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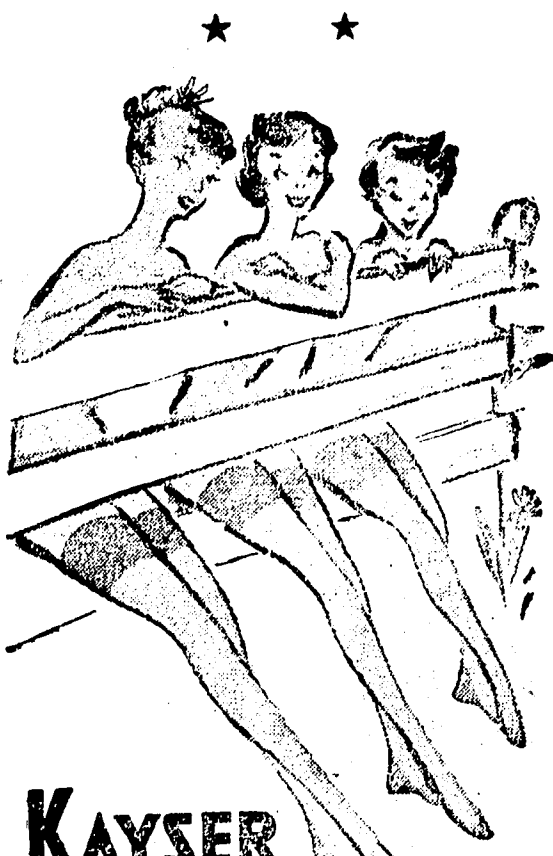
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SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHT

BIG GATHERING AT PICTURE THEATRE

Beaufort Picture Theatre held a big audience on Tuesday night, 15th Dec., for the annual I.E. School speech night.

THE CONCERT

The following programme was excellently given by the children: School Choir, "Strawberry Fair" (traditional English air), "Greensleeves" (traditional English carol); Form IV., "Blanchard's Trousers" (adapted from Hughes Lapaire's tale of the same name), Graeme Whittaker, Beverley Peters, Dawn Dunn, Margaret Hopkins, Joan McCumber, Betty Waldron, Geoffrey Wilson, Don Smith; Form I., "Polly Perkins of Paddington Green", Janice Allen, Lance McCumber, John Meadows, John Gunn, Ted Morgan, Don Gilbert, John Ruthford, Graeme Broadbent; chorus, Form I girls and boys; Form II., "The Swinehead" (an adaptation of a fairy tale by Hans Anderson), Darryl Jackson, Marlene Jenkins, Barry Hayes, Brian Lewis, Graeme Tucker, Lola Martin, Faye Clark, Lynette Drew, Rosemary Finnin, Adeline Armstrong, Pam George; School Choir, "Capstan Bar" (sea chanty), "Nouvelle Agreable" (H. C. Naigeli), "Macnamara's Band" (Stamford and O'Connor); Form III., Play, "Shivering Shocks, or the Hiding Place" (by Clemence Dane), Josephine Paladini, Beverley Hall, Beth Hayes, Barrie Wilkinson, James Bending, Lola Lofts, Margaret Norman, Betty Biggin; School Choir, "Wassail Song" (North English carol) "The Marsellaise" (Rouget de Lisle); School Song.

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

Mr A. H. Ruxton (head teacher) presented the following annual report:—

Beaufort Higher Elementary School, Annual Report, 1953
In presenting a review of the year's activities, I am happy to state that the school continues to function as a vital community centre.

Enrolment:
There was a further increase in the number of pupils enrolled. The total of 82 pupils doing secondary work was made up of 43 boys and 39 girls. Of these 29 are conveyed to school by buses.

The present enrolment of 70 shows a loss over the year of 12 pupils, of whom three were transferred to other secondary schools. Pupils who leave school on reaching the age of 14 years lose the unique opportunity of developing their personalities along socially useful lines at a most important stage in their lives.

Curriculum:
The provision of a Leaving Certificate class next year will give all pupils the opportunity to secure a qualification essential for entry into practically all trades and professions.

Cookery and Home Management courses are now being taken by Forms I and II girls, whilst the boys do woodwork.

A course of Mothercraft lessons for those girls leaving school at the end of this year has been given by Sister Remfrey of the local Baby Health Centre.

Staffing:
Mr Price, who has rendered outstanding service to the school over the past four years, will take up duty at Gardiner Central School after the vacation. We congratulate him on his well-merited promotion, and wish him every success in his new school.

Accommodation.
The Mount Rowan school building, placed in the school-ground about five years ago has at last been converted into a modern, well-equipped Domestic Arts room, which was officially opened by the Honourable the Minister of Education, Mr Shepherd, M.L.A., on June 17th.

I am pleased to state the Minister has honoured his promise to provide an additional classroom, which is now almost completed.

Because of the continued growth of the school, the Education Department is considering the removal of the secondary classes to another site in the town.

The existing basketball area has been re-surfaced and extended. Additional areas have been asphalted and drainage improved. Concrete walls have been erected on two sides of the cookery room. Another concrete wall has been erected to terrace the south-east corner of the school ground. Some progress has been made in preparing the Jeannie Hughes Memorial Oval for use as an additional playing area.

Sport:
The usual seasonal inter-house activities were held. Competition was again very keen, and especially in athletics, very exciting.

The Mackenzie House Cup for annual competition, has been won this year by Mackenzie House with 331 points; Lewis House scoring 259 points.

The inter-school contests in football, basketball and rounders with Ballarat High School were again highlights of the sporting year.

Examination Results, 1952:
Last year one Junior Scholarship and two Free Places were awarded to Beaufort H.E.S. The Junior Scholarship was won by Margaret Norman and the Free Places by Lola Lofts and Josephine Paladini.

This year one Junior Scholarship and one Free Place have been allotted for competition amongst our pupils. The winners of these awards will be announced in the daily press early in 1954.

Intermediate Certificate results obtained at the examinations conducted by the University of Melbourne in Dec., 1952, were again highly creditable. We presented 10 candidates with the following results:—Geoffrey Dunn, I.C., passed 10 subjects; Joram Livingston, I.C., passed 10; Neil Slat, I.C., passed 10; Marlene Stephens, I.C., passed 9; Janice Clark, I.C., passed 8; Helen Curtis, I.C., passed 8; Helen Gregory, I.C., passed 8; Fey Nash, I.C., passed 7; Lewis Jaensch, passed 8; John Simpson, passed 2.

As a result of her 10-subject pass, I.C., Marlene Stephens was awarded a Teaching Bursary to the value of £50 p.a.

Beris Peterson, working at Beaufort H.E.S. through the Correspondence School passed the Leaving Certificate Examinations with passes in all five subjects for which she presented.

Social Service Activities:
The Social Service League continues to support many charitable appeals. A total of £31/19/5 was raised during the year. From this total a sum of £13 was paid for a stainless steel top overbed table for the Beaufort District Hospital, while a cash donation of £7 6/8 was also made towards the cost of a Humicrib for premature babies; £10/12/9 was given to the Save the Children Fund, while £1 was donated to the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

Other activities of the Social Service League included the sale of tickets for concerts held for the benefit of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind and the Victorian School for Deaf Children. The sale of Royal visit souvenir flags to the value of £7/6/8 has benefited the funds of the local Red Cross branch.

The magnificent total of 171 doz. eggs collected by both primary and secondary scholars was distributed among these institutions:—Beaufort District Hospital, Ballarat Base Hospital, Ballarat Orphanage, Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Home.

Special thanks are due not only to the pupils but also to their parents and district residents for their generous and sustained support of these activities.

The Room Duty Cup, which is awarded on a points basis for the attention given by each Form to its social service duties and to the decoration and general care of the Form Room, has been won this year by Form II, with 3471 points. Forms III and IV, obtained 3473 points and Form I, 3414 points.

Mothers' Club:
No review of the school's progress would be complete without grateful mention of the splendid work being done by the Mothers' Club. During the year the amount of £139 6/10 was raised by means of a regular system of voluntary contributions. Many items of sporting and other equipment were purchased.

A donation of £32 towards the school library was subsidised by the Education Department on a £ for £ basis, enabling books to the value of £64 to be added to the library.

The Department has agreed to subsidise on the same basis a further amount of £110 made available by the Mothers' Club. This will enable £220 to be spent on these items, which will be available when school re-opens:— Pictures (both prints and originals) £74, Library books £120, equipment £26.

Thanks:
I would like to express my sincere thanks to the staff, pupils, parents and many others who have played a part in the school's activities.

The School Committee and Mothers' Club have given every possible assistance. The bus drivers—Messrs. Alan Torney, Philip Sutton and Fred Houston—have brought their charges safely and punctually to their classes.

The religious instructors—the Rev. A. L. Mills, Rev. H. A. Harris, Mr Popple, Lieutenant Moyle and Father O'Brien—have given due attention to their important contribution to the children's welfare. Mr Parker, of the "Riponshire Advocate," has given valued publicity to school activities. I wish to thank Miss Jackson for accompanying the school choir. The prefects, house captains and form captains have willingly and faithfully discharged their duties.

Examination and Sporting Results and Awards, 1953.

Sports Certificates:
Girls: Beverley Peters, Joan McCumber, Beth Hayes, Dawn Dunn, Beverley Hall, Margaret Hopkins, Dorothy Irving, Josephine Paladini, Margaret Norman, Lola Lofts, Lynette Drew, Adeline Armstrong.

Boys: Donald Smith, Lewis Jaensch, Graeme Whittaker, Geoffrey Wilson, Barrie Wilkinson, David Norman, Wesley Johnston, Guerino Sferco, Edward Morgan, James Bending, Barry Hayes, Alan Waldron.

Swimming Certificates:
Junior Certificate: Percy Arkle, Beverley Clifford, Elaine Curlik, Ron Day, Jennifer Posler, Dorothy Irving, Eric Larikins, Brian Lewis, John Meadows, Guerino Sferco, Mario Sferco, Geoffrey Wilson.

Senior Certificates: Tony Fleay, Ted Goddard, Darryl Jackson, Roger Little, Norman Nash, Beverley Peters, Bronius Steponkus.

Royal Life Saving Awards:
Elementary and Intermediate Certificates: Lorraine Biggin, Margaret Hopkins, Joan McCumber, Josephine Paladini, Barrie Wilkinson.

Bronze Medallion: Lorraine Biggin, Margaret Hopkins, Joan McCumber, Barrie Wilkinson.

Mackenzie House Cup: Mackenzie House.

Stowell Athletics Cup: Mackenzie House.

Swimming Cup: Mackenzie House.

Ringin Tennis Cup: Mackenzie House.

Campbell Football Cup: Lewis House.

Following third year pupils qualified for Proficiency Certificates:—James Bending, Betty Biggin, Beverley Hall, Elizabeth Hayes, Lola Lofts, Margaret Norman, Josephine Paladini.

Nursing Bursary: Dawn Dunn.
Honours Certificates: Form I.—Margaret Fraser, Keith Crouch, Edward Goddard, John Meadows, Roger Little, David Norman, David Down, Dorothy Lyttle, Irene Stoddart, Tony Fleay. Form II.—Alan Waldron, Adeline Armstrong, Norman Nash, Barry Hayes, Jis Waldron, Brian Lewis, Nola Martin, Marlene Jenkins. Form III.—Margaret Norman, James Bending. Form IV.—Betty Waldron, Beverley Peters.

Dux Certificates:
Form I.—Margaret Frances Fraser. Form II.—Alan Edward Waldron. Form III.—Margaret Ann Norman. Form IV. (Dux of School).—Betty Irene Waldron.

ALEX. H. RUXTON, Head Teacher.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES, CUPS, &c.
The trophies, cups and certificates won during the year were presented by Mr E. D. Mackinnon, M.H.R. for Corangamite.

In the course of his remarks, Mr Mackinnon congratulated the choir. There were various translations of the Latin tag carpe diem (enjoy the present day; seize the opportunity), which was particularly appropriate.

Some of them were going out into the world, and some were looking forward to a long holiday. A lot of people had the idea that they could go through life without any community service. A criticism of Australians was that they were too much prone to "leave it to the other fellow."

In Australia they had a fair heritage handed down to them by the old people. They must take the responsibilities life threw upon them. They had a form of Government which gave them a sense of freedom as a British community, and which had been developed through the ages. Democracy required them to take their part in local institutions, committees, and municipal government, and to make life worth while in their country.

He hoped that when they left school they would assume these responsibilities—not leave everything to someone else but try and play their part. There was no greater satisfaction to anyone in life than to have the feeling that they had played their part in helping their fellow men and women through life. If they made that their objective they would be amply rewarded in their later years. If they did their part they would help to develop a great future in this country. (Applause.)

Beverley Peters, on behalf of the choir, made a presentation to Miss Mary Jackson in appreciation of her help as accompanist.

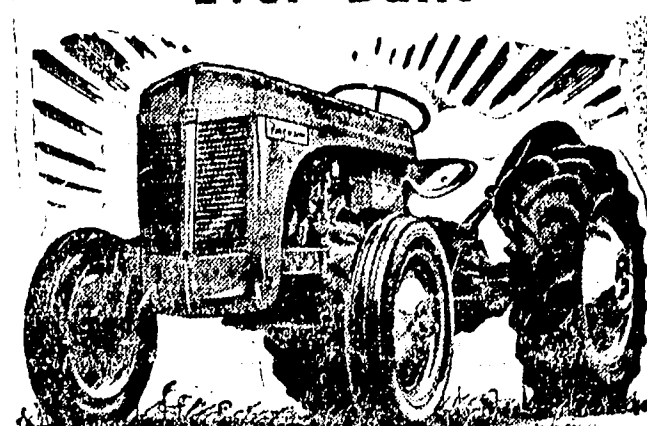
To Miss Potts, who was responsible for training the choir, Norah Dunn also made a presentation; Miss Potts responding.

The Head Teacher paid a high tribute to Mr Gordon Price for the great work he had done in the H.E. School, and said one could not have a more able and trustworthy assistant.

Mr Price (who goes to Melbourne to teach after the holidays) said he had done his best and would carry happy memories of the time spent in Beaufort. He had had a pleasant time in the school, and was thankful to the children and parents for their co-operation. He asked them to welcome the new teacher, who was imbued with the desire to do the best work he could. There was no one way or best way of teaching. He had tried to teach them in a way that they would be better able to fit into the community, and that could not be done if children were taken away from school at 14. Teaching was the most honourable profession but not the most honoured.

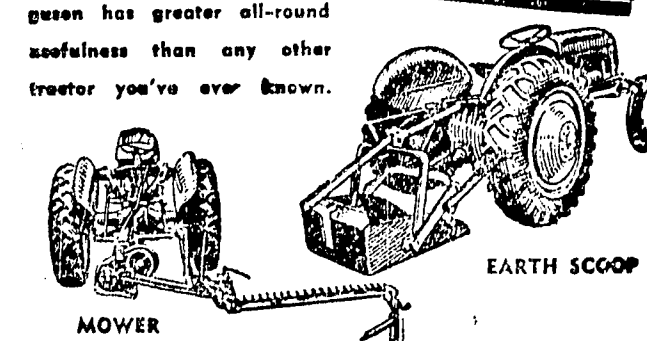
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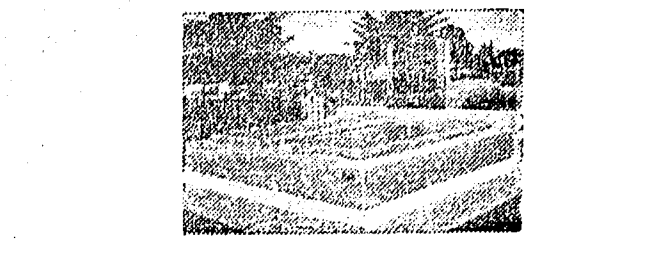
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BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING... The first general committee meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society following the recent show was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday night, 23rd Dec.

STATEMENT CONCERNING SHOW... The secretary presented an approximate statement in regard to the show, showing that expenditure was £596 11/5 and present excess expenditure £137/5.

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DISTRICT NEWS LAKE GOLDSMITH... Mr. Exell thanked the members and officials for their cooperation at the show and said great credit was due to the ringmasters and marshals.

GENERAL BUSINESS... The secretary suggested in regard to the increase that £12 first and £1 second for the golden centenary show. The same thing applied to sheep and horses.

RETURNED HOME... Mrs. W. Sutherland has returned to her home in the hospital after a patient in Ballarat Hospital suffering from injuries received when the car in which she and her husband were travelling overturned in Victoria Park, Ballarat.

R.S.L. BOWLING CLUB... BEAUFORT 65 defeated Westbourne 25 on Saturday, 20th Jan. The wicket-keepers were Mr. J. Jess and Mr. G. Kirpatrick.

LADIES' TENNIS... Ladies' Doubles held by the Beaufort Tennis Club on Tuesday night, Jan. 13, were won by Madames Little and Miller.

GRASS FIRES... On Thursday morning, Jan. 7, a fire broke out between the Western Highway and railway line, near Mr Jim Harris' farm, Langi Kal Soldier Settlement.

E. J. STRICKLAND & SONS BALLARAT WOOL BROKERS... AUCTION SALES OF WOOL CONDUCTED AT REGULAR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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RIPON R.S.L. ANNUAL MEETING... A number of items of interest came before the annual meeting of the Ripon Sub-branch, R.S.L., at the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night.

POST OFFICE HAS RECORDED CHRISTMAS... In the busy days immediately preceding Christmas Post Office business reached record levels.

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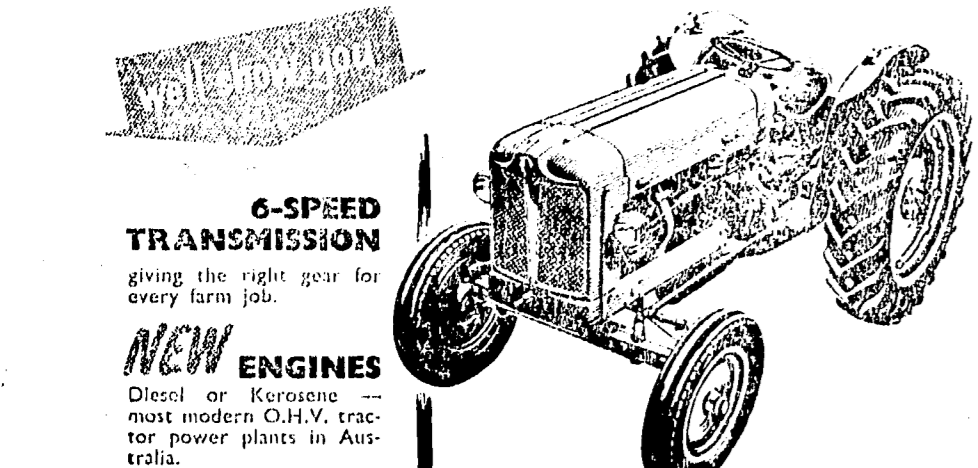
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BIRTHS

MILLS (nee Curwen-Walker) on January 16 at Beaufort District Hospital, the wife of Alex Mills - a son (Stephen Hilary, Curwen).

TILEY (nee Wigmore)—On Jan. 6 at District Hospital, Beaufort, to Shirie and Fred, a son, Colin James, brother to Keith.

TORNEY (nee Eastlake)—On Jan. 20 at Beaufort, to Muriel and Keith, a son (Denis John), brother for Dianne.

IN MEMORIAM

TILEY—In loving memory of my dear wife Esther Johanna Tiley and our dear mother who passed away, on 23rd January, 1953.

In silence we remember.—Inserted by her loving husband and family.

TILEY—In loving memory of dear sister-in-law Esther passed away 23rd January, 1953. So suddenly taken you were taken.

That we could not say goodbye.

All we have is a memory that will never die.—Inserted by loving brother-in-law, sister-in-law Vic. Pearl and family.

TILEY.—In loving memory of our dear sister-in-law and auntie Esther.

Beautiful memories treasured of happy days we spent together.—Mary, Andy and Family.

BOWLS

Wednesday night rink competition was won by Messrs. Smith, Acton and Matthews from a field of 29, the best master for the year.

The Bowls Club has now an independent water supply thanks to the Shire giving permission to draw water from the baths, and the sum of over £100 was spent by the Club.

The Club has installed an electric motor and pump to boost the pressure and the resultant good supply of water has been to the advantage of the green.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

Straight mine eye hath caught new pleasures Whilst the landscape near it measures.

Mountains on whose barren top the laboring clouds do often rest.

—John Milton.

LOCAL NEWS & NOTES

BAND KICHIRE Beaufort Town Band held a concert on Tuesday night.

Section 1 and 2, First and Second in Section 1 were divided by Messrs S. C. Coler and Neil, Mrs J. E. Day was the winner in Section 2, with Mrs A. Beer second.

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THISTLE CLUB

The Beaufort Thistle Club raised £160 for the local Hospital for the year.

Mr R. J. Millar (chief conductor) the billiard at the annual meeting of the Club, held at the Mechanics Institute on Wednesday night and eight members were present.

An apology was received for the absence of the secretary (Mr A. S. Duncan) owing to illness, and Mr N. S. McLeod acted as secretary.

Apologies were also received for the absence of Mrs R. T. Macdonald and Mr W. Thompson.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of thanks was received from the Beaufort Dispensary Hospital for a donation of £57.

The chief said the money was raised at two stalls for a humidor.

From M. G. Freestun-Neville, secretary Agricultural Society, asking club to meet in Park Improvement on 21st Jan.—Received.

From R. D. Waddell, Glasgow, in regard to supplying Jaggis, etc.—Received.

ACCOUNTS

Accounts amounting to £111 7 were passed for payment together with the secretary's bonus of £15.

BALANCE - SHEET

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BRIEF COUNCIL NOTES

The principal items of business at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Wednesday were:—

A letter was read from the C.R.B. to the effect that of the total amount of £1922 at the end of the shire of Ripon 65 per cent. would be available by June 30.

The Council was asked to arrange works accordingly. The engineer said it was a request to reduce their main roads expenditure by £800, which would be available till next year.

Council decided to do what works it could and carry on the rest to next year.

Letters were received from the C.R.B. in regard to Carnham S.S. roads.—As soon as the C.R.B. payments had been received arrangements for transport of local children to Ballarat for the Queen's visit.

On motion of Mrs. Schlicht and Riddoch, it was decided that the shire should be allowed three hours on Saturday mornings at time and a half to service their vehicles.

A motion was carried adopting the balance sheet for the year ended 30th Sept., 1953.

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WEDDINGS

CHARLES - BEER The local St. John the Baptist Church was beautifully decorated on Dec. 12th, 1953, for the wedding of Miss Mary Ann, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Allen Beer, Bourke St., Beaufort, to Mr and Mrs E. K. Charles, King St., Beaufort. Rev. Father O'Hagan officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was beautifully frocked in crisp white, featuring a strapless bodice with a billowing tulle skirt worn under a trained negligee of broderie anglaise.

The bride and her bridesmaids wore a single strand of pearls, the gifts of the groom. Mr Reg Lytle was best man and Mr John Reid, brother of the bride, groomsmen.

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FOUNDATION DAY SPORTS MEETING Preparations are well in hand for the Foundation Day Sports at Beaufort. On Thursday night, 14th Jan., at the Legion Club Rooms a meeting was held of the Legion and Cycle Club Committee conducting the sports. Mr Bert Pearce (president) presided, and 12 members attended. An apology received from Mr B. Neil for his absence.

CORRESPONDENCE A letter was received from the Central Axemen's Association in regard to registration. - Attended to. Ararat and Stawell amateur cyclists are competing that they would be staying on Foundation Day at Beaufort. - Received; it being stated that there were 15 to 20 riders coming from Ararat and nine from Stawell.

PERSONAL Mr Clarric Herbert, of Waterloo, has been very ill. He has been suffering from pneumonia. Mr Norman Jones, of Northcote, has been visiting relatives at Waterloo. Among the passengers who called for England on the Stratheden was Misses Hill and Norma Walsh, daughters of Mr and Mrs J. E. Wallish, of Lillie. They were accompanied by Miss Joan Akh. - Received. The girls are to be paraded in the arena, and the Legion and Cycle Club ladies are to be asked to appoint judges.

GENERAL BUSINESS The President, Mr Pearce, said they had received a lot of trophies from the business people. Mr Pitt read a list of trophies and donations from the following: - Mr A. J. Saph, Mr E. W. Warren, Mr W. Bridges, Mr P. Harris, B. & W. Co-Op., Mr W. Jackson, Mr R. Phill, Mrs C. Bennett, Mr P. Allen, Anonymous, Mr C. Bear, Mr T. W. Schlicht, Mr Skene, Messrs. Nicholls & Hosken, Messrs. J. H. Witherspoon & Co., Mr G. Grant, Mr A. Graham, Mr P. Haintz, Mr H. Norman, Mr E. Crouch, Mr H. T. Sloc, Messrs. Paul & Larsons, Messrs. Hyatt Bros., Mr G. Clifton, Mr M. Clark, Mr C. Stewart, Cougle's Drapery Emporium, and Mr W. Rowe.

R.S.L. BOWLING CLUB BALLARAT PENNANT An upset result in the Ballarat R.S.L. bowls was the loss of Beaufort to R.S.B.C. Division 4. R.S.B.C. was not in the leading bunch, while Beaufort was considered to have a strong hold on the division. In Division 5, Beaufort, 51, defeated Victoria 43. George McGregor, Whitfield, Glenister 6, lost to Hill, Whiting, Barnett, Radford 30. Riddoch 10, Moreschini, McLaughlin, Broderick, J. D. Smith, Schofield, Parker, James 18.

ROTTEN SNAKES Mr Arthur Vowles of Beaufort, killed a snake containing 17 young ones at "Ellinatta," Stockyard 18. LABOR PICNIC Mr E. Morton, M.L.A., advises all Labor supporters in the present Ripon electorate that the annual Labor picnic sponsored by the Ripon State Electoral Council will be held at the Ballarat Gardens on February 14, 1954, as arranged.

STARS OF THE AIR STUDIED BRAILLE TO HELP CHILDREN LEARNING Braille so that pupils among his friends' could get into clever children. A young A.B.C. listener for young writers, was the first task undertaken by child care to submit for entry to the contest. The A.B.C. Children's Section. "I felt I wanted more in a carefully hand-made book, direct contact with the world, and I received was from a 7-year-old who had really been sick. I just made it up!" One ambitious adventure from a girl of 14 ran to seven chapters, and a sprightly melody called "Muder in the Dark" suggested Daisy Hollois' "Young Visitors". A number of letters are also victims; one of the near contributions Argus has received was from a 9-year-old who said she was writing a book on a girl who wrote it being passion for words. Argus is marked. But it is always in this keen love of language and literature - as well as of children - that the competition judges will begin their work soon after the closing date for entries - the 25th Jan.

THE LEGION JANUARY MEETING Beaufort Sub-Branch of the Legion of Ex-Servicemen held their monthly meeting at the Club Rooms on Tuesday night, when several important matters were discussed. The chair was occupied by Mr G. Grant (president) and seven members were present. An account for 14/7 was passed for payment. A credit balance of £13/14/7 was reported.

CORRESPONDENCE Notice was received from the Agricultural Society of a meeting of societies using the Park. It is held on 21st January, to discuss improvements. It was asked that two delegates be appointed: Messrs. B. Neil and W. Williams to act as delegates. A letter was also received from the Patriotic Funds Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS The annual meeting was fixed for Thursday, 28th January on motion of Messrs. A. Trenove and P. Larsons. The appointment of Trustee was held over till annual meeting.

OBITUARY MISS MARY O'NEIL On Jan. 15 the death occurred at a private hospital at St. Kilda of Miss Mary O'Neil, second daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Wm. O'Neil, of Enock West, Stockyard Hill, Beaufort. She was the sister of Mr Richard J. O'Neil, of Ballarat.

PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURNED A public meeting, convened by the Progress Association to enable local children to see the decorations, was held at the Shire Hall on Monday night. Only three ladies and four townsmen attended. A. L. Mills presiding. It was decided to adjourn the meeting to a date to be fixed on Monday night, 29th Jan., being suggested.

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PARK IMPROVEMENT MEETING OF INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS A meeting of representatives of organisations interested in the improvement of the Beaufort Park was held at the Shire Hall on Thursday 21st January, 23 ladies and townsmen being present. Cr Jas. Kirkpatrick occupied the chair. Mr M. G. Freestun-Neville outlined the objects of the meeting, and stated that a discussion took place with Mr Linsten that afternoon about the Kitchen. Out of this meeting he anticipated a concrete proposal would come.

Mr Linsten - In the next stage after the Kitchen, they should proceed with the improvement, drainage and fencing. He would go £1500 for improving the oval. Mr Pitt said 10 per cent collected in commission on gateposts by the council should be set aside for funds. Mr Linsten - The estimated revenue for the year from the Park was £105, plus camping fees. Mr Freestun-Neville asked the possibility of the council procuring a mower.

Mr Linsten - He had been trying to get one but was unsuccessful. Mr Hodgetts - It behoved the Shire Council to keep it in order. Rev. A. L. Mills urged the secretaries of the societies to send down in and it might be finalised at the next Council meeting. A future committee effort should be the building of a Town Hall.

Mr B. New said at a meeting of a working bee they had to have the assurance that the people would be there. In the event of the manpower being there he could see that the thing could be achieved quickly and would be something to the credit of the town. Mr Linsten said he felt there would not be much trouble in getting someone to build the Kitchen when the booth was sited.

Mr Hodgetts moved a resolution that the council in regard to building of the Kitchen and the building of the public booth, asking for the public's booth to be removed by voluntary labour, and the date to be fixed by arrangement of the committee. Seconded by Rev. A. L. Mills and carried.

Mr Freestun-Neville moved that they recommend to the Council the provision of £1400 for the present salary to the public booth to the effect of £400 from the council funds and public contribute another £400. Seconded by Mr C. Hodgetts and carried.

Mr Exell pointed out that the £400 of support to the Progress Association, and said they would be pleased to see as many as here tonight at their meetings to make it a larger body than was in February.

Mr Linsten said he had seconded the original motion that the house be bought, and was not going back on anything he said or did. He thought that in view of the large number of ratepayers who had signed it that it should be discussed. Presenting the petition did not mean that he concurred with it. The ratepayers thought they should not provide houses for employees unless compensated. He thought they had some grievance as far as the eight ratepayers concerned. Engineers now received something in the vicinity of £2000 and that could be revised to compensate them by 7 per cent of the capital on his house.

Mr Linsten - He had received some shocks lately in regard to rent. The Housing Commission had a house vacant and would not allow it to a man with two children - another man had been paid £5 for two rooms. They had to adjust themselves to the present day rentals. Mr Schlicht said Cr Buchanan had been against buying a house. The petitioner had claimed that 95 per cent of the ratepayers were against building residences for employees unless compensated.

Mr Riddoch - These ratepayers were evidently under the impression that the house would be bought. He agreed with Cr Schlicht that if they charged the assistant secretary they would have to bring the engineer into line. They could not let one have a house rent free and charge another. Cr Guthrie said at one stage the Commission house was 6 per cent.

Mr Schlicht - He was told the Commission houses here just £3400. In answer to Cr Buchanan the secretary said that the contractor was in the process of putting the building together to be brought up here. The secretary - He had no idea how they were going to pay for it.

Mr Kirkpatrick - Times had altered since the engineer was appointed, and he agreed with Cr Schlicht and Riddoch that they should discuss the matter with the engineer and get some rent. Mr Grimmer - He was willing to pay rent, but not an excessive rent.

In answer to Cr Schlicht, Mr Grimmer said he would not be prepared to pay £5/10 per week for the present salary to the public booth. He thought 7 per cent a high five per cent would be £4 per week. Mr Acton provided his own house and there should be special advantages for other ratepayers. Mr Acton committed themselves to take the house. If Mr Acton retired to-morrow they had to get a house for the secretary, and they wanted a new house.

Mr Guthrie - They appointed Mr Grimmer on the understanding that they would provide him with or find him a house. They could not get unemployed into the existing houses being suitable. He thought they did the right thing in contracting to buy the house. They had to consider the petition would not be taken into account. The demand that the contract be cancelled and the matter revised; also fixing of rent at 4 per cent of the capital value. The clause about trying to dodge a poll of ratepayers was unfair. As they promised the assistant secretary a house they should honour that promise. Seven per cent was too high.

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PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING Important matters came before the monthly meeting of the Progress Association at the Shire Hall on Monday night.

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PERSONAL Dr. Gordon Little has been away on holidays, and on his return Dr. Clifford Wright will take his holidays.

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Riponshire Council) (Continued from Page 4) Report of Electricity Supply Committee.

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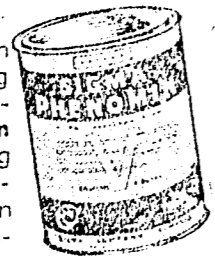
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was in conformity with the Council's suggestions, and Modesty Lane South. Cr. Russell asked how long it would take to get sand out. The engineer — The Council had to submit a preliminary report before finance could be made available. Cr. Russell — It was most important to get it done before winter, and he would like to see it started as soon as possible. The engineer — He would have to get outside contractors. They did not agree with his report on Stoneleigh. Cr. Guthrie supported Cr. Russell. The Skipton R.S.L. was asking the League to press the Commission re Stoneleigh roads. Priority should be given to settlement roads. Closer settlement meant more production, and they should try to provide amenities. Cr. Buchanan — Unless they got contractors. They did not seem to have much chance of doing it before the winter. Cr. Guthrie — He realised that they could not go ahead till the finance was cleared up. The engineer said he recommended that the stone be left as it was and material carted in, and the officers were inspecting. The ratio had been made. He estimated £18,000 for Carngham. Cr. Guthrie moved that as soon as the ratio of costs on all soldier settlements to be roaded was arrived at, these roads be given priority. Seconded by Cr. Russell and carried. Cr. Russell stressed that their plant was put on Erambeen because the contractor would not start. Contractors should be put on the other roads, and the work expedited to the limit. Engineer to report on roading S.S. estates, on motion of Crs. Riddoch and Russell.

From Soldier Settlement Commission, re gravel pit Mt. Emu Estate, stating they were prepared to assist with fencing to the extent of £169. Cr. Guthrie — He thought that the conditions were that the Council pay for the land, and transfer and survey fees would be shared 50-50. The hitch was that the Commission would not agree to half the cost of incidentals. The position was most unsatisfactory, and the Commission should be written to clarify the position, asking them to bear half the cost of fencing, survey and transfer fees, and incidental expenses; the Commission to arrange for fencing. He moved to that effect. In reply to Cr. Schlicht, Cr. Guthrie said the survey would be only a few pounds in the opinion of Mr Stevenson. The matter had been dragging on over a year. Cr. Hinton seconded the motion, which was carried.

From Premier's Department, stating that name suggested (Queen Elizabeth) for Infant Welfare Centre cannot be recommended. — The secretary — They had official sanction to open it. Cr. Schlicht moved that it be called Beaufort Infant Welfare Centre, as suggested by the secretary. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick and carried.

From Crown Law Department concerning appointment of President as Justice of the Peace, and stating it was in the hands of Mr Duggan, S.M. — Received.

From Public Works Department, stating that a special order had been granted for closing certain roads against timber jinkers. — Notices to be put on roads accordingly (Back Raglan, Wilkinson's and Pitcher's), on motion of Crs. Kirkpatrick and Riddoch.

From Health Department, re alterations, etc., required at Infant Welfare Centre and official consent to opening. — The engineer — The alterations were on the way; cost against grant. The total expenditure to date was £6324 out of £6600. Daylesford had been advised to inspect Beaufort Centre as a model for theirs. — Opening to be left till completely furnished and working.

Letter from Baby Health Auxiliary, asking when it can be used, and giving information as to furnishings required. — Cr. Guthrie moved that the Sister be informed that she could use the building forthwith, and that the N.R. councillors meet the Ladies' Auxiliary re furnishings. Seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.

From Department of Welfare, re naturalisation certificates for new Australians; to be sent to Clerk of Council for S.M. — Received.

From Soil Conservation Authority, re completion of 1954, with entry forms. Assistant - Secretary said entries closed on the following Monday. — Referred to individual councillors.

Cr. Riddoch moved that they provide a trophy to the value of £10 for the best in Ripon Shire. It should be encouraged. Seconded by Cr. Schlicht, and carried.

From Shire of Hampden, stating it was unable to agree to joint patrolman, etc., at Skipton, as present arrangements were suitable to Hampden. — Cr. Guthrie — But was it suitable to the people of Skipton. — Applicant for position to be informed that none available, and Skipton Progress Association to be written to, on motion of Crs. Russell and Guthrie. Cr. Guthrie — He was very disappointed that Hampden had turned it down — they were making a great mistake.

From Skipton Progress Association, re rubbish tip. It was stated that the present site was the only one suitable, and a quarter-mile from the creek. — The secretary said the departmental and local health inspectors visited Skipton to obtain another site. They suggested that a block of land be purchased from Mrs. Cluff. It could be pitted and covered. Cr. Guthrie — Something had to be done as it was unhygienic and breeding rats. He moved that the Progress Association be written to outlining the suggestion of the inspector, and stating that the Council felt rather than buy Mrs. Cluff's land a site could be made available on the Common, and asking the opinion of the Association. This had been going on for 15 years. Cr. Russell — Thirty years. He seconded Cr. Guthrie's motion, which was carried.

From Skipton Progress Association, re arrangements for Queen's visit to Ballarat. — Received. Cr. Russell said a letter had been sent from Snake Valley school within a week of receiving it. The secretary — They did not get it.

From C. F. Loxley, re valuation, forwarding cards brought up to date. — The secretary said he wrote asking Mr Loxley to serve the valuations. Cr. Schlicht — Mr Loxley did not propose to meet those appealing here. The secretary said they had till the end of February to appeal. After further discussion, Cr. Schlicht said after ratepayers had lodged an appeal, the secretary should notify ratepayers that a date would be fixed for them to meet the valuer here. The valuations were too low really, but not uniform. It was decided, on the motion of Crs. Schlicht and Riddoch, that an advertisement be inserted in the Press that all ratepayers intending to object to valuations have them in before 28th Feb, with a view to arranging a conference with the valuer. Cr. Riddoch said a date for the conference could then be arranged.

From T. S. Johnston, asking for increase of 6d per pan per week for sanitary service, Beaufort, or the Council to supply and maintain a motor truck. — The secretary said the contractor handled 335 pans a week. — Referred to N.R. members with power to act, on motion of Crs. Schlicht and Russell.

Two cases of infectious diseases (whooping cough and rubella) were reported.

The Health Inspector reported re hairdressers' regulations, septic tanks, food premises, and hotels, and asked that authority to act in court be completed. — Received, and authority given, on motion of Crs. Riddoch and Russell.

Dr. G. Little, Beaufort, reported for Novr. that there were no cases of notifiable diseases. Many cases of virus influenza were noted and pneumonia was a complication in a considerable proportion of cases. There were a few cases of measles. He also reported that there were no notifiable diseases during Decr., and that infectious diseases were less in evidence than the previous month. — Received.

From Sister G. M. Renfree, Baby Health Centre, reporting the following attendances: — Beaufort 203 quarter, 953 year; Snake Valley 118 quarter, 333

year, 1265 year; Skipton 96 quarter, 526 year, 1265 year; Beaufort 203 quarter, 953 year; Snake Valley 118 quarter, 333 year, 1265 year.

From M. G. Burton-Neville, Secretary Agricultural Society, re Park Improvement and asking for representative organisations to discuss matter. — Referred to N.R. members with power to act, on motion of Crs. Schlicht and Russell.

From S.S. Commission, asking for quotations for culverts Carngham S.S. Estate. — To be put in at owner's cost on motion of Crs. Guthrie and Russell.

From Municipal Association, forwarding list of acts passed in 1953 session. — The assistant - secretary read the requirements in regard to long service leave. The engineer — It had been suggested to Lexington Council that a sum be earmarked for the purpose. Cr. Guthrie moved that the secretary draw up a scheme on the lines of Lexington, and present it to next meeting. Seconded by Cr. Russell and carried.

From Shire of Mortlake, re conference concerning financing of S.S. roads, asking that assistance of local member be sought, and stating that Council would be advised of date of deputation. — Local member to be contacted, on motion of Crs. Guthrie and Hinton.

From Beaufort Rifle Club, thanking Council for help and co-operation in granting permission for proposed extension to firing range. — Received.

From C.R.B., re Skipton road, asking whether portion left from deviation could be closed, and if necessary sold. — The secretary said they had already been informed that the Council was agreeable to the sale of the reserve to adjoining landholders.

From Analytical Laboratory, Melbourne, stating that samples of milk and sausage meat complied with standard, and that no samples had been received for quarter ended Dec. 31. — Received.

From Government Auditor, enclosing report for year ending Sept. 30, 1953. — Received.

From L. J. Greenbank & Son, Snake Valley, drawing attention to bad state of road leading to their homestead, known as Burdett's road. They would also like repairs to Morcombe's Lane. — Referred to engineer.

Secretary's Report
The secretary (Mr Acton) reported that receipts for the month were £21,520/4/5 and cheques paid £10,731; the Cr. balance on 20th Jan. being £4439/17/10. — Received. The secretary said the receipts included £11,000 electricity loan, which was paid out again that day.

Ridings Account. — North Dr. £9778/11/5, East Dr. £1423 17/3, West Cr. £8569/0/9, Beaufort Water Supply Dr. £1208/16/9, Snake Valley Water Supply Dr. £100/12/8, Trust A/c. Cr. £11291/9/3. — Received.

Accounts were passed for, on motion of Crs. Schlicht and Kirkpatrick, as follows: — General £24,572/2/7, C.R.B. payments £1196/2/1, Plant Depreciation £2000, Loan A/c. £975 12/6. — Included in the accounts were £11,000 for the electricity undertaking and £8000 for plant.

Electricity Undertaking
The engineer said the SEC. line from Erilldoune would be here by June.

Cr. Buchanan said the reticulation would be renewed over the years.

In answer to Cr. Buchanan, the secretary said the S.E.C. did not take over the iron shed.

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