

# The Ripunshire Advocate.

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BEAUFORT, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1945.

## Just Missed Saturday's Heavy Rain.

### SWIMMING CLUB. Successful Carnival

#### BEAUFORT SWIMMERS IN ACTION.

On Saturday afternoon the Beaufort Swimming Club held a successful and enjoyable carnival at the local baths, which just finished in time to miss the rain. Although the attendance was not large, the club should show a satisfactory profit. Prior to the carnival the energetic president, Mr S. Emerson, collected £6/11/ for prize money, and the gate money amounted to £4/16/9. There were good entries in the various events, and the large proportion of close finishes reflected credit on the handicapper. Results were announced by microphone and loud speaker, free of cost, by Mr Dave Wyllie and his younger brother, Jim, and this was much appreciated by the club and public. The younger announcer occasionally anticipated the judges in their decisions, but was careful to use the word "unofficial." The ladies conducted an afternoon tea and soft drinks booth. Following is the list of officials:—President, handicapper, and starter, Mr S. Emerson; secretary, Miss Nancy Trafford; announcers, Mr Dave Wyllie and Jim Wyllie; gatekeepers, Mr H. K. Parker and Jack Skene; judges, Messrs. A. Campbell, H. K. Parker (swimming), and S. Emerson (diving). Mr J. L. Robinson paid out the prize money. The ladies in charge of the booth were Mesdames C. Ward, de Valle, L. Watkin, M. E. L. Watkin, and Miss Ethel Trafford.

Appended are results of the events:—  
Beginners' Race, for boys and girls who have learnt this season, 25 yds.—Peter Ashley, 1; Trevor Davey, 2. Won by about 2 ft. Three starters.

Boys' Handicap, 12 yrs. 25 yds.—P. Sutton, 1; P. Davey, 2. Won easily. Three starters.

Girls' Handicap, 12 yrs., 25 yds.—B. Watkin, 1; P. Hopkins, 2. Won by about 2 ft. Five starters.

Boys' Handicap, 14 yrs., 25 yds.—P. Sutton, 1; J. Davey, 2. Won by a touch. Five starters.

Girls' Handicap, 14 yrs., 25 yds.—S. Torney, 1; B. Watkin and L. Davey, dead heat, 2. Won by a foot. Six starters.

Girls' Open Diving Contest — B. Davis, 1; S. Torney, 2. Four competitors.

Boys' Open Handicap, 55 yds. — W. Ward and K. Broadbent, dead heat, 1. An exciting finish. Four starters.

Girls' Open Handicap, 55 yds.—B. Davis, 1; B. Simper, 2. Won by a yard. Five starters.

Boys' Open Diving Contest—J. Davey, 1; K. Torney, 2. Six competitors.

Girls' Open Back or Breast Stroke, 25 yds. — B. Davis, 1; M. Campbell, 2. Won by six inches. Five competitors.

Boys' Open Back or Breast Stroke, 25 yds.—K. Torney, 1; A. Cobden, 2. Won by six inches. Six starters.

Girls' Open 55 yds. — B. Davis, 1; B. Simper, 2. Won easily. Three starters.

Championship (scratch) — N. Day, 1; W. Ward, 2. Won by less than a yard. Eight competitors.

Running Dive — N. Day, 1; K. Broadbent, 2. Seven competitors.

Mixed Relay, 25 yds. (boy and girl) — W. Ward and Betty Davis, 1; A. Cobden and Beverley Watkin, 2. Won by a short yard. Four teams competed.

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### WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.

#### District Clips.

##### DALGETY & CO. LTD.

Dalgety & Co., Geelong, report (Feb. 22):—SMC/Skipton, 25½d; The Grange/BFT (Beaufort), 25½d, cbk and xbd 19½d; AW/Skipton, 25½d; H/BFT (Beaufort), 24½d; MD/Trawalla, 24½d; EM/T (Trawalla), 22d; AH/Trawalla, 20d.

##### DENNYS, LASCELLES LTD.

Dennys, Lascelles Limited report having offered for appraisal a catalogue of 5582 bales in Geelong this week (21st February). The selection was drawn chiefly from Western Victoria and the South-east of South Australia, and included quite a number of choice merino and comeback clips. Top price was 34½d for ex sup f com, branded RN/Nareen, from Tarrayoukian, whilst sup, branded North Station (Mortlake) made 28d. Proceeds for this series of appraisements will be due on the 16th of March, 1945. The following are the leading district prices:—AAH/BFT, 21½d; DD/M, in box, 30d, 29½d, 23d, 1st pcs 21d; P/Lexton, 18½d, 17½d; T/Chute, 29½d, 25½d, 27d; MW/Trawalla, 28d, 27½d, 1st pcs 18½d; North Station, 28d, 26d, 25½d; two trias/WAK/Buangor, 24½d, 22½d; LC/Westmere, 21½d, 21d; WJC/Westmere, 20½d, 20d; PMS/Mannibadar, 20d, x 19½d.

##### ELDER, EMITH & CO. LTD.

Elder, Smith & Co. Limited report (22/2/45) that for this week's appraisal in Geelong, they offered a particularly choice catalogue, consisting of 4291 bales. The wool was mainly drawn from the far western and later shearing districts, as well as the border districts of South Australia. As is customary at this period of the season, the greater portion of the offering consisted of comeback and crossbred wool, included amongst which were some very stylish clips. The merino offering was also a good one, and in this section the highest price obtained was 35½d for OM/Fairfield, from Moutajup, whilst for comeback, C/Terka, from Kirkstall, realised 26d. Proceeds for this appraisal are due on the 16th March. Leading district sales are as follow:—Merino —JH/Middle Creek, 30½d; bkn 20½d; EG/B (Beaufort), 30½d; JD/Chute (Waterloo), 27d; JM/—B (Beaufort), 23½d; EJR/MCK (Middle Creek), 22½d; T/B (Beaufort), 21½d.

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Swimming in Clothes, 25 yds.—Margaret Campbell, 1; John Davey, 2. Won by a foot. Seven competitors.

Chasing the Duck—Keith Broadbent, Ten competitors.

Funniest Dive — J. Skene, 1; J. Davey, 2. Seven competitors.

Duck Hunt (across the pool), prize donated by Mr Campbell—W. Vowles, Nine competitors.

Duck Hunt, under 12, prize donated by Mr W. Vowles—P. Ashley, Five competitors.

Consolation Duck Hunt, under 12, prize donated by Mr Campbell — Ron Ringin, Six competitors.

Swimming Across the Pool, 25 yds.—P. Sutton, Five competitors.

Competition for pair stockings—Miss Rose Crick.

The announcer, on behalf of the club, expressed the hope that all present had enjoyed themselves, and thanked them heartily for coming.

### WEDDING BELLS.

#### ODDIE — VICKERS.

##### PINK BRIDAL RETINUE.

Among quite a round of weddings in Ballarat on Saturday, 10th June, Marjorie Agnes, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. Vickers, of 605 Macarthur St., made an attractive bride when she was married to James Taylor, only son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Oddie, of Chepstowe. The ceremony took place at St. Cuthbert's Church, the Rev. S. J. Higginbotham officiating.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of off-white satin with long, corded bodice buttoned down the back, and matching three-quarter-length sleeves. The full skirt swept into a long train, and over all fell a full tulle veil, which was mounted on orange blossom (lent by Mrs S. W. Davis, Melbourne). A shower bouquet and a trail of white gladioli, dahlias and tuberose were carried.

The bridesmaids, Misses Enid Vickers, and Joan Oddie (sisters of the bride and groom respectively), were dressed alike. Their full circular skirts were of shell pink taffeta, beaded with broderie anglaise, while tight-fitting bodices of broderie anglaise, lined with shell pink taffeta, were buttoned up the front to a small pointed collar. Their hats of pink taffeta and net were modelled on Dutch lines and featured latticed crowns. Each carried a bouquet of pink gladioli, dahlias and carnations with blue hydrangea.

The little trainbearer, Margaret Glasson, of Bamawm, looked sweet in her long frock of pink floral crepe, with which she wore a halo of pink and blue flowers. Messrs. A. Sinclair, Melbourne, and J. Hanna, Mortlake, were best man and groomsmen respectively. During the signing of the register, Mr Arthur Hendy sang "Because," and, as the bride was leaving the Church, good-luck tokens were placed on her arm by Valerie Vickers, Barbara Pascoe, and Margaret Glasson.

Mr and Mrs Vickers entertained their guests at the Alexandria, where they were assisted by Mr and Mrs Oddie. The hostess' navy blue frock was beaded and relieved with a lighter shade of blue. She wore navy accessories and a shoulder spray of pink carnations. Mrs Oddie wore a black frock with white relief, black accessories, and a shoulder spray of red roses. For travelling the bride chose an aqua blue frock, featuring a tucked bodice and pleated skirt. Her accessories were in brown. The future home of Mr and Mrs James T. Oddie will be at Black's Creek, Stockyard Hill.

#### AN OLD-TIMER.

How can I live without you?  
How can I let you go?  
You that I love so much, dear,  
You that I worship so.  
(THE LADY, UP-TO-DATE)  
I will not live without you,  
I'll not let you go;  
You have the cash, dear,  
And it is it that I worship so.

SAVE THIS PAPER FOR SALVAGE

### RIPON PATRIOTIC AND COMFORTS CLUB.

#### Letters of Appreciation

The Committee has been pleased to receive from district troops many acknowledgments for Xmas. billys and canteen orders. Extracts from various letters show great appreciation of the gifts.

From Sergt. V. A. Dickman — Your parcels are most useful up here, and please convey my whole-hearted thanks. Ours is a secluded life on this island—practically nothing to see. Swimming the favourite sport.

From L/AC. Walter Bridges — Your canteen orders travelled 16,000 miles before I received them. To Darwin, then to Sydney, to the Pacific, back to Sydney, and back here again. A pretty fair effort. A good camp on a beach in a coconut grove, but a long way from home; being the nearest Australian unit to Japan.

From Major M. R. Brown — Your canteen goods came in well for our Xmas party. For many of our group it will be their first Xmas in England, and we are rather hoping of a white one. My Xmases have been varied — 1939, Victoria; 1940, Derna, M.E.; 1941, Jericho, M.E.; 1942-43, Australia; 1944, England.

From Pte. Terry Kelly — I hope Xmas down there is not as wet as here. To all members of the Patriotic Club I wish the best. My vouchers have gone astray through boiling my clothes without emptying the pockets.

From Pte. E. Jay — I received the Xmas. billy, so old Beaufort sure remembers her lads, I'll say. Am back near high mountains again.

From Sergt. W. W. Irving — What a fine selection of articles in your Xmas parcel! Your organisation brings a lot of happiness to the boys.

From Lance-Sergt. E. Trengove — I have yet, after four years, to learn of another town which compares with Beaufort and its Patriotic Club in looking after the local soldiers. The Xmas billy was tops.

From Lieut. P. Russell — This is the sixth wartime Xmas, but I hope the end is in sight, and you will not have to send a gift next Xmas, but thanks so much for it.

From Corporal W. M. Fitzpatrick — My fifth Xmas, away from the old home town, and pleasing to know I am not forgotten. Believe me, my thoughts are often back there. I doubt if there is another club that has done as much as the Ripon Patriotic Club. The articles in the billy arrived in great condition.

From Flying-Officer J. Tarlton-Rayment — Good old Beaufort is a patriotic town, and war-murder, but tell them not to let up as the job is by no means finished. We have just begun the Pacific War, and the task ahead is enormous. All the best wishes to your workers. I am happy on Liberators, dropping bombs on Japs.

From Lieut. J. Flynn — The canteen orders and the Xmas billy have been much appreciated, and though the billy travelled a long way, it was in excellent condition.

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Banking and the Land

Whatever may be said of the banks, the man on the land cannot do without them. Never was that more in evidence than to-day, when drought has seized so great a part of rural Australia.

The assistance that can be given by the banks depends upon their freedom to act—and act quickly. This is no time, therefore, to be considering legislation designed to give greater control of the banking system to Canberra. It is the unanimous opinion of the Banking Commission set up a few years ago, doubtful seasons and more or less precarious overseas markets demand, in the interests of primary producers, that a banking system to serve Australia's needs should have the utmost degree of flexibility. That, surely, was never so true as it is to-day.

The dependence of the man on the land upon the assistance of the banks is seldom realised by those—mainly in the big cities—who want to control the banking system as a first step to outright nationalisation. They pretend to see great virtue in a State controlled system of banking. Even if that may eventually prove to be so, the farmer, in present circumstances, would probably be destroyed in the dislocations and delays involved in the change-over.

Figures have never been made available to show the percentage of the advances of all the banks which are made in the country districts as distinct from the metropolitan areas. But a few years ago it was disclosed that, in the case of two of the biggest banks, more than half their total advances were made to the primary industries. This is probably true of the banks as a whole.

If the Commonwealth Government is really solicitous of the welfare of the primary producers, it will do nothing in present circumstances which may impair the power of the banks to come to their assistance—or even to make them hesitate. If we must contemplate radical alterations in the Australian banking structure, let us leave it till the farmers are least dependent, not most dependent, on decisive and speedy action.

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. Saturdays. 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. — Closes, Fridays. Inward from Middle Creek. — Due 4.25 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Outward for Trawalla. — Closing 3.55 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Saturdays, 12.30 p.m. Wednesdays, 12.35 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays.

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Local and General News

The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. Shop thank all donors and helpers last week. Helpers were Mesdames Hayes, Morvell, A. Skene, Misses Lewis, and Anderson. Receipts were £7/17/9. Cash donations were:—Miss Amess, Eurambeen, £1; Mrs Cross, Eurambeen, £1. Ladies who would like to make cakes will be supplied with butter, eggs and sugar, on application to Mrs J. Robinson, State Bank.

As two children recently picked up a bottle containing poison on the Beaufort golf links, residents who have occasion to use arsenic or other poison are urged not to throw the bottles away, but to bury or burn them, as there are always some dregs of poison remaining in them. The habit of children of putting water in bottles and drinking out of them is well known.

The rifle competitions committee of the 20th Bn. of the V.D.C. have decided upon the events for the final shoot in March. The winner of the January shoot was Corpl. G. E. Allen (D Company, Bacchus Marsh), with Pie. J. A. McKenzie (A Company, Beaufort) filling second place.

Beaufort had 45 points of rain in about 20 minutes on Friday afternoon, 23rd Inst., but it is estimated that about two inches fell in the vicinity of Lake Goldsmith and at Carranballac. The bed of Lake Goldsmith, which was dry, was covered with water in about 20 minutes. Other parts of the district received no rain. On Saturday evening there was a further heavy downpour at Beaufort (about 40 points). For the week ending Jan. 24, about two inches of rain fell in the town.

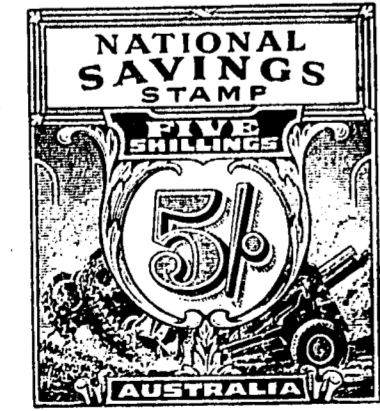
Total takings at the Lexton gymkhana, held on 27th Jan., were £170 9/9, and the profit, £81/0/10, has been allocated as follows:—Avoca Bush Nursing Hospital, Elmhurst Bush Nursing Centre, Ballarat Base Hospital, £10/2/7 each; Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital, £10/2/8; Local Improvement Fund, £40 10/5.

Relatives have been advised that Pie. Edwin Wookey, A.M.C., died of illness at the P.O.W. camp in Malaya on 6th October, 1943. Pie. Wookey was taken prisoner at Singapore. He was born at Snake Valley, where he had lived up till the time of enlistment. He was always interested in the things for the benefit of the district, and for a number of years was secretary of the local Football Club. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Engagements

The following engagements have been announced:—Eileen Veronica, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Egan, of Belmont, Glenlogie, Amphitheatre, to Hugh Francis, youngest son of the late Mr J. Briody and Mrs J. Briody, Loretto, Lexton. Joan, second daughter of Captain and Mrs J. A. Blackman, 2 Collings street, Ararat, to Oliver James (A.I.F.) younger son of Mr and Mrs O. J. Loo-ney, State School, Amphitheatre.

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Advertisement for 'BUY WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES'. Text: '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, Eurambeen, Middle Creek, Shirley, Euangor, Ballyrogan Brewster, and Lexton.'

COMING EVENTS. MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

The Beaufort B.N. Hospital garden party has been fixed for Saturday, 10th March. Wood-sawing working bee at Beaufort B.N. Hospital, Saturday, 3rd March. Circus Coming. — Goldwyn Bros' Circus and Zoo will visit Beaufort, on Tuesday, 13th March, when there will be given a first-class programme, extending over 2 1/2 hours, in which there will be a galaxy of interesting acts, including performing animals—elephants, monkeys, miniature ponies, horses, mules and dogs. A cage of lions will also be on view.

At their Beaufort Sheep Sale on Thursday, March 8th, at 2 p.m., Dennys, Lascelles Ltd. will offer by auction 2500 crossbred, comeback, and merino sheep. Two lambs have been impounded at Beaufort, and four head of cattle at Skipton.

Younger Set dance, Monday, March 12, from 8.30 to 1 a.m.

Meeting of all interested in University Extension Discussion Group, Monday March 5, at Mr W. L. Williams' residence, to arrange syllabus for 1945.

All members of Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club are requested to assist in carrying on social afternoons for P.O.W. and Comforts Club. Next social afternoon, March 8. Donations wanted for stall.

Mr Dug. Lancefield, a Melbourne tradesman, has started business as a saddler, harness and collar maker at the rear of Holdsworth's shop in Lawrence Street, Beaufort.

Tenders, closing March 10th, are invited for purchase of liquor booth at Waterloo Easter Saturday sports.

Chepstowe Tennis Club holds dance in Brown's Barn, Chepstowe, Friday, 9th March.

Buangor gymkhana, Saturday, 14th April.

Monthly meeting Dads' Association at Shire Hall, Tuesday night.

Beaufort B.N. Hospital garden party, Saturday, 10th March.

A copy of the water rating by-law is open for inspection at the Shire Office, Beaufort.

The Shire of Ripon notifies that all dogs in the shire, over age of six months, must be registered between 1st and 15th March.

Applications, closing 12th March, are invited by the Shire of Ripon for position of dog registrar, East Riding.

The powers conferred on the Shire of Ripon and its officers under the new by-law under the Dog Acts are stated in an advertisement in this issue.

Tenders, closing 15th March, are invited for repairs, etc., Beaufort School.

Presbyterian Church. — Harvest festival services are to be held by Beaufort congregation on March 25. — As the result of a retiring offering, the sum of 19 was raised towards the cost of replacing the wrecked launch, Waft Leggatt, which belonged to the Kunmunya Mission, off the N.W. coast of Australia. Her chief business was to take passengers and goods to and from Kunmunya and Broome, on the mainland. — There was quite a happy gathering on Monday at the P.O. residence, where the Sunday School class mates of Pat Green gathered to farewell her prior to leaving Beaufort. After supper, Dorothy Parker conveyed the good wishes of those assembled, and made the presentation of a book on behalf of Pat's friends.

Mr and Mrs W. Green and family have left Beaufort for Melbourne. Mr Green served for several years with the A.I.F. in the present war, and is a returned M.E. officer. Before the war he was in the forestry office at Beaufort, and took an active part in the Fire Brigade and the defence force.

Large advertisement for Wotherspoons. Text: 'YOU'LL GET IT AT WOTHERSPOON'S. THE AIM OF THIS STORE IS TO PERFORM A USEFUL SERVICE TO ALL. REAL ECONOMY CONSISTS IN SPENDING YOUR MONEY IN THE CHAIN. WHERES YOU WILL GET THE GREATEST SATISFACTION. Ever Since 1855 - A Super Service Store'. Includes an illustration of the store building and a 'BUY £10 NATIONAL SAVINGS BONDS' badge.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL People and Events

The Beaufort F.B. Ladies Club's week-end card and carpet bowls social took place on Saturday night, and the results were:—Euchre — Section 1: Miss M. Anderson, 1; Mrs R. Hare, 2. Section 2: Mrs A. M. Parker and Harold George, divided 1 and 2. Secret table: Mrs E. Sullivan and Mr Bryce. Carpet bowls: Mrs L. Stephens, Messrs C. Broadbent and R. Hare.

Lady members of Beaufort Tennis Club held a doubles tournament on Wednesday afternoon, which was won by Mrs M. Cuthbertson and Miss B. Schlicht. Beaufort Mothers' Club held a flag-bridge evening on Tuesday. The principal prizes were won by Mesdames J. Duke, W. Gillingham, and A. M. Parker. The prizes for the lowest number of flags went to Mesdames F. Worsley, W. J. Scriven, and Mr G. Wilding. A competition for a dinner was won by Mrs R. Sandiant.

The Beaufort Town Band held a eucyre social on Monday night, in conjunction with the snowball competition, and the results were:—Section 1—Mrs L. Stephens, 1; Mesdames A. McGre- gory and Day (divided), 2. Section 2—

Mrs W. Gillingham, 1; Mrs A. McGre- gory, 2. Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a card social and dance on Thursday night to raise money to purchase canteen orders, and the takings were £6/6/.

The euchre results were:—Ladies: Mrs W. Gillingham, 1; Mrs Doull, 2. Men: L/AC. Inness and Mr D. Lancefield divided 1 and 2. The dance music was supplied by Miss C. Bellis and Mr Whiting. A novelty dance was won by Mr Davies and Miss J. Sandiant.

Mrs E. Whitfield, of Beaufort, suffered a bereavement during the week-end by the death of her mother, Mrs. Boggs.

Mr K. A. Whittaker, of Noojee, came home to Beaufort for the week-end.

Mrs T. Tiley, of Raglan, spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs K. A. Whittaker, Speke Street, Beaufort.

The engagement is announced of Clare Winifred (A.W.A.S.), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. W. John, Norwood, South Australia, to Signaller Stanley G. McCracken (A.I.F.), elder son of the late Mr G. McCracken and of Mrs McCracken, Beaufort.

Mr R. H. Pitcher, of Beaufort, has been very ill for the past couple of weeks.

Mr and Mrs A. L. Trengove's sons, Ernest and Stanley, are spending a holi-

day in Melbourne. Messrs. A. Barber and Peter Schlicht are going to Tasmania by aeroplane for a holiday.

Miss Masterson, a former Beaufort teacher, passed away in Ballarat last week, and her remains were interred in that city.

Mrs E. George, of Beaufort, has been very ill during the past week or two. Mr W. Vowles, of Melbourne, has been staying with Mr and Mrs W. A. Skene, of Beaufort.

Mrs G. Stewart Taylor and infants, of the Manse, Oakleigh, and Miss B. Henderson, of Hawthorn, are the guests of Mrs Hirsch at the P.O. residence.

On 15th Feby., a very enjoyable mixed doubles match was played at St. John's tennis courts between Beaufort and Ararat. Rev. Father Russell captained Ararat and Rev. Father Day Beaufort. The games were closely contested. For a time Beaufort led Ararat, then the latter drew level and forged ahead, winning by one set. Great keenness was displayed by both sides. Afterwards an excellent tea was enjoyed by all present.

Mr Des. Lynch welcomed the visitors, and Rev. Father Russell responded. The Ararat visitors commented very favourably on the unique hospitality accorded them.



**BEAUFORT C.W.A. Monthly Meeting**

Beaufort C.W.A. met on Thursday afternoon; Mrs A. Campbell (president) conducting the business. The singing of the National Anthem and the recital of the Collect opened the proceedings. Three parcels of wool have been received, to be knitted by the members and made up into jumpers and squares for rugs for the victims of bombing in England. A £2/2/ donation has been sent to purchase wool.

The roll call reading ("People of Interest") proved very entertaining. Apologies were received from several members.

Sympathy was expressed for Mrs W. Torney, whose soldier son was recently wounded.

On April 5, a rug-making demonstration is to be given by Rev. W. J. Tame.

On Tuesday, March 6, a group conference is to be held at Ararat. It was requested that hand made rugs be exhibited by any of the members. Mesdames A. Campbell and L. Watkin are to act as delegates.

A letter of thanks was received for greetings sent to Miss Betty McErvale on her 21st birthday.

The overseas link at Sutton Green, England, wrote, thanking the Beaufort branch for dried fruits sent.

The Bush Nursing Auxiliary applied for the loan of cups, saucers, etc., for the garden party.—Granted.

Mrs L. Watkin presented Mrs Campbell with a lovely bouquet in honour of her birthday.

A congratulatory letter is to be sent to Mrs Humphreys, on the occasion of her birthday.

Mrs L. Watkin read an article on careers for women from "Country Crafts."

Mrs G. Ward was congratulated on the birth of a son.

Mrs Wyllie moved a vote of thanks to the roll call readers. Seconded by Mrs McNaughton, and carried.

**PATRIOTIC CLUB**

A general committee meeting of the above club was held on the 22nd Feby., at the Shire Hall, Beaufort. Present: Messrs. S. Young (chairman), N. S. McLeod (hon. secretary), A. M. Parker, H. J. Buchanan, H. V. C. McLean, W. McErvale, F. S. Latch, Mesdames G. Duke, W. Gillingham, W. Torney, J. Loftis, A. McGregor, Misses H. Miller and A. Kirkpatrick. Apologies were received for the absence of Miss Stewart and Mr C. M. Flynn. The chairman welcomed new members in Mr H. J. Buchanan and Miss Kirkpatrick, who suitably responded. A letter was received from Private J. W. Martin, stating that he had been discharged, and thanking the club for its assistance whilst on service. The balance-sheets for the Xmas, Billy Fund and for the December quarter were received and adopted. It was decided to make further enquiries by letter and personally through a member of the Forces, as to the non-receipt of certain material sent by the club to a forward battalion. It was resolved to purchase, if possible, towelling or flannel for face washers, and endeavour to stimulate the public to continue knitting efforts. Wool is available at the depot free of charge. After discussion, it was arranged to place £200 in a special trust fund for district prisoners of war on their return home. A distribution of cakes will be made in April to all on the club register, and the secretary was instructed to bring up a report on the matter at next meeting. The committee recorded its thanks that Private A. Torney had been severely wounded in action in South Pacific area.

The rainfall for Feby. was 222 points. The rain fell on 15 days. For Jan. and Feby. the total is 319 points.



Top Picture—GERMAN REFUGEES FLEE—Their salvaged belongings crammed into wheelbarrows and baskets, German refugees file through a battered Reich town. Most of the civilians lived in Koslar, German town captured by infantrymen of the Ninth U.S. Army. November 28, 1944.

Bottom Picture—U.S. TROOPS AID BELGIAN WOMAN—Two American soldiers attend to the needs of an elderly Belgian woman found in the basement of a shattered building at Manhay, where Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force reported retaken by Allied troops after bitter fighting, Dec. 29, 1944.

**BALLARAT MARKET.**

**CATTLE** — 119 yarded. Demand keen, values for all good and prime quality dearer, no alteration other grades. Prime medium weight bullocks, £20 to £21/10/; good, £17 to £19; useful, £13 to £15; prime cows, £14 to £16; extra heavy, to £18/5/; good, £11, to £13; useful, £7 to £9.

**CALVES** — Heavy penning of 228. Competition active, values generally dearer. Best made £15/13/6.

**SHEEP** — 8347 penned. Strong competition throughout; values showing a further advance on last week's improved rates. Prime crossbred wethers, 28/ to 30/10; good, 25/ to 27/; prime crossbred ewes, 20/ to 22/; heavy, to 25/7/; good, 16/ to 18/; prime merino wethers, 25/ to 27/; heavy, to 30/1; good, 20/ to 23/.

**LAMBS** — A reduced offering of 2326. Owing to the short supply of trade quality, bidding was particularly brisk and values showed a sharp rise; extreme rates being realised. Prime, 34/ to 38/; heavy, to 40/; exceptionally heavy, to 44/10; good, 28/ to 32/; useful, 22/ to 26/.

**DISTRICT SALES** — The following district sales were effected:—10 cows, Messrs. A. and W. Notman, Skipton, £18/5/ to £14/12/6, averaging £16/6/6. Top price and average of the market; 2 head cattle, Mr A. M. Mathews, Burrumbet, cow £10, bull £14; 3 calves £5 10/ to £12/13/6, averaging £9/7/4, 57/10/ to £12/13/6, averaging £9/7/4, 57/10/ Corriedale wethers, 22/1 to 28/7; 10 calves, Mr W. Alexander, Skipton, to £4 16/; 107 crossbred ewes and comeback wethers, Messrs. W. and F. Alexander, Skipton, wethers 20/4, ewes 9/10; 8 calves, Mr F. Alexander, Skipton, £5/19/ to £3/4/; 3 calves, Mr R. S. Alexander, Skipton, to £3/18/6, 16 comeback wethers 20/4; 195 crossbred and comeback wethers and ewes, Misses E. and M. Ward, Lake Goldsmith, wethers 25/1,

ewes 15/10 to 10/, averaging 14/1; 57 merino ewes, Mr A. L. Gardner, Skipton, 12/1 to 11/1; 91 crossbred and merino wethers and ewes Mr W. G. Smith, Skipton, crossbreds 30/10, topping the market, to 24/, merinos 20/ to 15/7, ewes 15/7; 50 merino wethers and ewes, Miss M. Anderson, Trawalla, wethers 19/4 to 16/7, ewes 12/4; 51 merino wethers and ewes, Mr H. Anderson, Trawalla, wethers 19/10 to 14/7, ewes 16/10; 44 comeback wethers, Mrs A. D. Callow Trawalla, 23/7 to 18/1; 30 crossbred 2-tooths and merino ewes, Mr J. T. Oddie, Chepstowe, 2-tooths 25/1, ewes 13/4; 19 merino wethers and ewes, Mr C. Anderson, Trawalla, wethers 17/10, ewes 12/4; 12 lambs, Mr W. G. Smith, Skipton 30/7; 164 merino wethers and ewes, Mr Sam Hayward Burrumbet, wethers 19/10, ewes 18/4, 47 crossbred ewes 28/4; 96 Corriedale wethers, St. Enoch's Estate, Stockyard Hill, 26/ to 30/4, averaging 28/6; 22 comeback ewes and wethers, Mr E. P. Lyons, Brewster, 14/10 8 lambs 16/4; 16 merino ewes, Mr C. C. Newey, Burrumbet, 19/4.

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

The death occurred on 24th Feby. of Mrs Jane Coulter, formerly, of Burrumbet, Langi-Kal-Kal, and Queenscliff. Her husband predeceased her, and she leaves a daughter and two sons.

The final practice shoot of the Beaufort Platoon of the V.D.C. takes place at the local range to-day (Saturday) On the second Sunday of the month (March 11) the finals of the Battalion rifle competition will be shot off at Ballarat. Lieut. G. Oddie has arranged for a truck to leave the Shire Hall at 8 a.m. on the 11th, as the competition starts at 9.30 at Ballarat. Details will be announced at the range to-day (Saturday).

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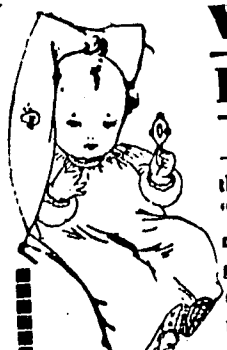
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**BELGIAN REFUGEES.**



An elderly Belgian woman and other civilians of La Gleize, near Stavelot, Belgium, await transport to the rear of the battle area after American troops recaptured the town. In a Christmas message to the Belgian people, M. Pierlot, Prime Minister of Belgium, gave encouragement to the provinces invaded by the Nazis in their counter offensive, December 16, 1944. "The new occupation they have to suffer will not last a long time," he said. "The armed Allies have all the means to face the situation..." Allied Supreme Headquarters revealed December 17 that American troops, advancing on a 30-mile front, had recaptured several villages and reached the River Sure, which runs near the German-Luxembourg frontier. American troops regained control of Stavelot, December 23, and four days later, hurried back the Germans from Bastogne, Belgium.

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**BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL.**

**Committee Meeting.**

The February meeting of the Beaufort School Committee, held on Monday night at the H.E. School, was attended by six members and the head teacher (Mr J. L. Robinson). The chairman (Mr W. J. Scriven) presided.

Mr Emerson reported relative to the screening of films depicting consolidated schools at Beaufort, and it was not possible, he said, to show the films, which were for a small machine, and the small machines in the district would only run on a house light.

Mr Wyllie said there was a small machine at the Ballarat High School. It was suggested that this machine be borrowed.

In reply to a question, Mr Robinson said every child up to the intermediate standard would have to take advantage of local facilities.

Messrs. Wyllie and Duke pointed out that that was not so in the past.

The head teacher said there was a regulation requiring it.

The correspondent said he had been reliably informed that the Department was going to mark time on this area school business. He understood there would have to be 100 per cent. consent from outside schools.

Mr Wyllie — He understood if the Department said there would be an area school, there would have to be one, whether the outside schools consented or not.

Mr Hughes said Mr Young had the site already picked out.

The correspondent said he was slipping there—Mr McHutchinson said they would like 10 acres.

The head teacher said a lot of people talked of area schools and they really meant consolidated schools, which did not include farming.

The correspondent said there had been an area reserved on the Common opposite Mr F. Topp's, some years ago, for the H.E. School.

On the suggestion of the head teacher, Mr Wyllie moved that the Minister be written to ascertain if Beaufort had been included in the post-war school building plan.

The head teacher said there was a desire in the district for a consolidated school; resolutions having been passed by the Shire Council and Returned Soldiers' League in favour of the proposal.

The matter of the lecture and the films is to be deferred until a reply is received from the Minister, on the motion of Messrs. Emerson and Hughes.

The correspondent said he had not received a definite reply from the probable users in regard to the timber on the gravel reserve in the plantation.

The matter was left to the correspondent to deal with as he thinks fit, on the motion of Messrs. Emerson and Duke.

The head teacher reported that the school had opened up rather auspiciously, with the same staff as last year. The upper school was going along well, but the lower school was causing a little trouble with numbers, and required an average attendance of 121 to retain the present staff. There was a number of young children to come along in May. The results for last year were very good; 13 merit, eight proficiency, and six intermediate certificates (with one pending in one subject) having been obtained. The surface of the school ground was particularly unsuitable for the little ones in their play. It was not worth while making any great strides to improve it until they knew whether they would remain here or be located elsewhere.

The correspondent said the whole surface of the western side of the school ground should be asphalted.

The head teacher said that since the recent rains a great part of the school ground was very rough, and affected the training of the children in hand,

and eye development. Mr Emerson said the rough playground also wore the children's shoes out too quickly.

The head teacher said the far gates required renewing. One side had decayed, and the frame had rusted away. He had been wondering if it were possible to get some of the furze burnt off in the school plantation.

The correspondent — He would like Cr. Wills' method—planting pines to kill the furze—tried.

The head teacher said the Beaufort District Schools' Sports would be held at the Beaufort Park on Friday, April 6th. They were likely to have a very good gathering. The schools that competed last year would be competing this time, together with Buangor. Mr Buchanan represented the local School Committee at the meeting. The proceeds were to go to the State Schools' War Relief Fund. The profits from the afternoon tea booth, run by the Mothers' Club, would go to the Mothers' Club.

It was decided, on the motion of Messrs. Wyllie and Duke, to apply to the Public Works Department for a new gate.

The head teacher said wireless was playing a greater part in teaching at schools, and every grade was listening in at least twice a week. This school was not very well equipped for reception; their set being not quite good enough for examination work. He was going into the matter of having a sound system put in, with a loud speaker in three of the rooms. The set would be permanently located in the office.

The head teacher said all the programmes came from 3AR, in replying to a member who drew attention to probable local interference. In the next financial year the sound system would be their big expense. Recently £12 worth of excellent maps had been purchased on a £1 for £1 basis out of the £25 grant.

The matter of the wireless set was held over till next meeting, on the motion of Messrs. Duke and Hughes.

The head teacher said Miss Campbell had gone to the Teachers' College, and Mr Rosengreen had come here from Ararat.

The chairman and correspondent congratulated the school and staff on the excellent results obtained by the intermediate class.

The head teacher said there was a determination about the children that was pleasing, and the results obtained by the merit and proficiency candidates were also good. The children were working well, and the teachers were wholehearted.

**MARRIED AND SINGLE.**

Two men were talking one day about the ladies who chased the men. After comparing their experiences with "chasers," one sadly remarked, "Ah, old man, you were only chased. I was caught."

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per cent. will mean that each £10  
Bond can be bought by a weekly saving  
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not operate until March 13, when the  
loan period begins, cash amounts of £10  
and upward are accepted at any time  
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paid from the date on which the money  
is lodged.

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sequent monthly instalments can also  
be paid with four 5/- National Savings  
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### WEDDING BELLS.

**COOK - WISE.**  
St. Andrew's Kirk, Ballarat, was the  
setting for the marriage of Alice Isabell,  
third daughter of Mr and Mrs W. B.  
Wise, of Geelong road, Skipton, and Noel  
Lloyd Cook, R.A.A.F., youngest son of  
Mr and Mrs R. A. Cook, of Marshall  
street, Goondinoini, Queensland,  
which took place on Saturday, 10th  
Feb'y., the Rev. Dr. C. N. Button officiating.

The bride, who was given away by  
her father, wore a fully trained gown of  
ivory satin with long sleeves and a cowl  
neck. Her circular tulle veil was of cut  
bridal tulle, and she carried a bouquet  
of tree lily of the valley and carnations.  
Miss Alva Dorech Wise, as bridesmaid,  
wore a frock of mauve figured satin  
sweeping into a slight train. A match-  
ing veil was caught to the hair by a  
spray of flowers to match her bouquet of  
carnations and dahlias. Petty Officer  
John Case, R.A.N., was best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception  
was held at the Wattle. Mrs. Wise re-  
ceived her guests wearing a sky-blue  
crepe jacket frock with black access-  
ories.

When leaving for Sydney, where the  
honeymoon is being spent, the bride was  
frocked in cyclamen crepe and wore  
white accessories. The future home of  
Mr and Mrs Neil L. Cook will be in  
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### THE SHIRT AND PYJAMA FACTORY.

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swick. The girls who have already at-  
tended the class have shaped rather well,  
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### FIRE BRIGADE. Monthly Meeting

Very little business came forward on  
Monday night at the monthly meeting  
of the Beaufort Fire Brigade, which  
took place at the Fire Station, and was  
attended by 15 active and reserve mem-  
bers. Captain J. Duke was in the chair.  
A letter was read from the Country  
Fire Board, in regard to the recent visit  
of Deputy-Chief-Officer Daw. An invita-  
tion was received from Horsham Bri-  
gade to a smoke night on March 23.—  
Owing to the distance and petrol re-  
strictions, it was understood the bri-  
gade would not be represented. The cap-  
tain said the brigade would play a bill-  
iard match with the R.S.L. on Friday  
night, 9th March, and Fireman R.  
Martin would captain the brigade's  
team. Further arrangements were  
made in connection with the match,  
and it was resolved to give a trophy for  
the member of the opposing team  
making the biggest break. The cap-  
tain stated that the next social for the  
Service Members' Fund would be held  
on Thursday night, 8th March. The  
secretary (Fireman C. Stewart) report-  
ed a profit of £9/13/- on the last two  
socials. The captain reported that the  
Service Members' Fund had stood at £90  
11/9. It was arranged to hold a plug  
inspection next practice night. Atten-  
tion was drawn to children swinging on  
the hose and bell ropes, and it was re-  
solved to take measures to prevent this.  
Fireman M. Torney was appointed for  
hall duty for the month, and Fore-  
man G. Gordon and Fireman C. Stew-  
art for motor pump duty.

### THISTLE CLUB. Monthly Meeting.

Beaufort Thistle Club Committee held  
its monthly meeting on Friday night,  
2nd March. Mr J. Millar (chief) occu-  
pying the chair. Mr Alex. McDonald,  
M.L.A., of Ararat, wrote, asking the  
club if arrangements could be made  
for the Burns' Concert Party, from Ar-  
arat, to visit here early in March.—  
The secretary replied, stating that the  
Thistle Club meeting would be held on  
2nd March, and pointed out that a  
week would not be sufficient time to  
advertise same, and in reply, Mr  
McDonald suggested that it be held in  
abeyance for the time being. Apologies  
for non-attendance were received from  
Mr A. McGregor, Mrs R. T. Macdonald,  
and Mrs Duncan. It was decided to  
start the meetings for the next four-  
months at 7.45 p.m., and the euchre  
parties at 8.30 p.m. A profit of £16/6/-  
from the February euchre was re-  
ported. Mr A. Campbell moved that the  
Highland ball be abandoned for this  
year; the matter of arranging for rais-  
ing funds for patriotic purposes to be  
discussed at next meeting. Seconded  
by Mrs A. McGregor, and carried. An  
enjoyable euchre social followed the  
meeting. Results:—Euchre—Section 1—  
Miss B. Glenister, 1; Mrs A. M. Parker  
and Mrs W. Newey (divided), 2. Sec-  
tion 2—Mrs J. E. Day, 1; Mrs J.  
Duke and Mr A. S. Duncan (divided), 2.

### Hospital Auxiliary

The following report was submitted  
by the secretary (Mrs Stowell) at the  
third annual meeting of the Beaufort  
B.N. Hospital Auxiliary, held last week,  
and adopted:—For the past year the  
work of the Auxiliary has continued  
quietly, under the leadership of our  
president, with 16 members. The main  
effort for the year was the assistance  
given to the committee at the annual  
garden party, when members of the  
auxiliary conducted well-filled stalls and  
dispensed afternoon tea. A euchre and  
bridge evening was held, whereby £5  
was raised. We are indebted to Mr W.  
Lloyd Williams for his help at this  
entertainment. We began the year with  
a credit balance of £18/1/11, and were  
able to pass on £15 to the committee  
towards the cost of the refrigerator, and  
after paying a small account for print-  
ing, we have a balance of £8/17/- in  
the bank. We applied for 70 lb. of  
sugar for jam-making, and were given  
a special permit for that amount, which  
we hope to distribute among those will-  
ing to make jam for the Hospital dur-  
ing the coming jam season. The mend-  
ing has been attended to throughout  
the year and covers made and donated  
for hot water cylinders, curtains chosen  
and the linen supply replenished. Af-  
ternoon tea was provided at a working  
bee for the supply of wood. We would  
like to thank Sister Ingram for the use  
of the sitting room for our meetings,  
and her help in advising on matters  
connected with the auxiliary, and we  
look forward to a more progressive  
year.

### Love not Forte of Song Winner

Five feet one tall, golden-haired, and  
blue-eyed, "Lettie Katts," winner in  
Queensland of the popular song section  
of the Australian Song Competition,  
writes "less" about love than other  
moods.

Her winning song, "Never Never," is  
in one of the other moods—a rousing  
Australian song in the spirit of "Waltz-  
ing Matilda."

"Lettie Katts" is really Mrs Violet  
Mellick, of Gizeh Street, Enoggera, who  
has a background of years of musical  
study and an eight-months' trip abroad  
just before the war.

"I only really started to write songs  
about four years ago," she said. "I  
haven't made a collection of them; often  
I don't finish them. But it's a lovely  
hobby."

Mrs Mellick has been married three  
years to a major in the A.I.F.

Other songs she submitted in the  
contest were: "I Put My Hands in My  
Pockets," "When You Come Marching  
Home," "There's Beauty Everywhere,"  
"Coo-ee."

Her entry will now be matched ag-  
ainst the other States. Prizes to con-  
testants total £700.

### WELCOME RAINS.

Welcome rains fell on Thursday, 22nd  
Feb'y., in and around Buangor, but  
dwindled towards the south. Falls ran-  
ged from 30 to 80 points. Further show-  
ers on Saturday, 24th February,  
yielded another 15 points.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

A tennis tournament in progress had  
to be postponed till Saturday, 3rd  
March. Winners of the tournament  
held on Saturday, 10th Feb'y., were  
Miss F. MacInnes and Mr A. C.  
Hughes.

### GYMKHANA ARRANGED.

There was a large gathering of Bu-  
angor and Middle Creek residents to ar-  
range for another gymkhana to be held  
in Toronto Park, Buangor. The date  
fixed was Saturday, 14th April. Mr A.  
Macrae (president) occupied the chair,  
and Mr D. Brennan was elected secre-  
tary to replace Mr Surridge, who had  
resigned.

### FOR SALE: A CAT.

The following appeared in a recent  
issue of the "Avoca Free Press":—Dur-  
ing the Christmas vacation, Landsbor-  
ough schoolteacher, Tom Ryan, and his  
wife and family, spent a few weeks with  
relatives at Waterloo. They travelled by  
car and took with them, amongst cases,  
and everything else needed on a holiday,  
a box containing a white Tom cat in-  
tended as a Christmas gift for the re-  
latives. Tom (the cat) was packed in  
on the floor of the car with all the other  
odds and ends and didn't have the plea-  
sure of seeing anything of the country-  
side during the trip. While the Ryan  
family was in Waterloo the cat made  
himself at home, and after they left  
appeared to settle down contentedly in  
his new abode. Recently, however, the  
school teacher got a letter from the  
cat's new owners stating that he had  
cleared out. Later he turned up at  
Tom Ryan's place at Landsborough, and  
despite his long trek, was as large as  
life. Now the school teacher says he will  
sell Tom for two bob to anyone living  
within a 40-mile radius of Landsborough.

**Carnham Cemetery.**—At the an-  
nual meeting of Carnham Cemetery  
Trust the chairman (Mr J. McKay),  
presiding, the balance-sheet showed a  
credit of £16/5/5. Mr J. McKay was  
appointed chairman for the ensuing  
year. A hundred pine trees will be pur-  
chased and planted later in the year by  
the sexton. The chairman will make  
arrangements for a working bee to  
burn off grass on a suitable day.

**Sympathy of Presbytery.**—At the  
February meeting of the Ballarat Pres-  
bytery, held in St. Andrew's Kirk, sym-  
pathy was expressed with the senior  
minister of the Presbytery, the Rev. J.  
P. MacDougall, of Beaufort, on ac-  
count of the loss of his son, who re-  
cently made the supreme sacrifice. The  
Moderator of the Presbytery (the Rev.  
W. Kelly) conveyed the mind of the  
Presbytery to Mr MacDougall, and his  
remarks were endorsed by Dr. Finlay  
Fraser, clerk of Presbytery.

Estimated number of sheep in the  
Commonwealth is 123,064,519, of which  
77 per cent. is merino and 23 per cent.  
crossbred.

### DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS. JAPS ANNOY BEAUFORT.

#### BREN GUNNER And Get Effective Burst

Three Japanese, who annoyed Pte.  
Alan Torney, of Beaufort, Victoria, by  
tossing grenades at him on Tsimba  
Ridge, Bougalville, paid dearly. Pte.  
Torney, a Bren gunner in an Australian  
attack, which took its first objective on  
the ridge, poured a burst into the fox-  
hole from which the three Japanese  
were operating and killed them.  
Tsimba Ridge, scene of the most bitter  
fighting which has taken place so far  
between the Australians and the  
Japanese on Bougalville, is a com-  
manding feature guarding the southern  
approach to the Genga River mouth.

Entrenched in strongly constructed  
pill-boxes and weapon pits, the Japa-  
nese had the ridge heavily defended  
with "woodpeckers" and light machine  
guns. Snipers, too, cunningly hid in  
leafy trees, covered the approaches to  
the ridge. For 17 days the enemy de-  
fied us a footing on the feature. Then  
came the determined Australian attack,  
which took its first objective on the  
ridge.

It was in this action that Pte. Torney  
mowed down the three Japanese. Dur-  
ing the encounter he himself was  
slightly wounded when a grenade burst  
close to him. "That made me hopping  
mad," he said, "and that's when I  
poured a burst into the three Japs."  
Now fully recovering in hospital,  
Torney told how, after a preliminary  
artillery and mortar barrage, he moved  
forward with other troops, wading  
through a waist deep swamp to get to  
the foot of Tsimba Ridge.

Then followed an almost vertical 20  
feet climb to the Japanese weapon  
pits. Our preliminary barrage had  
driven the enemy from his outer  
trenches into his pill-boxes and fox-  
holes. Our troops, Pte. Torney among  
them, crawled into the trenches vacated  
by them. Torney could see some of the  
enemy clearly, 15 yards away. Some  
of them were killed by well-directed grenades,  
which burst in their pillboxes.

When other Japs tossed grenades at  
our men, Torney was hit in the wrist  
by a piece of shrapnel. It was then that  
he got mad and ended the military  
careers of the three Japanese.

This was the second time Torney had  
been on the approaches to the ridge.  
Previously he was in a patrol which  
obtained valuable information concern-  
ing enemy dispositions on the ridge it-  
self. Before he was evacuated for  
medical attention, he had the satisfac-  
tion of knowing that the Australians  
had taken their first objective on the  
ridge and were poised for a final as-  
sault on the stronghold. Three days  
later the ridge was completely in our  
hands.

**Burrumbeet Park.**—The Burrumbeet  
Progress Association met to consider  
post-war improvements to the Burrum-  
beet Park and foreshore. The scheme  
was discussed in detail and a rough  
plan drawn up, with estimated costs.  
The scheme to make the park a modern  
tourist resort would involve an expen-  
diture of more than £2000.

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**FAIR RENTS BOARD**  
**Application at Beaufort**

At the Beaufort Court House on Monday, before Mr G. S. Catlow, P.M., an application was made by Patricia Anit Rayson to the Fair Rents Board for a determination of fair rent in respect to a property in Pratt Street, Beaufort. The respondent was Mrs D. Knight.

Squadron-Leader R. C. Rayson appeared for his wife, and Mr Morley was present on behalf of Mrs Knight.

Norman B. Acton, secretary of Ripon Shire, gave evidence that the shire valuer was Mr E. S. Crouch. He confirmed the annual value of the property of £27 by the rate book. The capital value was £540.

Russell Chas. Rayson, squadron commander, R.A.A.F., stated that his wife was the lessee of the property—a furnished dwelling house of six rooms, bathroom, and kitchen. The rental was £2/10 a week. A Ballarat valuer had valued the house at £478. The house was furnished, and the furniture was approximately worth £156. He was applying for a reduction of rent.

To Mr Morley — On 19th Dec., he wrote to Mrs Knight and asked for an adjustment of the rent. Mrs Knight first asked £2/5, and they were under the impression they were not taking the telephone. Subsequently they took the house at £2/10, with the telephone. He had since had a good look at the house and had come to the conclusion that it was not worth a rental of £3/5. He was advised to have a determination of fair rent made. In view of the letter he wrote to Mrs Knight, he was still not satisfied with the condition of the house. He had not gone into the cost of putting the place in order, and Mrs Knight may have spent £87 on it. His wife looked at the place before tenancy, and came 100 miles from Melbourne to get it. They were in the position that they had to take what they could get. He believed the rent was excessive for the condition of the house.

To the P.M. — The rent at first was quoted at £2/5, and several days later it was stated that Mrs Knight had made a mistake. He had not enquired as to the determined rent.

Theo. Wm. Schlicht, sworn valuer and auctioneer, said he had been carrying on business here for 33 or 34 years. In his opinion the value of the property, judging by present prices, was that it would make £750 to £800. In 1932 he made the original valuation of £600, in a depression year. Afterwards valuations in the shire were reduced by 10 per cent., bringing it back to £540. His estimate to-day was occasioned by the normal increase in values. He considered the furniture was worth about £150, although he had not taken an inventory.

To the P.M. — The value of the property in 1940 would be very little different to now. It was a matter of supply and demand—there had been a shortage of houses in Beaufort for the past five years. The house would easily have made £700 in 1940, and the furniture would be of equal value (£150) then. It was good, old furniture, which did not depreciate in value. He would think the house had been there for 50 years, and three rooms at the back had only been up about 25 years. He would say the house would last another 50 years. The depreciation would not be more than 2 per cent., provided the place was looked after.

The P.M. then left to inspect the property.

On returning to the Court House, the P.M. said he had inspected the property, and would be surprised if the building had another 50 years of life. The building was not of great value, but the land was in a good position.

In answer to the P.M., Mr Morley said this was the first time it had been

let. The P.M. said it should have been assessed by the Board prior to letting. The regulations required that in regard to any building not before in existence, or any that had not previously been leased. However, he felt that the valuation of this place was £600 at the limit, and the furniture £150. The place was in very good repair for its age. After going into various details of the valuation, the P.M. said that £1/15/9 per week was fair rent for this property and furniture. His opinion was that fair rent for the house alone was 25/ a week.

**CRICKET CLUB**  
**RETURN MATCH AT ELMHURST.**

The Beaufort cricketers played the Federals a return match on the latter club's ground at Elmhurst on Saturday last, and it proved very enjoyable and interesting.

The Beaufort skipper again won the toss, and this time sent the home side in to bat. Van Every and Moore opened the innings to the bowling of Hunt and Bates. The former did not bowl as accurately as at Beaufort, with the result that runs came freely on a fast scoring ground. With the score at 27, Bates secured Moore's wicket for 16 on a l.b.w. decision. Jack Keith then joined his captain, and immediately settled down to a good innings, and runs continued to mount at a good rate. With 50 on the board, Morvell took up the attack, and as on many previous occasions, broke the partnership in his first over; bowling Van Every for 15i Madder (a newcomer) joined Keith, and quickly showed that he was in good form; driving Morvell for four. Another struck the bowler on the leg, and fortunately, no bones were broken. Morvell was not to be put off, and after seeing the batsman dropped from a difficult catch in the slips, had him caught at leg by Crick, who held the ball after several attempts. With the score at 3 for 80, an adjournment was made for afternoon tea.

On resuming, Martin took up the bowling with Morvell, and the batsmen were on the defensive. After bowling two overs for one run, Martin got among the wickets; having Holding caught at point and Preston in the slips off successive balls; Ranson preventing the hat trick. In Martin's next over, a batting collapse took place, when C. Keith and Ranson were bowled, and when Whiting brilliantly stumped J. Keith (who had batted splendidly for 40), the bowler had secured the hat trick, and eight were out for 125. Stan Crick took up the attack, and after opening nervously, struck a length and bowled Pounceby, and all were out for 138. The bowling honours went to H. V. Mar in, with six wickets for 21 (including the hat trick).

Beaufort opened with Whiting and Bates, but the side was soon in a very serious position; Whiting being l.b.w. to Pounceby for 0. Hunt only added three. Van Every bowled Bates for eight and Slec failed to score; being excellently caught, one-handed. Day added five before he fell a victim to Van Every, and five wickets were down for 16, when H. V. Martin joined J. Martin. These batsmen set about pulling the side together, but were prevented from settling down by a rapid change of bowling, backed up by keen fielding. They, however, won the duel for a time, and just when a winning partnership looked set, Jack Martin fell to a catch at leg off J. Keith for a well-made 20. Emerson, Crick, and Trengove gave H. V. Martin valuable support, but the latter fell a victim to the veteran, Moore, after making 33, which helped to take the score from 16 to 91, when the innings closed.

The Elmhurst bowling honours were well divided; Moore taking 3 for 8, Pounceby 3 for 11, and Trengove 3 for 11.

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**OBITUARY**

**MR. GEORGE PRINGLE.**

There were widespread expressions of regret throughout Beaufort and district at the news of the death at "Lumeah" Private Hospital, Melbourne on Sunday, of Mr George Pringle, one of the town's most widely known and respected business men. Mr Pringle was in his 71st year, and his health broke down some weeks ago, and he went to the metropolis for treatment. Until recently, he was a very active and well-preserved man, and followed his occupation as manager of Messrs. J. R. Wotherspoon & Co's. grocery department. He was born at Chute, and had lived in the district practically all his life. For many years he worked as a grocer in the town for the firms of David P. Troy & Son and J. R. Wotherspoon & Co. For a number of years he was in business on his own account and later acted as local representative of the Victorian Producers' Co-operative Co.; subsequently returning to Wotherspoon's establishment as traveller and manager of the grocery department. For 24 years he acted as secretary of the Beaufort Agricultural Society, and for about 42 years was secretary of the local Rechabite Lodge, of both of which organisations he rendered yeoman service. For a long time he was closely associated with the Beaufort Methodist Church (of which he was a trustee), choir and Sunday school, and later with the local Presbyterian Church, choir and Sunday School. He was also an elder of the Kirk Session and a member of the Board of Management. In years gone by, he also took a keen interest in local co-operative mining ventures as a speculator. A likeable man with a cheery manner and optimistic outlook, he made many friends in the community. On several occasions he was an aspirant for municipal honours, and came very close to winning a North Riding seat in the Ripon Shire Council. He was also an ardent gardener. The deceased leaves a widow, four sons, and a daughter, besides a number of grandchildren. The sons are Messrs Victor, Reg, Cliff, and Robert Pringle, and the daughter Mrs J. Letos, and all are residents of Melbourne. The remains of the late Mr George Pringle were laid to rest in the Beaufort Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon; the funeral being attended by many relatives, residents of the town and district, and representatives of the I.O.R. and Agricultural Society. Many beautiful floral tributes covered the coffin and special wreaths were received from the employees of Messrs. J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., the firm of J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., Beaufort I.O.R. Lodge, teachers and scholars of St. Andrew's Sunday School, General Despatch Depot of Dunlop Rubber Co., Board of Management of St. Andrew's Church, and the Beaufort Agricultural Society. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. Victor, Reg, Clifford and Robt. Pringle (sons), C. Lake (brother-in-law), and H. Cuthbertson. The chief mourners were Mrs Pringle (wife), Messrs. Victor and Reg Pringle (sons), Mr and Mrs Cliff Pringle (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs J. Letos (daughter), Mr and Mrs Bob Pringle (son and daughter-in-law), Messdames Richardson and Nancarrow (sisters), Mr Wm. Pringle (brother), Mr and Mrs W. Ellis (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr C. Lake (brother-in-law), Mrs R. Salter (sister-in-law). Prior to leaving for the Cemetery Rev. J. P. MacDougall conducted an impressive service at St. Andrew's Church. He also officiated at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son, of Ballarat.

**MR. ALBERT E. TRENGOVE.**

A highly respected and lifelong resident of Chute, in the person of Mr Albert Ernest Trengove, passed away on Sunday morning in the Beaufort B.N. Hospital, of which he had been an inmate for a fortnight. Mr Trengove, who had not been in robust health for some years, was 67 years of age. He was a farmer by occupation and unmarried. The deceased was a son of the late Mr and Mrs James Trengove, and was a man of a quiet disposition and friendly ways which won the esteem of all who knew him. He took a great interest in cricket, and was recognised for many years as one of the best and fairest umpires in the district. So much were his services valued, that he was frequently invited to umpire cricket matches at many neighbouring places. He leaves a number of brothers and sisters, as well as many nephews and nieces. Three of his brothers (Messrs. William, Alfred, and Percy Trengove) reside at Chute, and a sister (Mrs A. Martin) at Beaufort. The other members of the family are Mrs B. Woods (Queensland), Mr Richard Trengove (Ballarat), Mr James Trengove (Melbourne), Mrs A. A. Ware (Melbourne). Two sisters and a brother pre-deceased him. The remains of the late Mr Trengove were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery

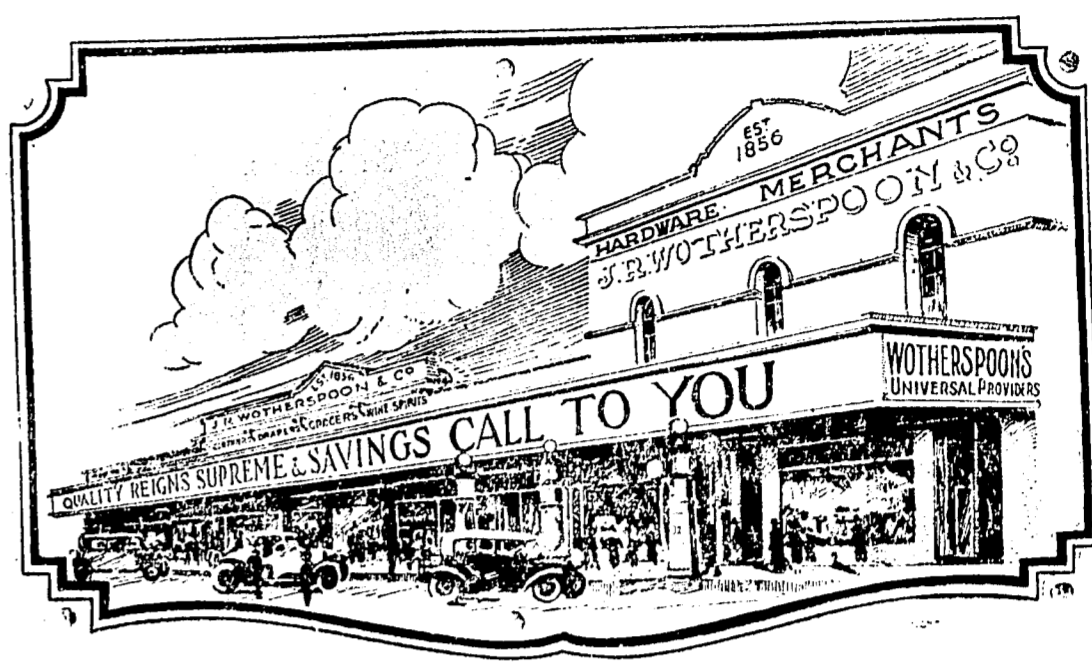
on Monday afternoon; the funeral moving from his home at Chute, of which place he was a native. There was a large attendance of relatives and residents of the district. Many beautiful floral tributes of sympathy covered the coffin, which was borne to the grave by Messrs. F. J. E. R. and H. V. Martin, Alf. Harry, and Ernest Trengove (nephews). The chief mourners, in addition to the relatives mentioned above, were Messrs. Richard, James, William, Alfred, and Percy Trengove (brothers), Mesdames A. Martin (sister), W. Trengove, Alf. Trengove, and P. Trengove (sisters-in-law), Mrs E. R. Martin (niece), Mr and Mrs Arthur McPherson, of Ballarat, Mr and Mrs Currow, of Ballarat, Mr and Mrs M. Drew, Mr and Mrs R. Larkins, Mr and Mrs G. Jardine (nieces and nephews), Messrs. Les and Stan Trengove (nephews), and Miss Ellen Trengove (niece). Rev. J. Leach conducted the Methodist burial service. Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son, of Ballarat, carried out the funeral arrangements.

**RIPON PATRIOTIC AND COMFORTS CLUB.**

During February the canteen sub-committee of the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club sent away 155 canteen

orders of the value of 5/ each to district troops, and forwarded 128 woollen garments to Headquarters Australian Comforts Fund. This fund furnishes 70 per cent. of the war services of the Salvation Army, and 100 per cent. of the war services of the Y.M.C.A. Knit- ters are asked to continue knitting khaki socks, 10½ inches to 11½ inches. The committee has received information that Private T. W. Smith, of Waterloo, was pleasantly surprised to get four permit parcels of tobacco and cigarettes from the club at a prison camp in Germany, which had been addressed to Italy, where he was previously interned. The secretary of the Waterloo Sports Club has notified the committee that all proceeds resulting from its Easter Saturday effort will be handed to patriotic bodies; the proposed deduction of 10 per cent. having been waived. A donation of two young roosters was received, with thanks, from Mrs R. J. McErvale, of Trawalla, last week. A record was established at the Asbestos Store last Thursday afternoon, when, under the management of Mrs Newton and Mrs Halpin, the net takings were £13/1. Bends of any size, colour, nature or quality may now be left at the store as the committee can make use of them for patriotic purposes.

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nobby 3 for 15, Van Every 2 for 9, and Keith 2 for 24. Scores:—
FEDERALS.
V. Van Every, b Morvell . . . . . 15
W. J. Moore, l.b.w. Bates . . . . . 14
J. D. Keith, std. Whiting, b Martin, 49
H. Madder, c Crick, b Morvell . . . 12
G. Ranson, b Martin . . . . . 5
A. Holding, c Hunt, b Martin . . . 14
N. Preston, c Slee, b Martin . . . 0
C. Keith, b Martin . . . . . 0
C. Rafferty, not out . . . . . 5
J. Keith, b Martin . . . . . 4
T. Pounceby, b Crick . . . . . 2
Sundries . . . . . 16

Total . . . . . 134
Bowling — H. V. Martin, 6/21; C. Morvell, 2/25; S. Crick, 1/5; J. Bates, 1/25; Slee, 0/13; Hunt, 0/33.

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A. Whiting, l.b.w., b Pounceby . . . 0
J. Bates, b Van Every . . . . . 8
J. Hunt, c Holding, b Pounceby . . . 3
J. Martin, c Keith, b J. Keith . . . 20
M. Slee, c Preston, b Pounceby . . . 0
N. Day, b Van Every . . . . . 5
H. V. Martin, b Moore . . . . . 33
E. Emerson, b J. Keith . . . . . 5
S. Crick, c Madder, b Moore . . . . 4
S. Crick, c Madder, b Moore . . . . 4
H. Trengove, not out . . . . . 4
C. Morvell, b Moore . . . . . 0
Sundries . . . . . 9

Total . . . . . 91
Bowling — W. J. Moore, 3/8; T. Pounceby, 3/15; V. Van Every, 2/9; J. D. Keith, 2/24; Rafferty, 0/14; Madder, 0/4; Holding, 0/8.

During the afternoon tea interval, Mr W. J. Moore, in a breezy speech, welcomed the visitors to Elmhurst, and Mr H. V. Martin responded on behalf of the visitors.

AMEDED BEAUFORT

MAIL TIMES

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Outward for Middle Creek. — Closing 12.35 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. Inward from Middle Creek. — Due 4.25 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Outward for Trawalla. — Closing 3.55 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Saturdays, 12.30 p.m.

Convalescent. — The friends of Mr and Mrs T. Ryan, of Landsborough, will be pleased to learn that their eldest son, Kevin, who is an inmate of the Children's Convalescent Home, Sherbrooke, is making a quick recovery. — "Avoca Free Press."

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Notes From Various Sources

THE COMFORTABLE WOMAN.

If there is one person more than another whom we love to meet it is the "comfortable woman." She has no rough angles; she accomplishes more in one day than most people do in two, yet she always has time to comfort a crying child, hear a husband, and see the beauties of blue sky, flower and leaf-shadow. It is interesting to trace the meanings of words to their fountain source. The dictionary's definition of comfort is "with strength," and it goes on to say that it is "positive enjoyment of a quiet and permanent kind."
The old saying that "virtue is its own reward" is exemplified in the comfortable woman, for, lacking the nervousness which is the bane of the existence of the average Australian woman, she does not waste her time and strength, but wisely conserves them, and her work is accomplished with an ease which makes her the marvel of all her friends with nerves. Because she keeps a steady poise and thinks before she acts, the household machinery is well oiled, and there is no energy expended in rushing here and there after something needed at the last minute. Best of all, she wears a smile instead of a frown, and to her and hers home is the best place on earth, even though it is tiny, but simple and plain in its furnishings.
It isn't as hard to be a comfortable woman as one might think. After the first struggle it is largely a matter of habit, and the best of it is that it is contagious, and if steadily persisted in by the good wife, it is apt to "run throughout the family," with the opposite result from usual cases of contagion in that it will actually tend to cut down doctor's bills. Isn't it worth trying?

ORIGIN OF ASTHMA.

In certain cases asthma starts, because dust passing into the air-passes worries the delicate nerve-threads in their flimsy walls and throws the lungs out of working order. In some people an attack of asthma is set up by a trifling amount of harmless dust, as when the grooming of a horse, the sweeping out of a room, or the brushing of a coat brings on an attack. A physician brought before a society of medical men in London pieces of diseased lungs from a man who for many years had been a sufferer. Nearly by all that time he had been worried by asthma. "The pieces of lung, instead of being light and spongy, as they should have been, were heavy and solid; and on carefully looking at this slice of them with a magnifying glass, glistening crystals could be seen, which turned out to be tiny particles which had flown off from the stone as the man bent over his work."

Ahead of His Tongue.

It was at a trade union meeting. "One of the masses" had stepped on to the platform to argue the point with his wavering brethren. He was in deadly earnest, but his ideas outstripped his tongue. The close of a never heard address found him very incoherent.

"I tell you straight, if you persist in standing alone, you'll be isolated. When you count your money, you'll find you have none; you'll be a shilling short of sixpence. Are we a lot of jackasses? Not we. With combination, we could perform impossibilities. Napoleon crossing the Alps in an open boat would be a more circumstance to it. Ah, yes," the speaker pathetically wound up, "union is strenuous; if we don't stand together for the right, we'll get lost. What we want, my brothers, is more work less of it."

Caught on the Rebound.

"John, dear," said Mrs. Skimpson, as she poured the coffee at the breakfast table, "if I remember rightly, you have often said you disliked to see a woman constantly getting herself late!"

"That's right," rejoined Skimpson. "You consider it indelicate and unwomanly, don't you?"

"Certainly do."

"And you don't think a sensible man would allow his wife to do anything like that?"

"Most assuredly not."

"Well, John, I'm glad you have such radical views on the subject, because they justify me in asking for a new silk dress."

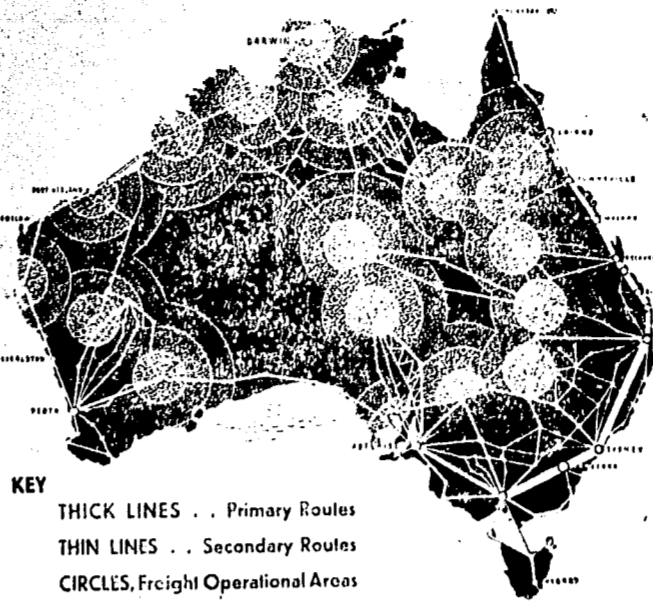
"What?"

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PERSONAL

Continued from another page. Dr. Gordon Little has gone away for a fortnight, and Dr. Logan has been acting as locum tenens. Mrs A. S. Duncan, of Beaufort, is away from the town on holidays.

In the Australian song competition over the air on Sunday night, Mr Noel Wotherspoon (formerly of Beaufort) sang the winning ballad for Victoria. "This is My Land," which was written by Corpl. Jones, R.A.A.F., and Mrs Jones.

Mr Harry Baker, a ganger on the Beaufort railway staff, is leaving shortly for Rupunuyup. He has been a valued member of the Beaufort Platoon of the V.D.C., in which he holds the non-commissioned rank of corporal, and for about two years has acted as a committeeman of the Ripon Sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League.

Mr and Mrs R. T. Macdonald, of Beaufort, have been spending a holiday at Warmambool.

After relieving at Ararat, Maryborough, and Avoca, Miss Heather Campbell, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Campbell, Beaufort, is now on the staff of the Bourke Street C.B.S. Bank, Melbourne.

WOOL APPRAISMENTS

Australian Mercantile Land and Finance Co. Ltd. report (March 2): JW/Trawalla (Chepstowe), aac com 27 aac 26d aac com 24d. Strachan & Co. Ltd. report (March 7):—LS/T (Trawalla), 224d.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.

A letter was read from Sergt. G. S. Cogle of Beaufort A.N.A. meeting on Tuesday night, thanking the branch for a Xmas. canteen order. The president (Mr C. V. Wylie) was in the chair. The General Secretary wrote, forwarding the funeral expenses of the late Mrs R. A. D. Sinclair. Sick-pay and accounts amounting to £161/0/5 were passed for payment. The treasurer (Mr N. S. McLeod) reported a credit balance of £404/6/10. In regard to the Youth Movement recently brought forward by the secretary (Mr H. V. Martin), Mr Wylie (president) reported that he had interviewed Mr G. S. Catlow, P.M., Secretary of the Ballarat Youth Centre, who gave an outline of the activities of the movement in that city. — The matter is to be held in abeyance until such time as the president and others get an opportunity of seeing the movement in operation in Ballarat.

275; Aug., 286; Sept., 294; Oct., 472; Nov., 565; Dec., 223; total, 2968.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Navy, Army and Air Force.

In a recent Army casualty list appeared the name of Pte. J. H. Bridg (Army Medical Corps), who was wounded in action. Mr Max Torney, of Beaufort, passed AI for the Navy, but his release has not been granted by the man power authorities.

BEAUFORT RAINFALL

RECORDS FROM 1914.

Details of the rainfall registered at Beaufort Post Office from 1914 are as follows:—

1914. — January, 74 points; February, 5; March, 79; April, 162; May, 102; June, 73; July, 165; August, 32; September, 67; October, 44; Nov., 129; December, 370; total, 1302. 1915. — Jan., 90 points; Feby., 31; March, 53; April, 168; May, 187; June, 233; July, 154; Aug., 201; Sept., 371; Oct., 156; Nov., 90; Dec., 29; total, 1767. 1916. — Jan., 256; Feby., 74; March, 99; April, 169; May, 41; June, 274; July, 250; Aug., 241; Sept., 460; Oct., 304; Nov., 285; Dec., 370; total, 2739. 1917. — Jan., 83 points; Feby., 142; March, 110; April, 92; May, 275; June, 156; July, 159; Aug., 336; Sept., 320; Oct., 277; Nov., 176; Dec., 101; total, 2127.

1918. — Jan., 85; Feby., 67; March, 205; April, 204; May, 293; June, 195; July, 198; Aug., 289; Sept., 156; Oct., 141; Nov., 20; Dec., 93; total, 1946. 1919. — Jan., 18; Feby., 264; March, 149; April, 22; May, 170; June, 130; July, 157; Aug., 183; total, 1548. 1920. — Jan., 25; Feby., 8; March, 72; April, 56; May, 161; June, 221; July, 191; Aug., 433; Sept., 229; Oct., 114; Nov., 300; Dec., 66; total, 1876.

1921. — Jan., 278; Feby., 145; March, 79; April, 52; May, 208; June, 162; July, 178; Aug., 332; Sept., 169; Oct., 215; Nov., 190; Dec., 64; total, 2072. 1922. — Jan., 40; Feby., 84; March, 17; April, 105; May, 280; June, 198; July, 235; Aug., 185; Sept., 196; Oct., 199; Nov., 58; Dec., 169; total, 1764. 1923. — Jan., 110; Feby., 26; March, 9; April, 1; May, 387; June, 559; July, 753; Aug., 258; Sept., 266; Oct., 358; Nov., 230; Dec., 304; total, 3171.

1924. — Jan., 184; Feby., 542; March, 44; April, 210; May, 195; June, 277; July, 118; Aug., 450; Sept., 381; Oct., 325; Nov., 650; Dec., 114; total, 3890. 1925. — Jan., 156; Feby., 170; March, 82; April, 128; May, 347; June, 141; July, 271; Aug., 197; Sept., 410; Oct., 120; Nov., 166; Dec., 31; total, 2219. 1926. — Jan., 72; Feby., 21; March, 56; April, 263; May, 328; June, 396; July, 338; Aug., 230; Sept., 186; Oct., 356; Nov., 201; Dec., 143; total, 2590. 1927. — Jan., 25; Feby., 97; March, 99; April, 93; May, 385; June, 123; July, 363; Aug., 307; Sept., 171; Oct., 169; Nov., 116; Dec., 167; total, 2115.

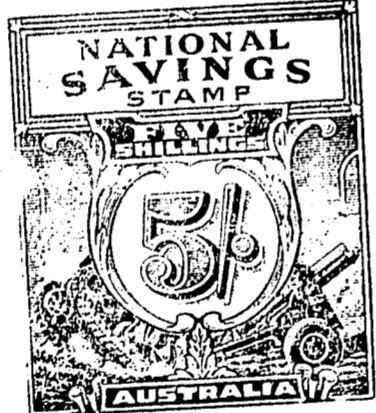
1928. — Jan., 518; Feby., 501; March, 156; April, 227; May, 230; June, 205; July, 180; August, 81; Sept., 312; Oct., 502; Nov., 83; Dec., 89; total, 3174. 1929. — Jan., 139; Feby., 402; March, 154; April, 319; May, 196; June, 419; July, 282; Aug., 488; Sept., 205; Oct., 270; Nov., 278; Dec., 244; total, 3129. 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., 322; March, 470; April, 470; May, 99; June, 333; July, 2086; Aug., 372; Sept., 181; Oct., 268; Nov., 102; Dec., 251; total, 3127. 1933. — Jan., 232; Feby., 8; March, 129; April, 133; May, 258; June, 151; July, 162; 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,

AN OMISSION. — The name of Helen French was omitted from the list of proficiency certificate winners supplied to us and published in our last issue.

ACCIDENTS. — Mrs Jay, of Beaufort, who is of advanced years, fell on a woodheap and badly cut her face and head rather severely. — Mr head rather severely. — Mr T. Bending, of Eurambeen, badly cut his foot with an axe, and stitches had to be inserted.

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### DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO ACCEDE TO COUNCIL'S WISHES

The following letter came before the meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday:—

From Secretary for Railways, stating in reply to council's letter of 24th Jan., that at the request of the Commonwealth authorities, intrastate travel by interstate trains had for the past two or three years been subject to restriction in order to conserve accommodation on such trains for long distance passengers, and thus avoid the running of additional trains, except where necessary for troop movements. Consequently only passengers for Ararat and beyond were now permitted to travel in the down Overland. So far as the travel of defence personnel was concerned the military authorities advised that personnel from operational areas were not disadvantaged by reason of the train service not fitting in with their immediate movements, as their leave commenced only from the time of arrival at their destination, and that in the case of servicemen on annual leave in Victoria, travelling time was added to the leave period. With regard to school children, it was considered that even if arrangements could be made for the down Overland to stop at Beaufort, their arrival time at that station, 10.13 p.m., could not be regarded as a suitable service for them. In all the circumstances, the Commissioners regretted they were unable, while the present conditions continued, to accede to the wishes of the Council.

Cr. Roddis moved that a copy of the letter be sent to the Dads' Association.

Cr. Schlicht — They were the big noise in Beaufort now.

The motion was seconded by Cr. Wills, and carried.

### HEALTH REPORTS.

### Position in Shire

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

Notice of a birth was received.

From analyst, forwarding annual report. Received.

Dr. J. Blair Donaldson, M.O.H., reported for February that there were no infectious diseases, general health was good, and there was nothing of importance to report.

Received.

L. A. La Roche, health inspector, reported that he had made inspections in the shire of business and other places and found that generally they complied with the health regulations. Notices issued had been complied with. The buildings and improvements ordered at the slaughter yard, Skipton, had been completed, but the butcher's shop would be completed when material was available. A number of verbal complaints had been attended to and adjusted. One complaint about an easement and drainage was without foundation and frivolous. A septic tank in Beaufort was overflowing, and immediate attention was necessary. Plans for a septic tank were to be forwarded to the Council for the new factory now in the course of erection at Beaufort. Generally the sanitary condition of the shire was satisfactory.

Mr. La Roche said a case of meningitis had been reported in the town, and the child had been sent to Ballarat by Dr. Logan. Cr. Young said the child was four months old and was getting on very well. All the children of the locality had been swabbed and kept home from school.

From Dr. Gordon Little, Beaufort, reporting for January a case of scarlet fever. The patient was isolated at home. Youthful contacts in the same household were removed to relatives' houses where there were no children. Throat infections were prevalent of some severity, but complications arising directly from them had so far been rare. A few cases of mumps were also noted during the month. Attendances at the Baby Health Centre numbered 24 for Jan.—Received.

Dr. Gordon Little, Beaufort, reported for February that no cases of notifiable diseases occurred. Throat infections continued to be prevalent. Two cases of whooping cough were noted. These were infected outside the shire and were isolated from susceptible children at an early stage. So far, no other children had been infected. Several mild cases of pink disease had occurred during the past few months. Any mother who noticed that her infant was becoming irritable and disinclined to eat and was losing weight should seek advice, as this complaint commenced insidiously in such a manner as might result in a long drawn out and debilitating illness. There were 26 attendances at the Baby Health Centre during the month.—Received.

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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, J. A. Hinton, S. Young, T. W. Schlicht, M. E. L. Watkin, P. Russell, A. C. Roddis, and D. McDonald.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Country Roads Board, with regard to having taken over the portion of the Western Highway passing through the town.

Received.

From Country Roads Board, concerning width of roadway on Western Highway. If existing pavement was not more than 40 ft., it was not intended to provide for its widening.—The engineer said it was 18 ft., and the Board would do what was necessary.

From Country Roads Board, in relation to old bridges.

The engineer said he did not know of anywhere it affected them, excepting an unwanted bridge at Long Hill. The letter was received.

From Lands Department, in respect to road, Parish of Trawalla (H. Bantz).—To lie on the table for a month and engineer to report, on motion of Crs. Russell and Roddis.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Married Members, £1/5/ per annum; Married Returned Soldiers, and Members of the Second A.I.F., £1 per annum; Single Men, £1 per annum; Sons and daughters of members, 5/ per annum; Single Lady, 15/.

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### BALLARAT MARKET.

### Sheep and Cattle Prices.

Tuesday.

CATTLE — Another light yarding of 109 came to hand. A keen demand existed throughout and values hardened on last week's improved rates. Quotations:—Prime medium-weight bullocks, £20 to £22; prime heavy-weight bullocks, £24 to £26/2/6; good, £17 to £19; good lightweight bullocks, £14/10/ to £16; prime cows, £14 to £16/10/; extra heavy, to £18/17/6; good, £11 to £13; useful, £7 to £9.

CALVES — 114 were penned. Competition was keen and values were higher. Best made £18/11/.

SHEEP — 5902 were penned. Competition was very animated throughout, and values were fully 4/ to 5/ a head dearer for trade quality. Export and canning ewes showed little alteration. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 32/ to 36/10; good, 28/ to 30/; prime crossbred ewes, 24/ to 27/10; a few 2-tooths to 38/1; good, 19/ to 22/; prime merino wethers, 30/ to 33/10; good, 24/ to 27/.

LAMBS — Another light offering of 1478. Competition was excited owing to the short supply, and values showed a further advance on last week's extremely high rates. Quotations:—Prime, 36/ to 40/; extra, to 43/; a few, to 45/10; good, 30/ to 33/; useful, 24/ to 28/.

DISTRICT SALES — The following district sales were effected:— 68 wethers and ewes, executors late J. Ringin, Chepstowe, wethers 27/4 to 20/10, ewes 15/4; 81 merino ewes, Mr E. A. Fay, Middle Creek, to 14/10; 31 lambs, to 25/1; 4 calves, Mr R. Waldron, Shirley, at £3/11/; 100 merino wethers and ewes, Mr M. O'Loughlan, Ballyrogan, wethers 28/1 to 22/10, ewes 16/7 to 10/7; cow, Mr A. M. Mathews, Burrumbeet, £14/17/5, 5 bullocks £8/13/6 to £13/8/6, av. cragging £11/14/6; 104 Corriedale ewes, St. Enoch's Estate, Stockyard Hill, 17/7; 110 comeback ewes, Mr T. R. Shady, Skipton, 22/7 to 12/1, averaging 20/7; 105 merino wethers and ewes, Mr L. P. Chase, Skipton, wethers 33/10, topping the market for merino wethers, to 19/4, averaging 27/3, ewes 14/10; 18 Jambos, Mrs C. Herbertsot, Lexton, 15/1.

Wrist Broken. — Mr Des. Smith, of Beaufort, who is the local agent for the A.M.P. Society, met with an accident at Middle Creek on Tuesday, 27th Feb'y. He was riding a fractious horse, when the animal suddenly reared and fell backward on him; breaking his right wrist.

P.O.W. Shop. — The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. Shop desire to thank all donors and helpers last week. Helpers were Mesdames A. E. Exell, L. Lofis, L. Robinson, Crocker, and Misses Hannah and Anderson. Receipts were £7/15/6. Cash donations — Mrs McIntyre, Pretty Tower, 15/; Mrs Clark, 2/; Miss King, 5/. Donations in cash or goods are greatly appreciated.

Beaufort V.D.C. — Captain C. H. McKay and Lieuts. G. Oddie and S. R. Pascoe were in charge of a rifle match held on Saturday afternoon by the Beaufort Platoon of the V.D.C. at the 400 yds. range. Some good scores were registered. To-morrow (Sunday) members of the platoon will take part in the finals of the 20th Bn. rifle competition at the Canadian range, Ballarat. A truck will leave the Shire Hall, Beaufort, for Ballarat at 8 a.m., and the shooting at Canadian will commence at 9.30 a.m.

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**RIPONSHIRE REPORTS.**

**Committee Meetings**

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

**SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.**  
The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) submitted the following financial statement:—Sundry receipts paid to bank £1320/14/6; cheques paid, £838/13/5; Cr. balance last report, £602/11/2; Cr. balance, 12/3/45, £1084/12/3.  
Ridings Account. — North, Dr. £260 18/3; East, Cr. £253/8/11; West, Cr. £937/14/7; Beaufort Water Supply, Cr. £163/5/10; Trust, Cr. £40.

Adopted. The secretary said the Council was in a sound financial position. Cr. Russell — Don't boast about it. Cr. Young — Declare a dividend. (Laughter).

**REPORT OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMMITTEE.**

The Electricity Supply Committee reported that a meeting was held on 12th Feb'y. Crs. Schlicht, Young, and Watkin being present. The following accounts were passed for payment, on motion of Crs. Young and Watkin:—Wages, £144/9/; P.M. General, £4/9/11; petty cash, £1/10/; W. C. Sleight, £11 8/9; total, £164/17/8. The report of the engineer in charge was received. The secretary reported a Dr balance of £45 13/10.

Adopted.

**N.R. MEMBERS' REPORT.**

The North Riding Committee reported that they met on 12th Feb'y. Crs. Schlicht, Young, and Watkin being present. It was resolved that Henry Kelly be appointed foreman for North Riding. On motion of Crs. Young and Watkin, it was decided that in regard to Mrs Pearce's complaint that Com-

mon gates were left open by wood-cutter, the Forest Commission be written to with a request that they issue instructions that gate is to be kept closed. Mrs Pearce to be informed accordingly. And that the Common managers do not admit any liability for loss of cows. It was resolved that Mr Donigan be asked to ascertain from the Railway Department whether rumours circulating around Beaufort that alterations are to be made to railway crossing are true. That the new Rural Fire Authority be written to, asking, in the event of the Council erecting a building to house the new fire truck and unit adjoining the present Fire Brigade building. If the Authority will take over the building and refund cost of same to the Council.  
Adopted.

**FINANCE.**

The following accounts were passed for payment, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee:—Day labour vouchers, £247/2/8; Government Primitives, £7/7/1; A. M. Parker, £4/14/6; Colarles, £41/18/4, £15/0/3, £36/5/10; Colonal Mutual, £6/15/4; Commissioner of Taxes, £9/5/2; plant depreciation a/c., £50; L. E. La Roche, £9/15/; War Veterans' Homes, £20; War Savings Group, £20; Electric Light a/c., £14/1/4; State Treasurer (loans), £63/1/11; A. J. Nicholl, £1/5/; C. C. Rayner, £8/12/6; R. Sandlant, £3; H. Powell, £4/16/; J. Duke, £1/10/; A. H. Hall, £2; Commercial Union Insurance Co., 5/; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £1/1/; Country Roads Board, £8/18/1; B. & W. Co-op., £2/10/7; Yeoman Bros., £10/3/7; Mining Supplies, £2/2/1; Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd., £27/0/10; Loveland & Loader Pty. Ltd., £11/9/; Wilson's Motors, £7 11/5; engineer, £11/17/7; C. Bates, £29 16/4; total, £681/16/1.  
Country Roads Board Accounts — Vouchers, £122/18/3



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**THIRD VICTORY LOAN.**  
The Ripon Shire Council dealt with the following letter at their meeting on Monday:—  
From E. Leeson, Deputy Director, Victorian War Loans, stating that arrangements had been completed for a military truck containing enemy equipment to visit Beaufort on Friday, 23rd March, at 8 p.m. It would stay the night and depart at 9 a.m. next day. This equipment differed considerably from that displayed on former tours, and the personnel would include one of their own officers, a military comper who will explain the equipment, and the driver. He would like them to arrange with the local schoolmaster that the children of the school and any others they could contact, be given an opportunity of seeing this equipment, as owing to the lengthy itinerary, it was not possible for the party to stay long in any one town. The object of the tour was to impress the people with the fact that their money had enabled our forces to capture this equipment.  
Referred to N.R. members, on the motion of Crs. Roddis and Hinton. The secretary said he had received advanced subscriptions to the amount of £1300. The sum of £16,000 was required from 200 subscribers. Cr. Roddis moved that notices be put up in the post offices of the shire in regard to the Third Victory Loan, and that it be advertised twice in the Ballarat and Beaufort papers. Seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.

Mr R. Saddler, of Beaufort railway staff, is on holiday leave.  
On Friday night, 9th inst., a billiard match was played between the Beaufort Fire Brigade and R.S.L. at the Mechanics Institute, and the R.S.L. team won by 701 points to 681. R. C. Hodgetts (17) obtained the prize for the highest break. Full scores held over.  
A donation of £20/7/9 from the Beaufort Agricultural Society was received at the fortnightly meeting of the Red Cross Branch. The president (Mrs Theodor Beggs) was in the chair. It was agreed to help at the Waterloo sports for the patriotic organisations on Easter Saturday. Many gifts of knitted and sewn articles were received.  
The annual meeting of the Beaufort P.W.M.U. was held on Wednesday, 7th March. There were 24 present, including two visitors. The report and balance-sheet gave evidence of splendid collection and a straight out giving apother church organisations were greatly helped. Mrs Taylor of the Monastery gave a very lucid and interesting talk on the proposed changes in the constitution of the P.W.M.U. After votes of thanks and a Benediction there was merry chat over the teacups.

**Repatriation Committee and Council**

**LETTER NOT RECEIVED.**  
At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, the following letter was read:—  
From Local Repatriation Committee, stating that name submitted by Council for inclusion on committee is not acceptable.  
Cr. Schlicht said he had heard that when the nomination was refused there was no reflection on the councillor concerned, as the numbers were sufficient. He moved that the letter in its present wording was very distasteful to the Council and should not be received.  
Cr. Roddis — He thought a member for each riding should be on the committee, but these people appeared not to want the Council on the committee. They should know from them the reason why they objected to their nominee. It was a slur on the Council. Their nominee was a man fit to be on the committee, which was carried.  
Cr. Young supported the remarks of the previous speakers. This matter came up because the president said the committee should be added to. He was nominated, but said he did not want to increase his activities, and suggested Cr. Watkin. Cr. Watkin did not seek a position on the committee, but being the younger man was nominated

by the president because the repatriation general committee—about which he did not agree—had the power to add. They had suggested a name that was unacceptable. In his view Cr. Watkin was more acceptable than many sitting on the general repatriation committee. He supported the motion.  
Cr. Watkin said as Cr. Young had explained, he was not seeking election to this committee. As Crs. Young and Schlicht had declined nomination, he required a N.R. member on the committee. If his name was not acceptable to the committee, as apparently it was not, it would be hard to frame a more nominee. Cr. Schlicht if the president still required a N.R. member on the committee.  
Cr. Schlicht — The reason given was that there was nothing personal against Cr. Watkin, but they did not want any more members on the committee.  
The president (Cr. Kirkpatrick) — He was at the committee meeting, and saying the meeting was held in committee and nothing should come out.  
Cr. Schlicht — It was casting a reflection on a public man and holding a meeting in committee did not show much "guts." They should stand up and give the reasons, instead of hiding behind this meeting in committee and saying Cr. Watkin's name was unacceptable. They were hitting at him in the dark and not coming out in the open and giving the reasons why he was not acceptable.

The president — A senior member of the Repatriation Commission said it was much better to have power to add, as if a man elected left the district at any time, they could add to it.  
Cr. Young — You should have resigned.  
Cr. Schlicht — The selection was one of the poorest any public meeting had ever made in Beaufort. They could not have hunted the shire for a worse lot.  
L/A.C. Weston, of Beaufort, has been home on leave.  
First-constable S. P. Emerson leaves Beaufort for his new station at Mantra on Monday.  
A carpet bowls competition held by Beaufort P.B. Ladies' Club on Tuesday resulted in a win for Mesdames Hare, Geroovich, and Mr P. J. Martin.  
Rabbit drive was organised by Mr J. Crozier for the Beaufort Bowling Club on Langi Kal Station. Five hundred rabbits were obtained.  
Rev. J. Leach conducted successful harvest festival services at Beaufort Methodist Church on Sunday. On Monday a sale of gifts was held in the schoolroom.  
Beaufort P.B. Ladies' Club held euchre and carpet bowls social on Saturday night, and the results were:—Euchre — Ladies: Mesdames Duke and Willis divided 1 and 2. Men: Harold George, 1; Mr A. S. Duncan, 2. Secret Carpet Bowls—Mesdames Hare, Geroovich, and Mr P. J. Martin.

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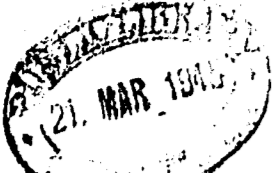
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GEORGE. — In fond remembrance of our dear friend, Mrs S. George...

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY. Men are remembered for their deeds—good and bad.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1945. LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES

Mrs and Mrs J. Irving of Burrumburp, Maroonia, spent the week-end with Mr and Mrs J. Irving, junr., at Beaufort.

The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. Shop desire to thank all donors and helpers last week.

In the finals of the 20th Bn., V.D.C. rifle competitions at Ballarat on Sunday...

A card evening was held at Mrs J. E. Pearce's home on Wednesday night for St. John's Tennis Club.

The winners were Mesdames Word, Robinson, and Worsley. The prizes for the lowest number of flags went to Mrs Duke and Messrs Stewart and Robinson.

The annual distribution of prizes to the scholars of the Sunday school took place at the morning service at Beaufort Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Awards of books were made to the kindergarten and primary school, and kindergartens and primary schools of war savings stamps to the scholars.

A competition for a dinner was won by Mr T. Trafford.

WAR MEMORIAL. Cr. Young's Views

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, Cr. Hinton said he had had the opportunity of seeing a wonderful affair at Horsham, and he strongly advised councillors if they were going to build to go and see it.

Cr. Schlicht — More than they could afford. There was a nice one at Warracknabeal.

Cr. Young — The East and West ridings had always blocked it. Schlicht, asked for his views by Cr. Schlicht, Cr. Young said he was the one who Cr. Young said he was the one who Cr. Young said he was the one who...

Cr. Young — They wanted to win first. The president said that what money they had would go in taxation and war.

Cr. Young — When people talked about a picture theatre and dance hall as a war memorial, it was an abuse of language. He did not think a dance hall and picture theatre worthy of the fallen soldiers.

Cr. Young — They knew quite well that the E. and W. ridings would not have a rival hall? It was tied so that no one else could have pictures in Beaufort.

The president informed members that there was nothing before the chair, and the matter dropped.

COMING EVENTS. MAKE A NOTE OF THEM. Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

It is notified by advertisement that trespassers on Langi-Kal-Kal and Erclidoun Estates will be prosecuted.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS. Waterloo and Chute

A social to aid the gymkhana at Waterloo on Saturday night resumed in a profit of £7. The event was organised by Cr. Kirkpatrick and he agreed to co-operate with them in regard to this building.

The president — He understood they were not going to do anything until after the war. If the Council decided to have new chambers, they could have a hall there. It would be in connection with the Council meetings, as a museum.

At a meeting at Skipton, a local Representation Committee was formed, the following as an executive:—Messrs. F. Funston, R. Atkin, E. W. Austin, U. F. Thomas, A. Rowe, E. D. Mackintosh, and G. P. Milrose.

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Mrs Stevens and Mr Chaisey were the winners of the Saturday night euchre tournament at Skipton; Mrs W. Wise, junr., winning the Red Cross euchre tournament on Tuesday afternoon.

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Notes From Various Sources

On Thursday night a meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Town Band was held. The motion to arrange a trip for band and committee was rescinded.

At the Beaufort B.N. Hospital meeting on Monday night, donations amounting to £35 were received. It was decided to ask the Federal member and the Shire Council for their support in an endeavour to get relief from taxation.

Although the weather was unfavourable, the annual race in connection with Beaufort B.N. Hospital on Saturday, was successful, and the takings were £20. Status were conducted by one lady auxiliary and stewards by the men of the committee.

There was a fair attendance at a meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Agricultural Society, held on Thursday night at the Mechanics Institute; Mr W. Lynch (president) presiding. The secretary (Mr S. P. Emerson) reported that he had written to the "Farm and Home Journal" and the "Journal of the Department of Agriculture" and also to the Department of Agriculture about a lecturer, but had received no reply.

Committee reserve right to alter programme. Protests must be lodged within 10 minutes after event, and be accompanied by the sum of 10/- which will be forfeited if protest be deemed frivolous.

All logs to be drawn for at 1.15 p.m. Competitors must pay at gate. All competitors must be prepared to sign a statutory declaration, if necessary.

OFFICE-BEARERS.—President, Mr J. J. Dunn; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Lewis and C. Lewis; secretary and treasurer, Wm. McEwale.

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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.

MARRIAGE. Mr. J. R. WATKINS, Melbourne, is to marry Miss. M. J. HARRIS, Melbourne, on Sunday, 24th March, at 4 p.m. at the Mechanics' Institute, at 8 o'clock.

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NATIONAL HEALTH. This is of interest to YOU. A LECTURE by DR. GORDON LITTLE, sponsored by the A.N.A., will be given on TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 20th, 8.30, at BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. All Welcome. Special invitation to A.N.A. Members at 7.30 p.m. C. V. WYLLIE, President; H. V. MARTIN Secretary.

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ARRANGEMENTS have been made for a Military Truck containing Enemy Equipment to visit BEAUFORT on FRIDAY, 23rd MARCH, and it will be parked at the Band Rotunda at 8 o'clock p.m. A Military Officer will explain the equipment.

CHURCH SERVICES. SUNDAY, 18th MARCH, 1945. Church of England. — Beaufort, 8 and 7; Learmonth, 11; Waubra, 2; Trawalla, 3.30—Rev. W. J. Tame. Beaufort, 11—Lay Helper.

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

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

### BALLARAT MARKET.

#### Sheep and Cattle Prices.

The following district sales were effected at the Ballarat Stock Market on Tuesday—8 cows, Mr C. C. Tucker, Raglan, to £10/15/0; 9 calves £12/10/0 to £7/11/0; 7 bullocks and cow, Messrs. A. and W. Notman, Skipton, bullocks £22 10/ to £20/12/6, averaging £21/14/2, cow £11/15/0, 4 calves £11/3/6 to £8/6/7; 7 steers, Mrs E. M. Smith, Waterloo, £15 15/ to £12/10/0, averaging £14/1/5; 2 cows, Mr A. L. Trengove, Chute, £8 to £7/5/7, calf £7/10/0; cow, Miss K. Smith, Waterloo, £13/2/6; cow, Mr P. C. Trengove, Chute, £10/2/6; 2 calves, Mr W. P. Trengove, Chute, £8/18/6 to £4/10/0; 256 crossbred and combback ewes, Mr Hubert J. Smith, Stockyard Hill, 12/7 to 6/10; 121 crossbred and combback ewes, Mr Austin J. Hinton, Carranballe, 18/7 to 11/1, averaging 15/; 66 merino wethers, 2-tooths and ewes, Mrs M. Campbell, Nerring, wethers 14/7, 2-tooths 13/10, ewes to 11/1; 50 crossbred and combback ewes, Mrs Hambrook, Skipton, to 13/6; 11 lambs to 20/; 20 crossbred ewes and wethers, Mr C. C. Tucker, Raglan, wethers 33/4 to 28/11, ewes 26/7; 12 ewes and combback wethers, Mr R. S. Alexander, Skipton, wethers 21/10 to 19/4, ewes 15/1, 5 lambs 20/; 100 Corriedales, Mr Alex. Bain, Stockyard Hill, wethers to 27/7, ewes to 19/10; 358 merino ewes and wethers, estate late J. Ringin, Chesstowe, to 21/10, 29 merino wethers 19/7; 4 calves, Mr R. Waldron, Shirley, to £2/11/; 36 merino ewes, Mr Geo. Coster, Mortchup, to 13/, averaging 10/7.

### BEAUFORT RAINFALL

1941. — Jan., 493; Feb., 55; March 204; April, 217; May, 94; June, 306; July, 236; Aug., 340; Sept., 368; Oct., 228; Nov., 200; Dec., 182; total, 2959.  
1942.—Jan., 138; Feb., 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; Feb., 156; March 31; April, 224; May, 185; June, 253; July, 265; August, 221; September, 293; October, 173; November, 137; December, 66; total, 2029 points.  
1944. — January, 138; February, 76; March, 97; April, 215; May, 385; June, 72; July, 250; August, 93; September, 113; October, 254; November, 138; December 270; total, 2071.  
1945.—January, 93; February, 222.

### A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

#### NATIONAL PROGRAMME

Relayed from No. 1 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals.

**SUNDAYS**  
6.45 a.m. 9.00 a.m.  
12.50 p.m. 5.00 p.m.  
7.00 p.m. 10.00 p.m.

**WEEK DAYS**  
6.45 a.m. 7.45 a.m.  
12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m.  
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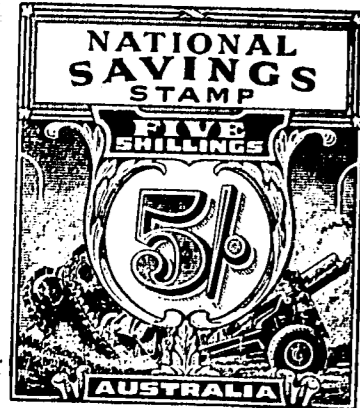
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### RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL

(Continued from page 1.)

From Carnham Turf Club, asking for use of reserve for sports meeting on 2nd April.

Granted, under usual conditions, with permission for a publican's booth, and engineer to attend to buildings, etc., on motion of Crs. Roddis and Russell.

From G. H. Holding, Linton, re cattle impounded, and asking for refund of fees.

Received and no action taken, on motion of Crs. Willis and McDonald.

From Returned Soldiers' League, re Anzac Day.

Usual wreath to be purchased for £1 1/, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Russell.

From B. Tiley, Waterloo, asking permission to remove his 5-roomed weatherboard house to Beaufort. — Grant- ed, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Willis. From D. E. Dunn, Skipton, asking engineer to inspect drain at motor en- trance to his property, and to consider having a drain pipe or some suitable ar- rangement made there to stop the run- ning water making a cut in the drain. — Referred to engineer, with power to act, on motion of Crs Roddis and Hin- ton.

From E. A. Fay, Middle Creek, bring- ing under notice dangerous condition of bridge over the Flery Creek on the back Shirley road and known as Rus- sell's bridge, which required decking throughout. He understood it was a joint work with Ararat Shire. He sug- gested that it be closed to horse drawn vehicles, but trusted it would be at- tended to in the near future, as he wished with horses and wagon to cart wood from his paddock nearer Beau- fort. The engineer informed Cr. Schlicht that they were always doing something to it. This would cost about £120. They could use Black's bridge. Cr. Schlicht said Mr Fay had to cart tim- ber, and it would mean five miles dif- ference to use Black's bridge. Referred to N.R. members, on motion of Crs. Willis and McDonald. Cr. Young — What was Ararat Shire going to do about it? The president — The N.R. members could ask them.

From H. W. Ball, Beaufort, asking permission to erect sleep-out of cement sheeting and hessian, with iron roof, ad- joining his dwelling in Cummins Street. — Referred to building inspector.

From H. W. Ball, Beaufort, asking permission to open roadway opposite his dwelling in Cummins Street to re- pair corroded water pipe. — Referred to Water Commission.

From T. Willis, Streatham, asking that obstruction be removed from road, Carranballac North. — Referred to W.R. members, on motion of Cr. Roddis.

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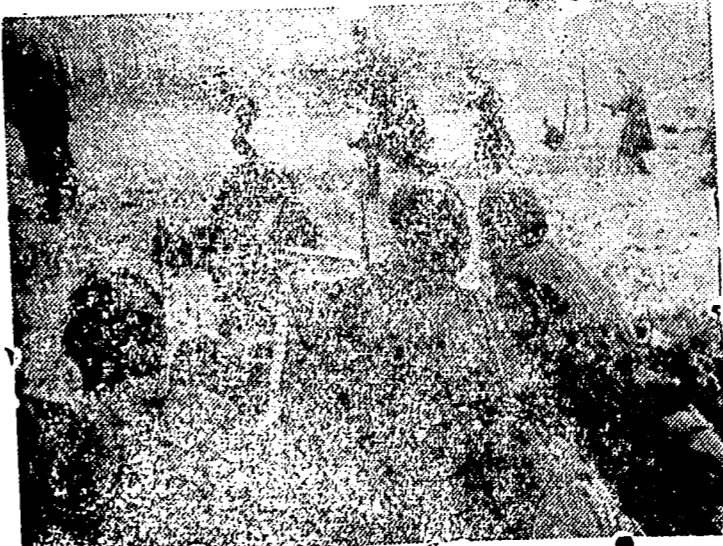
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### ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The shire engineer (Mr E. J. Muntz) reported as follows at the Council meeting on Monday. The fencing round the Snake-Valley reservoir seems to be all equally bad, though, if looked after, would prob- ably last a little longer; but the gate is beyond repair and I have ordered a new one. Length of fencing round re- servoir on plan, 51.31 chains.

Clause 1 — Action endorsed in pre- viding gate, and fence to be attended to, on motion of Crs. Roddis and McDonald. Cr. Russell — In the winter they should get the material to make a proper fence of it. He moved to that effect, and also that the adjoining landholders be notified that the fence would be done up, and asked to pay their half. This suggestion was includ- ed in the motion.

2. Sweetbriar, furze, and other weeds have been removed from bank of Carran- ghan dam, and reeds to the water's edge. Some form of dredge would be necessary to remove them from water.

Clause 2 — Cr. Russell said he was glad to see the furze and briar cut, and would like the engineer to have them burnt. He suggested that they also ar- range to have the bulbous reed dealt with.

3. Windmill at Carranballac is all right, and pump is working. Overflow from trough would easily use up water being pumped, but this overflow may have just started. Tank shows signs of failure and should be cemented inside. Mr Walker was with me when I inspec- ted. He thought there was a doubt about the failure of the pump being cause of trouble, which might be due to failure of water. Neither of us had any doubt that trees planted on south of road would be a serious detriment to mill.

Clause 3 — Cr. Willis — Nothing was wrong with the pump. Eighteen months ago he helped the plumber to pull it up. He did not believe it was worn out. The whole trouble was that someone found no water in the tank and jumped to conclusions. The water was being carted for sheep. The difficulty would not arise again, as the man who used the water had had two bores put down since. It was resolved that the tank be cemented. The Carranballac letter is to be replied to to the effect that the engineer had seen the pump working properly. Cr. Willis said that people travelling with sheep interfered with it, as it did not pump fast enough for them.

4. I am sorry that I was unable to ob- tain anyone to clean out dams on the Stockyard Hill road. It is now too late. Cayley's dam was completed before the rain.

Clause 4 — The president drew atten- tion to a dam near Hannah's. The en- gineer — They would do it when they finished the dams in hand.

5. Pump asked for at Mt. Emu should now hardly be required. I inspected the site. It is on a reserve which cannot be reached conveniently, except across private property. I offered to lend one of shire pumps, if those interested would erect and maintain.

Clause 5 — Engineer's action ap- proved, on motion of Cr. McDonald.

6. Fire pump and engine have now been delivered to Whitfield Bros. for storage, as arranged with Bush Fire Brigade.

Clause 6 — Received.

7. There now seems a reasonable chance that the Beaufort water supply will carry through if there is no undue waste. Drop in storage from Feb. 3rd to March 1st, 2 ft. 9 1/2 in., but from Feb. 17th to March 1st was only 7 in.

Clause 7 — Cr. Young said 17 ft. 0 in was plenty.

8. Re application from Mr Bowman for road at Main Lead, we have no plan in the office showing it, and I have no idea where it leads. A plan should be supplied by the Department. In the meantime, consideration should be

### MOTHERS' CLUB

postponed. Clause 8 — Held over till plan re- ceived. The engineer, referring to Cook's bridge, said he would be able to get it under way this month. He proposed to close the Mt. Emu—Streatham road at McCook's and Oddie's. It was almost impossible to put in a crossing, and the only way was to divert traffic.

Cr. Russell remarked that the en- gineer said it could be done for horse traffic but not for cars. There might be a few complaints, but a good barrier and a few lamps would fill the bill.

It was decided to do this, on the mo- tion of Crs. Russell and McDonald.

### Monthly Meeting.

Members of the Beaufort Mothers' Club turned out in force for the month- ly meeting on Friday afternoon, 8th March, and the president (Mrs E. Sul- livan) was in the chair.

Letters of thanks were received for gifts sent to Alan Lofts and Athol Gienster.

Mrs Reg Davey wrote, returning thanks for sympathy expressed on the death of her father.

Accounts amounting to 26/ were pass- ed for payment.

Mrs H. Dunn moved that afternoon tea be provided on the day of the school sports; (the charges to be 1/ for adults and 6d for children. Seconded by Mrs Whitaker, and carried.

Arrangements were made in conec- tion with same.

Mr Denigan is to be written to and thanked for his endeavours to get a bus service for local children attending schools in Ballarat.

Mrs Ward moved that the School Committee be asked to see what they can do about obtaining a bus or train service for local children attending technical schools. Seconded by Mrs Duke, and carried.

The following motions were carried, and are to be sent for inclusion in the agenda paper for the June conference:—(a) By Mesdames Lofts and Wylie.—That the Government be asked to provide hostels in cities to board the chil- dren living away from home to com- plete their education. (b) By Mesdames Worsley and A. Lofts—That Federation protest about the poor quality of cotton used in making clothing and boots. (c) By Mesdames Ward and Pearce—That we urge Federation to try to obtain transport for children attending technical schools and High School at Bal- larat.

Mrs Torney moved that the club ask that more lockers be obtained for the school. Seconded by Mrs Lofts, and carried.

On the motion of Mesdames A. Lofts and Wylie, it was decided to ask Mr Denigan if the bill brought before Par- liament last year, endeavoring to ob- tain a grant of £20 towards board of children living away from home in order to attend school, had been passed.

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**Local and General News**

**OPERATIVES WANTED FOR  
FACTORY.**

In the correspondence dealt with at  
the Ripon Shire Council meeting on  
Monday was the following:—  
From Graham Burgin Pty. Ltd. stat-  
ing that as the erection of their fac-  
tory premises at Beaufort was progress-  
ing favourably and it should only be  
a matter of a few weeks before opera-  
tions were commenced, they sought the  
co-operation of the Council and any  
public bodies towards the engagement  
of employees resident in Beaufort and  
district, and any effort on the part of  
the Council would be greatly appreci-  
ated. Although the response through or-  
dinary channels to date had been  
good, they felt that the endorsement of  
the Council would greatly help to pro-  
vide sufficient staff to commence opera-  
tions, which after a period of train-  
ing, would warrant their outlay and  
provide vital needs. They would re-  
quire approximately 24 hands to com-  
mence, and made this request to help  
attain this total. They considered in  
the near future that the weekly pay-  
roll would be around £100, and this  
amount would help business generally  
in the district. Through the courtesy  
of the C.W.A., they were running a  
school of instruction, under Miss Pontin,  
making aprons, etc., which they would  
be pleased to donate to local organisa-  
tions, and the girls attending showed  
distinct promise in the use of sewing  
machines, but they would like the num-  
ber supplemented. They knew the  
Council would do everything for a pro-  
ject which was for the advancement  
of the district.

Cr. Young — They could circularise  
the schools. Cr. Schlacht — He under-  
stood there were only 11 girls attending  
the school, and they would be very  
more proficient when the factory started.  
Mr. Bergen had been assured  
there would be no difficulty in getting  
50 girls. The president (Cr. Kirkpatrick)  
— They should do something. Cr.  
Schlacht — They should advertise in  
the Press and send a circular to all  
schools. Cr. Young moved to that ef-  
fect. This was agreed to.

**CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS IN  
EXPERIMENTAL STAGE.**

The following letter came from the  
Ripon Shire Council at Monday's meet-  
ing:—  
From T. T. Hollway, Minister of Public  
Instruction, acknowledging receipt  
of letter of 2nd Feby., suggesting that  
a consolidated school should be estab-  
lished at Beaufort, and in reply inform-  
ing them that he would be glad to  
have the proposal investigated. He  
pointed out that owing to existing dif-  
ficulties in regard to staffing, building,  
transport, etc., no wholesale estab-  
lishment of consolidated schools could  
be attempted in present circumstances.  
A few were being established at vari-  
ous centres as an experiment, and it  
was hoped when conditions returned to  
normal to establish these schools in  
centres where they would be of most  
benefit to the children concerned. They  
would appreciate, of course, that all the  
Department could do at present was to  
plan for the future, and he would  
be glad to include Beaufort among the  
possible sites for a consolidated  
school if it is found that it has a suf-  
ficiently good case. In the meantime  
the School Committee might obtain  
statistics relative to the number of  
children who could be brought into a  
consolidated school at Beaufort, ascer-  
taining at the same time the attitude  
of the School Committees and parents of  
the children attending the schools  
which would be closed in the event of  
a consolidated school being established  
there.

Cr. Young moved that a copy of the  
letter be sent to the School Committee  
for their information and attention.  
Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

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**THE HOSPITAL**  
**Garden Party**

A satisfactory sum of £65 netted for the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital at the annual garden party on Saturday afternoon, 10th inst. The function took place in the C.W.A. Hall and the Hospital grounds to the threatening aspect of the weather. The secretaries were well carried out by H. H. Currie, and the stall sideshow were conducted by the following:—Mesdames T. G. R. C. Hodgetts, A. Camp, A. R. Beggs, H. A. Stowell, M. E. L. Watkin, G. E. Gregory, A. E. Exell, G. E. G. Hartigan, M. Hirsch, H. Brown, H. Hayes, Sister Ingram, and Miss P. Beggs. Messrs. W. L. Williams, C. H. Hodgetts, P. T. Stevenson, C. H. McKay, J. F. Witherspoon, H. V. McLean, W. Thompson, A. A. Downe, S. Hayes, M. Hirsch, G. Exell, A. Campbell, and A. R. Beggs. A programme of music by the Beaufort Town Band (under Bandmaster R. Saddler) enlivened the proceedings. It was here for the same purpose. It was unnecessary to remind them of what their Hospital stood for. They were fortunate to have Dr. Little with them. The doctor was in his opinion, a very highly qualified medical man, and they also had at the Hospital a well trained and highly qualified staff. The Hospital was being more fully equipped as time went by. He had read in the local Press that the housing problem in Beaufort was quite acute. Their population must be increasing. That meant that the need of a hospital would be more widely felt. They were very fortunate in having this Hospital in their midst, and that was hearty support, and that was why the committee had arranged this garden party to assist the funds. He heartily congratulated the persons responsible for arranging this afternoon, the committee and Ladies' Auxiliary, on what they had done to provide for the stalls and ensure the success of that afternoon. He hoped those present would show their appreciation by dipping of ten and deep into their pockets. He had pleasure in declaring the garden party open. (Applause.)

Competitions were won as follows:—Turkey, Miss Cougle; sheep, Mrs. Tucker; gold mine, A. M. Parker; box chocolates, Mrs. Theodore Beggs.

The sheep was shorn by Mr. W. Thompson. Surplus goods were sold by Bruce auction by Mr. A. Campbell.

More than 40 per cent. of the 500 people employed in the manufactory of optical munitions in Australia to-day have been trained in Australia since 1941.

**SOLDIERS' LEAGUE**

**Committee Meeting.**  
The monthly committee meeting of the Ripon Sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League took place at the Shire Hall on Saturday night, March 10, and was attended by 11 members; Mr. C. H. McKay (president) conducting the business. An apology was received for the absence of Mr. F. J. Webster (secretary).

The president referred to a matter that had been brought by the Dads' Association in regard to dependants of a deceased soldier; Mr. Hayes (acting secretary) stating that it had been deferred by the Dads for a month. It was reported that representatives had attended a smoke social of the R.S.L. and Dads at Avoca.

Correspondence was read from the State Branch in regard to the War Service Fund and the mid-year Hamper Appeal. It was stated that wool and material for washers could be purchased direct from the Comforts Fund. Information was also furnished in regard to progress of the War Veterans' Home Appeal.

From same, asking sub-branches to assist the Save the Forges campaign. A description was given of the form of salute to be given by ex-servicemen in attendance. Attention was drawn to a community tree-planting day, and the Anzac Day Appeal. The sub-branch was thanked for past assistance in the Anzac Day and War Veterans' Home appeals.

The president said they had their usual giving at the Shire on Anzac Day. He thought they should not alter their method of collection, which had been fairly satisfactory.

From Shire of Ripon, stating that the Council had donated £20 to the War Veterans' Home Appeal, and opened a subscription list at the Shire Hall. The president said that was satisfactory.

The treasurer (Mr. Webster) reported that the present membership was 90, and the O.R. balance £31.

The president said he had arranged for a speaker for Anzac Day (Mr. W. Prowse, of Ballarat). In reply to Mr. J. Millar, the president said they could leave further arrangements for Anzac Day till next meeting.

On the motion of Messrs. Currie and Hayes, it was decided to ask the band to play on Anzac Day and participate in the afternoon tea.

The president referred to the forthcoming departure for Rupunyup of Mr. H. Baker, a committee man, and said they were very sorry to lose him, and had been very pleased with his attendance and work at meetings.

In reply to Mr. Ringin, the president said he thought a man who applied for his discharge was entitled to repatriation assistance for land settlement, but that was not authoritative. He did not think there was anything in it as long as a man had an honourable discharge, but there was no Land Bill at the present time. Mr. Ringin moved that a letter be drafted to Anzac House, asking for information in regard to land settlement. Seconded by Mr. F. J. Martin, and carried.

Mr. Pascoe said Mr. Young had informed the Council that Langi Kal-Kal was Crown land. Was that so?

The president—Langi-Kal-Kal proprietary could not dispose of the property, he thought.

Mr. Pascoe mentioned that a serviceman had attended a lecture in which a professor told them the authorities were perturbed at the small number of probable applicants for land.

The president said the troops did not see the papers regularly and might not know about it.

Mr. Oddie — A lot of these men knew the hard struggle there was on land and the long time they had to wait for a return.

The president — He thought the Closer Settlement Committee of the League was working on right lines.

Mr. Ringin asked if there was any way of going about getting a Government boring plant for the district. Grenville and Hampden shires had had one.

Mr. W. Anderson said there were two Government plants and a private plant available in Ballarat now.

Mr. Oddie — He would like to see a bulldozer sent out, which would dig out a 2000 yd. dam in a very short time.

A member — It cost £12 a day.

The president — They would pay £10 a day for a tractor and scoop.

It was decided to make enquiries through Anzac House to the Mines or Lands Department about obtaining a Government boring plant, to be used on Traywall settlement to bore for water, on the motion of Messrs. Ringin and Pascoe.

**B.N. HOSPITAL**

**Monthly Meeting**

Mr. A. R. Beggs (president) presided on Monday night, 12th inst., at the monthly meeting of the committee of the Beaufort B.N. Hospital, and there was an attendance of 12 members.

Accounts totalling £40/4/2 were passed for payment.

Correspondence was read from the Lexton Sports Club, forwarding a donation of £10/2/8.

The following cash donations were also received:—Buln Gherin Pty. Ltd., £20; Ballarat Trustees (estate late Robt. Ward), £20; Mr. Robt. White, £5/5/.

The Beaufort Town Band wrote, stating that they would play at the garden party.

The Ballarat B.N. Hospital Committee forwarded a letter, thanking the committee and nursing staff for courtesy extended to representatives on a recent visit.

From Bishop B.N. Hospital Committee and Sir James Barrett, in regard to enlisting help of Federal member and Shire Council to get assistance in obtaining relief from taxation.

Letters were read from Mr. P. L. Denham, M.L.A., and Hon. Allan McDonald, M.H.R., apologising for inability to attend garden party.

It was decided to ask the Federal member and the Shire Council for their support in endeavoring to get relief from taxation.

It was resolved to write thanking the donors previously mentioned.

The president reported that the wood sawing working bee had been very successful. It was also removed that wood carters at Waterloo and Chute were sending a donation of wood.

The secretary (Mr. H. Currie) reported that the receipts at the garden party were £65/6/11, and there was only a small account for advertising to be deducted. Adopted.

The president said that was very satisfactory, considering the weather affected the attendance. He thanked all those who had helped, and also the band for coming along. He was sorry Mr. Latch's child had to be taken away to Hospital on the morning of the garden party.

It was resolved to thank the C.W.A. for the use of the hall, crockery, and furnishings.

The president said Mr. Muntz had recommended one or two minor alterations to the septic tank.

The secretary was instructed to write to Messrs. Hains Bros. and Mr. Wyllie and the forest employees, thanking them for their help at the wood sawing bee.

It was resolved to accept the offer of Mr. Hayes to meet at his house for the winter months, and to thank him.

At 30th September last, after five years of war, Australian women employed or in the services had increased by 164,000—25.5 per cent.

To 31st December last, a total of 975,000 men had been enlisted in one or other of the Australian fighting services.

## REPATRIATION

### COMMITTEE

#### ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT SKIPTON.

(From our Correspondent). There was a very satisfactory attendance at the Skipton Mechanics' Hall on Monday, March 12, at the adjourned meeting called to form a Repatriation Committee. About 40 were present, and every part of the district was represented.

Mr A. Rowe, who was appointed secretary pro tem at the last meeting, explained that the meeting on Feb. 28, was called by the presidents of Ripon and Hampten Shires. Cr. Kirkpatrick represented Ripon Shire and Cr. Borbridge represented the president of Hampten Shire, and these men were able to supply the meeting with quite a lot of useful information. All present at that meeting were appointed to the committee, and a motion was carried that the committee consist of 20 or more, with power to add. He then called for nomination of a chairman for the meeting.

Mr Angus was nominated, but said he thought there were younger men more capable of carrying on the job. Under pressure, Mr Primrose agreed to act as chairman for the evening.

Mr Primrose pointed out that although the meeting was called by the R.S.L., acting under instructions from the presidents of the two shires, it was purely a public matter, and he wanted the public to fully realise that point. Personally he felt very keenly on the matter, and did not want to see the men and women who were returning from the way thrown on the chopping block, as they were after the last war. These men and women had sacrificed four or five years of their lives and deserved every consideration. The public in general should do everything in their power to try and put these people on their feet and give them a fresh start in life. He understood the local committee would be more or less an advisory body for the repatriation authorities in Melbourne and would not have the actual handling of funds. He understood that in the last war there was a strong Repatriation Committee, who had hundreds of pounds at their disposal and they were able to assist a great number who were in need of temporary assistance; but they could perhaps raise some money, which would be useful if anyone wanted any financial help quickly. They could obtain a small grant from headquarters for incidental expenses, but their main object appeared to be to make recommendations to the governing body when any boy or girl in their district required assistance. He apologised for the absence of Cr. Borbridge, who was engaged on Council business. He invited questions.

Mr Howell, of Mannibadah, asked if there were any fixed boundaries, as he was told he lived in Grenville Shire and should link up with Linton. The chairman replied that the boundaries were fixed by the executive, who were governed by the controlling body in Melbourne.

Mr Angus asked if there was anything in the constitution to prevent local people raising money themselves. In the last war the local Repatriation Committee had a fund and was able to advance £5 or £10 to anyone in need of assistance.

Mr U. O. Thomas read an extract from the official book of instructions, which said they could accept gifts of land, stock, etc., and make advances to those in need, with or without interest. Mr Mackinnon raised a point concerning the relations of the War Agricultural Committee and the Repatriation Committee.

This was explained by the chairman and secretary. The chairman said if a returned man or woman made an application for assistance, and this committee considered the request a reasonable one, they would give it their wholehearted support, but they would not feel bound to give it their support if the project or enterprise appeared unpayable.

Mr J. Liston (Carranballac) asked if he understood the chairman to say they had nothing to do with land. He thought in a district such as this, they would probably have more applications for land than business propositions.

The chairman replied that according to the information they had at present, they had nothing whatever to do with land. That might, however, come later, if land was made available through the cutting up of big estates in the district.

The secretary read quotations from the official book bearing out this statement.

Mr Osborne said he thought this committee could possibly advise the Government or governing body, and offer suggestions in the event of a local man requiring a block of land.

Mr Liston also spoke in similar terms.

Mr J. Walker pointed out that according to the quotation read by Mr Thomas, the local committee could accept land or stock and dispose of it as they thought fit.

It was decided to proceed with the election of the balance of the committee.

Those appointed at the first meeting were:—Messrs. G. Primrose, A. Rowe, S. Atkin, U. O. Thomas, A. Johnston, F. Alexander, G. Bunston, W. Sturgeon, J. Walker, P. Nash, and Cr. Borbridge.

The following were elected at this meeting:—Mesdames Mackinnon and Loudon (president and secretary of the Red Cross) subject to their approval, Mr. A. Rowe, Messrs. F. Funston, M. Osborne, E. D. Mackinnon, E. W. Austin, J. Liston, R. Atkin, Howell, C. M. Chase, H. Brown, Doug. Smith, R. Walker, A. Angus, J. Stevens, W. Joy, and H. Smith. A number of others declined nomination.

Mr Primrose then declared the public meeting closed, and thanked everyone for their attendance, on behalf of the sponsors of the meeting.

Mr Angus moved a vote of thanks to the chairman for the very able manner in which he had conducted the meeting.

The committee then met to appoint the executive of seven and a permanent chairman. Mr Primrose was nominated and duly elected.

In returning thanks, Mr Primrose said he was already a busy man and it would be necessary for him to draw out of several positions he was in, if he was to give the time that would be necessary to a position of this kind. He would much prefer to see someone else in the position.

A ballot was necessary for the executive committee, which resulted as follows:—Messrs. F. Funston, R. Atkin, E. W. Austin, U. O. Thomas, A. Rowe, E. D. Mackinnon, and the chairman.

At the committee meeting Mr. Angus moved that the matter of raising funds be left to the executive committee, who could advise the general committee. He explained that his object in moving the motion was that there were several bodies, including the Patriotic League, Ke. Cross, etc., who were raising funds at present to provide comforts and necessities for those in action. These were of more importance at present than repatriation, which would come later.

The chairman spoke in a similar strain and said that the P.O.W., sick and wounded, and those in action he thought should be their first consideration at present.

Mrs Rowe moved, as an amendment, that a list be opened for voluntary contributions for the repatriation fund. She explained in support that quite a number of local boys were already discharged, and might be in need of some small assistance at any time.

The amendment was carried. The executive committee then met to appoint the remainder of the officials. Mr A. Rowe was appointed secretary, Mr F. Funston treasurer, and Mr W. Joy auditor.

The monthly meeting of the Middle Creek branch of the A.N.A. was held in the local hall on Friday evening, 8th March. President F. Liston was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. Routine correspondence was received from the board, mostly in connection with immigration and asking branches to discuss this rather important matter and advise the board of their decision. Two members were reported on the sick list, and accounts amounting to £9/8/10 passed for payment.

### DISTRICT NEWS

#### Middle Creek

A euchre tournament and dance in connection with the gymkhana, to be held at Buangor on 14th April, in aid of the Buangor and Middle Creek hall funds, was held in the Middle Creek Hall on Friday evening, March 9 after the A.N.A. meeting, and there was a good attendance. Prizes for the euchre were won by Mrs A. Hillman and Mr F. Liston. Music for the dance was supplied by Mrs V. Waldron and Miss P. Roberts.

The weather continues dry and cool. A few of the paddocks in the district that were fortunate to get thunder showers last month are looking nice and green, but the major part of the country to the south missed these, and is looking very dry and bare.

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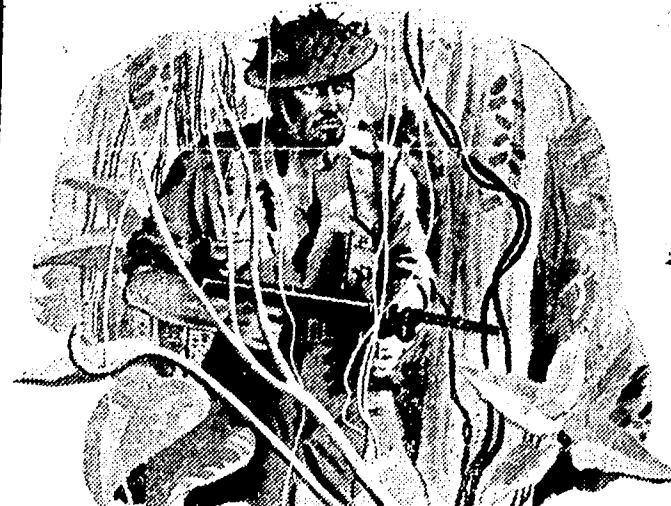
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## BALLARAT MARKET. DISTRICT SCHOOLS

### SHEEP AND CATTLE PRICES

Tuesday.

**CATTLE** — 121 were yarded. Prime medium weight bullocks, £21 to £22/10; heavy, to £23 17/6; good, £18 to £20; good highweight bullocks, £15 to £10 10/; prime cows, £15 to £17; extra prime and heavy, £10 to £21 12/6; good, £11/10 to £13/10; useful, £8 to £9/10.

**CALVES** — 245 were penned. Best quality realised improved rates; other classes unaltered. Best sold to £18/3/6.

**SHEEP** — 6815 were penned. Local, country and metropolitan butchers competed throughout. Prime crossbred wethers, 30/ to 32/; extra, to 36/1; good, 26/ to 28/; prime crossbred ewes, 20/ to 22/; extra, to 28/10; good, 16/ to 18/; prime merino wethers, 27/ to 30/; extra, to 34/9; good, 22/ to 24/.

**LAMBS** — A much smaller supply of lambs was penned. Competition at the opening sales was very keen at firm values, but towards the close of the market there was an easement. Prime, 34/ to 37/; heavy, 38/ to 49/10; good, 28/ to 33/; useful, 22/ to 25/; plain, from 18/.

**DISTRICT SALES** — The following district sales were effected:—Cow, Mr Geo. Hall, Chepstowe, £18/17/6; 2 cows, Mr J. T. Dobson, Burrambeen, to £9 15/ 5 calves, £9/11/ to £12 12/6, averaging £10/4/; bull, St. Enoch's, Stockyard Hill, £7/12/6; cow, Mr Alex. Bain, Stockyard Hill, £6/5/; calf £5/13/6; 96 Corriedale wethers, St. Enoch's Estate, Stockyard Hill, 24/1 to 36/1, averaging 32/6, top price and average of the market; 84 merino weaners, Mr A. M. Matthews, Burrambeen, 15/1; 20 merino ewes, Mr E. A. Fay, Middle Creek, to 15/; 4 bullock, heifers and cows), Miss A. T. Stewart and Mrs A. T. Gray, Monmot, bullock £10/12/6, heifers £20/2/6, cows £13/7/6, calf £17/6/; topping the market; 3 cows, Miss M. Liston, Carranballac, £10; cow, Mrs E. Fisher, Carranballac, £6; bull, Messrs. J. and J. Liston, Carranballac, £6; calf, Messrs A. and W. Notman, Skipton, £13 18/4; 200 merino wethers, Miss M. and Mr N. Oddie, Challeum Park, 21/11 to 16/7; 100 merino wethers, Mr W. M. Fay, Carranballac, 28/1 to 24/1, averaging 26/4; 82 crossbred 2-tooths and comeback wethers and ewes, Mr A. J. Hinton, Carranballac, wethers 28/7, 2-tooths 33/1 to 24/4 averaging 29/11, ewes 14/4, 35 lambs 24/1 to 15/7; 74 merino wethers and ewes Mrs L. Smith and Son, Trawalla, wethers 23/7 to 10/10, ewes 12/7; 71 Corriedale cross wethers and ewes, Mr Arch. McCook, Chepstowe, wethers 28/4 to 24/7, ewes 16/10; 40 merino wethers and ewes, Mr H. Lewis, Waterloo, to 12/1; 37 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr A. Smith, Skipton, wethers 28/10, ewes 21/4 to 16/7; 31 merino wethers and ewes, Messrs. J. and J. Liston, Carranballac, wethers 16/10 ewes 14/4, 40 lambs 15/7 to 11/7; 27 merino wethers, Mr N. H. Smith, Trawalla, 23/7; crossbred 2-tooth, Mrs Alf. Smith, Skipton 30/9; 19 lambs, Mr Alf. Smith, Skipton, 18/10.

A doubles tournament was held on Wednesday by the lady members of the Beaufort Tennis Club, and Mesdames J. L. Robinson and A. Thompson were the winners.

### Combined Sports

Final arrangements for the combined schools' sports, to be held in the Beaufort Park on Friday, April 6th, were made at a meeting of district teachers on Saturday.

The secretary (Mr H. K. Parker) reported that the Ripon Shire Council had granted permission to use the ground, and that Messrs. P. L. Denigan, M.L.A., and N. McHutchison (district inspector) would be present.

The Education Department has granted permission for all district schools taking part in the sports to close for that day.

The following teams have entered:—Raglan, attendance, 32; handicap, scr.; Beaufort D. 30; 2.34; Beaufort A. 29, 3.51; Beaufort B. 28, 4.68; Beaufort C. 28, 4.68; Middle Creek, 25, 8.19; Buangor, 24, 9.36; Waterloo, 16, 18.72; Trawalla, 14, 21.06; Main Lead, 13, 22.23; Mena Park, 3, 28.08; Lake Goldsmith, 7, 29.25.

### BEAUFORT BUSH

#### FIRE BRIGADE

#### COMMITTEE MEETING.

On Friday night, 16th inst., a meeting of the Beaufort Bush Fire Brigade Committee was held at the Shire Hall, and was attended by seven members, and presided over by the president (Engineer-Commander H. P. Mackenzie). An apology was received for the absence of Mr J. Grant.

Correspondence was read from the Association, relative to the special council meeting held on 12th Dec. last.

From Emergency Road Transport Board, concerning new truck, inviting brigade to take part in demonstration and display of units at Ballarat on 7/4/45.

From Association, forwarding agenda paper for annual conference on 26/4/45.

It was decided to attend the demonstration on 7th April, to take unit, and invite members to go.

Messrs. H. J. Buchanan and T. E. Whitfield were appointed as delegates to the next district council meeting.

The secretary (Mr Duke) was instructed to transfer the bank account when all debts relating to the new unit were paid.

It was decided to publish in the Press the brigade's thanks to subscribers to the new unit.

It was resolved to try and obtain 100 copies of Bulletin 82 or reprint of pages 4 to 8, relating to Do and Don't at Fires, to be circulated among members.

The secretary and Mr T. E. Whitfield were instructed to wait on the shire engineer regarding a building to house the fire truck.

Beaufort Town Band's euchre tournament on Monday night resulted as follows:—Ladies: Mrs Willis, 1; Mrs Sullivan, 2. Men: Mr L. Stephens, 1; Mr Shalders, 2. Secret number: Mr L. Stephens.

At the Beaufort Court of Petty Sessions on Monday, Messrs. T. W. Schlicht and H. J. Buchanan, J.S.P., granted the application of Augustus Bayley, of Beaufort, for an estate agent's licence.

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### FOR THE EMPIRE.

**NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE**  
Corpl. Doug. Kay, of the R.A.A.F., has been home to Beaufort on leave, and is at present in Melbourne.

Dvr. George Grant, of Beaufort, has been home on leave from a northern State.

### PERSONAL ITEMS

Miss Phyllis Broadbent and her brother Keith, are spending holidays with friends at Sunshine.

Miss Audrey Anderson spent the week-end with friends in Ballarat.

Mrs Clyde Slee and Miss Alice McCracken, of Bright, are visiting Beaufort after attending the Presbyterian Girls' Fellowship celebrations at The Wattle, Ballarat, and St. Andrew's Kirk.

Mr and Mrs J. J. Fitzpatrick, of Nell Street, Beaufort, have returned from their annual holidays.

Mr A. Gercovich, of the Beaufort railway staff, is on holiday leave.

Mr A. Craig, a member of the staff employed on the permanent way at Beaufort for a number of years, has been transferred to Melbourne on light duties.

### TENNIS

#### St. John's Club

Beaufort St. John's Tennis Club concluded a successful season on 18th March with a mixed doubles tournament, for which a good entry, representative of district and Ararat clubs, was received. Rev. Father J. Day acted as manager, and was assisted by Mr C. M. Flynn, good use being made of a microphone. A tasty afternoon tea was provided by the ladies. Results:—

Section A — Won by G. W. Gregory and Miss N. Flynn.

Section B Won by W. W. Ashley and Miss E. Crick.

Final — G. W. Gregory and Miss N. Flynn d. W. W. Ashley and Miss E. Crick, 6-4.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Rev. Father Day, in a few apt sentences, thanked all for their patronage during the year.

The collection of statistics is now due, and farmers and others are requested by First-constable J. Duke, of Beaufort, to have their figures ready.

The engagement is announced of Aileen Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. L. Fay, Ripon Lea, Carranballac, to Bernard Leo, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. McIntyre, of Gre. Gre Village St. Arnaud.

Miss Elsie Norman, of Beaufort, has been away on holiday.

DISTRICT NEWS

Waterloo and Chute

EUCHRE AND DANCE. The second of the series of euchre tournaments and dances to aid the Gymkhana Fund was held on Saturday night, 10th inst. There was a good attendance. The music was supplied by Blay's Orchestra, and Mr W. Kay was the M.C. The euchre attracted a large number of players, and resulted in a tie in the ladies' section between Mesdames J. Dunn and J. Rutherford, senr. The men's prize was won by Mr J. Rutherford, junr. A good supper was provided by the ladies of the district. The takings at the door, supper, and soft drinks stall amounted to £12/4/6, leaving a profit of about £7.

RECREATION RESERVE. The committee of management of the Recreation Reserve at Waterloo met on Monday night, 12th inst. Correspondence was read from the Lands Department, stating that no outside body could alter or re-erect any building on the reserve without the express permission of the Committee of Management. The secretary of the gymkhana also wrote, on behalf of the Sporty Club, asking permission to enlarge some of the buildings on the reserve. The necessary permission was granted.

DONATION FROM FORMER SECRETARY. Mr Walter Jones, of Ballarat, a former resident of Waterloo, has sent a good donation to the Gymkhana Fund. As secretary, with the late Messrs. G. Vowles and W. Lamont, and Messrs. Gilbert Smith and J. Meany, he was one of the founders of the present club. They ran their first meeting on the road, and afterwards went out to the reserve, where they have carried on ever since, with only one year's lapse. Before the Great War the local brass band held successful sports on the same reserve, but abandoned them on the outbreak of war; Mr W. Stevens being the secretary. Fifty and 60 years ago the miners held good meetings also.

NEW SECRETARY. Many members of the Agricultural Society in this district regret to learn that Mr Sid Emerson had to resign as secretary, owing to his removal from the district. He took a very active part in the affairs of the society, and just had the show well worked up when he had to go. Mr Forest Blay, who has been appointed, is well known and in contact with many people, and should fill the position well.

THE DRY SPELL. Weather conditions are still very dry in this district, except where the rain recently fell in patches. Water and feed are scarce. Where conditions made the grass shoot, it is now showing signs that it wants more moisture. Many farmers have trucked cattle to the sales at Ballarat and Hamilton to be relieved of the position due to scarcity of water and feed. Fair prices have been obtained lately, but those who had to sell earlier received very little.

EASTER SATURDAY SPORTS. The last meeting in connection with the Easter Saturday sports was held on Saturday night. It was decided to have two working bees to make some improvements to the recreation reserve and buildings, and also to get the logs for the chopp. Lexton Shire grazer is to do up the track. After these jobs are completed, everything will be in good order for sports day.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

The combined Waterloo churches held their harvest festival last Sunday, and there was the largest attendance for some time. There was a splendid display of fruit, vegetables, flowers and other products. Rev. J. P. MacDougall preached impressively from a text in St. Luke 12. He said that Jesus held one of his meetings and afterwards dined with the Pharisees, and told them some facts which very much disturbed them. The same chapter also referred to the man who had an abundant harvest, and had increased his activities, so much that he had to enlarge his barns. He was rich in this world's possessions but lean in soul. The sale of gifts took place on Monday night, with the result that the three churches will divide a nice little sum.

Buangor

Eleven members were present at the fortnightly meeting of Buangor Red Cross branch; Mr Roberts presiding. Final arrangements were made for the ball to be held on April 6. A letter of thanks was received from headquarters for old linen and stamps. Two bags of reading matter and silver paper were packed and forwarded to Ballarat depot. Weekly subscriptions amounted to £1/14/6, and after noon tea receipts to 6/6. Hostesses for next meeting are Mrs Macrae and Miss White. The finals of the tennis tournament held on 3rd March were completed on 17th March; the winners being Mr A. C. Hughes and Miss S. Harbour. On 11th March the Sunday School was held in the Buangor Church. Well-known hymns were rendered by the scholars; Margaret Witton and Graeme Hughes taking a duet. Rev. J. P. MacDougall presented the prizes; each child receiving a nice book. The first prize for senior scholars was won by Catherine MacInnes, and Faith Barby was second. For the Juniors Harold and Graham Osborne were equal first, and Jean Barby second. Kindergarten—Lynette Meadows, 1; John Osborne, 2.

His friends will be pleased to learn that Mr J. K. Pickford is quite well again after his recent illness, which necessitated a sojourn in the Ararat Hospital. Mr and Mrs Thomson, who were formerly employed at Langi-Willi, have been on a visit to Skipton. Miss Grace Wise, who is on the staff of the Skipton Hospital, is at present on annual holidays. Mrs Worrall and her children have returned from Melbourne. Further Skipton items are held over till next issue.

Lake Goldsmith. An enjoyable and successful social, in the form of simultaneous cards and dancing, took place in the Lake Goldsmith Schoolroom on Friday, March 16. Mesdames George, Daniels Kirkpatrick, and Miss Alma Kirkpatrick tied for the ladies' euchre prize, and Messrs. P. Cushing and A. Carmichael in the men's division. Novelty dances were won by Mr and Mrs J. Fraser and Mr J. Wood and Miss Mary Cushing. Blay's Orchestra supplied lively music, and Mr Thomson was M.C. The ladies served an excellent supper.

Trawalla. EUCHRE SOCIAL. The first of a series of monthly euchre socials, in aid of the local school's war relief effort, was held on Friday, 16th inst., when many enjoyable contests took place. The winners proved to be—Ladies: Miss E. Smith. Gentlemen: Mr Mick Broadbent. The ladies, as usual, were to the fore with a dainty supper.

DRY WEATHER. The dry weather continues, and Trawalla seems to have missed even the thunderstorms. Paddocks are bare and water scarce. Rabbits are not improving matters, and even the bark of the trees is receiving their attention.

ON SICK LIST. Miss Foreman, the popular postmistress, is not enjoying the best of health, and has been missing from public duties for some weeks now.

Skipton. EUCHRE AND DANCE. Despite a counter attraction in the form of a Masonic installation, there was a good attendance at the euchre social and dance, in aid of the Mechanics Institute funds, on Saturday night. The winners of the euchre were Mrs Stevens and Mr A. Chasey.

From Various Sources

At the fortnightly meeting of Beaufort A.N.A., presided over by Mr C. V. Wyllie, a resolution was received from Jung Branch granting clearance to Mr E. Stevens. Accounts totalling £5/6/ were passed for payment. A credit balance of £301 was reported. Dr. Gordon Little was accorded a vote of thanks for his informative talk on the national health scheme, a report of which will appear in next issue. Reports of two weddings and other items are held over till next issue.

Subjects to Beaufort Mechanics' Institute met on Wednesday night, and elected Messrs. H. V. Martin and H. J. Buchanan as two additional trustees. The committee afterwards met. It was reported that 25 tons of wood had been delivered. A credit balance of £121 was reported. It was decided to post new lists of P.O.W. subscribers and billiard room members. Book, financial and billiard room sub-committees were appointed. A fuller report is held over.

Mr A. J. Crozier, of Nell St., Beaufort, has sold his bakery business to Mr W. D. Broadway, of West Footscray, who takes over on 1st April. We understand Mr Crozier will now be leaving his district.

An afternoon social was conducted on Thursday by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club. Songs were given by George and Peter Worsley, and Misses Betty and Jean Sandiant. Competitions were won by Mesdames G. Drew and Cobden. Marie Worsley was the winner of a parcel of groceries. The takings were £3/4/10.

Beaufort Fire Brigade held a card social and dance on Thursday night for the P.O.W. fund. In section 1 of the euchre tournament, Mesdames McCracken L. Stephens, and A. M. Parks, divided 1 and 2. In section 2 the first and second prizes were divided by Mr A. Hughes, Mrs C. Gillingham, and Mr C. Broadbent. The music was supplied by Blay's Band. A novelty dance was won by Mr and Mrs R. Grant.

The customary united Good Friday service is to be held in the Beaufort Presbyterian Church commencing at 7.30 p.m. Rev. J. Leach, of the Methodist Church, is to be the preacher. The offering will be devoted to the Red Cross and P.O.W. funds. An account of the Easter holidays, the following payments will be made at the Beaufort Post Office:—Child endowment and widows' pensions, Tuesday, March 27; invalid and old age pensions, Wednesday, 28th; Naval allotments, Thursday, 29th.

Just prior to his release from the R.A.A.F., Mr C. Notman was notified that he had been promoted to the rank of Flying Officer.

Sister Muriel Nicholls is on relief duty at the Skipton Hospital for a few weeks.

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RAGLAN PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs Richardson, of Burrumbett, is staying with her daughter, Mrs Jim Wilkinson.

Mr Perc. Lewin, of Ararat, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs J. J. Cuthbertson.

Mr and Mrs Pitcher have as their guests Mrs Bob Welsh, of Melbourne, and their son Roland, of Kaniva, with his wife and child.

Mrs J. Moyle, of Melbourne is holidaying with her cousin, Mrs E. Drew.

Mr Corpl. Peter Johnston and Mrs Johnston were in Raglan for a few days. Corpl. Johnston is being transferred to another State.

Appointment FOR SERVICE AND SECURITY THE BALLARAT TRUSTEES COMPANY Your Executor 35 years' experience in administering Trust Estates. Head Office: 101 Lydiard St. North, BALLARAT. G. D. SPEECHLEY, General Manager. Branch Offices at Geelong, Melbourne and Hamilton.

Appointments for Beaufort and District: R. WOTHERSPOON & Co. CARRNGHAM TURF CLUB (unregistered), in aid of Australian Comforts Fund and Prisoner of War Fund, EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1945. To commence at 1.30 p.m., on the CARRNGHAM RECREATION RESERVE. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS: 1. NOVELTY PONY RACE. Prize, £2. Nomination 2/ 2. BENDING RACE. Prize, 10/ Nomination, 1/ 3. FLAG RACE ON HORSEBACK. Prize, 10/ Nomination, 1/ 4. OPEN HACK RACE. Prize, £2. Nomination, 2/ 5. OPEN HACK RACE (Lady Riders). Prize, £2. Nomination 2/ 6. POTATO RACE (Horseback). Prize, 10/ Nomination, 1/ 7. BEST HORSE OVER HURDLES. Prize, £1. Nomination, 1/ 8. HIGH JUMP (Open). Prize, 10/ Nomination 1/ 9. HIGH JUMP (under 14). Prize, 5/ Nomination 6d. 10. 100 YARDS HANDICAP. Prize, 10/ Nomination, 1/ 11. Boys' Race (under 14). Prize, 5/ Nomination, 6d. 12. Girls' Race (under 14). Prize 5/ Nomination, 6d. 13. Consolation Bending Race. Prize, 10/ 5/ 14. Guessing the Weight of Sheep. Prize, Sheep. Nomination, 1/ 15. Best Boy Rider (under 15). Prizes, 10/ 5/ Gift of Mrs J. Willis. 16. Best Girl Rider (under 15). Prizes, 10/ 5/ Gift of Mrs J. Willis. 17. Musical Chairs on Horseback. Prize, 10/ Nomination, 1/ Wireless and Bookmakers on the Ground. President: Mr J. McKAY. Treasurer: Mr J. WHITLA. Secretary: Mr LAURIE BRUTY. Chepstowe Victoria. GRAND BALL AT NIGHT.

MISS ANN MULCAHY. Miss Ann Mulcahy, an old and very highly respected resident of Laket Goldsmith, passed away at a private hospital in Ballarat on 20th March, at the age of 78 years. She was a member of one of the oldest and best known families of farmers in the Beaufort district, and leaves a brother (Mr Michael Mulcahy) and a number of nieces and nephews, as well as a sister-in-law. A sister and four brothers predeceased her. She took a very keen interest in the affairs of the St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, Beaufort, and was associated with many movements for the welfare of Lake Goldsmith and district. She had resided at Eurambeen and Lake Goldsmith practically all her life. She was of a very kindly and charitable disposition and well liked by all who knew her. Much sympathy has been expressed for the bereaved relatives.

Following Requiem Mass celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean Goldinach at the St. John the Baptist Church, Beaufort, on Thursday morning, the remains of the late Miss Ann Mulcahy were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends from all parts of this and neighboring districts. Many beautiful floral tributes covered the coffin, which was borne to the grave by Messrs. Daniel, Edward, John, Michael, Con, and Tom Mulcahy (nephews). In addition to the abovenamed relatives, the chief mourners were Mr Michael Mulcahy (brother), Mrs T. Mulcahy (sister-in-law), Mesdames Daniel and Edward Mulcahy (nieces), Mr and Mrs J. Franc (nephew and niece), and a number of cousins and other relatives. Very Rev. Dean Goldinach conducted the R.C. burial service. The undertakers were Messrs. C. Hager & Son, of Ballarat.

OBITUARY

MR. TOM P. GIBSON. There were many expressions of regret throughout the Beaufort district at the news of the death on Tuesday, 13th inst., at Hartwood, N.S.W., of Mr Tom Percy Gibson, who was manager of Trawalla Estate, Beaufort, for about 20 years and widely and favourably known throughout the district. Mr Gibson had been in good health, and had been managing Hartwood Station, near Deniliquin, since last year. On the 13th March he was out riding with an employee, and while they were walking the horse along, about half-a-mile from the homestead, he suddenly collapsed and fell off his horse to the ground. Medical opinion was that his death was instantaneous and due to heart trouble. His wife predeceased him in 1926. One son, Tom, was presumed to have lost his life on an operational flight over the Atlantic with the R.A.A.F., and the youngest son, John, is missing, believed P.O.W. He was with the first Commando Unit of the A.I.F. The eldest son, David, resides at 12 Park Avenue, Sandringham. The funeral of the late Mr T. P. Gibson took place on Wednesday afternoon, 14th inst.; his remains being interred at Deniliquin.

We take the following particulars from the "Ararat Advertiser":—Mr Gibson was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thos. Gibson, pioneer residents of Ararat. He had the reputation of being one of the best judges of wool in the Southern States of Australia, and acted as a merino sheep judge for many years at Melbourne and country shows in Victoria and N.S.W. As a lad Mr Gibson worked on Iberamboc and Lake Bolac Stations, and later managed North Station, Mortlake, and Ellyer Station, Lake Bolac, before he went to Trawalla as manager and helped to build up the noted stud there. His sister, Mrs M. Williams, is a resident of Ararat, and his brother Arthur lives at Macleod. Three brothers predeceased him.

General meeting, Beaufort Golf Club, Mechanics' Institute, Wednesday night, April 4th. Members who have overlooked payment of subscriptions are asked to hand them to Mr Gregory as soon as possible.

Band recital and talent test Sunday, 1st April.

C.W.A. Opportunity Shop and children's exhibition of art Thursday, May 10th.

Beaufort Bush Fire Brigade thank all subscribers to new truck and unit. All who intend to accompany brigade to display and demo. at Ballarat on April 7 are requested to notify Mr J. Duke (secy) within seven days.

Beaufort branch, Victorian Oatgrowers' Association meets at Mechanics' Institute, Thursday, 29th March, at 3.30 p.m.

On Easter Monday the Raglan Patriotic League will hold a gymkhana, in the local reserve for patriotic funds. There will be an attractive programme of horse, cycling, and novelty events, and woodchops. A tug of war has been added. At night a grand dance and euchre tournament will be held. Mr C. V. Wyllie is the secretary.

On Easter Monday the Carrngaham Turf Club will hold an unregistered meeting for the A.C.F. and P.O.W. funds, on Carrngaham Reserve. There will be attractive horse, foot-racing, and novelty events, with a grand ball at night. The secretary is Mr Laurie Bruty, Chepstowe.

Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club conducted a card and carpet bowls social on Saturday night, and the results were:—Section 1: Mrs A. M. Parker, 1; Mrs R. Hare, 2. Section 2: Mr R. Hare and Mrs W. Gillingham, 1 and 2. Secret table: Mrs E. George and Mr W. J. Scriven. Carpet bowls: Mesdames C. Gillingham, N. Smith, and Messrs. F. J. Martin and R. Hare.

WOOL SALES

Of a total national income of £5,457,000,000 in the five war years (1st July, 1939, to 30th June, 1944) the amount expended by Australia on war was £1,651,000,000 or 30 per cent. of the total income.

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GYMKHANA.

RAGLAN RECREATION RESERVE. EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1945. To be held by RAGLAN PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. In aid of Patriotic Funds. HORSE EVENTS, CYCLING, WOODCHOPS, NOVELTIES. PROGRAMME. BOYS' RACE, 16 yrs. and under, 100 yds.—1st, 2/6; 2nd, 1/6. BOYS' RACE, 10 yrs. and under, 75 yds.—1st, 2/6; 2nd, 1/6. BOYS' RACE, under 6 yrs.—1st, 1/; 2nd, 6d. GIRLS' RACE, 16 yrs. and under, 75 yds.—1st, 2/6; 2nd, 1/6. GIRLS' RACE, 10 yrs. and under, 50 yds.—1st, 2/6; 2nd, 1/6. GIRLS' RACE, under 6 yrs.—1st, 1/; 2nd, 6d. UNDERHAND CHOP, 13-inch logs.—1st, 1/10/ and Trophy; 2nd, 10/0. Entry, 3/. SAWING MATCH, Double-handed, 12-inch logs—1st, 1/; 2nd, 10/0. Entry, 2/ per pair. BACKYARD CHOP—1st, Trophy; 2nd Trophy. Entry, 1/. STANDING BLOCK CHOP, 12-inch logs—1st, 1/10/; 2nd, Trophy. Entry, 2/. LOCAL CYCLE RACE, 2 miles—1st, Trophy; 2nd, Trophy. Entry, 2/. LOCAL CYCLE RACE, 16 years and under, 1 mile—1st, Trophy; 2nd Trophy. Entry, 1/. FLAG RACE ON HORSES.—1st, 1/; 2nd, 10/0. Entry, 1/. BENDING RACE ON HORSES—1st, 1/; 2nd, 10/0. Entry, 1/. HORSE OVER HURDLES, 3 ft. 6 in. jumps—1st, 1/; 2nd, 10/0. Entry, 3/. HORSES OVER HURDLES, IN PAIRS—1st, 1/; 2nd, 10/0. Entry, 2/. PONY OVER HURDLES—1st, 1/; 2nd, 10/0. Entry, 2/. HORSE OVER HURDLES (consolation)—1st, 1/; 2nd, 10/0. Entry, 1/. MUSICAL CHAIRS ON HORSEBACK—1st, 10/6. Entry, 1/. MARRIED LADIES' RACE—1st, Trophy. Entry, 6d. SINGLE LADIES' RACE—1st, Trophy. Entry, 6d. BOWLING AT THE WICKET—1st, 10/0. Entry, 1/. BEST GENT. RIDER—1st, 1/1. BEST LADY RIDER—1st, 1/1. MEN'S RACE, 50 years and over—1st, Trophy. Entry, 6d. CATCHING THE ROOSTER—1st, Trophy. Entry, 3d. BOYS' SACK RACE, 15 yrs. and under—1st, 2/6. Entry, free. BOYS' SACK RACE—10 yrs. and under—1st, 2/6. Entry, free. BEST BOY RIDER—1st, 10/ and riding whip; 2nd, 2/6. Entry, 6d. BEST GIRL RIDER—1st, 10/ and riding whip; 2nd, 2/6. Entry, 6d. LADIES' NAIL DRIVING COMPETITION—1st, 5/0. Entry, 6d. TOSSING THE SHEAF, Height (handicap)—1st, 10/0. Entry, 1/. GUESSING THE WEIGHT OF SHEEP—1st, 1/1. TUG OF WAR, 5 men a side, no weight limit—1/3. Entries for Woodchopping Events to be in the hands of the Secretary by SATURDAY, 24th MARCH. Handicappers for Woodchops: Messrs. Connor Bros. Refreshment Booth, Publican's Booth, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Sweets. Admission—Gents., 2/; Ladies, 1/; Children, 6d. Grand DANCE and EUCHRE TOURNAMENT at Night in Hall. Tasty Supper, Good Music, Excellent Floor. W. G. WILKINSON, President. C. V. WYLLIE, Hon. Secy., Box 7, Beaufort.

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TOWN BAND.

Monthly Meeting.

The Beaufort Town Band Committee met at the Shire Hall on Thursday night, 15th inst., and there was an attendance of nine members; Mr J. Duke (president) presiding. In accordance with notice given by Mr Saddler at last meeting, Mr J. F. Martin moved that the motion on the books arranged for a trip for the band committee and ladies be rescinded. Seconded by Mr W. G. Gillingham, and carried. Correspondence was read from the Waterloo Sports Club, asking the band to play at the patriotic gymkhana on Easter Saturday. — Mr Martin said the band had agreed to go. From A. McIntyre, Skipton, and the St. Arnaud Band, in reply to the secretary's enquiries for music. From Beaufort Agricultural Society, thanking band for assistance at the show and forwarding donation of £1/1/. Received, with thanks. From B.N. Hospital Committee, asking band to play at garden party. — The president said the band had attended. The secretary said he had written the Stawell Band, and had received some music from Chappell's. The president said a donation of 5/ worth of War Savings Stamps had been received from Mr G. Barrett, senr. The president said it would be very difficult to give artists a month's notice. He gave a list of artists for the Are You an Artist Competition on Easter Sunday night. A credit balance of £94 was reported, as well as £30 in the Second Liberty Loan, and £17 in War Savings Certificates. It was decided to invest £50 in the Third Liberty Loan. The receipt following the Easter Sunday one was fixed for April 29, subject to the approval of the bandmaster. RED CROSS BRANCH. Beaufort Red Cross branch met on Tuesday afternoon, 13th inst; Mrs T. Beggs (president) conducting the business. A donation of £20/7/0 was received from the local Agricultural Society. A letter was read from the Waterloo Sports Club, asking for help at the Easter Saturday sports, as proceeds are to be divided between patriotic organisations. — Request to be complied with. Accounts amounting to 12/ were passed for payment. Work was handed in as follows:—Sleeveless pullover, Miss Troy; long-sleeved pullover, Mrs H. Cuthbertson; pair socks, Mrs J. J. Sutton; Mrs Tame, 2 dressing gowns; Mrs H. Cuthbertson, pair underpants; Mrs Morvell, Mrs G. Cuthbertson, dressing gowns; Mrs J. F. Wotherspoon, Mrs Burns, Mrs Hayes, Mrs A. Campbell, pyjamas; civilian relief—Mrs Gregory, Cardigan and pixie; Mrs Beggs, Cardigan; Mrs Downes, jumper; Mrs M. Cuthbertson, singlet; Mrs L. Robinson, baby's jacket. Donations: Stamps, Mrs Hayes, Graeme Larkin; cotton reels, Mrs Torney; magazines, Lady White; Agricultural Society, £20/7/0.

DISTRICT NEWS

Skipton.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. Mr Angus was in the chair at the monthly meeting of the Patriotic League at Skipton on 20th March. There was only a moderate attendance. The chairman extended a welcome to a new member and a visitor who were present. Correspondence included letters of thanks from A.C.F. headquarters for a donation of £8; also a very interesting and informative communication in connection with field work and other activities of the A.C.F. and various branches acting under its supervision. The organisers of the War Veterans' Home Appeal and Welfare Huts and Families' Appeal sent letters of thanks for donations received. A letter was also received from Miss Grace Wise, stating that she would be unable to continue playing for the dances after March 17, owing to health reasons. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Miss Wise for services rendered over a period of seven years, and to accept the resignation with regret. A letter was read from the Red Cross branch, suggesting that the Patriotic League run a gymkhana on Easter Monday, and promising the full support of the Red Cross branch to try and make the effort a success. After considerable discussion, it was decided that no action be taken for Easter Monday, as the time was too short to make the necessary arrangements. A motion was carried that a public meeting be held on the following Tuesday to discuss the possibility of holding a gymkhana on 14th April. Further arrangements were made for the fête, to be held on 17th inst. Mrs Primrose and Miss Bradshaw promised bread Mrs Johnstone and Mr Stevens lettuce. Apologies were received from Mr Primrose and Mrs Worrall. The secretary read the following reports:—Profits from two euchres and dances, £10/10/; afternoon euchre, 15/0; balance in bank, £25/1/2. It was agreed to vote £9 to the Red Cross. Mr Anderson reported that a concert party proposed visiting Skipton in connection with the present loan, and it had been suggested that the Patriotic League be responsible for the local arrangements and make a charge for admission. It was agreed to make a charge of 2/ for reserved chairs and 1/6 for the rest of the hall, with 1/ for children. Supper will be provided for the performers and speakers. A COMPETITOR FOR 32 YEARS. Tom Pearce, the well-known Main Lead axeman, who secured second place from 9 sec. bhd. set in a heat at Elmhurst sports in the underhand woodchop, has been cutting in matches for 32 years. During that period he has won many contests. Although he has been chopping wood for so many years, Tom, who is a genial personality, maintains his sporting form, and cuts his logs cleanly. One of his best wins was a Barkly in a big field of competitors. Sergt. Bill Ward and Pte. Jack Brown, of Streatham, have been home on leave.

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## Food and Housing Should be First.

### NATIONAL HEALTH DR. LITTLE TALKS TO A.N.A. MEMBERS.

At the conclusion of business at the Beaufort A.N.A. meeting on Tuesday, 20th inst., Dr. Gordon Little (medical officer) gave an interesting and informative talk on the proposed national health scheme to about 30 members and visitors, including a number of ladies.

The present set-up, said Dr. Little, included medical, hospital and pharmaceutical services. Some of the Government-subsidised hospitals were not general hospitals, and there was a network of Bush Nursing Hospitals, not subsidised by the Government. About 50 per cent. of the profession, not including the influential members, were in favour of the present Government's scheme. Should a medical service be brought in, people would practise the Government doctor for minor complaints, and pay a private practitioner fees for serious complaints, and they would have to pay private practitioners higher fees than at present. The Government service in New Zealand was working quite well, and there the doctors would not join but compromised on a fee for service basis. In England under the panel system the doctors were paid by the Government for those on their panel list. The panel system was proposed by the U.A.P. eight years ago, and was not favoured by the B.M.A. in Australia. In England the standard of medical service under the panel system was not highly regarded. The only remaining type of service was the present private system they had in Australia on competitive lines, which maintained a fairly effective standard of service, despite some shortcomings. Beaufort people had to provide their own hospital. Under a national medical service that might be obtained if the public made enough fuss, but under the proposed scheme the Government might even close the hospital down. For specialised treatment the private system became very expensive. There were lodge, private, and hospital dispensaries supplying the sick in large cities. The Government had put the cart before the horse and already dealt with the chemists. They would probably deal with the doctors next and the hospitals after, which was not surprising. Free medical services would be desirable, but the Government had not yet put up a plan for controlling the medical services. Logically, the Government should first see that everyone had sufficient food to remain in proper health, and good housing. It seemed, without doing this first, they were wasting their time with national medical services—they should build from the ground up. The Government

knew only too well that it had Buckley's chance of nationalising food production. He outlined the present Government's plan for free medical services and hospitals in big towns—smaller towns were to be rather neglected. The idea was to cover Australia with a grid of hospitals in cities, to be fed by ambulance services from surrounding districts for 30 to 50 miles. Doctors were to be asked to join, and to be classified according to qualification and experience. In regard to pharmaceutical services, the Government scheme was to come into force on July 1. The chemist was to give free medicine and to be paid by the Government. The total cost at first was to be £2,000,000 a year, but they had since compromised on a scheme to cost £10,000,000 or £15,000,000 annually. They would not have much trouble in taking hospitals over—there only remained for the Government to put into operation a salaried medical service. Doctors at present practising were to be classified according to hospital facilities. An A class town would have a junior medical officer—a very old or young man. All he would have to decide was whether the patient was ill enough to be sent by ambulance to the nearest Government hospital. Midwifery cases came under that category, and B.N. Hospitals would probably be closed. B class towns would have a Government hospital with a daily average of under 50 patients. These would have one or two junior medical officers. Decaying mining towns like Clunes or Dunolly would be B class towns, and progressive towns like Terang, Korumburra, or Kerang would be A class towns because they had B.N. Hospitals. In an A class town a doctor would not be allowed to do any surgery, and in a B class town very little. C class towns such as Horsham would have senior medical officers, specialist, and a squad of junior officers. The aim of the plan was to centralise medical services. The big cities would come under D class, and there would be about 20 clinics about the suburbs of Melbourne, attached to the new Government hospitals to be built after the war. The weaknesses of the plan were mainly in the grading of the towns according to hospital facilities. Beaufort, having no Government hospital, would be an A class town, and Clunes, a smaller town, B class. Beaufort midwifery cases would have to go to Ballarat or Ararat. Where present rooms were unsatisfactory, the Government would build rooms for its medical officers. No great advantage would accrue to the people of Beaufort and district—they would lose a great deal of what they had. The saving of money was a doubtful point. The Government had not successfully run any service, and the population

of Australia would pay 50 per cent. more for medical services than at present. The plan was unworkable with the present number of doctors in Australia, but it would be workable by an increase of 50 per cent. of doctors, but it would take some years to train them. The reason was that people would go to the doctors more for trivial complaints, and the doctors would not be likely to work for more than six or eight hours a day. The chief fault with the national service would be that the patient would not be able to choose his own doctor. The Government was going to allow a private service to operate alongside the salaried service—one of the greatest blunders of the plan, as private enterprise would beat a Government service every time. That aspect might not be noticeable in the country, as excepting in towns like Mildura and Ballarat it would not obtain. If the Government disallowed private practice, they would have a fair chance of establishing an efficient Government service. One of the chief objections of the B.M.A. was that there was no provision that the service would be supervised by members of the medical profession. The highest paid specialist under the scheme was to receive £1750 a year, and the supervisor was to receive £750 more than the best specialist in the service, which was ridiculous, as in private competition he would be lucky to make £1000 a year. An alternative system that would be acceptable to the B.M.A. was the system operating in New Zealand—the doctor's fees were guaranteed and he was not subject to any supervision. He pointed out that the Government's plan would produce degeneration in the doctor's ability to diagnose more serious complaints, if he was all the time dealing with minor complaints. There were other services the Government proposed to improve—to extend accommodation for tubercular cases, and the accommodation available for the early treatment of mental diseases; and also to regularly X-ray all chests for tuberculosis. In the next year or two there would be radical changes in the medical services—as to whether there would be improvement or failure, he could not say. As far as the doctors' own financial position was concerned, they would welcome it. The Government aimed at giving the people security, and would probably give the doctors far greater security and better conditions than at present. They must not get it into their heads that the doctors were objecting because they would be out of pocket. It could be a success provided that the organising men at the top had sufficient ability to run it on sound lines. The B.M.A. was doing a good job by putting a brake on the Government.

### DISTRICT NEWS Skipton.

PAPUAN BAND.  
Notifications posted in Skipton that the Papuan Royal Constabulary Band would be visiting the town on Monday, 19th March, brought a large crowd to the vicinity of the Mechanics' Hall to see these interesting people, who are touring Australia. A number of local ladies had arranged flowers and tea-cothies in the supper room, but the large number of bandmen (about 35), drivers and Army personnel accompanying them, decided to dine outside. When the meal was over, the bandmen were lined up, and led by their native drum major, marched to the front of the Mechanics' Hall, where the school children and members of the public gazed with admiration at the splendid specimens of manhood in the band, who are a credit to those who trained them. The playing of the band, their marching and counter-marching, and the fine physique of the bandmen, whose ages range from 14 to 22 years, will not soon be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be present. Their rendering of the National Anthem was a fitting climax, and the players were loudly applauded. Everything was carried out with precision, and the buses left for Hamilton about 2 p.m., accompanied by Army trucks and cars containing blankets, food, and other material. Weather conditions were almost perfect.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE'S FETE.  
The fete run under the auspices of the Patriotic League on Saturday, March 17, was poorly attended, but as almost £20 was raised by the effort, it must be considered well worth while. There were no competitions for flowers; but those on display on the flower stall were much admired. Good business was done on the produce, cake, ice-cream and jumble stalls, and the afternoon tea room was also well patronised. In the evening a cup and dance were well supported. Mrs. Thompson (a visitor) won the ladies' prize, and Mr. W. Liston, senior, annexed the men's prize.

MECHANICS' EUCHRE.  
On Tuesday afternoon, 20th inst., Mrs. Ellingham was the president, and the opening ceremony was performed by Mr. W. J. Mibus, M.L.A. After the opening ceremony, Miss Buchanan took charge of the proceedings and present and former scholars were lined up. Armed with a stout baton, she asked a demure woman why her shoes were so dirty, and the reply was, "Please Miss, it's only dust." Miss Buchanan later presided at the organ, and a member of the school Committee (Mr. James Fuller) who moved a comprehensive vote of thanks, paid a high tribute to the young teacher for the wonderful organising job she had done.

### PERSONAL. Skipton.

Successful player at a card social in aid of the Mechanics' Institute. Nurses Jessie Shaw and Mavis Johnston are home on annual leave. Sister M. Crawford has commenced relief duty at the Skipton Hospital. Word has been received that Trooper N. Johnston, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Johnston, Skipton, has been an inmate of an Army Hospital in a Northern area. PROPOSED GYMKHANA. A public meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 20th inst., to discuss holding a gymkhana. Mr. Sturgeon was appointed secretary. It was agreed that a gymkhana be held on a date to be fixed during the May holidays. Mr. G. Bunston was appointed assistant-secretary. Mr. Angus agreed to act as president. Mr. Bolte was elected vice-president, and Mr. Graham, treasurer; the following being appointed as a committee:—Messrs. J. Scarg, L. Nicholls, J. Walker, A. Brown, J. Crawford, A. Chaisey, R. Wilkie, A. Rowe, W. Corbett, G. Bunston, J. H. Bolte, and W. Graham. A ladies' committee was also appointed, consisting of Mesdames Steyns, Merton, Worrall, Ferguson, Notman, Loudon, Primrose, Wise, and Rowe, with power to add. A sub-committee of five was appointed to prepare a sports programme and submit it to a general meeting on Tuesday, 27th March. Those appointed to the sub-committee were Messrs. Scarff, Graham, Brown, Wilkie, and Bolte. Following a discussion, it was agreed on the casting vote of the chairman, to hold the meeting on the Recreation Reserve.

NEW SCHOOL OPENED.  
A new school was opened at Nurcoog, near Natimuk, on March 6, the head teacher of which is Miss Lois Buchanan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Buchanan, of Beaufort. Thirty-four old scholars congregated some of them being able to go as far back as 59 years, and interesting reminiscences of pioneering days in the district were related. The new edifice is the third; the first having been destroyed by fire in 1916 and the second in 1944. Cr. J. P. Knight presided, and the opening ceremony was performed by Mr. W. J. Mibus, M.L.A. After the opening ceremony, Miss Buchanan took charge of the proceedings and present and former scholars were lined up. Armed with a stout baton, she asked a demure woman why her shoes were so dirty, and the reply was, "Please Miss, it's only dust." Miss Buchanan later presided at the organ, and a member of the school Committee (Mr. James Fuller) who moved a comprehensive vote of thanks, paid a high tribute to the young teacher for the wonderful organising job she had done.

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### Shire Council.

**SKIPTON POWER PUMP.**  
At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, 12th March, Cr. Wills said he had called at Skipton to see about the shire power fire fighting pump, which had cost them £75. He had made arrangements for working it, and for a place to garage it; thinking it was going to be put on a millary truck. He found the power pump on a stand in the police yard, exposed to the weather. He did not know what arrangements were made about Hampden Shire providing a truck. Two brothers at Skipton agreed to work it, but the other day they did not think they would have anything to do with it. The arrangements made with them were far different now. The president—He understood it was covered with canvas. Cr. Wills—He saw it that morning. He had a place for it, but they would have to pay £10 a year for it. The secretary—The first letter from Hampden was to the effect that Cr. Borbridge would see Cr. Wills and make arrangements. Cr. Roddis moved that Hampden Shire be written to stating that Ripon was dissatisfied with the arrangements made and that it be left in the hands of Cr. Wills to get in touch with Cr. Borbridge and see if they could make better arrangements. Seconded by Cr. Hinton, and carried. Cr. Russell said that Hampden Shire had been peculiar about it all along. They should let them know they did not agree with the arrangements made.

**ADDITIONAL PETROL STORAGE.**  
At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, 12th inst., in accordance with notice, Cr. Schlicht moved that the resolution passed by the meeting of the Council on the 11th Novr., 1944, that only petrol received be paid for, be rescinded. (This refers to the dispute between Pool Petroleum-Stevenson Bros. and the shire re quantity petrol supplied). Seconded by Cr. Watkin and carried. The secretary: Did they pay for the petrol now? Cr. Young—No. Cr. Wills—They only paid for what they got. Cr. Roddis suggested that the Council put a larger tank in No. 2 depot. Cr. Wills—If a storage tank were taken over from any oil company, there should be a proviso that the different oil companies in the town have their share of the business. The secretary—It was all under the pool now. Cr. Wills—When the war was over the companies might go back to self interest. They all talked about decentralisation and whenever anything was done locally, it was always centralised. It was resolved to get a report and estimate from the engineer at next meeting on additional storage. The engineer—If they did that they would take all the business from the local people, and the pump would be filled from a wagon from Ballarat. It was understood the engineer would report. The engineer—They had left the matter of the £2 in the air. Cr. Young—If that was the only loss they ever had, it would not affect them.

**E.R. DOG INSPECTOR.**  
At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, March 12, applications were returnable for the position of dog inspector for the East Riding.—Mr E. Howlett was the only applicant. Cr. Roddis—The applicant had been in

the military, and there was a lot of squealing about the appointment last time. Cr. Young—Have you read Saturday's paper? Why did you put that successful applicant must reside in the shire? Cr. Roddis—M. Acton put it in, and he quite agreed. He did not think they should go out of the shire. In reply to Cr. Young, Cr. Roddis said they would use their own discretion about a man who lived just over the Emu bridge. Mr. Howlett had had a lot of military work, and it was not his fault he did not go overseas. He joined the Forestry Unit later, and they would not let him go on account of his health. Last year he made a wonderful job of dog inspector. He moved that Mr. Howlett's application be accepted. In answer to Cr. Schlicht, Cr. Roddis said a discharged serviceman must have been in a theatre of war. The motion was seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried. Cr. Russell said with regard to the appointment, that two A.I.F. men had applied last time. One had been overseas for a short period, and the other had not. They appointed the man living in the district in good faith, and last year were not aware of the clause in the Discharged Servicemen's Act. This year they only had one applicant, who had had several years' service with the A.I.F. and had done the work very satisfactorily last year. In reply to Cr. Young, the secretary said it was a sort of a recommendation from the E.R. members last year to put in that the successful applicant must reside in the shire. Cr. Young—It was not wise.

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### BEAUFORT SCHOOL. Committee Meeting.

In the absence of the chairman (Mr W. J. Scriven), Mr J. Duke acted in that capacity at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort School Committee, held at the H.E. School on Monday night, which was attended by four members and the head teacher (Mr J. L. Robinson).

Mesdames E. Sullivan (president) and F. Worsley (secretary) attended as a deputation from the Mothers' Club to urge the advisability of installing a new wireless set and sound system in the school, and promised to co-operate with the School Committee in raising the necessary funds. The equipment, they pointed out, was badly needed.

The committee promised to give the matter their consideration.

Mrs. Worsley also asked the committee to do something in the matter of obtaining transport for the local children attending High and Technical Schools in Ballarat.

Mr H. J. Buchanan (correspondent) pointed out that action had already been taken in the matter.

Correspondence was read from the Education Department, in reply to a letter asking if Beaufort was included in the scheme for re-building of schools under a post-war programme, and stating that the claims of Beaufort would be kept in mind.

From S. P. Emerson, forwarding his resignation, owing to removal from the district, and ex-

tribute £ for £ up to £15, for the sound system and new wireless set and were of the opinion that a special effort was not necessary, on the motion of Messrs. Duke and Wyllie.

The head teacher suggested a long-range plan to improve the rough state of the school ground.

In his report the head teacher said that one junior scholarship and two free places for pupils of the second form were usually awarded to this school annually on the results of the first and second term examinations, plus an intelligence test at the end of the year. The children had to enter soon. He exhibited some pictures (prints) and maps for inspection that had been recently purchased, and said there were more prints to come along.

Mr Duke suggested that they approach the Shire Council for the use of the grader for the school ground.

The acting-chairman thanked Mr Robinson for his work in the framing of the prints.

The committee afterwards inspected the wireless set and the school ground.

The correspondent said in regard to a complaint that sheep were grazing in the school playground, he had not given permission for them to do so.

Mr Duke said if there were another offence the sheep would be impounded and the owner prosecuted for trespass.

The head teacher reported that arrangements had been completed for the combined district schools' sports at the Beaufort Park, on 6th April.

### DISTRICT NEWS

#### Buangor.

The dance held in Buangor Hall on Friday night, March 23, by the Sports Club to raise funds for prizes for the coming gymkhana on 14th April, was enjoyed very much by the dancers. Owing to functions in surrounding districts, the crowd was not quite up to the usual one.

Although the day was most unsuitable for tennis, the president's day tournament, held last Saturday, drew a large number of entries. Some very good tennis was the result; the winner being Mr Surridge and Miss S. Harbour. Mr J. K. Pickford (president), who donated the prizes, presented them to the winners at the conclusion of the tournament.

#### Who Gains by Bank Control?

(Contributed).

The Commonwealth Government is considering legislation in respect of banking. Whatever the form is to take, it is designed to give the Government greater control over the Australian banking system. Whom will that help? Perhaps it may suit some in the capital cities. At any rate, that is where the demand for banking control is strongest.

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### RIPON PATRIOTIC AND COMFORTS CLUB.

#### Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the committee of the Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club was held in the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Thursday, 22nd March. Mr S. Young was in the chair, and 12 members were present. Correspondence was received from the Australian Comforts Fund, acknowledging receipt of gramophone records, and amending the weight of woollen comforts received from the club this year. The thanks of the club were extended to Mr Philip Russell, Carngham, and the Beaufort Agricultural Society for donations received from them. A long discussion took place concerning cakes to be sent to district troops next month, and it was decided to obtain samples before ordering. It was resolved to seek the co-operation of additional assistants at the Austerity Store. Pleasure was expressed at the action of the Waterloo Sports Club in giving the whole of the proceeds to patriotic purposes, and it was arranged to conduct a stall at the sports. Cash receipts since last meeting of the committee were:—Goldwyn Circus, 10/; Trawalla Auxiliary, £3/4/; members' tickets, £1; Mr P. Russell, £5; Beaufort Agricultural Society, £20/7/9; Mr. J. Parker, Ararat, 2/8; Mr A. Laney, Waterloo, 9/; Pam, 4/; Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club, £2/7/3; Austerity Store, £8/3/11. The Canteen Committee forwarded 147 canteen orders, to the value of 5/ each, during March, to district troops.

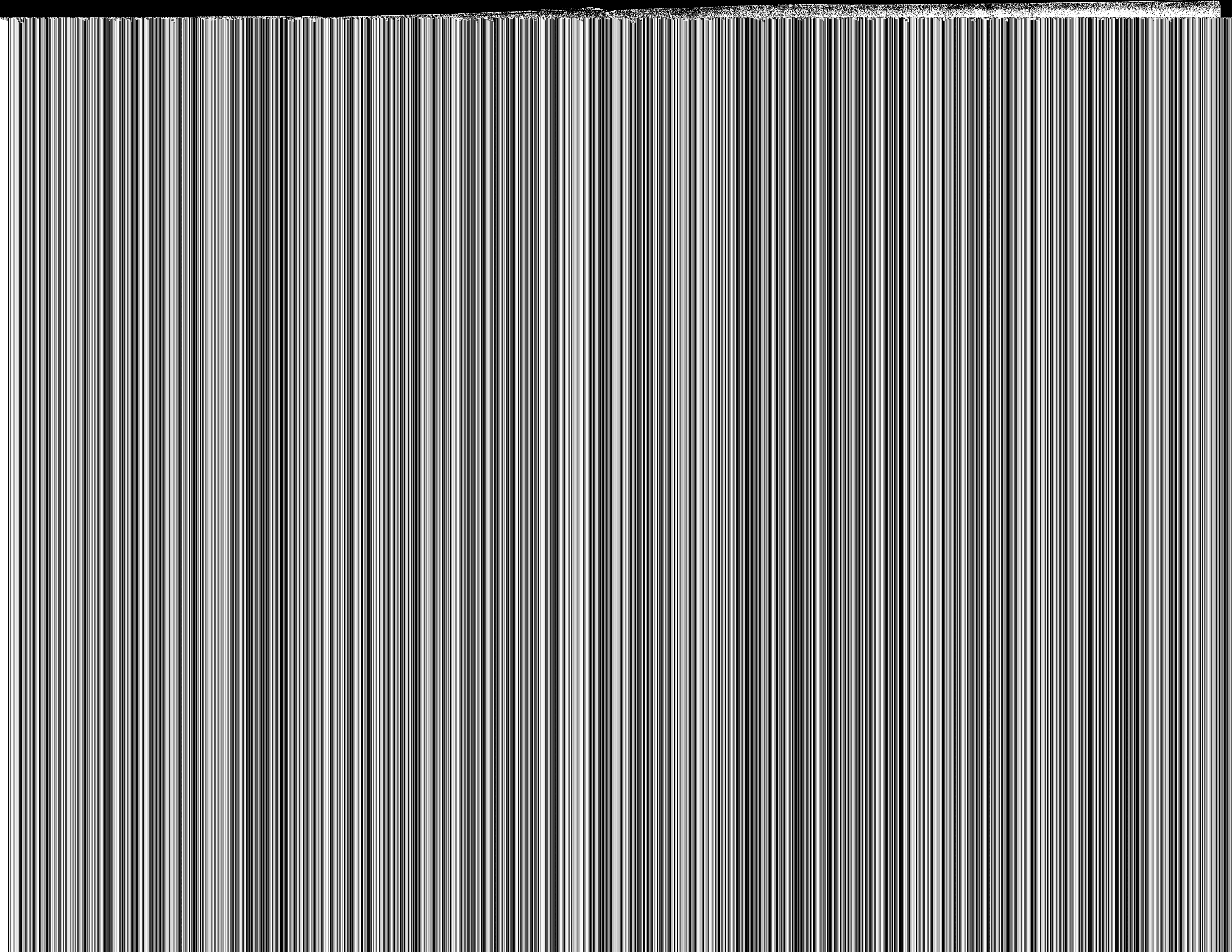
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**PERSONAL ITEMS**

Mrs H. J. Buchanan, of Beaufort, recently suffered a bereavement by the death of her brother, Mr Jennings, of Melbourne.

The engagement is announced of Joan, elder daughter of W.O. Matthews (A.I.F. returned) and Mrs Matthews, Hawthorn, to Robert Leslie Crocker (A.I.F. returned), youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. L. Crocker, Main Lead, via Beaufort.

The engagement is announced of Eunice Jessie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. G. Jackson, Post Office, Lexton, to Herbert Francis (A.I.F. returned, New Guinea), youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs W. R. Harrison, of Wauha.

In Wednesday's "Courier" were pictures of four former Beaufort residents, now members of the Ballarat City Oval Bowling Club, namely, Messrs M. J. N. Breen, J. Cushing, D. Stevenson, and T. Bowe.

Miss D. Sands, who has been lying in South Australia, is staying with her father (Mr A. H. Sands) and Mrs J. B. Prentice at Beaufort.

**FOR THE EMPIRE. NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE**

Aircraftman W. Reid, of Beaufort, was recently in the town on leave.

Petty-Officer W. Hill, R.A.N. of Beaufort, is home on leave.

**RED CROSS BRANCH Fortnightly Meeting**

The fortnightly business and work meeting of the Beaufort Red Cross Branch was held on Tuesday afternoon; Mrs Theodore Beggs (president) presiding. Mrs A. Beggs moved that £100 be sent to headquarters. Seconded by Mrs M. Hirsch, and carried. It was agreed to assist at the Waterloo sports.

The following donations were received:—Mrs J. Clark, 4/; Mr McCook, 1/; Mrs D. Stewart, 2/.

Gifts were received as follows:—Mrs A. Campbell, magazines, stamps, and tooth paste tubes; Mrs Michael Kelly, silver paper. Underpants, Mesdames T. Beggs and H. Cuthbertson; pyjamas, Mesdames G. Cuthbertson, Burns, J. F. Wotherspoon, Tame, and Miss Wotherspoon; dressing gowns, Mesdames Morvell, A. R. Beggs, Maddern, and Miss Oddie; long-sleeved pullover, Mrs H. Cuthbertson; sleeveless Cardigan, Miss Jackson; pair socks each, Mrs Taylor, Miss Hooko. Civilian Relief—Jumper, Mrs Downes; singlet, Mrs J. W. Harris; babies' squares, Miss Furness, 8; Mesdames Scharpe (3), Hirsch (1 doz.), A. Skene (1 doz.), nightgowns, Miss Wotherspoon, Mesdames Scharp (2), Burns (2), Tame, H. Cuthbertson, G. Cuthbertson, and T. Beggs.

The customary Saturday night card and carpet bowls social was held by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club, and the results were:—Ladies — Mrs Smith. Men — Mr J. Stewart. The consolation prizes went to Mrs Sullivan and Messrs. Vowles and Foreman, and the secret table prizes to Mrs Broadbent and Mr W. J. Scriven. The winners of the carpet bowls competition were Mesdames Slea and Stephens, and Mr R. Hare.

**MUNICIPAL NOTES. BALLARAT MARKET. Neighboring Shires.**

At the monthly meeting of the Ararat Shire Council on Friday, 18th inst., a letter was received from Dr. Matthews, Avoca, stating he was prepared to immunise children of Elmhurst school.

The secretary — He had made all arrangements for children to be done at Warrak. No word was received re Buangor children and the doctor, after waiting some time rang up Buangor, and he was told they would not go there. He immediately wrote to the headmaster at Buangor on the matter, protesting against the discourtesy.

From headmaster, Buangor, stating that as it had been practically promised that Ararat or Buangor would be the centre for immunization, he took the secretary's letter advising that the children had to go to Warrak to Mr Healy, to get in touch with the secretary. This he failed to do, and he made a last minute round of those interested, and found that most people would not take the time off to go to such an out of the way centre. It is considered that most people would prefer to pay a doctor to do the work in visits to suit themselves. Two cars would have been taken to Ararat. — Received.

**CARNGHAM A.C.F.**

At the last meeting of the Carngham branch, A.C.F., Mrs A. C. Roddis (president) presided. A cheque for £63/2/10 was received from Carngham Gymkhana Club. Many gifts of money and goods were received. It was decided to send £300 to headquarters. The Australian Comforts Fund are issuing a mid-year hamper, as Christmas hamper have been such a success, so any one wishing to donate one please notify the hon. secretary, Mrs P. Russell, and enclose 10/ for each hamper. Cards, with donors' names and addresses, will be inserted in each hamper, so that the recipient may write a reply. The appeal for hampers closes during April.

**LOAN CONCERT PARTY TO VISIT SKIPTON ON APRIL 11.**

Such well-known stage and radio artists as Freda Northcole, Ernest Wilson, Harold Rogers, Ray Clark, and the astounding magician, Steffo, will visit Skipton on April 11th in support of our local Victoria's Third Victory Loan.

The death occurred at the Skipton Hospital on 28th March of Mr Arthur John Lucas, aged 70 years. He leaves three daughters and a son; one of the daughters being Mrs Waldron. His wife predeceased him.

Mrs Mellick (nee Letty Katts), won the Australian song competition with "Never, Never." Her husband, Major S. J. Mellick, is with the Forces in New Guinea. Her mother (Mrs Katts, of Brisbane) and aunt (Mrs J. A. Dowsett, of Sydney, are former residents of Beaufort, and daughters of the late Mr and Mrs W. Pimblett.

**BALLARAT MARKET. Tuesday.**

**CATTLE** — As there will be no market next Tuesday, heavy supplies of cattle came forward; the total being 185. Prime medium weight bullocks, £22 to £24; heavy, £25 to £28/10/; good, £19 to £21; good lightweight bullocks, £16 to £17/10/; prime cows, to £15 17/6; good, £12 to £14; useful, £8 10/ to £10

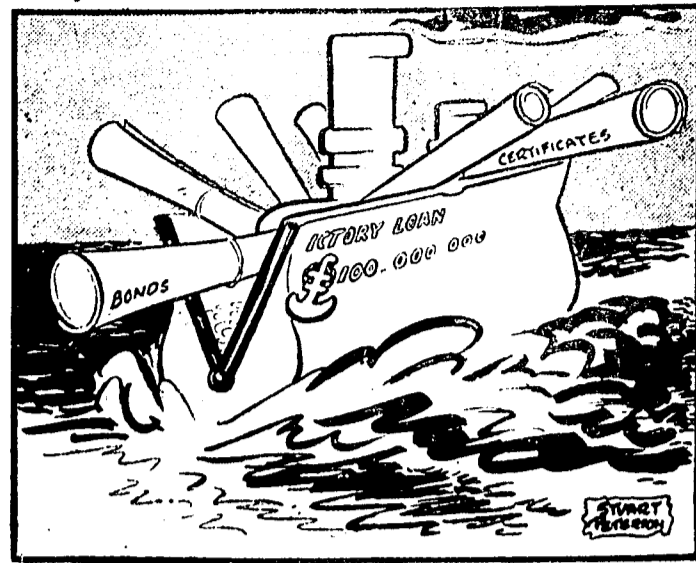
**CALVES** — 205 penned; competition active; best quality being dearer, other grades no alteration. Best made £18/8/6

**SHEEP** — 5320 penned. Prime crossbred wethers, 32/ to 34/; extra, to 38/10; good, 28/ to 30/; prime crossbred ewes, 22/ to 24/; extra, 26/ to 28/; a few specials to 35/1; good, 18/ to 20/; prime merino wethers, 30/ to 32/; extra, 35/ to 39/4; good, 24/ to 27/.

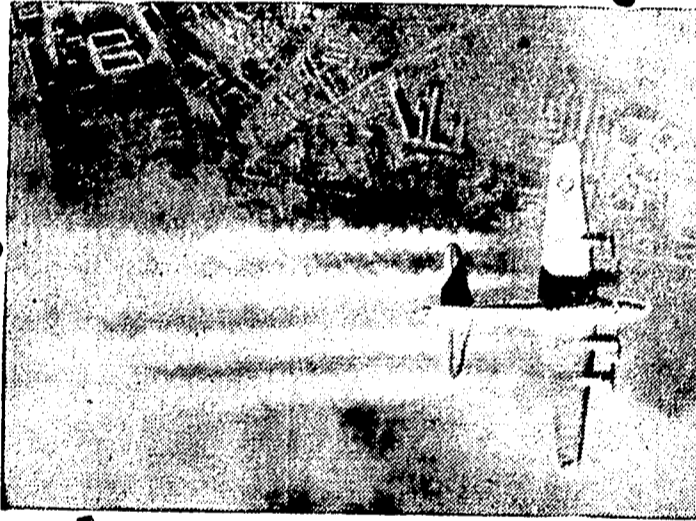
**LAMBS** — 2060 penned. Sales opened to keen competition, and for all trade quality values were higher, other grades firm. Prime, 38/ to 40/; heavy, 43/ to 48/10; good, 30/ to 33/; useful, 24/ to 28/.

**DISTRICT SALES** — The following district sales were effected:—Cow, Mr R. Waldron, Shirley, at £12/7/6; 13 merino wethers, Mr E. N. Dunn, Chesham, wethers 28/10, ewes 22/4; steer, Mr J. T. Dobson, Burrum beet, £15/12/6, heifer £14/10/; 5 calves £6/8/6 to £12/18/6, averaging £9/2/6; 92 Corriedale wethers, Mr Alex. Bain, Stockyard Hill, 31/4 to 38/10, averaging 35/5, top price and average of the market; 90 comeback ewes, Mr Stan Hamilton, Mena Park to 18/4, averaging 15/8; 30 bullocks Wing-Commander C. O. Fairbairn, Banongill, Skipton, 223 7/6 to £17/5/; averaging £21 11/2; 119 merino wethers, Mr J. Prendergast, Pretty Tower, Beaufort, 23/7 to 20/1; 112 merino ewes, Mr L. P. Chase, Skipton 19/7 to 14/10; 100 merino wethers and ewes, Mr Chas. McDonald, Mortchup, wethers 27/1 to 14/7 averaging 26/; ewes 18/4 to 16/1 averaging 17/2; 80 crossbred ewes Mr R. C. Hinton, Carranbaila 15/10 to 14/1; 29 comeback ewes Mr H. J. Smith, Stockyard Hill, 14/10 to 10/7, 43 lambs to 48/.

The "Ararat Advertiser" writes as follows of the Methodist flower show in the Ararat Town Hall, on Friday, 23rd March:—Lovely spikes of gladioli and well grown dahlias from Mrs J. E. B. White's garden at Buangor contributed to the mass of color on the cut flower benches and added to the interest of the exhibition. The champion gladioli was Mr J. E. B. White's Dauntless, a choice pink bloom, and her best three were Autumn Tint, Dauntless and Black Opal, whilst the best six included Bobby Dazzler, Dauntless, Stella Annisdale, Tania Delight, Red Velvet and Solid. Mrs White also showed the champion dahlia, and her best three were Freda George, Amaranth and a pink Dally Mail. The colorful star dahlia, Judith White, was abundantly featured on the dahlia stands. Mrs White obtained first prizes for 12, six, and three cactus dahlias, three cactus dahlias, three cactus dahlias, collection of dahlias, best dahlia, three carnations, and second prizes for three decorative dahlias and one decorative dahlia.



By Stuart Peterson, "The Sun," Sydney.



TOP PICTURE. —Retiring U.S. Secretary of State, Cordell Hull (left), who resigned on Nov. 27, 1944, because of ill health, is shown with Under Secretary of State, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., who has been nominated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to succeed Mr Hull.

MIDDLE PICTURE. —Over Berlin. — A B17 Flying Fortress of the 8th U.S. Air Force, participating in a 1000 bomber daylight raid on Berlin, wings over the heart of the city trailing vapor as huge clouds of smoke rise from fires started.

BOTTOM PICTURE. — School held in China's Underground Arsenal. — U.S. Office of War Information Pictures.



The invasion of Poland in September, 1939, the event which plunged the European continent into the present conflict, gave a rise to a pitiful stream of refugees who have wandered through many countries in search of a haven during the five years that have elapsed. Polish children comprise a large percentage of these wanderers. — U.S. Office of Information Picture.

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**GOOD FRIDAY Pastoral Letter**

In a pastoral letter the Anglican Archbishop and Bishops of the Province of Victoria solemnly call all members of the Church to remember that March 30th is Good Friday and that the day will be observed as a holiday—a word that is a combination of two words, HOLY and DAY. Good Friday is observed as a holiday because it is the day on which the Church commemorates the death of Jesus Christ.

There are many whose way of observing the day is sadly divorced from the real meaning of the day. Because of this, the Archbishop and Bishops call on all Church people to observe the day quietly and thoughtfully and to do all that is possible to prevent the desecration of the day which to Christians is the most sacred day in the whole year.

Since the beginning of this century there has been an ever-increasing departure from the belief and practice for which the Church of Jesus Christ stands. To this we attribute the serious decline in the moral life of the community, which all thoughtful people deplore. But two encouraging things have happened in recent years. One is the laudable response which the youth of the nation has made to the call to service in these testing days of war. The heroism, endurance and sacrifice of our youth reveal magnificent traits of character. The other encouraging fact is that all who have the nation's welfare at heart are seriously aware that there is an urgent need of a new moral sense in the nation's life. The Archbishop and Bishops call attention to the fact that history teaches conclusively that morals, to be sound and effective, need a religious basis. The Christian Faith is the root from which Christian virtues grow; it is the power which gives impetus to Christian conduct and civilisation. It was urged that attention should be focused not on morals alone, but primarily on our duty to God and on what God has done for us. Good Friday speaks pre-eminently of the action of God Who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The Archbishop and Bishops are profoundly convinced that the only way to a renewal of true moral sense in the nation's life, the only remedy of the despair of men and the deadness of the world, is in the acceptance of the help which comes from God through Him Who is both Son of God and Son of Man, and Who gave His life for our salvation on Good Friday.

**DOGS KILL SHEEP.**

A large number of sheep has recently been worried by dogs in the Amphitheatre district. Mr W. Cocoran had 55 sheep badly mauled and 45 of them died. Others who have lost sheep are Messrs. E. Howell, A. Poole, and W. M. Richards. The killers have been seen at several places, and efforts have been made to shoot them. So far, however, the marauders have managed to escape. A sharp look-out is still being kept for them, and the dogs will be destroyed if they are caught.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE Special Meeting**

Subscribers to the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute met on Wednesday night, 21st March, to elect additional trustees in place of two who are deceased. Mr R. C. Hodgetts (chairman) presided, and there was an attendance of nine subscribers and the secretary-librarian (Mrs C. Gillingham).

Correspondence was read from the Minister of Lands in relation to the matter of trustees. Messrs. S. Young, G. H. Cougle, and J. R. Wotherspoon are the three surviving trustees. Mr D. R. Hannah moved that the trust consist of five members. Seconded by Mr H. J. Buchanan, and carried.

The nominations were Messrs. H. V. Martin and H. J. Buchanan (Messrs. R. C. Hodgetts and W. W. Ashley declining nomination), and these gentlemen were duly elected.

**COMMITTEE MEETING.**

A committee meeting was afterwards held; Mr Hodgetts conducting the business. The secretary was instructed to notify the Lands Department of the election of Messrs. Martin and Buchanan as trustees, with the request that their names be registered. The librarian reported that 25 tons of wood had been delivered and nicely stacked by Mr F. J. Martin. Mr Buchanan reported on the proposed new lavatory, and the matter is to be held over for the present. The librarian reported that various transfers of money requested at last meeting had been effected. The librarian made the following financial statement for the month:—Receipts, £24/18/; receipts, £16/6/3; present credit balance, £121/7/8. Accounts totalling £16/6/3 were passed for payment, and the statement adopted. Mr D. R. Hannah suggested that they invest another £50 in the War Loan, making a total of £100. The president — They invested £90 at last meeting in the War Loan, and fixed deposit—It was resolved to defer the matter of further investments for the present. Correspondence was read from the Lands Department, stating that the purpose of the reservation was for a site for the Mechanics' Institute. The librarian reported that the new light in the billiard room had been completed. Mr Martin said a new list of donors to the Mechanics' P.O.W. Fund should be posted. He moved to that effect. Seconded by Mr W. L. Williams, and carried. Sub-committees were appointed as follows:—Book committee, Messrs. W. W. Ashley, H. J. Buchanan, W. L. Williams, and the president. Finance committee — Messrs. Ashley, Williams, E. S. Crouch, Downe, and the president. Billiard room committee — Messrs. Duke, Gregory, D. R. Hannah, F. J. Martin, H. V. Martin, and the president. Mr H. V. Martin moved that a list of billiard room members be posted in that room. Seconded by Mr J. Duke, and carried.

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### WEDDING BELLS.

DREW — BROADBENT.

Becomingly attired in white flat crepe, with high neck line, self-buttoning down the back, flowing into a long train, and wearing a bridal veil (lent by Mrs A. Broadbent, senr.), Miss Elizabeth Joan Broadbent, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. W. Broadbent, of Mt. Ross, Trawalla, made a charming bride on the occasion of her marriage to Mr George Drew, youngest son of Mrs Drew and the late Mr A. Drew, of Raglan. The ceremony took place on 17th Feby., at St. John's Church of England Beaufort, and the officiating clergyman was the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Tame). The bride was given away by her father, and was attended as bridesmaid by Miss Mavis Johns, of Sebastopol, who wore white taffeta, with heart-shaped neck, and shirring on the skirt. Little Shirley Peacock, of Surrey Hills, Melbourne, was flower girl, and was dressed in pink taffeta, with matching halo. The bride's bouquet was of white gladioli, white roses, and fern; the bridesmaid carrying a bouquet of red gladioli, red roses and fern, and the flower girl a basket of pink roses and fern. A white satin cross was placed on the bride's arm, as she entered the church, by her cousin (Mrs A. Broadbent). During the ceremony, Mrs N. Smith, of Trawalla, sang, "I'll Walk Beside You." She was accompanied by Miss DeBaere (organist). As the bride left the Church, numerous lucky tokens were placed on her arm by friends; also one from her little nephew, Barric. The bridegroom was supported by Mr A. Broadbent (brother of the bride) as best man. The reception was held in the C.W.A. Hall, Beaufort, the catering for which was in the capable hands of Mr A. J. Crozier. The guests were received by the bride's mother, who was frocked in a navy ensemble, with white relief, and she wore a shoulder spray of pink carnations. She was assisted by the bridegroom's mother. Mrs Drew, who was attired in navy blue, with a coat of lighter blue. The customary toasts were proposed and honoured. After the wedding breakfast, the happy couple left for Melbourne by the evening train, and were farewelled by numerous friends. The bride's travelling dress was of pink crepe, with black accessories and grey coat.

HARVEY — REILLY.

A quiet, but pretty wedding was celebrated in the Brisbane Baptist Church on Feby. 9th, when Miss Kath Reilly, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Reilly, of Lennie Braes, Miles, was married to Mr Dawson Harvey, son of Mr and Mrs Harvey, of Pomona. Miss Muriel Reilly, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr Noel Harvey, brother of bridegroom, was groomsmen. The bride wore an attractive dusty pink ensemble, decorated with a spray of orange blossom, and carried a pretty Victorian posy. She entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr E. Reilly, who gave her away. Mrs W. Funnell presided at the organ, and while the register was being signed, Miss Ruth Funnell rendered a very appropriate solo, "The Crown." The party then adjourn-

ed to Portland Lodge, where the wedding breakfast was held. The usual toasts were honoured and congratulatory telegrams read. By special request Miss Funnell again gave her solo. The happy couple then left to spend a short honeymoon at Coolangatta. The bride's future home will be in Brisbane. She is a niece of Mr and Mrs A. Holdsworth, of Toorak (formerly of Beaufort), and a granddaughter of the late Mr and Mrs C. Loft, of Chute. She resided with Mr and Mrs A. Holdsworth at Beaufort for some time.

### Local & General News

#### CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT

A truck load of outstanding exhibits of captured enemy equipment visited Beaufort on Friday night, 23rd March, in support of Australia's Third Victory Loan campaign. The equipment included a Jap mortar, Jap grenade discharger, Italian Breda M.M.G., Jap Juki ack ack stand, German Soiothurn ack ack L.M.G., German machine pistol, Jap sub-machine gun, Solothurn type; Jap tank gun (taken off tanks landed by Japs in Milne Bay) Jap tank attack gun, German rifle for tank attack, Jap rifle and bayonet, Italian carbine with folding bayonet, and Jap flame thrower, portable. Pte. G. T. Cudmore accompanied the exhibits as lecturer, and had been in action against the Japanese at Kokuda, Buna and Gona. Cr. T. W. Schlicht, of Beaufort, spoke in support.

#### SCHOOLS' SPORTS.

At the seventh annual inter-school sports conducted by the Windermere and District Amateur Athletic Association, held at the Burrumbeet Park oval on Thursday afternoon, 22nd inst., a large gathering witnessed the sports, in which six schools competed in 41 events. Windermere School was first with 73½ points; Brewster being fifth with 20½ points. Brewster School secured the following prizes:—Girls, under 7½ years — S. McErvale, Brewster, 3. Boys under 14½ — W. Anderson, Brewster, 2. Tunnel Ball, teams of 6—Brewster, 1. Cross Chase Ball, teams of 6 — Brewster, 3. Boys' Sack Race — W. Anderson, Brewster, 3. Girls' egg and spoon race — G. Grant, Brewster, 2. Girls' throwing tennis ball — G. Grant, Brewster, 1. Boys' broad jump — J. McErvale, Brewster, 3 (distance, 11 ft. 10 in.) Boys' high jump, under 14½ — W. Anderson, Brewster, 2. Boys' high jump, under 11½ — L. Grant, Brewster, 2.

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