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Advantages of Consolidated Schools.

BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL Committee Meeting.

An important matter—consolidated schools—cropped up at Monday night's meeting of the Beaufort School Committee. Mr J. Duke was voted to the chair, and five members and the head teacher (Mr L. Robinson) attended. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. W. J. Scriven (chairman) and J. Cole.

Mr L. R. S. Dalrymple, of Maryborough (former head teacher), wrote expressing satisfaction at the H.E. School results.

An account for 9/ was passed for payment, on the motion of Messrs. S. Emerson and A. J. Hughes.

The head teacher expressed pleasure with the work done at the school recently. He said the electrical heating apparatus, for which they had to thank the Mothers' Guild, was working well. Twenty-five pounds worth of books had arrived, and the shelves were ready. He thanked the School Committee for their assistance being very welcome. The school attendance was keeping about the same. They were taking new pupils under six on July 1st for the first half-year.

The acting chairman thanked the committeemen who took part in the working bee at the school.

The correspondent (Mr H. J. Buchanan) said the Church of England vestry members had given them a great deal of help, and the ladies had provided afternoon tea.

It was decided to send a letter of thanks to the Church of England ladies, on the motion of Messrs. Hughes and Wyllie.

The head teacher said they were trying to work in quietly a youth movement, and had already run hiking and cycling trips, which had proved very popular. Mr J. Gallery had kindly acted as leader. He wanted the decisions made by the children themselves, and a musical evening had been mooted. They wanted the children here to be able later on to take charge of a good youth centre. Later, when the age of leaving was raised to 15 years, the school would probably have to move to a new site.

The head teacher also mentioned that they had planted some hundreds of trees in the school plantation.

The acting-chairman said it was very pleasing that the teachers were taking an interest in the outings for the children.

The head teacher said he proposed to have some tree-planting at the entrance gate. The school was eligible for another £50 worth of books on 1st July.

The acting-chairman said the Mothers' Club had done a fine job in raising £25 for the books and also the money for the heating apparatus.

The correspondent reported that a job (alteration of a partition in the building) had been wanted at the school, and they had decided to get it done at a cost of £6; £5 coming from their unspent funds.

The head teacher said the alteration had proved satisfactory.

The matter of thinning out the school plantation was discussed, and it was decided, on the motion of Messrs. Wyllie and Hughes, to write to the Australian Paper Mills, making enquiries in regard to pulping timber, and to a Ballarat miller in reference to casing timber.

Mr Wyllie said that, roughly between 50 and 60 per cent of the trees could come out.

The correspondent pointed out that this matter had nothing to do with the committee. They could do nothing without the sanction of the trustees.

Mr Wyllie asked if anything could be done to prevent anyone burying dead dogs in the plantation reserve.

The correspondent was instructed to bring the matter under the notice of the health inspector, through the shire secretary.

Mr Duke was given permission to cut some gums for firewood in the plantation enclosure, on the motion of Messrs. Wyllie and Hughes.

It was resolved to inspect the plan of the gravel reserve and see if some big bluegums inside the school plantation fence could be cut; the intention being to sell them for poles.

The head teacher said nearly 10,000 trees would have been planted by next year, and they should have a little ceremony.

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS.
Speaking on the subject of consolidated schools, the head teacher said the one-teacher school was becoming out of date, and when the war finished the leaving age would be 15, which demanded a different type of education, such as technical subjects for the boys and domestic science subjects for the girls.

Victoria was lagging behind most countries in education. Consolidated schools took in all outside schools, and there was one school for an area; the children being brought in by motor conveyance. Three buses would be required, and there would be between 300 and 400 children at the school. The Higher Elementary School could then be changed into a High School, so that children could take their leaving subjects here, instead of going to Ballarat. There would also be a technical wing, which would give a certain amount of technical training. There would be more teachers for the primary school, and the children would get better training. Their present school site would be inadequate. They would look for a school site on flat ground of about seven or eight acres, in which a school community could be formed. The outlying schools in the area would have first to consent to their schools being closed and their children coming in here. Three of these consolidated schools were being tried out in Victoria, and he thought the system would come.

The correspondent read a letter received some time ago from the Education Department, to the effect that Beaufort's claims would be considered when consolidated schools were being established. The correspondent added that at that time he believed the Department had endeavoured to get the views of outlying schools on the matter.

The acting-chairman said he thought eight schools would be affected. He suggested a conference of the different schools.

The head teacher referred to the broadening of modern education in regard to physical training and medical and dental services.

The matter of consolidated schools was deferred for discussion at next meeting.

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DIAMOND JUBILEE

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CELEBRATION AT LILLAREA.

To be still classing for eight shearers annually at Lillarea at the age of 83 is the proud record of Mr Angus Cameron, an old pioneer of the Western districts of Queensland, and a foundation member of the Hughenden Show Committee, the Hughenden Jockey Club, and the Flinders Club. He has acted as sheep and cattle judge on numerous occasions, and last year he visited Cleeve at the request of two northern graziers to select and purchase for them 250 rams. The fact is that Mr Cameron, still hale and hearty at his advanced age, is one of the oldest living identities of the Muttaborra, Winton, and Tangorin districts.

Angus Cameron, who is a native of Miles Creek, Clunes, Victoria, where he was born on the 13th September, 1860, came to Hughenden on 15th January, 1883, from Trawalla Station, Victoria, under engagement to Mr W. W. D. Evelyn, Landsborough Downs. But his heart was still in Victoria, for he returned there on 4th June, 1884, and married Margaret Jane McIntosh, a native of Beaufort, where she was born on 4th November, 1862.

Thus the 4th June, 1944, marked a great day in the lives of this happy couple, for it is not the lot of many to celebrate the diamond jubilee of their wedding, but that was duly celebrated on Sunday, 4th June, when the gathering of relatives and friends at the home of Mr and Mrs A. Cameron's son at Lillarea, Aramac, enjoyed a special programme in honour of the celebrating couple, which was presented from 4LG at 1 p.m., with Mr M. J. O'Regan ("Mike") to do the honours at the microphone and to play an appropriate musical programme. Listeners all over the West were thus able to participate in this singular event, which is unique and worthy of notice.

Mrs Cameron came from Victoria to join her husband at Landsborough Downs on 25th July, 1885, and they remained there for four years. They then went to Rockwood Station, where Mr Cameron was overseer at the outstation of Glenariff for 17 years.

Mr Cameron is one of those grand old pioneers who accomplished much by sheer grit, determination and hard work, and for his age performs some remarkable feats. Recently he walked from the homestead to the bore-head and the return—a distance of 18 miles, without any apparent effort. He performs three weeks' classing without glasses. In May this year he classed 364 bales without glasses, and a reflection of his ability is seen in the advice recently received that Lillarea wool topped the market at Dalgety's last sale.

Mr and Mrs Cameron reared a family of four sons and five daughters—Donald (a returned soldier and an artillery instructor at Geelong), A. J. Cameron (Lillarea), Archie (well-known theatre proprietor, Hughenden), John Allan (prisoner of war in Java). The daughters are Mrs R. F. Spink (Tully), Mrs Rae (Townsville), Mrs Jorgenson (Victoria), and Ivy and Margaret (Townsville). There are also 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Both Mr and Mrs Cameron enjoy good health and the blessing of long life and a happy partnership, which has lasted 60 years, is indeed an event worthy of celebration.

Mr and Mrs Angus Cameron, whose home is at 21, The Avenue, Hermit Park, Townsville, were the guests of their son and daughter-in-law at Lillarea on 4th June, when there was a large gathering to fetter the couple.

Two of Mr Cameron's sons, Don and Alex., attended the Beaufort school about 40 years ago.

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HOW DOES IT AFFECT MY STANDARD OF LIVING?

At the best, we will eat what officials decide we may eat—wear what they allow to be manufactured—have such comforts of such standard as they may think fit. The experiment of control of industry by inexperienced politicians and economic theorists is highly dangerous. The price of failure would be economic chaos and disaster.

HOW DOES IT AFFECT MY JOB?

The referendum proposals mean industrial conscription. We would be deprived of our rights to choose our job. We would be forced to go wherever manpower authorities would direct us. Otherwise we would be guilty of a criminal offence.

HOW DOES IT AFFECT MY LIBERTY AND SECURITY?

The issue is whether reconstruction is to be by way of individual freedom or by way of Governmental regimentation following a blueprint approved by politicians and economic theorists. Concentration of power in the hands of Canberra politicians and officials destroys responsibility in Government. We would have no contact with our real rulers and would find our liberties whittled away without the opportunity of voicing a protest.

VOTE NO
AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTIONAL LEAGUE
A "No" Vote does not deprive the Government of ample powers for post-war reconstruction, for reinstating servicemen and munition workers, and for guarding against unemployment and depression.
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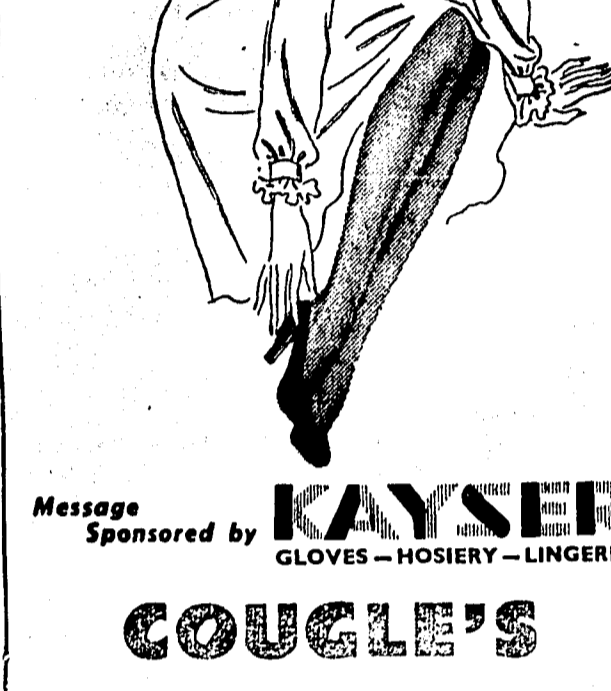
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R.V.I.B. AUXILIARY Annual Meeting. Miss E. Lewis (president) occupied the chair, and 13 members attended the annual meeting of the Beaufort R.V.I.B. Auxiliary, held in the Shire Hall on Thursday afternoon, 13th inst.

B.N. HOSPITAL. Committee Meeting. The monthly meeting of the Beaufort B.N. Hospital Committee, on Monday night, July 10th, at the Shire Hall, was attended by 10 members; Mr A. R. Beggs (president) presiding.

THE ANNUAL REPORT. We are pleased to be able to report a very successful effort on behalf of the local auxiliary. The annual musicale was held in the Picture Theatre on 10th Sept., 1943. An excellent programme was supplied by local artists, and Mr Webber (organising secretary) addressed the meeting. A letter was received from Mr Hedger (superintendent and secretary), acknowledging receipt of the sum of £20 sent along by the treasurer. The branch was credited with £112/3. Two boxes of eggs were also sent. Life governorship certificates were presented to Mrs Dowling, Mrs West, and Miss Betty Russell.

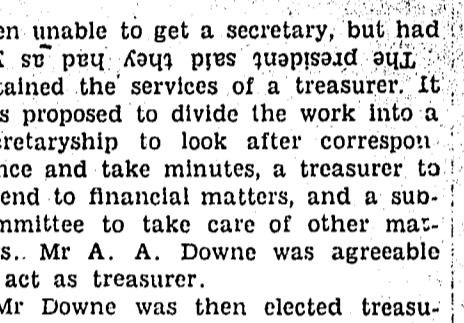
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BEAUFORT A.N.A. The president (Mr C. V. Wyllie) was in the chair and nine members were present on Tuesday night, 11th July, at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort A.N.A. branch. Correspondence was read from the A.N.A. Council in regard to a meeting of district secretaries. The Board wrote asking for further particulars in regard to the branch's request that a protest be made against employment of prisoners of war by farmers.

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WHAT DOES CANBERRA KNOW ABOUT WILSON'S GULLY? If the Referendum is carried, our way of life will be decided by officials in the remoteness of Canberra. The great distances in Australia increase the danger that Canberra rule will become undemocratic, impersonal and unsympathetic to our needs. During the war, we have excused the bungling and arrogance of Canberra officials. But when peace comes, we will want to decide our future without too much needless interference by Government Departments. A No Vote does not deprive the Government of ample powers for post-war reconstruction, for reinstating servicemen and munition workers, and for guarding against unemployment and depression. Vote NO against the Manpower Referendum. AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTIONAL LEAGUE. 31, Adelaide St., Melbourne.

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With conditions ideal for football, the Lake and Beaufort made the most of it and put on their splendid side. The honours this time went to the local Magpies, which they rightly deserved. Mr. Corring again did a good job with the whistle. We convey our thanks to the referee, Mr. J. L. Denigan, who gave the lads each Saturday. The Lake lads were well served by Hinton and Waddell who played consistently well all through the game. The Kirks were a solid combination in defence. Mr. Pin Bain and Veteran Alf Brown did plenty of hard work for their side. All the Magpies played right up to the top form. Johnnie Martin played brilliantly at full back, and was well supported by Coogan, Cleary and Midge Duke. Johnnie Irving made up successfully for the loss of his sidekick, Alf Campbell. Geoff Farrelly, at centre half, was a real thorn to the Lake-siders. Fergie, on one wing, had a real good day, and Pymble Anderson held his own on the other. Skipper Alton received his share of kicks. Jack Bates showed that he has plenty of football ability, and Coogan did a good job at wing, who interpreted the rules in a way that gave general satisfaction. Other officials—Timekeepers, Messrs. A. Bain, Junc., and A. McGregor; goal umpires, Messrs. J. Waddell, J. Miller, and W. Ward; gatekeepers, Messrs. S. Duncan and A. Kirkpatrick.

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A. R. BEGGS,
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PERCY T. STEVENSON,
Hon. Secretary.

TOWN BAND. Annual Meeting.

Although the weather was very in-
clement on Wednesday night, July 19,
there was an attendance of 15 towns-
men and members at the annual meet-
ing of the Beaufort Town Band. Mr J.
Duke (president) presided. Apologies
were received for the absence of Messrs
A. Campbell, R. C. Hodgetts, J. Irving,
F. J. Blay, J. Healey, and C. W.
Broadbent.

Balance-sheet and Annual Reports.

The balance-sheet for the past year
showed:—Receipts, £205/11/3; expen-
diture, £136/2/2; credit balance, £69
9/1. The year commenced with a credit
balance of £69/4/2. The band also
holds War Loan bonds totalling £30, and
£18 in War Savings Certificates; mak-
ing a total credit balance of £117/9/1.
Receipts brought in £71/13/10, and eu-
chre socials £41/7/7.

The president, in moving the adop-
tion of the balance-sheet, said the band
was in a very sound financial position,
and complimented the secretary (Mr
F. S. Latch) on the way he had looked
after the accounts.

In seconding the motion, Mr H. J.
Buchanan said the position of the band
reflected credit on the small number
of enthusiasts who ran the euchre socials
and the recitals.

The motion was carried.

The following comprehensive report
was submitted by the secretary:—

The Beaufort Town Band commenced
the last financial year with a Cr. bal-
ance of £69/4/2, and finished up, after
investing £30 in the Victory Loan, with
£69/9/1 at credit. The balance-sheet
submitted to this meeting was audited
by Miss Waddingham and Mr Angus
Cougle. All expenditure was carefully
considered and authorised by your
committee. The band was proud to as-
sist the Patriotic Gymkhana, held dur-
ing last December, and raised approxi-
mately £19, as well as leading the pro-
cession to the Park and playing dur-
ing the afternoon. Monthly recitals
supported by the Are You an Artist
competition, were given during the
year, and one open air recital. Pro-
grammes were rendered at the Beaufort
Bush Nursing Hospital's garden fete,
and the patriotic sports meeting at
Lexton, and we assisted on Anzac Day
both at the march and the sacred ser-
vice at the Memorial Park. Your band-
master's report will deal further with
other activities. In conclusion, I would
thank my committee, players, band-
master, and band sergeant for help and
ready co-operation in all matters at
all times. We miss Mr Dalrymple
from our midst, and wish him happi-
ness in Maryborough. At Xmas, can-
teen orders were sent to our ex-band-
men in the Forces, and a special one to
Pte. G. Barrett, in hospital. Praise is
due to our president, the artists, and
their accompanists for making the re-
citals a success, and also to our town
and country supporters. A final word
of "well done" to our euchre tourna-
ment supervisors and supporters. —F.
S. LATCH, Hon. Secy.

Mr Duke said the band had also as-
sisted at the Raglan and Waterloo
sports.

The report was adopted, on the mo-
tion of Messrs. A. McGregor and F.
J. Martin.

The bandmaster (Mr R. Saddler)
submitted the following annual report:—
Since your last committee meeting,
the band has met on six occasions for
five practices and one Sunday night re-
cital. The usual good attendance that
has prevailed throughout the year has
been maintained on these parades. As
this is your annual meeting I give the
number of recitals, engagements, and
practices that have been held during
the year. These numbered in all 70
made up of 15 recitals, 6 engagements,
and 49 practices. The engagements con-
sisted of playing at Beaufort, Raglan,
Lexton, and Waterloo patriotic sports
meetings, the Beaufort Hospital, and
the Anzac Day ceremony. Although the
band has assembled on 10 more occa-
sions this year than the previous year,
a notable feature has been the good at-
tendance at all parades—an average of
78 per cent. for the 20 players who
have been on the roll the full year. For
top attendance, I find that two players
namely Bandsmen J. Martin and D.
Hughes, have tied for first place, with
the splendid average of 68 out of a pos-
sible 70. They were closely followed by
Bandsmen J. Stewart and J. Blay with
66, N. Cleary and D. Harrison, 65; A.
Cobden, 64; and F. Blay, F. Duke, and
M. Torney, 63—all splendid efforts. A
full list of all bandmen on roll who
have completed the year is attached. I
wish to thank all the bandmen for
their good attendance and co-opera-
tion, especially the old players who
have been instrumental in keeping the
band functioning. I would also like to
especially thank again this year Band-
sergeant Blay for taking over the band
during my absence. Bandsmen C. W.
Broadbent, J. Cuthbertson, and J.
Healy for travelling so far to parades
under adverse circumstances, and the
other old players who are at present in
the Services and have joined in with us
during their leave. In conclusion, as a
member of the euchre committee, I wish
to take this opportunity on their behalf,
to thank all patrons who have made our
weekly socials a success, especially
thanking our Ladies' Committee and
donors of goods. — R. SADDLER,

Bandmaster.

Mr Duke said the report reflected
great credit on the bandmaster and
bandmen.

The report was adopted, on the mo-
tion of Messrs. A. Whiting and J. Ste-
wart.

Mr Duke said he would give a second
War Savings Certificate this year for
the attendance prizes, in addition to Mr
Campbell's. There had been wonder-
ful attendance and support at their
Are You an Artist hour.

Election of Officers.

Mr H. J. Buchanan was appointed
temporary chairman to conduct the el-
ection of officers.

Mr Buchanan, commenting on the
bandmaster's report, said very few
country towns, large or small, had a
band. They had been fortunate to keep
one going, largely due to the presence
of Mr Saddler in the town. Such a re-
port as that was gratifying to anyone
trying to help along an institution that
was such an asset to the town.

Mr J. Duke was unanimously re-
elected president.

In installing Mr Duke, Mr Buchanan
said the choice was an excellent one,
and they knew the work Mr Duke had
put into the recitals, which had height-
ened interest in the band work.

Mr Duke, in responding, said if he
had helped the band, it had been a
pleasure to him. He hoped they would
soon be able to welcome the boys home,
including their bandmen now in the
Services.

The remaining officers were elected
as follows:—Vice-presidents, Messrs. A.
Campbell and H. J. Buchanan; secre-
tary, Mr F. S. Latch; treasurer, Mr H.
J. Buchanan; band sergeant, Mr F.
Blay; librarian, the bandmaster; com-
mittee, Messrs. A. S. Duncan, W. G.
Gillingham, A. J. Hughes, A. McGregor,
A. M. Parker, J. Stewart, F. J.
Martin, and A. Whiting.

General Business.

The future of the Are You an Artist
Competition was discussed.

The president suggested that they
have all who had won three times for a
final night, those who had won twice
on one night, and all who had won once
on another night.

Mr Saddler suggested holding a fi-
nal in each section over four nights,
and filling in the rest of each pro-
gramme with challengers and guest artists.
He also thought they should infuse
more variety into the juvenile novelty
section, by having either vocal or in-
strumental items.

After further discussion, Mr A. M.
Parker moved that they finalise each
section of the Are You an Artist Com-
petition in turn, at the discretion of
the committee. Seconded by Mr F. J.
Martin, and carried.

Mr A. S. Duncan, in accordance with
notice, moved that Rule 16 be altered
to the effect that the quorum for com-
mittee meetings be reduced from eight
to five. Seconded by Mr H. J. Buchan-
an, and carried.

Mr McGregor asked if the micro-
phone would be used again, as the pub-
lic had thought the singers would use
it.

The president said it was not used
for the singers, because he thought it
would not be fair to those who had
previously competed.

It was understood the microphone
would be used for the finals, if avail-
able.

The president suggested a debate
between the children of the various
schools at their recitals.

The next recital and Are You an Ar-
tist Competition were fixed for Sun-
day night, 30th July.

Mr Latch said some of their patrons
would like the quiz session improved.

Mr Duke said he could make it a
crossword puzzle session, if they liked.
The session filled in time while the votes
were counted.

Mr A. J. Hughes moved that the
usual honorarium of £5 be voted to the
secretary for his valuable services. In
seconding the motion, which was car-
ried, Mr Duke complimented the secre-
tary on his valuable services.

Mr Hughes, on behalf of the bands-
men, moved that a minute of apprecia-
tion be placed on the books of the work
of those who had conducted the card
socials and looked after the band in-
terests at the recitals at the hall. Sec-
onded by Mr F. J. Martin, and carried.

At the request of Mr McGregor, it
was decided that the card committee
purchase a new supply of cards, on the
motion of the president and Mr Martin.

The bandmaster informed the pre-
sident that the snowball was now worth
£6/4/.

The meeting closed with a vote of
thanks to the chair.

DEATH OF MR. J. CALLANDER.

Mr Joseph Callander, of Mariner St.,
Williamstown (formerly of Beaufort),
died last week at the age of 86 (writes
the "Advertiser"). His was a green old
age, for the accumulated years sat
lightly on him. To the last he main-
tained a cheeriness that bespoke a philoso-
phy of contentment, and he was wont
to make light of the disabilities insepa-
rable from the natural process of
slowing down for the terminal. Time
was when the late Mr Callander was a
favourite comedian in Coghill Bros.
old-time minstrel shows. What Ham-
let said of Yorick applied to old Joe:
"He was a fellow of infinite jest." Three
married, the deceased was the father of
16 children.

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