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## Patriotic Younger Set Formed at Skipton.

### DISTRICT NEWS

#### Skipton.

At the meeting of the Skipton Progress Association on the 17th April, Mr G. C. Notman was appointed secretary in succession to the late Mr L. D. Nicholls. In accepting the position, Mr Notman said he felt it would be difficult to carry out the duties as their late secretary had, but he was prepared to do his best; only that best looked for more support at ordinary meetings than was given the late secretary. If local citizens could be made to feel attendance at these meetings was as much their duty as the next man's, and lent their regular support, things worth having in the town would be worth fighting for, and a strong Progress Association would then be in a better position to do that.

A good number of young people met on Thursday evening, April 19th, for the purpose of forming a Younger Set; the main object being to raise money for patriotic purposes. Mr Sturgeon took the chair for the election of office-bearers, and the following were elected:—President, G. Thomas; vice-presidents, W. Fowler and Miss Jean Notman; secretary, G. Bunston; treasurer, Miss Bessie Cluff; committee, Misses E. Wilkie, H. Slater, Joyce Shaw, A. Wise, G. Wise, L. Nicholls, Mrs E. Wilkie, and Messrs. R. Alexander, Neil Merton, L. Wilkie, and M. Wilkie. The membership fee was fixed at 2/6. Mr G. Bunston stressed the point that with co-operation much could be done to improve the town. There was much discussion regarding the raising of money. It was finally decided to hold a dance on May 2nd. The possibility of holding a ball in May was also talked of, and it was left in the hands of the secretary to make inquiries about an orchestra.

A euchre party was held in the Church of England Sunday School on Thursday, April 19 in aid of the Church of England Guild. The winner was Mrs Tait.

On Saturday night, April 21, a euchre and dance was held in aid of the Mechanics' Hall. There was a very good attendance, and the euchre winners were Mrs Tait (ladies) and Mr Genn (gents).

The winner of the Tuesday afternoon euchre, in aid of patriotic funds, was Miss M. Graham.

#### Trawalla.

The monthly euchre was held in the school on Friday, 20th inst., when there was a good muster of locals. After some close contests, the winners proved to be—Ladies—Miss E. Smith. Gentlemen—Mr Les. Broadbent. The prizes were kindly donated by Mrs C. Anderson. This was the second for the aggregate for the best six nights during the series.

The local children have received many congratulations on their recent win at the schools' sports. Their win was a surprise to many, as although the shield has been in competition for 20 years, this was their first win.

Mrs E. Stevens and two children have returned from their holiday at Warracknabeal.

Miss Foreman has not yet been able to take up her duties as postmistress. All wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs H. G. Smith has returned from a brief stay in Ballarat with her parents.

The dry spell continues, but some of the locals have already sown their crops.

Anzac Day was celebrated at the local school on Tuesday afternoon, 24th April, when after a brief address by their teacher, the children listened in to the service broadcast from the Shrine.

#### Waterloo and Chute

The first of the series of euchre socials and dances, to aid the Sports Club fund for improvements at the local recreation reserve, was held on Saturday night, 21st April, and was a great success. Dancers and card players came from Glen Brae, Lexton, Mt. Lonarch, Elmhurst, Raglan, Chute, Main Lead, Beaufort, Trawalla, Mena Park, Lake Goldsmith, Chute, and most of the residents of Waterloo. Blay's Orchestra supplied good music, with the Misses Loader playing at times on the piano accordion. Mr Tom Gillingham acted as M.C. for the set dances, and carried out his duties well. The sum of £11/12/ was taken, and a profit of over £7 will be shown. The euchre prizes were won by Mr A. Lyttle, Mrs J. Rutherford, junr., and Mr Bert Russell. For the lowest scores Mrs Flynn and Mr J. Williams secured the prizes with one game each. The ladies provided a good supper; about 100 sitting down to it.

Mr Forest Blay, whose band has played for the Waterloo dances for some years, intended to retire some time back, but has now decided to reconstruct his orchestra, and has added the two Misses Loader to it, and also Mr W. Day.

On Tuesday afternoon, 24th April, Mr E. Bonsor, the school teacher, took the children to his residence to hear the address on Anzac Day on his wireless set, which was much appreciated by the children and parents.

#### Middle Creek.

Very dry conditions still continue. Practically all farmers and graziers are hand feeding stock, and nearly all are carting water as well, as there are very few dams in the district that are not dry. Rain has threatened a few times, but gone off with a few light showers. Reserves of hay and other fodder

are getting very low, and the outlook for the winter is becoming serious. Some farmers have sown a few acres of oats, but the ground is very dry and hard to work, and a big fall of rain is needed before any fresh ground can be worked.

Rabbits are still numerous and some trappers here are getting good returns; a transport coming through and picking up all available rabbits. Prices have increased, and although no feed is to be seen, they are in exceptionally good condition.

### MUNICIPAL NOTES.

#### Neighboring Shires.

At the monthly meeting of the Ararat Shire Council on Friday, 20th April, a letter was received from the secretary, Shire of Ripon, enclosing letter from Mr E. A. Fay, Middle Creek, re bad condition of Russell's bridge, stating the cost to repair it would be £120, and asking what should be done. Cr. Brebner—He understood that there was a suggestion that the bridge be closed. They should oppose that suggestion. Something would have to be done to the bridge. He moved that the engineer report on the bridge. Seconded by Cr. McDonald.

#### From Various Sources

Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Social Club held a euchre and bowls social on Saturday night. Results:—Euchre—Ladies: Mesdames J. Millar, L. Stephens, C. Vowles divided 1 and 2. Men: Messrs. C. Hare and J. Millar divided 1 and 2. Secret table: Mrs Sullivan and Mr A. S. Duncan. Carpet bowls—Mesdames C. Gillingham, A. S. Duncan, Mr Foreman, and H. George.

The Beaufort Town Band held its weekly euchre tournament and snowball competition on Monday night, 30th April. The winner at the secret table was Mrs L. Stephens. In the ladies' section the first and second euchre prizes were divided by Mesdames Willis and Parker. In the men's section Mr J. Williams secured first prize and Mr Scriven second.

Beaufort Croquet Club held a flag bridge afternoon on Monday, 30th April. The winners were Mrs Doull, Misses Beth Schlicht, and M. Anderson. The prizes for the lowest number of flags were secured by Mesdames M. Exell, Duncan, and D. Hannah. The entrance prize went to Mrs Duncan.

Mr and Mrs A. J. Saph and Mr and Mrs W. Smith, of Ballarat, came to Beaufort for Anzac Day.

Corpl. Hilton Dunn of Beaufort, has been home on leave.

Mr Cliff Comber, formerly of Lexton and Chalicum, who has been ill in Ballarat Hospital, is well on the way to recovery.

SAVE PAPER FOR SALVAGE.

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. MARGARET BACKHOUSE.

The death occurred on 24th April at Ballarat, of Mrs Margaret Backhouse, wife of the late George Backhouse. Deceased was a daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Kelly, of Korumburra.

#### MR. THOS. L. DAY.

Mr Thomas Leonard Day passed away somewhat suddenly at Beaufort on 25th April, but he had been in ill health for some time. He was a former inspector of police at Geelong and Ballarat, and was licensing inspector at Geelong when he retired. Mr Day, who was in his 61st year, had resided at the Railway Hotel, Beaufort, for about 12 months. He leaves a widow, who lives at Skipton, two daughters, and three sons. The daughters are Mrs W. Leydon and Miss Mary Day; the sons being Messrs Leonard, Alison, and Thomas Day. Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Beaufort, on Thursday, 26th April, for the repose of the soul of deceased, and at the conclusion of Mass, the funeral left for Ballarat, and the remains of the late Mr Day were interred in the Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, on Friday afternoon, 27th April. Messrs. F. W. Barnes & Son, Ballarat, and Ernest H. King & Co., Geelong, carried out the funeral arrangements.

### Local & General News

In the tug of war contests at Ararat fair last week, organised by Rev. Father Day, the Ararat Mental Hospital team was defeated by Beaufort by an inch in the first heat of the Grampians Open Championship. The Beaufort team comprised J. Cole, J. Crozier, C. Vowles, E. V. and E. Broadbent, and B. Pearce. In the championship semi-finals International Harvesters defeated Beaufort by three inches.

The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. shop wish to thank all donors and helpers for the week ending April 21st. Helpers were Mesdames Ashley, Gregory, Exell, and Misses A. Norman, M. Anderson, and E. Lewis. Receipts were £9/16/. Cash donations were:—Miss Oddie, £1; Miss E. Norman, 10/6; Mrs Mulcahy, senr., 5/.

The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a social on Thursday night. The euchre tournament resulted:—Section 1—Mrs A. J. Hughes, 1; Mrs Sullivan, 2. Section 2—Mrs C. Gillingham, 1; Mr Scriven, 2. The dance music was supplied by Miss C. Bellis, Mr A. Whiting, and Mr J. Hunt.

A euchre doubles competition was held by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club. The winners were Mr A. McGregor and Mrs J. B. Day; the consolation prizes going to Mesdames P. Doull and L. Stephens.

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### HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Never dip knife-handles in hot water. It loosens them.

If a knife-board is used, it should be warmed at the fire before polishing the knives.

When washing dusters after using them to polish furniture add just a little ammonia to the water in which they are put to soak.

Where breadcrumbs are needed in a recipe put crust and crumb twice through the mincer. It does just as well and is more economical than ordinary breadcrumbs.

After polishing windows moisten a clean rag with a very little glycerine and rub it over the glass. Windows done this way do not "steam" and last clean much longer.

Never put the sugar from lemon-juice into cakes. It is likely to make them heavy. Save it for sweetening milk pudding or custard, to either of which it is a great improvement.

If boots get wet, they should be rubbed while still wet with a little glycerine or oil. The leather will absorb it as it dries, and remain quite soft instead of getting hard, as it would do if nothing was applied to prevent it.

To take spots off serges and similar fabrics put a teaspoonful of quinine bark into a pint of boiling water and let it stand till next day. Pour off, strain, and bottle. A little of this applied with a clean rag to tweeds and serges acts like magic.

If you find onions indigestible, put them, after peeling, into a basin of boiling water to which ordinary washing soda has been added in the proportion of one teaspoonful to a quart. Let stand for ten minutes, then drain, and cook in any way you like.

When cane seats become slack, sponge both sides of the cane, with hot soapsuds to which a "handful" of salt has been added, stand in the open air, and when nearly dry cover with a cloth and iron with a hot iron. The seats will be as good as new.

### A DEADLY INDUSTRY.

One of the most deadly callings, and one of which very little is known, is that of the workers in champagne cellars. The work, which is light, and without any obvious elements of risk to health, consists in turning over the bottles of champagne so that the wine may be clear and transparent and absolutely free from sediment. The men who do this work spend eight or ten hours a day in the dark wine cellars turning over bottles by the thousand. This monotonous duty they discharge day after day in semi-darkness, in a high temperature, unhealthy atmosphere, and absolute solitude. These combined conditions affect the nerves, and health of the workers so seriously that few of them can continue at their posts until middle age.

It being leap year, she decided to propose.

"Will you have me for your wife?" said she, sweetly.

"Since you have suggested it, I will," he replied. "But just remember, dear, if I don't turn out to be all you expect, you have only yourself to blame."

Magistrate (to prisoner): "You say that when you broke into that shop you took a package of goods not of much value, and left the till, which was full of money, untouched. How was that?"

Prisoner: "Don't you reproach me for that mistake. My wife has already abused me enough for being such a fool!"

### From the Lips of Babes.

Country Doctor (superintendent of Sunday School): "Now, children, who can tell me what we must do in order to get to heaven?"

Bright Boy: "We must die."

Country Doctor: "Quite right. But what must we do before we die?"

Bright Boy: "Get sick and send for you."



COMING EVENTS.

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

C.W.A. entertainment by visiting artist, on afternoon of 10th May.

Dance at Buangor Hall, 11th May.

Beaufort Golf Club opens the season on Saturday, 12th May, with mixed foursomes.

Euchre and dance at Lake Goldsmith, May 11.

Working bee, Waterloo Cemetery, 2 p.m., Saturday, May 12.

Closing at 11 a.m. on Monday, 14th May, the Shire of Ripon invites applications from persons willing to clean the Shire Hall.

Next visit of Marchants, Opticians, Saturday, May 12.

Beaufort Methodist Church anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, 13th May. Rev. A. Norman Kemp, of Ballarat (Chairman of the District) will preach at the three services.

The Railway Department advertises vacancies for lad porters.

No Annoyance. Black: "They tell me your wife is quite a whistler?" White: "She is. Whistles all the evening."

Points of Resemblance. Pat: Why is a sleepless man like a lawyer, Mike? Mike: Can't tell.

The Reason Why. President Wilson is noted for his domesticity, and he is a great believer in a nation's greatness depending on how its homes are managed.

How He Wanted. "How will you have your hair cut, sir?" said the talkative barber to the victim in the chair.

The Barber scratched his head over to the proprietor of the shop and whispered: "I don't know whether the man in my chair is mad or a foreigner, but I can't find out what he wants."

PERSONAL

Mr H. McCracken, of Bright, was in Beaufort at the week end.

Mr and Mrs O'Halloran, of Melbourne, spent a week with Mr and Mrs J. Duke at Beaufort.

Frank Duke has been holidaying in Melbourne.

Mesdames W. Gillingham and E. Dunn have been spending a holiday in Melbourne.

Miss Coral Bellis, of the Beaufort postal staff, is leaving for Ballarat, and her successor is Miss Nancy Davis.

Mr E. Cheeseman, of Newport, has been staying with friends in Beaufort.

Rev. J. Leach and Mrs Leach, of Beaufort, have been away on holidays.

The marriage took place at Beaufort on Saturday of two well-known local residents, Mr H. V. Martin and Miss Hilda Miller, and their many friends wish them every happiness.

WOOL SALES District Clips.

Elder, Smith & Co. Ltd. report (24th April) that they offered a small catalogue of 500 bales at this week's appraisal.

A letter was received from Mrs S. E. Humphreys, thanking the members for greetings received on her birthday.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Buangor

In the absence of Mrs Roberts (president), Mrs Macrae (vice-president) occupied the chair at the fortnightly meeting of the Buangor Red Cross branch.

Fourteen members were present. Arrangements were made for the coming dance, to be held on May 11, for the purpose of drawing the raffle of a box of groceries.

Weekly subscriptions amounted to £3/13/6 after tea receipts 10/-, and the opportunity table 11/-.

Hostesses at next meeting are Mrs and Miss P. Roberts.

The wind up of a series of tournaments held on Buangor courts was held last Saturday, and despite cold weather was most enjoyable.

Winners were Mr L. Kneebone and Mrs J. Mead-ows, and in the men's doubles I. Stevens and Hardy. Prizes, which was kindly donated by Mrs Healey, were presented by the president, Mr J. Pickford, at the conclusion of play.

Raglan

The fortnightly euchre and dance, held in the hall, again proved successful both financially and socially.

Mr E. Lansey was doorkeeper, while Mr Alex. Pitcher acted as ticket seller. Mr A. Trengove had charge of the euchre table, while Mr L. Tucker acted as M.C.

Blay's Orchestra supplied the music, relieved by Mr Anderson for one dance.

Euchre prizes fell to Mr Eric Anderson, while Mrs Gercovich and Miss M. Lansey divided the ladies' prize. Supper was served at midnight by the ladies.

Corpl. P. Johnston, who has been ill in Heidelberg Hospital for the past few weeks, has been discharged from the Army.

Together with Mrs Johnston, he returned home during the week.

BEAUFORT C.W.A. Monthly Meeting.

Members of the Beaufort branch of the C.W.A. turned out in goodly numbers to the monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon, which was presided over by Mrs A. Campbell (president).

The singing of the National anthem and the reading of the Collect opened the proceedings.

It was announced that Miss Barton was to take the place of Mrs Dunbar, who had cancelled her arrangements to visit Beaufort, owing to illness.

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Skipton

YOUNGER SET. The attendance was good at the Younger Set meeting on Monday evening, 30th April.

Arrangements for the dance to be held on 2nd May were finalised, and it was decided to hold a ball on the 8th June, to aid the Younger Set funds.

Prices were fixed at 2/6 and 3/6, and Blay's Orchestra has been engaged.

Suggestions were brought forward concerning a rabbit drive and also a talent quest at a future date.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. A euchre social and dance took place on April 28, in aid of patriotic funds.

The euchre winners were Mrs Graham and Mr Notman.

At the afternoon euchre on May 1, in aid of the Mechanics' Hall, the winner was Mrs Ellingham.

ANZAC DAY. A commemorative service was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Anzac Day.

The Revs. R. G. Long and G. L. Johnson took part; the Rev. Mr Johnson giving an interesting address.

Suitable hymns were sung. Mr Thomas, on behalf of the Returned Soldiers' League, thanked everyone for attending.

A minutes' silence was observed in remembrance of the fallen, after which "The Last Post" was played by Mrs Worrall.

A good number of returned men, both from the last war and the present one, formed up for the march to the Soldiers' Club Room, where a wreath was placed on the honour board.

RED CROSS BRANCH. Twenty-four members attended the April meeting of the Skipton Red Cross branch.

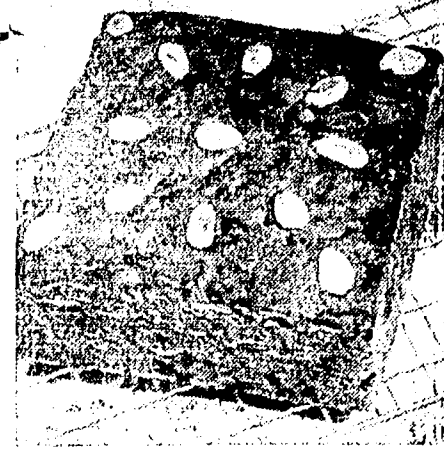
At which Mrs Mackinnon presided. The reports showed that £2 16/9 was received from the euchre party, held on 7th April and 11/6 from an afternoon party.

The monthly collection amounted to £8/7/9, and £5/10/4 was paid in from last month's unfinished box.

Donations: Mrs Fairbairn, £6/5/8; Mr K. Taylor, £10; Mrs Blackwood, £2/10; Patriotic League, £9 and £6/10 (P.O.W.); meeting stall, £2/3/1.

The sum of £40 was voted to headquarters and an account for £10/12/6 for wool passed for payment.

It was decided to unite with the Carranballac group to hold a ball for P.O.W. funds at a date to be fixed.



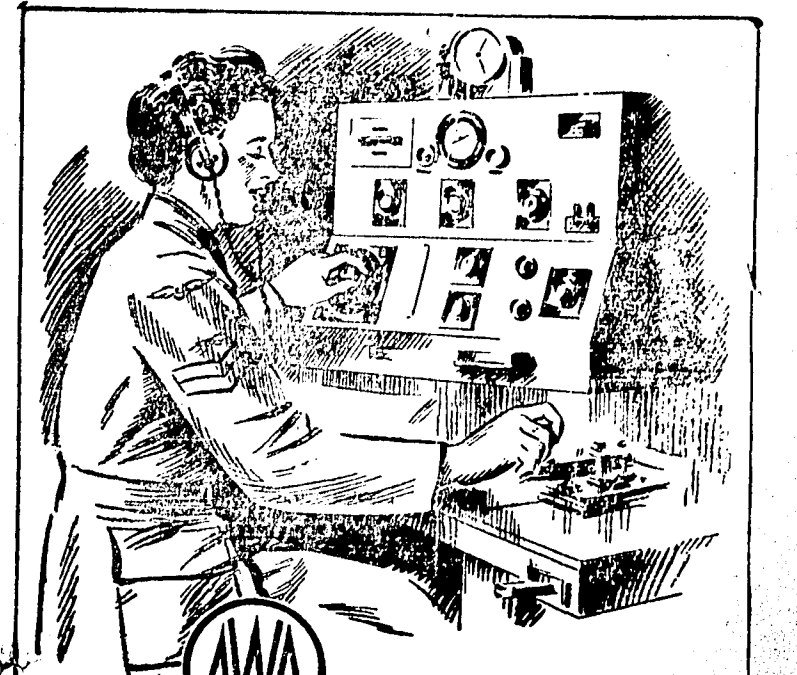
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teaspoon grated nutmeg
cup chopped walnuts
cup butter or other shortening
cup brown sugar
cup sliced soft prunes
teaspoon salt
cup sliced drained cherries
lb. seeded raisins
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teaspoon powdered cloves
teaspoon mixed spice
teaspoon powdered cinnamon
cup chopped almonds or Brazil nuts
eggs

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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, 106; July, 235; Aug., 185; Sept., 198; Oct. 159; Nov., 58; Dec., 169; total, 1704.

1923.—Jan., 110; Feby., 26; March 0; April, 1; May, 387; June, 559; July 753; Aug., 258; Sept., 280; Oct., 358; Nov., 230; Dec., 304; total, 3171.

1924.—Jan., 184; Feby., 542; March 44; April, 210; May, 105; June, 277; July, 118; Aug., 450; Sept., 381; Oct. 325; Nov., 650; Dec., 114; total, 3800.

1925.—Jan., 156; Feby., 170; March 82; April, 128; May, 347; June, 141; July, 271; Aug., 197; Sept., 410; Oct. 120; Nov., 168; Dec., 31; total, 2319.

1926.—Jan., 72; Feby., 21; March 56; April, 263; May, 328; June, 306; July, 323; Aug., 230; Sept., 180; Oct. 276; Nov., 201; Dec., 143; total, 2500.

1927.—Jan., 25; Feby., 97; March 62; April, 63; May, 203; June, 123; July 303; Aug., 307; Sept., 171; Oct., 169; Nov., 118; Dec., 107; total, 2115.

1928.—Jan., 518; Feby., 501; March 150; April, 227; May, 230; June, 295; 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, 3128.

1930.—Jan., 22; Feby., 202; March 34; April, 215; May, 287; 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, 206; Aug., 372; Sept., 161; 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, 2770.

1934.—Jan., 137; Feby., 218; March 33; April, 337; May, 11; June, 117; July 275; Aug., 286; Sept., 294; Oct., 472; Nov., 565; Dec., 223; total, 2968.

1935.—Jan., 125; Feby., 226; March 189; April, 405; May, 188; June, 233; July, 409; Aug., 387; Sept., 262; Oct. 222; Nov., 147; Dec., 75; total, 2948.

1936.—Jan., 179; Feby., 111; March 107; April, 148; May, 225; June, 271; July, 557; Aug., 378; Sept., 155; Oct. 245; Nov., 120; Dec., 371; total, 2756.

1937.—Jan., 203; Feby., 105; March 114; April, 99; May, 147; June, 86; July 198; Aug., 281; Sept., 286; Oct., 415; Nov., 87; Dec., 399; total, 2490.

1938.—Jan., 247; Feby., 185; March 67; April, 267; May, 87; June, 329; July 186; Aug., 138; Sept., 108; Oct., 40; Nov., 88; Dec., 48; total, 1700.

1939.—Jan., 54; Feby., 225; March 29; April, 609; May, 213; June, 369; July, 180; Aug., 537; Sept., 289; Oct. 218; Nov., 461; Dec., 101; total, 3216.

1940.—Jan., 143; Feby., 29; March 81; April, 291; May, 159; June, 154; July, 176; Aug., 135; Sept., 205; Oct. 94; Nov., 308; Dec., 163; total, 1945.

1941.—Jan., 493; Feby., 55; March 264; April, 217; May, 94; June, 566; July, 236; Aug., 340; Sept., 366; Oct. 226; Nov., 200; Dec., 182; total, 2669.

1942.—Jan., 138; Feby., 110; March 113; April, 158; May, 469; June, 277; July, 167; Aug., 416; Sept., 364; Oct., 403; Nov., 304; Dec., 69; total, 2088.

1943.—Jan., 141; Feby., 156; March 31; April, 224; May, 165; June, 255; July, 265; August, 221; September, 263; October, 173; November, 137; December, 66; total, 2029 points.

1944.—Jan., 136; February, 76; March, 67; 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.

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**DADS' ASSOCIATION**  
Monthly Meeting

Several important items of business came forward, and the chair was occupied by the president (Mr J. E. Day) at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort branch of the Dads' Association, at the Shire Hall on Tuesday night. There was an attendance of 15 members, and several absentees sent apologies.

Correspondence was read from the State Council, enclosing report of meeting.

From same, re association magazine, stating that a guarantee was to be asked for from each branch for subscribers, and that a special sub-committee was to be formed to go into the matter.

From G. Barrett, senr., Coburg, returning thanks for letter, and stating that his son's leg had been amputated below the knee.

From Mr G. Barrett, junr., Caulfield Repatriation Hospital, thanking branch for letter, and stating that he was recovering from the operation for the removal of his leg, and hoped it would not be long before he saw the old town again.

Mr Duke said Mr Buchanan and he had received a sympathetic hearing from the R.S.L. in regard to the non-stopping of the night Adelaide express at Beaufort, and a combined letter had been sent to the Railway Department. — The president moved that a letter be placed on the books, thanking Messrs. Duke and Buchanan. He said he hoped the results would be better this time. Seconded by Mr W. Torney, and carried.

The president reported on the last meeting held at Amphitheatre, and said he felt they had created a fair amount of interest.

The secretary said four members were enrolled at Amphitheatre, and 30 nomination papers taken out.

The president thanked Messrs. J. Duke, E. Weston, and A. Higgins for lending their cars.

In regard to the magazine, it was decided to contact all members, and get as many as possible to become subscribers, on the motion of Mr Duke and the president.

The president said there were 91 members of the branch.

Mr Buchanan said there were 17,000 in the State.

All in the room promised to become subscribers to the magazine.

Mr Duke said if they perused it everybody would be the "big noise" in the town then.

Mr Charles — First the "big noise," and then they were "getting hostile."

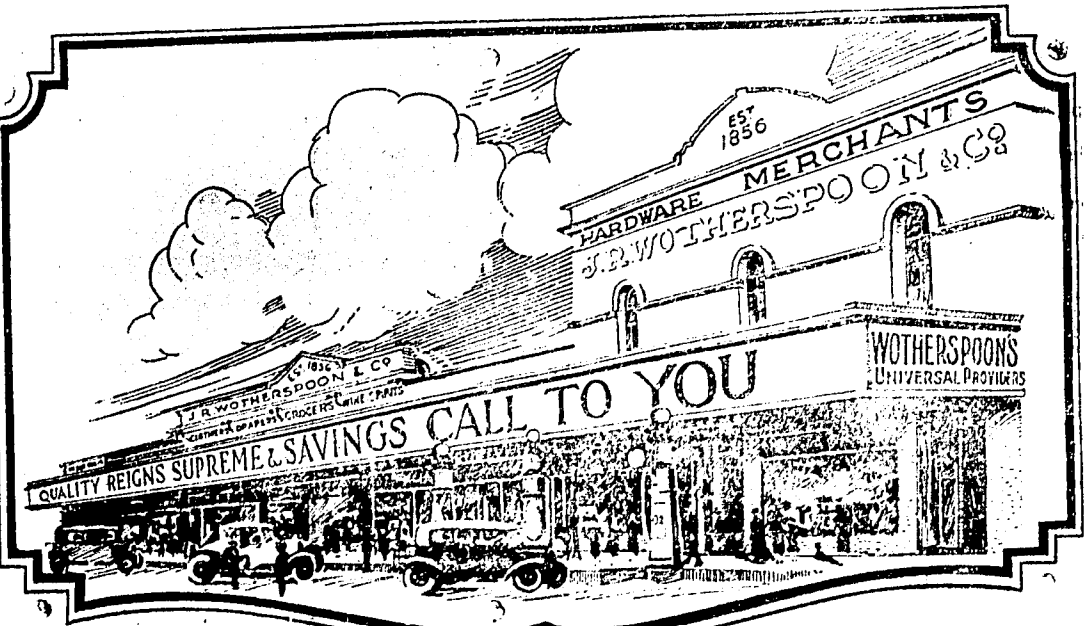
Mr Buchanan said the idea of a magazine was well received at the conference.

The secretary and treasurer (Mr A. J. Hughes) reported a Cr. balance of £12/0/2.

Mr H. Weirner, of Jeparit, was approved of as a member.

Mr Duke said it was the practice of the Dads to have a wreath made on Anzac Day and placed on the Shrine. He contacted the president and secretary, and a wreath was made, and placed on the Shrine by the president. He moved to that effect. Seconded by Mr Charles, supported by Mr Lyons, and carried.

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Mr Hughes thanked Mesdames Day and Charles for making the wreath.

Mr Buchanan spoke on the policy of the Association regarding land settlement. He said a committee had been appointed to draft an acceptable policy. He quoted from the policy as follows:—Policy to be Commonwealth wide. Supplementary to that, a State Board to expend the money. Local committees, under authority of State Board, Advisory committee, to advise District Board as to suitability of land. Branches to advise returned soldiers on productivity, rainfall, prices, etc. Returned soldiers under Act to be eligible. Quality of land to be with assured rainfall, and of proved productivity. Sinking fund, 1 1/2 per cent. interest, 2 per cent. Price of land to be based on average productivity over 10 years. Soldier to have right to pay off the land any time. Sum of £1000 to be made available to settler, to be expended under supervision. Homes erected to be equal in quality to workmen's homes in the metropolitan area. Training of applicants where necessary. Returned soldiers to be given preference for land in their own district. Crown land to be made productive before selection.

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In accordance with notice, Mr Daniels moved that the meetings be held in future on the first Saturday in each month.

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instead of the second Tuesday. He said the Saturday night suited the country members better than Tuesday, and far more would attend. The motion was seconded by Mr A. Higgins, and carried.

It was understood that the Elmhurst members would be the branch know the most suitable night for the meeting there.

The president said they were pleased to know that Mr Torney's boy, was making good progress after being wounded in the Islands.

Mr Charles said a nephew of his who had been a P.O.W. had arrived home at Kaniwa. He was expecting a cable any day from his brother-in-law Corpl. Jim Smith, a P.O.W. whose camp had been liberated.

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**LOCAL NOTES**

The Beaufort postal staff assembled last Wednesday to say good-bye to Miss C. Bellis, who resigned to marry, and Bill Ward, who has taken a position at Darley Military Post Office. Mr M. Hinch (postmaster) spoke in glowing terms of both officers, and wished them well. His remarks were supported by Mr F. S. Latch, who presented to each officer a small token of esteem.

There was an attendance of about 40 electors at a public meeting at the C.W.A. Hall, Beaufort, on Wednesday night the object of which was to form a local sub-branch of the Liberal Party of Australia. Cr. J. Kirkpatrick (shire president) presided. There were also several apologies for non-attendance. An address was given by Mr R. Must, of Ballarat, who pointed out that the Liberal Party of Australia stood for an intelligent, free and liberal Australian democracy. Its principles were entirely classless, and anyone who stood for the defence of democracy against the onrush of Totalitarianism, with its bureaucracy and its regimentation, must support the political aims of the Liberal Party. Mr G. Cooper spoke in support. On the motion of Rev. J. P. MacDougall and Mr A. R. Beggs, it was decided to form a local sub-branch. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr A. R. Beggs; vice-presidents, Mrs H. P. Mackenzie and Engineer-Commander H. P. Mackenzie; secretary and treasurer, Mr Williams; committee, Rev. J. P. MacDougall, Messrs. D. R. Hannah, S. Hayes, H. Currie, Turner, Mesdames T. Beggs, M. Hinch, A. R. Beggs, and A. Campbell.

Rain fell at Beaufort on Thursday night; 13 points being recorded. That was the total for the week to Friday morning, when there was a light mist. For April 64 points fell, and the total for the past four months is 389 points.

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**NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE**  
L/AC. J. Finch has been home to Beaufort on leave.  
Corpl. Peter Johnston, of Raglan, who has been serving in the Army for five years and is a returned man from the Middle East and the last war, has received his discharge, and is joining the staff of the Forests Department at Beaufort.

**BALLARAT MARKET.**

Tuesday.  
At the Ballarat Stock Market on Tuesday, 24th April, the following district sales were reported:—20 bullocks, Wing-Commander C. O. Fairbairn, Banongilli, £17/10/ to £13/17/6, averaging £16/4/11; 2 bullocks, Southdown Pastoral Co. Pty. Ltd., Mt. Widderin, £20/2/6; 2 cows, Mr Andrew Wilkie, Skip-cows, £11/1/6, 2 calves to £7/13/6; 112 comeback wethers, Mr R. C. Hinton, Carranballac, 22/ to 16/1; 10 crossbred wethers, Mr C. C. Tucker, Raglan, 35/4; 2 cows, Mr A. M. Mathews, Burrumbeet, £12/15/ and £10, topping the market; 69 Corriedale wethers, St. Enoch's Estate, Stockyard Hill, 25/7 to 35/1, averaging 35/3 3/7 lambs to 31/1, averaging 25/6; cow, Miss L. Dalgleish, Beaufort, £10/2/6; 4 cows, Mds G. H. Miller, Beaufort, £6/17/6; cow, Mr H. Buchanan, Beaufort, £16/7/6; cow, Mr M. E. J. Walker, Beaufort, £6.

The following district sales were effected on 1st May:—15 ckb ewes and 2-tooths, Mr G. H. Smith, Skipton, 2-tooths 24/10, ewes 13/6, 99 lambs, 21/10; 62 ckb wethers, Mr A. Ringin, Chepstowe, 27/1 to 24/10, averaging 26/5; 54 comeback wethers and ewes, Mr Sam Hayward, Burrumbeet, 33/4 to 30/10, averaging 32/3, ewes 24/7; 3 cows, Mr W. H. Waldron, Carranballac, £12/10 to £2 12/6, 6 cows to £11/6/6; 3 cows and bull, Mr Dan Daly, Skipton, cows £5/12/6, bull £7/17/6; 96 xbd and ckb wethers, Misses E. and M. Ward, Lake Goldsmith, 38/1 to 27/10, averaging 36/6, top price and highest average of the market; 60 merino wethers and ewes, Mr V. Dunn, Chepstowe, wethers 21/1 to 16/7, ewes 19/1 to 11/1; 54 ckb ewes, Mr K. McLean, Skipton, to 24/10, 41 ckb wethers, Mr H. Tyrrell, Mena Park, 27/7 to 24/10, averaging 26/6; xbd ewes, Mr Jas. Bradshaw, Skipton, 9/ to 23 lambs, 28/7 to 23/1, averaging 26/5; 38 lambs, Miss Daisy Bradshaw, Skipton, 32/1; 64 Corriedales, St. Enoch's Estate, 17/10 and 24/1, averaging 20/10; 17 merino wethers, Mr C. C. Newey, Burrumbeet, 18/1 and 21/10, averaging 21/2; 61 ckb wethers, Mr S. R. Pascoe, Mena Park, 27/7 to 35/1, averaging 32/5; 52 Corriedale wethers, Mr J. T. Dobson, Burrumbeet, 33/7 to 37/4, averaging 36/1, top average of the market; 33 Corriedales, Mr Alex. Bain, Stockyard Hill, wethers 22/10 and 29/10, averaging 27/8, ewes 15/10; wethers, Briody Bros., Lexton, 31/10 and 32/10, averaging 32/5.

Mrs Jones, of Beaufort, has suffered a bereavement by the death from illness of her only brother, L/AC. J. Redman, who leaves a widow and three children.

**BANKING QUESTION**

The most dangerous feature of the banking legislation now before Parliament is that, by abolishing the Commonwealth Bank Board and making the governor of the bank subservient to political control, the Government will become to all intents and purposes the new Bank Board. This is all the more far-reaching and revolutionary by reason of the fact that the whole of the legislation has been brought in to line with this predominating policy. The Government will, through its power to determine the policy of the Commonwealth Bank, be able, not only to direct the use of the funds of the Commonwealth Bank and of every other section, including the Commonwealth Savings Bank, but also the funds deposited with the trading banks since August, 1939, and those funds deposited with them in the same way in the future. More than that, the Government will have power to direct the issue of notes as it may desire.

In view of the large armory of powers which the Government proposes to take to itself, it is reasonable to ask: Has our banking system broken down?—has it failed to fulfil its responsibilities under the leadership of the Commonwealth Bank Board. We know that the Commonwealth Bank, the Bank Board, its powers and all its officials are and have always been subject to the Commonwealth Parliament. Parliament can do, and can undo. It can place the regulation of credit and currency and control of the monetary system in the hands of any person it likes. It can keep control in its own hands if it likes. But it has not done so, because it recognises that other persons, vested with the proper authority, can carry out this vital community function infinitely better. And only a serious dereliction of its responsibility on the part of the Commonwealth Bank Board could justify the Government assuming direct control and abolishing the Board.

The truth of the matter is that the Australian banking system, for its stability and integrity, has stood high in the confidence and esteem of the people of Australia and unquestioned in the eyes of the world. Independent and unfettered, the Commonwealth Bank Board has been composed of experienced and competent men, who have carried out their duties free from political influence of any kind. They have conducted the banking system along sound lines followed by other large countries.

As for our trading banks, they have built up an enviable record of public service in keeping with the highest banking traditions and to-day enjoy the respect and confidence of more than a million customers. Their progress has kept pace with the development of Australia. With the development of the Commonwealth Bank as the leader in national credit policy, they have worked in full harmony, with a deep sense of their responsibility in the national credit policy.

Then what is the reason for the decision of the Government

**SHIRE OF RIPON.**

APPLICATIONS will be received up to 11 o'clock a.m. of MONDAY, 14th MAY, 1945, from persons willing to undertake the cleaning of the Shire Hall, Beaufort. Wages, 15/ per week. Duties to commence on 15th May, 1945.  
N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.  
Shire Office, Beaufort, 4/5/45.

**WATERLOO CEMETERY.**  
The usual WORKING BEE will be held on SATURDAY, 12th MAY, commencing at 2 p.m.  
C. M. FLYNN, Secretary.  
**BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB.**

**OPENING DAY, SATURDAY, 12th MAY.** Play commencing at 1.30 p.m. sharp. Mixed Four-somes. Draw for partners. Afternoon Tea provided. Members a basket. Everybody Welcome.  
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**CHURCH SERVICES.**  
SUNDAY, 6th MAY, 1945:  
Church of England. — Middle Creek, 10; Beaufort, 11 and 7; Wauaba, 2; Learmonth, 3.15 — Rev. W. J. Tame  
Methodist Church. — According to plan.  
Presbyterian Church. — Lexton, 11; Trawalla, 2; Beaufort, 4.30 — Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

**IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.**  
— 1 black-brown Cow, aged. — If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold MAY 10th, at 12 noon: F. J. BLAY, Poundkeeper.

**LOST**, a narrow, split Ring for Truck Wheel, on Beaufort side of Mawallok. Reward, this Office.

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**LAKE GOLDSMITH** Euclyre and Dance, MAY 11th, in aid of State Schools' War Relief Fund.  
**DANCE, BUANGOR HALL,** MAY 11th. Admission, 1/6. Raffle for groceries to be drawn.

**C.W.A.—ENTERTAINMENT** by Visiting Artist, MAY 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Stalls as usual. Admission, 1/6, and members a plate.

**MARCHANTS**, Opticians, Melbourne, visit Beaufort, Saturday, MAY 12. Appointments Aussie Cafe.  
**STRAYED**, 1 red roan Heifer, springing. Reward: F. E. SMITH, Neill Street, Beaufort.



Dispatches Mention Local Naval Man.

FOR THE EMPIRE

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE. Sub-Lieut. Alastair John Mackenzie, elder son of Engineer-Commander and Mrs H. P. Mackenzie of Trawalla, has been mentioned in despatches. The citation states: "Sub-Lieut. Mackenzie, of Trawalla (Australia) was indefatigable in procuring, installing and maintaining equipment on his ship and during operations was continuously on the job."

TENNIS

BEAUFORT CLUB. The Beaufort Tennis Club's closing day tournament took place on Saturday afternoon, and the results were: Section Winners - Mrs J. Pearce and M. Cuthbertson; Mrs M. Cuthbertson and H. George. Final - Mrs H. Cuthbertson and H. George defeated Mrs J. Pearce and M. Cuthbertson, 6-0.

Letters From P.O.W.

CORPL. TOM SMITH. The relatives of Corpl. Tom Smith, of Waterloo (who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for several years), have recently received from him letters written in June and July of last year. He mentions that he received a parcel from his sister and some chocolate from Mr Connell. Describing the German peasant women's picturesque dress, he stated that the dominant colours were red, white and blue. When stockings were worn, they were white and open like cheese cloth, and reached below the knee. When not wearing plus fours, the men were attired in leather shorts, with fandanglers and fancy braces. Their coats usually had a green collar; the pockets being edged with green and lined with red. The tribby usually had a feather or a bunch of deer hairs, like a shaving brush. Corpl. Smith stated that he was in good health, and had not missed the winter in Australia had not been any colder than the summer in Germany, as they seldom saw the sun. He had received quite a bundle of mail, including that addressed to Italy and Geneva, and further personal and Red Cross parcels and letters. They had been for a walk; climbing the mountains through the villages and snow. He had recently received a tobacco parcel from the Ripon Patriotic Club. They were having a sports meeting—running, tug of war, etc.

MR. WIGGS

MR. WILLIAM F. RASDELL. The death occurred suddenly on 4th May at Learmonth, of Mr William Frederick Rasdell, aged 79 years. Deceased leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter. Members of the family are well known in Beaufort.

Local & General News

Thistle Club. — The Beaufort Thistle Club Committee met on Friday night; the chief (Mr J. Millar) occupying the chair. Ten members were present. A letter was read from W. J. Sergeant, Lismore, asking for a copy of the rules and constitution of the club, and inquiring the amount of membership fees, as he was calling a meeting to form a club at Lismore. Mr Goodisson, manager of Langi-Kal-Kal, wrote, stating he was unable to grant the request for a rabbit drive, owing to rabbit trappers operating in the paddocks. Accounts passed for payment totalled £3 10/10. A new minute book is to be purchased for the secretary. The chief read the rules and constitution recently drawn up. Mr W. Thompson moved that the rules and constitution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs R. T. Macdonald, and carried. A eucure social followed the meeting, and the results were:—Ladies: Mrs J. Coe and Mrs W. Newey divided 1 and 2. Men: Mr A. McGregor and Mr A. S. Duncan divided 1 and 2. New Ration Book Issue. — The new issue of ration books will be on June 2 and 3. The places from which they will be issued will be advertised in due course. All applicants for ration books must produce identity cards up to date as regards any changes of address that may have taken place. CRA forms are available at post offices for filling in change of address, also forms of application for youths and girls attaining the age of 14. These forms must be filled in before identity cards can be obtained by applicants. Persons who have lost their identity cards should take steps to secure duplicates. This may be done by filling in a statutory declaration giving circumstances of loss, which must be sent to the D.R.O. of the electorate in which the person resides with a fee of 2/6. No person over 14 can obtain a ration book issue without an identity card.

On Saturday night the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a eucure and carpet bowls social. Results:—Eucure - Ladies: Mrs P. Doull, 1; Mrs A. M. Parker, 2. Men - Mr A. McGregor, 1; Mr C. Waldron, 2. Secret table - Mrs A. M. Parker and Mr G. Wilding. Carpet bowls - Mesdames L. Stephens and A. M. Parker, Messrs. C. Broadbent and A. Gercovich.

My speed along the alley is no faster than that of the three ladies who precede me. When they settle, I grab an empty cup from the table and make for the source of supply—the kitchen. It is quickly washed and a steaming cup of tea provided. The goose, the ham and the vegetables, followed by plum duff, had evidently been cleaned up. I am handed a plate containing four samples of frail and flimsy contraptions, which to my unpractised eye, seemed to be woefully deficient in vitamins. However, the kindly soul who waited on me made me feel as if I had attended a banquet. Refreshed, I stride into the arena to excel at the wood cut. I am baulked. Those who preceded me got the

AT WATERLOO

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This day being Easter Saturday, I prepare to visit the sports gathering at Waterloo. During the morning I recall to mind having ridden my pony from Middle Creek to the same ground 60 years previously. What a day it was! Many hundreds of miners were there—old pioneers from every county in the old land. Bushy beards, squatter's gap, dundreary, and some shaved on the top lip only, like gorillas, and looking rough in their Sunday best. The younger men wore bell-bottomed pants, just showing the toe of the boot, held up by a coloured sash, which showed the tassel ends at the hip. In place of a collar, gaudy, coloured silk handkerchief decorated the neck, tied in a sailor's knot, or drawn through a neatly designed bone ring, which had been cut and filed with great artistry. I saw but little of the sports. The Miners' Brass Band (the first I had seen) gave to me all the delight and pleasure required for that day. That sturdy race of pioneer miners has long since passed away, and their first-born sons (the few who remain) are now in the "ere and yellow."

And so, once more I return to see the sports of this modern age, where probably wisdom and knowledge far surpassed that of those past days. At the entrance gate my small bag of savings is reduced to the extent of a florin. I cannot at first discover the arena, so vast is the number of cars encircling it. Eventually I find myself in a crowd of people, surrounding a benevolent looking gentleman, apparently without guile, selling tickets with numbers thereon. When a number is disposed of, he spins a wheel with numbers on it also. When it stops, he hands someone a handful of silver. Good; I dip into my cash bag, and secure a ticket. When it stopped I am quietly ignored and my ticket recalled. After dipping into the bag several times, with no return, I conclude that it is both a delusion and a snare, and turn my back on it, to be confronted by three young ladies, fenced around, with a table in the centre, on which is a cloth with many printed squares; the object being to throw pennies on to the squares and win the prize. I ask not what the prize may be but decide they all look sweet and honest.

So I gather up all my pennies and aim them on the table. As fast as they fall, they are grabbed up, and nothing returns to me, other than the beaming smile of the girl, unblushing and unashamed. Looking at my

cash bag, I find that it hath become like a deflating tyre, leaking at the valve. I am vexed as my outgoings and no return. I will have no more of it.

I fall in with Mr Denigan, our member of Parliament, and discourse much with him on politics and the suppression of S.P. bookmakers and all forms of gambling. I am called away by a friend who quietly, in a punter's whisper, doth tell me of one who for many years hath been handing out large sums of money daily to people in Beaufort, and to-day doth seem to be in a most generous mood. I make haste to locate him, lest he give all away ere I can catch up with him. I find him surrounded by a motley crowd, and by working sideways, become one of the band which might be termed the needy and greedy; requiring wealth for little outlay. He hath a board, made like unto a draught board, with many squares, all numbered. Most of the squares hath cash values printed thereon. He also hath many hundreds of envelopes, with corresponding numbers therein, which he sold at a low figure.

Shrewdly, I wait until a large number hath purchased blanks. I next dash in for a winning number. I fumble the bag in my haste, and spill 3d to the ground. While searching vainly among the blanks, which now lay ankle deep around the philanthropist and being trod upon, some other got the prize I had missed. I try again and yet again, only to find I am but one number each time from a winner. Fool, fool that I am to waste my talents in such manner. No such thing as luck. No man ever achieved greatness other than by skill, brains and brawn. I will seek other means to replenish my bag. I will compete in the wood cut, which calls for skill. Before doing so away to the luncheon table. I pay 1/ to the lady with the basin of silver, and I get as much as I feel I can eat, so the amount is reasonable.

My speed along the alley is no faster than that of the three ladies who precede me. When they settle, I grab an empty cup from the table and make for the source of supply—the kitchen. It is quickly washed and a steaming cup of tea provided. The goose, the ham and the vegetables, followed by plum duff, had evidently been cleaned up. I am handed a plate containing four samples of frail and flimsy contraptions, which to my unpractised eye, seemed to be woefully deficient in vitamins. However, the kindly soul who waited on me made me feel as if I had attended a banquet. Refreshed, I stride into the arena to excel at the wood cut. I am baulked. Those who preceded me got the

World supplies of meat in 1945 are expected to be 6,200,000,000 lb. (15 per cent.) short of the needs of Allied military forces and civilians in the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States of America, and liberated areas. Of Australia's 120,000,000 sheep, 85 per cent are hardy, drought-resisting merinos. Graziers market 10,000,000 fat lambs a year. Casualties in the British armed forces to 3rd September, 1944, were: Killed, 103,788; wounded, 1,087,887; missing, 176,081; prisoners of war, 154,960. A eucure challenge competition, conducted by the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club for the cancer order fund, was won by Mrs A. M. Parker.

axes first, and the committee seemed to have no more on hand. I try the sawing contest, but find four men have the only two saws visible between them. I must write to the president on these shortcomings.

I look up the programme, to find there is nought but stepping the distance, prize 10/. I will replenish the bag. Do I not step a natural yard? Have I not measured my steps for more than 70 years. I register my name with 6d. I am what they would call the black horse; none knowing of my ability. I watch my opponents, and grin inwardly to see long legged men trying to retard their stride (in a manner after the woman of the hobbled skirt), and the short man trying to stretch out and endanger their rear seams. In my turn I walk between the pegs with the grace and dignity of a showman, and tell the judge so many yards, feet and inches between the pegs. I return to hear the result. My name is soon blazoned forth from the loud speaker; telling all and sundry I had won the contest, and asking me to call at the office for my prize. Fast as I run, the taxgatherer beat me to the post; the income and amusement taxes had already been deducted, and I get but 5/. I am mad, and if I say aloud what is in my mind, I can be arrested.

I seek solace at the bar, and at one bid, order a quart of ale. Brother Lang informs me he is down to the dregs of the last barrel. I pay, and consume a glass of froth and sediment from the inner staves of the cask. It not only sticks in my gizzard, but soon goes sour in the stomach. I retire quietly and unobtrusively to the rear of the booth to vomit it from my system. What a day! What a foul day! Swiping the dust from my neck and facing the keen wind and the drought, I made for home in a most vile and sour mood. Hoping you are the same as it leaves me at present!

WILLIAM WIGGS.



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COINCIDENCE UPON COINCIDENCE

Here is a coincidence as remarkable as any of the long series which have recently appeared in an English paper. A couple of men, strangers, sat down together to lunch in a restaurant in the Midlands city. One noticed that the other was reading an Australian paper. The two got into conversation, and the first, pointing to the newspaper, ascertained that the other was a resident in the colony whence the sheet had come. "I have a friend not there; no wait, I wonder if you know him," and the question mentioned his friend's name. "It is very singular," answered the Australian, "that you should ask that question at this moment. I was reading in your paper, and a three-column article in this paper describing the mysterious disappearance from the colony of that very man. I knew him intimately."

The Australian went on to describe the strange disappearance of the mutual friend. He had gone from the colony as mysteriously as if it had suddenly opened, and had swallowed him. Investigation had proved that his name, in perfect order; he had a handsome balance at his bank, his business was flourishing. Nothing could be discovered, and while suicide seemed impossible, none could believe that he had been the victim of foul play.

BECKE BY COURAGE

Mr. Becke, the well-known author, tells of his tutor, who seemed to him the most heroic man in the world because he had been in an adventure which he had befell him, and which is given as follows:— Guy, such was the tutor's name, was a Lieutenant, and he and his two companions were captured by the Maoris. They were taken inside the stockade, the captured seaman's cutlasses, felt, its cantled, and then fixed his keen eyes on the young officer's face. "I shall not run, and you shall not run," he said slowly. "You shall not be hurt, and you shall not be hurt." He paused, and a grim smile distorted his tanned face.

RENEWING THE SOIL

It must always be remembered that everything which is taken from the soil, whether it is grain, stock, or dairy produce, is so much fertility extracted from the soil, and it is the aim of the progressive farmer to make up for this loss by supplying the deficiency in the least expensive manner possible. Nature to some extent assists him. Rain brings down with it a certain amount of nitrogen from the air, and earthworms bring to the surface fresh soil from below. In certain districts flood water brings to the surface decaying vegetable matter washed down from the sides of thickly wooded hills. But nature cannot, except in regularly flooded river valleys, be left to work unaided, and the agriculturist should so manage that the soil may at least be renewed to the fertility as it had in its primary state. Even were the supply of fresh land unlimited, it would still, in most instances, pay better to do this than to be continually bringing fresh areas under cultivation and abandoning the previously cropped land uncultivated, more continually the soil is to be made the easier it is to make up for the loss of fertility can be effected. Further, judicious management of soil fertility can be effected in certain soils, in fact, where the greatly increased, and in some cases, the extensive cultivation of small areas practice, to no inconsiderable extent, the soil within certain limits becomes in the time what the agriculturist chooses to make it.

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION.

One of the chief features which mark off the present age from all others is the craving for accurate scientific knowledge of everything with which man is brought into contact. Nothing is too small for the scientist to investigate, and we have men with highly-developed senses all over the world busy prying into the innermost secrets of Nature. One of the workers in this field is Mr. Arthur Head, a fellow of the Zoological Society, who has devoted many years to the study of the eyes of male and female reptiles. His method of examining the eye of his work is to examine the eye of his work with a strong magnifying glass, and then jot down the results of his observations. By this means he has collected a mass of most valuable material together a great deal of which has been turned by him into articles for the eyes of a spotted owl, the eyes of a scorpion, and the eyes of a scorpion. He has also found in reptiles, but only as a means of finding out the eye of a scorpion, that it serves as a partial screen from blinding sunlight. With this third eyelid a bird protects its sight when fighting or seeking food, swiftly drawing down the curtain.

ENTHUSIASM AND PURPOSE.

Enthusiasm is good, but purpose is better. Enthusiasm has a strong pulsing, ready hands, and agile feet, but purpose has a strong heart. When breathing is hard, when the feet weaken, and progress is held by difficulties, the heart still beats its rhythmic pulses, the heart still beats its rhythmic pulses. Enthusiasm prospers in occasions. Enthusiasm flares up like a torch, purpose is an old-fashioned, steady flame. Enthusiasm makes spectacular, purpose is one of sustained force. Enthusiasm has the best of intentions, purpose has the best of results. Enthusiasm is likely to falter to-morrow. Purpose will be found on its own until next year, and the next year until its end is reached.

Happy Prospect for Them.

Good Minister (a married man) Do you wish to marry this woman? Minister: I do. Woman: Do you wish to marry this woman? Minister: Do you like the city as it is? Minister: Do you like the suburbs? Minister: Do you like the suburbs? Minister: No, indeed; I prefer the city. Minister: Are you a vegetarian? Minister: No; I hate vegetables. I live on beef. Woman: I can't bear meat. I'm a vegetarian. Minister: Do you like a sleeping room well ventilated? Minister: Yes; I want the window down. Minister: Do you like so much fresh air? Woman: No; it would kill me. I don't like windows closed. Minister: Do you like a light in the room? Minister: No; I can't sleep with a light. Minister: Are you afraid in the dark? Woman: Indeed I am. I have always had a bright light in my room. Minister: Do you like many bedclothes? Minister: All I can pile on? Woman: No; they suffocate me. Minister: I hereby pronounce you man and wife, and may every blessing and happiness in life be yours!

Once at dinner, at which Dr. Emil Reich was present, the conversation turned on marriage. "That was a wise saying of the old Greek philosopher," said someone, "who said, 'You marry her or not, you will regret it.'"

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SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1945. A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The world's opinion of a man when he is down on his luck can never be so demoralising as his opinion of himself.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES

Accident. — Mr Sam George, junr., of Main Road, was sharpening an axe last week, when he almost severed the top of one of his fingers, which had to be stitched.

Police Court. — Although Monday was the date of the Police Magistrate's monthly visit to Beaufort, no cases were listed for hearing.

On Leave. — Miss M. Hayes of the A.W.A.S., has been spending her leave with her parents, Mr and Mrs S. Hayes, Beaufort. — Flight-Serjt. Max Buchanan, of the R.A.A.F., has been in Beaufort on leave. He is the son of Mrs E. S. Buchanan.

P.O.W. Shop. — The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. Shop wish to thank all donors and helpers last week. Helpers were Mesdames Stowell, Cuthbertson, Burns, Misses Anderson, and Lewis. Receipts were £8/8/0. Pies and pasties will be our speciality next week.

Flag Bridge Social. — A flag bridge social was held by the Beaufort Mothers' Club on Tuesday night. The principal prizes were won by Mr J. Cole, Mrs H. J. Buchanan, and Miss Enid Buchanan. For the lowest number of flags the prizes went to Mesdames Duke, Coles, and C. Vowles. A competition was won by Miss L. Vowles.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

Closing at 11 a.m. on Monday, 14th May, the Shire of Ripon invites applications from persons willing to clean the Shire Hall.

Beaufort Methodist Church anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, 13th May. Rev. A. Norman Kemp, of Ballarat (Chairman of the District) will preach at the three services.

Owing to damage caused to property, no rabbiting is allowed on Stoneleigh without permission of the owner (Mr A. Barber). Trespassers will be prosecuted.

The Buangor Catholic ball has been arranged for Friday, May 25. There will be free novelties, a speciality supper, a Belle and Beau competition, 50-50 dancing, and Buangor Orchestra. The prizes are 4/ for men, and 3/ for ladies.

Beaufort B.N. Hospital Auxiliary meets on Friday, 18th May. The Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club will gladly receive victory donations.

Band recital and talent quest Sunday, May 13. Meeting of Beaufort Agricultural Society, C.W.A. Hall, 3 p.m. Thursday next. Address on Stock Diseases by Mr C. Pope, district veterinary officer Ballarat.

WAR ENDED

GERMANS SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY

The Allies officially announced on Monday that Germany had surrendered unconditionally. The unconditional surrender to the Western Allies and Russia was signed at 2.51 p.m. on Monday in the Rheims school-house, which was in General Eisenhower's headquarters.

Germany will be deprived of all means of making or preparing for war. The German Army and Air Force will be immediately disarmed. All shipping, naval and merchant vessels will be surrendered. All surviving war criminals must be surrendered.

NEWS RECEIVED QUIETLY.

Most people realised that the task of defeating the Japanese still lies ahead, and the news was received very quietly in Beaufort. Residents stayed at home to hear Mr Churchill's broadcast from London, and that of the Australian Parliamentary leaders from Canberra. Beyond the ringing of the church and fire bells and the sounding of the air raid siren when the news was officially announced at 11 p.m. on Tuesday, there were no local celebrations. Flags were flown on public buildings and business places.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

A thanksgiving service that was notable for its simplicity was held in the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Wednesday morning, and there was a large attendance. The Shire President (Cr. J. Kirkpatrick) acted as chairman, and with him on the platform were the Revs. J. Leach, W. J. Tame, and J. P. MacDougall. Miss Nellie Tulloch acted as pianist.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem. They were here today, said Cr. Kirkpatrick, in a spirit of thankfulness. Their hearts were very full because the great news had come that they had victory in Europe.

This had been given out by Mr Churchill, whose name would go down in history as the man who had saved the British Empire. Liberty had come again to millions of people. They were looking forward to the defeat of Japan, when peace would reign once more throughout the world.

There were to be no speeches at this thanksgiving service, and he called on the Rev. J. Leach to commence the service.

The hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past," was fervently sung. Rev. J. Leach then read the 27th Psalm; the congregation making the responses.

Rev. W. J. Tame offered a prayer of thanksgiving, which he prefaced by remarking that this service was one of thanksgiving in Europe. Because it was a service of thanksgiving that was why the prayer to follow was a prayer of thanksgiving.

Although that was so, he here wanted to suggest to them that not only should this service be one of thanksgiving, but it should also be a day of dedication — of resolve to so order their way of living for the day when they would perhaps receive the mercy of God.

The order of the remainder of the service was as follows: — Hymn, "Praise God for His Kind," congregation; short period of silent prayer in memory of the fallen and in sympathy with the bereaved; prayer of intercession for the United Nations.

Rev. J. P. MacDougall, offering for patriotic funds; hymn, "Kipling's Recessional," congregation; benediction. Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

WEDDING BELLS.

CAMERON — HEATH.

Mr and Mrs Evan Cameron, of Chalicum Hills, Buangor, have received the news of the marriage of their elder son, Colin (light - sergeant), R.A.A.F., with Elizabeth (Betty), only daughter of the late Mr Heath and of Mrs Ernest Walker, of Laaymead, Guindford, Surrey, England.

The ceremony, which was fully choral, was celebrated at the Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, by ex-Chaplain Canon Sinclair in the presence of a large congregation. The bride wore a gown of white satin, carried a bouquet of red calli, and wore a crown of white flowers. Her two bridesmaids wore frocks of red velvet. Flight Sergeant Norman Liver (S.A.) was best man, and the groomsmen were Flight-Sergeant Gath Hammitt. The honeymoon was spent in Edinburgh. — "Arara Advertiser."

CARRUCAN — McARDLE.

Nuptial Mass Ceremony.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, on Wednesday morning, April 4, the marriage was celebrated of Clare Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. McArdle, 304 Doveton St., North Ballarat, and Cornelius Patrick, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Carrucan, of Wills St., Kew. The Nuptial Mass ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Dowd, and Mrs D. Ardagh presided at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a trained gown of cream lace over a blue tulle, held in place by flowers to correspond with her bouquet of dark red carnations, gladioli and dahlias. Mr Ivan Carrucan supported his brother as best man.

Subsequently a reception was held at the Watlie, where Mr McArdle received her guests wearing a blue floral frock matching coat, blue hat and accessories, and a shoulder spray of cyclamen carnations. Mr Carrucan's black tailored ensemble was worn with a shoulder spray of blue flowers. Hat and accessories were black. For travelling, the bride wore a blue tweed tailored suit with black hat and accessories.

COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY

New Act Now in Force.

The Country Fire Authority Act passed last session came into force on April 2. The State has been divided into 24 fire control regions. The authority will be responsible for the formation, training and maintenance of all brigades, irrespective of whether they are brigades which formerly carried on as country or bush fire brigades and all applications on matter affecting such brigades will be sent to the authority.

In accordance with the terms of the new act the whole of the property and equipment of the Country Fire Brigades' Board and any funds or property of the Crown in possession of any fire brigade will be transferred to the authority. Any buildings or equipment or funds which are the private property of the brigades, however, will not be disturbed. Applications for the positions of 17 regional fire officers are being called for.

Card Social and Dance.

The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre social and dance on Thursday night. Results: — Euchre — Section 1: Mrs L. Stephens, 1; Mesdames Raynor, A. McGregor, and A. Beer divided 2. Section 2: Mrs C. Gillingham, 1; Mr J. Stewart, 2. Novelty dance: Mr E. Wilson and Miss N. Lowe. The music was supplied by Messrs. A. Whiting, J. Hunt, and Mrs R. Ball.

Coughs and colds occur to each And their symptoms wisdom teach: What relieves and cures we heed Till we know the aid we need. Coughs and colds soon wane away When relieved without delay — All we need to that assure 'Waits in Woods' Great Pepper mint Cure.

Carpet Bowls.

The Beaufort F. B. Ladies' Club's carpet bowls competition on Tuesday afternoon was won by Mrs E. Sullivan and Misses Jean Smith and Roma Boyd.

FIRE BRIGADE.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The first monthly meeting of the Beaufort Urban Fire Brigade under the new fire authority was held at the Fire Station on Monday night. Fifteen active and reserve members were present. Captain J. Duke presided.

A circular was read from the Country Fire Brigades' Association, stating that the accident fund would be carried on as usual for the present by the association under the new fire authority.

From Country Fire Authority, stating that Fireman W. Day had 18 years and 10 months service, and was entitled to a long service badge on June 30 of next year.

Circular from Country Fire Authority, outlining provisions of Country Fire Authority Act. The captain reported that the front doors of the station had been painted.

The captain said that Beaufort would be in the 16th fire region with Avoca, Ararat, Stawell, and Ripon Shires and other places, and he understood there would be a regional officer for the rural brigades, but the urban brigades would be under their present chief officer.

There would be no alteration, he thought, to the present brigade, but the Rural Fire Brigade would probably want to meet in their hall. Under the new authority there would be a compensation fund for accidents, and for dependants of firemen who died as the result of accidents at fires.

The captain mentioned that there would be a competition for a trophy next practice night. In answer to Fireman Macdonald, the captain said the fire authority's property was listed in the inventory book, and the property privately owned by the brigade was not in that book.

Fireman E. R. Martin said the return billiard match with the R.S.L. would be played on Friday, May 18th.

Fireman C. Stewart (secretary) reported that the proceeds of the last two socials were £8 2/.

Reserve member L. McGregor was placed on the active list. He was welcomed by the captain and briefly responded.

The secretary was instructed to purchase a chain and lock for the hose carrier on the bell tower.

Fireman W. Day promised to donate a piece of chain.

Fireman L. McGregor was appointed for hall duty for the month, and for motor pump duty Captain J. Duke and Fireman A. Telford were appointed.

Waterloo and Chute

SOCIAL FUNCTION.

The second of the series of euchre socials and dances run by the Waterloo Sports Club to aid the recreation reserve building fund, was held on Saturday night, and was a big success. Blay's new band, played good music. The euchre attracted a lot of players, and was won by Mr A. Lyttle, Mrs J. Rutherford, junr., and Mr Jim Prentice, of Lexton; the first two also winning at the last social. The ladies provided a good supper. The profit will be about £7 10/.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Carranballac

RABBIT DRIVE.

A well organised and attended rabbit drive was held on Mr J. Liston's property on May 2nd and 5th, in aid of the Carranballac branch A.C.F. and the P.O.W. Fund. Rabbits and hares were plentiful, and for the two drives 1666 rabbits and 67 hares were obtained, which brought in the splendid sum of £87 (including a donation of £3 3/ from Mr J. Liston) for the above funds. Special thanks must be given to Messrs. H. J. Smith, J. Liston, K. McIntyre, and S. Grey, who were at the head of a willing band of workers from the surrounding district, including drivers from Skipton. The ladies of the committees of the above branches were also to the fore helping in the drive and providing a splendid afternoon tea for the workers, which was greatly appreciated by all.

PERSONAL.

Mrs W. A. Williams has been admitted to the Skipton Hospital, suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis and asthma.

FOXES TROUBLESOME.

Foxes are causing considerable loss of life among poultry and young lambs. Mrs H. Johnston had the misfortune to lose eight primed ducks in a couple of nights, and farmers are losing young lambs by the depredations of the pests.

Snake Valley.

At the meeting of the Snake Valley School Committee, the secretary, Mr Jas. Cheeseman received the amount of £1/12/ the school's share of the stall run in connection with sports held last year. The head teacher, Mr I. Patching, asked that several essential jobs be done to the school. The secretary reported that improvements had been effected to fences, etc., and that the cementing of the shelter shed was being proceeded with. It was decided to ask the Department to have the inside of the school painted; also work on the outside, as it is a number of years since anything of that nature has been done to the school.

A record attendance marked the ball held at Snake Valley on 27th April, in aid of the Ballarat Base Hospital bazaar and fête. A profit of £38/18/ resulted. The ball was organised by Mr Peter Scully, of Ballarat, who also acted as M.C. For several years Mr Scully has organised similar profitable functions at Snake Valley for the same cause. On behalf of the Hospital, Mr Fred Graham thanked all those who had helped to make the ball a success. Supper was provided by a ladies committee, headed by the Misses Cunningham, and music was by the Bob Cats Dance Band.

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**BALLARAT MARKET.**  
SHEEP AND CATTLE PRICES.

**Tuesday.**  
**CATTLE.** — 114 were yarded. The demand was keen from the commencement and values showed a decided improvement on the reduced rates of last week. Bullocks were easily 20/ a head dearer, whilst cows and heifers were 30/ a head higher. Prime medium weight bullocks, £20 to £22; prime heavy bullocks, £23 to £25/12/6; good, £17 to £19; prime cows, £16 to £17; extra, £18/5/; good, £13 to £14 10/; useful, £9 to £11.  
**CALVES.** — A heavy penning of 155. Competition was brisk and values were higher. Best made £14/18/6.  
**SHEEP.** — 3724 were penned. The market opened to active competition at a higher range of values, particularly for prime quality. As sales progressed the demand became keener, resulting in prices being 3/ to 4/ a head dearer for best quality; all other grades were also dearer. Prime crossbred wethers, 30/ to 40/; heavy, 43/1; good, 28/ to 32/; prime crossbred ewes, 25/ to 28/; extra, 31/10; good, 18/ to 22/; prime merino wethers, 32/ to 35/; extra, 35/7; good, 26/ to 29/.  
**LAMBS.** — A lighter penning of 1020. Competition was keen

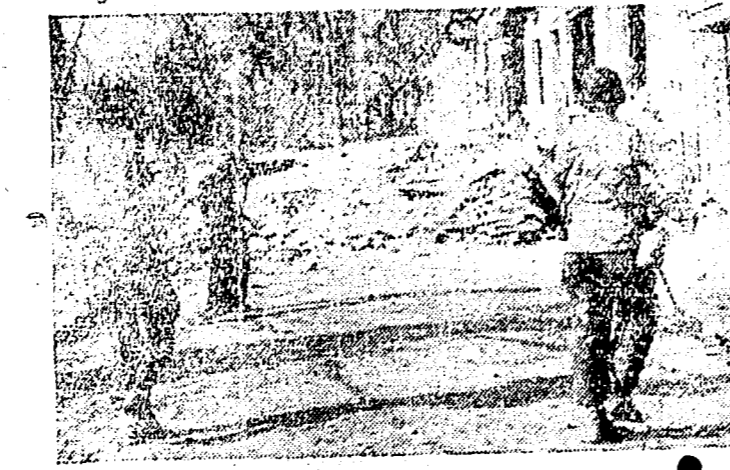
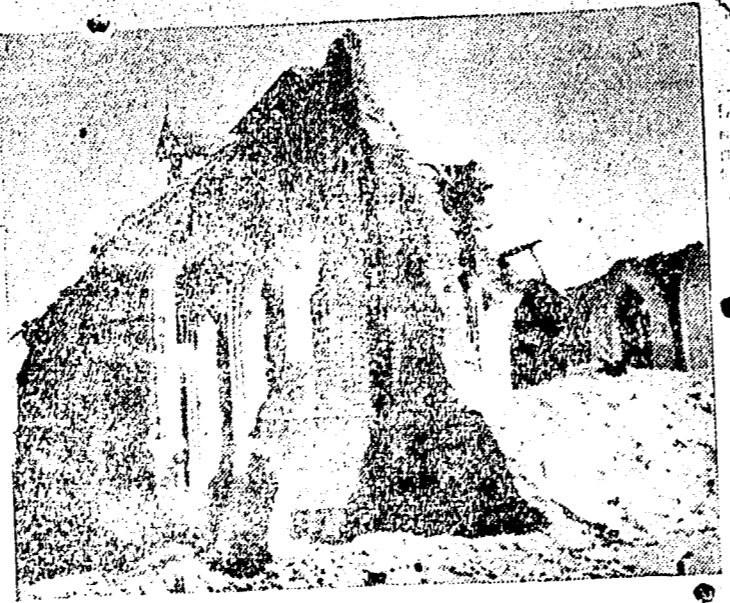
and for best quality recent extremely high prices were obtained. Second grades showed little alteration, although towards the close they were inclined to ease. Prime, 36/ to 40/; heavy, 42/ to 45/10; good, 30/ to 33/; useful, 23/ to 25/.  
**DISTRICT SALES.** — The following district sales were effected: — Cow, Mr A. Ringin, Chepstowe, £9/17/6, 9 calves £12; 92 crossbred wethers and ewes Mr H. A. Dawe, Skipton, ewes 24/ to 18/1, averaging 22/1; wethers 34/10 to 28/4, averaging 32/6, 12 lambs 58/1 and 32/; 58 comeback wethers, Mr Sam Hayward, Burrumbuck, 26/10 to 18/7, averaging 27/10; 54 comeback wethers, Mr A. Ringin, Chepstowe, 42/1 to 45/; 6 cows Mr A. M. Mathews, Burrumbuck, £8 to £12/5, averaging £8 1/6, calf £4/6; 96 Corriedal wethers, St. Enoch's Estate 27/4 to 38/1, averaging 32/8; 3 crossbred wethers and ewes Kirkpatrick Bros., Stockyard Hill, wethers to 34/4, ewes 13/10 to 18/7, averaging 21/7; 106 merino wethers and ewes, Mr W. H. Waldron Carranballac, wethers to 26/1, ewes to 12/1; 92 comeback wethers, Mr Keith McLean Skipton, 22/10 to 25/; 60 crossbred and comeback wethers, Mr Austin J. Hinton, Carranballac, 35/7 to 25/10, averaging 30/7; 39 crossbred ewes, Mr R. C. Hinton, Carranballac, 14/4 to 10/1,

22 merino wethers and ewes Mrs B. E. Finch, Eurambien wethers 28/4, ewes 13/7, 11 lambs to 22/4; 23 ewes, Mr A. A. Wilkinson, Raglan, 10/; 18 lambs, Mr G. H. Cuthbertson, Raglan, to 16/; 16 lambs, Ball Bros., Raglan, 27/1.

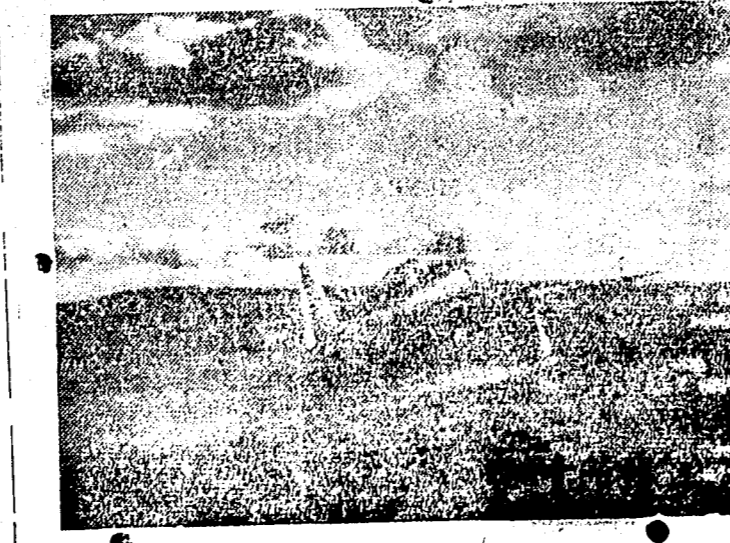
**BEAUFORT C.W.A.**  
OPPORTUNITY SHOP.

The Beaufort C.W.A. conducted a successful opportunity shop in the Club Rooms of Thursday afternoon. Miss Barlow, a visiting artist, gave an excellent programme of recitations and sketches, and the item were much appreciated. Miss Dulcie Exell accompanied the community singing, and also played a pianoforte solo. The Misses Alma Kirkpatrick and A. stallholders were: — Cake stall T. Stewart. Produce stall: Mrs James W. Holdsworth and M. Hinch. Clothes stall: Mesdames L. Watkin and P. Trenrove. Afternoon tea: Mesdames Vertigan, Sullivan, Tornev. D. R. Hannah, and C. Ward. The takings were £22/18/9.

**Rainfall.** — For the week at Beaufort 40 points of rain fell but a good downpour is urgent by needed.  
**FRENCH FLYING - FIGHT GERMANS.**  
A P47 Thunderbolt of the First French Air Corps takes off for a dawn mission over Germany.



**TOP PICTURE.** — Dutch Church destroyed by Nazis at Hel-den, Holland.  
**MIDDLE PICTURE.** — Sniper unit in Worms, by 3rd U.S. Army Infantrymen.  
**BOTTOM PICTURE.** — U.S. troops of 9th Army cross Rhine in jeeps and trucks over pontoon bridge.  
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**Skipton.**

**YOUNGER SET DANCE.**  
The first dance organised by the Skipton Younger Set was held on Wednesday, May 2. It proved very successful. There was quite a good number of dancers, and eucure was held for the non-dancers; the winners being Mrs Notman, senr (ladies) and Mr W. Lister (gentlemen); Booby prizes were won by Mrs. Sturgeon and Mr James.

**EFFORT FOR RED CROSS.**  
There was a good attendance at the eucure and dance held on Saturday, May 5, in aid of the Red Cross. The eucure winners were Mrs Notman, junr., and Mr Osbourne.

**MEETING OF YOUNGER SET.**  
A meeting of the Younger Set was held on Monday, 7th May. It was decided to hold another dance on May 16. Arrangements are well in hand for the ball, to be held on June 8. A mug's concert is to be held on a date to be fixed. This should prove very amusing.

**WILKIE - DUNN WEDDING.**  
A wedding of local interest was celebrated in the Skipton Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 1; the Rev. G. L. Johnson officiating. The bride was Edna Marian, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Wilkie of Skipton, and the bridegroom, Serviceman Alexander John, second son of Mr Daniel and the late Mrs Dunn, of Leslie Manor, Foxlow. Owing to the indisposition of the bride's father, the bride was given away by her brother, Mr Sid Wilkie. Her dress was of white satin, with hand-painted panel inset in front. Her long tulle veil was arranged Mary Stuart fashion with wreath and orange blossom. The bridesmaids were two sisters of the bride, Misses June and Ettie Wilkie, frocked in pink and blue respectively. The dresses were similarly made, and they wore net headresses. Arranged very pretty bouquets of begonias, lilies, and gladioli. The best man was Mr Eric Dunn and the groomsmen Mr Oliver Dunn (R.A.A.F.), both brothers of the bridegroom. A dainty breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left for Hamilton, where the honeymoon was spent.

**BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

**A CORDIAL INVITATION** to Farmers and Graziers to attend a MEETING, called by the above Society, when Mr. C. POPE, District Veterinary Officer, of Ballarat, will give an Address on Stock Diseases, and will be pleased to answer any questions. The MEETING will take place at C.W.A. HALL, at 7 p.m. on THURSDAY NEXT the 17th.  
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**SHIRE OF RIPON.**

APPLICATIONS will be received up to 11 o'clock a.m. of MONDAY, 14th MAY, 1945, from persons willing to undertake the cleaning of the Shire Hall, Beaufort. Wages, 15/ per week. Duties to commence on 15th May, 1945.

N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.  
Shire Office, Beaufort, 4/5/45.

**BEAUFORT METHODIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.**  
SUNDAY, 13th MAY.

SERVICES AT 11, 3 AND 7.  
Preacher: Rev. A. NORMAN KEMP, of Lydlard St., Ballarat Chairman of the District.  
**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL.**

**BEAUFORT A.N.A.**  
FORTNIGHTLY MEETING OF BEAUFORT BRANCH, A.N.A., TUESDAY NIGHT, Mechanics' Institute.

H. V. MARTIN, Secy.  
**CHURCH SERVICES.**

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND.**  
SUNDAY, 13th MAY, 1945.

Church of England. — Thanks-giving for Victory—Beaufort, 11: Lexton, 2; Wauaba, 3.15; Learmonth, 7.—Rev. W. J. Tame, Methodist Church, Beaufort, 11, 3 and 7.—Rev. A. Norman Kemp, Raglan, Main Lead Waterloo — No service.  
Presbyterian Church. — Beaufort, 11 and 4.30; Buangor, 2.—Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

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**BEAUFORT Bush Nursing Hospital Auxiliary MEETING.** FRI DAY, 18th MAY. J. STOWELL, Hon. Secy.

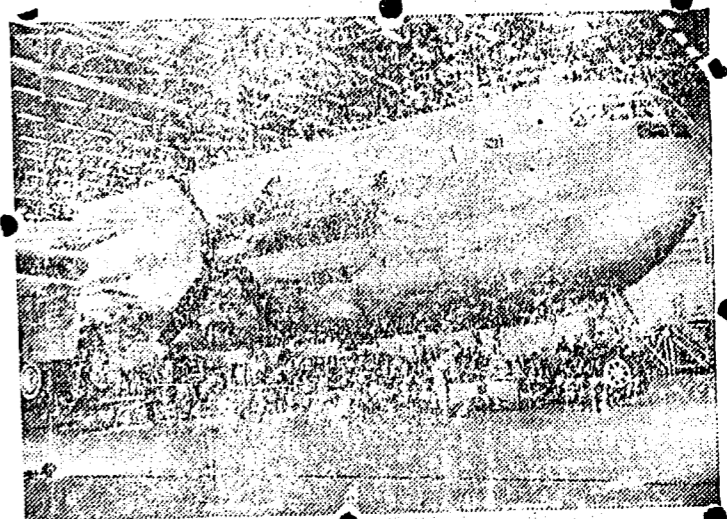
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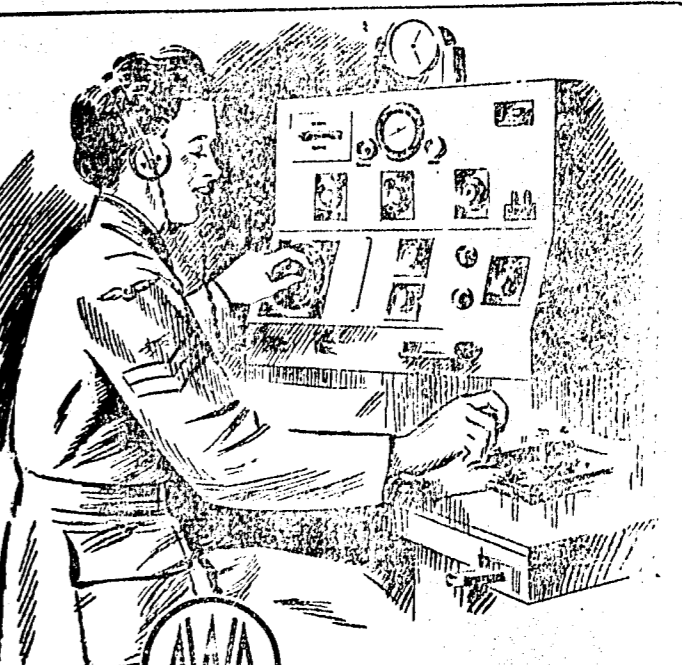
**Farewell Evening.** — On Wednesday, 2nd May, a farewell evening was tendered to Miss Coral Bellis and Mr Bill Ward by the young folk of the town. After spending an enjoyable time dancing, a tasty supper was served. Then Mr Frank Allen called Coral and Bill to the stage, and Miss Nancy Trafford presented Coral with a gift, and

Mr Norman Cleary handed Bill a wallet. Mrs Ruby Ball and Miss Betty Rogers presented Coral with pretty posies. Coral and Bill suitably returned thanks and all present joined in singing "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne." The organisers were Misses Trafford, Wilson, and Blay.



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## VISIT TO PICTURESQUE BEAUFORT

TOWN GROWING IN PROSPERITY.

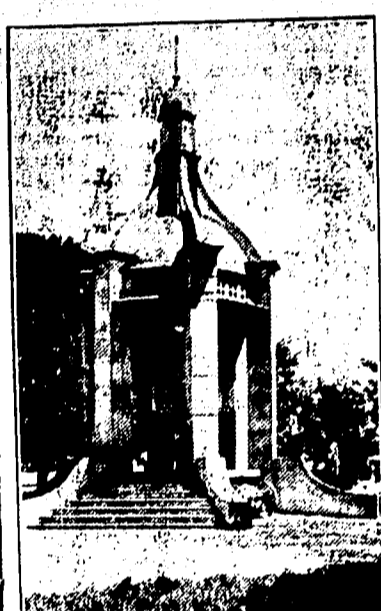
A glorious Autumn day made the visit to Beaufort recently of Mr K. A. Taylor, managing director of "The Courier," and the staff photographer (Mr Richmond) a pleasant memory.

It was in 1836 that Major Mitchell passed that way, to be followed by the pastoralists of the early forties, the gold-seekers of 1852-55, and the small settlers of the sixties.

On approaching from the eastern side of the town, so prettily situated in an amphitheatre of hills, the way in which the un-sightly diggings on Yam Holes Hill have been screened by the wattles and pines of the school plantation was noted with satisfaction.

At the local newspaper office "The Courier's" local correspondent joined the party as guide and reporter.

At the Ripon War Memorial, set in a cluster of old elms and silver poplars, the photographer secured an intricate study in light and shade. The building is modelled on one in Salisbury (Eng.), and the tablets on its pillars bear the names of more

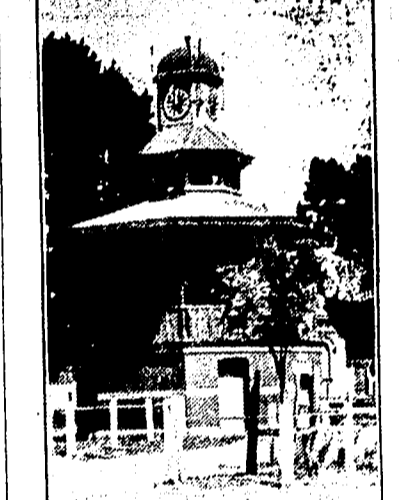


WAR MEMORIAL.

Notable buildings passed on the way to the Park were the Band Rotunda (a memorial to Queen Victoria), the Fire Station, C.W.A. Hall, and Bush Nursing Hospital. The Gold-fields Reservoir at the Park was looking much the worse for the dry spell, although there were plenty of wild fowl on it.

The factory building in course of erection in Lawrence and Leichardt streets for Graham Burgin Pty. Ltd., of Brunswick manufacturers of shirts and pyjamas, immediately caught the eye of the photographer who received a cordial welcome from the bricklayers. The factory is expected to start operations shortly with a staff of 24 girls, and will supply a long-felt want in the town and district in regard to the employment of young folk reaching the school-leaving age.

At the Higher Elementary School several interesting pictures of the children were obtained. About 60 students attend the H.E. School, together with 120 to 150 in the elementary classes. The head teacher is Mr J. L. Robinson, with Mr R. Cording in charge of the H.E. section. Some of the children in the latter part of the school cycle in and out daily from places five to eight miles distant. To obtain this educational facility



BAND ROTUNDA.

for the district the Mothers' Guild raised £1000, and their efforts were brought to a successful issue by the co-operation of the late Sir Alexander Peacock, Minister for Education at the time.

Beaufort boasts a large, cemented swimming pool, which cost about £1000, and has a picturesque background of gums and the young pines of the school plantation.

The party ascended the winding road to the summit of Camp Hill in order to view the panorama of Mt. Cole and retinue to the north and the plains and hills to the east that lie between Beaufort and Ballarat, and felt repaid for the effort.

The staff photographer hopes to visit Beaufort on some future occasion when a local sports gathering or show is in progress. "Courier."

**Band Social.**—Beaufort Town Band held a euchre social and snowball competition on Monday night, and the results were:—Euchre—Mrs J. Rutherford 1; Mrs A. M. Parker, 2. Men—Messrs. R. Hare, J. Williams, and Duncan divided 1 and 2. Secret table—Mr J. Williams. **SAVE PAPER FOR SALVAGE.**

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr E. J. Muntz (shire engineer) reported as follows at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday:—

1. With a little alteration in the description, there is no reason why Mr J. D. Nunn should not obtain a lease of road applied for, and I would recommend accordingly.
2. Clause 1—Granted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Russell.
3. Mr Exell's application for vermin proof gate should be granted. It will cause a little inconvenience, but the benefits to be obtained should outweigh that.
4. Clause 2—Recommendation of engineer adopted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Willis.
5. Power grader has been working in the E.R. most of the month. Weather has not suited it at all, but it did make some improvement.
6. Clause 3—Cr. Russell asked the engineer to keep the grader in the E.R. till the roads there were finished. This was agreed to.
7. I had to make rather extensive repairs to the Lillie bridges. Some of the beams were in a shocking state, having fallen to pieces in position.
8. Clause 3a—Action of engineer endorsed.
9. Timber supplies have again become exhausted. I have ordered a truck load for the E.R. but am delaying in the N.R. till I see what is to be done with Russell's bridge, also bridges in Jess' Lane.
10. Clause 4—Adopted, and engineer to order truck load of pipes for E.R. The engineer informed Cr. Russell that he did not know whether all pipes ordered for culverts were in yet. Cr. Schlicht said it would be a good idea to order some of the timber ahead. The engineer gave him any instructions. He had ordered the timber for Jess' bridge. Cr. Watkin said the reason why there were no instructions was that he had been waiting to go and look at the bridges, but had been unable to do so.
11. I am sorry, but found out stripping the last span of Cook's bridge, it was necessary to renew it as well. This, with the substitution of concrete below the beams, has practically doubled the cost. Original estimate was £360.
12. Clause 5—The engineer said that it would mean £720, and the C.R.B. was granting £400. Cr. Roddis said this bridge has caused the E.R. members concern for years, and he was pleased it was to be completed. He moved that the shire's share of the money be paid. Seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.
13. It will be necessary at this meeting to decide what applications are to be made to the C.R.B. for funds for isolated settlers, Federal aid construction, and Federal aid maintenance.
14. Clause 6—The engineer said he did not know if there were any isolated settlers' roads this year. They could put a little extra gravel on the part of Ross' road already done. Cr. Russell—They could put in for £100 under the Federal Aid Grant for the Snake Valley—Smythesdale and Carrngham Linton roads, the shire to spend £50. He moved to that effect. The engineer drew attention to

## HEALTH REPORTS.

**POSITION IN SHIRE.**

The following health reports came before the Ripon Shire Council at Monday's meeting:—

Dr. G. Little, M.O.H., North Riding, reported for April that no case of notifiable infectious disease was reported during the month. Apart from upper respiratory infections there had been very little illness of note during the month. There were 26 attendances at the Baby Health Centre during the month.

Received.

Dr. Little also reported for March that there was no case of notifiable infectious disease to report during the month. There had been numerous cases of moderately severe throat affections, but otherwise general health had been particularly good. There were 24 attendances at the Baby Health Centre at the Bush Nursing Hospital, Beaufort.

Received.

Dr. J. Blair Donaldson, M.O.H., East Riding, reported for April some cases of chicken pox; general health fairly good; rheumatism rather prevalent.

Received.

**FOR THE EMPIRE**

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.

In a photograph that appeared in a recent issue of the Ballarat "Courier" addressing the Thomas Blamey Memorial Middle East troops before they left for the invasion of Borneo. Mr and Mrs C. Callister, of Hotham Street Ballarat (formerly of Chute) recognised their son, Major Gordon Callister, who served in the Middle East and New Guinea. Major Callister has been to Ballarat on leave since he joined the Services in 1940, before which he followed the occupation of an architect with Mr Coburn, of Sturt Street.

Mr and Mrs J. Keith, of Ballarat, have received a cablegram from their son, Sgt. J. D. Keith, of the A.I.F., who was a prisoner of war in Austria in London and is well. Sgt. Keith left Australia with the 6th Division in 1940.

Fred Aldridge, "Sun" war correspondent on Tarakan, says that a party of R.A.A.F. aerodrome defence personnel fought a grim hand to hand battle in pitch darkness with Japanese to infiltrate positions with a view to blowing them up. Four Japanese were killed. Lieut. Les Beardsell, of Geelong (who was formerly employed at Mawallok, and enlisted two days after war broke out), sighted three helmeted Japs making their way toward the perimeter. Sergeant Bill Ross, of Mackay (Q.), opened fire, but his tommy-gun jammed. Before he could clear the gun, the Jap rushed in and slashed with a bayonet. The two men came to grips twice but when the Jap made his third onslaught, Ross managed to club him with the butt of his tommy-gun. Other Japs charged in, and the Australians shot them down. In another encounter with marauding Japs the fourth Jap was killed. Lieut. Beardsell, who is a veteran of Crete, Greece, Libya, Syria and New Guinea, says that with the exception of Crete, the Borneo Japs are the wildest things yet struck, ad's Aldridge.

## RIPON REPORTS

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

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

The secretary (Mr N. B. Action) submitted the following financial statement:—Sundry receipts banked, £4106/14/11; cheques paid, £1316/19/8; Cr. balance, 9/4/45, £2023/2/11; Cr. balance, 14/5/45, £4812/18/2. Riders Account—North Cr., £1190/0/11; East, Cr., £98 1/2; West, Cr. £2241/6/1; Beaufort Water Supply, Cr. £591/5/5; Snake Valley Water Supply, Dr. £51/15/; Trust, Cr. £110.

Adopted. The secretary said the rates had come in very well.

The Electricity Supply Committee reported that a meeting was held on 9/4/45; Crs. Young and Watkin being present. On the motion of Crs. Young and Watkin, the following accounts were passed for payment:—Wages, £64/4/; A. J. Skene, £1; Crown Solicitor, £2/2/; A. M. Parker, £5; total, £78/16/9. The report of the engineer in charge was received. The secretary reported a Dr. balance of £74 18/10. Correspondence was read from Alan Ferguson, asking to be relieved from his position in power house to join the Royal Australian Navy.

Released.

Adopted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Russell.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following accounts were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs. Willis and Roddis:—Day labour vouchers, £373/8/5; S. George, £6/6/7; E. Whitehead & Co., £6/6/7; A. M. Parker, £2 7/; W. L. Williams, £1/5/; salaries, £41/18/4; £15/16/8; £36 5/10; Colonial Mutual, £8/9/2; Commissioner of Taxation, £10 8/9; Plant Depreciation, £/; E. La Roche, £9/15/; School of Mines, £1/17/6; Electricity Supply Department, £11 0/4; C. C. Rayner, £24/2/6; C. Howlett, £13/5/; R. Sandiant, £3/15/; H. Powell, £6; Railways Department, 16/4; C.R.B. a/c. £93/10/8; W. Holdsworth, £3/4/10/; H. Norman, £44/4/7; Danks & Son, £2/0/5; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £10/6/4; Foresters Commission, £3/17/8; Alf. Nunn, £2/10/; Hume Pipe Co., £17/10/5; B. & W. Co-op., £2 19/; H. George, £2/12/10; Stewart & Lloyd, £13/0/11; A. J. Skene, £29/3/; R. Adams, 6/; Atlantic Union, £7/4/9; New Zealand Insurance Co., 15/4; Pool Petroleum Co., £50/17/11; Wilson's Motors, £23/7/8; A. H. Broadbent, £20; "Ballarat Courier," 5/; engineer's car allowance, £10/18/0; C. Bates, £37 16/2; total, £1002/14/.

C.R.B. Payments—Vouchers, £39/13/10; Broadbent Bros., £18/18/; W. Nunn, £2; Howard Duncan & Co., £9/3/; total, £66/15/10.

Victory in Europe.—At the commencement of the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, Cr. J. Kirkpatrick (president) referred to the wonderful news of victory in Europe and the unconditional surrender of Germany. They hoped, he said, to hear soon of Japan's surrender. (Hear, hear.) He also hoped that the delegates to the conference at San Francisco would be able to do something to stop the horrors of war in future.

## SHIRE COUNCIL

**MONTHLY MEETING.**

The monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council took place on Monday at the Shire Hall, Beaufort.

Present: Crs. J. Kirkpatrick (president), T. Willis, J. A. Hinton, T. W. Schlicht, S. Young, M. E. L. Watkin, A. C. Roddis and P. Russell.

Cr. Russell apologised for the absence of Cr. McDonald.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

From Lands Department, asking if Council has any objection to sale of road, Parish of Trawalla.

To lie on the table for a month, and engineer to report, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Willis.

From C.R.B., re Cook's bridge alterations.

The engineer said the additional work was practically double the price. The Board had granted £400, and it would cost the shire the remainder. Held over till engineer's report dealt with.

From C.R.B., concerning Federal Maintenance Work for roads wanted.

Held over till engineer's report dealt with.

From C.R.B., asking for list of isolated Settlers' roads wanted.

Deferred till report of engineer dealt with.

From C.R.B., re Federal Aid works, and asked for list of roads wanted.

Held over till engineer's report dealt with. In reply to Cr. Schlicht, the engineer said the Council would have to maintain the isolated settler's road to Dalgleish's, and also the one to C. Waldron's.

From Director of Hirlings (military), re Beaufort Park buildings.

The secretary said the hiring had been terminated. There was no claim; everything having been left alright. The letter was received.

From State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, with respect to leak in Troy's reservoir. The matter would be kept in mind, and the Council further advised.—The engineer said the level of the water was too low for the State Rivers Department's engineer to come up at present. The letter was referred to the engineer. Cr. Willis said the Waranga Basin leaked for some years, but they stopped it. From Federal Treasurer, concerning shire's effort in Victory Loan, and expressing appreciation of splendid response.—The secretary said the final figures were 107 subscribers for £21,230—£5000 over. The president said it was gratifying to know they were keeping up the money quota.

From State Treasury, with regard to loan programme for 1945-46.

The secretary: Did the Council want to borrow any money? Cr. Willis: Yes, to buy a truck. The secretary: They could pay for that out of what they had. Letter received: the engineer remarking that they were better off by paying as they went along.

From Education Department, in regard to Empire Day celebrations.

Referred to councillors.

From Empire Day Movement, concerning Disabled Soldiers Appeal.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHELAN. — In loving memory of Mary Whelan, who died at "Homedon, Beaufort," on May 13th, 1939, in her 91st year. You've shared all our joys and troubles. The laughter and the tears; And you've given loyal friendship Through the changing, varied years; Your voice has been beside us, Whispering courage for the day; And you've helped and blessed and cheered us, Making glad the uphill way. And of all the many blessings That have reached us from God's hand, There's no gift more sweet and precious, Than the friend who understands.

Mary Eversley. — The Lewis family never forget

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Trouble always looms large in the present and looks small in the past.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1945.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES

Carpet Bowls. — Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club's carpet bowls competition on Tuesday afternoon resulted in a win for Mrs. A. McGregor, Misses M. Anderson, and E. Waldron.

Band Social. — The Beaufort Town Band's eucyre social and snowball competition took place on Monday night. The ladies' first and second eucyre prizes were divided by Mesdames J. E. Day, V. Wilson, and Miss M. Anderson. The first and second prizes in the men's section were shared by Messrs. R. Sadler, M. George, and A. Campbell.

Listening to the Rain. — During the progress of the Ripon R.S.L. meeting at Beaufort on Saturday night, heavy rain suddenly began to fall. Several farmers in the room smiled at the prospect of relief from the dry spell. "Wait a minute," said the president (Mr. C. H. McKay), "while we listen to this rain."

Mothers' Club. — The members of the Beaufort Mothers' Club held their monthly meeting on Friday afternoon, 11th inst. Mrs. Sullivan (president) presiding. The secretary (Mrs. Worsley) read the report and agenda paper of the last conference, received from the proxy delegate Mrs. Porteous, and also the agenda paper for the next V.M.F.C. conference on June 12, and the members voted on the resolutions. Accounts totaling 19/10 were passed for payment. Several apologies were received from absentees. A social afternoon is to be held in June, and hostesses were appointed. Mrs. Hopkins moved that the flag bridge evenings be kept going (one member to be hostess, and to try and arrange for two helpers). Seconded by Mrs. Stowell, and carried. Mr. Wylie moved that the club work to try and install heating apparatus in the 5th and 6th and 3rd and 4th rooms. Carried. Mrs. Duke moved that they write to the School Committee and request them to ask the Education Department to have the roof lowered in the rooms previously referred to. Seconded by Mrs. Wylie, and carried. It was decided to try and arrange a rabbit drive to raise funds towards the cost of heating the rooms.

Shire Council.

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Cr. Young said that as a token of thanksgiving they should pass £15 to the appeal. He moved to that effect. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

From Shire of Rutherglen, in respect to Commonwealth Banking Bill. The secretary said if the bill went through, Councils would have to bank in the Commonwealth Bank, and could not deal with private banks without the consent of the Treasurer.

The president: It was a Federal matter. They had been trading with the local bank for 80 years and had got good service. Cr. Schlicht: They should wait till the thing happened. After further discussion, the letter was received. Cr. Young: Why should not the Commonwealth Bank trade? Cr. Watkinson: They would not doubt give consideration to country municipalities.

From Shire of Ararat, with regard to repairs to Russell's bridge.

It was stated that arrangements had been made for the work to be carried out. — The engineer: He had heard nothing of it. The matter was referred to the North Riding members.

Circular from organisers of Save the Forests Campaign.

Cr. Young: They had plenty of timber around here. The engineer: He could not get material with which to protect the trees at Fisher's Hill. The president: He would just have to persevere.

From J. C. Betheras, Clemtatis, re English laurel trees for sale.

The secretary said the price was £2/10 per 100. The letter was deferred. The secretary said some re-planting was wanted in the honour avenues at Skipton and Snake Valley. — Referred to engineer.

From Municipal Association re wages adjustments. The secretary said there was no alteration from the previous quarter.

From B. Sandiant, resigning position as cleaner at Shire Hall.

The secretary said applications had been called. Action endorsed, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Watkin; applications to be dealt with by N.R. members.

From Mesdames Slater and Quish, asking for street light at Quish's corner, Skipton.

Referred to engineer for report. The president said some ratepayers in the W.R. wanted an extension of electricity towards Lake Goldsmith. The engineer: The proper thing was to approach the Electricity Commission and get it listed.

At present it was at Waubra and Erildoune. Cr. Young: They had easements near Mr Hubert Smith's place at Carranballac. Cr. Watkin asked if it were any use putting in a word for Beaufort. Cr. Young — It was originally surveyed to Ararat. The secretary: At Ararat they were floating a loan of £24,000 for new machinery. The engineer informed Cr. Young that Avoca had the Commission's lighting. Cr. Roddis moved that they approach the Commission for an extension from Skipton to Beaufort. Cr. Russell — They should also ask for an extension to Snake Valley, Carningham Linton, and Trawalla settlement. The line was only a few miles away in places now. Cr. Roddis included this in his motion, which was seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.

From Skipton common managers, with regard to the commission, and also reporting the death of the secretary, Mr Lawson D. Nicholls.

Received; it being stated that Mr Wise was acting as secretary till another manager was appointed.

Appeal from Menzies' Home for Boys. — Received.

From Australian Producers' Meat Board, forwarding copy of resolutions carried. It was

asked that producers have two representatives from each State on the Meat Board.—Cr. Watkin: They had extended their activities from the original one, and were now working for a more democratic method of electing the board, and the organisation of the divisions so that all producers represented would be voice. He moved that they support it; other councils having already done so. Cr. Wills — It was all humbug that councils should take any interest in such matters at all. He alluded to the holding up of the meat killing season by strikes, and stock having to be held back on properties. They were overlooked with animals that could have been marketed as fat, if they had had the facilities to do it. When strikes took place, the primary producer and not the freezer was the bigger loser. Cr. Watkin—Cr. Wills had given some excellent reasons why the producers should look after themselves. What he had pointed out was one of the things that were going for Cr. Wills—All the resolutions in the world would not alter it. Three notices of births were received.

From analyst, forwarding report on samples collected in shire. — Received.

From U. O. Thomas, Skipton, drawing attention to dangerous state of decking, Banongli bridge, and stating that rabbit infested the southern approach to the bridge. — Referred to engineer, who said it had been attended to, and he would also attend to the rabbits.

From J. E. Day, Beaufort, stating that water had not yet been laid on to his property on the Waterloo road, and planting for the new season would begin soon. The secretary said the Water Commission had decided that the supply would be given when it and labour were available. Referred to Water Commission. In reply to Cr. Schlicht, the engineer said the pipes were ordered six months ago.

From F. Allen, secretary Beaufort Amateur Football Club making application to use Park for season free of charge, and stating that all gate money would be paid at end of season to patriotic bodies.—Cr. Schlicht — It should be granted, at least year they collected £80 and gave it to patriotic bodies. He moved that permission be granted. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

From S. Howlett, dog register R.P.R., asking for commission or Langi Will fees, which had been sent to Beaufort, and which he was entitled to. — Referred to secretary, on motion of Cr. Roddis.

The secretary read a letter from H. Lewis, applying for permission to remove a van house from Lexton to Beaufort.

Granted, under engineer's supervision and usual conditions on motion of Cr. Young.

GENERAL BUSINESS. The president drew attention to the rough condition of the road between Pretty Tower and Wongan.—Noted by engineer.

Cr. Wills — Some 12 months ago there was a salr about waste at Carranballac. It had been stored in Cobden's blacksmith's shop, and was getting in the way. There was no place in Beaufort to bring it to, so what were they to do?

The secretary said they had not succeeded in getting a depot in Beaufort.

The president asked if it could be taken to Ballarat. Cr. Wills — He had not enough petrol, and was not going to walk down with it.

It was left in the hands of Cr. Wills to see Mr Ellingham about taking it to Ballarat. It not satisfactory to send it by rail, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Russell.

Cr. Russell — In the N.R. two culverts at the northern end of Trawalla developments road needed attention. Two more in the E.R. were in a

bad way—one near, Grenville boundary, and the other on the north of the cross road bearing of Hillcrest, at Thomas corner.—Noted by engineer.

Cr. Hinton — It was suggested that something be done to the Stockyard mill road as last meeting, and something more should be done. This side of the road in the shire.

The president — They had taken action to-day for a gram, and should wait a reply. It was left in the hands of the engineer to make minor repairs, on motion of Crs. Hinton and Wills.

The secretary reported that the N.R. members had decided to recommend that Mrs W. Torney be appointed as cleaner of the Shire Hall. — Recommendation adopted.

As the next meeting falls on the King's Birthday, it was decided to hold it on Monday June 5, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Wills.

In regard to the E.R. truck Cr. Roddis said it had been very expensive to the shire, apart from what the men had had to put up with. The Council should consider what was to be done with it.

The secretary read a letter from the Disposals Committee stating that several of the motor companies would furnish them with information in regard to disused trucks.

The engineer — The trouble was the motor companies would not.

Cr. Russell — He was in favour of keeping it going till they heard where they could buy reliable truck at a reasonable price. When that time arrived they should instruct the Machinery Committee to buy a truck.

Cr. Schlicht said he was not in favour of purchasing a disused Army truck, as the Council should buy a new one. With an old truck, they were purchasing someone else's trouble, with a new one, they had something to start on.

Cr. Young suggested hiring a truck.

Cr. Schlicht said there had been no great increase in the price of any motor vehicle; prices being pegged. The secretary said they had £1000 in the Depreciation Account.

Cr. Kirkpatrick — They had been hanging off in the matter till trucks were available, but he did not know what action to take immediately.

Cr. Schlicht mentioned three kinds of trucks that could be delivered in 14 days. The engineer said the cost of new sleeves would be £25. Cr. Schlicht — He did not think that would be satisfactory.

The matter of prices was discussed in committee.

The engineer pointed out that another truck would have to be replaced next year. Cr. Wills moved that the call tenders for a new truck, to be decided on at next meeting. Seconded by Cr. Schlicht, and carried.

The engineer recommended purchasing a tipping truck with hydraulic hoist. — This was agreed to.

On the suggestion of Cr. Schlicht, it was resolved that tenders be asked to state date of delivery.

In reply to Cr. Wills, the engineer said he thought he could get petrol for the truck.

Rabbit Drive. — A rabbit drive for patriotic purposes was held under the auspices of the Beaufort Thistle Club on Saturday afternoon. About 460 rabbits were caught.

Dry Spell Broken. — On Saturday night and Sunday morning there was a welcome fall of rain at Beaufort. By 9 a.m. on Sunday 70 points were recorded and light rain fell till mid-day. There were further showers on Monday and Tuesday. Altogether 112 points fell till 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

GOLF CLUB

LINKS RE-OPENED.

After having been in recess for four years, the Beaufort Golf Club re-opened the links on Saturday, when Mixed Foursomes were played. Thanks to the good work of the members, the links were in good order. The afternoon tea tables were prettily decorated with sweet peas and the room in Autumn tonings.

Rev. W. J. Tame (president) performed the opening ceremony, and remarked that the club was endeavouring to begin again. The play would be confined to local competitions, and he hoped the season would be quite successful. The work of the links had been done by volunteers, and he wished to thank the ladies and men for what they had done. He thanked Mr J. L. Robinson for repairing the club room. The joint secretaries (Mesdames J.L. Robinson and A. Campbell) were very enthusiastic. He formally declared the season open.

The members merrily sang "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Golf Bag."

The leading scores were: Mixed Foursomes — H. E. Cuthbertson and Miss Corne 115-28; A. A. Down and Mrs M. Watkin 103-35; 38; M. Watkin and Miss A. Norman 103-35; Rev. W. J. Tame and Mrs H. Norman 109-20; Best score off stick — Q. W. Gregory and Mrs J. E. Day, 102-13-89.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Lardner for attending to the afternoon tea, on the motion of the president.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mr and Mrs Geoff. Cuthbertson have returned to Beaufort after four years in Adelaide.

Mr and Mrs Tom Nestor and family, of Ballarat, have been holidaying with Mr and Mrs J. J. Fitzpatrick at Beaufort.

Mr Geo. Gordon, of Beaufort, has gone to Melbourne for a holiday.

Mr and Mrs W. Stevens, of Beaufort, are spending an extended holiday at Mornington.

Mr Upton, of Rainbow, has taken Mr H. Baker's place as railway ganger at Beaufort.

Mrs Claude Bates, of Beaufort, has been spending a holiday at Carrum and Warracknabeal.

FOR THE EMPIRE. NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE

Seaman T. Thacker and L. A.C. Pearce, of Beaufort, have been home on leave.

In the R.A.A.F. casualty list in Tuesday's "Argus" appeared the name of Pilot-Officer A. D. MacDougall, of Beaufort (missing, now presumed dead). He is the son of the Rev. J. P. and Mrs MacDougall.

Mr G. Barrett, junr., a discharged soldier who served in the Middle East and New Guinea, and recently had his leg amputated, came home to Beaufort from Caulfield Repatriation Hospital for the week end.

Relatives of Corp. Tom Smith of Waterloo have received word that he has been repatriated to England. Corp. Smith, who was captured in the Middle East, has been a prisoner of war in Italy and Germany for four years.

Mrs E. Charles, of Beaufort, has received a cablegram from her brother, Corp. Jim Smith of Trawalla, to the effect that he has been repatriated to England, and after spending four years in Germany as a prisoner of war, he was captured in the Middle East.

Serjt. Jack Diekmann of the R.A.A.F. has been home to Main Leed on leave. Dvr. Ivan Crick, of Beaufort, has been home on leave.

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COMMITTEE MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Ripon sub-branch R.S.L. committee at the Shire Hall on Saturday night was presided over by Mr C. H. McKay (president). A letter was read from the Minister of Railways, stating that the matter of the night Adelaide express not stopping at Beaufort had been referred to the Commissioners. State branch correspondence was received in regard to the unsatisfactory Re-establishment in Employment Bill. In regard to a circular from the Empire Day movement (including an appeal for disabled soldiers), it was understood: a resolution concerning such appeals would be drafted for next annual conference. The treasurer (Mr F. J. Webster) reported a membership of 113, and a Cr. balance of £31. Mr Pascoe reported in regard to getting a water-boring plant for the district, and the president said a resolution should go to the secretary's conference that the Government should purchase a number of boring plants and let them out. The president reported on the 11th, and a Cr. balance of £31. Mr Pascoe reported in regard to getting a water-boring plant for the district, and the president said a resolution should go to the secretary's conference that the Government should purchase a number of boring plants and let them out. The president reported on the 11th, and a Cr. balance of £31. Mr Pascoe reported in regard to getting a water-boring plant for the district, and the president said a resolution should go to the secretary's conference that the Government should purchase a number of boring plants and let them out.

Recovering. — Mrs Evelyn Victoria Wallace, of Streatham, who was found on May 11 with a bullet wound in the chest, is slowly recovering, and has been removed from the danger list at the Ballarat East Hospital. — The Methodist Anniversary. — The Beaufort Methodist Church anniversary was held on Sunday and the services were well attended. The preacher was the Rev. A. Norman Kemp, of Ballarat (District Chairman). At the afternoon service Mr Kemp spoke on the subject of victory in Europe, and at the evening service discoursed on the uncertainty of life. Anthems were sung by the choir, the soloists being Mrs G. E. Verlijan, Miss J. Lyons and Mr A. J. Hughes. The organist was Miss M. Jackson. A fuller report is held over.

Beaufort A.N.A. — The fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort A.N.A. on Tuesday night was opened by the vice-president (Mr A. H. Broadbent); 17 members being present. Corrodes pronouncement was read in connection with the Save the Forests Campaign and the discussion group movement of Victoria. At this stage the president (Mr Wylie) arrived, and took the chair. The Board of Director forwarded a bonus of £5 from the Surplus Reserve Fund. The treasurer (Mr McLeod) reported a credit balance of £271/2/8. Sick pay amounting to £103/3/ was passed for payment. A bonus of £1 was voted to the assistant secretary (Mr M. Torney) in appreciation of his past services, on the motion of Messrs. Sands and Parker. Notice of motion for next quarter meeting was given by Mr A. H. Sands, that the assistant secretary's salary be increased to £2 per year. Office-bearers for the ensuing half-year were nominated and the new president will be Mr A. H. Broadbent. Mr Wylie (retiring president) referred to the good news of Victory in Europe, and hoped it would not be long before they would be rejoicing in Australia as they did in England on 9th and 10th May.

Gene Overseas. — Miss Ferguson, of Beaufort, has gone to England. Five Hundred Social. — The Beaufort Town Band Ladies' Auxiliary held a five hundred tournament on Wednesday night. Results:—Men: Mr E. Wilson, 1; Mr R. Saddler, 2. Ladies: Mesdames Sullivan and J. E. Day divided 1 and 2. Low score: Mesdames Duke and Saddler. F.B. Ladies' Committee. — The monthly committee meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club was held on Monday afternoon; Mrs J. Irving (president) presiding. Accounts totalling £7/4/6 were passed for payment. It was decided to send 30 canteen orders to the troops, and to have seats in the hall repaired. It was arranged to hold the next dance for the Canteen Orders Fund. Miss M. Anderson moved that a challenge eucyre and cribbage championships be held. Seconded by Mrs Dunn, and carried. It was resolved to have 1000 eucyre scoring cards printed.

Ballarat Market. — The following district sales were effected at the Ballarat Stock Market on Tuesday:—90 Corriedale wethers, Mr Mathews, Burrumbuck, 24/4 to 31/1, averaging 27/8; 44 Corriedale wethers, Mr J. T. Dobson, Burrumbuck, 33/4 to 43/4, averaging 38/3; 24 wethers, Brody Bros., Lexton, crosses-bred 43/4, merinos 42/4 to 45/4, topping the market; 1 lamb, Ball Bros., Raglan, 38/4; 2 cows, Mawallok Estate, Beaufort, £18, topping the market and 16/11/7/6, 5 calves 27/11/6 and 14/18/6, averaging 25/13/11; 30 merino wethers, estate A. Fraser, Beaufort, 34/10 to 29/11, averaging 32/8; 24 lambs, Mr W. Thompson, Beaufort, 45/10 to 32/10, averaging 36/8; 73 merino wethers and ewes, Mr L. Franc, Shirley, wethers 22/6 ewes to 20/1, 7 lambs 29/1; 47 merino wethers and ewes, Mr A. Ringin, Chesstowe, wethers 32/10 and 29/4, ewes 26/7, 23 lambs, 35/1 to 23/4, averaging 26/10.

V.D.C. Rifle Match. — A rifle match will be fired to-day (Saturday) at the Beaufort range between the Beaufort and Amphitheatre platoons of the V.D.C.

W.O. Jack King, of Beaufort, has been home on leave. A picture of Mr Vincent Martin, of Cardigan (formerly of Nerring) appeared in Tuesday's "Sun". Mr H. Lewis, of Waterloo, cut his foot while using an axe. For the P.O.W. Fund the Beaufort Fire Brigade held a card social and dance on Thursday night. Blay's Band supplied the music. Results:—Section 1. Mesdames Saddler and C. Hare divided 1 and 2. Section 2. Mrs L. Stephens, 1; Mr J. Duke, 2.

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DISTRICT NEWS Carranballac

Welcome rain has fallen to relieve the shortage of household supplies, which was becoming acute in many homes. The rain commenced to fall on Saturday night and continued throughout the night and Saturday morning; 132 points being registered. Farmers will now be able to carry on with their ploughing and sowing, which have been held up owing to the very dry conditions.

A euche tournament was held in Carranballac Hall on 12th inst. in aid of the S.S. war relief fund. There was a fair attendance of players, and £2/4 was taken at the door. At the conclusion of the games, a tasty supper was provided by the ladies. The winners were Miss M. Liston (ladies), Mrs Harry Waldron (men), Mrs S. Gray and Mr Phil Smith (booby prizes).

Buangor

Steady rain began falling on Saturday night, 12th inst., and continued throughout the night and Sunday morning. Falls varied from 85 points to 103. On Monday a further 20 points of rain was registered. Grass has begun to shoot, and feed for sheep is assured, though the rate of growth will depend on a great deal on the absence of frosts.

A successful dance was held in the Buangor Hall by the local branch of the Red Cross on Friday, 11th inst. The large bar of groceries raffled by the ladies of the Red Cross brought in £20/1/-, and was won by Mrs W. Hillman. The music was supplied by the Buangor Orchestra and Miss P. Roberts.

Skipton

Servicemen home on leave during the past few weeks include Alex. Dunn, Ernie Armstrong, Len Wise, W. Harrison and J. Wise.

Mrs and Mr E. W. Cox, Bangala, Pomonal, are visiting their parents, Mr and Mrs W. Slorach, after spending a holiday with Mr and Mrs Wilfred Cox, of Kia Ora, Cobden.

Miss Jessie Angus is convalescing at her parents' home at Skipton, after her recent illness. The Rev. and Mrs G. L. Johnson are at present in Melbourne, attending the Presbyterian Assembly meeting. The services at Skipton were conducted by the Rev. Mr McMaster, of Ascot Vale, who was accompanied by his wife.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 8, a euche party was held in aid of the Red Cross. The winner was Mrs Wilkie. The euche and dance on Saturday, May 12, were in aid of the Patriotic League. The winners of the euche were Mrs Wilkie (ladies) and Mr Fred Alexander (men).

The afternoon euche on May 15 was in aid of the Patriotic League, and was won by Miss Cook.

The engagement is announced of Rheaia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Wm. Slorach, of Warra-Wee, Skipton, to John Albert, second son of Mr and Mrs J. McKeon, Hall's Gap, via Stawell.

The Country Women's Association held its 11th birthday party on Friday, May 11. There were about 30 present, including some visitors from Linton. Mr Gill arranged a programme for the afternoon, which consisted of two competitions; one being won by Mrs McLean, junr., and the other by Mrs McLean, junr., and partner. Mrs Gill also gave a reading, which was greatly appreciated. A dainty afternoon tea was served by the members.

Mrs McLean, senr., made the birthday cake, which was cut by Miss Daly. Mrs Hitchins, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Skipton ladies for their hospitality.

A meeting was held on Monday, 14th May, for the purpose of forming a Returned Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Fathers' Association. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr Thomas; vice-president, Messrs Osborne and Sturgeon; secretary and treasurer, Mr Nash. The auditor is to be the accountant of the National Bank. It was decided to hold meetings on the first Friday of every month.

Lexton.

The Lexton Shire president (Cr. W. McCully), Mrs McCully, and a representative committee have arranged a presidential ball for Friday, 25th May, at the N.A.A. Hall, Lexton. The proceeds are to be divided equally between the Australian Red Cross Society and Australian Comforts Fund. Blay's Beaufort Band of seven instrumentalists will provide dance music from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The M.C. is Mr Geo. Torney. Twelve debutantes from Wauaba, Evansford, Maryborough, Burrumbuck, Waterloo, Amphitheatre and Lexton will be presented at 9.30 p.m. Arrangements have been made to have flashlight photographs taken of the debutantes and dancers. Buses will run from neighboring towns. Supper will be set in a marquee. The admission is 5/ for men, 3/ for ladies, and 7/6 (double ticket).

Waterloo.

There are several local people who have not been in good health lately. Children have had colds, but have lost no time at school.

Mrs John McErvale has had her brother, Mr P. Stevens, and his wife and family, staying for a few days with her. They come from Lexton, N.S.W. Mr Stevens served his time at Mr Cougle's drapery establishment, and now has a business of his own in Lexton. He has been away for a good many years, but renewed many friendships in the district.

Nice rains have fallen in the district lately, up to 1 1/2 inches having been registered. This has altered the outlook considerably. Most farmers were carting water, and now dams have sufficient in them to do for some time. The grass has shot up also, and will make sheep feed, but it will be springtime before there will be enough feed for cattle and horses. The greater proportion of the cattle have been sold to relieve the position.

The wind-up meeting in connection with the Easter Saturday Gymkhana took place last Saturday night. The secretary (Mr W. McErvale) read the balance-sheet, which was adopted and showed a net profit of £245 which was equally divided between the Red Cross, the Comforts Fund, and the Beaufort P.O.W. This was considered a very good effort by the meeting, and the president (Mr J. Dunn) thanked all members for their help, and complimented the secretary on the good job he had done.

The local Patriotic Committee met on Wednesday night, and decided at a later date to run a series of euche socials and dances; the proceeds to go towards welcoming home the soldiers when the war is over. The next series of socials after Saturday night will be for the school funds.

Lake Goldsmith.

A successful social in aid of the S.S. War Relief Fund was held in the schoolroom at Lake Goldsmith on Friday, May 11. There was a good attendance and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Prizes, which

were donated by Cr. and Mrs J. Kirkpatrick, for the euche tournament, were won by Messrs A. Kirkpatrick and Whitfield. In the novelty section Mr R. Kirkpatrick and Miss McLean were successful. Music was supplied by Mr A. Whitfield and Mrs Bail. Mr Thompson acted as M.C. Donations were received from Mrs J. Ellis and Miss E. Ward. After a dainty supper had been served, the opportunity was taken to bid L.A.C. J. Ellis farewell on his leaving for operational areas. In the absence of Cr. Kirkpatrick (president of the Community Club) Mr C. Cushing (vice-president) and Mr D. Lynch (secretary) spoke on behalf of the members of the club and wished Jock at the best and a safe and speedy return home. Messrs. D. R. Hannah and A. Kirkpatrick supported these remarks. Jock suitably responded, and thanked the club for the comforts provided by it. All joined in the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Opportunity was taken also by Mr D. R. Hannah, on behalf of the residents, to wish Mr Des Lynch every happiness in his forthcoming married life. Mr Lynch humorously responded. The sincere thanks of the organisers is tendered to all who helped in any way to make the social a success.

Lady Golfers. — The ladies of the Beaufort Golf Club played a singles handicap on Thursday afternoon. Leading scores:—Miss A. Norman, 108-24-84; Mrs H. Norman, 113-17-86; Mrs Ashley, 108-19-88; Mrs Gregory, 119-31-88. P.O.W. Shop. — The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. shop wish to thank all donors and helpers last week. Helpers were Messdames Vertigan, Excell Hayes, Simper, Burns, and Miss Lewis and Anderson. Receipts were £6/3/. Cash donations: Miss Stewart, Monnet, 10/; Mr Bonollo, 2/.

Agricultural Society. — Under the auspices of the Beaufort Agricultural Society, Mr C. Pope, Government veterinary officer gave an instructive lecture on stock diseases, etc., to a large number of farmers and graziers at the C.W.A. Hall, Beaufort on Thursday. The lecturer answered a number of questions affecting individual interests. Mr W. Lynch (president of the Agricultural Society) presided and the arrangements were made by the secretary (Mr F. J. Blay).

Bowls. — The Beaufort Bowling Club closed on Saturday, 5th May, after having a very enjoyable season. The green has been in perfect order, thanks to Messrs J. Crozier, M. Hinsel and J. W. Gregory for cutting and watering the green and other members who helped it roll it. There was some very keen bowling during the season. The semi-final and final of the singles championship were played off on closing day when M. Hinsel d. N. B. Acton in the semi-final, and H. E. Cuthbertson d. M. Hinsel in the final.

Band Recital. — The receipt at the Beaufort Town Band's recital and Are You an Artist Competition on Sunday night were £7/8/4. An excellent programme was played by the band of 22 performers. Mr J. Duk acted as chairman, Mr R. Sadler as bandmaster, and Mrs F. Worsley as accompanist. The winners in the various sections were:—Ladies — Miss Betty Upton (guest artist, Miss Jean Sandlant); instrumental section, Messrs. H. Hains and M. Riley (challenger, Mr Geo. Gillingham); juvenile section, Stan and Jim Drew (guest artists); Ron Ringin and David Hughes. Additional items were given by Maisie and Gwon Grant (Maisie also acting as accompanist) and Mrs Norman Smith. The programme opened with patriotic music and hymns in keeping with the thanksgiving for Victory in Europe. Mr F. S. Latch officiated as secretary.

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The Buangor Catholic ball has been arranged for Friday, May 25. There will be free novelties, a specialty supper, a Belle and Beau competition, 50-50 dancing and Buangor Orchestra. The prices are 4/ for men, and 3/ for ladies.

The Ripon Patriotic and Comforts Club will gladly receive victory donations. Beaufort Catholic ball, Wednesday night, June 27th.

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Lexton Shire presidential ball Friday night, 25th May. Beaufort Ladies' Football Auxiliary meets at band room, Wednesday night, May 23.

Afternoon Social. — Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held an afternoon social on Thursday, and raised £5/8/ for the P.O.W. Fund and the Comforts Club. Competition was won by Mrs Cobden and the euche winners were Messdames A. J. Skene and W. Gillingham.

Town Band. — The president of the Beaufort Town Band (Mr J. Duke) presided at the monthly committee meeting at the Shire Hall on Thursday night and 10 members and Mr R. Sadler (bandmaster) were present. Correspondence was read from Miss C. Bellis, thanking the band for a gift of £2/2/. Mr W. Sturroon, secretary Skipton Gymkhana, wrote, stating that the cost of transport for the band to Skipton was too much and thinking band for their offer to attend free of charge. A credit balance at the bank of £45 was reported. The president reported on the recent Are You an Artist Competition, and said 'lady artist, a juvenile, and an instrumentalist were needed for the next. After next competition it was decided that the next artist receive 10/ and the losing artists in each section 5/ as appearance money. Arrangements were also made to hold an animal, vegetable and mineral competition at next recital.

B.N. HOSPITAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

At Monday night's meeting of the committee of the Beaufort B.N. Hospital a donation of £3 3/4 was received from Messrs. W. C. Thomas & Sons Pty. A notification was read from the State Treasury and Mr P. L. Denigan, M.L.A., that £600 had been allocated to the hospital for alterations to buildings and providing fittings. Accounts totaling £135 were passed for payment. It was decided to place £750 in an equipment fund. The president (Mr A. R. Beggs) reported that Miss Hayward had commenced duty as a probationer at the hospital. The name of Miss E. Ward (Lake Goldsmith) and Mrs Margaret Beggs (St. Marnocks) are to be placed on the life members' board. Fuller report held over.

FOOTBALL BEAUFORT CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Beaufort Amateur Football Club at the Mechanics' Institute on Friday night, 11th inst., president-elect by Mr R. Cording (retiring president), it was resolved to re-form the club for the ensuing season. Office-bearers elected were:—President, Mr A. Campbell (Mr Cording declining nomination, owing to other engagements); vice-president, Mr J. E. Day; secretary and treasurer, Mr P. Allen; assistant-secretary, Mr J. Bruhn; committee, Messrs. R. Cording, M. Riley, Crick, Broadbent, and McGregor; selection committee, Mr Bruhn, captain and vice-captain (who will be elected at first match); goal umpires, Messrs. J. Cole, J. J. Fitzpatrick, and A. Campbell; central umpires, Messrs. Cording and C. Allen; gatekeepers, Messrs. A. Duncan and R. T. Macdonald; timekeepers, Messrs. McGregor and Broadbent. It was understood that, transport permitting, matches would be arranged with Burrumbuck Learmonth, Buangor, Beaglan Lake Goldsmith, and probably Carnham. The president, vice-president, and secretary were empowered to arrange matches. A match has been arranged with Burrumbuck, at Burrumbuck for Saturday, 26th May. Further details in connection with forthcoming matches with Lake Goldsmith, and an injured players' fund were arranged. Trophies were promised by the president and Mr Cording, and a donation of the cost of members' tickets was given by Mr Charles It was decided to apply to the Shire Council for use of the Park for matches.

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**New Fire Authority**  
 SECRETARY SPRINGS A  
 SURPRISE.

The Ripon Shire Council on Monday received a letter from the Country Fire Authority forwarding copy of regulations. The secretary said that Ripon was in the 16th fire control region. In reply to a question, the secretary said the pumps purchased were the shire's private property. The engineer said the tanks the Council bought were their own. Cr. Wills said he had a pho- call from Mr Notman about the Skipton power unit, and he told Mr Notman it was in Hampden Shire and Ripon understood to truck was to be provided to put it on. Mr Notman said they had secured a truck from a farmer two miles out. He (Cr. Wills) said they did not think much of the arrangement, and would not have entered into it if they had known. The power had been put into Mr Wise's garage, for which they were being charged 2/6 a week. He told them they must look to the Bush Fire Brigade to pay it. Now the new authority had taken over, they should get Hampden to write, asking authority to take over the unit and find a truck to put it on. He moved to that effect. Seconded by Cr. Russell (who added to the motion the words "that Cr. Wills' action be confirmed"), and carried.

The secretary said the new fire authority wanted the Council to nominate a proper officer to order removal of fire hazards. In reply to Cr. Russell, the secretary said he supposed it was to take the place of the "G" committee.

Cr. Young said the regional officer was above all those. Cr. Russell said they should point out that the only officer they could appoint was Mr Muntz, who had too much to do. He should be paid for it and given a travelling allowance. He moved to that effect. Cr. Young suggested that the appointment be postponed for two months to get absolute details of the duties. He moved to that effect.

The secretary read some of the duties to a proper officer. In reply to Cr. Hinton, the secretary said the authority was only going to pay the regional officer. Cr. Young's motion was carried by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

The secretary said here was the bombshell—total payment by the municipality annually £201/14/9. The estimated expenditure in the 16th region was £4000.

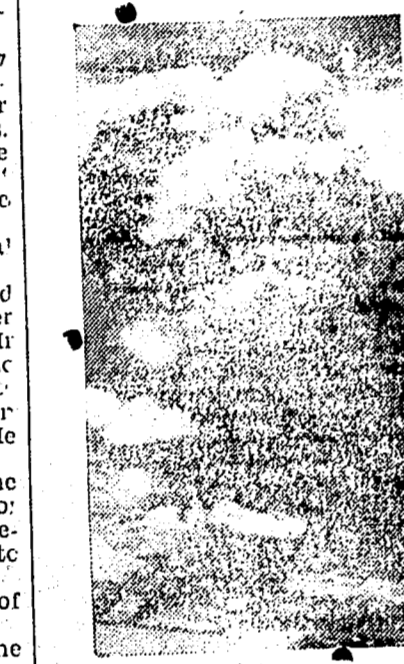
Cr. Wills: He told them at the meeting of the Carranballac brigade that they would have to raise the rate, and they did not believe him. In reply to Cr. Young, the secretary said the shire contribu- tion to the old Fire Brigades' Board was £20 a year. Cr. Young—And the shire was spending £200 on a building. After further discussion, the matter was referred to the secretary.

Cr. Schlicht: They were paying more than before and getting nothing more for it. It would go to pay a few fat salaries. Cr. Young: The Forests Com- mission and others came into this, and would look to their own protection. Cr. Russell said they should protest against putting £5 a week into a fund they had no control over. They would get no extra equipment for it. He moved to that effect. Seconded by Cr. Wain, and carried.

Cr. Wills—It was a new thing, and would have to get a start, but there would have to be a lot of alterations some- where. Cr. Russell: With this new thing they were not getting any

**CARNHAM A.C.F.**  
 DONATIONS OF HAMPERS

Although no appeal was launched from the Carnham branch of the A.C.F. for the mid-year hamper appeal, there has been a very good response. It was decided to make the total hampers sent up to 100. Twenty-six were donated individually, and many more have been sent since. The total to date is 120. Seventy-four have been sent from branch funds, and 10 from the Knitting Circle. Others—P. Russell, 4; Mrs P. Russell, Mr Len Greenbank, Mr and Mrs Filridge, Misses J. Lawrence, R. and M. Russell and J. Russell each 2; Mesdames McCook, J. Oddie, J. Howlett, Patching, G. Davis, A. C. Roddis, G. Hall senr., J. McKay, F. Lecman, Nunn, R. Whittle, Lindsay, Kewley, Misses Betty Edwards, A. Morcombe, J. Oddie, Messrs. J. McKay and A. Brown, each one. The appeal will be finally closed after the next meeting on Wednesday, 18th inst. Any further donations will be kept for the Christmas Hamper appeal. Hampers are 10/- each, and each has a card with the donor's name and address inserted.



**U.S. PLANES DESTROY JAPANESE OIL TANK AT SAIGON.**  
 U.S. Office of War Information Picture.

**DISTRICT NEWS**  
**Streatham**

**RED CROSS.**  
 There were 12 members present at the meeting of the Streatham Red Cross, which was held on Tuesday, 8th May. The sum of £24/1/- was gratefully acknowledged from the 12th Platoon V.D.C. The stall was conducted by Mesdames Slater and Forber and realised £1/10/. A large amount of waste was packed and sent to the waste depot. At the next meeting the hostesses will be Mesdames McLean and Omen and the stallholders Mesdames Brown and Kinnersley.

**LOCAL SOLDIERS.**  
 Private Frank Blurton, son of Mr and Mrs H. Blurton, Blythvale, Streatham, has been released from the Army. He has served 4 1/2 years in the Middle East and New Guinea, and was wounded in the Middle East. He has now settled down with his wife and family at Blythvale. Private Jack Brown has been visiting his mother Mrs O. Brown, for a few days. — Arrar at "Advertiser."

**Two Blessings.** — At the Riponshire Council meeting on Monday, Cr. A. C. Roddis alluded to the pleasing fact that victory in Europe and the rain had come together.



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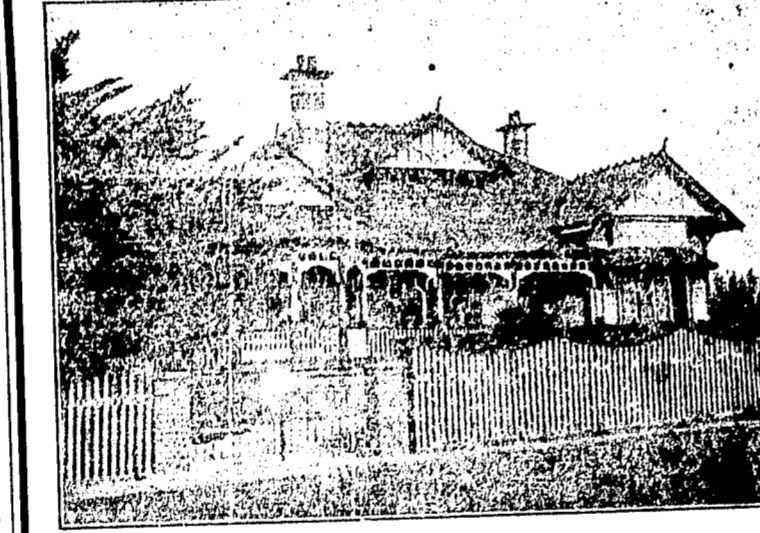
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**Bill Does Not Give Absolute Preference.**

**SOLDIERS' LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Several important business items came forward on Saturday night, 12th inst., at the monthly meeting at the Shire Hall of the Ripon sub-branch of the R.S.L. Mr C. H. McKay (president) was in the chair, and 15 members were present, and Sergt. E. Trengove, a soldier of the 2nd A.I.F.

The president said a joint letter from the league and the Dad's Association had been drafted and sent to the Minister of Railways about the night express to Adelaide not stopping at Beaufort. He also reported on the satisfactory Anzac Day commemoration.

Correspondence was read from the State branch expressing opinions on the Re-establishment in Employment Bill, the bill being so unsatisfactory in many of its aspects that it should be withdrawn and re-drafted, as it was not in the best interests of Service men and women, who were entitled to absolute preference, which the bill did not give. A re-establishment department should be created to deal with Service men and women. The president said the sub-branch was in accord with the letter general ly.

From same, concerning speakers for next Anzac Day.

From same, re position advertised for director of land settlement.

From same, in relation to supplies of June "Muffin."

From same, re bill for re-establishment in civil life of members of the forces; also for warding copy of president's report of Federal Executive meeting.

From Railway Department, concerning request that night Adelaide express be stopped at Beaufort, and stating that the matter had been referred to the Commissioners for report.

The president: They had at least got a reply from organisers of Empire Day movement, and appeal for disabled soldiers, to establish a trust fund to provide recreational facilities when such men visited the city, and asking that tokens and window cards should be made. What was the Government doing? The president: There was no doubt what should be done, but unfortunately governments did not always do it. Mr Anderson: If they were going to do that with the old Digger, what were they going to do with the new one? He was against these appeals. Mr McLeod: The idea was to give disabled soldiers some of the amenities of life the Government would never provide. Mr Anderson: How often did the country men go to these homes? It was all for the benefit of city men. The Digger should get his due from the Government, not the charitable people who subscribed to these things. Mr Harrison: These men should get the basic wage, and the Government should provide these homes. Mr Anderson: Why did the league not make this appeal? The president: Because the Government allotted certain days for certain appeals. That was the reason the league backed certain of the Lord Mayor's appeals. Mr Harrison: As long as the public supported these appeals, the Government never

**METHODIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.**

Special reference to Victory in Europe was made by the Rev. A. Norman Kemp, of Lydiard Street, Ballarat (Chairman of the District), who conducted three services at Beaufort on Sunday, 13th inst., in connection with the anniversary of the local Methodist Church. The services were well attended. Suitable hymns were sung and Miss M. Jackson presided at the organ. The offerings were on behalf of the Trust Fund.

At the afternoon service bracketed solos were rendered in pleasing style by Mrs G. E. Verigan; one being "There's a Land."

Rev. A. Norman Kemp read the 46th Psalm—a passage read in many churches throughout the Empire on the Sunday following VE Day.

The rev. gentleman expressed pleasure at the opportunity to visit Beaufort on their anniversary day, and the Sunday nearest to the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

The choir nicely sang the anthem, "Sweet is the Sunlight After Rain." Miss Joyce Lyons taking a solo part.

**GREAT TASK AHEAD.**  
 Rev. Norman Kemp said that on this afternoon so near to the cessation of hostilities in Europe, when the King and Queen were leading the people in an act of thanksgiving, and when they were to worship without the noise and alarms of war, they should remember those who had made this fair world a place fit for heroes to live in. They should also work out in practice the things for which they had been fighting. They needed to do more than acknowledge God—they needed to honour Him in all their ways of living. The supreme need of this age was better men and women. Only by complete dedication to God could they find a way to build the new world of which they had been speaking. They should reflect a true spirit of justice in regard to war criminals in all they said and did. There was a great responsibility for reorganising Central Europe, in which 50,000,000 were homeless and destitute. They may be asked here to show their practical sympathy by accepting shorter rations than ever before. There had never been in the history of mankind a task of reorganisation such as faced the Allied nations. What a challenging task before the Christian Church and the nations a whole to see the principles for which they fought put into practice! The four freedoms of the U.S.A. president's charter remained to be achieved on a large-planned scale. Christian virtues were the only things that would give inspiration to realise the world wide brotherhood of man. On this day of happiness, may they go on in the Pacific till their war task was done—and their great task of rebuilding the world well on the way, may the human family come together in peace.

An apology was received for the absence of Mr L. R. Scott. Mr Webster said all rifles held by the V.D.C. had to be returned for the armourer and labelled with the name and regimental number, after the shoot on the 19th inst.

**At the evening service the choir excellently gave an anthem. Prayers were offered for the nation and the Empire, and the National Anthem sung. Mr A. J. Hughes (who was assisted by the choir) creditably sang "The Stranger of Galilee."**

**JOURNEY OF LIFE.**  
 Rev. A. Norman Kemp remarked that it was quite a truism to say that life was a journey. There was a road that ran from the secular to the sacred—from earth to heaven. The bible told them the story of man's ascent, although at times he had slipped very badly. An other guide for life was Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." To get to the City of God was their chief concern—how they were to climb morally and spiritually the road from Jericho to Jerusalem, and eventually arrive. The greatest dangers were not of the road but those that came from their fellow men. There were men who got their profits by preying on their fellows. No one was allowed to go from the city of the plains to the city of the hills without suffering some severe trial. The story he was telling, properly understood, revealed the dangers of life and called to them to do something about it. It was their duty to underline these events, and not forget the words, "Remember all the ways the Lord, thy God, hath led thee." Things were very dark and forboding then but the lights were shining again and surely they must realise that they had been divinely led. They should remember these things before God on their knees. They should always gratefully remember those who had made the supreme sacrifice and give those who had come through of their best. They should make this fair world a place fit for heroes to live in. They should also work out in practice the things for which they had been fighting. They needed to do more than acknowledge God—they needed to honour Him in all their ways of living. The supreme need of this age was better men and women. Only by complete dedication to God could they find a way to build the new world of which they had been speaking. They should reflect a true spirit of justice in regard to war criminals in all they said and did. There was a great responsibility for reorganising Central Europe, in which 50,000,000 were homeless and destitute. They may be asked here to show their practical sympathy by accepting shorter rations than ever before. There had never been in the history of mankind a task of reorganisation such as faced the Allied nations. What a challenging task before the Christian Church and the nations a whole to see the principles for which they fought put into practice! The four freedoms of the U.S.A. president's charter remained to be achieved on a large-planned scale. Christian virtues were the only things that would give inspiration to realise the world wide brotherhood of man. On this day of happiness, may they go on in the Pacific till their war task was done—and their great task of rebuilding the world well on the way, may the human family come together in peace.

The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

The church was decorated with bows of flowers.

**Police Court.**

Monday was police court day at Beaufort, but no cases were listed.

**SAVE PAPER FOR SALVAGE**

(Continued next column).



BIRTH.

CUTHBERTSON (Topp). On April 23rd, at Seddon, to Nance and Ted—a son, Rodney Allan, playmate for Helen.

IN MEMORIAM.

THORNE. — In loving memory of a dear father, who passed away 28th May, 1930. You are just as dear to me today, as in the hour you passed away. —Annie, Newport.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 27th MAY, 1945.

Church of England. — Learnmonth, 11; Lexton, 2; Waterloo, 3.30; Beaufort, 7. Rev. W. J. Tame, Beaufort, 11 — Lay Helper. Methodist Church. — Beaufort, 11 and 7; Main Lead, 2; Raglan, 3.15 — Rev. J. Leach. Presbyterian Church. — Beaufort, 11; Middle Creek, 3; Beaufort, 4.30 — Rev. J. P. MacDougall.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The winner of the race owes all the glory to the losers.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES

Rainfall. — The rainfall for the week at Beaufort was 13 points.

Obituary. — Mr A. E. Nell, aged about 70 years, died in Ballarat Hospital a fortnight ago. He was well known in Beaufort, where he was employed at various hotels. Prior to his death he was working at Skipton.

Skipton Court. — In the Court of Petty Sessions at Skipton on Thursday, before Messrs. A. McIntyre and C. R. Louden, J.S.P., Thomas Fowler, of Skipton was granted a renewal of his carrier's licence.

Ladies' Golf. — The lady members of the Beaufort Golf Club played a Singles Handicap over 18 holes on Wednesday afternoon. Leading scores: Mrs J. E. Ashley, 106-19-87; Mrs J. E. Pearce, 123-36-87.

An Omission. — In our report of the May meeting of the Ripon Shire Council we omitted to state that the motion moved by Cr. M. E. L. Watkin in support of the action taken by the Newmarket Producers' Association was seconded, and carried by the Council.

Rabbit Drive. — A successful rabbit drive, organised by the Beaufort Thistle Club, was held on Saturday afternoon at Challicum Park. Five hundred rabbits were caught. The proceeds go to the Mothers' Club fund for improvements in equipment, etc.

C.W.A. Younger Set. — The Beaufort C.W.A. Younger Set held a meeting on 16th May. There were seven members present, and the president (Miss E. Hobson) was in the chair. The balance-sheet of the dance held on May 4th was read and adopted. A letter was read from the group correspondent in regard to sending delegates to the annual conference, and it was decided to send two delegates. Arrangements are well in hand for the P.O.W. ball on June 15th, and it was decided to hold a dance on June 1st and a rabbit drive on May 26th to defray expenses. The drive will take place at Mawallok.

COMING EVENTS.

MAKE A NOTE OF THEM.

Owing to damage caused to property, no rabbiting is allowed on Stoneleigh until the permission of the owner (Mr A. Barber). Trespassers will be prosecuted.

268 acres of land, the property of Mr W. T. Smith, 4 miles from Beaufort, on Stockyard Hill road, is offered for sale by tender. Tenders close 15/6/45 with Mr Alex. MacPhie, Private Bag.

Being unable to obtain milk to give the school children hot cocoa this year, the Beaufort Mothers' Club has decided to try and instal electrical heating in the III. and IIII. and V. and VI. grade classrooms. They are appealing to donors of supplies, to send along their donations in cash this year towards the Heating Fund.

Thistle Club meeting and social, Friday night, June 1st. Monthly meeting Ripon Dads' Association, Saturday night June 2.

Football commences on Saturday afternoon, June 2, when Lake Colmish will play Beaufort at Beaufort. Takings for patriotic funds.

Euchre, St. John's R.C. Hall, Wednesday, May 30. Mr G. Lofts is buying rabbits for Doble Bros., Ballarat, at highest cash prices.

Closing at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4th June, the Shire of Ripon invites tenders for supply and delivery of a 3 — 3 1/2 ton tipping truck, hydraulic hoist.

The meeting of the Ripon Shire Council to have been held on 11th June will now be held on 4th June.

As the shirt and pyjama factory of Graham Burjan Pty. Ltd. at Beaufort is nearing completion, the date of commencing operations is close at hand, girls desirous of applying for positions will be interviewed at factory on Thursday, May 31 between 1 and 3 p.m.

Messrs. Coles & Garrard, Melbourne opticians, visit Beaufort at the Mechanics' Institute, on Monday, June 4th. Appointments with Mr W. Ashley, Chemist.

GROUP MEETING OF B.P.A. AT BEAUFORT.

A group meeting of the Ballarat Presbyterian Association was held at Beaufort on Wednesday 16th inst. The Presbyterian president (Mrs G. R. Young) presided. Mrs Campbell (vice-president of the Beaufort branch) welcomed the guest speaker, Deaconess Officer, delegates and visitors.

The 12th chapter of Roman was read by Mrs Hirsch, and the solo, "The Greatest of These is Love," was beautifully rendered by Miss Lorna Sykes. Eight branches responded to the roll call.

Deaconess Officer, of Scots' Church, Melbourne, gave a most interesting and comprehensive address on her work at Scots' Church. She spoke of the church's awareness of the need for the deaconess in suburban charges as well as in the industrial and poorer parts, and told of her pastoral visits, many of which took place on the roof work among the children, hospital and homes.

Miss Lewis moved, and Miss Wooters seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Deaconess Officer and Miss L. Sykes. Hospitality was dispensed by the Beaufort ladies, who were cordially thanked by Mrs Rae and Mrs Hill.

P.O.W. Shop. — The committee of the Beaufort P.O.W. Shop wish to thank all donors and helpers last week. Helpers were Messdames Burns, Kelly, Misses Anderson and Lewis. Receipts were £7/12/11. Cash donation: Mrs Gillingham, 2/.

SAVE PAPER FOR SALVAGE.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mrs V. Wilson and Miss Verna Wilson, of Beaufort, went to Maccod on the week-end.

First-constable S. P. Emerson, of Maffra, paid a brief visit to Beaufort at the week-end.

Mr and Mrs V. C. W. Jenkin, of Melbourne, have been staying at Challicum Park as the guests of Mrs F. Oddie and Miss Margaret Oddie.

Mr E. S. Baker, of Melbourne, has been staying with his sister, Mrs G. McCracken, of Beaufort.

Miss J. Walsh has been staying with Beaufort friends.

Marjorie Dalrymple, of Maryborough, has been spending the school holidays at Beaufort.

John Hughes has been visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs A. J. Hughes, of Beaufort.

John Stapleton, who was formerly employed in the Beaufort post office, paid a brief visit to the town at the week-end.

At the recent baby show in connection with the Ballarat Hospital fete, Patricia and Pamela Webster, daughters of Mr and Mrs F. J. Webster, junr., of that city, secured first prize in the section for twins. The Webster girls, who are aged 2 years and 4 months, competed against 11 other sets of twins. They are the granddaughters of Mr and Mrs R. Ramsay, of Lawrence Street, Beaufort, of Lawrence Street.

A special prize for babies under six months was awarded to the child of Mrs Nell (nee Alberta Ramsay) at the recent baby show in connection with the Ballarat Hospital fete. The grandparents are Mr and Mrs R. Ramsay, of Havelock Street, Beaufort.

Miss Grace Campbell has been spending the school holidays with her parents at Beaufort. Miss Beth Schlicht, of Beaufort, has been ill.

Mrs R. Pitcher, who has been in very indifferent health of late, has been away from home for some weeks past.

The marriage of Margaret Theresa (Rita), daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gleeson, Marlana, Furnin, to Desmond William Wallace, son of Mr and Mrs William Lynch, Ruradene, Beaufort, was celebrated, with Nuptial Mass, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Joseph's Church, Warrnambool.

The marriage of Lyla Frances, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Clough, of Buangor, to Sgt. Edward Joseph Hunt (A.I.F.), youngest son of Mrs Frank Hunt, of Beaufort, will be quietly celebrated at the Catholic Church, Buangor, to-day (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

Mrs Reg Day, of Ballarat, and her daughter, have been staying with Mr and Mrs J. Cole, of Beaufort.

Flag Bridge. — In aid of St. John's Church of England, a flag bridge social was held on Monday afternoon at Beaufort. The winners were Messdames E. Dunn, N. B. Acton, and W. Gillingham.

For Canteen Orders Fund. — The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre social and dance on Thursday night for the Canteen Orders Fund. The ladies' euchre prize was won by Miss M. Anderson; Messdames E. Dunn and McCracken being equal for second prize. The men's first and second prizes were divided by Messrs. C. Hare and A. McGregor. A competition was won by Mr F. Wilson. The dance music was supplied by Mr A. Whiting's band.

Death of Mr Creman. — The death occurred in Melbourne early on Thursday morning of Mr Herbert Michael Creman, Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party since October, 1937. Kicked by a horse when a youth, the late Mr Creman suffered an internal injury which necessitated an operation recently. Mr Creman was well known in Beaufort and his death is deeply regretted by his many friends here.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., presided on Monday night at the annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Beaufort, and there was a fair attendance of members and adherents. The proceedings opened with a Scripture reading and prayer.

An apology was received for the absence of Mr Charles Lewis. Miss N. Tulloch presented the annual report of the P.W.M.U. showing that the members had quietly and faithfully carried on their good work and raised £45. The year's activities were reviewed. A straight-out appeal brought in £18/7/6. The balance-sheet showed:—Receipts £45; expenditure, £45; cash in hand, 4/10.

Mr M. Hirsch presented the Sunday School report, and thanked the teaching staff for faithful service throughout the year. The death of Mr George Pringle, a former superintendent, was referred to with regret. The number of children on the roll was 50.

The S.S. balance-sheet was presented by Miss W. Wooters, and the receipts were £31/8/11, and expenditure £22/2/5, leaving a Cr. balance of £8/14/6.

Miss Tulloch certified to the correctness of accounts.

The foregoing reports and balance-sheets were adopted, on the motion of Mr H. K. Parker and Mrs A. E. Excell.

In a message to the congregation, Rev. J. P. MacDougall said:—Another year has passed under the stress and strain of war conditions, and our heartfelt thanks go out to God, who has kept us and our land in freedom; gradually lifting the weight of anxiety that hung over us, and helping us through the many difficulties and changes that belong to human life. In June fortnightly united intercession meetings were begun and have been a source of help and strengthening and encouragement to those who have taken part in them. In July we had a visit from our visual education expert, Rev. Hamilton Alkin—a visit which we feel should extend our people's knowledge a visit from our visual education expert, Rev. Hamilton Alkin—a visit which we feel should extend our people's knowledge and charitable enterprises, and awaken a larger interest in what we call our Budget Schemes. We were glad to welcome the Moderator, Rev. W. McLean, during November, and made his visit the occasion of a Temple Day. Quarterly Communion services have been fairly well attended though there is room for improvement, not only on these special days of remembrance, but on other Sundays also. The Kirk Session notes with regret and concern the widespread and apparently increasing tendency to use the Lord's Day for sports or other unnecessary occupations, and a corresponding disregard of the worship of God. The Kirk Session urges upon members the duty of discharging in all possible ways this selfish and thoughtless misuse of the Lord's Day. Cordial thanks are due, and are heartily offered, to every member of the Sunday School staff for their valuable and self-sacrificing work on behalf of the children and while this can never take the place of home religion, it can be greatly helped by the sympathy and consideration of all parents, to whom we commend it. We thank also those ladies who have so regularly and capably officiated at the organ, and those who have beautified their way by week. And as we make our way through another Church year, let us commend one another to God and to the word of His grace—the God who is able to build us up and to give us our inheritance among His people.

The balance-sheet for the year ending 31st December 1944, showed:—Receipts, £31

6/7; expenditure, £462; credit balance, £189/6/7 (including £50 in Commonwealth bonds). The year commenced with a credit balance of £141/8/1. Mr T. Stevens certified to the correctness of accounts.

A comprehensive report of the year's activities was presented by Mr H. M. Hirsch (treasurer) on behalf of the Board of Management, together with the balance-sheet.

The balance-sheet was adopted on the motion of Messrs Hirsch and H. K. Parker.

The matter of having the west wall of the church attended to where the weather was staining it below a window was discussed but deferred for the present.

It was decided to make a special appeal in aid of the church funds on the second Sunday in June.

The chairman referred with regret to the illness of Mr W. Stevens (auditor).

On the motion of Mr Hirsch and Miss Hannah it was decided to re-appoint Mr Stevens, and write thanking him for his past services, and expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to health.

Miss Tulloch moved a hearty vote of thanks to the secretary (Mr H. V. McLean) and treasurer (Mr M. Hirsch) for their excellent services to the church. Seconded by Miss Lewis, and carried.

Miss Tulloch drew attention to the fact the organ badly needed attention. It was very difficult, she said, to bring the best out of the instrument.

This matter was referred to the Board of Management. The light on the organ is also to be attended to.

GOLF CLUB

SINGLES HANDICAPS.

On Saturday the Beaufort Golf Club held a singles handicap for men and a similar event for ladies. The leading scores were:—

- Men's Singles Handicap, 18 holes — Rev. W. J. Tame, 93-14-79; A. A. Downe, 90-90-81; A. Whiting, 102-16-86. Over 110 was cleared for the afternoon, so the effort was well worth while. The day finished with a euchre and dance at night; this again being very well patronised; there being a record number present. The euchre winners were Mr Arnold Chassey (men) and Miss H. Dale (ladies). The gymkhana results were:—Boys' Race, 14 and under—Billy Wise, 1; Les Gardiner, 2. Girls, 14 and under—Juliette Black, 1; Heather Donald, 2. Married Men's Race—F. Guthrie, 1; E. Broadbent, 2. Single Ladies—Joan Lardner, 1. Lorn Alexander, 2. Boys' Cycle Race—High Jump—L. Wilkie, 1; W. Kelly, 2. Open 100 yds.—J. Gardiner, 1; O. Walker, 2. Open 77 yds.—J. Rowe, 1; W. Corbett, 2. Open 220 yds.—Stan Hinton, 1; D. Smith, 2. Best Boy Rider—Collin Grist, 1; G. Broadbent, 2. Best Lady Rider—Miss H. Hayward, 1; Miss Mary Austin, 2. Bending Race—Miss O'Rooke, 1; B. Meek, 2. Flag Race—Miss O'Rooke, 1; W. Corbett, 2. Potato Race—G. Bunston, 1; E. Broadbent, 2. Musical Chairs—D. Smith, 1; B. Meek, 2. Pony over hurdles—E. Broadbent, 1; B. Meek, 2. Open Trot, 1 mile—J. McErvale, 1; B. Meek, 2. Open Trot, 1/2 mile—J. McErvale, 1; D. Merton, 2. Bowling at Wicket—Neil Merton. Stepping the Distance—T. Fowler. Kicking the Football—J. Rowe. Ladies' Nall Driving—Miss A. Kirkpatrick. Guessing Weight of Sheep—T. Liston, junr.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE

In Saturday's Army casualty list appeared the name of Pte. J. H. Brody, Lexton (wounded accidentally).

Pte. Ted Kelly (returned M.B. and N.G.) has been home to Beaufort on leave.

Mechanics' Institute. — The committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute held a meeting on Friday night, 18th inst; Mr R. C. Hodgetts (president) presiding. Seven members were present, and an apology was received for the absence of Mr Q. W. Gregory. A letter was received from Mrs J. Hughes, consenting to the Waverley Children's Dictionary, presented by her to the children's library, being transferred to the school library. Accounts amounting £14/19/5 were passed for payment, and the secretary-librarian (Mrs C. Gillingham) reported that the present Cr. balance was £114/13/1. Six billiard cues it was decided, are to be repaired. The president congratulated Mr H. V. Martin on his recent marriage, and Mr J. Duke spoke in support; Mr Martin responding. It was left in the hands of the billiard room committee to deal with the matter of members who wished to purchase their own cues. Mr D. R. Hannah undertook to try and obtain a new snooker ball.

Mr Anderson, of Trawalla, it was reported, had promised a billiard trophy, and a letter of thanks is to be sent to him.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Carranballac

FOOTBALL CLUB. Having been in recess since 1940, the Football Club has again been re-formed, with Ron Waldron president and Bill Williams secretary. The club finished the 1940 season with a Cr. balance of £8, which was invested in War Savings Certificates. At a meeting held on May 16, it was decided to join in an association with Lake Bolac, Streattham and Tatooon. Many young players are keen to try out their skill at the game. Some of the club's pre-war players in Ron, Herb, and Bill Waldron, Vera Timms, "Stump" Cobden, "Digger" Liston, and Bill Williams are also willing to back up the younger players. The association's competition starts on May 26, and Carranballac will be at home to Tatooon. Here's hoping you have a successful season, boys.

The Younger Set organised an other euchre and dance on Wednesday, May 16. Everyone had a very enjoyable time, and a good profit was made. The euchre winners were Mrs Ellingham (ladies) and Mr Ellingham (men).

A euchre party was held in the Church of England S.S. on Thursday afternoon, May 17, in aid of the Church of England Guild. The winner was Mrs Ellingham.

The afternoon euchre on Tuesday, May 22, was won by Mrs Merton.

The Skipton Patriotic League was favoured with ideal weather on Saturday, May 19, when they held a gymkhana in aid of the funds. A very large crowd was present, and all appeared to enjoy the cutting and the various events of the afternoon. The horse events are always popular and competitors came from as far as Lake Bolac to take part. The ladies had a busy time in the afternoon tea-room. There were also jumble stalls, and a good number of articles available brought very good prices.

Over £100 was cleared for the afternoon, so the effort was well worth while. The day finished with a euchre and dance at night; this again being very well patronised; there being a record number present. The euchre winners were Mr Arnold Chassey (men) and Miss H. Dale (ladies). The gymkhana results were:—Boys' Race, 14 and under—Billy Wise, 1; Les Gardiner, 2. Girls, 14 and under—Juliette Black, 1; Heather Donald, 2. Married Men's Race—F. Guthrie, 1; E. Broadbent, 2. Single Ladies—Joan Lardner, 1. Lorn Alexander, 2. Boys' Cycle Race—High Jump—L. Wilkie, 1; W. Kelly, 2. Open 100 yds.—J. Gardiner, 1; O. Walker, 2. Open 77 yds.—J. Rowe, 1; W. Corbett, 2. Open 220 yds.—Stan Hinton, 1; D. Smith, 2. Best Boy Rider—Collin Grist, 1; G. Broadbent, 2. Best Lady Rider—Miss H. Hayward, 1; Miss Mary Austin, 2. Bending Race—Miss O'Rooke, 1; B. Meek, 2. Flag Race—Miss O'Rooke, 1; W. Corbett, 2. Potato Race—G. Bunston, 1; E. Broadbent, 2. Musical Chairs—D. Smith, 1; B. Meek, 2. Pony over hurdles—E. Broadbent, 1; B. Meek, 2. Open Trot, 1 mile—J. McErvale, 1; B. Meek, 2. Open Trot, 1/2 mile—J. McErvale, 1; D. Merton, 2. Bowling at Wicket—Neil Merton. Stepping the Distance—T. Fowler. Kicking the Football—J. Rowe. Ladies' Nall Driving—Miss A. Kirkpatrick. Guessing Weight of Sheep—T. Liston, junr.

Accident. — Mr W. Hutton, of Raglan, fell from a horse and received a shaking and a cut of the head.

Bowls Singles. — The winner of the final of the Beaufort F.E. Ladies' Club carpet bowls single handicap was Mrs E. Broadbent; the runner-up being Mrs Irving.

Billiard Match. — Members of the Ripon Sub-branch, R.S.L., and the Beaufort Fire Brigade played a return billiard match on Friday night, 18th inst., at the Mechanics' Institute. The R.S.L. won by eight games when the Fire Brigade was defeated on points. Refreshments were afterwards served; the R.S.L. being the hosts.

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Waterloo.

The last of the series of euchre socials and dances to aid the Recreation Reserve improvements took place last Saturday night, and there was a large attendance from all the surrounding district, as well as many visiting friends and relatives

DISTRICT NEWS

Raglan

An enjoyable concert was held in the hall by the school children. They were trained by their head teacher, Mr H. K. Parker assisted by the sewing mistress, Miss L. E. Tiley. Mrs Parker was also a tower of strength in training the children, and acted as accompanist. The stage was tastefully decorated by Miss Joan Parker; Mr Parker acting as chairman. The programme consisted of school and patriotic songs, action songs, playlets and recitations. A solo was given by June Gillingham, a recitation by Allen Wilkinson, and a duet by Kevin Maher and Betty Grant. "Dame Durden's School," was staged, and the principal parts were taken by June Gillingham Melva Johnston, Ernie Caulfield Kevin Maher, and Betty Grant. During the interval the ladies sold lollies. At the conclusion of the programme, Mr E. J. Tiley (chairman of the School Committee) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the children and the teacher for the enjoyable proceedings. The energy she had put into the past three or four weeks. To manage a home and some out five miles three and

four times a week needed system, but her effort had been rewarded. Mr Alex. MacPhie seconded the motion with the greatest pleasure. Mr Parker in response, thanked everyone who had in any way helped to make the effort such a huge success. He was pleased to tell them they had made a clean profit of £22/5/7. After the concert a dance was held till 2 a.m. At a meeting of the hall committee, held on Wednesday night, it was decided to run two dances in aid of the hall funds: the first to be on Saturday night, 26th inst. The hall is in need of repairs, so extra money is necessary.

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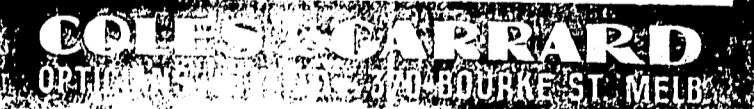
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### RED CROSS BRANCH

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING.

The vice-president (Mrs A. Campbell) presided at Tuesday's meeting of the Beaufort branch of the Red Cross Society. A letter of thanks was received for goods sent to the Civilian Relief Depot. An apology was received for the absence of the president (Mrs Theodore Beggs). Accounts amounting to 11/ were passed for payment. Donations and gifts were received as follows:—Miss Pedder, 2/; Mrs T. G. Beggs, books; Mesdames A. Beggs and J. F. Wotherspoon, magazines; Miss L. Stuart, books; Pam Stowell, toothpaste and tubes.

Work was handed in as follows:—Pyjamas—Mrs P. Hains, Mrs Tame, Miss Troy, Miss Wotherspoon, Mrs G. Cuthbertson (2 pairs); flannel, Mrs Morvell; handkerchiefs—Mrs H. Cuthbertson, 6; Miss Jackson, 6; Mrs A. Skene, 6; Mrs H. Hensch, 6 handkerchiefs and 2 washers; Mrs Schary, 6 handkerchiefs; Mrs M. Watkin, 6; Mrs T. Beggs, 6; long-sleeved pullovers—Mrs H. Cuthbertson, Miss Troy, Socks—Mrs C. H. McKay, 2 pairs; Mrs W. Wotherspoon, 2 pairs; Mrs Downe, 1 pair. Additional donation—Miss Cochrane, 1/.

### RED POLL BREEDER'S ENTERPRISE.

Mr A. R. Beggs, vice-president of the Victorian Branch of the Red Poll Cattle Breeders' Association of Australia, and one of the most enthusiastic Red Poll breeders, has lately purchased the family homestead, Buln Gherin, Beaufort, to which property he is moving from Niawanda, Beaufort—a prefix which has been associated with many fine cattle he has bred and distributed over a wide area in this and other States. He has, at the same time, taken over cattle on Buln Gherin. All Red Poll breeders will congratulate Mr Beggs upon his enterprise. — "Australian Farm and Home Journal."

In answer to an enquiry, Mr A. R. Beggs informs us that Mr Hamden Read, of Clifton, Harrow, has bought Niawanda, and a small portion of Buln Gherin. Part of Buln Gherin has also been purchased by Mr E. McWaters from the Birra, South Australia. The homestead portion of Buln Gherin has been bought by Mr Beggs himself and he is moving his Red Polls and Border Leicester sheep there.

SAVE PAPER FOR SALVAGE.

**Flag Bridge.**—The Beaufort Mothers' Club held a flag bridge social on Tuesday night. The winners of the principal prizes were Misses E. Nickols, F. Green, and Mrs A. M. Parker. The prizes for the lowest score went to Mesdames Bert Newey and T. Hancock and Miss E. Buchanan. A competition was won by Mrs Scriven.

**Silly Prank.**—A warped sense of humour was shown last week by several Beaufort lads, who removed small flags that had been flying outside a local place of business in honour of VE Day. The silly prank was made all the more annoying by the fact that flags are hard to obtain.

## Have you completed your OCCUPATION SURVEY CARD?

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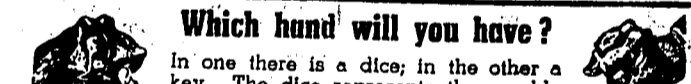
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### SHIRE OF RIPON.

THE Meeting of the Council to have been held on 11th June, 1945, will now be held on 4th JUNE.

N. B. ACTON, Shire Secy. Beaufort, 25/5/45.

### SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received up to 10 o'clock a.m. of MONDAY 4th JUNE, 1945, for the supply and delivery of one 3 — 3½ ton Tipping Truck, hydraulic hoist. Further particulars at Shire Office, Beaufort. Tenders to state make of truck and when delivery can be made. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary. Beaufort, 25/5/45.

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### BEAUFORT A.N.A.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING OF BEAUFORT BRANCH, A.N.A., TUESDAY NIGHT, Mechanics' Institute.

H. V. MARTIN, Secy.

### FOOTBALL AGAIN.

LAKE GOLDSMITH v. BEAUFORT, at BEAUFORT, JUNE 2nd. Gate Takings for Patriotic Funds. Your Afternoon WELI SPENT. A. CAMPBELL, President; A. ALLEN, Hon. Secy.

### MEN'S SUITS FOR SALE.

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THE COMMITTEE of the WALTERLOO SPORTS CLUB wish to thank the Public for their Patronage, and all those who helped in any way at our Gymkhana on Easter Saturday, also the donors of Cash and Trophies. J. DUNN, President. W. McERVALE, Secy. and Treasurer. GRAND EUCHRE, St. John's R.C. Hall, Wednesday, May 30.

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RIPON DADS' ASSOCIATION. Monthly Meeting, Shire Hall, SATURDAY, JUNE 2, at 8 p.m. A. J. HUGHES, Secy.

### BEAUFORT V.D.C.

RIFLE MATCH WITH AMPHITHEATRE PLATOON.

Under favourable weather conditions an enjoyable match was fired at Beaufort rifle range on Saturday afternoon between the local platoon of the V.D.C. and the Amphitheatre platoon. Beaufort won by the narrow margin of four points. The possible was registered at 300 yds. by Ptes. Anderson and Richard (Amphitheatre) and Pte. Ro'Dunn (Beaufort). Captain C. H. McKay, Lieuts. G. Oddie, S.

R. Pascoe, A. Neil, and Q.M. Sergt. F. J. Webster were in charge of the shoot. Appendices are the scores (five shots each being fired at 300 and 400 yds.).

Amphitheatre. — Anderson 25—24; Richard, 25—20; Ferguson, 14—15; Dawson, 22—14; F. Splers, 20—17; Cocking, 15—15; Croft, 20—17; A. Neil, 20—19; McLinden, 21—13; Baker, 17—18; Montgomery, 18—6; O. Lookey, 20—15; totals, 300 yds., 237; 400 yds., 191; grand total, 428.

Beaufort. — G. Broadbent 16—10; N. Smith, 9—7; W. Hunt, 15—14; E. Dawson, 24—19; J. H. McKay, Lieuts. G. Oddie, S.

McKenzie, 15—19; R. Dunn, 25—20; J. Crozier, 21—15; F. J. Webster, 18—18; A. Broadbent, 21—13; G. Oddie, 24—18; T. Stewart, 23—23; S. R. Pascoe, 23—23; totals, 300 yds., 233; 400 yds., 199; grand total, 432.

In the sweepstake Ron Dunn (Beaufort) and Ted Anderson (Amphitheatre) divided first and second prizes, and T. Stewart (Beaufort) was third.

In the draw sweepstake, A. Neil (Amphitheatre) and J. Crozier (Beaufort) divided first and second, and O. Looney (Amphitheatre) was third.

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**NEW RATION BOOK ISSUE**  
NEXT SATURDAY and SUNDAY, JUNE 2 & 3, 1945

**WHERE?** The issuing centres will be the same as last year, wherever practicable. The exact locations of the centres are shown below.

**WHEN?** Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. continuously on Saturday, 2nd June, and Sunday, 3rd June.

**3 THINGS TO REMEMBER!**

To obtain a Food Ration Book and a Clothing Ration Card at any Issuing Centre each British Subject Civilian, 14 years of age or over, or Alien Civilian holding an Alien Registration Certificate, must produce either in person or by an agent each of these 3 things:

- (1) **Civilian Identity Card** or Alien Registration Certificate; and
- (2) **Occupation Survey Card**, duly completed, if applicant is over 14 years of age. (This Card is obtainable at Post Offices); and
- (3) **Old Food Ration Book.** (See below if unable to produce old book.) It will not be necessary to surrender the old Clothing Ration Card.

**CHILDREN:** Application for a new Ration Book and Book for a British Subject Child under 14 years of age or for an Alien Child not possessing an Alien Registration Certificate must be made by a parent or guardian, who must produce either in person or by an Agent:

- (a) The Civilian Identity Card (or Alien Registration Certificate) of parent or guardian;
- (b) The Child's old Food Ration Book (and in the case of an Alien Child 14 years of age or over, an Occupation Survey Card, duly completed).

No parent's or guardian's declaration form is necessary. Wherever practicable, Ration Books of children under 14 years of age should be collected by their parents or guardians.

Where this is impracticable (e.g. children in institutions, etc.) the new Ration Card and Book may be obtained by the head of the institution, etc., upon production of the child's old Food Ration Book.

**BABIES:** In the case of a young child for whom an ordinary 1944 Food Ration Book has not been obtained or in respect of whom a special blue covered Food Ration Book has been issued, the parent or guardian should apply on Form R. 1 (obtainable at post offices) to the Deputy Director of Rationing for the new Ration Book and Card.

**IF YOU CANNOT PRODUCE YOUR OLD FOOD RATION BOOK**

If you cannot produce your old Food Ration Book, you must complete a Form R.5 (obtainable at Issuing Centres), and present this form completed to the Ration Book Issuing Officer when applying for your Ration Card and Book.

**IF NO IDENTITY CARD**

If you have no Identity Card or have lost it, you must apply immediately for same to your Divisional Returning Officer. If you are an Alien and have no Alien Registration Certificate, or have lost same you must apply immediately to your nearest Police Station.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

If you have changed your address other than temporarily, and have not completed a Form C.H.4 in relation thereto, you should immediately obtain a Form C.H.4 from any Post Office and complete same. An Alien Civilian should inform the nearest Police Station as to change of address.

**IMPORTANT**

Make sure you receive BOTH the Food Ration Book and the Clothing Ration Card before you leave the Issuing Centre.

**3 Different Classes of Food Ration Books Will Be Issued**

- (a) **BLACK:** For persons 9 years of age and over at 30/6/45.
- (b) **RED:** For children under 9, and 5 years and over at 30/6/45.
- (c) **GREEN:** For children under 5 years at 30/6/45.

**ISSUING CENTRES**

**SUBDIVISION OF BEAUFORT.**

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AMPHITHEATRE — Public Hall.  
BREWSTER — State School.  
CARRANBALLAC — Mechanics' Hall.  
CHEPSTOWE — Old School.  
CHUTE — Public Hall.  
EVANSFORD — Public Hall.  
LEXTON — Shire Hall.

MT. LONARCH — State School.  
RAGLAN — State School.  
SHIRLEY — R. Bell's.  
SKIPTON — Memorial Hall.  
SNAKE VALLEY — Mechanics' Hall, Carngham.  
STOCKYARD HILL — Cushing's Hall.  
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**B.N. HOSPITAL**

**COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Mr A. R. Beggs (president) occupied the chair and 16 members were present at the May meeting of the Beaufort B.N. Hospital Committee, held at Mr S. Hayes' residence on Monday night, 14th inst.

A donation of £3/3/ was received from Messrs. W. C. Thomas & Sons Pty. — Written to and thanked.

From Acting Deputy Commissioner of Taxation, in respect to entertainment assessment tax and stating that future entertainments would be exempt, providing the whole of proceeds went to the association and the profit was 50 per cent.

From State Treasury, stating that £600 had been allocated to the hospital for alterations to buildings and providing fittings.

From Mr P. L. Denigan, M.L.A., to same effect.

From Lady Barrett, returning thanks for expression of sympathy in her recent bereavement.

From Shire of Ripon, stating that the Council would co-operate with the Association in the effort to obtain exemption from payroll and amusement taxation. Accounts amounting to £13/2/7 were passed for payment.

It was decided to place £750 in an equipment fund.

The president reported that Miss Hayward had commenced duty as probationer at the hospital.

As cheques for £20 each had been received from the estate of the late Robt. Ward, and from Mrs Margaret Beggs, of St. Mar nocks, it was resolved to place the names of Miss E. Ward and Mrs Margaret Beggs on the life members' board.

The president said Professor Marshall Allen was now secretary of the Association, in succession to the late Sir James Barrett.

The following donations were received for the month:—Bulr Gherin, vegetables and flowers; Mr Alf Barrett, rabbits; Mrs Lewis, vegetables; Mrs E. Gil lingham, flowers and cream; Mrs R. Pitcher, cream; Mrs Downe, flowers, vegetables, and rabbits; Mr H. Roberts, vegetables; Mrs Goodisson, tomatoes.

It was mentioned that a large quantity of sawn blocks had been sent to the hospital from Waterloo and Chute, as the result of the working bee organised by Mr H. Lewis, as well as the 8½ tons of wood previously mentioned.

Mr Wotherspoon thanked Mr J. Hall for assistance in adjusting bells at the hospital, and mentioned that Mr Hall often gave help there in other ways.

**Methodist Circuit.** — At the quarterly meeting of officials of the Beaufort Methodist Circuit, the balance-sheet for the three months ending 31st March showed a credit balance of £67 8/4. It was reported that the opening of the Sunday School at Raglan had been hailed with enthusiasm. Parents, children and the staff of voluntary teachers were co-operating for the welfare of the children and the future of the Church. The honorary tea was a great success, although several guests were not able to attend. Mrs A. Whiting was elected circuit home missions secretary. Owing to the illness of Mr J. V. Nothnagel, it has been found necessary to make some alterations to the services. The best thanks are due to all who have contributed to the work of God by gifts and service. Sincere sympathy was extended to the relatives of the late Mr B. Trengove, of Chute in their sad bereavement, and to Mr Nothnagel in his serious illness. The home mission annual effort has been arranged for June 17, and the deputation to the Rev. A. W. Federick. The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parsonage, Beaufort, on Wednesday, 4th July, at 7 p.m.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

**FITZPATRICK — HEAGERTY.**

The marriage of Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Heagerty, York street, South Melbourne, to Lance-Corporal James Fitzpatrick (A.I.F.), only son of Mr and Mrs P. Fitzpatrick, Lennox street, Richmond, was celebrated with Nuptial Mass at S.S. Peter and Paul's Church, South Melbourne, on, on April 26. Rev Fr. Power performed the ceremony, and was celebrant of the Mass. Given away by her father, the bride looked charming in a trained gown of ivory satin, and wore her mother's wedding veil, mounted on tulle, with a coronet of orange blossom. A shower bouquet of white azelaes and nerines was carried with her mother's prayer book. Members of the Children of Mary Sodality formed a guard of honour in the church.

The bride was attended by her sister, Noreen, and Marie Tuxworth, who looked picturesque in frocks of ice-blue satin, with matching picture hats, and carried shower bouquets of pink carnations and Cecil Brunner roses. The bridegroom was attended by his cousin, Mr James Bolger, and Mr James Rochford was groomsman. Throughout Mass appropriate hymns were sung by pupils of SS. Peter and Paul's Girls' School. Mrs J. Fleming presided at the organ.

A reception was held at the Hotel Federal, at which Rev. Fr. Power, P.P., was present. The bride and bridegroom later departed for their honeymoon which was spent at Lakes Entrance. The bride travelled in a suit of soft blue crepe, with matching hat and navy blue accessories.

The father of the bridegroom was born at Nerring, and lived there for many years before going to Melbourne. The bridegroom is the nephew of Mr Wm Fitzpatrick, of Beaufort.

**Band Social.** — The Beaufort Town Band's euchre social and snowball competition took place on Monday night. Results:—Euchre — Ladies: Mrs A. M. Parker, 1; Mrs Willis and Miss D. Morley (divided), 2. Men Messrs. W. J. Scriven and E. S. Baker divided 1 and 2. Secret number prize: Mrs Willis.

**Cards and Bowls.** — On Saturday night the Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euchre and carpet bowls social at the Fire Station. A snowball competition was also commenced. Results:—Euchre — Ladies: Mesdames Sullivan and Saddler divided 1 and 2. Men: Mr A. McGdegor and 2. Men: Mr A. McGregor, bowls — Mrs R. Saddler, Miss Jean Smith, Messrs. C. Broadbent and J. Stewart.

**A Pound Each Way.** — We take the following from the "Canberra Commentary" in Saturday's "Argus":—This aspect of the matter (preference to soldiers) was referred to on Thursday, 17th inst., by Mr Allan McKenzie McDonald (Lib. Vic.) He said Labour was having a pound each way. It said to the unions which had stood steadfastly against preference to soldiers: "Don't worry; it is only for seven years." And to the soldiers: "We have instituted a plan of preference." The member for Corangamite certainly has a pithy way of putting his point of view. One recalls a few sentences from a speech made by him years ago, when he was a member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly. Labour and the Country Party had combined to defeat the Argyle U.A.P. Government, and Mr Dunstan was on the threshold of the Premiership. The debate was heated. In his speech Mr McDonald declared that if the tactics which had been adopted in the State political sphere during the preceding two or three days were repeated on a racecourse owner, jockey, trainer, and horse would be disqualified for life.



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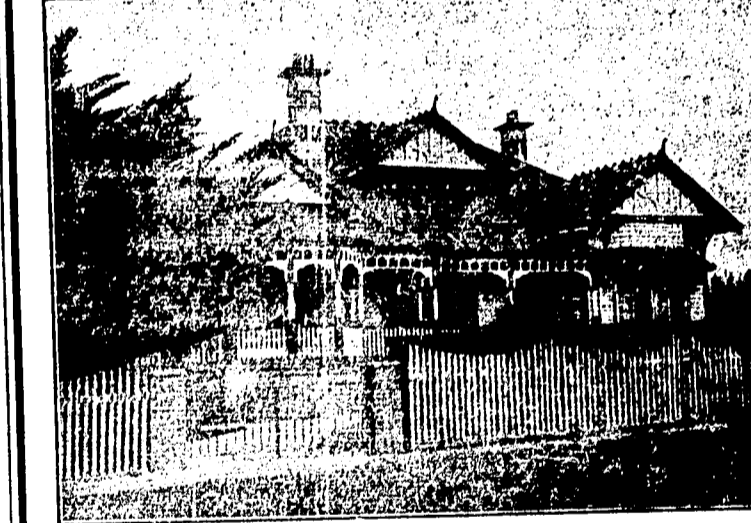
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