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BALLARAT WHEAT CROP COMPETITION

REPORT OF THE JUDGE.

The judge of the Ballarat Wheat Crop Competition, 1950, Mr C. P. Goulding, B. Agr. Sc., District Agricultural Officer, reports as follows:—

The high standard established in the first wheat crop competition conducted in 1949 by the Ballarat Agricultural Society was maintained in the 1950 competition. However, as in most of the wheat areas, rust caused considerable decreases in yield and deterioration of the grain sample.

The Skipton area, to which most of the entries were confined, is one well suited to mixed farming, including pasture improvement and cereal growing.

Much of it has been improved in fertility over relatively long periods by the introduction of subterranean clover, regular manuring with superphosphate, and stock carrying. This improvement is reflected in the satisfactory crops being grown on ley ground without following, in the gradual drying out of areas previously regarded as semi-swampy, and in the ease with which soils can be prepared for cropping.

Some years ago the district was one in which early sowing was considered to be essential, but recently sowing as late as the end of June has in most seasons proved to be quite practicable.

Fallowing is now practised only when virgin land is to be cropped. In all other cases, crops are sown on ley ground cultivated in the autumn; a series of up to four crops, including wheat, oats and flax or linseed, being taken off before the land is allowed to revert to pasture. If more than two crops are grown, it is usual to sow a few pounds of clover with the last crop.

Outstanding features of the crops were trueness to type, freedom from weeds (except a few thistles) and evenness. Rust was the only disease likely to cause any considerable reduction in yield, although foot rot and loose smut were noticed in most crops.

The crops placed first, second and third were grown on ley ground and sown in June with 90 lb. of seed and 1 to 1½ cwt. of superphosphate per acre. The winning crop of Messrs J. L. Charles & Son was outstanding in yield but lost points on account of the presence of "strangers." Awards are as follows:—

Maximum points — Yield, 35; Purity and Type, 20; absence of disease, 15; Absence of Weeds, 15; Evenness, 15; total, 100.

J. L. Charles & Son, Magnet variety, 36, 17, 13, 14, 14, 93.
 A. Hinton, Pinnacle, 32, 19, 14, 14, 13, 92.
 H. Waldron, Pinnacle, 31, 19, 13, 14, 13, 90.

J. Partridge, Pinnacle, 30, 19, 13, 13, 88.
 R. J. Alexander, Quadrat, 28, 19, 14, 14, 13, 88.
 H. J. Smith, Insignia, 27, 19, 14, 14, 13, 87.
 K. McLean, Dladem, Pinnacle, 27, 19, 14, 14, 13, 87.

F. J. Funstan & Sons, Pinnacle, 26, 19, 14, 14, 13, 86.
 T. Shady, Quadrat, Pinnacle, 26, 19, 14, 14, 13, 86.
 P. Smith, Pinnacle, 26, 19, 14, 14, 13, 86.

LOCAL TROTTER. — At the Ararat and Districts Trotting Club's meeting on Friday night, 25th Jan., Mr W. Smith's Ideal Louis (owner), from Beaufort, finished third in the Alexandra Free for All event. Ideal Louis started from scratch.

MEMORIAL CUP. — Mrs G. Mackenzie, of Trawalla, has donated a perpetual cup to the Ballarat Caledonian Society in memory of her late husband, Engineer-Commander H. P. Mackenzie, who was a chief, as a prize for an essay or pipe band competition. At a meeting members decided that the cup should be awarded to the writer of the best essay from students of Ballarat and Clarendon Colleges. The cup will be in addition to the monetary prizes provided by the society annually for the essay competition.

AWARDED VALOR MEDAL.
 Captain Peter Gray, of the Daylesford Urban Fire Brigade, who has received the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society, has been awarded also the Country Fire Authority Valor Medal for his bravery in attempting a rescue from a disused mine shaft in November, 1949. A champion of champions in firemen's competitions, Captain Gray is one of the outstanding athletes in the Victorian country fire service.

FIRE OFFICER PRAISES WOMEN.
 Although fire-fighting is a man's job requiring strength and endurance, Mr C. A. Daw, Chief Officer of the Country Fire Authority had much to say in praise of the womenfolk who help in various ways. With their husbands away from home so much, the wives of the regional officers are called upon continually and their interest and co-operation in handling messages and attending to Authority matters is of great service to the State.

In many country Urban Fire Stations, the Resident-Officer's wife is as expert on the switchboard as her husband. At fires there is no lack of much-needed refreshments. Often the last person to leave a danger area is the telephone operator of a small country exchange, in most cases a woman.

Many stories of service and unselfish devotion to duty on the part of our women helpers could be told, said Mr Daw, and he added it would be a bad day for the Fire Service if such voluntary help were not forthcoming.

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Elder, Smith & Co. Limited report (25th Jan.):—The seventh series of Melbourne auctions continued yesterday, when we offered our catalogue of 3600 bales.

The selection was of good, average standard, being representative principally of the Wimmera and Northern Victorian districts.

Buoyant market conditions have been experienced throughout the week, with prices showing a hardening tendency from day to day on rates established at the opening of the series.

Present prices are generally 5 per cent. to 7½ per cent. higher than those ruling at Geelong last week.

Competition was widely spread amongst all sections of the trade. The following are some of the principal prices and district results:—Glencoe (Mockinya) sup a com 267d, sup aa com 264d, 1st pes 233½d; Brim Springs (Brim-pac) sup com, 257d; HS/H (Harcourt), aaa com, 256d; Woodlands / Park (Donnybrook), aaa f cbk, 254d; Woodbine/AFW (Balmoral), sup mer, 254d.

HIGH PRAISE FOR URBAN FIRE BRIGADES.
 A bush or grass fire which breaks bounds achieves a headline; but the bush fire is not the only threat to this State. Each town is in danger from fire from within its boundaries no less than from without. This is an all the year round danger. The Chief Officer of the Country Fire Authority (Mr C. A. Daw) comments highly on the work of the Urban Fire Brigades, which attend 380 or more building fires during a year. Few of these reach headline dimensions. The alertness of these 194 urban fire brigades in the provincial cities and towns, with 4500 trained firemen, mostly volunteers, provides a 24 hour service to the public, keeping losses well under control.

HE'S DECLARED WAR ON THE BUNNY.
 Mr W. Grew, an Englishman who has been in Australia since 1912, has declared his own personal war on Australia's national enemy, the rabbit.

His spending pounds getting his weapons ready for a blitz that will take him all round Victoria.

His home will be where his work takes him, because he has a modern, well-equipped caravan attached to his new tractor.

Mr Grew says he is the only man tackling the humble bunny on such a widespread commercial basis.

He has attachments to rip up the burrows after they have been fumigated with his special unit. This unit has been constructed to work off the tractor, and consists of a charcoal burning retort which manufactures poisonous carbon-monoxide.

"When this gas is blown down the burrows the rabbits just have not got a chance," he says.

Mr Grew then attaches his ripper plough to the tractor, and destroys the warrens so that other rabbits cannot take up residence.

WIFE, TOO.
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That was why he wanted to start his new venture in this district, he said.

WAGES BOARDS FOR RURAL INDUSTRIES.
 As the result of primary industries now being brought within the scope of the Shops and Factories Act, the Australian Workers' Union has requested the setting up of Wages Boards to govern conditions and wages for rural workers.

Mr H. V. Surling, State President of the Australian Primary Producers' Union, advises that following on representations made by his organisation to the Minister of Labour, the Minister has sought the Union's views on the desirability of establishing boards for certain industries.

The establishment of Wages Boards may have a serious effect on production unless producers are adequately represented.

As there are now 13 produce sections established within the A.P.P.U., plans have been finalised to have each section affected by the A.W.U. application adequately represented by producer nominees who will ensure that producers interests interests are protected.

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

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2nd Lieut. Arthur Crick, Beaufort.

3rd Lieut. G. Cuthbertson, Raglan 28.
 4th Lieut. P. C. Trengove, Waterloo 1.

President, A. Mackenzie, Beaufort 44.
 Secretary, T. E. Whitfield, Beaufort 88.

OFFICERS OF LAKE GOLD-SMITH BRIGADE

Captain, J. S. Kirkpatrick, Beaufort 116.
 1st Lieut. Vic Dunn, Mena Park 14.

2nd Lieut. M. Bain, Skipton 60.
 3rd Lieut. W. Bruty, Mena Park 10U.
 4th Lieut. J. P. Fraser, Beaufort 125.
 Secretary A. Bain, Mena Park 15.

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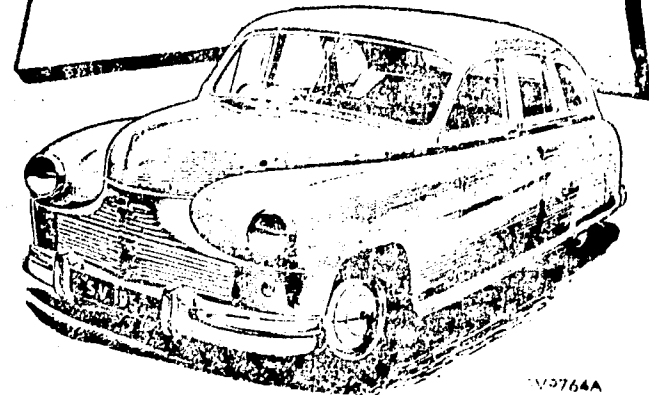
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"Gold" is written by T. C. Dickson, managing editor of the Industrial and Mining Standard. An outstanding feature is the illustrations by well-known Australian artist, Len Annoles.

Ballarat Market PRINCIPAL DISTRICT SALES. At the Ballarat stock market on Jan. 23, the leading district sales were:-

TOP PRICE AND AVERAGE. 48 merino wethers, Mr W. Sutherland, Mena Park, to 56/0, av. 54/18/8, making top price and average of the market for merino wethers.

AVERAGES. 25 merino wethers, J. H. Oddie & Co., Chestow, to 72/3, av. 68/5. 202 Corriedale and crossbred ewes and wethers, Mr Geo. Excell, Ellimatta, Stockyard Hill, wethers to 25, av. 69/4, ewes 56/3 to 94/3, av. 74/1.

BEAUFORT RAINFALL 1949-January, 93; February, 22; March, 10; April, 64; May, 180; June, 104; July, 150; August, 395; September, 156; October, 222; November, 254; December, 64; total for year, 2084.

1948 - January, 414; February, 477; March, 650; April, 224; May, 128; June, 214; July, 411; August, 301; September, 241; October, 197; November, 95; December, 359; total for year, 3720.

1947 - January, 25; February, 184; March, 463; April, 110; May, 60; June, 335; July, 407; August, 307; September, 201; October, 421; November, 218; December, 270; total for year, 3903.

1946 - January, 51; February, 37; March, 37; April, 37; May, 208; June, 180; July, 180; August, 314; September, 172; October, 126; total for year, 2564.

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BEAUFORT TENNIS TOURNAMENT. The Beaufort Tennis Club's annual tournament was held on 27th and 28th Jan. and a record entry was received.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP. First Round - Mrs. Graham and Miss B. Watkin, 15-3, to Misses G. Campbell and P. Hall, 6-10; Mrs. Gregory and Miss B. Pascoe, 15-3, lost to Mrs. M. Cuthbertson and D. McKenzie, 15-3, 6-10; Mesdames Stevens and Lytle, 15-3, 6-10; Misses E. Power and B. Irving, 15-3, 6-10; Mrs. Cole and Miss A. McGregor, 10-7; Mesdames J. Angus and Miller, 15-3, 6-10; Mesdames Norman and Pearce, 10-6; Misses F. and C. MacInnes, 4, d. Mesdames Walton and Ritchie, 30, 10-5; Mesdames Cantor and G. Little, 15, 1, d. Misses Barker and Clough, 10-6; Mrs. Orr and Miss Norman, 15, 1, by.

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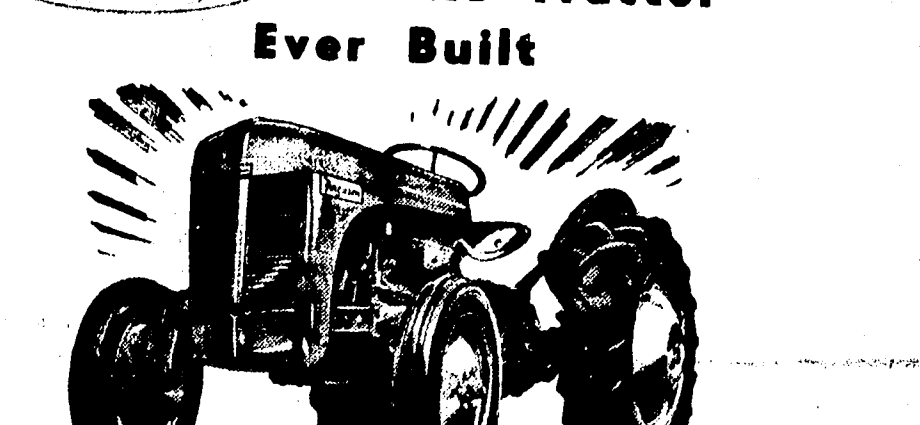
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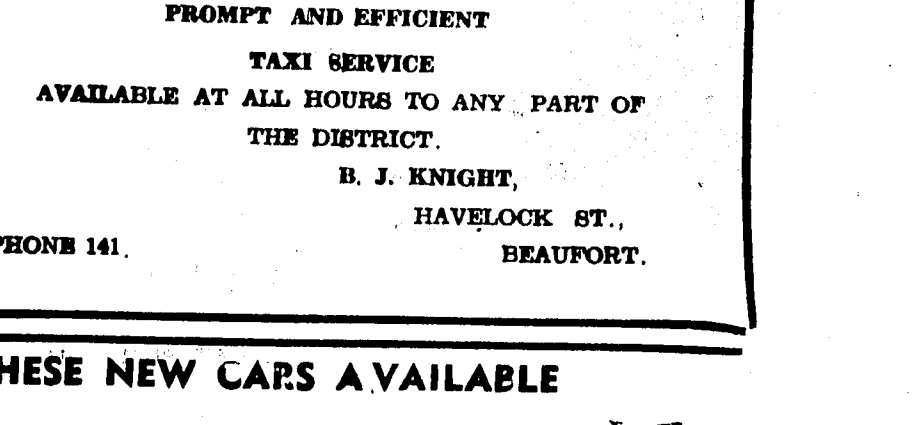
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DADS' ASSOCIATION. The February meeting of the Ripon Dads' Association, held at the Shire Hall on Monday night, was attended by nine members; Mr. J. K. Finlin (president) presiding.

Mr Duke asked if anyone knew of a house available for a local soldier and his family. A list of past and prospective members was gone through, with a view to persuading them to join or renew their subscriptions.

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BEAUFORT OAT CROP COMPETITION, 1950

REPORT OF THE JUDGE

The Judge (Mr. C. P. Goulding, B. Agr. Sc., District Agricultural Officer) reports as follows on the recent oat crop competition:

The oat crop competition, conducted by the Beaufort Agricultural Society, comprised eight entries, all of a high standard.

The district is one in which high yielding crops are regularly grown, and the main problem appears to be one of limiting the crop so that it can be handled efficiently, rather than of growing a maximum crop.

On account of the lodging of heavy crops, particularly those on land where fertility has been increased by clover pastures, or on account of shedding of grain during windy weather, the most practicable method of controlling growth is probably by grazing, but the intensity and time of grazing are matters requiring considerable judgment and knowledge of local conditions.

In most areas where ley farming is practiced, oats are rarely sown as the first crop after pasture; rank growth of oats being avoided to a great extent by growing one or two crops of wheat before sowing the land to oats.

However, in the Beaufort district, which is not devoted primarily to wheat growing, oats are often sown as a first crop, and therefore tend to grow rankly unless grazed judiciously.

It is noticeable that crops grown after clover pastures are more even than those on virgin land (usually fallowed), or land where fallowing and cropping has been done for many years.

This evenness is due probably to the building up of the fertility of the poorer areas, the improved soil texture, and the drying out of the wetter spots. The improvement in soil conditions has facilitated the cultivations prior to sowing, made later sowing more practicable, and reduced the tendency of sowing in wet conditions.

grazing is done in wet conditions, Algerian, Algerbe, and Mulga are the popular varieties in the district, although one entry, that of Mr. White, was Lampton, which is not so well known.

The last named tends to be rather coarse when grown under favourable conditions. Most of the competition crops were sown during April and May, although Mr. Fraser had grown an excellent crop from a July sowing on ley ground.

Awards as follows:— 1st, McIntyre Bros., 97 points. 2nd, J. Fraser, 95. 3rd, Colonel A. Russell, 93. T. White, 92. J. Kirkpatrick, Beaufort, 90. Kirkpatrick, Nerring, 90. T. T. McErvale, 90.



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Qualification Certificates Off RIPON R.S.L. COMMITTEE MEETING.

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The president said they were gratified at the way the smoke night was run, and a great deal of thanks was due to Mr Aitken of the Golden Age Hotel, and his assistant.

Mr H. G. Dunn moved that a minute of appreciation of Mr Aitken's services and those of his assistant be placed on the books. Seconded by Mr Pascoe and carried.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THEY WERE NOT getting the response to the appeal for the Comforts Fund for the Fighting Forces in Korea and Malaya they expected, and it was rather disappointing.

From Bunlyong and Sebastopol Sub-branches inviting representatives to the Comforts Fund for Fighting Forces in Korea and Malaya, and £5 for upkeep of Bowling Green.

THE PRESIDENT THANKED Mr Dunn for the efficient way he had carried out his duties as president of the smoke social as toast master.

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SWIMMING CLUB. CARNIVAL MARRED BY RAIN. Intermittent showers of driven rain marred the Beaufort Swimming Club's annual carnival.

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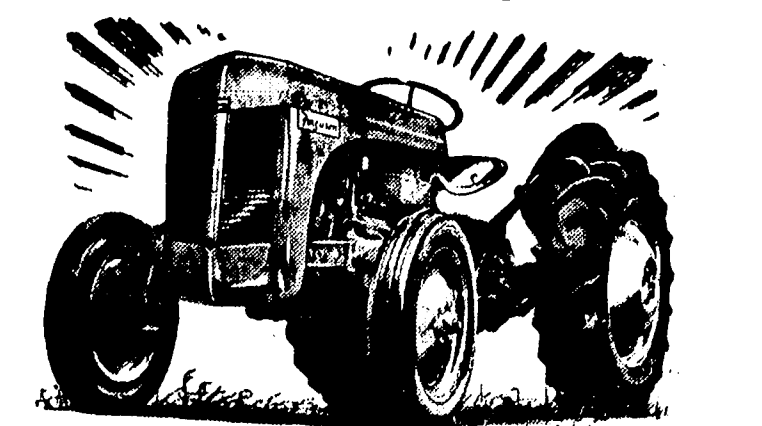
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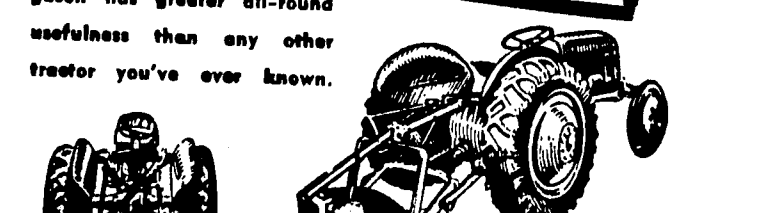
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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS

TRAWALLA

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Trawalla courts were fully engaged on Sunday, 8th inst., when an American tournament was held. Twenty-three pairs of players started, and after three sets each the sectional winners proved to be:—M. Vowles and R. Murray, by; M. Cole and Mrs. Anderson, who defeated E. Vowles and Mrs. Angus, 4-2; R. Robinson and Miss B. Grant, who defeated J. Angus and Tim Matthew, 4-3; B. Fletcher and Miss C. Vowles, by. Semi-finals — B. Fletcher and Miss C. Vowles d. R. Robinson and Miss Grant, 4-2; M. Vowles and R. Murray d. M. Cole and Mrs. W. Anderson, 4-2. Final — B. Fletcher and Miss C. Vowles d. M. Vowles and R. Murray, 6-2. The president in presenting the trophies kindly donated subscriptions being gone on with in the absence of the mover. It was pointed out that the mover was unexpectedly called away and requested his successor to carry on, and it was agreed to permit that to be done. On the motion of Col. Bastin and Mr. T. Jess, it was decided that the scale of fees suggested in Lieut. Dyer's motion at last meeting be adopted, namely, 1/ for a member only, 4/ for a dwelling and up to 100 acres, 10/ to 500 acres, and £1 per thousand or part thereof. Accounts were passed for payment. The foreman reported many breakages in handles of quick action tap, and asked permission to obtain stainless steel ones. — Left to Committee. At the conclusion of the meeting committee members laid out sandwiches and tea and a very pleasant get together ensued, during which a presentation of a pen and pencil (in case) was made to the retiring auditor, Mr. Evan Cameron. Mr. Hooke said that as co-auditor he was very appreciative of the assistance of Mr. Cameron over the years, and that his services and interest in brigade matters would be missed now that he was leaving the immediate vicinity. Other speakers supported these remarks and Mr. Cameron suitably responded. Opportunity was taken to present trophies for the most efficiently kept power and hand units within the brigade. The president made the presentation of a clock to Mr. H. Davis for the most efficient hand unit. In supporting his remarks, Mr. Downie said that the particular unit was a typical home made outfit, but that attention to detail and efficiency of the unit in actual performance was a credit to the owner. In responding Mr. Davis said he was taken by surprise, as he had never expected a trophy. It would remind him of the duty he had as a member to keep equipment in good order. A similar trophy was presented to Mr. Alf Hillman, on behalf of Mr. Robert White, of Middle Creek. In making the presentation, Mr. Downie said he was disappointed Mr. White was not present personally to receive the trophy. He felt that no doubt Mr. Hillman played a big part in keeping the power unit so efficient.

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MRS VIOLET M. McLEAN.

The death occurred on Feby. 16 at Skipton Hospital of Mrs. Violet May McLean, a respected resident of that town. Mrs. McLean was 49 years of age, and the wife of Mr. Alexander William McLean, of Skipton. She leaves, besides her husband, three sons and four daughters. The remains of the late Mrs. McLean were interred in the Ballarat New Cemetery on Monday.

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