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FOOTBALL

LEXTON LEAGUE DRAW FOR 1946 SEASON.

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June 1. — Beaufort v. Lexton; Amphitheatre v. Raglan; Waubra v. Moonambel; Avoca v. Talbot; Landsborough v. Navarre.

June 8. — Moonambel v Beaufort; Lexton v. Raglan; Talbot v. Amphitheatre; Navarre v. Waubra; Landsborough v. Avoca.

June 15. — Talbot v. Lexton; Amphitheatre v. Moonambel; Waubra v. Avoca; Beaufort v. Navarre; Raglan v. Landsborough.

June 22. — Lexton v. Moonambel; Amphitheatre v. Waubra; Avoca v. Raglan; Navarre v. Talbot; Landsborough v. Beaufort.

Matches played on ground of first named club. For second round reverse position.

Police Court.

At the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, before Mr I. W. Williams, P.M., First-constable J. Duke proceeded against Albert Newsant, of Albert St., Fitzroy on a charge of having, at Beaufort, on Decr. 25, 1945, used a gas producer in connection with a motor car on a day on which a warning had been broadcast from a broadcasting station in Victoria of the likelihood of the occurrence of weather conducive to the spread of fires in a specified part of Victoria. Defendant did not appear. Inspector Gilbert said he was here on behalf of the Police Department. He asked for a postponement of the case to 27th May, on the application of the Fire Authority. Defendant had been notified personally of the application to be made by the police at N. Fitzroy and in writing, and the witness warned. The Fire Authority wished to go further in the matter with their solicitor, Mr Ribby. The P.M. said that apparently there was no objection, as they had not made it. He adjourned the case to 27th May. The application of J. F. O'Brien for a secondhand dealer's licence, to which there was no objection by the police, was granted by the P.M.

BEAUFORT RAINFALL

1945—January, 93; February, 22; March, 10; April, 64; May, 180; June, 204; July, 190; August, 395; September, 156; October, 222; November, 254; December, 64; total for year, 2054. 1946. — January, 414; February, 477; March, 650.

Work for and support the Red Cross. There is much to do.

OBITUARY

MR. J. R. O. SANDS.

Word has recently reached his Australian relatives that Mr J. R. O. Sands had passed away at his home in Columbus, Georgia, in the United States of America.

The late Mr Sands was the third son of Harry Owen Sands, who died many years ago, and the late Mrs Mary Prentice, who was well known in Beaufort prior to her death in 1914. His two brothers, Mr A. H. Sands, now of Hamilton, and Mr T. E. Sands, of Traralgon, are well known in this district. He was born at Haddon, and was in his 71st year.

After qualifying for the Victorian Public Service, Mr Sands was appointed to a position in the Post Office in Seymour. Some time after, and on the occasion of the retrenchment in 1896, he resigned, and joined a merchant ship at Melbourne. Following on a world cruise and many an adventure, he was sent ashore at New Orleans, suffering from yellow fever, in the same year. He remained in the United States, with the exception of one visit to Australia, for the rest of his life.

Having tried various ventures, Mr Sands took up the manufacture of chemical fertilizers and became expert in lead-burning and acid making; being widely known in both fields. His work extended over the whole range of the Southern States and his kindly nature, high character and friendly disposition gained him a host of friends. He married in Virginia and had eight children, seven of whom, together with his widow, survive him.

Mr Sands devoted a considerable amount of time to Freemasonry and achieved the 18 Degree. As a member of the Noble Order of the Shrine he attended many conventions in the great American cities. He was a devoted adherent to the Episcopal (American equivalent of the Church of England), and taught in Sunday School for many years.

In 1920 Mr Sands returned to Australia for a three months vacation, renewing old friendships and visiting scenes of his youth. He had a remarkable memory for places and persons and, as a regular reader of the "Riponshire Advocate" during the past twenty years, kept in touch with local events.

Mr Sands had planned to retire on February 28th and was looking forward to a well-deserved retirement and rest after an amazingly active life. Pneumonia supervened on a severe cold and he passed quietly away.

Practically his entire family, including several grand-children, although widely scattered, were in attendance at his funeral.

ARARAT SHIRE COUNCIL. — At the Ararat Shire Council meeting on Wednesday, the engineer reported that the bridges had been repaired at Bayinden and on Warrak-Buangor road. Cr. Brebner said the flat between Challicum and Macrae's was in a bad state. A letter was read from J. E. B. White, Buangor, asking that a new culvert be erected at a crossing which he considered was dangerous on the Buangor road between Challicum and Mr Macrae's homestead. — Left in the hands of the engineer to do the work. From J. Samson, Buangor, applying for permission to have petrol bowser in front of Buangor Hotel removed to another site. — The secretary's action in treating the matter as urgent, as asked by the applicant, was approved. Deferre correspondence from Department of Lands and Survey, asking if road colored red on plan could be closed and sold to W. J. and H. Roberts without injury to shire interests. Cr. Brebner moved that no objection be made to the leasing of the road, but that the sale be opposed. Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried.

Graziers' Association of Victoria.

A meeting of the Council of the Graziers' Association of Victoria was held in Melbourne on 16th and 17th April. The president (Mr R. D. Bakewell) occupied the chair, and representatives of branches of the Association throughout Victoria were present. Mr R. C. Hodgetts, of Beaufort, represented the Skipton branch.

The functions of the Australian Wool Realisation Commission, which is the organisation established to administer the post-war wool marketing plan were fully discussed and the necessity for the greatest economy in the working of this scheme was stressed. It was pointed out that woolgrowers will have to contribute half the costs of operation of the scheme. The Council re-affirmed its previous opinion that the rate of the contributory charge to be paid by woolgrowers should not exceed the amount required for the payment of the industry's half-share of the actual year to year operating expenses of the plan.

The view was expressed that the maximum charge to be paid by woolgrowers should not exceed the percentage equivalent of 1/4d per lb. on the current average price of wool.

It was further resolved that the Association should continue to press for an assurance from the Commonwealth Government that any profits which ultimately accrue from the operations of this scheme would be distributed amongst the growers of the wool.

It was agreed to urge that, in accordance with its promise, the Commonwealth Government should take immediate action to recoup from consolidated revenue the deficit in respect of purchases of wool by Australian manufacturers amounting to approximately £800,000, as shown in the statement of administrative profits account of the Central Wool Committee and transferred to the Australian Wool Realisation Commission.

The effect of the depreciation of improvements on country properties, due to lack of manpower during the war years, was discussed. It was agreed that this depreciation had now reached a most serious stage and will adversely affect the production of foodstuffs unless prompt action is taken to make available increased supplies of fencing materials and other essential goods for repair work.

It was stressed that the destruction of fencing in the recent floods in Western Victoria had intensified an already acute situation, for, owing to lack of materials, many of the properties damaged by the floods had not yet been able to restore fences that had been destroyed in the bush fires of two years ago. It was agreed to make urgent representations to the Commonwealth authorities to have the Australian production of these materials increased, and for the importation of additional supplementary supplies from overseas.

The circumstances which led to the recent meat dispute in Victoria were discussed at length and the Council endorsed the actions of the Meat Committee of the Association in its efforts to reach a settlement of this dispute. The meeting particularly affirmed the Committee's decision not to adopt a policy of advocating the organised withholding of stock from market and the forthright expression of opinion by the Committee that direct action is not a lawful way to enforce any demand.

The schedule of treatment charges issued by the Meat Controller for the treatment on owner's account of cattle was examined, and it was agreed to make immediate representations to the Controller of Meat Supplies and to the Prices Commissioner for an adjustment of this schedule which, in the opinion of the Council, is in some respects unduly weighted against the producer.

The Council also decided to

protest most strongly against an instruction which had been issued by the Controller of Meat Supplies to Victorian meat operators that after the 15th April the Commonwealth Government would purchase lamb carcasses weighing more than 56 lb. at the hogget price of 7 1/2d per instead of at 9 1/2d per lb. which is the present wholesale ceiling price for all lamb carcasses of over 36 lb. weight. This instruction was considered to conflict with the undertaking given by the Controller of Meat Supplies on 17th March, that at least until 30th June, 1946, the Commonwealth Government would purchase all meat surplus to the civilian ration at prices related to the present ceiling prices.

The earnest desire was expressed that no fresh development should occur that might upset the regular supply of fat stock to the market. Immediate representations, therefore, were made to the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture, urging him to take prompt action to amend the instruction.

The prices to be paid by the United Kingdom Government for the purchase of Australian exportable surplus of meat for the year after 1st October, 1946, were considered, and the meeting resolved to recommend to the Commonwealth Government that negotiations should be opened for a general increase in the existing schedule for mutton and lamb, and that a special grade should be provided for the "Downs" type of lamb carcass, with a price premium for such grade.

The secretary reported that as a result of representations made to the Commonwealth Government, it had been agreed that the Income Tax Act should be amended to provide that where property, being plant, machinery, fences, etc., in respect of which depreciation is allowable, is acquired or installed within five years after 30th June, 1945, a depreciation allowance equal to 20 per centum of the cost of the plant, etc., should be an allowable deduction, in addition to the ordinary depreciation allowance on such property. The allowance is being made for the purpose of offsetting the present high cost of new plant, machinery, etc.

LAMB PRICE ORDER.

Last week the Victorian Deputy Controller of Meat Supplies issued an instruction to Victorian meat operators that after 15th April, Meat Control would purchase lamb carcasses which weighed more than 56 lb. at the hogget wholesale ceiling price of 7 1/2d per lb. instead of at the lamb price of 9 1/2d per lb. A strong protest against this instruction was made to the Commonwealth Minister for Commerce and Agriculture by the Graziers' Association of Victoria.

In his personal representations to the Minister, the president of the Association (Mr R. D. Bakewell) drew attention to the undertaking given at the conference with Victorian meat interests in Melbourne on 17th March last, that at least until 30th June, 1946, the Commonwealth Government would purchase all meat surplus to the civilian ration at prices related to wholesale ceiling prices. Mr Bakewell contended that the instruction of the Deputy Meat Controller conflicted with this undertaking.

Following these representations, the instruction Controller of Meat Supplies has been amended to provide that the heavier lamb carcasses will be purchased at a price of 9 1/2d per lb.

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STARS OF THE AIR. A Bush Serial For Sunday Listening "ANDERSON'S PLACE"



GWEN MEREDITH, TALESPINNER. The lady who created the popular A.B.C. serial, "The Lassons," had previously written stage plays, and she achieved first place in a "Listeners' Choice," A.B.C. competition with "The Opportunist." She is now writing a bush serial, with an "improving" motif, for children's Sunday afternoon listening—"Anderson's Place."

for Sunday listening, and she is preaching practical Christianity, out of the mouth of the young Flying Doctor—who is also a clergyman, and from the lips of stout Ben Anderson and his good wife, a very good, kind and motherly soul.

The first two or three episodes stamp the story with the authentic bush brand. The Andersons are comfortable without being rich; for work and cattle are the population of their realm. Andy, the eldest son, has met with an accident; a roe has rolled down on him in a gorge while he is dragging a carcass out from a similar fate. What was Benny, the black, doing there? This is opened up a story of cattle-stealing, the branding of cheaters, a corral in a gorge, and secret night driving to a distant market. Ben Anderson, when he sees the proofs of the dishonesty of the next-door neighbour, over the range, refuses to prosecute. Why? Gwen Meredith gives Anderson's explanation, founded on the Sermon on the Mount.

The Flying Doctor dominates the scene. He patches up the broken youth, Andy; he is inveigled into assisting Pete, the irrepressible boy, in the discovery of the so-called cattle; and when Toby, the youngest of the family, goes "exploring" and does not return, it is the doctor who "spots" him from the air. Also there is in these first chapters just a hint of romance, for the Flying Doctor appears to regard Nita, the elder daughter, as a girl well worth knowing. But whether anything will come of that fact only Gwen Meredith knows—and she will not tell until the right episode is reached.

The story of "Anderson's Place" was due to begin unfolding in the A.B.C. National programme on Sunday, April 28, at 5.15—after the Parables Club at 5.30; but as each episode is more or less complete in itself, listeners may begin anywhere, without confusion.

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DEATHS.

RUTHERFORD. — On 27th April, at Melbourne, John Rutherford, beloved husband of Mabel, father of Rolfe, Allan, Tom, and Amy, father-in-law of Evelyn, Dorothy, Nellie, Eric, brother of Bill Rutherford. Aged 74.

SANDS. — On 20th February at Columbus, Georgia, U.S.A., in his seventy-first year, John Richard Owen, third son of the late Harry Owen Sands and the late Mary Prentice, much loved husband of Mrs. Dorothy Sands, father of Richard, Mary, Eugene (Captain U.S. Navy), Howard Martin, Jack and Josephine; beloved brother of Mrs. M. E. Sands and half-brother of M. E. and J. M. Prentice. Born at Hadden, Victoria.

IN MEMORIAM. — In memory of our dear parents and brothers Mother, passed away on May 6th 1931, Father, 5th, 1937, Marshall, Aug. 14th, 1937, George, July 12th, 1940, and sister, Edith, 25th, 1945. — Inserted by their loved ones.

CAWTHORNE. — In loving memory of my dear husband Rev. Guy Cawthorne, who died of illness, 8th May, 1945 (Ambonia). — His duty nobly done. — Inserted by his loving wife and family.

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SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1946.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY. More people are interested in what happened to-day and what will happen to-morrow, than in what happened 10, 20, or 30 years ago.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES. RAINFALL. — The rainfall for the week at Beaufort was 27 points, for the month 22 points, and for the past four months 1765 points.

SECURITY LOAN. — Beaufort's quota to the £70,000,000 Security Loan was £25,000. 105 subscribers, and £12,230 was received from 27 subscribers.

CARPET BOWLS. — Beaufort F.B. Ladies Club held a carpet bowls competition on Wednesday afternoon. The winners were Mrs. M. Crocker, Mrs. J. Irving, Mrs. H. T. Sle, and Mrs. Duke.

CARDS AND BOWLS. — The Beaufort F.B. Ladies Club held a cards and bowls club on Thursday night. Results: Section 1: Mrs. Stephens, 1; Mrs. Sullivan and Miss P. Hare (divided); 2. Section 2: Robert Stephens and Mrs. W. Gillingham (divided); 3. Section 3: Mrs. and Mrs. Sandler and Mrs. Sullivan.

BEAUFORT A.N.A. — There was a fair attendance at the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort A.N.A. on Tuesday night and Mr. A. Broadbent (president) presided. Mr. J. Bates was elected as a member. A credit balance of £36/19/3 was reported. The matter of the servicemen's honour board will be further reported on at next meeting. Officers for the ensuing half-year will be nominated at next meeting, when a good attendance is desired.

WELCOME HOME COMMITTEE. — The following donations have been received by the Beaufort Welcome Home Committee: Amount previously acknowledged, £14/12/7; Mother, 10/-; E. Kewley, 10/-; J. Williams, 2/-; Miss M. Oddie, 5/-; A. Lofis, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellis, 11/11/-; F. C. Lofis, 2/2/-; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Muntz, 10/-; Mrs. A. Wood, 5/-; J. R. Wotherspoon, 2/2/-; F. J. Webster, 10/-; Miss C. L. Dalgleish, 10/-; F. Allen, 11/11/-; Returned Soldiers' Association, 5/-; E. V. Broadbent, 11/11/-; H. K. Parker, 10/-; Miss Backhouse, 10/-; Fire Brigade Ladies Club, 10/-; proceeds of dance, 6/-; A. McGregor, 11/11/-; N. B. Aston, 2/2/-; Mrs. W. C. Wood, 2/2/-; total, £128/15/1.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTATIONS TO REV. J. AND MRS. MACDOUGALL.

A glowing and well-deserved tribute was paid to the Rev. J. and Mrs. MacDougall on Wednesday night at the Presbyterian Sunday School Hall, Beaufort. The presentation was made in appreciation of their 23 years work in the charge. The room was decorated with bowls of flowers, and there was a large and representative attendance from all parts of the charge. At 8.15 p.m. Mr. MacDougall had already received a presentation. The proceedings opened with community singing, led by Miss N. Tulloch. Bouquets were presented to Mrs. MacDougall from the ladies of the church and choir by Miss Evelyn Hobson and Miss Buchanan. Miss Tulloch acted as secretary. Rev. N. T. McDonald, of Learmonth (interim moderator) presided, and opened the meeting with praise and prayer.

A number of apologies from absentees came to hand, and Mrs. MacDougall conveyed the best wishes (including a special one from the Beaufort congregation). Songs, recitations, and duets were rendered by Mrs. H. Dunn, Miss Alma Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Leach, and her daughter, and Miss Buchanan, Mrs. N. Smith, and Mrs. W. Torney. Miss Tulloch acted as accompanist.

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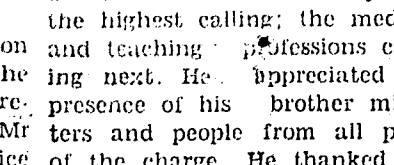
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Mr. H. K. Parker (Board of Management) said he was the baby of the Beaufort board, but had worked with Mr. MacDougall over 15 years, both here and in Brisbane. Two admirable points about Mr. MacDougall were his punctuality and brevity. He was not given to long sermons, but drove home his points, nevertheless. Teachers and preachers there were always a few words of their work. He thanked Mr. MacDougall's work would blossom in the lives of the district. They wished Mr. and Mrs. MacDougall every happiness.

Mr. H. M. Hinch (Sunday School) said he thought one of the Misses Wotherspoon should be speaking instead of him—he was really the baby of the Sunday school staff. He was privileged to express their good wishes for Mr. and Mrs. MacDougall on their retirement. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. MacDougall for their co-operation in the Sunday school staff. He thanked the many happy years of retirement, and hoped God would bless them. Mrs. Torney (P.W.M.U.) referred particularly to the way Mrs. MacDougall had helped and guided the members of the congregation for many years. She

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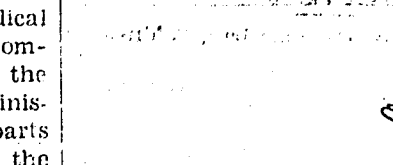
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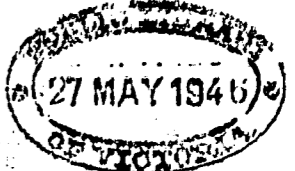
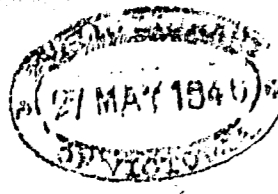
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TOWN BAND. SERVICEMEN WELCOMED HOME.

A memorable gathering, under the auspices of the Beaufort Town Band, took place in the C.W.A. Hall on Tuesday night, when a welcome home was tendered to eight local bandsmen who served with the Forces in the 1939-45 War. The hall was gay with bunting, and the tables were prettily decorated with red, white and blue flowers. A recherche repast was provided by the Band Ladies' Auxiliary. Mr. J. Duke (band president) acted as chairman.

The proceedings opened with two minutes' silence in memory of the fallen. During the evening the function was enlivened by musical items by Messrs. M. Riley, Harold Hains, and songs by Messrs. A. J. Hughes and W. Bridges and the junior members of the band. Mrs. A. Whiting acted as accompanist.

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ARARAT SHIRE COUNCIL.

At the Ararat Shire Council meeting on Friday, May 17, the engineer reported that a drain and culverts had been cleaned and roadway gravelled on Bungan-Warrak-Mt Cole and Mt. Cole Creek-Ben Nevis roads. Cr. Brebner drew attention to the road leading to the Middle Creek railway station and the Geelong road, which were particularly bad at de Fegely's and near Canby's. Noted by engineer.

A letter was read from the Education Department, advising that the question of establishing a school bus service from Middle Creek, Bungan and Dobie districts to Ararat High School has already received careful consideration. In view of the fact that only 10 of the children concerned would attend secondary schools, it is regretted that a service cannot be established.

Cr. Vanstan expressed disappointment at the department's verdict, and moved that the letter be received.

Cr. McDonald: He thought that they should make a fresh effort through their local member. He moved that a fresh application be made through their local member.

Cr. Hucker supported the motion strongly, which was carried. — "Ararat Advertiser."

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT.

At the Ararat R.S.L. meeting on Monday, 16th May, a letter was read from the secretary Victorian branch, re land settlement legislation. The branch was urged to approach the local member with the object of pressing the urgency of the necessary legislation, including provision of single unit farms.

Mr E. Morton, M.L.A., said he was prepared to answer any question. After the last election the Acquisition Bill had passed all stages. The Commission had power to inspect and purchase properties for ex-servicemen. Amendments had been found necessary and had been moved last week. An adjournment was made to enable enquiries to be made. He attended the last Ex-servicemen's Legion meeting and had communicated with similar district bodies. The amendments had been approved in all cases. The first amendment was in regard to the incorporation of a local valuer sitting with the judge. The second amendment was to give power to purchase the whole of a property, including stock and machinery. Previously only land suitable for soldier settlement could be purchased.

The previous night the amendments were added to the bill. A further amendment was to be considered by a committee of all sides of the House. The Bill was being treated on a non-party basis. The Minister would be given power to stop the sale of properties on the market if any property was suitable for soldier settlement. The Bill had passed all stages the previous night.

The next Bill would decide the selection of soldier settlers and the terms on which they could be placed on the land. He believed that this Bill would become law early in the next session.

Dr. Claridge: He would like to thank Mr Morton for his statement. It was regrettable that it had taken two years to reach this stage. How long would it be before the men could be put on the land?

Mr Morton: A Bill of this magnitude required a lot of preparation. They had to avoid the pitfalls of the previous scheme. Negotiations had to take place with the Federal Government. He was hopeful that the Bill would become law rapidly. He supported the inclusion of single unit farms, but not under section 20 of the old Act. If that were done it would be possible for soldiers to be on the land before next Christmas. He moved that the secretary write to Mr Allan McDonald, M.H.R., asking his opinion. Seconded by Mr Kennedy, and carried. — "Ararat Advertiser."

BALLARAT CHOIR. — On Friday, 31st May, the Ballarat Choral Society is to visit Ararat. The choir is under the conductorship of Mr Graham Burgh, who is well known in Beaufort as one of the proprietors of the local shirt and pyjama factory. The choir will approximate 50 voices and most of the program will be choral, including choruses, part songs, madrigals etc.

DISTRICT NEWS

STREATHAM.

The Rev. James George, who was in the Services throughout the war, has been inducted as minister of the Streatham Presbyterian Charge. Rev. G. L. Johnson (Moderator of the Western Plains Presbytery) acted as interim moderator. After the induction service, a welcome social was held. There was a large attendance.

At Streatham Hall on 30th April Miss Mary Meek was entertained at a kitchen tea by her friends in honour of her approaching marriage. She received many lovely and useful gifts; Mrs W. Chew making the presentation.

To celebrate the winning of the tennis premiership, the Streatham Club held a ball on 3rd May. The euvre winners were Miss M. Hannah and Mr Bill Ward. Novelty dance winners were Mrs W. Chew and Mr Jim Thomson, Miss Gladys and Mr Ron White, Mr Don McLean and Miss Muriel Eastick, Mr Bill Ward and Miss Elma Heard.

At the monthly meeting of the Streatham Red Cross on May 7, it was decided to hold an auction sale and euvre and dance in June. A special effort for the Food for Britain appeal resulted in two boxes being packed. Two school children who canvassed the town for gifts were thanked. The club had already sent £14 1/2 to the Lord Mayor's appeal and last month £20 was sent to Red Cross headquarters.

The Football Club held a euvre party in aid of the funds; the prize winners being Mrs D. Smith and Mr Cyril Fitzgerald. Mr Roy Yeoman, who was accidentally killed at Camperdown, was the youngest brother of Mr Alan Yeoman, of Streatham Hotel.

In their first match of the season, on the 11th inst, Tatyoon defeated Streatham by 18-17 to 1-3. — "Ararat Advertiser."

SNAKE VALLEY.

Officers elected at the meeting of the Young Farmers' Club were:—President, Mr J. McKay; vice-presidents, Messrs. N. McIntosh and Len Greenbank leaving the district, the incoming head teacher will be appointed secretary. A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring president, Cr. H. H. Roddis.

The Carnham Turf Club had a profit of £45 on the recent sports, and this was voted to the appeal of the Mayor of Ballarat for Food for Britain. The secretary and all who had helped were thanked by Mr Coster.

The Snake Valley C.W.A. has decided to alter the day of meeting to the first Wednesday in each month. A Victory ball was arranged for 7th June. A decorated birthday cake was presented to the branch by the president.

Office-bearers of the Carnham branch, A.N.A., for the ensuing six months were nominated. It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr O. Snell.

Snake Valley Mechanics' Institute has received a number of books for the library. The matters of arranging dates for dances and inspecting the fence and reporting on it were referred to the secretary (Mr W. E. Gray).

FLAG BRIDGE.—In connection with the Church of England, a flag bridge social was held on Monday afternoon. The winners were Mrs T. McNaughton, Mrs H. Rogers, and Miss L. Stuart. The prizes for the lowest number of flags went to Mrs J. E. Day, Mrs A. Skene, and Mrs E. Dunn.

CARD SOCIAL. — On Friday night, 17th May, a Church of England flag bridge social was held; the trophies for the highest score going to Norman George, and Mesdames W. Gillingham and Willis. The prizes for the lowest score were secured by Harold George and Mesdames A. Skene and J. Duke.

EUCHE AND BOWLS. — The Beaufort F.B. Ladies' Club held a euvre and bowls social on Saturday night. In the ladies' section the first and second prizes were divided by Mesdames Colcs and W. Gillingham. The winner of the men's first prize was Mr G. Wilding, and of the second Mr J. Stewart. The carpet bowls competition was won by Mesdames R. Saddler, W. Gillingham, and J. Duke.

Preparation for Wool Auctions

The following is published at the request of the Graziers' Association of Victoria:—

It is well recognised by all in a position to advise on this matter that it must be emphasised that the auction system requires a totally different approach to wool classing from that practised during the appraisement system. In the latter, owners and classers evidenced a strong desire to follow minute distinctions allowed for in the Table of Limits. A continuance of this practice will be completely wrong when auction sales are resumed as early as possible after the 30th June next.

The relative increase in the number of star lots and the small average number of bales per lot has been most pronounced. If woolgrowers will take their minds back to pre-war scheme days, they will remember the general desire to class their clips so that there would be a minimum number of star lots.

From the buyers' viewpoint this is highly necessary if sales are to proceed at a reasonable rate per day, to enable a wool clip to be dealt with in any one year without serious risk of adding to accumulations from the wool scheme. Further, by reverting to pre-war standards, woolgrowers will secure the best woolbuying attention for a much larger proportion of their clips than if the method of wool classing under appraisement conditions is continued, resulting in the aforementioned excessive proportion of star lots.

If woolgrowers will impress upon their classers the necessity of reverting to pre-war conditions, that should contribute greatly to efficient auction sale operation.

It was agreed in January last at a conference between the Australian Woolgrowers' Council and the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia, that an appeal be made to woolgrowers before the commencement of the 1946-47 wool year, dating from the 30th June next that they should give serious attention to the important matter of seeing that their wool is classed in a manner best suited to auction requirements.

If woolgrowers are in doubt on the subject of the service contained in this statement it is recommended that they confer with their respective wool brokers.

This statement is now issued with the approval of the Australian Woolgrowers' Council and the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

PRIVATE SELLING IN THE COUNTRY. — At the conference between woolgrowers and wool brokers mentioned, it was also decided that a statement be issued by the respective chairmen on the likelihood of damage to the wool market which would almost certainly result from the practice of selling wool privately in the country instead of submitting it for auction.

While wool sales will be based on the auction system, there is the important difference compared with pre-war conditions that under the machinery set-up by the Governments of the Commonwealth, United Kingdom, South Africa, and New Zealand, there will be reserve minimum prices. This protection emphasises the desirability of having all wool dealt with under the system which has been accepted. Surely no grower wishes to indulge in a practice which could tend to jeopardise market values generally. It is recognised that country dealers may serve a useful and legitimate purpose in the collecting of small lots of wool, but any large volume sold outside the authority set up to control allocations could upset important basic calculations to the detriment of woolgrowers generally.

—Issued by the Australian Woolgrowers' Council (H. R. COWDERY, Chairman); the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia (FRANK YOUNG, President).

Sydney, 8th May, 1946.

RECENT WEDDING. — The marriage of Brenda Muriel, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Johnston, of Speke street, Beaufort, to Richard C., son of Mr and Mrs C. E. Mudra, Currajong Avenue, Ararat, was celebrated at the Church of Immaculate Conception, Ararat, on Saturday, April 20.



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Helen Raymond, popular young singer with Jack Payne and his Orchestra, is frequently heard by listeners to the British Broadcasting Corporation overseas programmes. After studying serious singing at the Royal Academy of Music, she began broadcasting as a popular singer in 1931. At the beginning of the war she served as an ambulance driver for several months. She then joined the BBC Variety Repertory from 1940-42. During 1943 she toured American camps in Britain with U.S.A. camp shows, and broadcast frequently before joining Jack Payne in August, 1945. (BBC Photograph).

BEAUFORT RAINFALL

1945—January, 93; February, 22; March, 10; April, 64; May, 120; June, 204; July, 190; August, 395; September, 156; October, 222; November, 254; December, 64; total for year, 2054.

1946. — January, 414; February, 477; March, 650; April, 224.

FOOTBALL.

Avoca defeated Beaufort at Avoca on Saturday by a wide margin.

Waubra (19-25) defeated Raglan (3-11).

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MOISTURE ON SPARK PLUGS

Difficult starting from cold may result from moisture on the outside of the spark plug insulator says the R.A.C.V. journal, "The Radiator." By providing a path for the ignition current the moisture prevents sparks from occurring at the plug points. The remedy is to wipe dry the tops of the lugs with a clean cloth. In the case of a car with a bonnet of the centrally divided type, water may drip through the division on to the tops of the plugs when the car is left standing in rain. It is advisable then to lift the bonnet and check the ingress of water before attempting to start the engine.

FOR INSPECTION — REMOVE SPARE. — When buying a used car, particularly one of the older type, it is a recommended plan to inspect the spare tyre by removing it from the place where it is normally carried, says the R.A.C.V. journal, "The Radiator." Otherwise it may be found to be unserviceable when a puncture occurs on the to be quite unserviceable applies particularly to old cars on which the spare is carried on which the spare is carried which allows part of the tyre to rub during the vibration of travel. From this cause, it has happened more than once that a good tyre has been ruined. In one instance, a new tyre was completely worn out without seeing a mile of service on the road. The wear from friction against part of the carrier was not visible until the tyre was removed.

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