of the new settlers here to carry-on the good work.

(Continued from previous column).
—Jack Skene and John Davey tied, but they dived off and John Davey won.
Swim in Clothes (girls), 25 yds. Handicap—Beverley Watkin, 1; Nancy Davis, 2. Won by 2 yds. Five starters.
Under 16 Championship, boys, 55 yds.—Jack Wylie, 1; Norman Day, 2. Won by a yard. Five starters.

Chasing the Duck—Jack Wylie, who jumped in off the side of the baths and caught the duck, was disqualified. The event was run again, and won by Alex. Wilson. About 35 competitors in an entertaining event.
Open Back or Breast Stroke, 55 yds.—Alex. Wilson and Shirley Macdonald, dead heat, 1. Nine competitors.
Most of the prizes were War Savings Stamps.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS. Waubra.

The dance held in the Waubra Hall, in aid of the Bush Fire Relief Fund, resulted in the net proceeds, including donations, being £93.

Streatham.

Pte. Arthur Meek, son of Mr and Mrs E. T. Meek, who has been serving in New Guinea, is home on leave.

A general meeting of the local Red Cross was held on 21st February. The president (Mrs J. T. Brown) was in the chair. It was decided to hold a ball in March for the quarterly effort.

The Progress Association held its second euchre tournament on Saturday night. The attendance has been disappointing at the evenings. Prizes were won by Mrs. Matheson and Mr. T. Brown. — "Ararat Advertiser."

Brewster

Residents and telephone subscribers met at Brewster on Thursday, 24th February, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. J. McIntyre, to discuss the matter of appointing a successor to the present postmistress (Mrs M. Dawson) who has resigned. The district postal inspector (Mr. A. G. Porritt) and district telephone officer (Mr. H. L. McDowell) attended the meeting to present the departmental viewpoint and to assist the residents to arrive at a decision.

Mr. Porritt explained the present position, which was brought about by the resignation of Mrs. Dawson, and that it was the desire of the Postal Department to have the existing facilities retained in the district, it being the responsibility of the local residents to arrange among themselves for someone to take charge of the post office and perform the necessary duties. No one, however, offered to take over the post office. Mr. McDowell outlined the telephone position and pointed out the expense the department had been put to in providing the present telephone facilities, and the co-operation of the residents in retaining them was sought, having regard to the present needs and also to the possible further development of the area after the conclusion of the war.

Eventually two alternative proposals for the provision of telephone party lines to accommodate the existing and prospective telephone subscribers were agreed upon, and these will be submitted to the Postal Department for consideration. Mr. Porritt thanked Mr. McIntyre for convening the meeting, and the residents for their interest. Mr. McIntyre, in acknowledging the remarks, thanked Messrs. Porritt and McDowell for their attendance.

AIRMEN'S FUNERAL.

Hundreds of people gathered in the vicinity of the Town Hall, Ballarat, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 22, to watch the funeral of two airmen move off from the mortuary of Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son, funeral directors, of Armstrong Street South. The airmen were W. O. William Alan Howard, aged 38 years, pilot, of 11 Carlton Street, Ballarat, and Corpl. Robert Burns Bolton, aged 32 years, mechanic, of 125 Webster Street, Ballarat. They were killed when their aircraft crashed at Chepstowe, near Beaufort, on Sunday, 20th February. The two caskets, covered with flowers and bearing each man's cap, were placed upon the trailer attached to an Air Force tender by men from various units. A large number of floral tributes was received, many from other parts of the State and including one from the Corowa branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, of which Corpl. Bolton was a member, having seen service overseas. A very impressive ceremony took place at the New Cemetery, the burial taking place in the Ballarat War Cemetery—a section which has been set aside for the burial of defence personnel in this district. About 100 R.A.A.F. personnel assembled, and among those present was the C.O. of the No. 1 Wireless Air Gunners' School (Wing-Commander C. O. Fairbairn) and senior officers. The burial service was conducted by Padres Burgess and Higginbotham, and the Returned Soldiers' burial service was incorporated in the service. The "Last Post" was also sounded at the graveside. W. O. Howard left a widow and two children, and Corpl. Bolton a widow and young child. Corpl. Bolton is the second member of his family who has died for his country during this war. He is a member of a well-known family in the Corowa district. — "Courier."

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WOOL APPRAISEMENTS. District Clips.

Strachan & Co. Ltd., Geelong, report (Feb. 23):—GB/Buangor, flece 25jd; DL/Ruradene (Beaufort), aa mer 21d, aaa cbk 21d; GG/Skipton, 1st a c h 22jd a pcs 19jd.

Messrs. Elder, Smith & Co. Ltd. report (24th Feb.) that they offered a catalogue of 3812 bales at this week's appraisal at Geelong. The offering was drawn from most wool producing districts of the State and the border districts of South Australia. Many choice clips were again included, the highest prices realised being 38d for Jones Bros./Harrow, and 34jd for D/Springvale, from Meredith. In the Comeback section, both JMcL/Ferngrove, from Barwon Downs, and R/R Broh., from Hamilton, realised 26jd. Proceeds for this appraisal are due on 17th March, 1944. District sales were as follows:—Merino: JOM/Shannon Park (Pittong), 34jd, 30jd, lms 21jd; JM/B/ (Beaufort), 30d; JT/MTL (Mt. Lonarech), 30d; JH/Lamonde (Beaufort), 25jd; LBF/MCK (Middle Creek), 24jd; ALL/Trawalla, 24jd; Half Circle/T/BFT (Beaufort), 23d; M/R (Raglan), 22d; FT/B (Beaufort), 19jd.

Dalgely & Co. Ltd., Geelong, report (Feb. 24):—MD/Trawalla, 25jd, aa pcs 23d; JL/Raglan (portion of clip), 23d, cbk 21jd; GBC/Warrapingo (Beaufort), 22jd, cbk 20jd; The/Grange/Bt (Beaufort), cbk 20jd.

GIFTS TO ARMY
GENEROSITY OF MAJOR PHILIP RUSSELL, OF CARRNGHAM STATION.

Up to the end of last year the Minister for the Army (Mr. Ford) says nearly £1,200,000 worth of gifts in cash and kind had been received by the Army. He expressed appreciation of the generosity of Major Philip Russell, of Carrngham Station, who in the past three years has donated equipment valued at £24,000. Major Russell's donations include two advanced dressing stations and three Bren gun carriers. The first donation was made in March, 1941, and one was made last month. We might add that Major Russell gave £10,000 straight out to the First Liberty Loan, and his smaller gifts to patriotic organisations must by now aggregate a large sum of money. In addition to all that he has trained for nearly four years with the Beaufort V.D.C., travelling about 40 miles to attend parades often twice a week. He held the rank of captain in A Company, but for a long time was only a private in the Beaufort Platoon. He served as a major with the British Army in the 1914-18 War, and was awarded the Military Cross. Further comment would be superfluous. Major Russell's actions speak for themselves.

Mrs. Russell is the hardworking secretary of the Carrngham branch of the Australian Comforts Fund, and her son and daughters are all ardent workers for the benefit of the troops.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO.
Seventy years ago tenders were invited for the erection of goods sheds at Burumbeet and Beaufort railway stations. — "Ballarat Courier."

RAINFALL.
The rainfall at Beaufort for January was 138 points, and for February 76 points; making a total of 214 points to date.

VISIT OF Y.W.C.A. VICE-PRESIDENT.
Mrs. Arthur Grenfell, who is on her way to Australia by air, is a prominent personality in the International Organisation of the Y.W.C.A., of which she is world vice-president. In 1942 she deputised for Mrs. Churchill on a tour of Y.W.C.A.'s in Canada and the U.S.A., and is closely associated with the Prime Minister's wife in the Y.W.C.A. work in England. Mrs. Churchill is president of Y.W.C.A. War Services. Mrs. Grenfell, who is spending a month in India before coming on to Australia, hopes to meet as many Australian women as possible, and to get a comprehensive picture of their part in the war effort and their hopes for the world of the future. She will bring with her first-hand news of the work of the women of Britain.

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BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL Committee Meeting.

The first meeting of the Beaufort School Committee for the year was held at the Shire Hall on Monday night. Six members and the newly-appointed head teacher (Mr. M. Robinson) were present. The meeting was held in the early part of the evening by Mr. W. J. Scriven, and during the latter portion by Mr. C. V. Wylie. Mr. Scriven heartily welcomed the new head teacher, and hoped he would be long with them, and that they would have the same harmonious relations with him as with his predecessor.

Mr. H. J. Buchanan (correspondent) in endorsing these remarks, hoped that Mr. Robinson's stay in Beaufort would be a happy one for his wife and himself, and also a period of improvement for the school.

Mr. Robinson, in his special welcome, said he was settling down very well, and found the people very friendly, and was sure his stay here would be a happy one. He pointed out that the school was still in the pioneering stage. They had had some raising of the status of teachers, and now they had to get the status of teaching raised. The need for reform was a reduction in the size of classes. Before any change of method could take place in regard to teaching, they had to reduce their numbers. The big thing in the committee's talks about schooling and teaching generally should be reduction of classes. He would leave the more particular aspect, in regard to school libraries, etc., till later.

Correspondence was read from Mr. Robinson stating he had taken over the position of head teacher.

A lengthy letter was read from Mrs. Worsley, secretary of the Mothers' Club, in regard to heating the science room of the school with electric current. The committee was asked to apply to the Education Department for a certificate as to the essentiality of the work to be sent to the Department of War Industry.

From J. Churchward, Public Works Inspector, he said that he would call on his next visit. He also gave his opinion as to the requirements in the science room.

A letter was also read from the Education Department, stating that a permit had been forwarded to the local electrician, Mr. Hall, for the material required.

In answer to the chairman, the correspondent said Mr. Hall was satisfied he could get the material, but he would not commence the work till the inspector instructed him. In regard to what was to be done.

Mr. C. V. Wylie, moved that the committee write to the Public Works Department, asking for an immediate inspection. Seconded by Mr. J. Duke, and carried.

It was decided, on the motion of Messrs. J. Cole and S. Emerson, to meet in future at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

The matter of granting on the playing oval is to be allowed to remain in abeyance for the present.

Mr. Robinson reported that there were about 177 children in the junior school and 74 in the senior school. Four of their lads had passed for an entrance examination for a technical school, but only one was able to take advantage of it on account of the irregularities. A senior lady teacher (Miss Carney) would arrive on the 14th, and a fourth class teacher was likely to come also. Miss Grace Campbell had been appointed junior teacher on probation. The school would take some time to settle down, — he had not quite settled down himself yet.

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MOTOR CAR TYRES IMPOSSIBLE TO SUPPLY.

Canberra, 23rd Feb. Numerous applications for tyres had been received by the Supply Department. It was impossible to supply all demands and the fact should be appreciated by the Acting Minister for Supply, Dr. Ewart, said to-day.

"Despite rigid control of distribution there were not sufficient tyres in Australia to keep vehicles in commission," Dr. Ewart said. "To avoid serious disruption of transport, particularly in farming areas, the utmost co-operation will have to be shown by vehicle users. Graziers and primary producers are a most important section of our community. In some areas War Agricultural and Transport Advisory Committees have made arrangements for community carting. Under this system one vehicle is used for the transport of the whole of the district, and the maximum use of regular vehicles is essential in all States."

Dr. Ewart said State Transport officers in country districts had been asked to make very strict enquiries into all applications for transfers, and among matters which they are required to establish are: (a) whether any particular advantage has been taken of the preferred priority rating in the past to obtain parts and/or rubber; (b) the actual condition of both vehicles concerned; and (c) whether it is necessary for the present port ration to remain where it is desired that the truck should be placed in the lower priority of 8, because of the actual function of the vehicle (perhaps carting water, manure, etc., on a property).

"The crude rubber supply position is by no means satisfactory," Dr. Ewart added. "Since the occupation of rubber-producing countries in Japan, the Allies have been using rubber from existing stock piles. Australia's position has been greatly helped by the timely action of the Government in purchasing rubber from the East Indies. More-over, synthetic rubber production is steadily increasing. In spite of all this, tyre manufacture has not reached the stage where tyres can be made from synthetic rubber alone. It is necessary to use a percentage of crude rubber in the larger sizes of tyres made for defence and commercial purposes."

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appointed temporarily for the H.E. School, and also Mr. Gallery. The school work was proceeding, and changes in the staff would occur. This year they were making a drive for a school library. The Department would give up to £25 for every pound raised here. He had been assured that the Mothers' Club was making a drive for him, and the £25 would be found. That was most satisfactory. Teaching depended on the number of pupils they had under them. They liked nowadays to see the children in the school, and the information as they could for themselves by having the books around them. It was not what a child actually knew when he left school that mattered, but his knowledge and his knowledge. To gain that knowledge they were teaching children how to use books. He would hand over 50 odd collected for the library to the treasurer of the School Committee. Other equipment than books was also required for the school.

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MOTORING MISHAP.

Jack Whitty, of Crocker Street, Ballarat, met with a motoring mishap near Beaufort last week. He was coasting his car down the long hill, on the road at the Sailor's Gully turn, when the steering rod broke off, and the car ran off the road, and crashed into a culvert with a concrete wall. The front of the car was wrecked. A man 70 years of age was in the vehicle with the driver, and both of them escaped without a scratch.

TRANSFER OF PRIORITIES.

In view of a large number of applications being received from primary producers for permission to transfer their priorities, the Liquid Fuel Board has informed the R.A.C.V. that strict enquiries will be made in future to see that the right is not abused. Where a primary producer owns a truck and a car on the same property, the Board allows priority 4 for one vehicle and priority 8 for the other; it being the privilege of the owner to nominate the vehicle to be placed in priority 4. Because of the increase in requests for transfers the Fuel Board suspects that some owners are doing so to obtain tyres or other controlled parts that are not permitted for vehicles in priority 4. Local Transport Advisory Committees are therefore being asked by the Board to make very strict enquiries into all applications for transfers, and among matters which they are required to establish are: (a) whether any particular advantage has been taken of the preferred priority rating in the past to obtain parts and/or rubber; (b) the actual condition of both vehicles concerned; and (c) whether it is necessary for the present port ration to remain where it is desired that the truck should be placed in the lower priority of 8, because of the actual function of the vehicle (perhaps carting water, manure, etc., on a property).

BUSH FIRE RELIEF APPEAL.

The Bush Fire Relief Appeal has met with a magnificent response, both at Amphitheatre and Elmhurst. At Amphitheatre £188 has been contributed, and the treasurer (Mr. W. H. C. Ennis) states that further names may be added to the list. Mr. W. H. C. Ennis has furnished the Elmhurst list, and so far over £180 has been raised. A handsome Afghan rug, donated by Messdames J. C. Dyer, C. E. Kaye, and W. H. Kaye, realised £5/15. Mr. N. Byrne, of Ararat, won the rug.

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According to "The Radiator," the R.A.C.V. journal, those who framed the regulation prohibiting the use of gas producer units during bush fire danger periods have not provided for the many contingencies that may occur when the ban is suddenly imposed. What, asks "The Radiator," will be the position of the driver of a car or truck using a gas producer who goes into a bush fire area early in the morning, and the ban is imposed by wireless (as it was the last time) at, say, 11 o'clock? At the time he entered the area, he was committing no offence, and thereafter he has no means of learning of the proclamation. According to the daily press, users of gas were told by the police to dump the contents of their hoppers at the first convenient spot, but the "convenient spot" has not been defined. It is illegal to empty burning coals on any highway, or even in the stone dumping places erected by councils on many of our main highways. It will be a problem for many drivers to find a place in which live coals can safely be emptied out.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS. Lexton. Three popular Servicemen, Pte. Joe Brody, Dvr. Jack Murphy, and L/A.C. Tom Mann, were entertained in the Lexton A.N.A. Hall. The attendance was large, and music for dancing was played by Mrs. Leach and her daughters, Alice and Mavis. Messrs. D. G. Jackson (president of the Soldiers' Welfare League), C. E. Giles, and Jack Palmby delivered addresses, and expressed pleasure at seeing the young men home.

Streatham. Private Bill White visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. White, during the week-end. Miss Gladys White, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has returned to her home. A harvest thanksgiving service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday night. The preacher was the Rev. G. L. Johnson, of Skipton, who preached from the text, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

OBITUARY. MR. THOMAS LEWIS. Mr. Thomas Lewis, of Service Street, Ballarat, who died on the 28th February, was well known throughout the Murchison district, where he had a grazing property known as "Pinewick," where he resided until about 12 months ago, when he retired to live in Ballarat. He took a keen interest in local affairs in his day, and over a long period he was a staunch member of the Carriagham Presbyterian Church. The funeral took place to the Carriagham Cemetery on Monday, 28th February, when the Rev. S. J. Higginbotham, of St. Cuthbert's, Ballarat, officiated. The M.O.U.O.F. Lodge service was delivered by Bro. J. S. Douglas. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morcombe, and Miss E. Lewis (nieces and nephews). Mr. and Mrs. R. Cruickshank (Melbourne), and Miss Rose Newton (Melbourne), and the beautiful collection of floral tributes were presented by the Carriagham Presbyterian Church and Carriagham branch, A.C.F. The casket was carried by Messrs. H. Martin, A. Morcombe, W. Kerr, N. McIntosh, and W. P. Mathers. Arrangements were carried out by Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son.

WOOL APPRAISALS. Dalgety & Co., Melbourne, report (March 31):—Banonrig (Skipton), sup 1943 sup com: lms 20jd and 19jd. CARRIGHAM A.N.A. The quarterly meeting of the Carriagham branch of the A.N.A. was held at the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday, 26th February. The president (Mr. Les. Fairbank) presided. The secretary reported three members had died, and the sum of £2/18 sick pay and quarterly accounts amounting to £2/15 were passed for payment. Notice of motion was given by Mr. McLean, that he intends to move at the next meeting of the branch that the sum of £5 be donated to bush fire sufferers to be given to needy cases where there are small children.

Snake Valley School. Miss J. Lawson has commenced duties at the Snake Valley State school as temporary assistant. Miss Lawson was transferred from Balwyn State school. BURRUMBEET PATRIOTIC SOCIALS The fortnightly social and dance, conducted by the Patriotic Committee, took place last Saturday night in the Burrumbeet Hall, and was one of the most successful of the series. The successful players were: Mrs. M. Messrs. S. Alexander, H. Kirkland, and J. Henderson; ladies, Mesdames Nunn, Findlay, White, and P. Henderson.

MONTHLY TAX FOR THREE MONTHS. To recover 25 per cent. of the year's tax, which it claims separately, the Government will have extra assessments issued to cover the period from April to June, 1944. The Government intends to forego the remaining June 30 taxpayers are required to lodge a return of income for the financial year 1943-44. In preparation for the Taxation Commission, the taxpayer will be required to pay the remaining 75 per cent. of his tax by the end of the year, leaving the balance of the year's tax to be paid in three instalments of 25 per cent. each, from July to September. The taxpayer's assessment, introduced by the Government, is dependent on the attitude of C.A.U., and if brought down, it will be accompanied by minor amendments to the Income Tax Assessment Act.

COUNTRY WOMEN. C.W.A. GROUP CONFERENCE AT ARARAT. An event to which members had been looking forward for some time, took place on Tuesday afternoon, March 11, at Ararat (writes the "Advertiser"), when a C.W.A. group conference was held in the town for the first time. The supper room of the Town Hall was attractively decorated for the occasion with agapanthus, kniphofias, dahlias, roses and phlox.

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT. TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS. At the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, before Mr. G. S. Catlow, P.M., a number of traffic cases came up for hearing. L. G. McNabb, an inspector under the Transport Regulation Board, charged Walter Herbert Gross with having, at Middle Creek, on 1st Nov., 1943, been the driver of an unlicensed commercial goods vehicle. Defendant did not appear.

AFTER TEN YEARS. The police believe that they have established the identity of the Albury "Prigina Girl," whose body was found in a culvert near Albury in 1934. The body has been identified as that of Linda Agostini, formerly of Carrol. A man has been arrested on a charge of murder.

BISHOP GREEN'S JUBILEE. The Right Rev. Dr. A. V. Green, formerly Bishop of Ballarat, will celebrate the jubilee of his consecration as a bishop on 1st May. The Archbishop will attend a service at St. James' Church, Ivanhoe, on that day to mark the occasion. The Archbishop of Ballarat, Ven. J. Best, who was one of Bishop Green's first students at St. Aidan's College, will accompany the Bishop. SAVE THIS PAPER FOR SALVAGE.

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TO THE P.M.—Dellar was not the contractor, only driving the truck. Constable J. O'Sullivan (Bendigo) stated that on 6th January he interviewed the defendant, Chapman, at Avoca, and in answer to questions, he said he was the registered owner of truck EN225. On 9th Nov. of last year it was on the Skipton-Beaufort road, and being driven by Dellar. The truck driver had been leased from him by Mr. Maher, a charcoal burner, who was unable to get a railway truck and had to supply a load of charcoal to Mortlake. He said he had been paid £5 a day for the truck and driver. Defendant admitted that Mortlake would be well outside the radius of 20 miles. He said he had not applied for a permit for the truck to operate, and had left it to Maher. Defendant was only licensed to operate 20 miles from Avoca for cartage of general goods.

DEBT CASES. Dr. S. E. Humphrey proceeded against W. E. Willmott for the recovery of £72 owing for work and labour with 15/6 costs. Order for amount claimed, with 15/6 costs. J. R. Wetherpoon & Co. sued Edward Shaw for the recovery of £19/9/9 owing for goods sold and delivered. Order for amount claimed, with 11/6 costs.

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Snake Valley. The annual meeting of the Snake Valley Mechanics' Institute was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday, 4th inst. The president (Mr. H. H. Roddis) presided. Correspondence from the Institute regarding the exchange of books was read, and the secretary was instructed to prepare a list of books that could be exchanged. It was decided to hold a day of bowling competition on Labour Day. Mr. F. J. Webster (treasurer) reported a present membership of 62 and a credit balance of £44/12/0. A general discussion took place in regard to the Annual Day Appeal. Mr. McDonough moved that the money sent to the central fund for this year, be £100. Mr. McLeod moved as an amendment, that they carry on as usual, and after a vote had been taken, they considered sending a percentage to the central fund.

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Homes for Blinded Service Men. SOLDIERS' LEAGUE Committee Meeting. Prior to the monthly meeting of the Ripon Sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, held on Saturday night at the Shire Hall, a meeting of the sub-committee appointed to report on soldier settlement was held. The sub-branch committee meeting was attended by 12 members, and presided over by Mr. C. H. McKay (president). Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. L. R. Scott, S. H. Hays, and R. J. Martin. The president said the sub-committee appointed to report on soldier settlement would do so later.

Waubra. To arrange details in connection with the 1944 exhibition, the residents of Waubra and district met on Wednesday night. Haddon. Under the auspices of the School Committee, a picnic was held at the Ballarat Gardens on 11th March. Sports for the children were in charge of the head teacher, and those for adults in charge of Mr. Cahill, and those for Mrs. D. Cahill will be held on Friday, 31st March, 1944, at the Ballarat Race Course. The program is as follows:—Merino: 1/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15/16/17/18/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59/60/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69/70/71/72/73/74/75/76/77/78/79/80/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89/90/91/92/93/94/95/96/97/98/99/100.

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BEAUFORT GROUP, C.W.A.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT ARARAT

Annual Conference of the Beaufort Group, C.W.A., held at Ararat Town Hall, Tuesday, 29th February, 1944.

Delegates were present from the following branches:—

Ararat: Mrs Joyce, Mrs Lambie. Avoca: Mrs Mills, Mrs Shields. Beaufort: Mrs Young, Miss Kirkpatrick.

Burrumbet: Mrs Thomas, Elmhurst: Mrs Kaye, Mrs Gallager. Skipton: Mrs Johnson, Mrs Gilbert. Tatyoon: Mrs Cooper, Mrs Stewart. Willaura: Mrs Barnes, Mrs Habel.

Mrs Joyce, President of Ararat Branch, welcomed Mrs Bennett, ex-State President; Miss Stewart, Group President; Miss Exell, Group Secretary; delegates, and fellow-members, to the first Group Conference to be held at Ararat. Dainty baskets of flowers were presented to the Group President and Secretary, and a tiny spray to each delegate.

Then followed the National Anthem and C.W.A. Collect, read by Miss Stewart.

Miss Stewart (Group President), who occupied the chair, then welcomed Mrs Bennett, and presented her with a beautiful basket of flowers.

Apologies were received from Streamtham, Waubra, Miss Foster, and Mrs Claridge.

The Group Secretary then read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held at Beaufort in March, 1943.

These were received on the motion of Mrs Habel (Willaura), seconded by Mrs Johnson (Skipton), and carried.

The correspondence read by the secretary included several letters nominating Mrs Cooper, of Tatyoon, and one seconding these nominations, as the next group president. The correspondence was received, on the motion of Mrs Shields (Avoca) seconded by Mrs Kaye (Elmhurst). Carried.

The Secretary read the Balance-sheet, showing a credit balance of £16 5/9, which was received, on the motion of Miss Exell, seconded by Mrs Young (Beaufort). Carried. Mrs Lambie (Ararat) moved, and Mrs Moore (Elmhurst) seconded, that balance-sheet be adopted. Carried.

It was moved by Mrs Mills (Avoca), seconded Mrs Gilbert (Skipton), and carried, that the following accounts (total, £14/1) be passed for payment:—

Group President's Expenses, 1943-44: March term fare, £1/3; April, no charge; May till February (inclusive) at 1/3 each—£8/1.

Petrol for Annual Branch Meetings: Ararat, 80 miles; Burrumbet, 56 miles; Elmhurst, 85 miles; Streamtham, 37 miles; Willaura, 99 miles; total, 357 miles at 20 m. per gal. equals 16 gal. 18 gal. at 2/9, £2/9/6.

Telephone and stamps, 15/3. Total, £11/5/9.

Subscription to "Country Woman," 5/6. Mrs Bennett's train fare to Group Conference, £1/19/9.

Petty Cash (stamps and stationery), 10/.

Total, £14/1.

After much discussion, it was moved by Mrs Barnes (Willaura), seconded by Miss Kirkpatrick (Beaufort): "That £10 be invested in a War Savings Certificate." Carried.

The Group President presented her report. Miss Stewart stated that she had attended eight State Executive meetings and visited seven branch annual meetings. Every branch was urged to have an overseas link and also one within the Commonwealth.

Miss Stewart then thanked the branches which had nominated her as Group President; also the branch officers and members for their co-operation and understanding help at all times. She also thanked Miss Exell, who had been willing and efficient secretary and always happy and successful term of office.

Mrs Cooper replied, thanking members for electing her as Group President, also for the flowers and good wishes.

Miss Stewart returned to the chair, as Mrs Cooper does not take office until June.

Then followed the election of Group Secretary. Mrs Fairs and Mrs Stewart nominated, and as result of secret ballot, Mrs Stewart (Tatyoon) was elected, and declared the incoming Group Secretary.

The meeting then adjourned for afternoon tea, which was provided by the Ararat Branch.

When the meeting resumed, Mrs Bennett thanked the Group and Branch for their welcome and flowers, and then she gave a chat on various sections and aspects of the C.W.A. and its activities.

Mrs Bennett mentioned that there was a movement commencing to amalgamate the C.W.A. in the States into the Country Women's Association of Australia. This would give the Association tremendous power.

Mrs Bennett gave an inspiring and instructive address on Handicrafts, and concluded by reading an article from one of the Canadian Women's Institutes' Books, defending crafts in a most educational manner.

Mrs Bennett was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Mrs Cooper (Ararat), seconded Mrs Joyce (Ararat), and carried with acclamation.

Then followed the general business. It was moved by Mrs Joyce (Ararat), seconded by Mrs Thomas (Burrumbet), and carried, that letter of thanks to be sent to the auditor, Mr Prowse.

Resolution from Ararat, moved by Mrs Joyce (Ararat), seconded by Mrs Stewart (Tatyoon): "That when a group forwards a resolution to the Annual Conference, no branch or individual member of that group be permitted to speak against it at the Annual Conference." The motion was lost.

Resolution from Ararat, moved by Mrs Joyce (Ararat), seconded by Mrs Kirkpatrick: "In view of recent scientific advances in the treatment of mental disorders, that the Government be asked to bring the Department of Mental Hygiene into line with modern (Continued next column).

MUNICIPAL NOTES. Neighboring Shires.

ARARAT COUNCIL.

At the monthly meeting of Ararat Shire Council on Friday, March 17, a letter was read from Bush Fire Brigades Committee, asking for approval for the delegation of authority to Buangor and Middle Creek brigades, and for the appointment of H. P. Downie, of Buangor, as fourth lieutenant. — Cr. Vanstan moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried.

From Shire of Ripon, asking if the Council would co-operate in making a pitched crossing at Harris creek on the east and west boundary road, between the properties of Brennan Bros. and the estate of the late A. Dunn, at a cost of £16. The Ripon Council would carry out the work. — Overseer to inspect and report.

From Carranballac Bush Fire Brigade, suggesting that the Council provide equipment and labour to burn roads with assistance of adjoining landholders as soon as grass will permit, roads to be selected by riding councillors in conference with bush fire brigade representatives, selection to be made before 1st July each year, and compel adjoining landholders to plough a break of at least 9 furrows on road the full length of their boundaries; arrange legal indemnity for labour engaged. — Cr. Hucker — It was too late to take action this season. He moved that the letter be deferred for three months. Seconded by Cr. Coad, and carried.

From Carranballac Bush Fire Brigade, stating that the brigade could not see its way clear to cover the expense of a new tank, but trusted that the Council would erect same at their own expense. — Deferred for three months.

From H. H. Hooke, Buangor, directing attention to a section of the road opposite McPherson's, at the junction of the Buangor and Woodnaggerak parish boundaries. A side track could be formed simply with the grader.— The president (Cr. Brebner) — The road was very bad. He moved that the engineer reform the road. Seconded by Cr. Vanstan, and carried. — "Ararat Advertiser."

(Continued from preceding column).

mental therapy." This motion was enlarged upon by several speakers, and carried unanimously.

Resolution from Tatyoon: "Tatyoon thinks that the levy for Group President's area expenses should not exceed the amount of annual subscription. The levies we were considering are the Annual Effort portion of subscription to Headquarters and Area Expenses." The motion lapsed.

Resolution from Beaufort, moved by Miss Kirkpatrick (Beaufort), seconded Mrs Thomas (Burrumbet): "Supervision and organising of burning of fire breaks be intensified early in the season in each district." The motion was carried.

Resolution from Beaufort, moved by Mrs Young (Beaufort), seconded Mrs Johnson (Skipton): "Each Branch to make a special effort to assist more generously the C.W.A. Canteen at Quorn." Motion was carried.

The place of the next Annual Conference was discussed, and it was agreed that Ararat was the most central place. Moved by Mrs Joyce (Ararat), seconded by Mrs Barnes (Willaura), that the 1945 Conference be held in Ararat. Carried.

Moved by Mrs Mills (Avoca), seconded Mrs Lambie (Ararat), that the Annual Conference be held at Burrumbet as soon as practicable. Carried.

Brought forward by Mrs Habel (Willaura): "That seats should be numbered to correspond with tickets, and tickets sold accordingly." The motion lapsed.

Mrs Cooper (Tatyoon) moved, Mrs Johnson (Skipton) seconded: "That the Secretary write to Miss Strong, and include Miss Ruth Scott, and convey the meeting's congratulations and good wishes." Carried.

It was decided that the Secretary write to Miss Scott, re arrangements for a demonstrator to come to the district in the near future.

Branch reports were read, and these were received, on the motion of Mrs Gallager (Elmhurst), seconded Mrs Mills (Avoca). Carried.

Mrs Kaye (Elmhurst) moved, Mrs Mills (Avoca) seconded, a vote of thanks to Ararat for their kindness and hospitality. Carried with acclamation.

Mrs Joyce (president) responded, and moved a vote of appreciation and thanks to the retiring Group President and Secretary. This was seconded by Mrs Cooper (Tatyoon), and supported by Mrs Johnson (Skipton), and carried.

Miss Stewart responded, and the meeting then closed.

BEAUFORT GROUP, C.W.A. BALANCE SHEET, 1943-1944.

RECEIPTS.

Bank Balance, 10/3/43 £ s. d.
Interest 20 6 5
Area Quotas 0 5 10
Total 9 8 3

EXPENDITURE.

Bank Balance, 29/2/44 £ s. d.
Stamps, Stationery, 16 6 9
Note Books 2 3 3
Group President's Expenses, 10 3 0
Printing Annual Report 1 7 6

Total £30 0 6

This Balance-sheet was audited and found correct by Mr J. W. Prowse, Beaufort Group.

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ORDERS AFFECTING MOTORISTS.

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V.A.O.C. GUIDES LOST PLANE.

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