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Post-War Requirements of Services.

REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

Public Meeting

To meet the post-war requirements of Service men and women, a public meeting, convened by the president of Ripon Shire (Cr. J. Kirkpatrick), was held in the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Friday, 26th January for the purpose of forming a Repatriation Committee. Cr. Kirkpatrick occupied the chair, and about 50 persons were present.

The chairman explained that, at the request of the Repatriation Commission, he had called the meeting, and asked Mr Harlem, an officer from the Commission, to explain the regulations governing local committees.

After Mr Harlem had done so, it was moved by Mr F. J. Webster and seconded by Mr A. Vowles, that a local committee be formed.

This was carried.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr Harlem.

Mr Macdonald moved, and Mr McKenzie seconded, that the committee consist of 15 members, with power to add.

An amendment was moved by Cr. Watkin, seconded by Cr. Schlicht, that the committee consist of 21 members, with power to add.

The amendment was carried.

The following were elected to the committee:—Messrs. H. J. Buchanan, J. E. Day, A. J. Hughes, E. Charles, J. Duke, C. M. Flynn, F. J. Webster, S. R. Pascoe, R. C. Hodgetts, C. T. McDonough, N. Daniels, S. George, N. S. McLeod, S. Hayes, J. Cole, A. T. Vowles, A. Ringin, W. A. Skene, G. F. Oddie, Rev. J. P. MacDongall, and Cr. J. Kirkpatrick.

Subsequently a meeting of the committee was held to appoint an executive of seven, and the following were elected:—Messrs. R. C. Hodgetts (president), S. Hayes (hon. treasurer), F. J. Webster (hon. secretary), S. R. Pascoe, J. Duke, H. J. Buchanan, and Cr. J. Kirkpatrick. Mr C. M. Flynn was appointed auditor.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Acquisitions for Soldiers

WESTERN DISTRICT PROPERTIES.

Compulsory provisions of the Land Acquisition Act were already being brought into operation in cases where owners of large properties suitable for soldier settlement had refused to negotiate for their sale, said Mr Lind, Minister for Lands.

Negotiations had been begun for the acquisition of whole or portion of 34 estates in the Western district of an aggregate area of 270,000 acres.

Particular attention in acquisition had been paid to land served by irrigation, or where irrigation schemes would be extended. There were also 200,000 acres of Crown land in southern Victoria, which were expected to respond favourably to improvements and become suitable for soldier settlement.

The State was now asking the Commonwealth to make available machinery for clearing holdings, so that settlers could begin to earn livings as soon as they moved in. The economic gain of this would profit both the settler and the State.

CAPTURED IN GERMANY



Hands clasped on their heads, Nazi prisoners are herded down a German street past civilian cyclists, most of whom pay scant attention to their captive countrymen. The Nazis were taken prisoner by troops of the Ninth U.S. Army driving from Aisdorf to Mariadorf, which was captured November 18, 1944, the third day of the new, all-out Allied offensive against Germany. In the first two days of their assault, the Ninth Army captured 1800 German soldiers.

—U.S. Office of War Information Picture.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Circuit Matters

At the quarterly meeting of representatives of the Beaufort Methodist Circuit, the balance-sheet for the three months ending 31st Decr., 1944, showed a Cr. balance of £46/5/7. The meeting expressed its gratitude to the Beaufort and Raglan Ladies' Guilds for their magnificent financial support, and to the Beaufort Guild for the gift of a bath heater to the Parsonage. All the officers of the Church were re-appointed, except the secretary for home and overseas missions. The retiring secretary (Miss E. Waddingham) was heartily commended for the good work she had done during her term of office. It was decided to open the Raglan Sunday School on February 4th. An appeal was made to parents and children for their fullest co-operation. The deepest sympathy of the Church people was expressed for the Misses M. and S. Jackson and Mrs Fox and family in their sad bereavements. The following fixtures were arranged:—Annual thankoffering appeal, Beaufort, Waterloo, and Chute, February 11; Raglan and Main Lead, Feby. 18; Retiring Collection for Babies' Home, all services, March 4; harvest thanksgiving services, Beaufort, Raglan, and Chute on March 11; sale of gifts on the Monday night; Women's Auxiliary of Overseas Missions' envelope appeal, Easter Sunday, April 1; next quarterly meeting, Mr G. Cuthbertson's residence, Raglan, Wednesday night, March 28.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Skipton.

POLICE COURT.

In the Skipton Court of Petty Sessions last week, before the Police Magistrate (Mr G. S. Catlow), Peter Wilfred Christie was presented on two charges arising out of an incident which occurred at Streatham on 28th December last. He was charged with using indecent language and resisting a constable in the execution of his duty. At the conclusion of evidence, the constable gave for defendant a very satisfactory report of his behaviour. After addressing the defendant, the police magistrate said that he would give him a chance to make good and adjourned the case to a date to be fixed, not exceeding 26 weeks.

First-constable E. H. Nunn, stationed at Skipton, said that on the strength of information received, he went to Streatham at about 11 p.m. on 28th December. He saw defendant and said to him: "I have come to investigate a complaint about your behaviour; what is going on here?" When arrested, he resisted violently and continued to do so all the way to Skipton. He was very drunk. Defendant said that the local hotel had run out of beer on the day in question and he took a good deal of spirits, which had affected him. He did not know how much he had taken.

LICENCES GRANTED

Frederick Le Marquind, of Streatham, was granted a secondhand dealer's licence. Herbert Powell, "The Rines," Skipton, was granted a carrier's licence. —"Courier."



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Suppose someone left you a million pounds . . . what would you do with it? Build a mansion? Buy a yacht? Travel the world? You might want to, but such things are out of the question these days.

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Which hand will you have?

In one there is a dice, in the other a key. The dice represents the gamble of spend-as-you-go. It symbolises the Micawberish belief that "something is sure to turn up". The key is the key to financial security, to stability, to peace of mind. The key is a Commonwealth Savings Bank Account, built up from week to week out of wages or salary. It is the key to War Savings Certificates—to War Bonds—to contented prosperity. Which will you have . . . the key or the dice. Decide for the key, next pay-day!

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BALLARAT MARKET.

Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.

CATTLE—202 were yarded. Competition for best quality was keen and values for such were quite equal to last week's rates, whilst other trade quality was easier. Chopping cows, however, were very firm. Prime medium weight bullocks, £19 to £20/15; good, £15/10 to £17; useful, £13 to £14/10; prime cows, £12 to £13; extra, to £16; good, £9 to £10/10; useful, £6/10 to £8. CALVES—141 were penned. Several pens of nice quality wealers attracted keen competition. Generally values were firm; best quality being a shade dearer. Best made £12/12/6.

SHEEP—10,601, including 1300 store sheep, were penned. The market opened to strong competition, which prevailed throughout, and values for all classes were firm to dearer. Prime crossbred wethers, 24/ to 26; a few, to 28/4; good, 20/ to 22; prime crossbred ewes, 17/ to 19/7; good, 13/ to 15; prime merino wethers, 19/6 to 21; heavy, to 23/7; good, 18/ to 18/.

LAMBS—4239 penned. Exporters operated freely and with a good trade demand, values for best quality were about on a par with the closing rates of last week, whilst second grades were cheaper. Prime, 24/ to 26; heavy, to 28/7; good, 20/ to 22; useful, 16/ to 18/.

DISTRICT SALES—The following district sales are reported:—208 Corriedale Ewes, St. Enoch's Estate, 17/7; 99 Corriedales, Mr J. McErvale, Burrumbeet, wethers 18/11, ewes 19/7; 68 merinos, Mr J. L. Grant, Burrumbeet, wethers 14/7 to 17/4, averaging 16/1, ewes to 16/10; lamb, Miss Gwen Grant, Burrumbeet, 17/6; 11 station-bred Short-horn steers, Langi-Kal-Kal Pty Ltd., Trawalla, to £20/12/6, averaging £19 18/2; 324 merino wethers, Mr H. W. Wilson, Mt. Emu, to 18/5, averaging 17/; 78 merino wethers, Kirkpatrick Bros., Stockyard Hill, 14/4 and 13/4; 78 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr J. Kirkpatrick, Stockyard Hill, wethers 17/10, ewes 17/10 to 14/1; 23 merino wethers, Mr G. Cortel, Mortchup, to 21/4; 164 crossbred wethers and ewes, Mrs M. Dobson, Burrumbeet, wethers 23/4 to 19/7, ewes 10/10, 16 lambs 19/4; 72 merino wethers, Mr A. Ringin, Chestowe, 23/7 to 23/4, averaging 23/6; 112 merino wethers and ewes, estate G. T. Vowles, Waterloo, wethers 22/7, ewes 11/10; 21 lambs, Mr A. Mitchell, Beaufort, 13/; 11 bullocks, Langi-Kal-Kal Pty. Ltd, to £20/15, averaging £20/5/8, top price and average of the market; 3 bullocks, Mr W. J. McErvale, Chute, to £10/16/3, 3 calves to £11/13/6; cow and bull, Mrs M. Campbell, Nerring, to £9 17/6, calves to £5/1; 116 merino wethers and ewes, Mr Alex. McIntyre, Pretty Tower North, wethers to 18/10, ewes to 12/10; 92 merino wethers, Miss A. T. Stewart and Mrs A. T. Gray, Monmot, 22/1 to 13/7, averaging 18/10; 79 comeback ewes and 2-tooths, Mr D. A. Smith, Skipton, ewes 18/1 and 13/7, 2-tooths 15/1, 20 lambs 18/4; 70 merino ewes, Mr Alex. MacPhie, Chute, 10/10; 62 merino wethers and ewes, Mr Max E. L. Watkin, Beaufort, wethers 15/1, ewes 12/1; 43 merino wethers and Mr W. T. Smith, Chute, 16/4 and 14/10, averaging 17/8; 2 lambs, Miss Lorna Alexander, Skipton, 22/.

WOOD FOR HOSPITAL.

The working-bee held on Monday (Australia Day), and organised by Messrs. A. Campbell and A. Lewell, to secure wood for the Beaufort B.N. Hospital, proved very successful. About 30 men attended, and up to 30 tons of wood was cut and carted before mid-day, and also stacked. All who assisted are heartily thanked. Further loads have been promised by truck owners unable to assist on the particular day.

LEXTON SPORTS CLUB

GYMKHANA ASSISTS HOSPITALS.

The record crowd of 1000 people attended the Lexton Gymkhana on Saturday. Takings amounted to approximately £170, of which £53 was received at the gate, and £22 from a dance held in the A.N.A. Hall at night. The Lexton Sports Club arranged the effort for Ballarat, Avoca and Beaufort hospitals, Elmhurst Bush Nursing Centre and local improvements. The programme consisted of a wide variety of horse, cycling, footracing, and novel events. The genial president (Mr J. Palmby) had a splendid working committee, with Messrs. E. W. Hedge and A. E. Herberson as hon. secretaries. The ladies were also well to the fore and played a big part in the success of the effort. Mr B. Settrine, of Ballarat, had charge of the amplifying arrangements. Results: Draught Horse Derby, 2 furlongs—Dick (J. Fisher), 40 yds. bhd. 1; Robin (R. Hinchcliffe), 60 yds. bhd. 2. Won by a length. Pony Race, 4 furlongs, 14.2 a.u.—E. Broadbent's Larry (R. Broadbent), 44 yds. bhd. 1; D. Gibson's Darky (J. Davis), 22 yds. bhd. 2. Won by 4 lengths. Local Hack Race, 4 furlongs—H. Murrell's Black Velvet (W. O'Halloran), 2. Won by 5 lengths. Open Hack Race, 6 furlongs—H. Trengove's Prince (F. Smith), 1; H. Murrell's Red Ned (L. Wagstaff), 2. Won by 6 lengths. Open Cycle Race, 1 mile—R. French, 80 yds., 1; H. Harbour, 50 yds., 2. Won by inches. Open Cycle Race, 2 miles—L. Beavis, 1; R. Harbour, 100 yds., 2. Won by 3 lengths. Sheffield Handicap, 130 yds.—G. Beavis, 13 yds., 1; A. Harrison, 12 yds., 2. Won by 2 yds. 220 yds. Handicap—T. Slater, 22 yds., 1; K. Anderson, 12 yds., 2. Won by 1 yds. Pony Hunters, 14.2 a.u.—E. Broadbent's Larry (R. Broadbent), 1; C. Matthews' Dandy (owner), 2. Open Hunters—P. Wise's Garryowen (owner), 1; M. Murrell's Prince (J. H. McBain), 2. Hunting in Pairs—J. Dyer's Peter (owner) and E. Broadbent's Larry (owner), 1; J. Grant's Trooper (H. Trengove) and F. Wise's Garryowen (owner), 2. Best Heavyweight Hack—Miss R. Laidlaw's Cock Robin (owner), 1; J. Grant's Trooper (H. Trengove), 2. Best Lady's Hack—Miss R. Laidlaw's, Cock Robin, (owner), 1; Miss F.

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Wise's Hard Try (Miss P. Wise), 2. Novice Hunters—Miss J. Macdonald's Sam (owner), 1; Miss E. McCrac's Socks (owner), 2. Flag Race—D. Gibson's Tony and Cleo, 1 and 2. Bending Race—E. Broadbent's Larry (owner), 1; J. Dyer's Peter (owner), 2. Best Lady Rider—Miss Roma Laidlaw (Cock Robin), 1; Miss Peggy Wise (Hard Try), 2. Best Boy or Girl Rider—Beverly Watkins, 1; J. Davies, 2. Shear Tossing—Phil Jolly and Keith McCrac, 27 ft., tied. Stepping Distance—Angus Fisher, 44 yds., 2 ft., 1 in., tied with J. Kinslake, 44 yds., 2 ft., 3 in. Correct distance was 44 yds., 2 ft., 2 in. Guessing weight of sheep—J. Severino guessed correct weight, 117 lb. Rooster Chases—Boys and girls; Neville Broadbent. Open: Bill Gallagher, Bowling at Wicket—Bob Coutts. Children's Races—Boys under 14—Neville Broadbent, 1; Michael Gallagher, 2. Boys under 10—Colin, Cocking, 1; Ron Bishop, 2; Charlie Jolly, 3; Girls under 14—Elsie Patterson, 1; Betty Paul, 2; Phyllis Dawson, 3. Girls under 10—Nancy Lewis, 1; E. Fisher, 2; Gwen Emerson, 3. SAVE THIS PAPER FOR SALVAGE.

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One-Bank Towns

THE NATIONALISATION PROPOSAL.

(Contributed). Nationalisation of the Australian banking system has been a major plank in the Labour Party's platform for many years. Now, for the first time since the adoption of the plank, the Labour Party has a majority in both Houses at Canberra. But, when Labour got that majority at the general elections of August, 1943, they were careful not to mention any drastic interference with the banking system. If they had done so, probably the majority would not have eventuated.

Do we in the country desire to be limited to the services or disservices of one bank? As things stand at present, if we do not like the terms offered by one bank, or if one bank is not ready to meet our legitimate requests, we can go to another one. Even those towns which, because of limited population and business, at present have only one bank are not defenceless. If the one bank is not prepared to take full advantage of the business offering, it will soon find itself confronted by competition from another.

A specious argument often advanced by advocates of nationalisation is that fewer banks would mean cheaper banking. Banking is already among the cheapest of all "industries." Comparable figures are available, which have been compiled by the Commonwealth Bank, itself the "one bank per town" which the nationalisers have in mind. For the year 1943 (the latest figures available) the average net profits on shareholders' funds or total capital invested were as follows:—Banking, 3.6 per cent.; other finance, 4.6 per cent.; manufacturing, 6.7 per cent.; primary production, 5.5 per cent.

Apart from that, if we are to be served by one bank, why not by one general store, one bakery, butchery, and so on? And then, why not the huge collectivised farm? By that time we shall all have become employees of the State. That, of course, is the Labour Party's policy. That is precisely what the "socialisation of industry, production, distribution and exchange" means. That is what every Labour member of Parliament has pledged himself to carry out. And the control of the banking system is the first step to that end.

The plan is simple, and it is not confined to Australian socialists alone. First, the banks are circumscribed by regulations, then they are nationalised; then one industry after another is nationalised in turn. Those who do not want the last step have no alternative but to resist the first.

NOT AIR-MINDED.

In opening the recent conference of the Australian Automobile Association conference at the R.A.C.V. Rooms, Melbourne, the Premier (Mr Dunstan) said that he was not one of those who believed that after the war the motor car would be eclipsed by the aeroplane. A very big percentage of people in Australia, he said, were not air-minded and would not make the change, even if it were possible. Most people, from the point of view of pleasure, preferred a close-up view of the countryside rather than to look at it from 10,000 feet. Mr Dunstan is not alone in holding this view. Mr Guy Vaughan, president of the Curtiss-Wright Aviation Company, recently said that there will be no great rush to buy private planes after the war.

Benjamin James Kershaw, of Koroh, was charged at the Smythesdale Court on Wednesday, 24th Jan., with on 23rd September, 1944, at Snake Valley, having in his possession one bottle of beer in a public place—to wit Snake Valley Mechanics' Institute—while a dance was in progress. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined £3.

Local and General News

DEATH AT 103.

Ballarat's oldest resident, Mrs Mary Budge, died at her residence, 3 Trevor street, at about 11.30 on Sunday night at the age of 103 years and 8 months.

OLD-TIME CRICKET MATCH.

The following appeared in the Ararat "Advertiser" of 1865:—The cricket match between the Buangor and Eversley clubs took place on Boxing Day at Eversley. The Buangor team went in first, captained by Mr Boileau; the Eversley team being captained by Mr Morres, whose bowling was too good for the visitors and made havoc with their wickets. Mr Thompson, of the Buangor club (nephew of Mr Thompson, of Challicum) has lately arrived from England, and was expected to surprise the cricketers present by his splendid play, but fate decreed otherwise. Both teams sat down to a good luncheon on the ground, provided by Host Mansfield. Mr Little occupied the chair and Mr Langley the vice-chair. The health of the Buangor team was drunk with musical honours, coupled with the name of Collin Campbell, Esq. Mr Campbell made a suitable reply, and then toasted the Eversley team, which was responded to by Mr Little. A ball was given to the guests in the evening, and they left the following morning after having spent a most agreeable day.

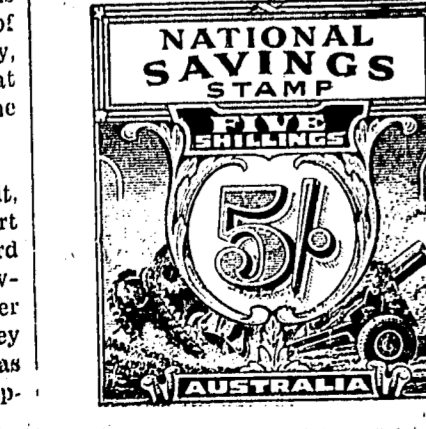
OLD MAN KANGAROO AT WICKET.

Cricket, normally, is a sedate game (wrote the Ballarat "Courier" recently), even when centuries are being compiled and occasions where a Bradman disturbs the even tenor of the game are so remote as to be worthy of historical note. There have been times, however, when even cricket has provided novel situations in this country, and one of these occurred in the Ripon district in 1874. In that year a rather singular occurrence was witnessed at the Raglan cricket ground. During the match between Raglan and Beaufort clubs an old man kangaroo, no doubt wishing to see the interesting game, came hopping along and took up a position between the wickets. The cricketers, not wishing to be disturbed in their play, threw several bats at him. The kangaroo then quietly hopped away, evidently distinguished with the treatment he had received.

PUBLICATION WORTH BUYING.

Australians have fought under many skies and conditions during five years of war. In fact, it is doubtful if there is any theatre of war in which Australia has not been represented in some way. Here are facts that tell their own story: Australian soldiers have been awarded nearly 4000 decorations, awards and citations, including 11 Victoria crosses. The number of R.A.N. personnel decorated is 544. Three Australian airmen and 2167 have won other awards. What could be more fitting than that the Department of Information should prepare an illustrated publication showing our men in moments of defeat (fortunately few) as well as those of victory. The Department of Information is to be congratulated on a fine production, for "Action" is outstanding. It should be an appropriate present to send to friends overseas who are interested in the fighting Australians. "Action" is priced at 2/6.

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Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Beaufort branch of the C.W.A., held on Thursday afternoon, was well attended, and Mrs A. Campbell (president) presided. The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, and the reading of the Collect.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of fallen soldiers. A letter was received from the Rev. J. Andrew Barber, stating that he was unable to attend the February meeting to give an address.

New members welcomed by the president were Mesdames Dillon and Knight, and Miss P. Beggs.

Apologies were received from Mrs Ecclell, Mrs Hannah, and Miss Lewis for their non-attendance.

Letters were received from the branch's overseas link at Sutton Green in England, thanking the members for their Christmas gifts.

It was stated that 69 acknowledgements had been received for canteen orders from Service personnel.

A donation of £5 from the local branch of the Red Cross had been received, it was stated, for which the branch had been thanked.

The list of birthday anniversaries was announced.

At the March meeting a roll call is to be held; each member to give a talk on some notable person.

Miss Alma Kirkpatrick read the president's letter from "Country Crafts." Twenty-four skeins of wool are available, it was stated, for members to make up for children in England.

It was decided to write to headquarters for wool to make quilts for relief of civilians in England.

Mrs Campbell introduced Dr. Gordon G. Little, who gave a most interesting and informative address on the proposed National Health Service.

Miss Furness moved a hearty vote of thanks to the doctor, which was seconded by Miss C. Lynch, and carried.

Mrs Hlnsch moved and Mrs L. Watkins seconded, that the matter of the proposed National Health Service be brought before the C.W.A. conference and both sides of the question thoroughly discussed. This was carried.

The following resolutions are to be tabled at the March group conference, to be held in Ararat:—"That a protest be made against certain propaganda sent to school children for a competition."

"That we feel, as members of this great association, now is the time to work out a scheme whereby the women of the world (and perhaps the women of this association), who have given husbands, sons, daughters and sweethearts—many of whom have paid the supreme sacrifice—can be represented at the peace conference table."

THE ODDFELLOWS Fortnightly Meeting

The fortnightly meeting of the Loyal Beaufort Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows took place at the C.W.A. Hall on Thursday night, and Sister N. Cole, N.G., Bro. F. Wilson, P.G., and seven members were present.

Letters of thanks for canteen orders sent to them from the lodge were received from 14 soldier members.

A letter was received from head office, advising that the doctor's fee had been increased from 25/ to 32/ per year, and that a rise of 1/9 would have to be made this quarter in the members' fees.

Two new members were proposed and are to be initiated next lodge night.

As next meeting is quarter night, the hope was expressed that there would be a big attendance of members on that occasion.

The N.G. closed the meeting with the Oddfellows' prayer for peace.

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The cow who kicked her bucket over

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MORE THAN A FACE-LIFTING. It is estimated that the re-organisation and rehabilitation of the motor industries of Britain, the U.S.A., Canada and Australia when operations pass from a war to a peace footing will cost over £250,000,000 says "The Radiator," the R.A.C.V. journal. One big organisation, General Motors, has already stated that its post-war plans will involve an outlay of £150,000,000. The heavy strain of making large quantities of armaments—tanks, guns, amphibious craft and other munitions—has subjected the plants and machinery to severe usage, and much worn-out machinery will have to be replaced before motor vehicle production can be resumed. Although statements by motor manufacturers indicate that the first post-war cars will be 1942 models which have undergone a "face-lifting" operation, other statements made from time to time in relation to improvements to different parts of the car indicate that the new models will be recast to a greater extent than the term "face-lifting" would lead us to believe. One maker has stated that his first post-war model will incorporate more changes than any of the industry's year-to-year revisions in pre-war models.

MORE SPARE PARTS RELEASED. Owing to the increased manufacture of spare parts for cars in Australia, several additional items have been taken off the controlled list, says "The Radiator," the R.A.C.V. journal. These are brass bonded brake linings, brake hoses (hydraulic), ignition coils, and distributor contact arms and screws. Other brake linings have been extended from Priority 10 to Priority 12, while tie rod end assemblies have been extended from Priority 8 to Priority 10. This is the third time the spare parts controller (Mr W. L. Ryan) has eased the restrictions on replacements for cars and trucks.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER. A large quantity of synthetic rubber from America is already in Australia, and when the existing machinery has been adapted and added to, the Australian tyre manufacturers will begin to turn out synthetic tyres, says the R.A.C.V. The delay in embarking on the making of synthetic tyres in Australia has been an advantage, because the original article was not very good for tyre casings, but intense research carried out in the last two years in the United States has developed a synthetic rubber that is measuring up very close to natural rubber standards. The latest information from America indicates that synthetic rubber will now give up to 88 per cent of the wear of natural rubber, and paragraphs in U.S. motor journals indicate that 30,000 miles can be obtained from a set of synthetic covers before they need re-capping. In addition, it is stated that it is no longer necessary to restrict the speed of a car with synthetic casings to 35 m.p.h. It is to be hoped that all the improvements in synthetics will be made use of by Australian manufacturers so that we will be able, when the time comes, to obtain the best quality synthetic tyres.

MR. E. C. ROXBURGH.

The death occurred on 27th Jan., at Ballarat, of Mr Ewan Cameron Roxburgh, of Avoca, the eldest son of the late Mr J. C. Roxburgh, of Lexton. Deceased, who was 37 years of age and greatly respected, leaves a widow and one child, as well as a number of brothers and sisters. Mrs Roxburgh is the daughter of Mrs J. G. Forte, of Avoca. The remains of the late Mr Roxburgh were interred at Avoca on Tuesday.

MR. HUGH KAY.

The death occurred at the age of 83 years, on 20th January, of Mr Hugh Kay, of Albert Street, Sebastopol, formerly of Trawalla. Deceased, who was highly respected, leaves a widow and son (Mr Angus Kay). A daughter and son (James), pre-deceased him; the latter having served in the 1st A.I.F. The late Mr Kay had a number of relatives at Beaufort and Waterloo, and also leaves two grandchildren. His remains were interred at Ballarat.

MR. ANDREW RENKIN.

The funeral of the late Mr Andrew Renkin took place on Monday, 22nd January; his remains being interred in the Amphitheatre Cemetery. Born at Mt. Lonarck in 1872, Mr Renkin lived there until he retired in 1932, and then came to Ballarat to live at Sebastopol, and later at 226 Lyons Street, with his daughter, Mrs Elder. The service at the residence was conducted by Rev. A. D. Lelean, and at the cemetery by Rev. M. Chaston. The coffin-bearers were R. Elder, C. Bell, C. D. Keith, E. Bedgwood, T. Egan, and L. Nell. Chief mourners: Mrs and Mr C. Bell, Mrs and Mr F. Nell, Mrs and W/O Elder (daughters and sons-in-law), L/AC Renkin (R.A.A.F.) and Mrs Renkin (son and daughter-in-law), Mr E. Bedgwood (nephew), Mrs L. Sylvie and Mrs L. McLachlan (nieces), Mrs and Mr P. Egan (niece and nephew). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son, Ballarat.

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Engagements

The engagement is announced of Audrey, fourth daughter of the late Mr Bruce Johnson and of Mrs Johnson, Amas Street, Hurstbridge (formerly of Beaufort), to Sergt.-Pilot Ronald Philip R.A.A.F., son of Mr and Mrs H. S. Pill, of Tottenham.
The engagement is announced by cable (writes the "Ararat Advertiser") of Elizabeth (Betty), daughter of Mr and Mrs Heath, of Gullford, Surrey, to Colin G., elder son of Mr and Mrs Ewan Cameron, Challinour Hills, Buangor. Flight-Sergeant Cameron is serving with the R.A.A.F. and has been stationed in England for some time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.
Progress of Works

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

1. Division fence between Beaufort paddock and the Goldfields Reservoir has been repaired. It is in bad order and should be renewed when it is a bit easier to obtain material. The pound yard was quite useless, and extensive repairs have been carried out and the yard reduced to about half its former size. It should now be efficient for some time.

Clause 1 — Left in hands of N. and W. Rdng members to have the work done, on the motion of Crs. Roddis and Schlicht. The president (Cr. Kirkpatrick) said there were big openings in the fence around the old road. Cr. Schlicht said the whole lake needed fencing, and they could leave that till this was done.

2. Storage reservoir. Beaufort water supply fell three feet from Jany. 6th to Feby. 3rd, and now stands at 21 feet. The mount still supplies a little more than will keep Raglan going. With cool season continuing, we might get through all right. Waterloo and Snake Valley reservoirs both very low.

Clause 2 — Cr. Roddis said there was 6 ft. of water in the Snake Valley reservoir. The engineer said the Waterloo reservoir was empty. Cr. Schlicht — He had received complaints from Waterloo, and suggested that one man, whom, it was alleged, had water continually running, be asked to put on a ball tap. The engineer — The pipe had been broken, and the man promised to put it right, and he was told that if he did not do so, the water would be cut off. The engineer said the Beaufort supply had fallen a foot for the week and was now 20 ft. They were practically not getting any water from the Mount, but there were one or two leaks in the line. However, they were not serious. Cr. Watkin said there were two major leaks and a lot of smaller ones. The engineer said it was not easy to repair them. Cr. Wills — The biggest leak was in the bank. He moved that the Water Supply Department be asked to send an engineer to report on that. The engineer — That had been done, but the man had not been sent along. It was possible to get further supplies at the Mount, but it would cost money. In reply to Cr. Watkin, the engineer said he would pipe the water from the spring at Richards' and make a basin in the Mount. Cr. Young said there were several streams not coming into their supply, and two other streams could be brought in. The clause was referred to the Water Commission.

3. About 24 small culverts have been renewed with pipes in the E.R., and there still seems to be plenty to do. I am again out of pipes, and would recommend that another truck load be obtained.

Clause 3 — Pipes to be obtained, on motion of Crs. Russell and McDonald.

4. I do not think it would do any good to lock or nail up door and windows in the Carngham racecourse, and prosecutions for trespass would be unsatisfactory. A caretaker might answer. It might do if everything were nailed up and regular inspections made.

Clause 4 — Cr. Roddis moved that the clause be adopted, and an inspection made by the head surface man each week. Seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.

5. I do not see any objection to Ellingham getting a supply of water from windmill in Skipton. A charge should be made.

Clause 5 — Cr. McDonald moved that the application be granted, and that the charge be £1 a year. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

6. Tenders were invited for building shelter for Bush Fire Brigade for truck. No tenders were received; also for supply of logs, Cook's bridge. These should be submitted to the Country Roads Board.

Clause 6 — The work should be gone on with. The engineer — The Board had plans for the bridge, and were

sending up their team of men to do it. He had tenders for the logs. The clause was deferred till the tenders were dealt with.

7. Log dam on bush track between Waterloo and Chute has a fairly large area around it, which, at present, is quite useless for grazing. There seems no reason why it should not be leased, if removal of timber controlled, but I think the reserve should be retained. There is no water in dam at present.

Clause 7 — Cr. McDonald moved that the engineer's report be adopted—that it be leased but not sold. Seconded by Cr. Wills. A letter was received from Mr A. L. Trengove, stating that he had no objection, providing it was fenced in and the road left open, but he would object if the road was not to be left open, as he used it going to and coming from his paddocks. Cr. Watkin said those water reserves should be left for travelling stock. The secretary said that in 1938 the Council upheld the objection of two landholders, on account of the water. The engineer said a man could stop a drover from camping on a leased road. Cr. Watkin moved, as an amendment, that the application be refused. Seconded by Cr. Wills, and carried.

8. We have now received details of cost year's spraying programme. Approximately eight miles were re-sealed at a cost of £2455, which is a very satisfactory figure. We have a fair amount of cover material left over on the Skipton road.

Clause 8 — Received.

The tender of Broadbent Bros. for the supply of logs for Cook's bridge was accepted, subject to the approval of the C.R.E., on the motion of Crs. Roddis and Wills.

The engineer said he got no tenders for the building for the Bush Fire Brigade. He suggested that the material be purchased and someone engaged to do the work. — Cr. Roddis moved that it be left in the hands of the engineer, with power to act. Seconded by Cr. Watkin, and carried. Cr. Schlicht said Mr Simper was starting a mill in Beaufort. The Messrs. Gillingham had been refused permission to get timber for their mill from the Mount for the shire, and he suggested that they see Mr Muntz. The engineer said the Department had given permission.

THIRD VICTORY LOAN.

The Ripon Shire Council on Monday received a communication from the War Loan Committee, concerning the pennant recently awarded, and also the Third Victory Loan; and stating that a challenge had been arranged between Beaufort and Barcaldine, Queensland. — Challenge accepted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Young. The secretary presented the pennant to the president (Cr. Kirkpatrick). The president said they must try to keep up their quota to the finish.

CR. YOUNG WELCOMED BACK.

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, Cr. J. Kirkpatrick (president) said they were very pleased to see Cr. Young back, and extended to him a warm welcome. They had missed him very much, and hoped his health would continue to improve. They hoped he would be able to stay at the table and help them for many years, particularly as repatriation was coming on. (Applause). Cr. Young said he sincerely thanked them for the warm welcome back to the council chamber. During his absence he had watched their deliberations with great interest, and it was a pleasure and satisfaction to him to be well enough to be back to join them all. One of the things he had realised more clearly during his absence was the wonderful amount of kindness in human nature. At times he felt he should resign, and then he thought it was not fair to the ratepayers who had elected him such a short time ago, as he felt he would be able to continue their work. He appreciated very sincerely their warm welcome.

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OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN LOFTS.

The death occurred at Ballarat on Feby. 9th of Mr John Loftis, aged 59 years, a respected resident of that city. Deceased was a native of Lexton, and a son of the late Henry and Mary Loftis. He leaves four brothers, Messrs. Fred. Loftis (Beaufort), Arthur and Alex. Loftis (Lake Goldsmith) and Gilbert Loftis (Beaufort). One brother (Charles) and a sister (Mrs Jessie Winsall) predeceased him. The funeral took place on 11th Feby., to the Lexton Cemetery, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. Alex. and Fred. Loftis (brothers), Gil. Loftis, junr. (nephew), W. T. Winsall (brother-in-law), Ron Grant (nephew), and W. McErvale (cousin). The coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes of sympathy. The chief mourners were Mr and Mrs Gil. Loftis (brother and sister-in-law), Messrs. A. L. Loftis, Alex. and Fred Loftis (brothers), Gil. Loftis, junr. (nephew), W. T. Winsall (brother-in-law), Mrs G. Day (niece), and Mr R. W. Grant (nephew). Rev. J. P. MacDougall conducted the Presbyterian burial service. Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son carried out the funeral arrangements.

MISS LILIAN DAY.

The death occurred on Feby. 14 at Sunshine of Miss Lilian Veronica Day, aged 22 years, daughter of Mr Chas. Day, of Bacchus Marsh (formerly of Beaufort), and the late Mrs Annie Day. She was the niece of Mr and Mrs H. Mills (Sunshine), Mr and Mrs G. Wilison and Mr and Mrs F. Day (Ballarat), and Mrs J. Lardner (Beaufort). The remains of the deceased were interred in the Footscray Cemetery on Thursday. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives.

COMING EVENTS.
MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

The Beaufort Swimming Club will hold a monster carnival at the local pool on Saturday, 24th Feby., when there will be an entertaining programme and numerous novelties.

Band recital and "You an Artist" Competition, Sunday night, 18th Feby.

Annual meeting, Hospital Auxiliary, Friday afternoon, 23rd Feby.

The Beaufort B.N. Hospital garden party has been fixed for Saturday, 10th March, and a wood-sawing working bee for Saturday, March 3rd.

A subscription list has been opened at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, for the War Veterans' Home Appeal.

Tenders, closing Monday morning, 26th Feby., are invited by the Shire of Ripon for cleaning two dams out and supplying 250 fencing posts.

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RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL

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GENERAL BUSINESS.

Cr. Russell said, in regard to water, supply in the E.R., the Snake Valley reservoir fence was in a very weak state, and they should consider strengthening it. There were several patches of reeds in the dam that were approachable now, holes in the bank made by rabbits should be plugged, and suckers on the bank dug out. The bad, bulbous reed was spreading in the Carngham reservoir, and should be removed. There was about 4 ft. of water on one side of the pipe and 3 ft. on the other. All the briars and broom in the enclosure wanted cutting. Two decking boards needed replacing in the bridge at Cemetery Hill, and the decking required replacing in the bridge over Baillie's Creek at the Trawalla-Carngham lane. The first culvert east of the boundary on the Trawalla West road wanted repairing. A lot of gravel roads in the E.R. were getting badly rutted, and soft stuff was being thrown on the sides. The grader should be put over them to put the soft stuff back. He would like the engineer to report on repairing the fence of the Snake Valley reservoir.

Cr. Wills said he was at Carranballac a fortnight ago and the windmill needed attention. The water was being taken away by a truck with a tank, and

REQUEST TO HOUSING COMMISSION

Cr. S. Young moved, at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, that the Council write to the Housing Commission and ask them to make a survey of Beaufort and erect eight to 10 houses in the town. He said he had seen the work of the Commission in Geelong, and it was very satisfactory. In Beaufort he had noticed there was an extraordinary demand for houses. Cr. Schlicht — Where would they get the blocks? Cr. Young — There was any amount of blocks. He had had four applications for houses in a week, and there would be soldiers coming back shortly. The Housing Commission collected the rates. All the Council had to do was to buy a couple of acres of land for them. In Geelong West they went into a bit of Crown lands. There were 240 applications for 37 houses. It was now a perpetual leasehold, but there was a scheme coming in whereby the houses could be bought. They wanted to get in, as every little town would be doing it. Cr. Schlicht — There was a real shortage of decent houses in Beaufort. He seconded the motion. The old show ground was one place he had in view. Cr. Young — That was for the area school. Cr. Schlicht — He would like to know where they would get a site for a Soldiers' Memorial. Cr. Young — That was already there—opposite the Golden Age. The motion was carried. In answer to Cr. Schlicht, Cr. Young said Langi-Kal-Kal was Crown lands now.

they would have to write to the Church and school, in regard to their plantations.

Cr. Watkin said that Mr Robinson had mentioned that after the week-end a lot of litter was lying about in front of the picture Theatre and Savings Bank, and he asked that the Council put a few rubbish receptacles along the street. — This was agreed to.

Cr. Watkin said there was some dissatisfaction among the Red Cross members that a letter sent by them, re salvage depot at Salvation Army barracks, had not been answered.

The secretary said nothing had been done. Mr O'Brien would not allow them to use his place.

Cr. Watkin moved that the secretary write to the Salvation Army people in regard to the waste depot. Seconded by Cr. Schlicht (who said he did not think they would get it), and carried.

The president said that Mrs Curtin (wife of the Prime Minister) would be in Beaufort on Thursday morning, and had expressed a wish to meet some of the councillors.

Cr. Young suggested that they invite Mrs Curtin to a little reception here, when the president and R.R. councillors would be present. They might ask representatives of the C.W.A. to provide morning tea. Cr. Roddis moved that the matter be left in the hands of the president and North Riding members. — This was agreed to.

In accordance with notice, Cr. Schlicht moved that the rating by-law of the Shire of Ripon water supply district for the year 1944-45 be adopted. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

SAVE THIS PAPER FOR SALVAGE.

MRS. CURTIN'S VISIT

Mrs. Curtin, wife of the Prime Minister (Mr. John Curtin), who spent part of her girlhood in Beaufort, honoured the town with a visit on Feby. 15, when on her way back from Adelaide. She was the guest of the Shire Council at the Shire Hall, where the members of the C.W.A. provided a dainty morning tea. The Shire President (Cr. John Kirkpatrick) was unable to attend, but was represented by his wife and daughter (Miss Alma Kirkpatrick). Pretty bouquets were presented to Mrs. Curtin by Mesdames Kirkpatrick, A. Campbell (president C.W.A.), and Miss M. Sinclair. It was a very informal and pleasing gathering; about 50 residents (mostly ladies) being present. Mrs. Curtin had previously visited Camp Hill and the Beaufort Park. Cr. S. Young (who acted as chairman) said he esteemed it a privilege and honour to preside at the function. That arose because of the illness of Cr. J. Kirkpatrick (shire president), who owing to sudden indisposition, could not attend. He was worthily represented by Mrs. Kirkpatrick and his talented daughter, Miss Alma Kirkpatrick. He also apologised for the absence of Cr. Schlicht. He (Cr. Young), on behalf of the president, councillors and ratepayers, extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. Curtin as wife of the Prime Minister of Australia, and secondly as an old Beaufort resident who spent some of her school days here. Many years ago her husband had said, when a ship was going out, "Australia is good enough for me." It had been a grand and lucky thing for Australia that it was so. In the darkest hour of Australian history, John Curtin had been big enough to take the leadership and guide Australia through the time of trial. This was the second lady who had been entertained in the Shire Hall in 25 years. The other was Matron Lucy Minchin, when back from war service in India and Mesopotamia, where she had been awarded the Florence Nightingale medal. Old friends of Mrs. Curtin's were pleased she had visited them—even if she had attained a high position, she had not forgotten her old home. She would remember some of the scenes when she lived in Beaufort. In the words of Bernard O'Dowd, poet laureate of Australia, and a native of Beaufort:—

It is nice to see Camp Hill again,
With long-remembered walks—
To see Mt. Cole's eternal blue,
The lovelight in the faces I used to know.

Mrs. Curtin could not say that to the men, but to some of the women folk. Two persons were missing to-day, the late Cr. Sinclair and his wife, who were old friends of Mrs. Curtin's. Some years ago Mrs. Curtin called on them on one of her fleeting visits. He was sure the late Cr. Sinclair would have filled the position he was filling to-day much better. He was very pleased to be here to-day as a representative of the North Riding of the Shire. He hoped that some day Mrs. Curtin and her husband would come along here together, after peace had been restored, for them again to do honour to her. They had the Prime Minister here some months ago for a quarter of an hour. When Mrs. Curtin went back she could tell her husband she got a greater reception than he. He only had nine old fogeys, and here to-day was all the beauty and charm of the district, backed up by a few men at the door. Mrs. Curtin had come back to Beaufort, where she had stayed many years ago, and he sincerely welcomed her on behalf of the citizens. In calling on Cr. Watkin to speak, Cr. Young said it was the former's first opportunity to meet them publicly. Cr. Watkin had been the unbeaten champion of the Beaufort Golf Club as long as he could remember, and he was sure he would make a very wise councillor.

Cr. M. E. L. Watkin said he could not claim the privilege of being an old friend of Mrs. Curtin's, but he wanted to say a few words of welcome. It was a pleasure to be here. He appreciated

the fact that Mrs. Curtin could still find time, with her enormous social duties, to return here and see old friends and the people of Beaufort. He hoped, with Mrs. Curtin, for definite peace in the near future, and the relief of Mr. Curtin from some of the strain and responsibility of office. He hoped Mr. Curtin's health would be fully restored, and that God would guide him in the great decisions he was called on to make in days to come. He hoped they would see more of Mrs. Curtin in the future, and endorsed the remarks of Cr. Young.

Mr. A. H. Sands, speaking as an old resident, said he was delighted to have the privilege of being present to do honour to Mrs. Curtin, wife of their Prime Minister. In past years he was acquainted with the family. Since then, he had come in contact with Mrs. Curtin on several occasions. He had the pleasure of accompanying her to-day to Camp Hill, the Park, and Swimming Baths, so that she could see what the town had done during the past few years. Here she had attended school for a time. Unfortunately, Mrs. Curtin wanted to see friends in Ballarat, and had not a great deal of time. When she came back to Beaufort, he hoped to have the pleasure of again introducing her to several things in connection with the town. It was said that babies were their best immigrants, and he was quite sure Miss Lewis would be only too pleased to take her to the Bush Nursing Hospital, where most of the babies of Beaufort and district were born. He was very pleased to endorse the remarks of Crs. Watkin and Young.

Mr. F. Worstley (secretary local branch, A.L.P.), said it was indeed a surprise to be called on to speak on behalf of their recently formed branch of the A.L.P. He had very much pleasure in supporting the remarks of the previous speakers, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Curtin the best of luck in all situations and hard times they were up against in the future. Mrs. A. Campbell (president of the Beaufort branch, C.W.A.), said it was a great pleasure and privilege to welcome Mrs. Curtin, on behalf of the C.W.A. and bring their greetings. She trusted that she would take them back to Mr. Curtin, and wish him health to carry on the great work he had done, and was doing, in war time. She trusted that they would both have good health, and that God would take care of them. She hoped that Mrs. Curtin had derived great pleasure from again making the acquaintance of old friends, and presented her with a bouquet, with the best wishes of the branch.

Mrs. Curtin, who was received with applause, said, in the course of a breezy speech, that like most women, she was never stuck for words, but whether they were worth while listening to was another thing. The chairman had said the C.W.A. was very vocal, but weren't they all? When it came to talking, however, the men could do their fair share. (Laughter). Having a good-humoured thrust at the Press, Mrs. Curtin said the reporters always put in the silly things she said, but not the worth while things. Men were just as vocal as women, but they were not as concrete and had not as much common-sense. (Laughter). Women were much better. In Adelaide a photographer stood right in front of her, and she had to tell him to go away. The reporters never reported correctly. She would like to see what the reporter here put down—[The chairman: That is the proprietor of the local paper, and his wife is here, too.]—Mr. Curtin said he was making money out of her, and his wife was probably wearing something thus paid for. (Laughter).

In all seriousness, said Mrs. Curtin, she assured them it was pleasing to be back in Beaufort and to hear the kind things said and receive these lovely flowers. She was five years old when she first came to Beaufort, and was here two years. She went to the State

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Fifty-eight Years Ago
AN INTERESTING PAPER.

By courtesy of Mr. Charles Lewis, of Beaufort, we have been able to peruse a copy of "The Riponshire Advocate" of June 25, 1887.

It contains reports of the wedding of Miss Mary Jackson (daughter of the shire engineer of those days) and Mr. Charles E. Stedman, of Nhill; and also of the marriage of Miss Mary Elliott and Mr. George Trompf. In the issue is a very full account of the celebrations on the occasion of the 50th Jubilee of the reign of Queen Victoria.

In connection with the celebrations, Mr. Wm. Lewis, of Stoneleigh, laid the foundation stone of the additions to the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute. Mr. A. Andrews, J.P., acted as chairman. The building already in existence had been erected 25 years before and called the Protestant Hall. It was then used for religious services, lectures, and entertainments. In 1871 the building was invested in trustees for a Mechanics' Institute and Free Library; Mr. J. Wotherpoon being elected chairman and Mr. J. W. Harris secretary. To raise funds for the Institute a fancy fair was held, which realised £300. For the purchase of books and in aid of the building fund, about £700 had been received since the opening of the Institute in 1873. The yearly number of visits to the library and reading room had been about 10,000.

Later in the day a football match and sports meeting took place; at which bicycle races were won by R. A. D. Sinclair and T. Archard; the latter, with a start of 90 yds., finishing about 12 inches in front of J. Wotherpoon (scratch man). J. Harris won a footballers' race, with J. Hosking (scratch) second. Another bicycle race was won by J. McKeich. In the football match, Sinclair, Cathie, Hosking, Oddie, Wilson and Briggs were mentioned as conspicuous ruck men.

Among the performers at a concert at night were Jackson's Orchestra (under the leadership of Mr. J. Jackson), Messrs. J. S. Robertson, C. W. Tompkins, R. A. D. Sinclair, S. W. Male, Misses M. Sinclair, A. Greenwood, Mabelle Johnston, Messrs. J. E. Loft, J. B. Prowse, W. H. Elliott, J. Miller, H. M. Stuart, R. Jackson, Miss H. A. Heathcote, Mr. McCraith, and Miss R. Jackson.


A tree-planting ceremony in the water reserve at Skipton marked the occasion of the jubilee; Mr. Robt. Chirside, of Carranballac, giving the trees.

Prominent among those who took part in the jubilee celebrations at Waterloo were Messrs. S. Charlton, Geo. Simons, A. Ansald (chairman), Mr. and Mrs. Milligan, Mr. C. Rankin, and Miss Hasler (school teacher). The concert programme was given by Mr. and Mrs. Milligan, Messrs. G. Vowles, C. Woodfine, F. Wilkins, J. Fisher, and the Misses Hasler, Burrann, Rankin, and Harris.

A practical lesson in fodder conservation has been given by Mr. George Topper, farmer, of Long Gully, Beaufort, who in a drought year has opened up a large amount of pit ensilage, made eight years ago. He has also shown what can be done with poor quality land to improve pastures on a big area of his holding.

For the first time for months there was a good flow of water in drains and street gutters at Beaufort on Thursday evening, and a good down-pour of rain throughout the district. At the local post office 80 points was registered; making 116 for the week ending at noon on Friday. Late on Friday afternoon there was again heavy rain (45 points).

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
People and Events

The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre tournament and carpet bowls competition on Saturday night. Results:—Euchre—Ladies: Mrs A. McGregor, 1; Mesdames J. Duke and Bryce (divided); 2. Men—Mr W. Anderson, 1; Mr. Bryce, 2. Secret table—Mesdames W. Ellis and R. Hare. Carpet bowls—Mesdames E. Dunn, Broadbent, Willis and Mr F. J. Martin.

A bridge afternoon, organised by Miss Beth Schlicht, was held on Monday, in aid of the funds of St. John's Church of England. The results of the bridge were:—Miss W. Wotherpoon, 1; Mrs M. Hirsch, 2; Mrs W. W. Ashley, 3. Secret number: Mrs D. R. Hannah. Lowest number: Miss Furness. A competition was won by Miss Betty Carmichael. The winners of the flag bridge competition were Mesdames W. J. Tamplin, Skene, and H. Dunn. The prizes for the lowest number went to Mesdames Scriven, Penny, and Bryce. The winner of the secret number prize was Mrs Macdonald. The function was held at the home of Miss Schlicht in Lawrence Street, and a great deal of preparatory work was done by Miss Beth Schlicht. The rooms were very tastefully arranged for the occasion.

Beaufort Fire Brigade held a euchre social and dance on Thursday night for the P.O.W. Fund. Results:—Euchre—Section 1: Mrs L. Stephens, J. Mrs W. Gillingham, 2. Section 2: Mesdames J. Williams and R. Saddler divided 1 and 2. Blay's Band supplied the music. A novelty dance was won by Mrs de-Valle and Mr W. Ward. Mr C. Stewart acted as secretary.

First-constable J. Duke, of Beaufort, has been spending his holidays on a fishing trip to the Murray. Messrs. Geo. Nothnagel and H. T. Sice, of Beaufort, had an enjoyable trip to Swan Hill, Echuca, Gunbower, Castlemaine, and Newstead.

Miss Acott, who has resided in Beaufort for seven years and taken an interest in several local organisations, is leaving the town.

Mr and Mrs A. A. Downe, of the C.B.S. Bank, Beaufort, are away on holidays. Mr Gray is the relieving official at the bank.

Mr and Mrs Bryce, of Melbourne, have been staying with Mr and Mrs W. Holdsworth at Beaufort.

Mrs Baldwin (Beaufort) and Mrs Ahern (Eurambeen) have returned home after a short holiday in Melbourne. Mrs Thompson, Misses Macdonald, Nancy Lowe, and Valda Martin have been to Warmambool for a holiday. Squadron-Officer Gwen Young has been home on leave whilst her sister, Miss Olga Young, had to undergo a minor operation.

Mr Tom Whelan, of Baldwin (formerly of Stoneleigh), has been visiting friends in Beaufort and district. He has seven sons in the Services. Mrs W. Hose, who resides in the Geelong district and formerly lived at Stockyard Hill, has been visiting relatives and friends at Lake Goldsmith and Stockyard Hill.

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BEAUFORT A.N.A.

The president of the Beaufort A.N.A. (Mr C. V. Wyllie) presided at the fortnightly meeting at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday night, and eight members were present. Mr H. V. Martin (secretary) mentioned that Dr. G. Little would give a lecture at the meeting a month hence (20th March) on national health matters. Correspondence was received from Mr W. C. Parker, asking for clearance to Ararat branch. —Granted. The request of Mr J. T. Parker to be placed on a doctor's and chemist's list in Ararat was left in the secretary's hands to deal with. Mr N. S. McLeod (treasurer) reported the following Cr. balances:—General, £261 9/2; sick pay account, £25/13/4. Accounts amounting to £13/10/ were passed for payment. It was decided to advertise Dr. Gordon Little's lecture on 20th March, and to have dodgers printed. The secretary urged the branch to sponsor some form of a Youth Movement like a small mutual improvement society. The suggestion found favour generally, and the secretary promised to bring the matter before the Mechanics' Institute committee, with a view to having a committee formed representative of various organisations. The matter was left in Mr Martin's hands, on the motion of the president and Mr A. H. Broadbent.

Banking and the People

(Contributed).

Rightly or wrongly the people interpreted the Commonwealth Government's recent bid for additional powers as intended for the purpose of perpetuating the existing war-time controls on employment, industry and consumption. Beyond all doubt, it was for that reason that the people refused to grant the powers. Plainly, they do not want the war-time controls to continue a day longer than necessary. They may be right or wrong about that; but there is the fact.

But the Commonwealth constitution has always contained powers to control banking and insurance. So the Government, if official kite-flying means what it suggests, proposes shortly to perpetuate by legislation the present war-time controls on banking. In addition, it proposes to bring the Commonwealth Bank much more directly under its own control.

Irrespective of whether these proposals are in themselves good or bad, they are in virtual defiance of the people's will in respect to Commonwealth policy, as so recently expressed in the Powers Referendum. To make the proposals the more objectionable, no serious interference with the banking structure of the country was indicated at the Federal elections last year.

In the ordinary course of events, there will be another election in less than two years from now. Indeed, there is nothing to prevent the Government holding a general election sooner if it wish. In the meantime the National Security Regulations will carry on; so that any controls that the Government may regard as immediately necessary will remain. But, whatever we may think about banking reform, there should be no attempt to make consequential alterations of any sort in the traditional banking structure until definite proposals have been placed before the people and approved by them. Democracy demands nothing less than that.

RABBIT DRIVE.

On Saturday afternoon a rabbit drive was held in the West Riding to augment the funds of the Beaufort P.O.W. Committee. About 200 rabbits were secured.

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