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SECOND VICTORY LOAN Are You Paying Your Way? To-day we have ample cause to know that our Navy, Army and Air Force have reached a stage of definite superiority over any corresponding forces which Germany and Japan can fling into the battle.

District quotas have been allotted as follows for the Second Victory Loan: Beaufort, £18,000; 200 subscribers; Skipton, £5500; 75 subscribers; Burrumbett, £2500; 30 subscribers; Lexington, £2500; 40 subscribers; Waufrua, £2500; 30 subscribers; Streatham, £1500; 20 subscribers; Waterloo, £1500; 15 subscribers.

OBITUARY. DR. J. R. HOBBS. The death occurred on September 26, at Mulwren, Western Australia, of Dr. Jack Rawlinson Hobbs, son of Mr. A. R. Hobbs of South Yarra, and the late Mrs. A. Rawlinson Hobbs, late of Geelong. Deceased, who leaves three sons, was the nephew of the late Miss Greenwood of Beaufort, and was well and favourably known to many old residents of this town.

RAIN FOLLOWS CLOSE WEATHER. Extremely oppressive weather on Saturday was followed by steady rain in the night, and it continued for the greater part of Sunday morning. The rainfall registered from Saturday night to 9 a.m. on Monday was 7.5 points, and further light showers fell during the day. Owing to a cold snap on Sunday and Sunday night, a number of new-plantings in the district died.

THREE EARLY FIRES. In addition to the bush fire which swept three acres in the forest, near Mr. A. Hayward's property, on the Lake Goldsmith road on Thursday, 28th September, another fire destroyed 10 chains of fencing in Mr. H. J. Buchanan's paddock, near Beaufort, and a third burnt 40 tons of wood in a 100-ton stockpile in Mr. M. Exell's paddock on the Stockyard Hill road, near the Long Hill.

WEDDING BELLS. JAENSCH-CLARKE. The marriage of May, eldest daughter of Mrs E. Clarke, of Footscray, and formerly of Ararat, and the late Allan Sydney Clarke, with Frank, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs H. Jaensch, formerly of Campbell Street, Ararat, Beaufort, and Traralgon, was celebrated on Saturday, the Rev. Father Leyden, officiating. The bride wore a dusty pink frock and hat and carried a bouquet of flowers in matching shades and she was attended by her sister, Miss Molly Clarke, blue. The bridegroom's nephew, Mr. P. D. Clarke, gave the bride away. After the ceremony, Mrs Clarke entertained the guests at 218 Wingrove St., Fairfield. "Ararat Advertiser."

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Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, OF 14 ARMSTRONG STREET SOUTH BALLARAT. Desire to announce that Mr. E. T. STEVENSON will continue to act as their DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE at his usual Office. Phone, Beaufort 21.

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Modern Music More Noise Than Tune. DANCING AT C.W.A. HALL. Conference Arranged.

IN regard to the matter of dancing at the Beaufort C.W.A. Hall, the following correspondence came before the Riponshire Council on September 19th. From Country Women's Association, with reference to conference with Hospital Committee concerning dancing at hall, "being felt that no further progress could be made at such discussions, and asking that the Council be requested to advise the Hospital Committee accordingly."

REPORT OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMMITTEE. The Electricity Supply Committee reported that a meeting was held on 11/9/44. It was resolved to call a meeting on 18/9/44. Mr. Russell moved that a report on the report of the committee be referred to the Council for consideration.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The secretary (Mr. N. B. Acton) submitted the following financial statement:—Sundry receipts banked, £1000; cash in hand, £1100/0/0; total, £2100/0/0. Balance forward, £1800/0/0; total, £3900/0/0.

FINANCE. The following accounts were passed for payment, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee:—D. Davy, £247/5/6; Snake Valley Water Supply, £141/18/4; Commissioner of Taxes, £19/12/6.

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RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL. Monthly Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council took place at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday. Present—Cr. J. Kirkpatrick (president), J. A. Hinton, T. W. Schlicht, M. Wain, A. C. Roddis, P. Russell, and D. McDonald.

From Country Roads Board concerning wheeled tractors. Cr. Russell said it was very vague. The letter was referred to the Machinery Committee.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

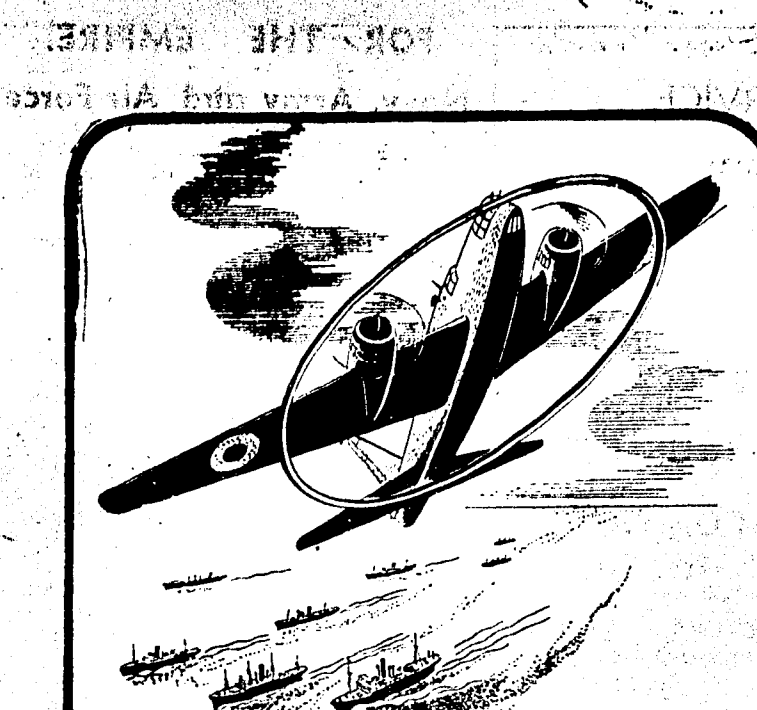
The shire engineer, (Mr. E. J. Muntz) reported as follows at the Council meeting on Monday. 1. The cooler weather has improved storage, and Troy's reservoir is now full.

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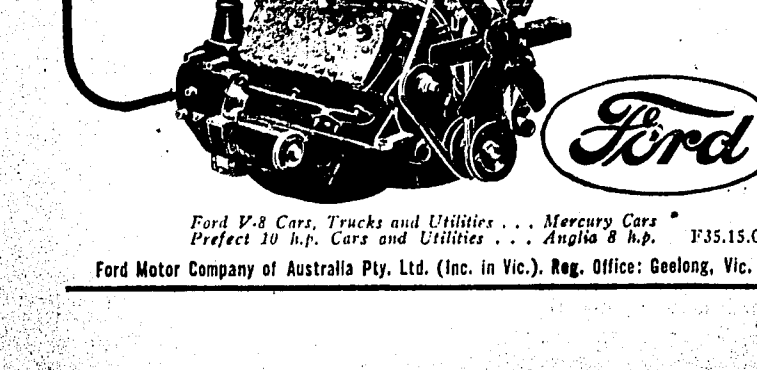
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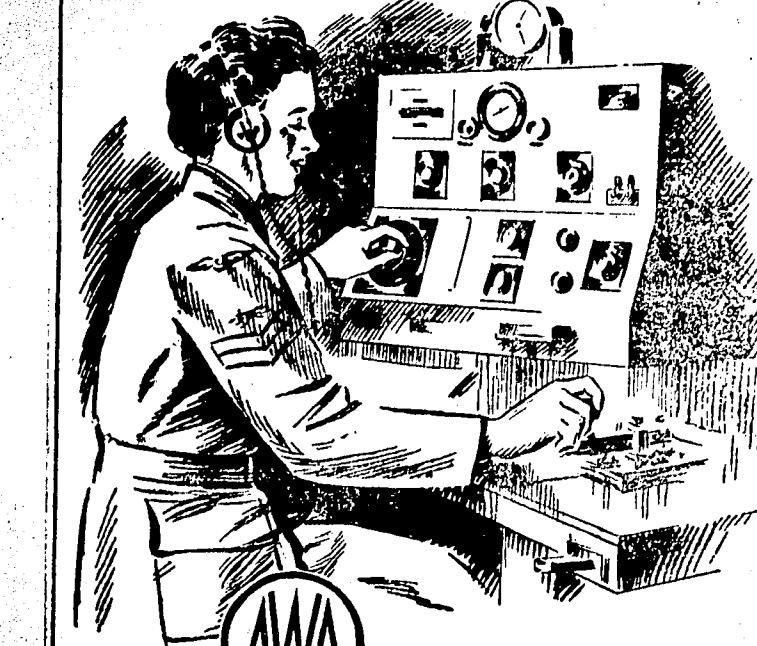
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SOLDIERS' LEAGUE Committee Meeting. THERE WAS A GOOD number of members (14) at the monthly meeting.

PROPOSED LOCAL INDUSTRY. The president said in regard to the proposed knitting mill, he had a talk to Mr Campbell, who said it would be a Government concern.

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ARM CUT BY WIRE. Mrs. G. Star, of Eurambene, received a nasty cut on the forearm from barbed wire.

SECOND VICTORY LOAN. The Beaufort Victory Loan Committee is pleased to announce that the 20th October 1943 has been contributed by 49 subscribers.

MOTOR ACCIDENT. Four Beaufort ladies who were on their way to Ballarat had a narrow experience on Wednesday morning, when the Sedan car in which they were travelling turned over on its side about two miles from Beaufort on the Western Highway.

FOOTBALL CLUB. Social Function. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES. ABOUT 60 players and supporters gathered on Wednesday night for a social evening held at Mr. A. Leveli's Cafe by the Beaufort Football Club to terminate a very successful season.

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RIPON PATRIOTIC AND COMFORTS CLUB. Xmas. Billy Fund. THE following additional donations to the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club's Xmas Billy Fund...

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS. Skipton. C.W.A. MEETING. The monthly C.W.A. meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute supper room on Friday, October 14th.

THE BALLARAT TRUSTEES COMPANY. Yearly Meeting. The Ballarat Trustees Company held its yearly meeting on Friday, October 14th, at 101 Lydiard Street, Ballarat.

PATRIOTIC GYMKHANA. Boxing Day Effort. (CR. Theo. W. Schlicht, president) was in the chair at the Shire Hall on Tuesday night at a meeting of the Boxing Day Patriotic Gymkhana Committee.

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USEFUL RAIN. A very useful rain fell on Sunday, from 10.30 to 11.30 p.m., and was a most welcome addition to the district.

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Buagor. The fortnightly meeting of the Middle Cross Red Cross branch was held in the Buagor Hall on Friday, October 14th.

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WILL THERE BE A SECOND BLACK DEATH?

(By F. SYKES).

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tons to the acre of hay, and this on land 800 ft. above sea level and for which none of my friends would say a good word when it was bought. Good average meadow land of the permanent grass type seldom gives more than one ton to the acre.

SCIENTIFIC COMPOSTING.
I have so far dealt with the first steps in the reclamation of a piece of worn-out land. Spectacular as are the results obtained, I am convinced they are only the beginning and that it is possible to raise the fertility of Chantry still further and to carry a much larger head of live stock. This can be achieved by converting the large volumes of unused straw and the other vegetable residues of the farm into muck and then into compost.

Once the mechanisation of the compost heap has been achieved and a tractor-driven muck-shifting crane becomes available, it will be possible to multiply the volume of farmyard manure by three or four and to improve its quality.
Such a machine is now being tested and will in all probability soon be available. Then all the wastes of the farm—vegetable and animal—can be returned to the soil in the shape of freshly prepared humus. In this way the full effects of subsiding and of the deep-rooting ley will be obtained and results now undreamt of will be available for all to see.

When the whole of the farms of England are farmed with compost—and I am sufficiently sanguine to hope that one day they will be—there is not the slightest doubt that we can grow enough food here of every kind (excepting citrus fruits, tea, coffee and the like, which represent a small amount in the aggregate) to sustain a population of more than twice that in Britain to-day.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.
But our experience at Chantry was not nearly so cut and dried, or so straightforward and easy, as the foregoing account might lead a reader to believe. We bought valuable cattle and put them on land which was couch-ridden and very infertile, and the ability of which to sustain life was so low that food of every kind had to be bought elsewhere to augment the supply of the poor herbage. Then heavy stocking and treading began to develop other troubles and, as always on dirty, foul, neglected land, disease of every kind began to show itself in the cattle. Contagious abortion—the most devastating of all complaints—mastitis, Johne's disease, tuberculosis, all took their toll, and before we were through with them all we lost cattle to the pre-war value of over £2000 (to-day's value—over £8000). The veterinary service could help us but little. As is usual, the course followed had to be devised by the farmer.

We decided to plough up the 750 acres. We determined to rely upon home-grown food, especially avoiding all factory compound foods and concentrates. Above all to apply artificials nowhere. After seven years of heart-breaking toil, with the added difficulties of wartime conditions thrown in for luck, we have (touching wood): (1) completely rid the farm of disease; (2) built up a large herd of home-bred, attested dairy cattle, tuberculin free for over three years now, and of a soundness of constitution to all critical appearance such that no expert would ever believe that any scourge had ever visited the farm. Moreover, as each succeeding generation of young stock is born they show unmistakable evidence of still greater stamina and endurance.

Now we did not bargain for all this trouble, and it was as unwelcome as it was unexpected. Our ability to deal with it, however, is something rather remarkable, for we have not only dealt with it, but got rid of it. How has this been done!

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.
To achieve this result we have based our policy on the premises that the health of the soil, the plant and the animal are interdependent; that the re-fertilisation of soil—the basis of life where we all begin—is biological and not chemical and can be accomplished only by the agencies of animal dung and urine acting upon the decaying vegetation of the farm to form humus; and that chemical fertilisers (particularly those of nitrogenous content) must not be applied to the land, because while they momentarily stimulate a crop they do noticeable damage to the soil. That these premises are sound is proved by the fact that twice in 15 years we have had serious diseases of animals to deal with. And, with humility, we have dealt with them.

THE LOGIC OF IT ALL.
Sir Albert Howard wishes me to write a book to record the whole of my experiences and accumulation of details of evidence to support the system of farming which has now been laid down for the land at Chute, and which, after much travail, is now working smoothly—and nothing short of a book will suffice to give me the space I need to set out the facts and results in their proper sequence and forcefulness. But in the space of this article he wishes

me briefly to set forth my views as to the urgent need for the wide application of my system of farming, if this country in particular and the world as a whole are to avoid the major catastrophes that may be lying not very far ahead. This task is by no means easy within the scope of a single article.

Therefore I will ask myself, what are the major lessons that I have learned after 29 years of farming observation? They are:

1. That the well-being of mankind is interdependent with that of the animal, the plant, and the living soil;
2. That a fertile soil is one rich in humus;
3. That whenever the humus content of the soil is depleted (as in the growing of a wheat crop), the humus must be replaced with more humus manufactured by the mechanism of biological processes, e.g., vegetable growth (as in grass) and its decay when ploughed (accelerated and activated by the micro-organisms of animal dung and urine).

And if the world as a whole adopted these hypotheses, what would be the result? A healthy, robust, and practically disease-free human race, because man—who is healthy according to the food he eats—would live on a healthy diet of wholesome and disease-free milk and animal products, healthy vegetables, wholesome bread, all grown on soil that was humus-sufficient and disease free.

FORCE OF HABIT.
And if the health of a nation is as simple as all that, why can we not adopt my system of farming to-morrow and in five years have a disease-free world? Because for over 100 years the world has laboured under a sad and pitiful delusion—that the re-fertilisation of land is chemical and not biological, and because there have grown up in England and America most powerful vested interests who will not allow the world to be disillusioned.

Then is there no hope for mankind? Yes, there is one hope—DISEASE!
The continued use of artificials on the one hand, which produces food of diminishingly efficient feeding value for both man and beast, is reducing vitality so low that resistance to the malignant bacteria of disease is becoming less. On the side of man's interest, notwithstanding the formation of the Ministry of Health with its myriads of enactments, its inoculations, its housing and its hygiene, with the spending of millions sterling, disease in man still defies the world. The source of all disease is in the food we eat which comes from the soil.

START THERE. Make a healthy living soil. Grow thereon a healthy plant. Produce a healthy animal, and in turn a healthy man, and the Ministry of Health can be liquidated in a very short time.
CONCENTRATES ARE HARMFUL.
The second mistake is the feeding of concentrated cakes and meals—the by-products of the soap and oil industries (which produce more powerful vested interests) to cattle and poultry to stimulate the production of unnatural quantities of meat, milk, eggs and poultry meat. I have cured disease in animals by cutting out the feeding of factory-made concentrates and substituting food like oats, peas and beans, and grass grown on humus-sufficient fertile land on the farm.

Two difficulties present themselves:
1. Farmers will not cease to use artificial fertilisers for their land, because they have been taught by clever propaganda over a long time that it is more profitable to use them for crop production than the keeping of and relying upon live stock, and they are averse to the wide use of humus because this involves labour which is unobtainable and costly.

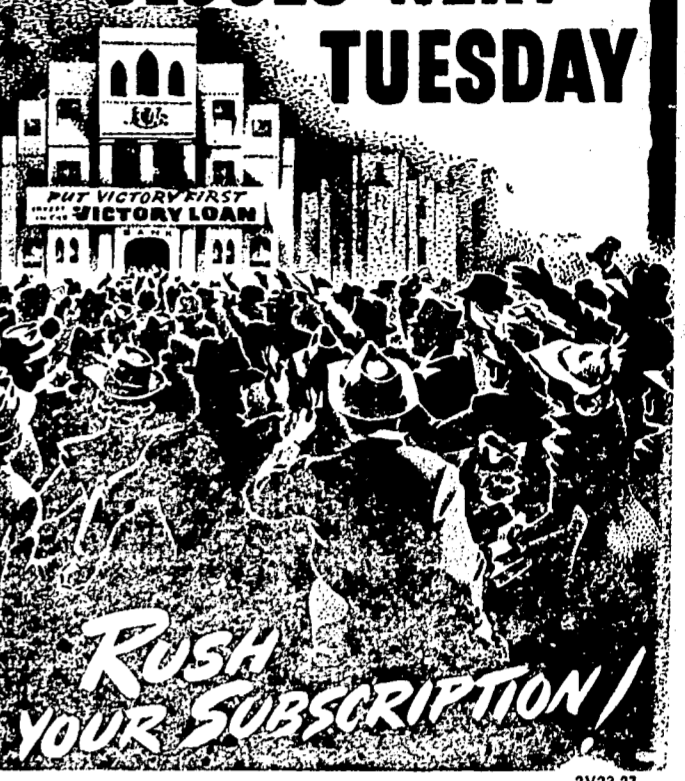
2. Farmers will continue the use of factory concentrates for their cattle feeding, because again skillful propaganda has driven into their heads that they can produce neither milk nor meat without them. It does not begin to occur to one farmer in a thousand that the prevalence of contagious abortion, tuberculosis and the other ills of their livestock may be brought about by the use of artificials on the land, or the use of the concentrated cakes fed to their cows.

DISEASE ON THE INCREASE.
And so DISEASE WILL COME. Come? It is already here everywhere in abundance. There are very few disease-free herds in the country. Foot-and-mouth is periodically rampant; tuberculosis is most dangerously prevalent; mastitis is as common as the dawn of day; Johne's disease and barrenness are rife everywhere. It is estimated on reliable data that 80 per cent. of dairy cattle passing through the markets are diseased in one form or another. The milking life of the average dairy cow is now reduced to two and a half years.

Is the Ministry of Agriculture worried? Yes, indeed it is. Remedies? Oh, yes, vaccines and veterinary panels. But why not start at the bottom in the soil itself? Hush, no one has ever thought of that. In officialdom you must never go to the root cause of disease—that is a most unprofessional approach.

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