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PRICE THREEPENCE.

Picture Theatre Packed on Xmas. Eve.

TOWN BAND.

Recital & Talent Quest

The collection amounted to £13/11/5 on Sunday night, 24th Decr., at the Beaufort Picture Theatre, on the occasion of the Town Band's monthly recital and Are You an Artist Competition. Being Xmas. Eve, the Theatre was not only packed to the doors, but many were unable to gain admittance. The band was conducted by Mr R. Saddler, and the accompaniments were played by Mrs F. Worsley and Misses D. Exell and M. Bruty.

Mr J. Duke, who acted as chairman, apologised for the hall not being big enough to accommodate all the visitors. He assured them that it would not be long before they had a new hall. He hoped a few of the councillors would have a look at it, and then could realise that they would have to build sooner than they expected.

The programme opened with the National Anthem and the hymn, "Come, All Ye Faithful," played by the band. In the men's vocal section Messrs. G. Exell and Wm. Bruty were the guest artists. Mr Exell was applauded for his singing of "White Christmas" and "Shortenin' Bread," and Mr Bruty pleased the audience with his songs, "You Remind Me of My Mother" and "A Little Town in Old County Down." Each singer was handed a 10/ order by the chairman. A march was then well played by the band. The competitors in the ladies' section were Miss Jean Sandlant, whose songs were "Lill Marlene" and "How're You Goin' to Key, Em Down on the Farm," and Mrs N. Smith, who sang "Grannie's Hellan Home" and "Within a Mile of Edinboro' Town." Each singer received a generous measure of applause. The band contributed the march, "Chief-tain" in good style. In the instrumental section, Miss Crocker and Mr Crocker, of Euramben, gave the yodelling songs, "Let's Grow Old Together" and "Honey, I've Got Everything but You," with ukelele accompaniment, and Mr Walter Anderson played the accordion solos, "Jingle Bells" and "The Jolly Coppersmith." All three artists were well received. To welcome former residents the band played the fantasia, "Old Folks at Home."

The chairman, in announcing that the next recital would take place in four weeks' time, said they were sorry to-night there was no one to compete against a team of girls in the juvenile section.

Seven girls, trained by Mrs Worsley, then gave the ballet and short play, "Red Riding Hood." The item was much appreciated, and the performers were Audrey Vowles, Audrey McGregor, Ethel Trafford, Barbara Hopkins, Evelyn Glenister, Betty Davis, Julie Broadbent, and Marie Worsley. The juvenile quiz session for prizes donated by Mr A. Parker, senr., followed.

The chairman said someone had sent a donation of 10/, with the request that Mrs Norman Smith sing "Comin' Through the Rye." This appeared to be a Scotch night, and he appealed to the Irish to come along and give some items next time.

The seven girls previously named next contributed the tableau, "Christ-

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SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

Lake Goldsmith.

Ideal weather conditions favoured the Lake Goldsmith children on Tuesday, 19th December, when their annual break-up function took place. A gathering of enthusiastic parents, relatives and friends had assembled, and all entered into the spirit of giving the children a real gala day. The children themselves did their part by giving a really creditable performance, which included songs, recitations and sketches. A Christmas play, entitled "The Angel's Journey," which introduced a number of Christmas carols, was an outstanding feature of the afternoon. The accompaniments were played by Miss Maly Cushing.

Mr A. Kirkpatrick, as chairman, welcomed everyone present, and introduced Miss Stewart, who gave a short address to the children, and presented the prizes won for the year.

Special prizes donated by Miss Stewart for the neatest work books were won by Nancy Boyle, Valerie Fraser, and Clare Cushing.

Rev. G. L. Johnson thanked Miss Mary Cushing for her work as accompaniste, and congratulated the teacher and children on their work.

Mr Kirkpatrick, on behalf of the committee, gave each child a small present, and Miss Stewart, on behalf of the committee, gave each child a small or she pleased.

An interesting programme of races was run off, and then all did justice to a dainty afternoon tea, provided by the ladies, to whom Mr Hannah moved a hearty vote of thanks.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cr. Kirkpatrick and Mrs Stewart.

Mr Kirkpatrick thanked everyone who gave donations, and all those who had helped in any way to make the afternoon so successful.

During an interval in the afternoon's proceedings the opportunity was taken by members of the Community Club to present Dvr. J. Boyle, who is home on leave, with a wallet. As Dvr. Boyle was unable to be present, the wallet was presented to his father, who suitably responded on Jack's behalf. All present joined in the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and this terminated a very pleasant afternoon.

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mas Carols," and were appropriately costumed.

The chairman congratulated the children on their splendid performance, and on being the guest artists. He presented each with a memento of the occasion.

Mrs Norman Smith gave a pleasing rendering of "Comin' Thro' the Rye." The adult quiz session aroused considerable interest. A stirring bagpipe selection was given by Mr Cameron, and in his encore number he was accompanied by the drummers of the band.

The chairman, on behalf of the band, thanked the public for their attendance, wished all a happy Xmas. and New Year, and hoped peace would come with the New Year.

The results of the Are You an Artist Competition were:—Men's section, Mr Wm. Bruty; ladies' section, Miss Jean Sandlant; instrumental section, Mr W. Anderson.

WEDDING BELLS.

Cleland - Brown

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Methodist Church, Beaufort, on Saturday, 4th November, when Betsy Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. T. Brown, of "Bonnie Doon," Sturt Street, Beaufort, was married to Corp'l Richard John Cleland (R.A.A.F.), only child of Mr and Mrs R. G. Cleland, of 51 Park Road, Surrey Hills. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Leach, and during the signing of the register, Mrs Vertigan sang "Where'er You Walk." The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a graceful gown of white slipper satin. The high neck, lined bodice and sleeves were heavily embossed with lovers' knots and orange blossom. Tiny buttons to the waist line, with a full skirt, extended into a long train, over which billowed an embroidered veil, which was mounted over tulle, and held to the head with a heart-shaped halo of tulle, with a water lily caught in the centre. A sheaf of water lilies was carried. Mrs G. Ward, who attended her sister as matron of honour, was dressed in a gown of shell pink slipper satin. A low-neck, lined bodice, with elbow length sleeves, had a ring of shirring at the waist-line; falling into a very full skirt. A bouquet of pink gladioli and azaleas was carried. Little Glenda Ward (niece of the bride), who was flower girl, was dressed in pale blue tulle over satin. A full skirt was gathered on to a high waist line, trimmed with pink and blue forget-me-nots and ribbon, with a little tulle hat to match. She carried a basket of pink gladioli and blue forget-me-nots. I./AC Les Gilpin (R.A.A.F.) supported the bridegroom as best man. The Church was beautifully decorated by friends of the bride, and following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Methodist School Hall. The usual toasts were honoured. A handsome wedding cake held pride of place on the bridal table, and Mrs Brown received her guests, wearing a smart blue suit, trimmed with black beads and black accessories. She also wore a spray of pink roses. Mrs Cleland chose a light blue suit, with navy accessories, on which she wore a spray of red roses. When leaving for the honeymoon, the bride was attired in a grey-striped, tailored costume, with matching hat and black accessories.

FIELD GLASSES MISSING.

During the holidays the field glasses were taken from the Beaufort air observers' post by some unauthorised person, and the local police would like to get in touch with anyone able to give information that will lead to their recovery.

MOTORING MISHAP

In Melbourne on Xmas. Day, Pte. Peter Schlicht, son of Cr. T. W. Schlicht, of Beaufort, and several friends were travelling by car to a suburb for dinner, when a collision occurred with another car (driven by a girl). One of the cars, which belonged to Cr. Schlicht, was overturned and damaged considerably. It may cost about £100 for repairs. Pte. Schlicht received a slight cut, and another young man a minor wound.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS

Middle Creek.

In connection with the annual Christmas break-up, children, parents and friends had a very enjoyable afternoon at the school grounds on Friday, 22nd Decr. Races for the different grades were got off by the teacher (Mr Swan), assisted by members of the School Committee and parents; each child receiving a cash prize and ice creams, also fruit, kindly supplied by Mr Lewell. After a very nice afternoon tea, served by the local ladies to all present, a cricket match was played from sides picked from the ladies and the children; the latter winning by a fair margin. Members of the committee and parents wish to thank all who assisted so generously with cash donations, fruit, etc.

On Wednesday evening, 20th Decr., a large crowd assembled at the local Public Hall, when a concert was given by the school children. The proceedings opened with the National Anthem and "Rule Britannia." The following programme was gone through:—Play, "We are Seven," younger children; duet, "Mary's a Grand Old Name," Mary and Dorothy Kneebone; play, "King John," senior scholars; duet, "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey," Val Swan and Nola O'Brien; solo, "Love's Old Sweet Refrain," Zelle Kent; action song, "Railway Train," seniors; play, "Birthday Party," juniors; song, "This is the Army," Kathleen Fay, Mervyn Waldron, Eddie Dunn, and David Hillman; action song, "Grandmothers, Old," senior girls; play, "The Suffragettes' Meeting," girls; song, "Happy Days, Happy Months, Happy years," Zelle Kent (encore number, "Yankee Doodle Dandy"); star drill, junior girls, led by Kathleen Fay; play, "Hypnotism," seniors. A feature of the entertainment was an exhibition of tap dancing by Miss Zelle Kent, of Traralgon, for which she was greatly applauded and encored. It is very rarely that a country place has an opportunity of witnessing such an exhibition.

At the conclusion of the programme, Mr E. A. Fay, on behalf of the School Committee and parents, moved a vote of thanks to all who assisted with the evening's entertainment; specially thanking Mrs Hunt, Miss P. Roberts, and Mr and Mrs Swan for the work they had done in training the children for the evening's entertainment. Mr Swan also thanked all for their assistance and co-operation. The chairman of the School Committee (Mr H. Dunn) then presented merit certificates and a book each to Kathleen Fay and Wally Roberts, congratulating them on the results obtained.

Dancing was then indulged in to music kindly supplied by the Buangor Orchestra. Supper was served by the ladies, and the singing of the National Anthem terminated a very pleasant evening.

FASTEST TIME.

In winning the Ballarat Sweepstakes at Broadway Park greyhound racing on Saturday, Mr A. Lewell's King Art, registered fastest time for the meeting (28 sec.)

AXEMAN'S SUCCESS.

At the Lal Lal Boxing Day gymkhana, the Open Handicap Woodchop (12-in. log) was won by Mr F. Hains, a former Beaufort resident.

PATRIOTIC GYMKHANA

Boxing Day Effort

PROCEEDS APPROXIMATE £400.

Receipts for the patriotic gymkhana conducted at Beaufort on Boxing Day, totalled £351 on the night of the effort, and it was expected they would reach a greater sum (more than £400) when the takings from all sources were accounted for.

The weather was cool, and although everyone was forced to take shelter temporarily by heavy rain and a thunderstorm at 5 p.m., the gymkhana passed off very successfully. The gate receipts were £79/14/9—they have since been made up to £80—and a donation of £20 was received from Mr A. Barber, of Stoneleigh, for which he was heartily thanked, as was also Mr C. McDonough, who returned his prize money as a donation. About 150 motor cars lined the arena.

An interesting and varied programme of athletic, horse, woodchopping and novelty events was carried out by a hardworking committee, at the head of which were Cr. T. W. Schlicht (president), Mr F. W. Allen (secretary), and Mr N. L. Day (assistant-secretary). A special word of praise is due to Mr Allen, who devoted a great deal of time and trouble to the preparatory work. There were good fields in all the events, and as many as 13 horses in some of them. In one of the hunting events, Miss Roma Laidlaw, on M. F. Wise's Smoky, gave a game and dashing exhibition of riding a bucking horse. The cycle races were well contested and were under the auspices of the Ballarat Amateur Club.

The fancy dress procession, which was marshalled by Mr H. J. Buchanan, was the best held in the town for 30 years. There were several groups and many individuals in fancy costume, including the Hawaiian Girls, a patriotic tableau (comprising Britannia, John Bull, Uncle Sam, and the three Services), the Bush Fire Brigade, decorated bicycles, dog in cart, goat in cart, the Rudd Family, M. Curtin and Mr Menzies fighting for a seat in the House of Parliament, a decorated gig, a nurse, Pop, golliwog, nigger, and a number of horsemen and horsewomen.

Messrs. C. V. and D. Wylie acted as wireless announcers. The Town Band played a lively programme of music, under the baton of Mr R. Saddler. An afternoon tea booth was conducted by the ladies, the publican's booth was under the management of Mr C. Lang for the licensee (Mr Moylan), and Mr A. Lewell had charge of the fruit, sweets and soft drinks stall.

Following is the list of officials:—President, Cr. T. W. Schlicht; vice-president and marshal of procession, Mr H. J. Buchanan; secretary, Mr F. W. Allen; assistant-secretary, Mr N. L. Day; wireless announcers, Messrs. C. V. and D. Wylie; judges of fancy dress, Miss A. E. Schlicht, Messrs. R. C. Hodggets and T. J. Buchan; judge of horse events, Mr D. R. Hannah; officials, Messrs. H. J. Buchanan, J. J. and H. Dunn, J. McErvale, R. Cording, H. K. Parker, A. Campbell, H. V. Martin, R. Martin, R. Dunn, F. S. Latch, J. Kneebone, W. J. Gillingham, A. S. Duncan, H. V. McLean, J. Cole, W. and J. Connor, J. Crozier, P. Trengove, P. T. Stevenson, W. McErvale, J. Duke, A. Ringin, F. Ellis, E. V. Broadbent, A. McGregor, S. Pascoe, F. Webster, H. Currie, N. S. McLeod, Miss P. Beggs, Messrs. C. Sargent and S. Graves (Ballarat A. C. C.).

The Gymkhana Girl Competition brought in £41/6/11, and was won by Miss Daphne Daniels, who raised £15 6/1.

The dances and euchre tournament in two halls at night were well attended. Novelty dances were won by Mr F. Crowe and Miss M. McErvale, and Mr I. Cuthbertson and Miss D. Cuthbertson.

A cake was secured by Mr H. McConachie. The winners of the euchre tournament were:—Section 1—Messdames W. Gillingham, R. Saddler, Messrs. C. C. Raynor and G. Wilding divided 1 and 2. Section 2—Mrs B. Spicer, Misses B. Foreman and M. Kirkpatrick divided 1 and 2.

Appended are details of the gymkhana:—
Best Decorated Bicycle—Miss Nash.
Best Sustained Character—Miss Beth Schlicht (Czecho Slavakian Bride).
Best Novelty Couple—Mrs Gill and Miss Alma Kirkpatrick (Golliwog and Nigger).

Best Decorated Horse-drawn Vehicle—F. E. Smith.
Best Sustained Group of three or more—Hawalian Group.
Best Turned-out Hack—Miss Roma Laidlaw.

Pet Competition—£1 (donated by Mr John Robinson, Savings Bank)—Mrs Cawthorn (cockatoo).
14 Mile Trot—£2/10/ and 10/—W. Smith's Noreen (owner), scr., 1; J. McErvale's Betty (owner), 15 yds. bhd., 2. Won by four lengths. Only starters. The comic element was introduced by Mr Gil. Lofts, who went out to the starting post with a goat in a cart.
One Mile Trot—£2/10/ and 10/—W. Smith's Noreen (owner), scr., 1; J. McErvale's Betty (owner), 20 yds. bhd., 2. Won easily by six to seven lengths. Two starters.

Flag Race (mounted)—7/6 and 2/6—A. Trengove, 1; Gibson, 2. Eight competitors.

Bending Race (mounted)—7/6 and 2/6—F. E. Smith's Duxie (E. Broadbent), 1; J. Dyer, 2. Ten competitors.
Bending Race, under 12—7/6 and 2/6 (prizes donated by Mr F. E. Smith)—I. Broadbent, 1; N. Lyons, 2. Three competitors.

Best Lady Rider—15/ and 5/—Miss Jean Henderson, 1; Mrs M. Watkin, 2. Nine competitors.

Best Gentleman Rider—15/ and 5/—C. McDonough, 1; F. Wise, 2. Thirteen competitors.
Best Girl Rider, under 14 years—7/6 and 2/6—Beverley Watkin, 1; Dorothy McKenzie, 2. Only competitors.

Best Boy Rider, under 14 years—7/6 and 2/6—N. Lyons, 1; John Smith, 2. Only competitors.

Best Lady's Hack—£1/1/ and 5/ (first prize donated by B. & W. Farmers' Co-operative Society)—Miss Roma Laidlaw's Cock Robin, 1; Miss J. Henderson's Trust, 2. Eight competitors.

Best Heavyweight Hack—£1/1/ and 5/ (first prize donated by Mr H. Dunn)—J. Grant's Trooper (H. Trengove), 1; C. McDonough, 2. Eleven competitors.
Best Hunter (jump 3 ft. 3 in.—£2 and £1)—J. Grant's Trooper (H. Trengove), 1; F. Wise's Garry Owen (owner), 2. Seven competitors.

Best Pony Hunter (over 3 ft. hurdles)—£1 and 10/—Miss J. McDonald's Peppermint, 1; J. McErvale's Just It, 2. Six competitors.

Jumping in Pairs for Horses (over hurdles)—£1 and 10/—F. Wise's Smoky and J. Grant's Trooper, 1; Miss McDonald's Peppermint and J. Dyer's Peter, 2. Five pairs competed.

Underhand Woodchop for Novice Choppers, who had not won more than £2; log, 36-in. girth—50/ and 10/.

First Heat—L. Crick, 3 sec. bhd.; ser. and H. McConachie, scr., dead heat. Time, 55 sec. Six starters.
Second Heat—1.—Crick, 2 sec. in front, 1; F. Glenister, 4 sec. in front. 2. Time, 61 sec. Won by 14 blows. Five competitors.

Final—1. Crick, 1; H. McConachie, 2; L. Crick, 3. Time, 41 sec. Won by four blows.

Open Footrace, 130 yds.—£2 and 10/—First Heat—J. Wylie, 0 yds., 1; A. Carroll, 5 yds., 2. Won by a yard. Three starters.

Second Heat—K. Anderson, scr., 1; W. Anderson, 2 yds., 2; S. Hinton, scr.

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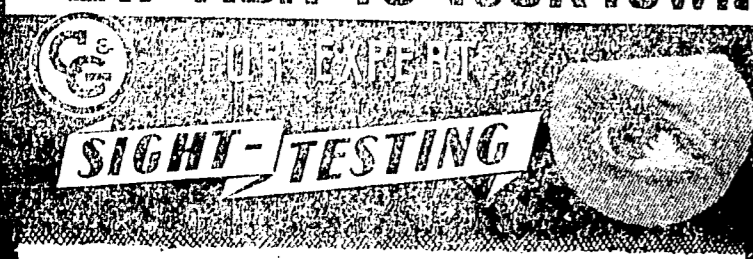
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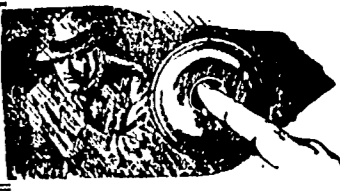
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MRS. J. LANEY desires to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for telegrams, letters, cards, floral tributes and other expressions of sympathy shown in her recent sad bereavement; especially thanking Mrs. Telford, Dr. G. Little, also doctors and nurses of the Ballarat Hospital, and Rev. J. P. MacDougall. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of sincere gratitude.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY. There is always plenty of scope for men of action.

SATURDAY, January 6, 1945.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

MANY of us are prolific in New Year resolutions we have no hope of carrying out. In American parlance, it may be a good thing to "hit your wagon to a shooting star," but it is better to confine resolutions to things within the bounds of possibility. For instance, Pop might cut down his weekly cigarette, betting and beer bill, and invest the money in War Savings Certificates; Ma might economise in regard to purchases of cosmetics and sweets and give the product thereof to the Red Cross; and Tommy and Mary could easily dispense with one dance or picture night per month and send the cash saved to the Comforts Fund or P.O.W., not to mention such deserving institutions as the Church, Sunday School, and hospitals. All members of the family might even resolve to be better tempered during 1945, and to use less swear words. As the old year drew to a close, most people turned such things over in their minds, but men and women of action are not plentiful.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES

BUSH FIRE BRIGADE
The committee of the Beaufort Bush Fire Brigade met on Thursday night at the Shire Hall, and the matter of making necessary alterations to the newly acquired truck was left in the hands of Messrs. J. Duke, E. Whitfield, and H. J. Buchanan, the sub-committee appointed for the purpose.

SWIMMING CLUB
At a meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Swimming Club, held on Thursday night at the Shire Hall, it was decided that the newly-elected secretary (Miss Nancy Trafford) insert an advertisement in the Press notifying parents that as there was no caretaker of the baths, the children could only swim there at their own risk, and should be accompanied by their parents when using the pool.

COMING EVENTS.
MAKE A NOISE OF THEM.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.L.P., will be held in the C.W.A. Hall, on Friday night, Jan. 12. Mr. H. Creamean, M.L.A., will deliver an address.
Mr. Roy Reed, of the Ballarat Store for Men, will visit Beaufort on Wednesday, January 31st, and enquiries may be left with Mr. Frank Allen, hairdresser.
Tenders, closing January 13th, are invited by the Manager of Trawalla Station for the purchase of a complete chaffcutting plant.

On Thursday, 18th January, Mr. T. W. Schlitt will offer by auction on the premises, at 2 p.m., township property and furniture, in the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Driver.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

People and Events

On Saturday night, Dec. 23, the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre tournament and bowls social at the Fire Station, and the results were:—Section 1—Mrs W. Gillingham and Mrs C. Broadbent divided 1 and 2. Section 2—Mr A. McGregor, 1; Mrs Ellis, 2. Carpet bowls—Mesdames C. Gillingham, C. Vowles, Miss M. Anderson, and Mr A. McGregor.

On Thursday the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a social afternoon for the funds of the P.O.W. and the Comforts Club, and raised £3. The euchre winners were Miss Eileen Kirkpatrick and Mrs W. Gillingham.

An eminently successful and enjoyable social was held on New Year's Night by the Beaufort Thistle Club, the dance taking place in the Fire Brigade Hall and the euchre party at the C.W.A. Hall. There was a good attendance at both halls, and the proceeds are to be devoted to patriotic purposes. The euchre prizes were secured as follows:—Section 1—Mrs A. McGregor, 1; Mrs J. Broadbent, 2. Section 2—Mr T. Stewart, and Mesdames W. Gillingham and W. Newey divided 1 and 2. Excellent dance music was supplied by Mr F. Blay's Band, and Mr W. Thompson officiated as M.C. Novelty dances were won by Mr P. Doull and partner, and Seaman J. Rogers and Miss McKane. A Valse Vienna competition was also held; the honors going to Mr W. Fitzpatrick and Miss Audrey Anderson. Mr Cameron, a visiting piper, played several stirring tunes on the bagpipes and was loudly applauded. Supper was handed round at midnight. Mr A. S. Duncan acted as secretary, and was assisted by the chief (Mr A. Campbell) and members of committee.

A card and carpet bowls social was held on Saturday night, Dec. 30, under the auspices of the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club. Results:—Euchre—Ladies: Mrs E. Dunn, 1; Mrs J. Millar, 2. Men: Mr Scriven and Lindsay McGregor divided 1 and 2. Secret table—Mrs McGregor and Mr J. Millar. Bowls—Mesdames McGregor and J. Millar, Miss Anderson, and Mr G. Foreman.
A carpet bowls competition was held on Tuesday afternoon by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club, and the winners were Mesdames Sullivan, Broadbent, W. Gillingham, and Beer.
The Beaufort Fire Brigade held a euchre social and dance on Thursday night, and the results were:—Section 1—Mrs Day, 1; Mrs Sullivan, 2. Section 2—Mr J. Stewart, 1; Mrs E. Dunn, 2. Novelty dance—Miss M. McKane and Seaman J. Rogers.

In a recent issue of "The Sun" appeared a picture of Mrs P. Miles (formerly of Beaufort), getting together enough Christmas dinner for hundreds of sailors at Navy House.
Miss Olga Young, who has been managing her father's practice at Beaufort, has been ill.
Holiday visitors to Beaufort included Mr and Mrs T. Williams, Mr and Mrs C. Hare, the Misses Hare, Mr O. Hare, Mr F. Leuenhagen, Mrs A. Paull, Mr and Mrs S. Coles, Mrs G. Cole, Mr and Mrs J. Anderson, Mr W. Anderson, Mrs W. Johnston, Mr and Mrs Fraser, Miss Mary Wood, John Wood, Mr R. Ellis, Mr J. Nothnagel, Mr D. McGregor, Mr A. DeBaere, Mrs W. Ritchie, Ron Ritchie, Eleanor Jensen, Mr and Mrs Vertigan, senr., Mr A. Beer, Mr and Mrs R. Stewart, Mr W. Stevens, junr., Mr and Mrs Noel Wotherspoon, Mr D. O'Loughlan.

Mrs A. M. Parker went to Melbourne for Christmas, and Mr A. Parker, senr., to Little Hampton.
The death occurred recently of Mr Wm. Geary, analyst to the Perth City Council. The widow of deceased was formerly Miss Emily Ramsay, of Beaufort.

Mrs Winsell, of Sinclair Street, has been very ill in the Beaufort B.N. Hospital.

Mr and Mrs P. George, of Melbourne, have been visiting Beaufort district relatives.

Alan Hains, of Beaufort, passed a preliminary examination to undergo a course of training at the Ballarat School of Mines.

Mr J. H. Fox is acting as relieving official at the Beaufort branch of the C.B.S. Bank during the absence on holidays of Mr Q. W. Gregory.

Mrs A. Wood, of Beaufort, is spending a holiday in Ararat with her mother, Mrs A. E. Emery.

Mr and Mrs W. A. Skene, of Beaufort, and their four children, spent 10 days' holiday with Mr and Mrs W. A. Vowles, at their seaside home, "Ocean View," Alrey's Inlet.

During Christmas Mr and Mrs J. Duke, of the Beaufort Police Station, had the following as their guests:—Brian and Mrs Elliot, of Abbotsford; Miss Dot Travena, of Clifton Hill; and Miss Dood Kennett, of Collingwood.

Mr and Mrs Hall and Messrs Rex Roadknight and Campbell have been staying with Mrs L. Watkin and Mr and Mrs M. E. L. Watkin, at "Belmont," Main Lead.

The Rev. R. A. and Mrs. Donne and daughters, Audrey and Pat (who are out their way to Fiji, will occupy the Vicarage at Beaufort for a fortnight, during the absence of the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Tame) and Mrs Tame on a holiday at Apollonia Bay.

Mr K. A. Whittaker, of Noojee, visited Beaufort during the Xmas holidays.

Mrs J. Irving, senr., of Tatyoon (formerly of Eurambeen) is very ill in a hospital in Melbourne.

Mrs Mervyn Crick, of Rupanyup, and Mr and Mrs Spencer, of Ballarat, spent the Christmas and New Year holidays with Miss Crick at Beaufort.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

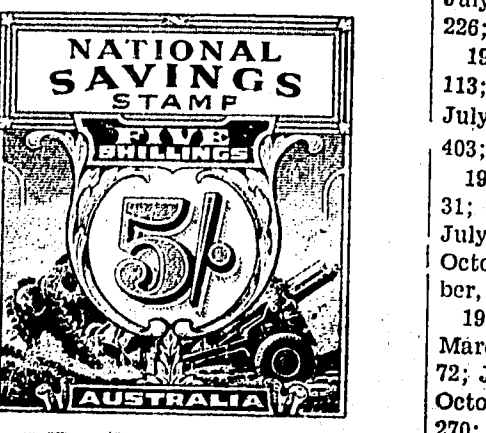
Service personnel on leave during the holidays included Corp. Doug. Kay A.C. Doug. McCracken, Seaman T. Thacker, Flight-Officer A. Thompson, Corp. H. Glenister (ret. N.G.), Dvr. Jack Boyle, L/AC. E. Weston, L/AC. L. Pearce, and Flight-Officer Gwen Young.

At a fair at Snake Valley in aid of the Comforts Fund, the proceeds were £133. Cr. J. Kirkpatrick (shire president) performed the opening ceremony.

A tennis tournament was played between Snake Valley and Chepstowe, and was won by Snake Valley by 65 games to 48. Mr Stan Pascoe thanked the winning team for hospitality extended to Chepstowe players.

Gate receipts at Snake Valley gymkhana on New Year's Day were £45/8/6. Results:—Mile Trot—E. McErvale, 1; W. Smith, 2. Bending Race—Mrs L. Brown's Little Tich (Broadbent), 1. Flag Race—L. Bruty. Potato Race—D. Ringin. 100 yds. Handicap—J. Russell. Novelty Bending Race—J. Russell. Sheep Guessing—Mrs J. W. Nunn.

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OBITUARY

Mr. Charles C. Fox

After a lengthy illness, the death occurred at his home at Chute on Sunday morning, 31st Dec., of Mr Charles Craven Fox, aged 79 years. Deceased was highly respected throughout the district, in which he had resided all his life: Chute being his birthplace. In his younger days he worked in the mines at Raglan, Waterloo, Beaufort, and Allandale, but of latter years had followed grazing and farming pursuits on his land at Chute. The late Mr Fox was a man of a quiet, friendly disposition and was well liked by all who knew him. He was married 55 years ago, and Mrs Fox and a family of two sons and five daughters survive him. The sons are Messrs Jack Fox (Thorpdale, Gipps land), and Fred Fox (C.R.B., Stawell); the daughters being Lily (Mrs R. Wangler, Glenormiston North), Laurie (Mrs Boromeo, North Baldwin), Stella (Mrs W. McKenzie, Beaufort), Rene (Mrs E. Vowles, Trawalla), and Grace (Mrs J. McLaughlin, Clifton Hill). The deceased also leaves 21 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The remains of the late Mr Fox were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. Many relatives and residents of the district were present; a large number of beautiful floral tributes of sympathy being received. The chief mourners were Mrs Chas. Fox (widow), Mr and Mrs R. Wangler (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs John Fox (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs J. Boromeo, Mr and Mrs W. McKenzie, Mr and Mrs E. Vowles, Mr and Mrs J. McLaughlin (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr and Mrs Fred Fox (son and daughter-in-law), Mr A. Williams (brother-in-law), A. Wangler, L. Wangler, Netta, Iris, and Robert McKenzie, Maurice Vowles, Frederick Boromeo, Wendy Fox (grandchildren), Mrs M. Jarvis (sister), Messrs. J. J. Dunn (nephew), Rex Dunn grand-nephew), Joseph Dunn, E. Dunn, Stan and Jack Tonkin (nephews). The coffin-bearers were Messrs William, Alfred, Percy, Harry, and Ernest Tengrove, and Rex Dunn. Rev. J. Leach, of the Beaufort Methodist Church, conducted a service at the house and sang the hymn, "In the Sweet By and Bye," and also conducted the service at the graveside. Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son, of Ballarat, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

The rainfall at Beaufort for the past week was 13 points.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE FORTNIGHTLY MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the Mechanics Institute, at 8 o'clock on Tuesday Night. Members are cordially invited to attend the meeting and assist in transacting business. H. V. MARTIN, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING, BEAUFORT BRANCH, A.L.P., C.W.A. HALL, FRIDAY NIGHT, JAN. 12th.

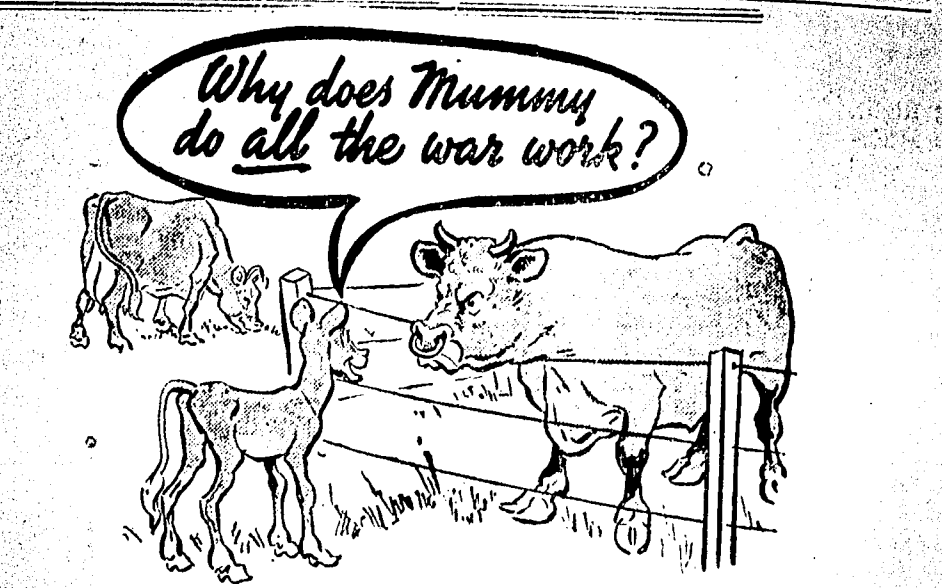
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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1945. Church of England.—Middle Creek, 10; Beaufort, 11 and 7; Waubra, 2; Learmonth, 3.15.—Rev. R. A. Donne. Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Chute, 2; Raglan, 3.15; Main Lead, 8.15.—Rev. J. Leach. Waterloo, 3.—Mr J. V. Nothnagel. Presbyterian Church.—Lexton, 11; Trawalla, 3; Beaufort, 7.—Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

FOR CASH SALE AND REMOVAL IN JANUARY

ONE COMPLETE CHAFFCUTTING PLANT. To make room for more modern one CHAFFCUTTER, by Jas. Smith, Ballarat. Twelve-inch Blades, 20 feet Elevator to Chaff-room. The whole fixed to floor. ENGINE, McDonnell's Crude Oil Semi-Diesel Type, J13. Eight to eleven horse power, Hopper cooled. Recently re-fitted. On Horse-drawn Transport, with shafts (single horse). THE WHOLE in good working order and still used continuously up to present time. Inspection invited. Offers by Tender, in writing, up to JAN. 13th 1945. Highest offer nor any tender necessarily accepted. APPLY MANAGER, TRAWALLA STATION, TRAWALLA. (Tel., Beaufort, 44).



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New Factory at Beaufort

FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF MEN'S AND BOYS' SHIRTS AND PYJAMAS.

The applications in hand for employment in the branch factory of Graham Burgh Pty. Ltd, as called for in the issue of 23rd Dec., are very encouraging, and the applicants interviewed at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Friday showed keenness in their desire to learn a trade, and at the same time help in making essential clothing. The erection of the building is expected to start within three weeks, and during building operations, the instruction of girls on a small plant is being developed. It is proposed to make articles in these classes and donate them to local organisations. The names of further applicants for employment can be left at the Shire Office.

ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced of Coralle Helen Bellis, second daughter of Mrs R. Firns, Ballarat, to Dvr. W. Anderson, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Anderson, of Brewster.

SWIMMING CLUB.

PARENTS are notified that as there is no caretaker of the Beaufort Baths, Children must swim there at their OWN RISK

NANCY TRAFFORD, Secy.

LOST, two Blue Bed Spreads, between Beaufort and St. Marnocks. Reward. McKAY, Beaufort 43H.

LOST, leather Hunting Whip, at Park on Gymbkhana Day. Reward, This Office.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

SALE BY AUCTION

THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1945, ON THE PREMISES, AT 2 P.M.

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HORSES FOR SALE.

Horses are for Sale for £5 or best offer:—1 aged Draught Gelding, quiet, good worker; 1 Light Draught, Mare, brown, 4 yrs. old, broken into saddle, delivery type. 1 black Draught, unbroken, 2 yrs. old. To inspect, see Mrs. J. A. HARRIS, Beaufort.

FOR SALE, very solid 5 ft. Sideboard, in good order. M. J. REILLY, Ararat Road.

Skipton.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL.

What has become popularly known as the New Year's Eve ball, run under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute, was held this year on Decr. 29th, and although there was room for many more of the dancing fraternity, there was a good gathering from far and near, and a happy time was spent by all present. Music for the dancing was supplied by the Carnham Rhythm Band, comprised of eight instrumentalists, headed by Mr H. Hayward (violin), with Mrs K. Nunn (piano), Mrs E. Nunn (banjo), Miss P. Cunningham (piano accordion), Messrs R. Hayward, Mick and John Mulcahy (saxophones), and Lin Bruty (drums). The music gave satisfaction to dancers in general. All the latest hits were played, the time was good, and there was plenty of volume. Everything went with a swing, and at 2 o'clock a tired but happy throng wended their way homeward. Mr Les Cluff carried out the duties of floor steward, and a willing band of workers belonging to the Mechanics' Ladies' Committee supervised a plentiful supper. At the encore party run in conjunction, the prizes were won by Mrs Ferguson and Mr R. Alexander. Mr Adam Johnston won a competition for a £1 note.

EFFORT FOR CHURCH FUNDS.

St. John's Church Guild held their annual effort in aid of Church funds on Saturday, Decr. 23rd, when a very large crowd was present. This effort has usually taken place on Boxing Night, but owing to the ball run by the Mechanics' Institute falling in the same week, it was thought advisable to change the night, and the move proved successful. The winners of the euchre were Father Delahanty and Mrs W. Graham. The booby prizes were won by Mrs Daniels and Mr B. Hanlon. Although the gathering was very large, a plentiful supply of supper was provided by the ladies of the Church.

BOXING NIGHT SOCIAL.

On Boxing Night the Mechanics' Committee decided to hold an impromptu euchre and dance to cater for the young people who were home for the festive season. There was a very satisfactory attendance, despite the heavy downpour of rain. The winners of the euchre were Mrs W. Wise and Mr F. Ellingham. During the evening Miss Alice Wise had the misfortune to fall while dancing, and badly sprain her wrist.

HOLIDAY VISITORS.

The following were noticed in Skipton during the festive season:—L/AC's Arthur Smith, N and W. Fowler, W. N. Sturgeon, Reg. Graham, Jim Quist, Corpl. D. Tucker, AC.1 Bert Slater, Sergt. W. Harrison, Ptes. J. E. Wise, A. Hills, Stoker C. Worrall, Miss Gwen Worrall, A.W.A.S., Misses R. and L. Osborne, Mr and Mrs Kingdom, Sisters Mavis Graham and Muriel Nicholls, Nurses June Wilkie, Jessie Shaw, Mavis Johnston, Misses Jean and Honor Johnston, Jessie McPherson, Wilma Scarff Alva and Alice Wise, Verna Wise, Dorcen Corbett, Mary Gardiner, Judith Millett, L. and J. May, Monica Edwards, Mrs Bert Slater, Mr and Mrs Alan Rae, Mrs Notman, senr., Mrs Trainor, Mrs Gill, Mrs Alister McIntyre, Mr W. J. Worrall and niece, Mr Dickenson and friend, Mr Carol Edwards, Mr and Mrs Harris (nee Sargeant), Mr and Mrs J. Lowe (nee Kathleen Lang), Mrs W. Loyall (nee Nelle Armstrong).

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT SKIPTON.

Although the weather was cold and despite the fact that New Year's Eve fell on Sunday night, it did not deter the local youths from carrying out the old practice of moving anything they came in contact with. A number of gates, mats and seats were missing when the owners of the property rose on New Year's Day. The large mat from the front of the Mechanics' was flying from

the top of the flag pole, but fortunately, nothing of a serious nature occurred.

VISIT OF BISHOP OF BALLARAT.

The Bishop of Ballarat (Right Rev. Dr. Johnson) visited the Skipton portion of the diocese and preached on Christmas Eve at Willowvale, Mt. Bute, Lismore, and Skipton. A large congregation was present at each service. At Lismore the Bishop dedicated a sanctuary lamp to the memory of Mrs W. C. Hawkins, who lost her life in the fires last January.

NEW CHURCHES.

About a fortnight ago Archdeacon Best paid a visit to the district, when it was announced that plans had been approved for the churches at Willow Vale and Mt. Bute, to replace those destroyed in the fires about 12 months ago. The plans for the Church at Derrinalum have not yet been approved, but tenders are to be called for the Mt. Bute and Willowvale churches immediately, and it is expected that they will be completed shortly.

WEATHER NOTES.

A heavy thunderstorm passed over the town on Boxing Day. Heavy rain set in shortly after 7 and continued till 9.30. Forty-five points was recorded at the local bureau, but much more was recorded at outlying places in the district. Morning rain has fallen during December than for the previous two months. For the 12 months 1558 points of rain has been recorded, which is much below the average of about 22 inches for this district. The rain during the month of December has replenished domestic supplies and freshened up gardens. Rain fell on nine days and 265 points was recorded, compared with 81 points for November and 166 for October. The New Year was ushered in with cold, showery, unseasonable weather. Ten points of rain were recorded over the week-end. Green grass is shooting everywhere, but a few hot days will soon burn it off. In the meantime sheep and cattle are making the most of the green pickling.

TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY.

About 30 relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs W. Alexander, Streatham Road, on Saturday, Decr. 30th, to celebrate the 21st birthday of their elder daughter, Daisy. The evening was spent at games and competitions, and all present had an enjoyable time. A bountiful supper was provided, at which a nicely-decorated birthday cake held pride of place. The usual toasts incidental to the occasion were honoured. Mr George Thomas proposed the toast of "The King." A toast in honour of the Services was proposed by Mr Ken Smith. The toast in honour of the guest of the evening was proposed in a very able manner by Mr Ivor Walker. Miss Alexander, in a neat speech, thanked everyone for their good wishes.

Waterloo and Chute

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL.

The first of the series of euchre socials and dances to aid the Red Cross was held on Saturday night, and there was a large attendance from all the surrounding district. The door takings amounted to £10/9, and the supper receipts to £2/17; the soft drinks booth returning £3/0/3; total £16/6/3, leaving a clear profit of £10/16/9. The euchre tournament was keenly contested; a number of players sharing the prize. About 120 sat down to supper, which was catered for by the local ladies.

LOCAL HORSEMEN WIN PRIZES.

At the Avoca sports held recently, several local men secured prize money in the horse events. Tpr. Alan Tregrove won the flag race, and Mr Jim McErval, junr., won the bending race and was second in the flag race. Mr Harry Tregrove was the rider of Mr Grant's Trooper, which won the heavy hack events, and was also second in the consolation event for hunters. Mr Tregrove's own horse also obtained second in the maiden hunters. The same

riders and horses did well in the events at the Beaufort Gymkhana on Boxing Day.

BACK TO THE OLD SPOT.

Many former residents came back to Waterloo and Chute for the Christmas vacation, including Flight-Lieut. Tim Gardiner and his wife, Mr Tom Gardiner, Mr and Mrs Norman Smith, Mr and Mrs Steane (nee Ena Rutherford), Mr and Mrs Tom Rutherford, Mr Max Lewis, Mr and Mrs I. Laney, Mr Lawson Lytle, Misses Kath and Nancy Flynn, Mr and Mrs N. Stokes and their son-in-law and daughter (Mr and Mrs Long).

A CONSIDERABLE LOSS.

Miss Kath Lamb, who was in Beaufort about two weeks ago, had the misfortune to misplace her handbag for a couple of minutes, and when she went back for it, she missed it. It is a big loss to her, as it contained a few pounds in cash, as well as a ration book. Although an advertisement was put in the local paper, so far she has not recovered it.

CAR AND BUGGY COLLIDE.

Mr Tom Wilcox, of Chute, while driving through the Raglan crossing, Beaufort, in a buggy, was struck from behind by a car, with the result that his buggy was damaged and also the car. The occupants of both vehicles escaped unhurt.

DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT.

The death occurred at Chute last Sunday morning of a well-known and highly respected resident, in the person of Mr Chas. Fox, who was in his 80th year. He had spent the greater part of his life at Chute, and leaves a widow and grown up family to mourn the loss of a good husband and father. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends of deceased. Among those who came from distant parts to be present were Mr and Mrs J. Fox, Mr and Mrs R. Wangler, Mr Les Wangler, Mrs Fred Fox, Mrs Jarvis, and Mr Mooney.

THE HOLIDAYS.

Christmas and New Year passed off very quietly in these parts, and owing to petrol restriction, people were not able to move about as they would like to. It was one of the coolest ends of the year we have ever had, but another visit from the dust made things unpleasant. Where there is a good catchment, the dams have plenty of water in them. The local reservoir is the lowest it has been, and the water holes right in Waterloo are almost dry. Chute residents mostly have their own water schemes for their gardens, and still have a fair supply for vegetables. There is still enough grass to see the stock through for some time, and everybody hopes that Inigo Jones' forecast that 1945 is to be a good year will be right.

LOCAL SOLDIERS.

Pte. Russell Boyd, who is on service in a Northern area, is likely to be released shortly. Other local soldiers released are Ptes. Eric Russell and Ralph Finch.

Brewster

THE HARVEST.

Hay cutting in the district has been completed, and carting in has commenced. Considering the dry season, the crops on the whole will average very well, as the increase in price will compensate somewhat for a lower yield per acre. Flax growers in the district are disappointed at having their crops condemned, as the length of straw did not come up to the standard required by the Government. However, growers are cutting it, and there is a market for it when pressed for packing, etc. Showery cold weather is interfering somewhat with the carting in.

SCHOOL BREAK-UP.

The local school children held their break-up function on Wednesday night, 20th Decr., and it took the form of a concert provided by the children, which

was greatly appreciated by all present. Santa arrived at about 11 p.m., and presented each child with a gift from the Christmas tree. Dancing continued till the small hours of the morning; the music being supplied locally.

CAPABLE TEACHER.

Mr Bruce Tozer, a student teacher who has been in charge of the school since the September holidays, has proved himself to be a very capable teacher, and residents and children alike are very sorry that he will not be coming back after the holidays. He is commencing further studies at the Teachers' Training College in the New Year.

Late Skipton Items

Among the visitors to Skipton during the holidays were Pilot-Officer and Mrs C. Notman, Miss Rene Corbett, and L/AC. Reg Ellingham.

At the afternoon euchre party, held on Tuesday, in aid of the Red Cross, the winner of all 10 games was Mrs R. Wilkie.

Mr H. Haslem, who has seen service in New Guinea, has been discharged from military duty.

BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.
CATTLE—Supplies totalled 132. The demand was evenly sustained, but values generally were on a slightly lower level. Best bullocks, £18 to £19/5; good, £15 to £17; good lightweight bullocks, £13 to £14; prime cows, £12/10 to £14; heavy, to £15; good, £9/10 to £11; useful, £6 to £8.

CALVES — A heavy penning of 205. The demand was not so keen as in recent markets, and values were lower. Best made £13/16.

SHEEP — 4505 penned. A strong demand existed from the commencement values showing a rise of 3/ to 4/ on the best quality, and 2/ to 3/ on other grades. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 25/ to 27/10; good, 21/ to 23/; prime crossbred ewes 18/ to 21/1; good, 14/ to 16/; prime merino wethers, 21/ to 23/; extra, to 25/4; good, 17/ to 19/.

LAMBS — 3253 penned. A keen demand existed throughout, opening sales being much higher than in recent markets. Competition continued brisk, values being 3/ to 4/ above the rates of a fortnight ago. Quotations:—Prime, 26/ to 28/; heavy, 29/ to 32/1; good, 21/ to 24/1; useful, 17/ to 19/.

DISTRICT SALES — The following district sales are reported:—297 crossbred ewes and 2-tooths, Mr W. T. Bell, Carranballac, 2-tooths 16/1, ewes to 15/9; 63 shorn lambs, 13/11; 70 merino ewes, Mr J. M. Grant, Brewster, 13/11 to 17/4; 122 lambs, Mr T. Sands, Trawalla, woolly 18/1, shorn to 16/10; 2 cows, Lieut.-Colonel Alex. Russell, Mawallok, £15/17/6, and £12/12/; top price for cows, 8 calves to £12/14, averaging £10/10/8; 2 calves, Mr F. Brown, Chepstowe, £3/10/ and £2/5/; calf, Mrs A. Pett, Skipton, £4; 67 comeback wethers and ewes and crossbred 2-tooths; Mr J. G. George, Lake Goldsmith, wethers 17/7 to 16/1, 2-tooths 18/10 to 16/7, ewes 16/4, 36 lambs, 25/1 to 23/4, averaging 24/; 45 comeback wethers and ewes, estate Mr A. Fraser, Lake Goldsmith, wethers 14/7, ewes to 15/1/9, lambs, Mr Wm. Lynch, Lake Goldsmith, 24/7 to 22/4; 14 lambs, Misses E. and M. Ward, Lake Goldsmith, 25/ to 20/10.

YEAR'S RAINFALL.

The rainfall at Beaufort for December was 270 points, and for the year 1944 the total was 2071 points.

QUICK WORK.

The bitumen spreading plant of the Country Roads Board was in Beaufort on Tuesday and Wednesday, and made quick work of re-sealing the roads in Lawrence and Neill Streets.

PATRIOTIC GYMKHANA

(Continued from page 2).
3. Won by six inches. Five starters.
Final — J. Wylie, 1; A. Carroll, 2. A very close finish; inches separating the placed men. Four starters.
Tug-o'-War — Prize, £3.—First Heat—Lake Goldsmith (Bain Bros., Kirkpatrick Bros., and Hinton) v. Beaufort V.D.C. (N. Smith, E. V. Broadbent, H. Smith, J. Crozier, and S. Emerson). Won by Beaufort V.D.C. by half-an-inch.

Second Heat — Stockyard Hill, a bye.
Final — Beaufort V.D.C. v. Stockyard Hill (J. Kirkpatrick, L. Bruty, D. Boyle, D. Sellick, and J. Siorach). Won by Stockyard Hill by four inches. Three competitors.

Half-mile Bicycle Race (under auspices Ballarat Amateur Club). First Heat — A. Hughes, 55 yds., 1; K. Nimmo, 85 yds., 2; C. Braszell, scr., 3. Won by two lengths. Six starters. Time, 65 sec.

Second Heat — J. Anstiss, 55 yds., 1; D. Stuchberry, 50 yds., 2; R. Dunstone, 20 yds., 3. Won easily by fully 12 lengths. Time, 66 sec. Six starters.
Final — J. Anstiss, 1; A. Hughes, 2; K. Nimmo, 3. Won by a length; half-length between second and third. Time, 63 sec.

One Mile Bicycle Race (under auspices B.A.A.C.). First Heat—A. Hughes, 90 yds., 1; F. Hynes, 70 yds., 2; K. Nimmo, 160 yds., 3. Time, 2 min. 16 sec. Won by about 12 inches. Six starters.

Second Heat — J. Anstiss, 90 yds., 1; M. Eaton, 160 yds., and D. Stuchberry, 70 yds., dead heat, 2. Time, 2 min. 20 sec. Won easily by about eight lengths. Six starters.

Final — A. Hughes, 1; J. Anstiss, 2; D. Stuchberry, 3. A length separated each of the placed men at the finish. Time, 2 min. 15 sec. Six starters.

Three-mile Scratch Race (under auspices B.A.A.C.). C. Braszell, 1; A. Hughes, 2; R. Dunstone, 3. Time, 8 min. 8 sec. Won by a little over two lengths, with a considerable gap between second and third. Ten starters.

Distance Sheaf Tossing — 15/ and 5/ (donated by Mr A. J. Crozier)—Norman Lyttle, 1; L. Drew, 2. Distance, 48 ft. (0 lb. sheaf).

Guessing Weight of Pig — £1—Miss Beth Schlicht, E. Dawson, P. Lyons, J. G. Kay, J. Pascoe, and L. Neill tied. Weight, 93 lb.

Guessing Weight of Sheep — Prize, sheep (donated by Mr D. R. Hannab)—Mrs W. G. Smith. Weight, 115 lb.

Guessing Weight of Two Fleeces—£1 1/ (donated by Mr. Norman Daniels). Sheep to be shorn on ground by Cr. Kirkpatrick). Sheep, donated by Messrs. N. Daniels and W. Anderson, to be sold.—The competition and sale of the two sheep and the wool brought in £19 12/6. The winners of the guessing competition were K. Anderson, W. Anderson, T. Stewart, J. Simper, and A. McGregor, who tied with 21 lb. 12 oz. each, and refunded their prize money as donations to the funds.

Guessing Competition for Prize Puppy (donated by Mr J. P. Fraser) — H. Briody, Lexton.

Guessing Last Three Numbers — G. S. Lofts.

CHILDREN'S RACES.
Boys, under 15 — Doug Lofts, 1; Bill Millar, 2.

Boys' Sack Race — Neville Broadbent, 1; Tom Wills, 2.

Girls' Sack Race — Patty Nash, 1; Ann Cobden, 2.

Boys' Wheelbarrow Race — Neville Wills and Ted Tellantyne, 1; John Parker and Neville Broadbent, 2.

Girls' Race (running backwards) — Nancy Boyle, 1; Judy Gregory, 2.

Boys, under 12 — Bob Irving, 1; John Parker, 2.

Girls, under 12 — Joan Stewart, 1; Anne Cobden, 2.

Boys, under 14 — Allan Grist, 1; Bill

Millar, 2.
Girls, under 14 — Judy Gregory, 1; Doris McKenzie, 2.

Girls, under 8 — Valerie Fraser, 1; Loris Fraser, 2.

Boys, under 10 — John Parker, 1; Bob Irving, 2.

Girls, under 10 — Joan Stewart, 1; Libby Gregory, 2.

Handicap event for boys who had not won a prize — Les Boyd, 1; Ian Wills, 2.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. John's Club

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

To raise money to pay for the new kitchen at the Beaufort St. John's Tennis Club's pavilion, a pleasant Sunday afternoon gathering was held in the Church grounds on Decr. 31st, together with a tennis tournament run on American lines. The ladies conducted stalls and several competitions were held.

The tennis tournament was managed by the Rev. Father J. Day, who made good use of a microphone.

In the final of the ladies' doubles, Mrs Briggs and Miss Cochrane defeated Mrs McDonald and Miss Mary Wood, 6-2, 6-2.

The men's doubles resulted in a win for W. W. Ashley and E. Charles, who defeated N. Day and W. Hudson in the final, 6-4.

Other competitions resulted as follows:—Stepping the Distance (trophy donated by Dean Goldinach) — C. Cushing.

Sheep Guessing — Kevin Kirkpatrick and Don O'Loughlin tied, with 91 1/2 lb. each.

The ladies of the congregation, supplied a tasty lunch and also afternoon tea.

The proceeds were £68.

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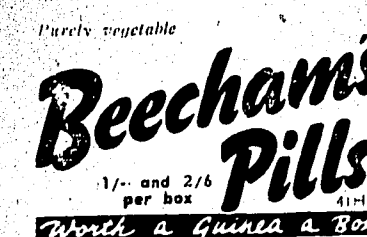
MR. JAMES M. THOMSON.

The death occurred, as the result of an accident, at the Skipton Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, on 30th Decr., of Mr James McLean Thomson, of Streatham. Deceased, who was highly respected throughout the district, leaves a widow, son, and two daughters; the son being a prisoner of war. The remains of the deceased were interred in the Streatham Cemetery on Monday.



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Irksome and Unnecessary Restriction.

NOT STOPPING EXPRESS

Council to Take Action

A further step has been taken in the campaign to have restored the custom of stopping the night Adelaide express at Beaufort.

At the Riponshire Council meeting on Monday, standing orders were suspended to hear Messrs. H. J. Buchanan and J. Duke, representatives of the Beaufort Branch of the Dads' Association, in regard to trying to get the night Adelaide express stopped at Beaufort.

Mr Buchanan said the non-stopping of the express at Beaufort at night was the most irksome, troublesome, and unnecessary restriction ever imposed on them here. People had to come by car from Ballarat, and the economy was from one side only. Service personnel had to lose a day of their precious leave to get home. They urged the Council to take drastic action, and he suggested that they go as a deputation to the Minister of Railways, with the local member, and place the case before him.

Mr Duke endorsed these remarks, and said the local R.S.L. was also behind the movement. The present system was preventing Beaufort district children from attending technical schools in Ballarat. There were times when people had to go outside the town, and now they were forced to spend three days to go to Melbourne and return. Local people had also to pay 5/3 for a two hours' visit to Ballarat. The service was already there, and they only wanted the express stopped. If the Government cut out train services, they would not help decentralisation.

Cr. Russell — They all knew the reason given when it was discontinued four years ago.

Cr. Roddis — It was ridiculous, and the Department was not doing justice to Beaufort, and the Council should do all in its power to assist.

Cr. Russell said the Council was unanimous on that, and had already made two moves to get the service back. They excused each time the amount of hauling to get over Box's Cutting.

Mr Duke said he had often heard the train pull up, and each night it almost pulled up. A number of local lads would visit the Ballarat School of Mines for night classes if they could get back.

Cr. Roddis moved that the Council do all in its power and follow the matter up. Seconded by Cr. Wills, and carried.

Mr Buchanan advocated very strongly that a deputation wait on the Minister. They could get a widely signed petition but a deputation would fill the bill.

Cr. McDonald suggested that they advocate stopping the express for Servicemen at Trawalla as an alternative.

Cr. Russell — They should only accept this as a last resort.

The president (Cr. Kirkpatrick) said he was thoroughly with the deputation, and knew of the inconvenience caused to Servicemen.

Cr. Russell asked the deputations to furnish a letter for the Minister from the Dads' Association and R.S.L.

Cr. Roddis — They should get the Department's answer first.

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RIPONSHIRE REPORTS.

Committee Meetings

The following reports were dealt with at the Riponshire Council meeting on Monday:—

W.R. MEMBERS' REPORT.

The West Riding Committee reported that a meeting was held on 11th Decr., 1944, when it was resolved that J. Ellis and Whitfield Bros. were at liberty to maintain windmill and tank at their own expense.

Adopted.

REPORT OF N.R. COUNCILLORS.

The North Riding Committee reported that a meeting was held on 11th Decr., 1944, when it was resolved that resignation of B. Tiley, senr., as foreman North Riding, be accepted, and a letter be sent expressing appreciation of the services rendered by him. That Council will lay water pipe under bitumen road only for F. Blay; only 1 1/2 in. tapping at main allowed. That residents of Southern Cross, Beaufort, be informed that owing to restrictions on supply of materials and man power difficulties, a water supply cannot be granted at present. Engineer to arrange repairs to fence at pound. That water supply to H. Herbert, Waterloo, will be given, provided he pays £10 towards cost. That supply to J. E. Day, Waterloo Road, will be given when materials and labour available. That requirements for bitumen be put in for Pratt and Lawrence streets and footpaths in Beaufort.

Adopted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Wills.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

The Electricity Supply Committee reported that a meeting was held on 11th Decr., 1944; Crs. Schlicht and Watkin attending. The following accounts were passed for payment, on motion of Crs. Watkin and Schlicht:—Wages, £87/4/; Pool Petroleum Co., £149/3/5; A. M. Parker, £5; total, £221/7/5. The report of the engineer-in-charge was received. The secretary reported a Dr. balance of £139/16/7.

Adopted.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) submitted the following financial statement:—Sundry receipts banked, £733 9/11; cheques paid, £801/10/; Cr. balance last report, £725/2/2; Cr. balance, 8/1/45, £656/0/1; bank charge, 10/.

Adopted.

Ridings Account. — North, Dr. £357 15/10; East, Cr. £149/0/2; West, Cr. £816/0/9; Beaufort Water Supply, Cr. £361/0/8; Snake Valley Water Supply, Dr. £70/1/; Trust, Cr. £152.—Adopted.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, on the motion of Crs. McDonald and Wills:—Day labour vouchers, £271/11/11; Government Printer, £1/13/8; A. M. Parker, £1 16/; W. L. Williams, 14/; Kalamazon Ltd., £7/0/3; salaries, £41/18/4; £15 16/8; £36/5/10; Colonial Mutual, £6 15/4; Commissioner of Taxes, £9/12/10; Depreciation of Plant A/c., £50; L. E. La Roche, £9/15/; School of Mines, £1 17/6; Electric Light A/c., £14/0/4; P. M. G., £10/5/11; Cr. Kirkpatrick, £12 10/; C. C. Rayner, £8/15/; T. Ahern, 18/; Country Fire Board, £4/11/0; Treasury Loan, £307/0/1; Red Cross, £6 18/; Comforts Fund, £6/18/; P. of War (Continued next column).

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Progress of Works

The shire engineer (Mr E. J. Muntz) reported as follows at the Council meeting on Monday.

1. Spraying on the main roads in the shire has been completed. I had the street section of the Lexton road done with a little excess material. I am submitting a note of the various lengths re-spread.

Clause 1 — Received.

2. During the holidays one of the shire trucks was prepared with tank and pump for fire fighting. As the new power unit is now in the town, I presume I can have the shire truck again.

Clause 2 — Shire truck to be kept in readiness till new B.F.B. truck fitted up for action.

3. Old bitumen drums this year cannot be used as sheets, but I think could be used as tree guards on Fisher's Hill, where it is proposed to plant trees.

Clause 3 — The engineer said he had received two applications for old drums. Cr. Wills said he noticed that a drum had blown away, near Alexander's, that morning. The engineer — He had 150 to 200 drums. Cr. Roddis moved that the suggestion of the engineer be adopted. This was agreed to.

4. Owing to holidays, work has not made much progress during the month.

Clause 4 — Received.



MAJOR-GENERAL MANTON S. EDDY, Commander U.S. Ninth Infantry Div. — U.S. Office of War Information Photo.

(Continued from previous column)

Fund, £0/18/; Carngham Comforts Fund, £1/1/1; S. T. Roberts, £2/5/; B. Sandland, 15/; Northern Assurance Co., £2/2/2; H. Powell, £4/10/; engineer's car allowance, £9/9/9; H. Johnston, £1/15/; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £2/14/; H. Norman, £4/6/1; Shire A/c., £2/17/7; Railway Department, 14/; New Zealand Insurance Co., £1/15/; Wilson's Motors, £11/0/8; C. Bates, £29/11/6; L. Sisk, £22/; E. J. Nunn, £20; total, £948/15/1. Country Roads Board — Payments — Vouchers, £147/10/6; E. J. Nunn, £153 10/6; L. Sisk, £70/5/; voucher, £4/11/0; total, £367/7/.

HEALTH REPORTS.

Position in Shire

The following health reports were presented at the Riponshire Council meeting on Monday:—

Three notices of births were received. From Dr. G. Little, health officer for North Riding, reporting five cases of scarlet fever.

From Analyst, enclosing report on samples taken.

A certain brand of mazina was not strictly within regulations, the report mentioned, but it was not a matter for court action, as it was not likely to be harmful even to infants. — Referred to inspector.

Dr. J. Blair Donaldson, M.O.H., East Riding, reported for December:—Mumps present in the district, chiefly in a mild form. Tonsillitis prevalent, also a number of cases of conjunctivitis, probably aggravated by dust. Inspection of reservoir, Snake Valley, carried out during the month. Level was low.

Adopted. Dr. Gordon-Little, M.O.H., North Riding, reported for month of December:—Five cases of scarlet fever were reported during the month. All those affected were school children, and satisfactory arrangements were made for their isolation at home. Throat affections among adults have, at the same time, been common, but those affected, having some degree of immunity, have not developed scarlet fever, but have probably assisted in spreading the disease. There were 25 attendances at the Baby Health Centre during the month.

Adopted. Dr. J. Blair Donaldson, M.O.H., East Riding, also presented his annual health report for the 12 months ended December 31st, 1944. In the past year, he stated, there had been epidemics of mumps and chicken pox in the district under his care. The former disease was still present. Most of the cases had been mild and uncomplicated. There were three cases of scarlet fever notified, and a number of cases of influenza, tonsillitis, and inflamed ears were seen, as is usual in the winter. During the past month he had seen an unusually large number of cases of inflamed eyes, due in part to the large amount of dust present in the air. Three deaths were notified in the district; no births. Drought conditions and the disastrous fires of last January had not apparently adversely affected the health of the population, but although disposal of carcasses after the fires was carried out by units from the Army, there had been an excessive number of blowflies this summer. He inspected the reservoir at Snake Valley, and found it very low. It was adequately fenced. In conclusion, he would like to wish all the members of the Council a happy and prosperous New Year.

Adopted. From P. Snell, Snake Valley, applying for renewal of slaughtering licence. — Granted, under usual conditions. From R. W. Hough, Skipton, applying for registration of slaughtering house. — Granted, under usual conditions.

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CARNGHAM A.C.F.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Carngham branch, A.C.F., was held recently; Mrs A. C. Roddis (president) presiding. The Christmas Fair, held at Snake Valley on 23rd Decr., was discussed, and arrangements made. The following donations were received:—P. Russell, £5; result of dance on 4th Novr., £4/12/; J. Colles (sale of produce), £1/12/6; Mrs J. McKay, 15/; Mesdames A. C. Roddis, McCook, Oddie, and J. Greenbank, each 10/; Mr T. Ryan, 6/; Mrs Milne, 9/; Miss Middleton, 5/; Messrs. W. H. Bass and F. Leeman, each 3/; Messrs. A. T. Brumby, C. McLean, W. Kiely, M. Kiely, M. Callaghan, W. Callaghan, and Mrs G. Davis, each 2/; total, £16/2/. Market stall, 2/6. Knitted articles received were as follow:—Mesdames A. C. Coates, F. Leeman and Miss A. Morcombe, each 4 pairs socks; Mesdames Edwards, Clarke, J. Howlett, and Hall, senr., each 3 pairs socks; Mrs Quilliam, 3 sleeveless pull-overs; Mesdames W. Callaghan, J. McKay, C. McLean, each 2 pairs socks; Mesdames J. Oddie and L. Morcombe, each 1 oiled wool pullover; Mrs Kewley, 2 pairs gloves; Mesdames A. Mark, R. Whitla, J. Whitla, and Miss Neville, each 1 pair socks; Mesdames A. C. Roddis and D. McKay, each 1 sleeveless pullover; Miss Middleton, 2 scarves; Mrs Andrew, scarf; Mrs Hall, junr., helmet; also a good parcel of illustrated papers, books, and magazines was received. Membership fees are now due, and members are reminded that the election of office-bearers takes place at the January meeting. Any fresh nominations must be notified beforehand. A.C.F. calendars are now available for 1/ each.

TENNIS.

Owing to adverse weather conditions, the Beaufort Tennis Club's Christmas week-end and Boxing Day tournament was abandoned after a few sets had been played.

SERVICEMEN'S APPRECIATION.

Dvrs. A. S. Anderson and R. R. Boyd wish to express to their home folk their very deep appreciation of canteen orders and Xmas. billies sent them by the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club. They ask all to please accept this as their thanks and the season's greetings from two boys up North.

R.S.L. SCHOLARSHIP.

The Ballarat No. 20 District Board R.S.L. scholarship, tenable for three years and valued at £11, has been won by William Mathews, of Lexton St., Ballarat, son of a former member of the R.A.N., and a pupil of the Macarthur St. State School.

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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 — Crs. J. Kirkpatrick (president), T. Wills, M. E. L. Watkin, P. Russell, A. C. Roddis, D. McDonald, and J. A. Hinton.

An apology was received for the absence of Cr. T. W. Schlicht.

From Bush Fire Brigades' Committee, forwarding list of names submitted for approval.

No objection to be offered to the appointment of Messrs. J. Fraser and G. George as Lieutenants of the Lake Goldsmith Brigade.

From Liquid Fuel Board, thanking local committee for assistance.

Received. Cr. Roddis — Any flowers with it. (Laughter). Cr. McDonald — the president ought to take it home and frame it.

From State Rivers Commission, with regard to application of R. Boyd to lease water reserve.

To lie on the table for a month, and engineer to report, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Russell. The engineer — It was familiarly known as the Log Dam.

The secretary — The Council objected to the leasing of it 30 years ago. Cr. Wills — There should be a proviso in these cases that the lessee should keep the boundary fence in repair. The engineer — That was the law. Cr. Wills — It was not observed. They had to take defaulters to law over it. The engineer said the proper procedure in a case like that mentioned by Cr. Wills was to apply for the opening of the road.

From same, with reference to water loan.

The secretary said the loan had been reduced to £480—the amount on which they had to pay interest and sinking fund.

From Department of War Organisation of Industry, concerning building to house fire truck.

Received, the building being limited to immediate requirements. The secretary said, in reply to Cr. McDonald, that it would be on a tree reserve. Cr. Wills said councils were liable for accidents caused by erection of bike shelters in the streets.

From Library Service Board, forwarding report.

The secretary read a summary of the provisions of the new Act. He added that if the bill were carried, all free libraries in the shire would have to be taken over by the Council. Cr. Roddis — He did not think the scheme would benefit the municipalities. Cr. Wills asked if there was any interest in the local library—he read in the "Riponshire Advocate" that the committee was complaining there was not sufficient interest in the library. After further discussion, the matter dropped.

From Buangor Bush Fire Brigade, in respect to tank at Shirley.

The engineer — He could get the tank, but not the piping. It was resolved that the engineer erect the tank at once, and advise Buangor brigade that the other work would be expedited, as soon as possible.

From V. Dunn, applying for permission to erect telephone line.

Granted, subject to usual conditions, on motion of Crs. Russell and McDonald.

From Country Roads Board, concerning materials for bridges on Trawalla West road.

The engineer said the work was going ahead. The bridges were near Mt. Emu homestead. The engineer informed Cr. Roddis that petroleum jelly was used to preserve timber.

From J. Ball, with regard to water supply at Raglan.

Referred to Water Commission.

From head teacher, State School, Trawalla, thanking Council for grant to

school library.

Received. The president — They appreciated the little the Council did.

From F. Ellingham, asking permission to obtain water supply from mill at Skipton.

Engineer to report, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Hinton.

From H. J. Buchanan, Beaufort, requesting Council to open the Ararat road in front of his residence for the purpose of the installation of a new water pipe to replace the existing service. — Referred to Water Commission.

From Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen's Fathers' Association, Beaufort, bringing the following matters before the Council:—1. That the Shire Council, without further delay, make a move to form a local Repatriation Committee, which at the moment is considered urgent. 2. That the Council consider the advisability of securing a suitable site on which to erect the proposed Memorial Hall. — The secretary said the first matter had been referred to the president, and would be advertised in next week's paper and an attempt made to get a speaker from Melbourne. In regard to the second matter, the president said they had been waiting for the return of Cr. Young. Cr. Russell — The scheme in general was approved of. Cr. Roddis moved that the last portion be held over till there was a full attendance of the Council. Seconded by Cr. Wills, and carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Cr. Roddis brought under notice the condition of the buildings at the Carnham Recreation Reserve, which were being made a home of by swagmen and were in a filthy condition. The head surfaceman had said if he was called on to do the work of cleaning them up again he would leave the job. The Council should close the buildings and post a notice that people using them would be prosecuted. Rabbits had got into the pipe on the racecourse. The money received in rent would be spent. He moved that the buildings be inspected and the engineer have all necessary repairs effected, and have a notice posted prohibiting camping there. If the Council wanted to be lenient with these men, they should build a room for them.

In reply to Cr. Wills, Cr. Roddis said there was no outside committee of control.

Cr. Wills — The shire should not be responsible for wanderers damaging this property, and there should be a committee of management. It was time the councillors handed it over to someone else.

Cr. Russell, in seconding the motion, said the previous attempts to stop people from going there had not been successful. It was a happy hunting ground for tramps, and it was a hard matter to stop them.

The engineer said he wondered if it was any good to leave the buildings open.

Cr. Wills moved, as an amendment, that the East Riding members find a committee to control this place.

The amendment was not seconded; the motion being carried.

Cr. Roddis suggested that the doors be locked and the fences repaired. Then anyone breaking in could be charged.

Cr. Roddis said the Nil Desperandum dam was quite low, and Mr Greenbank could not get any pressure, and wanted permission to clean out the dam. Permission given.

The president — Kiley's dam, on the road to Skipton, near Monmot, was very low, and should be cleaned. — Left in hands of engineer to have dam cleaned, on motion of Crs. Wills and Hinton.

Cr. Watkin drew attention to the shabby state of the Beaufort band rotunda, which needed painting. He moved that it be painted. Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried.

Cr. Hinton addressed the Council in regard to the meagre petrol allowance to

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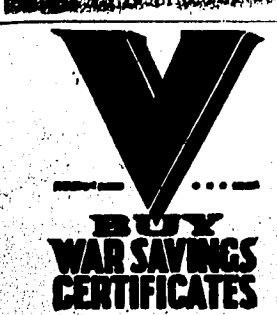
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OBITUARY MRS. JESSIE WINSALL.

Mrs Jessie Winsall, of Sinclair Street, Beaufort, passed away at the local B.N. Hospital on Sunday morning, 7th January, at the comparatively early age of 57 years. Mrs Winsall, who had been in indifferent health for some time past, was the wife of Mr Wm. Thomas Winsall, and the mother of four daughters and two sons. The sons are Messrs. Len Winsall (Hopetoun) and Trevor Winsall (A.I.F., New Guinea); the daughters being Mrs G. Madden (Melbourne), Mrs C. T. Phillips (Warracknabeal), Mrs G. L. Day (Melbourne), and Miss Joyce Winsall (Melbourne). The deceased was a daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Lofts, of Granite Hill, Lexton, where she was born, and has four brothers (Messrs. Gil., Fred., Arthur and Alex. Lofts) residing in Beaufort and district. She had lived at Hopetoun for 34 years, having gone to that town as a bride, and was very highly respected. At Hopetoun she was actively associated with the C.W.A., A.C.F., Red Cross, and Presbyterian Church Guild, and her death is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends. Mrs Winsall came to Beaufort to reside in July last, and much sympathy has been expressed for the bereaved relatives. The funeral took place on Monday; the remains of the late Mrs Winsall being interred in the Beaufort Cemetery in the presence of many relatives and friends. A large number of beautiful floral tributes of sympathy covered the coffin, which was borne to the grave by Messrs. Alex., Gilbert, and Fred Lofts (brothers), G. Day, G. Madden, and C. Phillips (sons-in-law). In addition to the relatives mentioned above, the chief mourners were Mr W. T. Winsall (husband), Mr Len Winsall, Hopetoun (son), Mrs G. Madden, Melbourne; Miss Joyce Winsall, Melbourne; Mrs Phillips, Warracknabeal; Mrs G. Day, Melbourne (daughters); Mr Trevor Winsall, A.I.F. (son), Mrs Ivy Jonasson, Warracknabeal (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Arthur Lofts (brother and sister-in-law), Mr G. Lofts, junr. (nephew), Mesdames Alex., Fred., and Gil. Lofts (sisters-in-law), and Mr and Mrs Ron Grant (niece and nephew). Rev. J. P. MacDougall conducted services at the Presbyterian Church and the graveside. Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son, of Ballarat, carried out the funeral arrangements.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

On Thursday, 18th January, Mr T. W. Schlicht will offer by auction, on the premises, at 2 p.m., township property and furniture, in the estate of the late Mrs Mary Driver.

Buangor Tennis Club dance, Friday, 19th January.

Fortnightly meeting Beaufort Red Cross, Tuesday, 16th January.

An important notice by the Beaufort Mothers' Club in regard to obtaining a transport service for local children attending Ballarat schools appears in our advertising columns.

Raglan Patriotic League will hold a Gymkhana on Easter Monday, April 2. Wood cutting and carting working bee for Beaufort B.N. Hospital, Monday, 29th January (Australia Day holiday).

Dads' Association meets at Shire Hall, Tuesday evening, 16th inst.

Annual meeting, Beaufort Thistle Club, Mechanics' Institute, Friday night, January 19th.

Annual meeting subscribers Beaufort Mechanics' Institute, Wednesday night, 17th January.

Two medium draught geldings have been impounded at Skipton, and the sale of them has been fixed for 31st January.

Tenders, closing 16th Jan., are invited for the publican's booth at the Lexton Sports Club's gymkhana.

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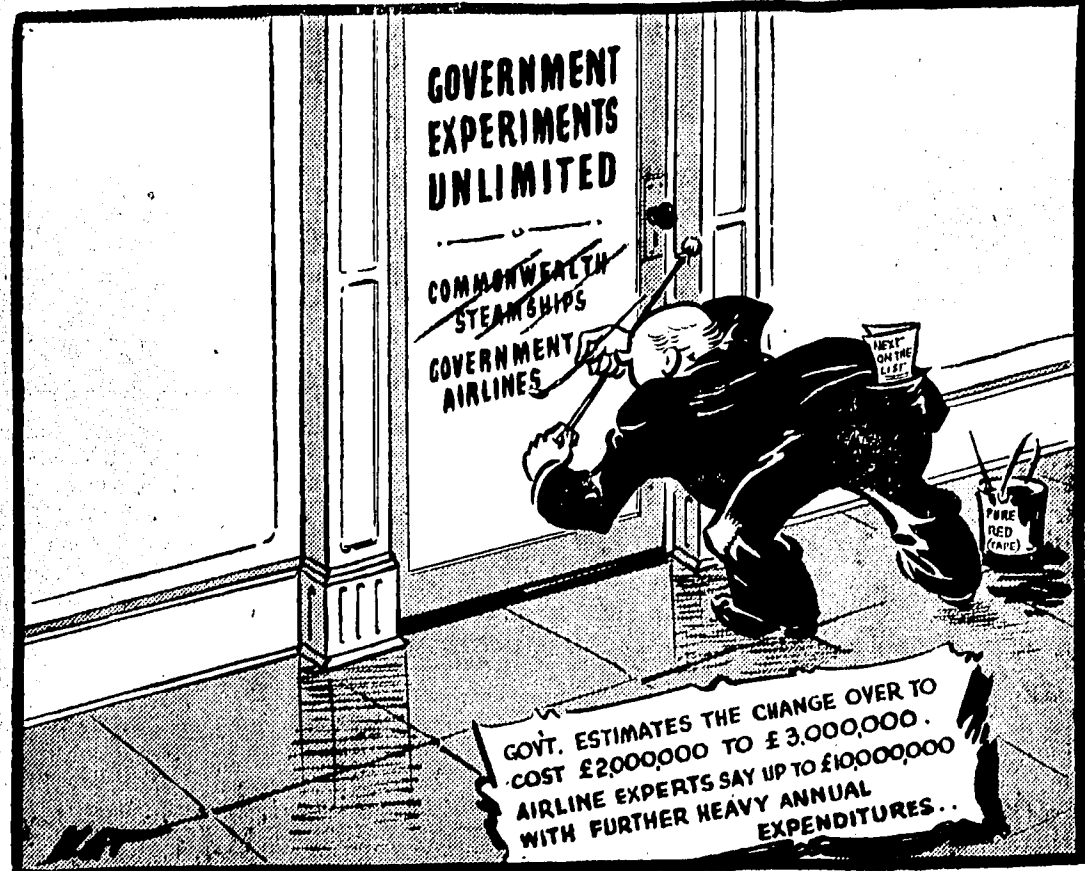


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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

It is better for a man to remain poor all his days than make money dishonestly.

GIVERS OF GOOD ADVICE

THOSE who are very generous with good advice, but fail to set an example by their manner of living, often find their words spurned by those they consider are in need of a "guide, philosopher, and friend." But happily, there are many good, tactful men and women in every community, with public and private life beyond reproach, who will always receive a respectful hearing from an erring brother or sister. Such individuals are an asset to any town or district, and the wisdom they impart is often remembered and put into practice long after they have forgotten the incident which brought about the expression of it. As we pass through this world, with its ups and downs, we all come in contact at some time or another with kindly, upright persons of this splendid type and have impressed upon our minds very pleasant and treasured memories of them, and also feel the incentive in our imperfect way to copy their very fine pattern.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES

BONE IN THROAT.

Mrs George, of Lawrence Street, Beaufort, had the misfortune to get a piece of bone caught in her throat, and had it removed at the Ballarat Hospital, where she was a patient for a few days.

ENGINE DERAILED.

On Tuesday evening the locomotive of a goods train was derailed at Trawalla railway station, and between five and six hours' work was entailed in replacing it on the rails. Men from Beaufort and Ballarat had to be obtained to assist the local railway gang, and also the Ballarat breakdown van.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

On Thursday evening First-constable J. Duke arrested a man named John McLachlan, a stranger to the town, on a charge of having been drunk and disorderly. Defendant was brought before Mr H. J. Buchanan, J.P., at the Police Station on Friday morning, and fined £2 or three days' imprisonment. The fine was not paid.

SALE OF 51 YEARS AGO.

Through the courtesy of Mrs Hill, senr., of Beaufort, there has come into our possession a local draper's sale bill of 51 years ago. It is dated June 24, 1893, and was issued by the late Mr Jas. McKelch, of Neill Street. Grey calico was offered at 4/11 per doz. yds., dress material at 1/6 to 8/11 a doz. yds, boys' suits 2/11 to 7/11, youths' tweed suits 15/6 to 22/6, men's trousers and vests 12/6 to 18/6, men's overcoats and mackintoshes 18/6 to 27/6, men's hats from 1/ to 4/11, men's and boys' shirts from 1/ to 2/3, ties from 1d to 1/1, men's cotton socks from 2d to 5d a pair, ladies' raincoats 16/6 to 21/, and velvetens from 7d to 16/ per yd.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

People and Events

The usual carpet bowls and card social took place on Saturday night under the auspices of the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club. Results:—Euchre—Ladies: Miss E. Waldron, 1; Mrs E. Dunn, 2. Men: Mr G. Foreman, 1; Mr G. Wilding, 2. Secret table—Harold George and Miss Waldron.

The Beaufort Town Band's card social and snowball competition on Monday night attracted a good attendance. Results:—Euchre—Section 1—Mrs A. McGregor, 1; Mrs A. Beer, 2. Section 2—Harold George, Messrs. A. Telford, A. McGregor, and Mrs Hae divided 1 and 2. The Beaufort F. B. Ladies Club's carpet bowls competition on Tuesday afternoon was won by Mesdames W. Gillingham and H. T. Slec.

The Beaufort Band Ladies' Auxiliary held a five hundred social on January 10th, and the results were:—Section 1—Mrs Day, 1; Mrs Willis, 2. Section 2—Mrs Gillingham, 1; Mr Stewart, 2. Booby prizes—Mrs Sullivan and Lin McGregor.

On Thursday the Beaufort Fire Brigade Ladies' Club held a social afternoon for the P.O.W. and Comforts Club. Competitions were won by Mesdames F. Worsley and Gillingham and Marie Worsley. Solos were given by Mrs N. Smith. The proceeds were £2/8.

The Beaufort Fire Brigade held a euchre social and dance on Thursday night for the Servicemen's Fund. The dance music was supplied by Blay's Band. Results:—Section 1—Mrs McCracken, 1; Miss Anderson, 2. Section 2—Harold George, 1; Messrs. J. Stewart and McGregor and Mrs Beer, 2. Novelty dance—Mr W. Hains and Mrs J. Hains. The takings were £4/10.

Mr and Mrs J. O'Brien, of Footscray, have been staying with relatives at Beaufort and Middle Creek.

Mr and Mrs Les. Johnston, of Ballarat, spent the week-end with Mr Johnston's mother, Mrs Hill, senr., of Beaufort.

Norman and Jean Gordon and Miss Wanda Gordon, of Melbourne, have been spending a holiday at Beaufort with their father, Mr. Geo. Gordon.

Mrs A. Holdsworth, of Toorak, has been spending a holiday at Beaufort.

Mr and Mrs McCartney and their son, Ian, have been visiting Mr and Mrs R. King, of Beaufort.

Miss D. Sands has been visiting her father, Mr A. H. Sands, of Beaufort.

Mr H. Cremean (Deputy-Leader of the State Labour Party) was present on Friday night, 12th Jan., at the annual meeting of the Beaufort branch of the A.L.P.

The engagement is announced of Joan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Irving, South Grafton, New South Wales, to Bombardier R. Hancock (A.I.F., returned), elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Hancock, of Beaufort.

Mesdames J. Duke and P. Doull have gone to Melbourne for a short holiday.

Mr W. D. Smith, of Red Cliffs, has been visiting relatives in the Beaufort district.

Messrs. A. E. and D. Crick, of Beaufort, have been to Warrnambool for a holiday.

Mrs J. B. Hewitt, of Footscray, has been staying with her aunt, Mrs S. Baldwin, of Beaufort.

The engagement is announced of Joan Eleanor, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Dowling to Edgar, second son of Mr and Mrs H. T. Slec, Beaufort.

James Wyllie, who is a pupil at the Ballarat High School, was successful in passing in eight subjects; gaining his Intermediate Certificate and obtaining first place in his form. He is at present holidaying at Casterton.

RAINFALL.

The rainfall for the week at Beaufort was seven points.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Skipton.

DEATH OF MR. HUGH McLEAN.

Mr Hugh McLean, who passed away at midday on Sunday, after a protracted illness, was a prominent resident of Skipton, who held the respect and admiration of everyone who knew him. The deceased gentleman came to Skipton about six years ago. He had previously carried on farming with much success in the Wimmera, and his efforts in that industry were rewarded with immediate success in this district. He was prominent in many public affairs; being an elder of the Skipton Presbyterian Church, a committeeman of the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, and a former president of the local Football Club, etc. He leaves a widow and three sons. The funeral took place to the Skipton Cemetery on Monday afternoon, and there was a large and representative gathering, despite the short notice. Deceased was the uncle of Mr H. V. McLean, of Beaufort.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.

Mr Angus presided and there was a moderate attendance at the monthly meeting of the Skipton Patriotic League on Tuesday evening. A letter of thanks for a fountain pen, sent from the citizens of Skipton through the league, was received from Miss Gwen Worrall, of the A.W.A.S. There was also a letter of thanks from the Red Shield and Seamen's Mission for donations sent by the league. The secretary (Mr W. Sturgeon) reported that there was a profit of £4/10/6 from the euchre and dance, and 10/ profit from the afternoon euchre. In answer to a question, the secretary said there was £33/1/10 to the credit of the league. It was agreed to allot £15 to the P.O.W. After a long discussion, it was agreed to call a special meeting of the League on January 23rd, to decide whether the annual flower show will be held.

EUCHRE PARTY AND DANCE.

The Patriotic League held a euchre party and dance on Saturday night. This night (the first Saturday in each month) is usually allotted to the Red Cross, but as the Carnham Dramatic Club is providing an entertainment next Saturday night, when the proceeds will go to the Red Cross, a change over was made. There was a good attendance. The winners of the euchre were Mrs L. Graham and Mr W. Liston, senr.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

On Tuesday afternoon a euchre party was held in aid of the Mechanics' Institute. The winner was Mrs A. Johnston.

PERSONAL.

L/AC. Arch Corbett and his wife paid a visit to their parents at Skipton last week.

Pilot-Officer Claude Notman, who has had extended leave to carry out essential work, received notice to report for duty last week. Word has since been received that he is to be granted his discharge.

Raglan

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.

At a general meeting of the Raglan Patriotic League, held on Wednesday, 10th Jan., the sum of £32 was allotted to the Red Cross, Prisoners of War, A.C.F., and Salvation Army. Letters of appreciation for canteen orders were received from 15 members of the Forces from various stations. It was decided to again hold the gymkhana on Easter Monday, April 2nd, and a further meeting to discuss additional details will be held on Wednesday, 24th Jan.

BEAUFORT P.O.W. SHOP.

The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. Shop wish to thank all donors and helpers last week. Helpers were Mesdames M. Cuthbertson, A. E. Exell, Misses E. Lewis and M. Anderson. Receipts were £50/9. Cash donation: Miss Grant, Trawalla, 5/.

B.N. HOSPITAL.

Monthly Meeting

Mr A. R. Beggs (president) presided at the Shire Hall on Monday night when the monthly meeting of the Beaufort B.N. Hospital Committee was held. Nine members were present. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. H. V. McLean, A. A. Downe, Mrs A. R. Beggs, Miss Lewis, Mr F. Webster, and Mr J. F. Wotherspoon.

The president said Sister Ekersley's hurried departure was due to the manpower people in Ballarat, who made the change in 24 hours.

Correspondence was read from the Central Council of the B.N. Association, asking that the hospital be registered in the names of the trustees. Request to be complied with, on motion of Mesdames Macdonald and Campbell.

From B.N. Association, stating that crutches, dock chairs, verandah chairs, and bedside lockers had been forwarded to the Beaufort Hospital. Received. Sir James Barrett forwarded a letter he had received from the Hon. D. Chifley, in regard to payment of payroll tax by Bush Nursing Hospitals, and giving reasons why exemption could not be granted. The president said Sir Jas. Barrett said he intended to keep at it.

From State School Social Service League, Middle Creek, forwarding donation of £2. Written to and thanked, and motion of appreciation recorded in minutes.

The president said that Mrs Russell was willing to pay the cost of keeping a supply of snakebite serum at the hospital for a year. Mrs Russell's offer accepted, and donor to be thanked. Accounts amounting to £91/13/ were passed for payment, leaving a credit balance.

The president reported that Sister Francis called at the Hospital on Saturday, and made an inspection.

The secretary (Mr H. Currie) said that Messrs. Campbell and Lewell were arranging the wood cutting and carting working bee for Foundation Day, but had not yet finalised the matter.

It was mentioned that the "Sun" Toy Fund had sent up a parcel of toys, a number of which had been distributed and others kept for the Hospital. Written to and thanked, and a minute of appreciation recorded.

The matter of holding the annual garden party was deferred for a fully-attended meeting.

Mr Hayes was thanked for varnishing some chairs.

It was pointed out that the concessions for membership of a Bush Nursing Hospital held good at any B.N. Hospital in the State.

The following donations were received:—Engineer-Commander Mackenzie, Mr H. Roberts, eggs; Buln Gherin, vegetables; Mrs Exell, jam, cakes; Mrs Hinch, cake, scones; Mrs R. T. Macdonald, cakes; Miss Oddie, cakes, cream, rabbits; Mrs A. Beggs, duck; Mrs Umbers, lettuce; Mrs J. Ellis, eggs; B. & W. Co-op., cordials and soft drinks.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

Aircraftman Doug. McCracken has been home to Beaufort on leave from an Air Force training camp.

Corpl. R. Rayner, of the R.A.A.F. (returned) has been home to Beaufort on leave.

L/Corpl. I. Lowe, of the A.I.F. (ret. M.E. and N.G.) has been in Beaufort on leave.

L/AC. W. West, of Mena Park, and L/AC. J. Ellis, of Lake Goldsmith, have been home on leave.

Pte. Jim McKenzie, of the A.I.F., is home on leave from a northern State

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Billiard Finals

There was an excellent crowd of spectators at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute billiard room on Friday night, 5th January, when A. Ringin and C. V. Wyllie commenced the B Grade final. Wyllie's handicap was receive 15; Ringin's being receive 25. Up to the halfway mark, Wyllie had failed to make any reduction in his handicap, and getting the run of the balls, Ringin gradually drew away, and won by 26.

W. I. Halpin and R. Simpson, the A Grade finalists, then began their match. Halpin's handicap being owe 35, and Simpson receiving 35. Jumping away to a flying start, Simpson more than held his own, much to the surprise of everyone, and when he had reached 90, Halpin had failed to reduce his handicap of 70. However, Halpin (who won his first tournament in the Institute 37 years ago), settled down in his unperturbed manner, to a steady game, and gradually overhauled his opponent, to run out a winner by 26. Although the winner did not show his usual brilliant form, he played a good, uphill contest; the balls running against him.

Afterwards players and onlookers were entertained by the committee at a very tasty supper (provided by Mr J. Crozser).

Mr R. C. Hodgetts (president) congratulated the players and took the opportunity to commend members in general on the spirit and manner in which they conducted themselves in the club room. He asked Mr D. R. Hannah, as the oldest member of the Institute present, to hand over the prizes.

Mr Hannah, with a few, congratulatory remarks to the players and words of advice to patrons of the billiard room, handed over the first and second prizes to the winners and runners-up. The recipients briefly responded.

BEAUFORT FIRE BRIGADE.

The following appears in the current issue of the Country Fire Board's Quarterly:—Beaufort Brigade has been blessed with a very energetic ladies' committee, headed by the wife of the captain (Mrs J. Duke). In addition to forwarding 235 canteen orders to soldiers during the year, they have raised something like £127 for the brigade and £266 for various patriotic efforts. We wish we could give the full details of the activities of the Club, which actually occupy half a column of the local paper, but must be content with a brief summation, concluding with the hope that the shadows of those concerned will never grow less.

BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

CATTLE—Heavy yarding of 200. Demand for best trade quality keen at firm values—lower grades slightly easier. Prime medium weight bullocks, £19 to £21; extra, to £22/7/6; good, £16 to £18; useful, £13 to £15; prime cows, £12/10/ to £13/17/6; good, £9/10/ to £11; useful, £8 to £8.

SHEEP—Another heavy penning of 219. Competition steady, values lower. Best made £12/18/6.

SHEEP—Greatly increased penning totalling 7975. Competition not quite so keen as last week—wethers about 2/ lower. Prime and heavy ewes firm—other grades easier. Prime crossbred wethers, 23/ to 25/10; good, 19/ to 21/; prime crossbred ewes, 18/ to 20/; extra, to 23/10; good, 13/ to 15/; prime merino wethers, 20/ to 22/8; good, 16/ to 18/.

LAMBS—Much heavier penning; total, 7398. A few pens of extra prime heavy weights realised about last week's rates, but for the bulk of the offering values generally were lower, and about on a par with the rates ruling before the holidays. Prime, 25/ to 27/; heavy, 28/ to 29/; a few extra heavy, to 31/7; good, 20/ to 23/; useful, 16/ to 18/.

DISTRICT SALES—The following district sales are reported:—20 bullocks, Wing Commander C. O. Fairbairn, Banongill, £22/7/6, topping the market, to £17/15/; averaging £18/19/9; 14 steers, heifers and cows, Major Philip Russell, Carnham, steers £16/10/ to £19/10/, heifers £13/5/ to £12/12/6, cows £12 to £7 5/; 17 calves £12/18/6, topping the market, to £8/18/11; cow, Miss K. Smith, Beaufort, £11/17/6; 11 calves, Messrs. J. and J. Liston, Carranballac, to £9/19/; 99 merino wethers, Mr John Franc Shirley, to 13/1; 84 merino wethers, Brennan Bros., Bungar, wethers to 16/4, ewes 10/; 62 crossbred ewes and wethers, Messrs. G. Collins & Son, Beaufort, ewes 19/10 to 18/1, wethers 18/1, 11 lambs to 25/; 19 merino wethers, J. and F. L. Ball, Raglan 15/7, 100 lambs 20/7 to 17/; 11 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr E. V. Broadbent, Beaufort, 20/1, 9 lambs 17/4; 122 merino wethers and lambs, Mr J. Lancy, Raglan, to 18/2; 81 crossbred wethers and ewes, Mr L. B. Fay, Middle Creek, to 16/10, 40 lambs 11/7; 46 lambs Mr E. A. Fav. Middle Creek, 7/6, 9 lambs 16/; 11 steers, Langi-Kal Pty. Ltd., to £22 2/6, averaging £21/10/8, top price and average of the market; 29 M.E. wethers, same owners, 21/6, 114 lambs to 17/8, averaging 17/3; 26 crossbred ewes, Mr T. E. Sands, Trawalla, 7/.

WORKING BEE.

A Firework for the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital, will be held on MONDAY, 29th JANUARY (Australia Day Holiday). A. CAMPBELL, A. LEWELL, Organisers.

ASSOCIATION IN SHIRE HALL ON TUESDAY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB will be held in Mechanics' Institute, on FRIDAY, JAN. 19th, at 8 p.m. All members and intending members are cordially invited to attend. A. S. DUNCAN, Secy.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

will be held at 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 17th JANUARY. The committee would appreciate a full attendance. R. C. HODGETTS, President.

IMPOUNDED AT SKIPTON.

One Medium Draught Gelding, four white feet, white face; Medium Draught Gelding, two hind feet white, star on forehead, no visible brands. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold on 31st JANUARY. DENIS DALY, Poundkeeper.

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LEXTON SPORTS CLUB.

Tenders for Publican's Booth, 36 gal. beer, 1 gal. spirits. Tenders close 4 p.m., 18/1/45 with President, J. PALMBY.

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE

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OLD ARARAT FOOTBALLER. A son of Sergt. G. Williamson, who was stationed at Ararat and Beaufort for some time, the Rev. James Ian Williamson, has been chosen Moderator-elect of the Presbyterian Church of South Australia, to the delight of his Ararat friends.

Coming to Ararat as a young man after his school days in Rupanyup and Stawell, Jim Williamson was very popular indeed with the young people of the town. He was one of the best full backs the Ararat football team had whilst playing in the Ballarat League, and on leaving Ararat for the city he played with a Melbourne League team.

LEXTON SPORTS CLUB

MONSTER GYMKHANA AND HORSE RACING, in aid of Ballarat Public Hospital, Avoca Hospital, Beaufort Hospital, Eimhurst Bush Nursing Centre, Local Improvements. SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1945. £40 in Prize Money, £40. Grand Programme Cycling, Football, Hunting, Horse Racing and Novelty Events. Programme commencing at 1 p.m. sharp. No Waiting.

HORSE RACING.—Draught Horse Derby, p.m. Jan. 20, 1945. Handicap, 2 furlongs, at 2 p.m. Handicap according to weight of horse—£1 and 10/.

Entry, 4/. Pony Race, 4 furlongs (1 h. a.u.), at 3 p.m. Hdep., 11 yds. to 1 h. Catch Weights, £2 and 10/. Entry, 5/.

Local Hack Race, 4 furlongs, at 3.30 p.m. For horses that have not won any money for racing. £2/10/ and £1. Entry, 5/. Open Hack Race, 6 furlongs, at 4.15 p.m. Minimum weight, 10 st. £3 and £1. Entry, 5/.

CYCLE RACES.—Entries close 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 1945. Last 3 performances to accompany entry. Open Cycle Race, 1 mile, £2 and 10/. Nom., 1/6; accept., 1/.

Open Cycle Race, 2 miles. £2 and 10/. Nom., 1/6; accept., 1/.

FOOTRUNNING.—Entries close 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 1945. Last 3 performances to accompany entry. Sheffield Handicap, 130 yds. £2 and 15/.

100 yds. Hdep. £1/10/ and 10/. Nom., 1/; accept., 1/.

HORSE RING EVENTS.—Post Entry. Pony Hunters, 14.2 a.u. £1/10/ and 10/. Entry, 2/. Open Hunters. £3 and £1. Entry, 3/. Hunting in Pairs. £2 and £1. Entry, 3/ pair. Best Heavyweight Hack. £1 1/3 trophy. Best Lady's Hack. £1/1 trophy. Best Hunter that has not previously won any prizes. £1/10/ and 10/. Entry, 2/. (Note: No horse can win more than 2 events, excluding Hunting in Pairs, from above 6 events). Flag Race. 10/ and 5/. Entry, 6d. Bending Race. 10/ and 5/. Entry, 6d. Best Lady Rider. 10/ and 5/. Entry, 1/. Best Boy Rider, under 15 years. 7/6 and 2/6. Entry, 6d. Best Girl Rider, under 16 years. 7/6 and 2/6. Entry, 6d.

Children's Races.—Entry free. Prizes. 3/2, 2/ and 1/ in each event. Boys under 14 & under 10, Girls under 14, & under 10.

NOVELTY EVENTS.—Post Entry. Sheaf Tossing. 15/. Entry, 1/. Ladies' Nail Driving. 5/. Entry, 6d. Guessing Weight of Sheep. The sheep or 20/. Entry, 1/. Bowling at Wicket (sweepstakes) Catching the Rooster. First Race for boys under 12 & girls under 14. Prize, the bird. Second Race for all comers. Prize, the bird.

All competitors compete at own risk. Committee reserves right to alter programme.

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GRAND BALL and Euchre Tournament in Hall at Night. Admission same as above.

J. PALMBY, President.

E. W. HEDGE, A. E. HERBERTSON, Joint Secretaries.

BUANGOR TENNIS CLUB DANCE.

in BUANGOR HALL, on FRIDAY, 19th JANUARY. Admission, 2/.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING OF THE RED CROSS.

will be held as usual on TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY. AGNES BEGGS, President.

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE!

MR. DENIGAN, M.L.A., has notified the MOTHERS' CLUB that it is necessary to give the number of children prepared to travel to Ballarat Schools daily and return, in order to try to obtain a train or bus service. Will participants please hand in each child's name at Mr Lewell's Cafe, without delay.

B. WORSLEY, Hon. Secy.

RAGLAN PATRIOTIC LEAGUE GYMKHANA.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 2nd. Watch this column for further details. C. V. WYLLIE, Hon. Secy.

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Theo. W. Schlicht,

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Fortnightly Meeting

Mr C. V. Wylie (president) was in the chair at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., on Tuesday night, and there was an attendance of eight members. A circular from the Board of Directors conveyed the season's greetings. Letters were received from the following Servicemen, thanking the branch for canteen orders:—Sgt. S. McCracken, Corpl. W. M. Fitzpatrick, L/AC. J. E. Pearce, Bombardier R. Hancock, Pte. Ted Kelly, and Sergt. J. R. Davey. The Austin Hospital wrote, returning thanks for a donation. The Board of Directors forwarded a £20 endowment bonus for the relatives of the late Mr D. Jackson. A donation of 10/- was voted to the Queen Victoria Hospital Auxiliary. A circular was read from the Board of Directors in regard to proposed increased payment to branch medical officers, which will mean an increase in dues of 1/9 per member per quarter. The treasurer (Mr N. S. McLeod) reported the following credit balances:—General fund, £299/10/2; sick fund, £30/1/8. Accounts and sick-pay amounting to £16/6/1 were passed for payment. The balance-sheet for the past six months, which was presented by the secretary (Mr H. V. Martin) was adopted, and showed the following balances:—Medical and Management Fund Cr. £197/14/4; Contingency Fund, Cr. £8/0/11; Sick and Funeral Fund, Cr. £49/13/11; Hospital Fund, Cr. £30/4/3. The membership is 169, and the balance of assets over liabilities £227/15/6. The total sick-pay for the half-year was £141. The president said the position was very satisfactory, and commended the secretary on the way he had carried out his duties. Mr Sands referred to the non-stopping of the express in Beaufort at night, and was informed that the 'Dads' Association waited on the Shire Council in regard to the matter on Monday, and a deputation was being sent to the Minister of Railways.

**FIRE BRIGADE.
Monthly Meeting.**

The first monthly meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade for the New Year took place at the Fire Station on Monday night, and eight active and six reserve members attended. Captain J. Duke presided. A circular was read from the Country Fire Board in regard to election of officers. The Board also wrote, accepting the resignation of Fireman F. J. Stewart. Letters of thanks for canteen orders were received from Corpl. M. Cole, L/Corpl. J. Duke, Corpl. W. M. Fitzpatrick, Sergt. L. G. Cogle, L/Corpl. G. Grant, and Corpl. A. McGregor. The secretary (Fireman C. Stewart) was also thanked personally by L/AC. L. Pearce. A notification was received from the Fire Brigades Board's Accident Relief Fund that the subscription is due. A copy of the Country Fire Brigades Board's Quarterly was laid on the table, and included a notice in regard to the local brigade. A circular was received relating to the Save the Forests Campaign. The action of the captain and secretary in sending canteen orders was endorsed. It was decided that the front of the piano be kept in place at future dances. A patriotic euehre social and dance was arranged for the 11th Jany., and they are to be held fortnightly. Fireman J. Holdsworth was appointed for hall duty for the month, and Foreman G. Gordon and Fireman A. Telford for motor pump duty. The sum of £2/2/ was handed in by Fireman M. Torney; being the proceeds of a dance held on the previous Thursday night.

POLICE COURT.

There was a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS

Late Skipton Items

PERSONAL.
Mr and Mrs A. Angus have returned from a holiday in Melbourne, where they renewed the acquaintance of many old Skipton friends and relatives.
Mr and Mrs A. Brown and daughter have returned from their annual holiday.
Miss Ruby Angus, who is a lecturer at the Teachers' Training College, is recuperating at Skipton, following an operation.
Mr and Mrs Ellingham are away for a few days at the seaside.
Mrs C. R. Loudon and children are spending a holiday with relatives at Traralgon, Gippsland.
Mrs McPherson is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs J. Goodwin, who is recovering from a recent operation.
Mrs Dick Walker, of Vite Vite, has suffered a bereavement by the death of her mother, which took place on Monday.

Mr Les Cluff has returned from a holiday spent in Melbourne and Ballarat.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.
Mr C. R. Loudon presided over a good attendance of committeemen of the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening. The secretary's action in paying accounts was endorsed. The treasurer's report showed that there was a credit balance in the bank of £111/19/4. On Boxing Night an impromptu dance was held, and there was a profit of £3/4. The secretary reported that there was a profit of £28/5/2 from the New Year's Eve ball. The following amounts were donated:—Euehre prizes—Mr F. Alexander, 10/-; Mr E. Atkins, 10/-; Mr F. Nolman, 10/-; a Wellwisher, 5/-; Mrs Butterfield, 10/- worth floorfast; Mr Loudon, bread. The president commended the ladies' committee for the way they had carried out their part of the work. The ball, through their efforts, was a success, both socially and financially. It was agreed to hold the annual meeting on Feb. 17. The meeting is to be advertised in the "Riponshire Advocate" and tenders are to be called for the position of caretaker. Blay's Orchestra is to be approached to supply the music for the ball on Easter Monday night.

WEATHER NOTES.

Following a few weeks of cold, unseasonable weather, the mercury steadily rose on Sunday to 89 degrees, despite the fact that the temperature was around freezing point early in the morning. On Monday the mercury rose to 96 in the shade, and was the hottest day for the summer. It was a very trying day. A change took place on Tuesday afternoon, following another hot day, which afforded some relief.

TENNIS

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Beaufort Methodist tennis court on Saturday, 6th January, when a mixed doubles tournament was held. The following are the results:—
First Round.—J. Sutton and Mrs Whiting d. Misses A. McGregor and M. Poland, 6-0; Mrs Hughes and Miss Alford d. A. J. Hughes and Miss B. Simper, 6-3; Rev. J. Leach and Miss Lyons d. S. Hayes and Miss P. Broadbent, 6-3; Mrs P. Lyons and Miss E. Morvell d. Mrs Thompson and Miss A. Simper, 6-2; A. Whiting and Miss V. Martin d. R. Fisher and Miss A. Thacker, 6-0.
Second Round.—J. Sutton and Mrs Whiting d. Rev. J. Leach and Miss Lyons, 6-1; Mrs Hughes and Miss Alford d. Mrs Lyons and Miss Morvell, 6-4; A. Whiting and Miss V. Martin, bye.
Semi-final. — A. Whiting and Miss Martin d. J. Sutton and Mrs Whiting, 9-5.
Final. — A. Whiting and Miss Martin d. Mrs Hughes and Miss Alford, 9-3.

WEDDING BELLS.

Gordon Corbett

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ararat, on Decr. 9th, the Rev. J. Stuckey officiated at the marriage of Roma Grace, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Corbett, of Tatyoon (formerly of Skipton) to John William, only son of Mrs and the late Mr J. Gordon, of Minnera East. The bride, who entered the Church on the arm of her father, wore a pale blue ensemble, with white picture hat, and carried a bouquet of white rosebuds, daisies and carnations. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Madge Lloyd, of Ararat, who also wore a frock of blue, with blue hat, relieved with red, and carried a bouquet of red gladioli. The bridegroom was attended by Mr David Martin, of Tatyoon.
After the ceremony, a few relatives and close friends were entertained at a wedding tea at "Toddle Inn" Cafe, where the usual toasts were honoured, and several congratulatory telegrams were received.

DAVIS — POHLMAN.

St. Mark's Church of England, Warwick, was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding on December 2, when Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Pohlman, of Warwick, was married to Robert George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Davis, Beaufort, Victoria. The Rev. J. A. G. Housden officiated.
The bride looked graceful as she entered the Church on the arm of her father, who subsequently gave her away. She wore a beautiful gown of ivory silk, with lace being of classical lines; the bodice being of fine shirring and pastel shades of stencilled flowers. The back was finished with self-covered buttons from the neck to waist. The skirt fell in full folds, from which was formed a long graceful train. Over this she added a full length tulle veil, which was held in place with a halo of orange blossoms and tulle. Her beautiful shower bouquet consisted of white November lilies, charm dahlias, gladioli and tuberoses, intermingled with asparagus fern. Her only ornament was a pendant, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bride's sister, Frances, as chief bridesmaid, wore a gown of oyster georgette over satin; the front being softly shirred and falling in full folds.
Miss Daphne Harland, cousin of the bride, attended as bridesmaid, frocked in pink waterwave taffeta over satin cut on plain lines.

The bride's sister, Mary, attended as flower girl. Her dainty gown was of blue satin cut on the same lines as the bride's. Their toilettes were finished with matching tulle veils, which were held in place with pink roses, and they also carried shower bouquets of pink gladioli and blue delphiniums. They wore pendants, the gifts of the bridegroom.
The duties of best man and groomsmen were carried out by Mr A. Schmitzberger and Mr B. Neill respectively.
Later a number of relatives and friends were entertained at the Soldiers' Club. The feature of the bride's table was the beautiful 2-tiered wedding cake, made by the bride's aunt (Mrs J. Morris) and iced by the Misses Colledge, friends of the bride.

After the reception the bridal couple left for their honeymoon, which was spent touring the North Coast. The bride's travelling frock was of blue wool de chine, embroidered in white, to which was added white accessories.

LEXTON SPORTS.

Attention is directed to the Lexton Sports Club's monster gymkhana and horse racing gathering, to be held in aid of district hospitals and local improvements, on Saturday, Jany. 27. There will be £40 in prizes. Entries for the horse racing, cycling, and footrinning events close 4 p.m. Jany. 20. Horse ring events and other events are post entry. There will be a grand ball and euehre social at night.

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TWO MEN AND A COW.

The Ripon Shire Council at Monday's meeting received a letter from J. Heagney, Beaufort, stating in regard to the Council's rather drastic threat of the 20th inst., the statement of the ranger was not correct regarding the cow grazing in the street. She was not far from his (Mr Heagney's) house on a reserve within sight. The ranger seized her, instead of driving her to the gateway and collecting 5/ at the gate. He headed her for the opposite direction and flogged her over two fences. Mr (Mr Heagney) went down to stop him from knocking the cow about. Mr Rayner told him Pitcher told him to take it. In the meantime the cow walked home. Mr Rayner demanded 5/ and he (the owner) refused to pay. He paid no man to knock his cattle about. Why did this man pass 12 cows grazing in the street, with no one in charge? He had proof that the ranger rode past them. The herdsman also passed four horses in front of his place. Mr Pitcher did not order him to impound these. He considered that his milking cow was doing better service to the country than Rayner or his informant. — Cr. Wills — Good on you. (Laughter). The secretary said they had decided to give Mr Heagney final notice to pay. Cr. Wills moved that Mr Heagney be given final notice to pay within seven days. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

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Country Traffic Code

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people on the land, and the matter was dealt with in committee, and Cr. Hinton advised to take a certain course of action.

An application for the position of cleaner of the Shire Offices was received from Miss Betty Sandlant.

The secretary said she had been doing the work for 12 months for Mrs Roberts, and was satisfactory. — Appointed to position, on motion of Crs. Wills and McDonald.

The secretary read a letter from F. Allen, Beaufort, forwarding a cheque for £8 gate commission on the patriotic gymkhana, and asking for a refund. — Amount to be refunded.

The possibility of procuring a truck from the Defence Department's stores was referred to; Cr. Wills stating that they would have to get a pretty good expert to look at it.

Cr. Russell asked if anything further had been heard from Hampden Shire in regard to a truck for the Skipton fire fighting unit.

It was decided, as nothing further had come to hand, to again write to Hampden Shire.

Cr. Wills referred to the matter of servicing the West Riding truck at a Skipton garage. Everyone, he said, cackled about decentralisation, and when there was a chance to do something locally, they were all for centralisation.

Cr. Roddis moved that the truck be serviced at Skipton by Mr Atkin, and that the matter of petrol be left in the hands of the engineer. Seconded by Cr. Wills, and carried.

WANDERING DOGS

New By-law

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, Cr. Watkin was given permission to move the following resolutions, notice of which had been given by Cr. Schlicht:—
Cr. Watkin moved, in accordance with notice given by Cr. Schlicht—That By-law No. 52, to suppress a nuisance and to protect public health, by providing restrictions on the keeping of dogs within the Township of Beaufort, under Part VII, Division 1, of the Local Government Act, 1928, be adopted. Seconded by Cr. Hinton, and carried.
Cr. Watkin moved, in accordance with notice given by Cr. Schlicht—That By-law No. 53, specifying Beaufort, as part of municipal district, as a shopping area, under the Dog Act Amendment Act, 1936, be adopted. Seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.
Cr. Roddis — And now the trouble would begin.

Cr. Wills humorously suggested that Cr. Schlicht be appointed supervisor.
After discussion, Cr. Wills moved that the dog inspector be given £10 a year to administer this section of the Act. Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried.

Cr. Watkin gave notice to move at next meeting that the resolutions be confirmed.

Cr. Wills — Is not Cr. Schlicht worried about these things?
A voice — He is more worried about sheep to-day.

Another voice — The dog inspector is with him. (Laughter).

BEAUFORT V.D.C.

On Saturday afternoon the Beaufort Platoon of the V.D.C. held a parade and shoot at the local rifle range. A match was fired at two ranges, and the winner was Pte. R. Dunn, who defeated Pte. J. McKenzie by one point. Capt. C. H. McKay and Lieuts. G. Oddie and S. R. Pascoe were in charge. A practice shoot will be held on Saturday, 20th Jany., and the next monthly shoot on the first Saturday in February.

Some country drivers have been puzzled by a regulation in the new Country Traffic Code, which states that the driver of a horse or vehicle upon any road which is divided by double longitudinal lines, comprising "one continuous line and one broken or dotted line, snau, except where a continuous line is on the right of a dotted or broken line, keep such vehicle or horse to the left side of the aforesaid double lines." This seems a bit involved, and no motorist (or the driver of any other vehicle) could be expected, in a sudden emergency, to look at the lines on the road, see whether the dotted line was to the right or left of the continuous one, and act accordingly. In fact, very few drivers could be expected to remember which side the line was supposed to be to enable them to cross. The R.A.C.V. received several inquiries as to the exact meaning of this regulation; some of the writers waxing sarcastic about the code, but when everything is explained, the whole thing is quite simple, and a driver has only to exercise his common sense and there will be no difficulty. The regulation was framed to avoid accidents on curves and near the crests of hills, where oncoming traffic cannot be seen, and it would therefore be unsafe to cross into the right hand traffic line. The continuous line is placed on the left of a broken or dotted line, as the road is nearing the crest of a hill, and it means that a driver ascending the hill and therefore not being able to see the traffic coming up the other side, must keep to the left side of such lines. As he tops the crest, he will find that the continuous line is now on the right of the broken line, and as he has a clear view of any traffic ascending the hill, he may now cross the lines if he desires to pass another vehicle going in the same direction. The question of whether the continuous line is on the left or to the right of the dotted one need not be considered. All the driver has to remember is that he must not cross into the right hand lane when ascending a hill once he reaches the two lines. Thus head-on collisions will be avoided. The same thing applies to the continuous and dotted lines when they are on curves. Approaching a curve, the driver, being unable to see what is approaching from the other side of the curve, will find the continuous line on the left of the dotted line and he cannot cross. When around the curve, with a clear view of the road ahead, he will find the continuous line on the right of the dotted line and he can cross them without fear of colliding with another vehicle.

BUSH FIRE PRECAUTION.

Speaking at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, Mr J. Duke, captain and secretary of the Beaufort Bush Fire Brigade, pointed out that the brigade's new fire-fighting unit would not be ready till next month, and he asked the Council to keep their fire-fighting unit in order till the brigade's unit was ready. Cr. Russell moved that the shire truck be kept fitted up till the brigade's new truck was ready to go into action. Seconded by Cr. Watkin, and carried. The president (Cr. Kirkpatrick) said Mr Whitfield would look after the shire power unit if left at his place, and any truck could pick it up, if he were not available. Mr Duke — That would relieve the Council. The brigade had a number of commercial trucks on its list. Cr. Russell — The suggestion was a good one, but the responsibility should be vested in the Bush Fire Brigade. If the unit were left at Mr Whitfield's, he moved to that effect. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

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Our Money and Politics

FUNCTION OF COMMONWEALTH BANK.

(Contributed).
Banking legislation has been promis-
ed for the New Year. Where it will stay
short of the Labour Party's nationalisa-
tion programme, no one knows at pre-
sent. But, if political kite-flying means
anything, the Commonwealth Bank
Board is to go, and the Bank itself—at
least in respect to policy—is to come
under direct Government control.

Let us have no illusions about the
significance of that. Government con-
trol is of its very nature political con-
trol. Political control, with the Labour
Party in office, is Caucus control. And
Caucus control, always unpredictable
and dangerous, is not going to be im-
proved with members of the Labour
Party Executive sitting in as observers.
The latter is only a demand at present.
But the Labour movement's demands
are invariably conceded. The Parliam-
entary Party can never escape the
condition that they are "the servants of
the movement."

Political control of banking means the
political control of our money. It
means that the circulation of new
money is always subject to political de-
cisions. In such circumstances, what
Government will forego easily-won popu-
larity through spending extravagantly
when new money is merely a matter of
Cabinet decision. What Labour Caucus
would allow a Labour Government to
restrain itself?

The aftermath, in the forms of rising
prices, the decline in the value of money
savings, insurance policies, bonds and
war savings certificates, is always to-
morrow's risk in the minds of those
seeking popularity to-day. When the to-
morrow comes, the money-squandering
politician will always find somebody else
to blame. But the people will not find
anybody or anything else upon which to
shift the burden.

It is one thing to say that the Com-
monwealth Bank should work in close
collaboration with the Commonwealth
Treasury, and should do everything
practicable to assist in implementing
Government policy. There is no serious
opposition to be offered to that. But
once the Bank is removed from the au-
thority of a responsible Board and made
the pliant instrument of any Govern-
ment, the day of reckoning is not far
distant. And it will be the people, es-
pecially the saving and frugal sections,
who will pay the piper for the tune they
did not call.

THISTLE CLUB.

The monthly meeting of the com-
mittee of the Beaufort Thistle Club, held
at the Mechanics' Institute on Friday
night, January 5, was presided over by
Mr A. Campbell (chief) and nine mem-
bers were present. The sum of £5 was
donated to each of the following patri-
otic bodies:—Beaufort P.O.W., Ripon
Patriotic and Comforts Club, and Beau-
fort Red Cross branch. The annual
meeting has been arranged for Friday,
18th inst., at the Mechanics' Institute.
A euchre social followed the meeting
and the results were:—Ladies — Mrs J.
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Annual Meeting**

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Ripon Sub-Branch of the Returned Sol-
diers' League, which took place at the
Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night,
and was attended by 28 members. The
president (Mr C. H. McKay) was in
the chair. Apologies were received for
the absence of Lieut.-Colonel A. Russell
and Mr R. Saddler.

The meeting opened with a minute's
silence in memory of fallen comrades.
The president welcomed a number of
new members from the 2nd A.I.F., and
other members who had come to live
in the town, particularly Mr Stan
George.

CORRESPONDENCE.
Correspondence was received from the
State Branch in regard to payment of
accounts and ordering of receipt books.
From same, giving information in re-
gard to the work of the committee ap-
pointed for the examination of the Re-
patriation Act and procedure; also stat-
ing that a publicity officer had been
appointed at headquarters, and asking
that a copy of the local newspaper be
sent regularly.

From same, giving particulars of po-
sitions vacant; and also of scholarships
available for children of Servicemen.
From same, making enquiry in regard
to local members of the Buffaloes'
Lodge.

A further State Branch circular gave
particulars of the holiday for sons of
prisoners of war or deceased soldiers.—
The secretary (Mr F. J. Webster) said
that two local boys had gone to this
camp at Mt. Martha; the Sub-Branch
paying the fares. The two boys were
the Cobden Bros.

Mr Stan. George gave some infor-
mation in regard to the Buffaloes' Lodge.
—It was decided to submit Mr George's
name to the State Branch.
The president welcomed a visitor,
L/AC. Clive Laidlaw.

**BALANCE-SHEET AND ANNUAL
REPORT.**

I have much pleasure in presenting to
you this report upon the activities of
your Sub-Branch for the year ended
31/12/44.

The year under review has been the
most successful one for several years;
concluding with a record membership of
106 and six new members enrolled for
1945.

The financial position of your Sub-
Branch also shows an improvement,
with a credit balance at the bank of
£24, and equipment to the value
of £3; making a total credit balance of
£27/4/1.

Monthly meetings of your Committee
have been held and were well attended.
During the year much useful work in
connection with repatriation and soldier
settlement matters have been handled
successfully, and a great deal of useful
help and advice given to dependants of
servicemen. As much of this work is of
a personal and therefore confidential
nature, it is impossible for me to give
a complete resume of the activities of
your committee during the year, but it
is very gratifying to know that our work
must be appreciated, when we see the
membership of the Sub-Branch at such
a high level.

Through the willing co-operation of
the Country Women's Association and
Mr J. F. Wotherspoon, we were again
able to continue the practice of inviting
the district scholars and teachers to
participate in the Legacy Club's Anzac
broadcast to schools.

On Anzac and Armistice Days the
usual Commemoration Ceremonies were
held. Hon. Alan McDonald, M.H.R.,
was the speaker for Anzac Day. His ad-
dress at the Memorial Park was very
inspiring to everyone present; the ser-
vice being preceded by the usual visita-
tion to the Cemetery, where poppies
were placed on the graves of our depart-
ed comrades.

On this occasion the members of the
C.W.A. again showed their goodwill
towards us by making available the use
of their Hall for afternoon tea. We
very much appreciate this action, and
also we thank those loyal ladies who at-
tended to the catering arrangements,
and those who made wreaths for the
Shrine. We also thank the Band for
their ever-willing assistance.

The Ceremony on Armistice Day,
simple yet impressive, was attended by
members and officers of the Shire
Council, and some private citizens, who
paid their tribute with our representa-
tives, and placed wreaths on the Mem-
orial steps.

It is with deep regret I report the
passing of two loyal and highly respect-
ed members of your Sub-Branch—Stan.
Jacobs, a member of committee for
many years, and Ern. Buchanan, a
foundation member and past secretary.
The sound position of your Sub-Branch
is largely due to their efforts in past
years. To Mr R. Dooley we offer our
sympathy in the passing of his brother,
a member of the 1st A.I.F., also to
Alfie Higgins and Stewart Wells, who
lost their sons on active service.

Your Sub-Branch has been represent-
ed at every meeting of the No. 20 Dis-
trict Board. Mr Pascoe was again el-
ected secretary and Mr Webster auditor.
This body has again performed much
useful work; its main functions being
the co-ordination of district activities,
and the allotment and supervision of
No. 20 District Scholarship. Master
William Mathews, of Ballarat, was this
year's winner of the scholarship, and we
feel sure the Sub-Committee have very
wisely allocated the award.

The Comradeship Fund, now adminis-
tered by the Sub-Branch, is still a very
active field of service to those requiring
it. During the year a Branch of the Sol-
diers, Sailors, and Airmen's Fathers' As-
sociation was inaugurated in Beaufort.

To these gentlemen we offer our best
wishes, knowing we will receive their
support in matters connected with Ser-
vice personnel and their dependants.
May I, in conclusion, thank the mem-
bers of Committee for their valuable
assistance and co-operation during the
year; Mr Young, who so ably adminis-
tered the Comradeship Fund for several
years; Dr. Humphreys, local Repatriation
Officer, for very valuable advice
and assistance over a period of 25 years;
and Mr Arthur Parker for his assist-
ance and the very efficient manner in
which he has reported the activities of
the Sub-Branch during the year.

Once more we commence a year with
our boys in various theatres of war.
Some have returned sick and wounded
—more will follow. It is your duty, and
the duty of every returned soldier, to

see that these boys at least get a fair
deal.

My good wishes to all members of the
Sub-Branch. May 1945 bring the cessa-
tion of hostilities and peace.
C. H. MCKAY J.P., President.

The balance-sheet for the past year
showed:—Receipts, £115/5/1; expendi-
ture, £101/2/7; Cr. balance, £14/4/1.
The statement of assets and liabilities
showed a balance of £41/4/1 in favour
of assets. Received, on motion of
Messrs. McDonough and Martin.

Mr W. A. Skene certified to the cor-
rectness of accounts.
The secretary mentioned that Mr
Harold Rogers, a local ex-soldier, had
died during the year, and members of
the sub-branch attended his funeral.—
The annual report was received on the
motion of Messrs. C. McDonough and
F. J. Martin.

The president moved the adoption of
the report and balance-sheet. Second-
ed by Mr G. Oddie, and carried.
The secretary reported in regard to
the Comradeship Fund. He mentioned
that £5 each had been voted to the War
Veterans' Homes and the Sorrento
Home for discharged soldiers with no
other place to go to. Received, on
motion of Messrs. McDonough and
Martin.

The president said an appeal was be-
ing launched for the War Veterans'
Home for necessitous single men on
Australia Day. He referred to the un-
avoidable absence of Mr S. Young,
and said it did not seem to be an an-
nual meeting without him. He moved
that Mr Young be written to along
those lines. Seconded by Mr N. S.
McLeod, and carried.

NO. 20 DISTRICT BOARD.
Mr S. R. Pascoe reported on the re-
cent meeting of the No. 20 District
Board, which was attended by delegates
from 10 Ballarat District Sub-branches.
Mr D. Brokenshire was elected presi-
dent, and Mr C. H. McKay was appointed
the State Branch representative for ab-
out the tenth year in succession. The
Ballarat Branch's representative on the
State Branch was Mr Roff. He (Mr
Pascoe) was secretary of the District
Board, and Mr Webster auditor. The
Ballarat District Board's scholarship
was won by Mr William Mathews, the
son of a Navy man. Every one of the
seven children who had won the schol-
arship but one was still going on with
his or her education. They dealt with
quite a lot of subjects at the board
meeting, and had sent in a recommen-
dation that malaria be included in the
pensionable diseases, and had receiv-
ed a reply that the matter would be
gone into.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
In vacating the chair, the president
expressed his appreciation of the sup-
port given him by the vice-presidents,
secretary, members of committee, and
members of the Sub-Branch generally.
Not less than 10 turned up to com-
mittee meetings on the average, which
showed their sincerity and devotion to
duty. Owing to its privacy, the annual
report could not cover the whole of the
work carried out by the sub-branch.
Mr McLeod was appointed to act as
chairman during the election of offi-
cers.

Mr McLeod thanked Mr McKay for
his past services to the league. He had
shown a lot of interest in it, and had
the welfare of the members at heart.
He had also rendered good service on

the District Board and in the State
Branch.
Mr McKay was unanimously re-elected
president, and was duly installed by Mr
McLeod.
Mr McKay briefly returned thanks for
his election, and also thanked Mr
McLeod for his remarks. He did not
want them to think he had a mortgage
over the position—if it were not for the
salary he got, he would not have it on
at all. (Laughter).

The remaining office-bearers were el-
ected as follows:—Vice-presidents, Messrs
N. S. McLeod and S. R. Pascoe; secre-
tary and treasurer, Mr F. J. Webster
(who briefly thanked the members, and
said he would be pleased to hand over
to a secretary who could put a little
time into the work); assistant-secretary,
Mr S. Hayes; auditor, Mr W. A. Skene
(who was thanked by the president for
his past services).

Mr C. McDonough suggested that the
monthly committee meetings be made
open to all members, as it would stimu-
late interest in the sub-branch. It was
working well in the Dads' Association.
The president — It might work well
for a while. The meetings were open to
any member to hear the discussions,
but he would not be allowed to vote.
Mr L. R. Scott said at the time they
changed to holding monthly committee
meetings, they had hardly any members
at all attending general meetings.
Mr Webster — They might want an
urgent meeting any time, and would
need a fairly representative committee.
The president — They would be wise
to continue their committee as at pre-
sent, but could have it expressly under-
stood that any member of the sub-
branch could attend and take part in
discussions but not vote.

Mr McDonough moved that the com-
mittee be reduced to 12. Seconded by
Mr E. Charles.
Mr Pascoe moved, as an amendment,
that the committee consist of at least
15, as they were likely to get a repre-
sentative meeting and a good cross sec-
tion. That would give an average at-
tendance of about 12. Seconded by Mr
W. Anderson.
The amendment was carried.

The following committee was elected:
—Messrs. L. Nell, A. McGregor, J.
Miller, W. Anderson, F. Harrison, C. W.
Broadbent, L. R. Scott, S. Hamilton, R.
Saddler, F. J. Martin, A. Ringin, E.
Gillingham, H. Baker, H. Currie, and
G. Oddie.
The president congratulated Mr Od-
die on his election to the committee.
GENERAL BUSINESS.
Mr Pascoe said it had been suggested
that they should discuss nominations
for the local Repatriation Committee.
They wanted to see an adequate repre-
sentation of the Returned Soldiers'
League and the Dads' Association.
The matter was then discussed and
nominations suggested.
Mr Charles asked if anything further
had been done about the Memorial Hall.
The president replied that it was fair-
ly conclusive that it would be gone on
with after the war. The controlling
body would be the Shire Council. It was
not for this meeting to discuss the sites.
Mr Ringin referred to the alleged unsat-
isfactory treatment of a returned
P.O.W. at Heidelberg.
The president said they must have
concrete evidence. They would invite the
man to a committee meeting, and if he
could not come, interview him.

Local and General News

RAILWAY TRUCKS.

The Railways Commissioners are now pleased to announce that commencing forthwith, trucks will be supplied for store stock, to be despatched for sale at country markets or special sales. Empty trucks will be allotted after these sales for the despatch of store stock purchased by graziers, but will not be supplied for transport to another market for resale. A limited number of trucks will continue to be supplied for carriage of store stock to Newmarket sales and for out loading from Newmarket of store stock purchased there by graziers for re-stocking purposes. This control is still necessary, because of the critical coal position and shortage of man power. The Commissioners added that agents and owners contemplating sales or the movement of large consignments should consult the Departmental live stock agent before completing their plans.

WATER SUPPLY FOR BUANGOR.

At the December meeting of the Council of Ararat Shire (according to the "Advertiser" report), A. C. Hughes, Buangor, wrote, forwarding a copy of resolution passed at a well-attended meeting of residents of Buangor and district, as follows:—That this representative meeting of Buangor and district residents, after due consideration of reports appearing in the Ararat "Advertiser" regarding details of proposed post-war reconstruction plans affecting the supply of water to Ararat and district under the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, submits to the Ararat Shire Council a request for the inclusion of the Buangor town and district in any such scheme. It was also decided to revive the Progress Association as soon as practicable, and its first aim would be to put up a fight to obtain a water supply for Buangor. Cr. Brebner said it appeared that Buangor was in a fighting mood. He moved that the engineer inspect and report. Seconded by Cr. Vanstan, and carried.

RED CROSS BRANCH SUGGESTIONS.

An excellent set of notes on fire control and prevention has been drawn up by the Traralgon Red Cross branch, based on experiences last year. The following are some of the more striking and important of the ideas put forward:—A manure dump at a cow yard may be regarded as a No. 1 fire hazard. It should not be on the weather side of farm buildings. If a house is built on the side of a hill, the greater space on the one side of it should be walled up with fire-resistant material. If planting new gardens, plant with the idea of safety in bush fire time; don't let sentiment retain pine trees and big shrubs close to a house. Graze home paddocks closely and on the side of the house where danger threatens plant a green summer crop. See that your chimneys are swept before summer—burning soot has caused the loss of many homes in every season. Clean spoutings regularly. If fire is in the vicinity, block downpipes and fill spoutings with water. Be very careful of dust and fumes from burning sheds where superphosphate is stored—this is a very real danger to eyes and lungs, and men were blinded for several days from the burning grit in their eyes. Do not take clothing and bedding from a house—a spark will ignite it far quicker than a house. Water prevents smoke settling. If in the open in a fire, throw up a mound of earth, place a bucket of water behind it and a short respite for fire fighters may be gained by putting their faces low over the bucket where there is no smoke. First aiders should go out AFTER the FIRST rush of fire has passed. They should familiarise themselves with the district and attend lectures on safety precautions and fire fighting given by brigade members.

Diligence, patience and good temper are great assets in every business.

Hay and Chaff Control PARTICULARS OF ORDER.

The Director of Agriculture (Mr H. A. Mullett) on Monday stressed the importance of strict compliance with the provisions of the order issued recently by the Minister of Agriculture for the control of cereal hay and chaff within Victoria. The object of controlling the distribution of this fodder was to ensure that the most efficient use be made of the limited stocks available in meeting the needs of the drought areas and of essential services.

The order applies to the counties of Follett, Dundas, Normanby, Villiers, Ripon, Hampden, Heytesbury, Grenville, Polwarth, Grant, Bourke, Evelyn, Talbot (excluding the Shires of Maldon, Metcalfe, Newstead, and Mt. Alexander and Tullaroop) and the Borough of Ringwood, and the Shires of Dandenong, Ferritree Gully, Lilydale, Newham and Woodend, and Kyneton.

Growers within this "declared" area must not deliver cereal hay or chaff to any person other than a merchant who has been authorised in writing to buy from growers. Where a grower desires to sell or deliver direct to a user permission in writing must first be obtained from the Department of Agriculture.

Merchants outside the "declared" area may not buy or take delivery within the area without a written permit, and it is therefore necessary for such merchants to make separate application for permission to buy or take delivery in regard to each individual purchase.

Mr Mullett emphasised the urgency for early application to the Department of Agriculture in order that permits may be issued in time for presentation to the Railways when consignment is being made.

Reports have been received that some hay and chaff is being delivered in contravention of the Order, and a number of cases are under investigation, with a view to prosecution.

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DADS' ASSOCIATION Special Meeting

The newly-elected president of the Ripon branch of the Dads' Association (Mr J. E. Day) was in the chair at the Shire Hall on Tuesday night at a special meeting of that organisation, and there was an attendance of 18 members. The president welcomed Mr Eric Weston, who was present for the first time.

At the meeting held on the first Tuesday in January, Messrs. H. H. Glenister and E. Weston were elected members. It was decided to forward a letter of condolence to Mrs J. Laney in the death of her husband. The name of Mr G. Barrett, a discharged soldier at present at Caulfield Repatriation Hospital was placed on the list of the visitation committee.

Mr H. J. Buchanan reported on the deputation to the Shire Council in regard to the movement to get the night Adelaide express stopped at Beaufort. From the general tone of the Council, he said, something might come out of it. Mr J. Duke supported these remarks.

The president thanked Messrs. Duke and Buchanan for their report and the representations made to the Council.

Correspondence was read from the State Branch, acknowledging the receipt of capitation fees.

From Shire of Ripon, stating that a public meeting would be called at an early date in regard to forming a local Repatriation Committee, and that the matter of a site for the Memorial Hall had been deferred for the present.

From Mrs J. Laney, returning thanks for a letter of sympathy in her bereavement.

From State Branch, forwarding a circular re conference, and a copy of proposed constitution, rules and by-laws.

The secretary (Mr A. J. Hughes) read a State Branch circular relating to the business to be brought before the annual conference on 6th and 7th March.

The matter of appointment of delegates to the conference was held over, to be dealt with under general business, on the motion of Messrs. Duke and Webster.

The treasurer reported a credit balance of £7/5/2.

The matter of selecting nominees for the Repatriation Committee was discussed.

Mr N. Daniels outlined the proceedings at the formation of the Repatriation Committee at the conclusion of the last war.

Mr Daniels moved that this meeting select and recommend two men, whose names will be submitted to the public meeting for election on the executive of the Repatriation Committee.—This was agreed to.

Eight members were selected for nomination on the general committee, with a view to getting two representatives on the executive committee (which will be elected by the general committee).

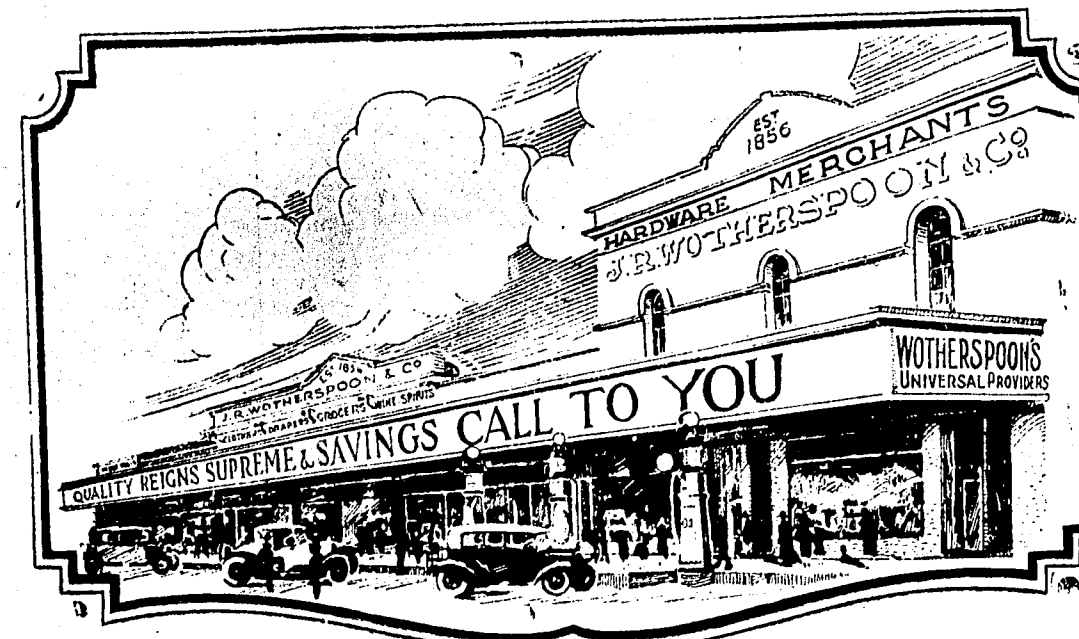
The secretary said he had had a talk with Mr Les Neil, of Mt. Lonarch, who said there were approximately 35 prospective members over that way, and he was wondering if the branch would sanction a meeting at Elmhurst and another at Amphitheatre each year. If so, all those members would join the Ripon Branch.

Mr J. Duke moved that two of their meetings be devoted to Elmhurst and Amphitheatre each year—one at each place. Seconded by Mr Charles, and carried.

Messrs. Charles and Duke promised to supply conveyances.

Mr Duke said he would like to see the matter of the issue of clothing to discharged soldiers discussed. The Government had come up to £6 now, which was a ridiculous amount to outfit a man. A man who was willing to risk his life day after day was entitled to a lot more

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—at least £25 to re-clothe himself with. Mr Stevens said he thought the amount allowed was £8 now.

Mr Duke — That was still very low. Mr Webster said the R.S.L. had been fighting for £25 for a long time.

Mr N. Lyons spoke in support. He said he did not think any of the kids' clothing would be left when they came back. He mentioned that a suit of clothes made in Beaufort 10 years ago had been sold in Ballarat recently for £5—which showed the present value of clothes.

Mr Duke moved that the advocacy of a £25 clothing allowance for the discharged soldier be a motion for the conference. — This was agreed to.

Mr W. Stevens spoke in favour of the establishment by head office of a magazine for the members of the Dads' Association. He moved that a resolution be sent to head office, advocating and supporting the establishment of a quarterly journal for the information of members. Seconded by Mr E. Charles, and carried.

Mr Stevens said he thought the Association had 13,000 members in Victoria, and it was growing all the time. Messrs. J. Duke and H. J. Buchanan were appointed as delegates to the conference on 6th and 7th March, and they both said they would go free of cost to the branch.

Mr Stevens said the branch should be grateful to these two members.

Mr Lyons said that as Dads they should not have to fight for their kids to be fitted up in life. If a boy wanted to be put on the land, he should be put on it, but according to a member of Parliament reported in the Press, there would not be sufficient land for all those who wanted to go on it.

The president referred to an alleged proposal to bring out German and Italian child immigrants.

Mr Buchanan said he was very doubtful whether this was proposed.

Mr Webster — According to a reply received by the Maryborough R.S.L., it was only a remark passed by an individual in the House. He did not think the Australian people would stand that.

After further discussion, the matter dropped.

Mr Duke referred with regret to the death of Mrs Winsall, wife of one of their members.

The action of the secretary in sending a letter of condolence to Mr Winsall was endorsed, on the motion of Mr Duke and the president.

Mr Duke mentioned that three hours after he got word of his mother's death Mr Winsall's son was brought to Australia by plane.

It was mentioned that the next meeting was on the first Tuesday in the month.

RED CROSS BRANCH.
Fortnightly Meeting.

The first work and business meeting for the New Year of the Beaufort Red Cross Branch was held on Tuesday afternoon at the C.W.A. Hall; Mrs A. Campbell (vice-president), presiding.

The chairwoman thanked the members for donating £5 towards the C.W.A. urn.

It was reported that 9 yds. of material had been purchased for handkerchiefs.

The locks on the branch's two trunks, it was resolved, are to be attended to. It was resolved to start meetings at 3 p.m.

The following gifts and donations were handed in:—Mrs Taylor, pair socks; Miss Troy, seecyries pullover; Mrs Wrench and Mrs Jackson, sleeveless Cardigan each; Mrs H. Cuthbertson long-sleeved pullover; Mrs Wotherspoon pair pyjamas; Miss Troy, 2 pairs pyjamas; Mrs A. Campbell, old linen. Civilian relief — Mrs Hodgson, jumper; Mrs C. Downes, Cardigan; Mrs McKay, singlet; donations—Mr W. Lynch, Lake Goldsmith, 5/; Beaufort Thistle Club, 5/.

The rain-fall at Beaufort for the week was three points.

MRS. CHARLES C. FOX and Family desire to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for telegrams, letters, cards, floral tributes, and other expressions of sympathy shown in their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Mr and Mrs W. P. Trengrove, Dr. G. G. Little, Mr H. V. C. McLean, and Rev. J. Leach. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of sincere gratitude.

THE MISSES JACKSON wish to thank all kind friends for expressions of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement. "Lerwick," Beaufort.

IN MEMORIAM.

FITZPATRICK. — Treasured memories of a devoted mother, who passed away suddenly, 24th January, 1943. A beautiful memory is all we have left. One too dear to ever forget. —Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Vera, and grandchild, Maureen.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY. A long-tongued man can be worse than a gossiping woman.

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THE CHANGING TIMES

MEN and women who were youths and maidens in the years before World War No. 1 are apt to shake their greying heads and bemoan the lost liberties of the people, as well as the lack of restraint, courtesy and good manners of the younger generation. True, many of the privileges we did not appreciate when we had them have been whittled away, and the process appears to be still going on. But if we put the hand of time back in imagination 30 years, we will realise that many of these changes (not considering temporary war regulations) have been brought about by greater mechanisation of means of transport and industry, and a tendency to rule the country indirectly by boards of every kind instead of directly by a Government chosen from the Parliamentary party in power at the moment. Those who live to see the end and aftermath of World War No. 2 will find that undreamt of changes lie ahead. In regard to the alleged deterioration of the rising generation, age has found the same old fault with youth right back to the days of the tournaments, when the aged knights sat in the galleries, criticised the young knights, and generally bemoaned the fact that knight-hood and all it stood for had gone to the dogs. When Australians of to-day start to let their little troubles get them down, they should pause and think of how many liberties and pleasures they would have been permitted to enjoy had the Japanese succeeded in their intention to conquer the land of the Southern Cross.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES FOOT CUT. Mr A. Lyttle, of Waterloo, had the misfortune to gash his foot with an axe. WORK ON PERMANENT WAY. A large gang of men is engaged re-laying the sleepers on the permanent way at Beaufort. THUMB INJURED. Whilst working in his father's garage, Alex. Wilson, son of Mr and Mrs W. Wilson, of Leichardt Street, ground a large piece of flesh out of his thumb. THE NEW FACTORY. Some of the timber has been delivered at the site for the branch shirt and pyjama factory to be erected for Graham Burgh Pty. Ltd., of Brunswick, in Lawrence and Leichardt Streets, Beaufort. The building will be of brick.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

People and Events

Mrs Salter, of Melbourne, and Miss Ralph, of Sydney, have been staying with the former's sisters, Mesdames W. Ellis and G. Pringle, of Beaufort.

Mr W. L. Williams, of Beaufort, has been away to the seaside for a holiday. Mr and Mrs W. W. Ashley and family are absent from the town on a holiday.

Mr and Mrs H. Burnell and family, of Newport, are staying with Mrs A. M. Parker, of Beaufort.

Mrs E. S. Buchanan, of Beaufort, and her daughters, have been to Portland for a holiday.

Mr Frank Harrison has had his son, John Harrison, staying with him at Beaufort. John has been undergoing a course of technical training, and goes to Windsor telephone exchange on his return. Mr Harrison has also had home for a holiday his daughter, Mrs Cook, of Armadale.

Mrs H. T. Sloc, of Beaufort, has had as her guests Harold and Valda Allen, and Mrs Barnes and son, of Kerang.

Mr F. S. Latch, of the Beaufort postal staff, has been absent from duty owing to illness.

Miss Thelma Ellingsen, of Melbourne, has been staying with Miss Bywater at Beaufort.

Miss Thelma Sweetland, of Melbourne, has been holidaying with Miss Joy Lyons, of Beaufort.

At the Beaufort Town Band's euehre social and snowball competition on Monday night, there was a good attendance, and the results were:—Euehre — Ladies: Mesdames E. Dunn, A. Beer, and A. M. Parker, divided 1 and 2. Men: Mr W. H. Williams, 1; Corpl. R. Palmer, 2.

The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a card social on Saturday night, and the results were:—Euehre — Ladies: Miss Foreman, 1; Mrs Gillingham, 2. Men: Mr Scriver, 1; Mr Duncan, 2. Secretary: Mrs Sullivan and Lin McGreggor. Carpet Bowls: Mesdames Dunn and Gillingham, Messrs. George and Broad-bent.

A euehre social and dance on Thursday night, under the auspices of the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club, was well attended. Results:—Euehre — Section 1: Mrs W. Gillingham, 1; Mrs V. Wilson. Section 2: Mrs W. Ellis and Harold George divided 1 and 2. Novelty Dance: Mrs. Bruhn and Pte. J. McKenzie. The dance music was supplied by Miss C. Bellis and Messrs. A. Whiting and J. Hunt.

A flag bridge social was held by the Beaufort Mothers' Club on Tuesday night. The winners of the principal prizes were Mesdames S. Coles, J. Cole, and E. Sullivan. The prizes for the lowest number of flags went to Mesdames R. T. Macdonald, F. Worsley, and Bert Newey. A competition was won by Mrs W. Ellis.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

LEXTON SPORTS.—Attention is directed to the Lexton Sports Club's monster gymkhana and horse racing gathering, to be held in aid of district hospitals and local improvements, on Saturday, Jan. 27. There will be £40 in prizes. Entries for the horse racing, cycling, and footraining events close 4 p.m. Jan. 20. Horse ring events and other events are post entry. There will be a grand ball and euehre social at night. Tenders, returnable on Saturday morning, 3rd Feb., are invited by the Shire of Ripon for two contracts.

The January band recital and Are You an Artist Competition, arranged for tomorrow night (Sunday), is to lapse, and the next recital and Are You an Artist Competition will be held on Sunday, 18th Feb.

A public meeting, convened by the shire president (Cr. J. Kirkpatrick), will be held in the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Friday night, 20th Jan., at 8 o'clock, to form a Repatriation Local Committee. Address by representative of Repatriation Commission.

Wood cutting and carting working bee for Beaufort B.N. Hospital, Monday, 20th January (Australia Day holiday).

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Annual Meeting.

A sound financial position was revealed at the annual meeting of subscribers to the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute, which took place on Wednesday evening, and was presided over by Mr R. C. Hodggets (retiring president). There was an attendance of 15 members, and those present were welcomed by the president. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. W. W. Ashley and F. J. Martin and P. C. Hodggets.

The balance-sheet for the past year showed:—Receipts, £477/4/3; expenditure, £256/0/11; Cr. balance, £221/13/4. The year commenced with a credit balance of £82/14/2.—Received on motion of Messrs. J. Duke and F. Allen.

Mr H. V. Martin certified to the correctness of accounts. The president said they had £69/4/ in donations this year, as against 10/ last year.

Mr A. A. Downie moved the adoption of the balance-sheet. Seconded by Mr R. S. Emerson, and carried.

The president (Mr Hodggets) submitted the following annual report:—On behalf of the committee, I have pleasure in presenting the annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1944. The balance-sheet disclosed that the Mechanics' Institute is in a healthy financial position. Because of the continuance of the war, our expenditure has been curtailed. Books and other materials are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, but we must always bear in mind that when hostilities cease, your Institute will be committed to heavy expense in the way of equipment and improvements. One of the most pleasing features of the year's activities has been the further improvement in our children's library. We have been able to purchase 130 new books, and these have been eagerly sought out by our juvenile members. I would again like to mention that the amenities of our children's library are available to any and every boy and girl in the Shire of Ripon. Our adult membership stands at 142, which I think constitutes a record. We have been able to purchase a reasonable number of books, but not nearly as many as we would wish. We have during the year been pleased to welcome quite a number of the town's and country's young men to our club room. Here, under the guidance of the billiard room committee and our excellent member, Mr H. V. Martin, the young men have spent many pleasant hours, and have highly become more proficient in the art of billiards. The receipts from the billiard room are £2 higher than last year, and it is a source of gratification to the committee that the club room not only provides a place of recreation in the town, but that it is also a source of considerable revenue to the Mechanics' Institute.

The usual billiard tournaments were held, with the customary enjoyable and interesting contests. By voluntary donations, I am pleased to state that the sum of £35/9/5 has been collected and handed to the committee of the Beaufort and District Prisoners of War Fund. In conclusion, I want to thank all our members for their loyal support, my fellow committeemen for their continued interest and efforts on behalf of the Mechanics' Institute, Mr H. V. Martin for auditing our monthly and annual financial statements and for his good work in the billiard room, and especially Mrs Gillingham, our secretary, for her untiring efforts and her efficiency and courtesy in the discharge of her duties. I hope that during the coming year your Mechanics' Institute will continue to prosper, and I appeal for your continued co-operation and support.—R. C. HODGETTS, President.

The report was received, on the motion of Messrs. Hannah and Allen.

Mr Hannah moved the adoption of the report, and congratulated the president. He showed that the Institute was serving the town, and that the local people were interested in it, despite what a speaker at a recent meeting said. In a great measure the success was due to the president, and he took off his hat to the librarian, Mrs Gillingham, who stood on her own, and had the thanks of the whole of the subscribers.

Mr Duke endorsed these remarks, and said a marked copy of the paper should be sent to the man who recently made the remark about lack of interest in the Institute.

Mr D. R. Hannah was appointed to act as chairman during the election of officers.

In nominating Mr Hodggets for re-election as president, Mr Duke paid a high tribute to that gentleman's past services.

Mr Hodggets was unanimously re-elected president, and duly installed by Mr Hannah, who said it would give the members and subscribers great pleasure to have him at the helm again.

Mr Hodggets returned thanks for his election and the nice remarks made about himself. These, he said, applied to every member of the committee; the committee being the most amicable body he had ever worked with. He also endorsed all the remarks made about Mrs Gillingham, for the success of the Institute was in a great measure due to her, and her only. He hoped the happy relations existing between them all would continue.

Other office-bearers were elected as follows:—Vice-presidents, Messrs. W. W. Ashley and Q. W. Gregory; auditor, Mr H. V. Martin.

The following were nominated as members of the committee:—Messrs. D. R. Hannah, J. Duke, H. J. Buchanan, W. L. Williams, A. A. Downie, E. S. Crouch, F. J. Martin, and H. V. Martin.

Mr H. V. Martin contended that the committee could not be 10 in number, according to the constitution, and said he felt like moving that the chairman's ruling in accepting the nominations be disagreed with.

Mr Hodggets said he considered it would be definitely wrong to remove a man's name from the committee who was on active service.

In reply to a question, Mr Martin said the constitution was at Mr Young's office, and the number of committee should be nine.

The president said the constitution could not be found.

Mr Hannah said none of the officers had seen the constitution—therefore they had none.

The president — They had tried to get the constitution, but had been unable to do so.

Mr Martin said he would not press the matter further.

Mr Downie moved that the committee consist of 11 for the forthcoming 12 months. Seconded by Mr Hannah, and carried.

The retiring committee was then re-elected, with the addition of Mr H. V. Martin.

Mr Duke moved that a bonus of £12 10/ be voted to the secretary-librarian, and said she had added work on her hands, due to the juvenile library. He thanked her for her wonderful work for the past 12 months.

Mr H. J. Buchanan seconded the motion, and expressed the general opinion of the public that Mrs Gillingham combined efficiency with courtesy, and they were fortunate in having her services.

Mr Hannah said they should increase the bonus by £5 and make it £15. The salary was not adequate for the times. With the consent of his seconder, Mr Duke altered his motion to make the bonus £15, and it was carried in that form.

Mr Hodggets asked Mrs Gillingham to accept the bonus as a mark of appreciation of her efforts.

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BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.

CATTLE — 191 yarded. Demand steady, and except for a few pens of extra choice quality, values were easier, while chopping and useful cows showed an improvement. Prime medium weight bullocks, £19 to £20/10; extra, to £22; good, £16 to £17/10; useful, £13 to £14 10/; prime cows, £12 to £13/7/6; good, £9 to £10/10; useful, £6/10 to £8/10.

CALVES — 164 penned. Best quality attracted keen competition at improved values, others were unaltered. Best made £15/1/.

SHEEP — An increased offering of 9185. The market opened at about last week's rates, but as sales progressed the demand became keener, and values almost recovered the drop of last week for wethers, whilst ewes were very steady.

Prime crossbred wethers, 24/ to 25/; prime extra to 27/4; good, 20/ to 22/; prime crossbred ewes, 18/ to 20/7; good, 14/ to 16/; prime merino wethers, 21/ to 23/; heavy, to 24/10; good, 17/ to 19/.

LAMBS — 5766 penned. The market opened to strong competition, which improved later, and values generally were 1/ to 1/6 per head higher. Prime, 26/ to 28/; heavy, 30/ to 32/; a few extra heavy, to 34/1; good, 22/ to 24/; useful, 17/ to 19/.

DISTRICT SALES — The following district sales are reported:—11 steers, Langl-Kal-Kal Pty. Ltd., to £22, averaging £21/1/4, top price and average; 3 cows, Mr R. W. Dunn, Burruembee, £8 10/; 5 calves to £7/16; cow, Mrs E. Nunn, Chesptowe, £10/17/6; 5 calves, to £8/19 and £17/7; calf, Mr G. Saral, Chesptowe, £17/7; 70 crossbred wethers, Kirkpatrick Bros., Stockyard Hill, to 22/; averaging 19/6; 72 merino wethers, Mr R. W. Dunn, Trawalla, to 18/; averaging 16/3; 4 lambs, Mr J. McErvale, Chute, to 24/1; 3 steers, Mr T. Topper, Beaufort, to £20/2/6, 4 calves £12/8/6, 71 comeback ewes and wethers, ewes 17/4 and 12/4, wethers 18/; 45 lambs 19/11; 30 xhd. ewes, Mr C. Thomson, Burruembee, 12/; 35 lambs 21/; 2 steers, Mrs J. Ellis, Brewster, £11/7/6 and £17 17/6, calf £2/10/6; 21 bullocks, Major Philip Russell, Carngaham, to £18/7/6; cow, Mr John Lancy, Raglan, £8/2/6; cow, Mr Jas. Cuthbertson, Raglan, £8 10/; 102 merino wethers, Mr C. M. Chase, Skipton, 18/4 to 16/4; 96 ewes and 2-tooths, Mr J. G. George, Lake Goldsmith, 2-tooths 19/7, ewes to 18/7; McCook, Chesptowe, 26/7 to 23/10, averaging 25/1; 26 ckh. wethers and ewes, Mrs M. Campbell, Nerring, wethers 15/1, ewes 14/7, 42 lambs 21/ to 17/1; 3 merino wethers, Mr W. J. McErvale, Chute, 25/1; 75 lambs, Mr Don Slorach, Skipton, to 20/6; 68 lambs, Mr Les. J. Greenbank, Snake Valley, 20/ to 16/10; 4 lambs, Misses M. and M. Carland, Nerring, 25/10.

POLICE COURT. No cases came up for hearing on Monday at the Beaufort Police Court.

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RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

Corpl. Ron Palmer (returned N.G. and Pacific Islands) has been home to Beaufort on leave. He is the son-in-law of Mr and Mrs A. S. Duncan, of Nell Street.

Pte. Brian Smith, of the A.I.F., who was taken prisoner in the Middle East, and has been a P.O.W. in German hands for several years, has been staying with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs F. E. Smith, of Beaufort. He was recently repatriated.

In a R.A.A.F. casualty list published this week the name of Pilot-Officer A. D. MacDougall, of Beaufort, Victoria (missing, believed killed, air operations overseas) appears. He was the only son of the Rev. J. P. and Mrs MacDougall, of the Manse, Beaufort, and leaves a widow in England, as well as his parents and two sisters in Australia.

SHIRE OF RIPON TENDERS.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited up to SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 11 a.m., for the following Contracts:—

1/44.—Erection of Shelter for Bush Fire Brigade Truck, near Fire Station.

2/44.—Supply of Round Timber for Beams, etc., for Cook's Bridge, over Ballie's Creek, Chesptowe.

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Shire Office, Beaufort, after MONDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1945.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Deposit, 5 per cent.

E. J. MUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer. Shire Office, Beaufort, 20/1/45.

SHIRE OF RIPON. REPATRIATION LOCAL COMMITTEE.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the PICTURE THEATRE, on FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1945, at 8 o'clock p.m., to form a Repatriation Local Committee.

A representative of the Repatriation Commission will be present and address the meeting.

J. KIRKPATRICK, President. 10/1/45.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1945.

Church of England. — Beaufort, 8 and 7; Learmonth, 11; Wautra, 3; Trawalla, 3.30 — Rev. W. J. Tame, Beaufort, 11 — Lay Helper.

Methodist Church. — Beaufort, 11 and 7; Raglan, 3 — Rev. J. Leach, Main Lead, 2 — Mr J. V. Nothnagel.

Presbyterian Church. — Lexton, 11; Waterloo, 3; Beaufort, 7 — Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

FOR SALE, 7 h.p. TRIUMPH TOURER, extra good order, 35 miles per gal. Any Trial Given. E. P. LYONS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Beaufort Town Band's Recital and Are You an Artist Competition, to have been held to-morrow night (Sunday), is to lapse. Next Recital and RU an Artist, SUNDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

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BEAUFORT BRANCH, A.N.A.

THE FORTNIGHTLY MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, at 8 o'clock on Tuesday Night. Members are cordially invited to attend the meeting and assist in transacting business.

H. V. MARTIN, Secretary.

MONSTER GYMKHANA AND HORSE RACING.

In aid of Ballarat Public Hospital, Avoca Hospital, Beaufort Hospital, Elmhurst Bush Nursing Centre, Local Improvements. SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1945. £40 in Prize Money, £40. Grand Programme Cycling, Foot-racing, Hunting, Horse Racing and Novelty Events. Programme commencing at 1 p.m. sharp. No Waiting.

HORSE RACING.—Entries close 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 1945. Draught Horse Derby, 2 furlongs, at 2 p.m. Handicap according to weight of horse—£1 and 10/; Entry, 4/. Pony Race, 4 furlongs (14.2 a.u.), at 3 p.m. Hdp., 11 yds. to 1 in 4 Catch Weights, £2 and 10/. Entry, 5/. Local Hack Race, 4 furlongs, at 3.30 p.m. For horses that have not won any money for racing, £2/10 and £1. Entry, 5/. Open Hack Race, 6 furlongs, at 4.17 p.m. Minimum weight, 10 st. £3 and £1. Entry, 5/.

CYCLE RACES.—Entries close 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 1945. Last 3 performances to accompany entry. Open Cycle Race, 1 mile, £2 and 10/. Nom., 1/6; accept., 1/4. Open Cycle Race, 2 miles, £2 and 10/. Nom., 1/6; accept., 1/4.

FOOTRUNNING.—Entries close 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 1945. Last 3 performances to accompany entry. Sheffield Handicap, 130 yds. £2 and 15/. Nom., 2/; accept., 1/4. 220 yds. Hdp., £1/10 and 10/. Nom., 1/4; accept., 1/4.

HORSE RING EVENTS.—Post Entry. Pony Hunters, 14.2 a.u. £1/10 and 10/; Entry, 2/. Open Hunters, £3 and £1. Entry, 3/. Hunting in Pairs, £2 and £1. Entry, 3/ pair. Best Heavyweight Hack, £1 1/ trophy. Best Lady's Hack, £1/1 trophy. Best Hunter that has not previously won any prizes, £1/10 and 10/. Entry, 2/. (Note: No horse can win more than 2 events, excluding Hunting in Pairs, from above 6 events). Flag Race, 10/ and 5/. Entry, 6d. Bending Race, 10/ and 5/. Entry, 6d. Best Lady Rider, 10/ and 5/. Entry, 1/. Best Boy Rider, under 15 years, 7/6 and 2/6. Entry, 6d. Best Girl Rider, under 16 years, 7/6 and 2/6. Entry, 6d.

Children's Races.—Entry free. Prizes, 3/2, and 1/ in each event. Boys under 14 & under 10, Girls under 14 & under 10.

NOVELTY EVENTS.—Post Entry. Sheep Tossing, 15/. Entry, 1/. Ladies' Nail Driving, 5/. Entry, 6d. Guessing Weight of Sheep. The sheep or 200/. Entry, 1/. Bowling at Wicket (sweepstakes). Catching the Rooster. First Race for boys under 12 & girls under 14. Prize, the bird. Second Race for all comers. Prize, the bird.

All competitors compete at own risk. Committee reserves right to alter programme.

Wireless and all Necessary Booths on Ground. Admission: Gents., 1/6 (plus tax). Ladies and Children (8 to 14 years) 11d. Sideshows, 10/; Bookmaker's Fee, £1/1.

GRAND BALL and Euehre Tournament in Hall at Night. Admission same as above.

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THISTLE CLUB. Annual Meeting

The retiring chief of the Beaufort Thistle Club (Mr Andrew Campbell) occupied the chair on Friday night, 19th Jan., at the annual meeting of that organisation, which took place at the Mechanics Institute. Thirteen members were present.

Letters of thanks were received for donations of £5 each to the Patriotic Club, Red Cross, and Prisoner of War Committee.

A circular was read from the Victorian Scottish Union, relating to the commemoration service on 28th Jan., and the Burns night in February. — To be replied to by secretary.

Mr J. Cole reported on the Ballarat Caledonian Society's annual dinner, which was attended by representatives of the club.

The balance-sheet for the past year, which was adopted on the motion of Messrs. A. Campbell and H. J. Buchanan, showed receipts amounting to £64 18/8, and expenditure to £49/17/4, leaving a Cr. balance of £15/1/4. The year commenced with a Cr. balance of £27 9/. During the year £28/3/ was contributed to local patriotic funds. Mr A. M. Parker certified to the correctness of accounts.

Mr H. J. Buchanan said they had given a number of worthwhile donations to patriotic funds.

Mr Buchanan was voted to the chair for the election of officers.

The retiring chief (Mr Campbell) nominated Mr R. J. Millar for the position of chief.

Mr Duncan nominated Mr Campbell, who declined the honour.

Mr Millar was then elected chief.

Mr Campbell, in investing Mr Millar with the insignia of office, said that members of his family had filled the office before him, and he was sure the future of the club was safe in his hands. He had very much pleasure in installing him for the ensuing year.

In returning thanks, the newly-elected chief said he would do his best for the club, with the help of the office-bearers.

Other officers were elected as follows:—Chieftains, Messrs. A. McGregor and J. Cole; auditor, Mr A. M. Parker.

All members of the retiring committee were re-elected.

The chief, chieftains, and secretary were elected as delegates to the annual conference of the V.S.U., on the motion of Mr W. Thompson and Mrs W. Newey.

Mr A. S. Duncan was re-elected as secretary, and thanked for his past services.

The member's subscription was fixed at the same amount as last year (5/- for men and 2/6 for ladies), on the motion of Mrs W. Newey and Mrs Duncan.

Monthly euchre tournaments and an aggregate competition are to be held after the monthly committee meetings, and the prize money increased, on the motion of Mr Campbell and Mrs R. J. Millar.

Mrs Macdonald moved that the meetings of the committee and euchre socials be held on Friday nights. Seconded by Mr A. McGregor, and carried.

Mr W. Thompson moved that the meetings be advertised. Seconded by Mrs Duncan, and carried.

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MUNICIPAL NOTES. Neighboring Shires.

ARARAT COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Ararat Shire Council on Friday, 19th Jan., a letter was received from the hon. secretary of the Buangor and Middle Creek Bush Fire Brigade, advising that Mr J. Pickford had been elected to represent them on G sub-committee. — As one or two brigades had yet to make nominations, the matter was deferred until all were in.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS. Streatham.

The Streatham Younger Set organised a euchre and dance on Saturday evening, 13th Jan. There was a splendid attendance from all parts of the district and the evening was much enjoyed by all present. The music was supplied by Miss C. Oram (piano) and Mr J. Mulcahy (saxophone), the latter playing free of charge, for which the Younger Set are very grateful. Euchre was enjoyed by non-dancers; prizes being won by Mrs J. Kinnersley and Mr Frank Olney. The patriotic funds benefited by £9/11/.

A thunderstorm broke over the township on Sunday afternoon, but only 30 points of rain fell.

The reservoir, which was very low, is being filled by the Ararat Council by water pumped from the creek.

Mr W. A. Loftus, who was in charge of the Streatham State school for 10 years, has been visiting the district and renewing old acquaintances. He is at present the guest of Mr and Mrs E. T. Meek, The Lake, Streatham.—Ararat Advertiser.

WOOL APPRAISEMENTS. District Clips.

The Australian Mercantile, Land & Finance Co. Ltd. report (Jan. 18):—OHT/Amphi (Amphitheatre), aa mer 25d, a mer 22d, mer 22d; E & HW/Lex, aa 25d, sup csk h 24d, aa 22d.

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The chief moved that the Picture Theatre be booked for New Year's Eve, 1945. Seconded by Mr Buchanan, and carried. Mr Duncan moved that a past chief's badge be obtained as soon as possible for Mr Campbell. Seconded by Mrs W. J. Miller, and carried.

Mrs R. J. Millar moved that the club have the usual supper at socials. Seconded by Mr J. Cole, and carried.

Mr H. J. Buchanan, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr A. Campbell, said that gentleman had carried out his duties for four years with credit to himself and the club. His interest had never flagged, and he had upheld the name of Campbell in things Scottish.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr W. Thompson, supported by the newly-elected chief, and carried by acclamation.

In the course of his response, Mr Campbell said he appreciated the loyal help of the committee members, and hoped the new chief would receive the same support.

Mr McGregor moved that a bonus of £2/10/ be voted to Mr Duncan for his services for the past six months as secretary. Seconded by Mrs Macdonald and carried.

THIRD VICTORY LOAN To Be Launched March 13

STATEMENT BY THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, THE HON. F. M. FORDE.

The Third Victory War Loan will be launched on March 13, and will remain open until April 27. By this loan, it is desired to raise at least £100,000,000 of new money for war purposes.

Interest rates adopted for recent loans will be unchanged. For 5-year bonds maturing in 1950, 2½ per cent. will be offered, and for 16-year bonds maturing in 1961, the interest will be 3½ per cent. In the case of the short-term securities, the Treasurer will have the right of redemption in 1949, and in regard to long-term bonds, in 1950.

There will be three options in regard to payment by instalments. First, a deposit of 10 per cent. will be accepted with applications immediately the loan opens; subscribers to pay the balance of 90 per cent. on or before August 1. Those who desire to do so may pay 10 per cent. deposit with their application, and the balance in three amounts, each of 30 per cent. on or before June 1, July 2, or August 1.

These instalment provisions are in line with the arrangement made for other recent loans, but in regard to the remaining instalment option there has been a change. In earlier loans, it was the practice to accept 10 per cent. deposit and 10 per cent. monthly, for nine months, until the subscription was complete. This provision was chiefly for the convenience of factory and office workers who desired to subscribe by regular deductions from salaries and wages.

Last year the system of accepting ten payments of 10 per cent. was changed, and five payments, each of 20 per cent., were required.

For the Third Victory Loan we will revert to the system of 10 per cent. deposit and nine monthly payments of 10 per cent.

I am sure that there will be general agreement that there can be no departure from our determination to fill war loans as they become necessary. No distractions, however important in themselves, can be permitted to interfere with the important task of paying for our war commitments and of providing our fighting services with everything that the demands we will have to make upon them require.

While the instalment provisions will not operate until March 13, when the loan period begins, cash amounts of £10 and upward are accepted at any time for loan subscriptions, and interest is paid from the date on which the money is lodged. Large sums are held by companies and other business interests as reserves for plant or stock replacements. These reserves should be put to work now to earn interest for their owners, and at the same time, to do a useful job for Australia.

Once again we will have to make heavy demands upon all those who have given such excellent voluntary service in war loan campaigns in the past. I am sure that we can count upon the War Loan Committees, and those controlling the various agencies of publicity, to rally to the support of the Third Victory Loan, which will be the thirteenth of this series.

FOR THE EMPIRE Merit Rewarded

D.F.C. FOR AIRMAN.

Among Victorian airmen who were recently awarded the D.F.C. is Pilot-Officer John R. Trengove, of Hawthorn East, grandson of Mr Richard Trengove, of Victoria street, Ballarat. The airman, who is a son of Mr and Mrs Rupert Trengove, of Tower street, Upper Hawthorn, received his award for his outstanding service in a mine-laying operation when his aircraft was engaged by two enemy fighters. Successful evasive action was taken, and the fighters were probably destroyed. Six months previously Pilot-Officer Trengove's plane was shot down over the North Sea, and he was later found adrift in a rubber dinghy. At present he is attached to a British Coastal Command. He was educated at Scotch College, and did part of his training at Ballarat.

PILOT OFFICER GIBSON'S AWARD.

The citation of the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Pilot-Officer Eric William Gibson, as reported recently in the "Ararat Advertiser", reads as follows:—"Pilot Officer Gibson has completed a highly successful tour of operational duty. His determination has been outstanding. During one sortie while flying to Berlin, his flying instruments became unserviceable owing to extreme cold, but, by skilful flying he was able to press on and complete his mission. This officer has always displayed fine fighting spirit and great devotion to duty."—H. P. Wincke, Group Captain, Director of Personal Service, Pilot-Officer Gibson is the son of Mrs Gibson, of Wonthaggi, and the late Mr Wm. Gibson (former Beaufort residents), and grandson of the late Mr and Mrs J. B. Cochran, of Beaufort.

DISTRICT AIRMAN'S SUCCESS.

Mr and Mrs H. Hooke, of Buangor (writes the "Ararat Advertiser"), recently received word that their eldest son had been promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader in the R.A.F. Joining the Air Force four years ago, Sgt/Ldr. John Hooke, D.F.C., did his early training in South Africa. He then had advanced training in England; and later took part in the North African campaign, and is still serving in a Middle East area. He has done two complete operational tours and has been twice shot down. The first time he was shot down when his plane was attacked after the landing by the enemy with cannon fire. On the second occasion, when he was reported missing for five days, he was wounded with shrapnel whilst in the air, but managed to crash land his plane. The young airman has many friends in Ararat and Beaufort as well as Buangor, and hearty congratulations will be extended to him on his promotion. He is a former pupil of the Ararat Church of England Grammar School.

BEAUFORT V.D.C.

In charge of Lieut. S. R. Pascoe, members of the Beaufort Platoon of the V.D.C. held a parade and practice shoot at the local rifle range on Saturday afternoon. The winner of the sweepstake was Pte. J. McKenzie, with Pte. E. Dawson as runner-up. Ptes. A. Gercovich and R. Dunn also registered good scores.

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A circular was read from the Victorian Scottish Union, relating to the commemoration service on 28th Jan., and the Burns night in February. — To be replied to by secretary.

Mr J. Cole reported on the Ballarat Caledonian Society's annual dinner, which was attended by representatives of the club.

The balance-sheet for the past year, which was adopted on the motion of Messrs. A. Campbell and H. J. Buchanan, showed receipts amounting to £64 18/8, and expenditure to £49/17/4, leaving a Cr. balance of £15/1/4. The year commenced with a Cr. balance of £27 9/. During the year £28/3/ was contributed to local patriotic funds. Mr A. M. Parker certified to the correctness of accounts.

Mr H. J. Buchanan said they had given a number of worthwhile donations to patriotic funds.

Mr Buchanan was voted to the chair for the election of officers.

The retiring chief (Mr Campbell) nominated Mr R. J. Millar for the position of chief.

Mr Duncan nominated Mr Campbell, who declined the honour.

Mr Millar was then elected chief.

Mr Campbell, in investing Mr Millar with the insignia of office, said that members of his family had filled the office before him, and he was sure the future of the club was safe in his hands. He had very much pleasure in installing him for the ensuing year.

In returning thanks, the newly-elected chief said he would do his best for the club, with the help of the office-bearers.

Other officers were elected as follows:—Chieftains, Messrs. A. McGregor and J. Cole; auditor, Mr A. M. Parker.

All members of the retiring committee were re-elected.

The chief, chieftains, and secretary were elected as delegates to the annual conference of the V.S.U., on the motion of Mr W. Thompson and Mrs W. Newey.

Mr A. S. Duncan was re-elected as secretary, and thanked for his past services.

The member's subscription was fixed at the same amount as last year (5/- for men and 2/6 for ladies), on the motion of Mrs W. Newey and Mrs Duncan.

Monthly euchre tournaments and an aggregate competition are to be held after the monthly committee meetings, and the prize money increased, on the motion of Mr Campbell and Mrs R. J. Millar.

Mrs Macdonald moved that the meetings of the committee and euchre socials be held on Friday nights. Seconded by Mr A. McGregor, and carried.

Mr W. Thompson moved that the meetings be advertised. Seconded by Mrs Duncan, and carried.

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FIRE TRUCK FOR BUANGOR.

At the December meeting of the Ararat Shire Council (reports the "Advertiser") a letter was read from the hon. secretary of the Buangor and Middle Creek Bush Fire Brigade, stating that at the annual meeting members expressed regret that when considering the difficult task of allotting the truck available for fire fighting, so few councillors were favourably disposed to this portion of the Shire. Discussion revealed that distant councillors were unaware of the precarious transport position. They fortunately escaped serious fires last season. It was decided to put the following facts before the Council:—By the amalgamation of the Buangor, Middle Creek and Bayindeen brigades the Buangor and Middle Creek Bush Fire Brigade was made responsible for some 140 square miles of thinly-populated territory, guarding the northern flank of the proved vulnerable plain country; this brigade, notwithstanding its 118 members, was at present embarrassed by lack of transport. Other than utilities, only two privately-owned 30 cwt. trucks are available.—Cr. Brebner supported the request. There was only one truck available. The power unit just purchased would be useless without transport. If a truck were made available, Buangor should get preference. They had no group there, but an amalgamation of three brigades. He moved that a truck be allotted when available. After further discussion, the president said he trusted that a truck would be available shortly. The motion was carried.

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MUNICIPAL NOTES. Neighboring Shires.

LEXTON COUNCIL MEETING.

At the December meeting of the Lexton Shire Council, Mr E. J. Muntz (engineer) reported:—There is a small balance left from grant on Beaufort-Elmhurst road. I would recommend that this be retained to dress road with power grader early in the autumn. The engineer also reported:—Bridge back of Kal-Kal over Mt. Emu Creek is in a bad way. Re-building would cost about £300. It seems certain that a portion of Kal-Kal will be resumed, in which case help would be given to rebuild the bridge, but if this course is adopted, present decking will have to be pinned down.

Cr. Flynn said the Kal-Kal people would like something done to the bridge. According to reports, it was likely that a large portion of the estate would be taken over for soldier settlement. If this were done, the bridge would have to be re-built, and it should provide a good case for assistance.

Cr. Gordon remarked that it would be just as well to carry out small repairs for the time being.

Cr. Flynn moved that the engineer's suggestion be adopted and the bridge be put in trafficable condition until the position is clarified. Seconded by Cr. Clark and carried.

The C.R.B. notified that £42/15/7 had been passed for payment for maintenance work on Avoca-Ballarot, Beaufort-Lexton and Beaufort-Elmhurst roads.

The Department of Lands and Survey advised that before a licence for 10 acres at Kal-Kal was renewed to Mr H. V. C. Lewis, a condition would be inserted to allow the Council use of water from a dam.

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OBITUARY.

MR. ANDREW RENKIN.

On 20th Jan., the death of Mr Andrew Renkin occurred at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr R. W. Elder, Lyons Street South, Ballarat. Mr Renkin, who was 72 years of age, was a former resident of Sebastopol and Mt. Lomarch, where he was greatly respected. His wife predeceased him, and he leaves four daughters and one son. The daughters are Mesdames C. T. Bell, F. Nell, R. W. Elder, and L. Harbott (A.W.A.S.). The son, Bert, is a member of the R.A.A.F. The remains of the late Mr Renkin were interred in the Amphitheatre Cemetery on Monday.

MR. HUGH McLEAN.

There was a large assemblage of district residents at the Presbyterian Church, Skipton, on 8th Jan., for the funeral service of the late Hugh McLean. The Rev. Johnson officiated, and during his discourse spoke in appreciative terms of the life and character of the deceased gentleman, who was so well known and esteemed. The interment was in the Skipton Cemetery, where, following the burial service of the Church, a Masonic service was conducted by the Chaplain and brethren assembled. The chief mourners were: Mrs McLean (widow), Messrs A., K., and G. McLean (sons), Mrs Back and Mrs Kent (sisters), Messrs J. and A. McLean (brothers), and Messrs. W. A. K. and T. Barr, T. Shady, and H. Smith (brothers-in-law). Numerous beautiful floral tributes were received. The late Mr McLean was born at Lexington 67 years ago. He took up farming at an early age at Lah, where he was the first president of the Public Hall Committee. He was a keen member of the Warracknabeal Agricultural Society and Masonic Lodge. In 1937 he accompanied the Scottish Delegation on their trip abroad. Some six years ago he came to reside on the land at Skipton, and in that district he was interested in all local activities. He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church and member of the committee of the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. Arrangements were carried out by Messrs F. W. Barnes & Son.

Engagements

Engagements are announced as follows:—

Dorothy Joan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. M. McIntyre, "Coolan-gatta," Trawalla, to William Henry, eldest son of Mr and Mrs the late Mr A. Bruty, "Home Lea," Chepstowe.

Marjory Agnes, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. Vickers, 605 Macarthur Street, Ballarat, to James Taylor, only son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Oddie, of Chepstowe.

Kathleen Beryl, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. Perkins, Girdlestone Street, Ararat, to Pte. Charles Milton (A.I.F., returned M.E. and N.G.), youngest son of Mr and Mrs G. W. Green, of Shirley, via Beaufort.

Hazel Amy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Bywaters, Bayindeen, to Robert Frederick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. Gardiner, Benalla.

Doris Edith, third daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Bywaters, Bayindeen, to Frederick Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs L. Grellet, Great Western.

TRUSTEES ELECTED.

The president of Ballarat Shire (Cr. M. Ryan) presided over the tri-annual meeting for the purpose of electing seven trustees for the Burrumbeet racecourse for the next three years. The meeting was public and 25 persons attended. Nominations totalled nine, and in an election by secret ballot the following seven were elected:—Messrs. J. Walton, S. Alexander, R. White, W. Anderson, W. Walton, J. Swan, and W. Burrows.

CARNGHAM A.C.F.

Annual Meeting

Carngham branch of the A.C.F. is a very progressive and active institution in the interests of the Comforts Fund. For the past year it sent to headquarters £1357, 333 knitted comforts, and a very substantial total of books, magazines, soaps, toothpastes, shaving cream etc.

It was stated at the annual meeting by the secretary (Mrs P. Russell) that of the total sent to headquarters £850 was raised by Messrs. G. Coster, B. Camp, and J. McKay, who stood as candidates for the very successful Who is Mr Carngham Campaign, and the branch once again thanked those candidates and their excellent committees for so splendid an effort. Two packing prizes have been won by the branch for the best consistently packed parcels for the year. The Knitting Circle, which is an auxiliary branch to the Carngham branch, was especially thanked for their continued support in comforts and donations. The sundry comforts such as toothpaste, soap, etc., had practically all been sent from the Knitting Circle; also any appeals had been well responded to. It would be difficult, the secretary added, to mention individually those who had helped the branch so well all through the year, but they could be sure their help had been greatly appreciated by the branch, and by the men and women of the Fighting Forces. All records were kept in the books, and no donations, however small, were overlooked.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of office-bearers for 1945 resulted (Mrs Milne in the chair):—Mrs A. C. Roddis, re-elected president, a position she has held since the commencement of the branch in October, 1939. Vice-presidents elected were Mesdames A. C. Coates, J. Greenbank, J. McKay, J. Oddie, and J. Whittla; hon. secretary, Mrs P. Russell; and hon. treasurer, Mrs P. Yeoman. Mrs Patching was elected hon. entertainment secretary.

Knitting received at the meeting was: Mesdames J. Howlett, F. Leeman, A. C. Roddis, and Miss A. Morcombe, each 2 pairs socks; Mesdames McCook and D. McKay, sleeveless pullover; Mr A. Nunn, scarf.

Donations received: Carngham Gymkhana Club dance, £19/11; Mrs J. Greenbank, acting entertainment hon. secretary dance and supper held Christmas Eve, £12/0/9; also afternoon tea and supper, New Year's Day, £11/2/8; Snake Valley Dramatic Club, for entertainment and supper, held 6th Jan., £13 1/6; P. Russell, £5; B. Russell, sale of toys, £3/10/6; J. Colless, sale of produce, £12/0/6; Mrs Milne, sale of gifts and cakes, £1/12; Mr Milne, tennis tournament, £1/12; Ripon Shire, sale of waste, £1/1/1; Mr A. Mark, further profits from produce stall held at fair, £2/11/6; R. Russell, sale of skins, 15; J. Russell, sale of bottles, £2/5/1; Mrs J. McKay, £1; Mrs J. Oddie, 14; W. H. Bass, monthly donation and donation to fair, 13; Mesdames J. Greenbank and A. C. Roddis, each 10; Messrs. A. C. Roddis and W. Brown, sale of sheep won at fair, 10; Mrs J. Whittla, 4; D. Smith, drover, 5; Mr F. Leeman, 3/1 Messrs. W. Callaghan, M. Callaghan, A. T. Brumby, Mesdames McIntosh and G. Davis, each 2; members' fees of 2/ each were received from Mesdames J. Whittla, J. Wilson, Milne, D. Whittla, G. Davis, and Miss J. Whittla; sale of cakes from last meeting, 3/6; afternoon tea, 5/6.

It was moved at the meeting to send £300 to headquarters. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st February.

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BUY WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

THE Riponshire Advocate circulates throughout the Townships of Beaufort, Waterloo, Raglan, Chute, Trawalla, Nerring, Mt. Emu, Mena Park, Lake Goldsmith, Stockyard Hill, Skipton, Chepstowe, Snake Valley, Streatham, Carranballac, Erambeen, Middle Creek, Shirley, Buangor, Ballyrogan, Brewster, and Lexton.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

Leading-Stoker Harold Ward, R.A.N., son of Dvr. C. Ward (a P.O.W. in Japanese hands) and Mrs Ward, of Beaufort, has been home on leave after 12 months on active service, at sea.

Flight-Officer Gwen Young, W.A.A.F., was recently promoted by the Air Force Board to the rank of Squadron-Officer.

Pte. A. Bennett is in Beaufort on leave.

Pte. Peter Schlicht, son of Cr. T. W. Schlicht, of Beaufort, has been discharged from the Army, after three years' service in an A.I.F. Commando. He was wounded in New Guinea.

Pte. C. H. Slec, son of Mr and Mrs H. T. Slec, of Beaufort, is spending his leave with his wife and daughter at Bright. Mrs Slec, junr., is the daughter of Mr and Mrs H. McCracken, of Bright (formerly of Beaufort).

The many friends of Mr J. A. Daniels, of Mt. Emu (late 2nd A.I.F., returned M.E.) will regret to learn that whilst engaged in harvesting operations, he became seriously ill, and on medical advice is now an inmate of the Caulfield Repatriation Hospital.

Bombardier S. Scott, who has served for a lengthy period at Darwin, spent a few days with Mr and Mrs Daniels and family at Mt. Emu.

WOOL APPRAISMENTS

District Clips

Dennys, Lascelles Ltd., Geelong, report (Jan. 24):—GFO/Moorong (Beaufort), 33d, 29d, 28d; HAP/K/TYO (Tatayoon), 27d, 25d; WH/Lexton, 22d, 20d; WK/Lexton, 22d; B on side/B/Amphi (Mount Lonarch), 22d, 21d; TIM/Trawalla, 25d; EW/Carngham, 30d; Ercildoune (Burrumbeet), 25d; 25d, 24d, nks 23d; AMC/Chepstowe, 21d, 21d, 21d, bkn 18d; JPR/BFT. (Beaufort), 23d; JHD/A (Amphitheatre), 21d; JK/Beaufort, 20d, 19d; KRT/Baangal (Skipton), 19d, 19d.

Strachan & Co. Ltd., Geelong, report (Jan. 25):—EW/Carngham, 30d; IFM/Trawalla, 25d; AMC/Chepstowe, 21d, 21d, 21d.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

Tenders, closing Saturday, 3rd Feby., at 11 a.m., are invited by the Shire of Ripon for two contracts.

Attention is directed to a notice in this issue proclaiming Feby. 7 as the day for simultaneous destruction of vermin.

Streatham town allotments are advertised for sale at the Ballarat Lands Office on Tuesday, 6th Feby., at 10 a.m. This Club meeting and social, Friday night, 2nd Feby.

Annual meeting, Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club, Thursday night, 8th February, at C.W.A. Hall.

Working bee to get wood supply for B.N. Hospital on Monday, 29th Inst. Trucks leave Lewell's Corner at 8.30 a.m.

C.W.A. monthly meeting, Feby. 1. Address by Dr. Little.

Eleven crossbred wethers have been impounded at Skipton.

Younger Set Dance, C.W.A. Hall, Monday night, 29th Inst.

Graham Burgin Pty. Ltd. are commencing a school of instruction for machinists on February 6th, at the C.W.A. Hall, Beaufort.

ARM PIERCED.

On Saturday Teddy Beggs, the little son of Mrs T. G. Beggs, of St. Martin, ocks, had a painful mishap, a file running into his arm.

**FINAL MEETING
Gymkhana Committee**

PROFIT OF £457.

The wind-up meeting in connection with the Beaufort Patriotic Gymkhana, held on Boxing Day, took place on Wednesday night at the Shire Hall, and eight members of the committee were present. The vice-president (Mr H. J. Buchanan) presided until the arrival of the president (Cr. T. W. Schlicht). An apology was received for the absence of Mr F. S. Latch.

The approximate financial statement in connection with the recent gymkhana showed that receipts were £578/14/10 and expenditure £121/12/8, leaving a profit of £457/2/2. The principal receipts were:—Sweep, £21/7/1; ball, £15 0/11; Waterloo dances, £22/3/7; Beaufort Band, £9/17/6; Swimming Club, £7; Brewster dance, £4/19; Fraser's barn dance, £7/14/3; F. B. Ladies' Club, £50; euchre and dance, £12/3; Younger Set dances, £15; Tennis Club, £2; gate takings, £80; publican's booth, £77 8/6; fat sheep, £10/17; fleeces, £19 12/6; freak lamb, £2/11/3; gymkhana girl competition, £41/18/11; guessing number, £5/11/6; guessing weight pig, £10/16; prize puppy, £7/10; goose, 15; lucky envelopes, £10/4; table, £18/3/6; wheel, £25/8; afternoon tea, £19/12;

soft drink booth rights, £11/10; post entries, £9/3/6; returns and surplus cash £2/13/0; prizes not used, £4/7/1; refund from shire, £13; donations, £50/16/3. The main items of expenditure were:—Prize money, £53/10/7; amplifying, £2 10/; rain insurance, £2/15; advertising, £4/6/6; booth expenses, £42/19/3; minor expenses, 15/10; Shire of Ripon, gate percentage, £3.

The statement was received, and the balance-sheet is to be perused by the president and vice-president, after audit, with power to adopt, on motion of Messrs. J. Duke and A. J. Crozier.

Mr Crozier moved that a record be placed on the books in appreciation of the secretary's wonderful effort. Seconded by Mr Duncan, supported by Messrs Buchanan and Duke, and carried.

Mr Buchanan said the result of the effort was very creditable to the community, and they received considerable help from the district. It might have been better if the movement had been started by a public meeting, but it had moved along and snowballed quite well.

Cr. Schlicht endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, especially in regard to the secretary, who was a perfect secretary and keen on his work, and deserved the greatest thanks from them all. He thanked all (both ladies and gentlemen) who had helped to

make the gymkhana such a success. Mr N. S. McLeod also supported the remarks of the previous speakers in regard to the work of the secretary and the success of the effort. The cause, he staid, was good, and it was no effort to get the public to respond.

Mr Frank Allen thanked the speakers for their kind remarks and the public generally for their help. His little part was done, he added, because he was not a P.O.W. or in the Army, and he was only trying to do a little of what those fellows on active service had done.

The president said all the helpers could not be mentioned individually but only thanked generally, and that was the reason why they had only singled out the secretary.

Mr Duke moved that £228/11/1, each be voted to the P.O.W. Committee and the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club. Seconded by Mr A. S. Duncan, and carried.

The secretary (Mr Allen) said they were only £5 short of last year's proceeds. The takings on the actual day were better than last year, but the result of the preliminary efforts was not so good.

The secretary presented a separate financial statement in connection with the publican's booth, on which there was a profit of £34/9/3.

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NATT (Ramsay).—On January 20th, at Ballarat Hospital, to Alberta and Bill—a son (Geoffrey William).

DEATH.
GIBB. — On 23rd January, at his residence, Melbourne, John Rankin (24th Battalion, 1st A.I.F.), dearly loved brother of Agnes (Mrs M. Exell); brother-in-law of Murray, and loved uncle of Dulcie and George; aged 48 years. Privately cremated.

BEREAVEMENT CARD

MR. W. T. WINSALL and Family desire to sincerely thank all kind relatives and friends for sympathy shown them in their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Sisters Green and Ingram, Dr. G. Little, Mrs Eddie Day, and First-constable J. Duke.

IN MEMORIAM.

MAHER. — In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away on 24th January, 1942.

Sweetest memories, fond and true, Will ever remain, dear mother, of you. —Inserted by her loving daughters and grandchildren, Graham and Max.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

It is easy to remember acts of kindness and courtesy, and hard to forget unkindness and discourtesy.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1945.

THE INDEPENDENT SPIRIT

The sturdy spirit of independence and self-reliance with which the pioneers of Australia were endowed was one of their best characteristics. Sad to say there has been a considerable decline in this commendable spirit over the past 35 years, due to people being taught to rely on Government aid and less on their own efforts. It is well for the country, however, that there still remains a strong leaven in the community of men and women who think and act independently of any political party—a body of electors who refuse to bind themselves hand and foot and decline to be dictated to as to how they shall vote on the important issues the people are asked to settle from time to time. These are the people who vote for either of the three parties when, in their opinion, a particular party can do better for Australia at the moment than their political opponents, and do not hesitate to turn any party down with a thumb when they think the other side can do a better job for the country. It is not a good thing that any party should hold the reins too long, and it is well for all parties to know that sure and certain punishment awaits them at the polls if they interfere with certain rights and liberties which a large section of the people hold dear. That knowledge helps to keep politicians in their proper places. And so the independent voter—although he and she may come in for a good deal of abuse from disappointed, keen partisans—renders a valuable service to the nation by tipping the balance of the political scales either one way or the other at times when a change is badly needed.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES

No business was transacted on Monday at the Beaufort Police Court.

A severe duststorm, probably the worst ever experienced here, passed over Beaufort on Wednesday afternoon and evening; visibility being reduced to 400 yds.

BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.

CATTLE — 218 cattle yarded. Competition active, and values generally firmer on easier rates ruling last week. Prime medium weight bullocks, £19 to £21/10; good, £16 to £17/10; good lightweight bullocks, £14 to £15; prime cows, £12 to £13; heavy, to £14; good, £9 to £10/10; useful, £6/10 to £8.

CALVES — 134 penned. Competition keen and values slightly dearer for best quality; others unaltered. Best made £13/14.

SHEEP — Another heavy penning of 10,343. Market opened to steady competition, best wethers being firm, but all grades of ewes cheaper. Prime cross-bred wethers, 24/ to 26/; heavy, to 27/1; good, 20/ to 22/; prime crossbred ewes 17/ to 19/; heavy, to 21/4; good, 13/ to 15/; prime merino wethers, 19/6 to 21/; heavy, to 22/10; good, 16/ to 18/.

LAMBS — 5224 penned. Competition buoyant both from exporters and the trade; values very firm, particularly in early sales; slight easement towards close. Prime, 25/ to 27/; heavy, 28/ to 30/; a few exceptionally heavy to 30/10; good, 21/ to 23/; useful, 17/ to 19/.

DISTRICT SALES — The following district sales were effected:—11 bullocks, Lieut.-Col. Alex. Russell, Mawallok, £16/10 to £13/17/6, averaging £14/13/8; 12 bullocks, steers, and cows, Lang-Kal Ply. Ltd., bullocks £14/10 to £12/6, cows and heifers £14, topping the market, to £10/15/5, averaging £12/13/9; 8 cows and heifers, Captain R. G. Chirnside, Carranballac, £14 to £12/17/6, averaging £13/12/6, equal top of the market; 2 cows, Mr Kevin R. Taylor, Baangal, £8/17/6; cow, Mr D. MacInnes, Buangor, £12/6; 12 calves, Mr L. G. Weatherly, Blythvale, £11/1 to £7/19/; 6 calves, Mr D. MacInnes, Buangor, to £8/1; 130 merino wethers and ewes, Alex. McIntyre Pty. Ltd., Pretty Tower North, wethers 13/7, ewes 14/10 to 10/1; 115 xbd. ewes, Mrs E.-A. McEivale, Trawalla, 11/7 to 8/4; 83 xbd. and ckb. wethers, Mr D. A. Carmichael, Nerring, to 27/10; 28 comeback 2-tooths, Mr J. T. Oddie, Chepstowe, 27/1, topping the market, 7 merino ewes, 10/10; 122 lambs Mr C. W. Broadbent, Trawalla, to 20/4; 11 bullocks, Lieut.-Col. Alex. Russell, Mawallok, £13/2/6 to £14/12/6, averaging £13/17/10; 5 calves, St. Enoch's Estate, Stockyard Hill, £4/18/6 to £19/8/6; 4 calves, Mr Alex. Bain, Stockyard Hill, £2/2 to £13/13/6; 215 Corriedales, St. Enoch's Estate, wethers 12/1 to 24/, averaging 17/10, 4-tooth ewes 21/10 and 26/4, aged 13/7; 171 merino ewes, Mrs J. Ellis, Brewster, to 16/7; 110 Corriedale ewes, Mr W. M. Mathews, Burruumbeet, 14/4 to 19/4, averaging 16/5; 11 steers, Lang-Kal-Kal Pty. Ltd., £21/10 to £18, top price and average; calf, Mr J. Stevenson, Hillcrest, £4/11/; 3 sheep, Mr V. Welsh, Raglan, rams 13/, ewes 5/; 178 merino ewes, Mr Andrew Ringin, Chepstowe, 16/4; 74 merino wethers and ewes, Mr G. H. Kewley, Waterloo, wethers 12/11, ewes 11/1.

SUCCESSFUL PUPILS.

According to the "Argus," Beverley Watkin, of Main Lead, has won a scholarship tenable at any secondary school, and Margaret Campbell and Pat Ashley free places. All are pupils at Beaufort H.E. School.

PAINFUL INJURY.

Mr Athol Roffey, of Bundeera Road, Glenhuntingly (formerly of Beaufort), who is employed as an electrician by the Railways Department, met with a nasty accident on Tuesday morning. When going to work he slipped on a rotten apricot on the Spencer Street station ramp, and fell heavily. His knee-cap was dislocated, and the sinews of his leg torn. He is a patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

People and Events

The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre social and carpet bowls competition on Saturday night. Results:—Euchre—Ladies: Mrs C. Vowles, 1; Mesdames P. Doull and A. M. Parker (divided), 2. Men: Mr G. Foreman, 1; Messrs. J. Stewart and E. Broadbent (divided), 2. Secret table — Mrs W. Gillingham and Mr A. S. Duncan. Carpet bowls — Mesdames W. Gillingham, W. Ellis, C. Gillingham, and Mr C. W. Broadbent.

The Beaufort Town Band held a euchre social and snowball competition on Monday night, and the results were:—Ladies—Mrs Linke, 1; Mrs A. McGregor, 2. Men—Mr McInnis, 1; Mr A. McGregor, 2. Secret number prize—Mrs Linke.

The Beaufort F.B. Ladies Club's carpet bowls competition on Tuesday afternoon was won by Mesdames Broadbent, Torney, and Miss J. Smith.

The Beaufort Fire Brigade held a euchre tournament and dance on Thursday night for the P.O.W. Fund. Results:—Euchre—Section 1: Mesdames W. Gillingham, McCracken, and Gercochville divided 1 and 2. Section 2: Mr V. Tiley, 1; Mrs Day, 2. Blay's Band provided the dance music. A novelty dance was won by Stoker H. Ward and Miss V. Martin.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Cushing (Ballarat), accompanied by Mrs Chas. Cushing, of Lake Goldsmith, and Mr J. Byrne, Ballarat, have just returned from a vacation at Queenscliff. They stayed at "Vuegrand."

Mr W. Thompson, a returned soldier from the last war, re-visited Beaufort last week after about 30 years' absence. His parents were in business here about 40 years ago.

Mr and Mrs H. K. Parker and family returned to Beaufort last week after a brief stay in the Dimboola district. Mrs Dillon and family have returned to Beaufort after a few weeks' holiday in Glenhuntingly.

Mr and Mrs J. F. Wotherspoon and family have returned from a holiday while away Mr Wotherspoon met Mr Geo. McCaughey, at Ivanhoe, who asked after many old Beaufort friends.

Mr W. Linke, of Melbourne, and his little son, have been staying with relatives in Beaufort.

Mr and Mrs G. Oddie, of Morong, Stockyard Hill, and their family, have been holidaying at Point Lonsdale.

Miss L. Stuart has returned to Beaufort after some weeks spent in Melbourne. Mr and Mrs Long have been staying with their son-in-law and daughter Mr and Mrs W. J. Scriven, of Beaufort.

Frances Gleeson, daughter of Mr W. Gleeson, of Ararat, spent a week in Beaufort with her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs J. Fitzpatrick, of Nell St., and went to Melbourne for the remainder of the holidays.

Mr W. Gleeson, of Ararat, has suffered a bereavement by the death on 24th January of his father, at Wangaratta, at the age of 88 years.

Mr S. Young has returned to Beaufort, after some months' absence in Melbourne and Geelong through illness.

Mr and Mrs W. Lanigan, of Nyah West, are visiting Mr and Mrs H. McCracken, of Railway Avenue, Bright (formerly of Beaufort). Mr Lanigan is the stationmaster at Nyah West.

Miss Grace Campbell, of the Beaufort School staff, goes to the Teachers' Training College after the holidays.

OBITUARY

Mr Seymour Baker

Mr Seymour Baker, a former resident of Beaufort, died in Western Australia last week at the age of 76 years, and his funeral took place on Wednesday, 17th January. He was the eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs S. Baker, of Beaufort, and the brother of Mr Lionel Baker and Mrs G. McCracken, of this town. Many years ago the late Mr S. Baker, junr., won a £1000 prize in a Melbourne art union.

MR. JOHN O'BRIEN.

There were many expressions of regret throughout the Beaufort district when it became known that Mr John O'Brien, of Middle Creek, had passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the Ararat Hospital. Deceased was born at Nerring and had reached the age of 74 years; being a lifelong resident of the district. He had been in indifferent health for some time. He had been farming at Middle Creek for more than 50 years, and was highly respected throughout the district, as well as being a popular figure at all social functions. He was of a kindly, friendly disposition, and a friend to all. He was married at Middle Creek in 1893 to Miss Sarah Ann Holdsworth, and Mr and Mrs O'Brien celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding 12 months ago. Mr O'Brien leaves a widow and four sons to mourn their loss. The sons are Messrs Arthur Ernest Lisle O'Brien (Moreland), Wm. Melville O'Brien (Traralgon), John Robt. O'Brien (Middle Creek), and Allan James O'Brien (Brunswick). There are also 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The late Mr O'Brien took an interest in all movements for the benefit of the district. He was very closely associated with the Presbyterian Church at Middle Creek and Beaufort; being an elder of the Church at Middle Creek. He had also been connected with the Middle Creek School Committee, and was a very old member of Beaufort I.O.R.

The remains of the late Mr O'Brien were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery on Friday afternoon; following a service in the Presbyterian Church. The coffin, which was covered with floral tributes of sympathy, was borne to the grave by Messrs. Lisle, Melville, John and Allan O'Brien, (sons). The pall bearers were Messrs M. O'Brien (brother), M. O'Brien (grandson), J. K. Pickford, G. W. Green, J. P. Fay, J. Holdsworth (nephew), D. Coates, and R. Shalders. Rev. J. P. MacDougall conducted the Presbyterian services at the Church and graveside, at which there was a large attendance of relatives and friends. Mr J. Dunn, of Ararat, carried out the funeral arrangements.

AMENDED BEAUFORT MAIL TIMES

Outward for Melbourne. — Closing 3.55 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; 5.10 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays; 12.30 p.m. Saturday.

Inward from Melbourne. — Due at 1.5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays.

Outward for Ballarat. — Closing 3.55 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 5.10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 12.30 p.m. Saturdays.

Inward from Ballarat. — Due 1.5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays.

Outward for Ararat. — Closing 12.35 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. Inward from Ararat. — Due 9 a.m. daily.

Outward for Middle Creek. — Closing 3.55 p.m. Fridays. Inward from Middle Creek. — Due 4.25 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Outward for Traralgon. — Closing 3.55 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. Saturdays, 12.30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays.

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Beaufort Trucking Yards

PRATT ST. RESIDENTS OBJECT TO PROPOSED NEW SITE.

The proposal of the Railway Department to shift the cattle trucking yards from the northern side of the line to the southern side in a position about opposite where Beggs Street joins Pratt Street, has caused some of the residents of the locality and property owners to raise objections, on the grounds of dust, noise, and the fear that it would cause the value of their properties to deteriorate.

On Monday a deputation of Pratt St. residents and property owners, led by Mr Douglas Knight, and comprising Messrs. J. and G. Nothnagel, Miss L. Stuart, and Mrs J. J. O'Brien waited on Messrs. Stanistrat (Ballarat District Superintendent) and Wishart (District Engineer) and stated their case.

Mr P. L. Denigan, M.L.A. for Allandale, was also in attendance.

Messrs. T. W. Schlicht, H. V. Martin, G. Bailey, and D. R. Hannah, were present on behalf of local stock and station agents, farmers, and graziers, to support the proposals of the Railway Department.

After hearing the various arguments for and against the proposal, the District Superintendent and Engineer intimated that they would report to the Department in regard to the proposed position of the yards.

It is understood that should yards be erected where suggested, they would be paved and drained with concrete, and that an effort will be made to get the Shire Council to lay down a bitumen road opposite them.

TOWNSHIP PROPERTY SOLD.

On Thursday, 17th Jan., Mr Theo. W. Schlicht conducted a successful auction sale of township property at Beaufort, in the estate of the late Mrs Mary Driver. The house and allotments were knocked down to Mr H. T. Slee for £465.

RELATIVES SOUGHT.

An appeal has reached the "Argus" from Miss Doris Thacker, in South Wales, for information, regarding her brother, Thomas Thacker, 45, and her sister, Amy Thacker (Mrs A. G. Cook), 44. Miss Thacker writes that the last known address of her sister was in Burnett St., St. Kilda, in December, 1933. She has no address of her brother, who is married, with two children, Audrey and Desmond. Any information on this matter sent to the "Argus" will be forwarded to Wales.

BEAUFORT RAINFALL

1929.—Jan., 139; Feby., 402; March 154; April, 319; May, 196; June, 419; July, 282; Aug., 488; Sept., 205; Oct., 270; Nov., 278; Dec., 244; total, 3120.

1930.—Jan., 22; Feby., 292; March, 34; April, 215; May, 267; June, 147; July, 271; Aug., 449; Sept., 270; Oct., 549; Nov., 162; Dec., 615; total, 3293.

1931.—Jan., 91; Feby., 55; March, 519; April, 291; May, 381; June, 494; July, 239; Aug., 317; Sept., 287; Oct., 102; Nov., 322; Dec., 66; total, 3164.

1932.—Jan., 13; Feby., 332; March 470; April, 470; May, 99; June, 333; July, 2066; Aug., 372; Sept., 161; Oct., 268; Nov., 102; Dec., 251; total, 3127.

1933.—Jan., 232; Feby., 8; March, 120; April, 133; May, 258; June, 151; July, 103; Aug., 248; Sept., 353; Oct., 208; Nov., 332; Dec., 565; total, 2779.

1934.—Jan., 137; Feby., 218; March, 33; April, 337; May, 11; June, 117; July, 275; Aug., 286; Sept., 294; Oct., 472; Nov., 565; Dec., 223; total, 2068.

1935.—Jan., 125; Feby., 228; March 189; April, 495; May, 138; June, 233; July, 409; Aug., 387; Sept., 252; Oct., 222; Nov., 147; Dec., 75; total, 2948.

1936.—Jan., 179; Feby., nil; March 107; April, 148; May, 225; June, 271; July, 557; Aug., 378; Sept., 155; Oct., 245; Nov., 120; Dec., 371; total, 2756.

1937.—Jan., 293; Feby., 105; March 114; April, 99; May, 147; June, 86; July 198; Aug., 281; Sept., 286; Oct., 415; Nov., 67; Dec., 309; total, 2490.

1938.—Jan., 247; Feby., 185; March 67; April, 267; May, 87; June, 329; July 186; Aug., 138; Sept., 108; Oct., 40; Nov., 88; Dec., 48; total, 1790.

1939.—Jan., 54; Feby., 225; March 29; April, 600; May, 213; June, 309; July, 180; Aug., 537; Sept., 289; Oct., 218; Nov., 461; Dec., 101; total, 3216.

1940.—Jan., 143; Feby., 20; March 81; April, 291; May, 159; June, 164; July, 176; Aug., 135; Sept., 205; Oct., 94; Nov., 306; Dec., 183; total, 1946.

1941.—Jan., 493; Feby., 55; March 264; April, 217; May, 94; June, 306; July, 236; Aug., 340; Sept., 366; Oct., 226; Nov., 200; Dec., 162; total, 2956.

1942.—Jan., 138; Feby., 110; March 113; April, 158; May, 469; June, 277; July, 167; Aug., 416; Sept., 364; Oct., 403; Nov., 304; Dec., 69; total, 2988.

1943.—Jan., 141; Feby., 156; March 31; April, 224; May, 165; June, 255; July, 265; August, 221; September, 293; October, 173; November, 137; December, 65; total, 2029 points.

1944.—Jan., 138; Feby., 76; March, 67; April, 215; May, 385; June 72; July, 250; August 93; September, 113 October, 254; November, 138; December, 270; total, 2071.

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE WEDDING BELLS.

Thacker — Thomas

Choosing the anniversary of the wedding day of the bride's parents, Driver T. L. Thacker, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Thacker, of Willoby St., Beaufort, was married on Jan. 2nd, at St. John's Church of England, Finch St., East Malvern, to Audrey Jean, only child of Mr and Mrs W. E. Thomas, 26 Deakin St., East Malvern. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely gown of white slipper satin, cut on classical lines, and falling into soft gathers in the front and falling into a long train at the back. The long, light-fitting sleeves formed into a point at the wrist. Over her long, tulle veil she wore her mother's veil, which was kept in place by a spray of tuber roses, maiden hair fern, and heather. Her matching bouquet had touches of pale pink carnations and sweet peas. Her only attendant was Miss Audrey Thacker (sister of the bridegroom). Her beautiful frock of blue taffeta was cut in long-waisted style, with full gathering all round the hip line. The full puffed sleeves and Peter Pan collar made a charming effect for the young bridesmaid, who carried a bouquet of tuber roses, with touches of blue hydrangea, which matched her frock. Her matching head spray kept her blue tulle veil in place. Mr Bob Thompson, late A.I.F., acted as best man. The reception was later held at the Central Park kiosk, East Malvern. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents, including many cheques. The bridegroom's mother wore a brown and check suit, with rust-coloured blouse to match and brown accessories, while the bride's mother wore a dusty pink crepe suit, with black accessories. The happy couple left for Lilydale and Warburton for their honeymoon; the bride wearing a smart blue and grey striped tailored suit, with tailored coat to match and black accessories.

WORKING BEE. — The ANNUAL REPORT to supply the local Bush Nursing Hospital with Green Firewood will take place on MONDAY NEXT, 29th inst. Trucks leaving Lewell's Corner at 8.30 a.m. It is proposed to return by about noon. All those willing to assist in supplying the wood, please come along, and in particular trucks. A. LEWELL, A. CAMPBELL, Organisers for the B.N. Committee.

YOUNGER SET DANCE, C.W.A. Hall, FOUNDATION NIGHT, Monday, Jan. 20th, 1945. Good Floor, Excellent Music. Dancing, 8.30 p.m.—12 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1945.

Church of England.—Learmonth, 11; Lexton, 2; Waterloo, 3.30; Beaufort, 7; Rev. W. J. Tame, Beaufort, 11—Lay Helper.

Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Chute, 2; Raglan, 3.15.—Rev. J. Leach.

Presbyterian Church.—Buangor, 11; Middle Creek, 3; Beaufort, 7.—Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

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VERMIN AND NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT, 1928.

SIMULTANEOUS DESTRUCTION OF VERMIN.

THE ATTENTION of all OWNERS and OCCUPIERS of Land in Victoria is directed to the Proclamation published in the "Government Gazette" of 20/12/1944, proclaiming the 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1945, as the day on from, and after which all Rabbits on their land must be destroyed.

SALE OF CROWN LANDS at the LANDS OFFICE, BALLARAT, 10 a.m., TUESDAY, 6th Feby. Auctioneers: Deposit: One-eighth of purchase money; Survey fee and Valuation of Improvements must also be paid in full. Balance in half-yearly instalments, interest, 5 per cent. Plans and all information from Auctioneers, Land Office, Ballarat, or Lands Department, Melbourne, C.2. STREATHAM, in South of Town, Upset £9. Survey £3. Lot 10, 3r. 4 9/10p., allot. 2A of section A. Improvements £3/5 (W. R. Eastick). In South of Town, Upset £5. Survey £3. Lot 11, 1r. 10 6/10p., allot. 2B of section A. Improvements £2 (E. M. Brown).

IMPOUNDED AT SKIPTON. — Eleven Crossbred Ewes, punch hole and notch off ear; like red J on back. If not claimed, and expenses paid, to be sold on the 7th February. DENIS DALY, Poundkeeper, Shire of Ripon.

C.W.A. MONTHLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 1st, 2.30 p.m. Dr. Little to address Meeting.

SHIRE CLUB Committee Meeting and Euchre Social, FRIDAY NIGHT, 2nd FEBRUARY.

RIPON PATRIOTIC & COMFORTS CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING, THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, at C.W.A. HALL, 8 p.m. Roll up. All Welcome. Support the Club which stands for the fighters in the firing line.

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SHIRE OF RIPON. TENDERS.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited up to SATURDAY, 3rd FEB., 11 a.m., for the following Contracts:—

1/44.—Erection of Shelter for Bush Fire Brigade Truck, near Fire Station. 2/44.—Supply of Round Timber for Beams, etc., for Cook's Bridge, over Ballie's Creek, Chepstowe.

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Shire Office, Beaufort, after MONDAY, 22nd JAN., 1945. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Deposit, 5 per cent. E. J. MUNTZ, B.C.E., Shire Engineer. Shire Office, Beaufort, 20/1/45.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Skipton.

PERSONAL NOTES. Pilot-Officer C. Notman and Major Francis Funston have both donned multi again, following their being placed on the reserve list.

Other visitors to the town are Mr and Mrs A. Elder and family, and Mr and Mrs Geoff Cook.

Miss Stella Anderson has been spending her leave with her relatives at Skipton.

BONE BROKEN. Mr W. Wise met with a painful accident, when a horse he was shoeing kicked him, breaking a small bone in his leg.

VICTIMS OF RECENT ACCIDENT. Members of the Wilkie family, who met with an accident recently, have been discharged from Hospital, but it will be a long time before they are fit to work.

SOCIAL FOR MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. A large gathering of euchre and dancing fans was present at the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday night, when an entertainment was held in aid of the funds of the Institute.

EUCHRE PARTY. The winner of the euchre party on Tuesday afternoon was again Mr W. Liston, senr. Proceeds were in aid of the Mechanics' Institute.

CHURCH FOR BRADVALE. It is reported that a Church has been purchased from Piggoreet to replace the one destroyed by fire at Bradvale.

WATER SUPPLY. An engine and pumping plant have been placed in position preparatory to pumping water into the mains from the Emu Creek. The water in the reservoir has reached a very low level.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. Mr Angus presided at the special meeting of the Patriotic League, held on January 23rd. After discussion, it was decided not to hold the usual Autumn flower show.

A NEAR MISS. When the Hamilton bus was descending Flagstaff Hill on Friday last with a full load of passengers, it met a truck and trailer loaded with retted flax, travelling from Lake Bolac to Ballarat.

HAY FOR DRY AREAS. Huge loads of hay have been passing through Skipton on their way to Avoca, Marnoo, St. Arnaud, and other towns in the drought-stricken area up north.

Middle Creek.

THE HARVEST. Harvesting operations have been completed here, and most of the grain for disposal trucked away.

SALE OF STUD RAMS. Mr Gilbert Smith has sold 13 Corriedale rams this week from his stud flock, and they have been trucked from Beaufort to Mr Donald McNicol's Bona Vista property, Casterton.

Waterloo and Chute

SPORTS CLUB. The Waterloo Sports Club held a meeting last Saturday night, 15 members being present.

BEAUFORT P.O.W. SHOP. The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. Shop wish to thank all donors and helpers for the past fortnight.

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PERSONAL. Mrs O'Loughlan, widow of the late Mr Frank O'Loughlan, of Swan Hill, and late of Eurambeen, and her grandchild, are staying with her sister, Mrs R. Gardiner.

Mrs Vowles has staying with her, Norman Newey, of Lal Lal, her grandson.

In the "Courier" of 18th January, appeared a report of a send-off to Mr and Mrs Hayden Newey, of Kiata, prior to their departure for Lal Lal, from local residents.

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LEXTON SPORTS. Many local people will attend the Lexton sports to-day (Saturday), and several local horses will compete.

RABBITS. Rabbits have been on the increase this year, owing to the dry conditions which suited them for breeding.

AFTERNOON SOCIAL. The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club conducted a social on Thursday-afternoon to aid the P.O.W. Fund and Comforts Club.

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THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS

A Great Responsibility

The Life Offices' Association is an advisory body composed of executive officers representing various life societies in Australia, which confers from time to time on matters of interest to all policy holders.

With due sense of the responsibility for safeguarding the funds of policy-holders, the Life Offices' Association feels impelled to make a statement of its views of banking legislation, which may affect the value of policies of life assurance.

Quite properly banking is one of the subjects upon which the Commonwealth Parliament has power to legislate. Such legislation should deal with the general principles of banking and banking practice.

The Association is deeply concerned with the views that have been frequently expressed by certain Ministers of the Commonwealth Parliament with regard to the POLITICAL control of banking.

The safeguarding of the premiums paid by policy holders is the first duty of every life office. In view of the grave danger of inflation that would follow the political control of credit, the Association trusts that wise counsels will prevail, and that no Government will assume powers that are dangerous

allike to Government and people. It is vital that, both the Commonwealth Bank and the trading banks should discharge their appropriate functions free from the dangers inherent in political direction.

Among the people's savings that would be imperilled are those which, with confidence in ultimate values, are put into policies of life assurance. The present cash value of the investments of policy holders amounts to roughly £350,000,000, of which over £100,000,000 has been subscribed to Australian War Loans—a notable contribution to the war effort, which on several occasions the Treasurer of the Commonwealth (the Hon. J. B. Chifley, M.H.R.) has gratefully acknowledged.

The Life Offices Association comprises the following member offices:—Australian Metropolitan Life Assurance Company Limited, Australian Mutual Provident Society, The Australian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited, the Australian Provincial Assurance Association Limited, the City Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited, the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited, the Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company Limited, the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Limited, the Provident Life Assurance Company Limited, the Prudential Assurance Company Limited.

A Real Christmas

(For the "Advocate," by C. C. Faulkner, Accredited War Correspondent).

"This makes it a real Christmas," the speaker was Sergt. Keith Stevens, of Beaufort, whom I met at the most advanced base of the Royal Australian Air Force in the Pacific. He was opening a Christmas hamper presented to him by the Australian Comforts Fund.



NAZI TOWN SMASHED.

An aerial photograph of Duren, Germany, taken after the fortified town was assaulted by Allied bombers, shows shells of buildings standing amidst bomb craters, which overlap (centre) in the main target area.



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German troops, among the more than 1000 prisoners captured at Mulhouse, are marched through the streets of the town in Eastern France, which was liberated by the First French Army, November 22, 1944.



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Local and General News

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

The following appeared in the Ballarat "Courier" of 25 years ago:—Another Ballarat boy, Dr. Campbell Milligan, son of the late Mr Edward Milligan, of Victoria Avenue (formerly of Waterloo), has distinguished himself at the London College of Surgery by qualifying for the degree of F.R.C.S. He served with the British Forces, and has not yet been demobilised.

KITCHEN TEA.

In the Burrumbeet Hall, Mrs Albert Crosthwaite (nee Monica Williams) was the guest of honour at a kitchen tea. There was a large gathering, and an enjoyable evening was spent in dancing and a euchre tournament. Additional entertainment was given by Miss Clare Coulter, who was applauded for a piano solo. The kitchen tea gifts were presented to Mrs Crosthwaite by Mr W. A. Walton; and Mr A. V. Williams, father of the guest, responded.

SPORTS AT LEXTON FOR HOSPITALS

At a meeting of the Lexton Sports Club, officers were appointed, and a programme drawn up. Mr J. Palmby was appointed president; Messrs. D. G. Jackson and W. Palmby vice-presidents; Messrs. E. W. Hedge and A. E. Herbertson joint secretaries; Mr Colin McErvaire treasurer. It was arranged to hold the sports on Saturday, 27th January, and to donate the proceeds to the Ballarat Public Hospital, Avoca and Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospitals, Elmhurst Bush Nursing Centre, and local improvements **IN THE OLD DAYS.**

The following appeared in the Ararat "Advertiser" of 1868:—Buangor was enlivened on New Year's Day by the holding of a bazaar at the cricket ground near Mr Colin Campbell's station, and the initiation of a number of outdoor sports. The bazaar was held under a large shed covered with boughs, which protected the fair saleswomen from the rays of the sun. The sale was conducted for the benefit of the Church of England reserve, so as to have the ground substantially and neatly fenced. Every article likely to take the fancy of the buyers was exhibited, from beef to smoking caps. A cricket match was held, and as soon as cricket was over, the athletic sports began, and the 150 yards flat race was won by Johnny McKinnon. There was putting the stone and caber throwing, and Highland dances to bagpipes played by Mr Campbell's piper. This was followed by the half-mile race, the hurdle race, the running jump and leaping with the pole. Our reporter says he is sorry he cannot give the names of the winners, but he remembers distinctly that there was a large barrel of Crawford on the ground. Several of the assemblage, amongst whom was our reporter, took to shooting towards the afternoon, with the object of bringing home some ducks, geese, swans, turkeys, snipe and quail, but they could not bring home any birds as intended. Our reporter said for his part he couldn't take aim as the birds always rose in pairs, besides which his gun was crooked, and so the game was preserved for a more convenient season. The proceeds of the bazaar amounted to from £25 to £30. Added to the number of people the carriages of neighboring families drove to the place, the occupants dispensed picnic delicacies to all comers. This day was perhaps one of the pleasantest days that had been spent at Buangor for some years.

The annual gross value of Canadian manufactured products has more than doubled since 1939.

To the end of June last, the total expenditure incurred in raising and equipping the Australian Army since the outbreak of war exceeded £860,000,000.

From the outbreak of war in September, 1939, to 30th November last, Australia had spent a total of £1,850,000,000 directly on war.

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