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To the Members,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Council has pleasure in presenting the following report of proceedings of the Society for the year 1943.

Honour for President.

Your Council desires at the outset to record its pleasure at the decision of the Royal Agricultural Society of England to appoint Sir Charles E. Merrett, the President of this Society since 1915, as an Honorary Member in recognition of his services in promoting the objects for which the Royal Agricultural Society of England was established.

Believing that all members will be interested, the letter received by the President and his reply thereto are set out hereunder, and a reproduction of the printed Certificate and metal Badge of Honorary Membership appear elsewhere in this booklet.

London, 20th May, 1943.

Dear Sir,

It affords me very great pleasure to inform you that the Council of the Society, of which I have the honour to be President, has, at its meeting held here to-day, conferred its Honorary Membership upon you in recognition of your long and valuable services to the Agricultural Industry, and the interests of the primary producers in your State.

The Council has felt for some time that this, the premier Agricultural Society of the mother country, should endeavour to form a closer association with representatives of similar bodies overseas, all of whom are working for the same ultimate ends in these difficult days.

The High Commissioner in London, The Right Hon. S. M. Bruce, most kindly attended the Council Meeting and received the Certificate and Badge of your Honorary membership on your behalf. He has undertaken to forward these to you at the first available opportunity and I trust that they may reach you safely. A copy of the proceedings of the meeting will be posted to you when printed.

In recording the pleasure it gives to the Council and myself in conveying this token of recognition to you, may I express the hope that in happier days, in the future, we may be given an opportunity of extending a cordial personal welcome to you, on the occasion of one of our annual "Royal Shows" in this country.

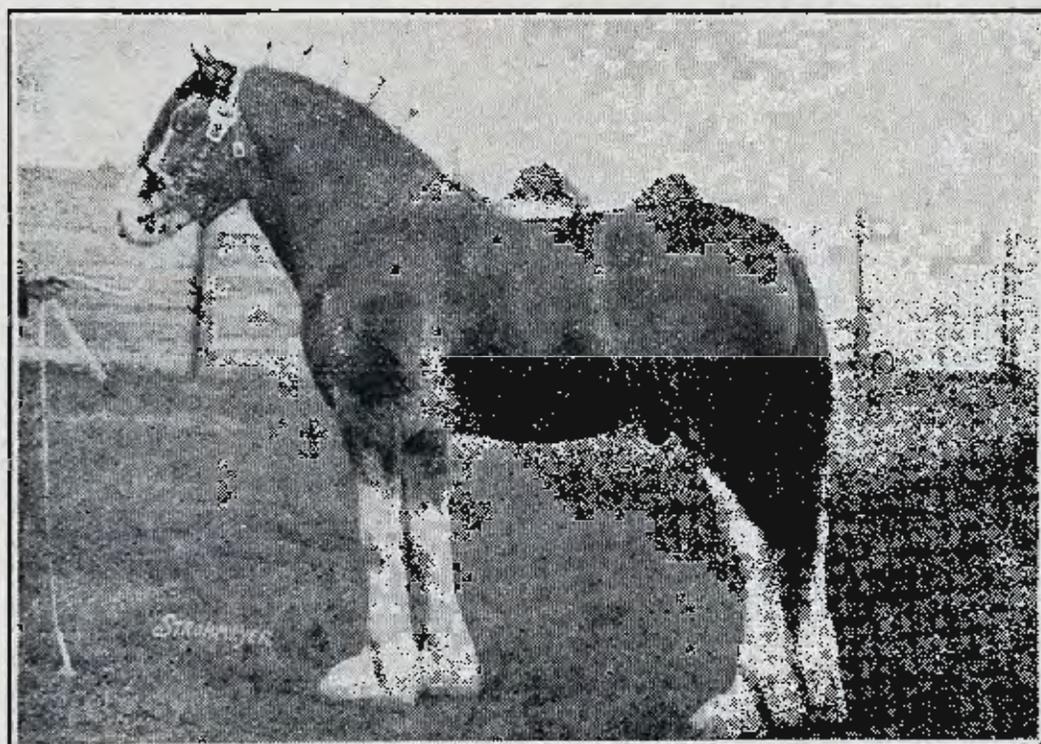
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Melbourne, 9th September, 1943.

My Lord,—

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th May last, informing me that the Council of the Society of which you are the honoured President, has conferred its Honorary Membership upon me in recognition of my services in promoting the objects for which your Society was established.

I have received a Certificate and Badge through the kind offices of our High Commissioner, the Rt. Hon. Stanley Bruce, P.C., C.H., M.C., and the Rt. Hon. John Curtin, P.C., Prime Minister of Australia. The Hon. the Premier of Victoria, in a congratulatory letter, expressed the gratification of his Government at the recognition which your Society has been pleased to confer.

I am deeply sensible of this high honour, and the generous reference to my association with the Agricultural Industry and interests of the primary producers in Victoria, make it difficult for me to adequately express my sincere appreciation for the recognition which you, as President, and members of your Council have seen fit to bestow, and to you and to them I offer my grateful thanks.

I am pleased to learn of your desire to form a closer association with representatives of similar bodies overseas, for although the Oceans may divide us, we surely are British still throughout the wide, wide world. The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria for many years has followed with the greatest interest the proceedings of your Society with considerable advantage, and your recent action of recognition will be a further incentive to us to follow the splendid lead you have already given.

I join with you in the hope of happier days in the future, and wish to thank you for your suggestion of a personal welcome to one of your Annual "Royal" Shows later on, but my day is far spent and I am afraid that I shall have to content myself with the memories of my visits to the "Royal" Shows at Chester in 1893, where I walked round the city on the old Roman walls; at Shrewsbury in 1914, as the guest of Messrs. Clayton and Shuttleworth (Lincoln); at Leicester in 1924, as the guest of Messrs. John Fowler and Co. (Leeds); and at Wolverhampton in 1937, when your Society extended a most cordial welcome to Overseas Visitors with a courtesy and kindness which I can never forget.

I can only thank you sincerely for your letter, and for the kindly thought which prompted it.

Yours Sincerely,

CHAS. E. MERRETT,

President.

Sectional Efforts.

Whilst a continuance of the adverse conditions related in last year's report again precluded your Council from conducting a Royal Horse Show and other sectional efforts similar to those organised in 1940 and 1941, it supported the fourth Annual Show and Sale conducted by the Victorian Branch of the Australian Society of Breeders of British Sheep, contributed half the prize money, and awarded R.A.S. Prize Cards, for which there was keen competition.

This Society's staff also carried out the general secretarial work in connection with the second Annual Dog Show conducted as a combined effort for all Clubs affiliated with the Kennel Control Council, and as a result of which patriotic funds benefited by £336.



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Associated Bodies.

Under the arrangements referred to in last year's report this Society's staff has carried out the secretarial and administrative work of the associated bodies, the activities of which are briefly referred to in following paragraphs.

Not only has the number of associated bodies been increased during the year, but practically all have gained strength in membership and several have instituted progressive developments.

Your Council has noted with satisfaction that under the prevailing difficult conditions it has been possible to maintain the standard of service to those Societies whose work is of such national importance—particularly in relation to the future of stud stock breeding in this country.

The Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (Federal Council and Victorian Branch).

The Victorian Branch Committee has noted during the year that the economic value of the horse has been recognised in some spheres and there are many more horses engaged on short haulage work than has been the case for some years.

The manpower shortage has however, prevented any great development in horse usage, whilst the droughty conditions which prevailed in many districts, have had an adverse effect on the use of horses in agricultural circles and the combined results have been that many farmers were forced to adopt mechanical methods of farming and traction.

Continued lack of the usual railway facilities and experienced help has, unfortunately, seriously curtailed breeding activities, and unless some authoritative action is taken to stimulate interest and encourage breeding, the position will soon become serious from the national viewpoint.

The influx of horses from the drought affected areas has kept prices at an unusually low level for some months, but nevertheless animals of outstanding quality have realised satisfactory prices on the main metropolitan markets, indicating that quality is always in demand.

The Federal Council of the Society, which is now in its twenty-third year, has recently distributed the thirteenth volume of its Stud Book, which contains the pedigrees of 194 stallions, 929 numbered mares with progeny, together with 69 new Appendix B mares, and particulars of additional progeny from 2396 numbered mares, 460 Appendix B and 303 Appendix A females registered in previous volumes.

The attention of the Commonwealth Government has been drawn to the position of the horse breeding industry and the economic value of horses has been stressed in the hope that some action will be taken to improve conditions for both breeder and user and so retain the national asset which horses undoubtedly represent.

The Society has always urged its members—of whom there are now 329 in Victoria out of a total of 763—to steadfastly endeavour to raise the general standard of our horses and eradicate unsoundness or other imperfections, thus improving their usefulness and lasting qualities.

It would therefore be disastrous if under the stress of war conditions, the horse breeding industry was permitted to languish, and the results of more than twenty years of sustained effort be lost, for although this is regarded as a mechanical age, horses will be essential for the proper setting up and thorough working of small farms allotted under closer settlement or other national schemes after the war, and

will no doubt be extensively used in the huge developmental works which are to be undertaken.

The Australian bred horse compares more than favourably with that from any part of the world, and can adapt himself to the varying climatic conditions. He can be produced, maintained and replaced on the farm with the products of the farm and every effort should therefore be made to preserve such a wonderful asset.

The cancellation of Royal Shows in all States has been a severe setback to breeders and it is hoped that many more provincial centres will find it possible to conduct Shows in 1944, thus providing further opportunities for competition which has such an encouraging and inspiring effect.

The Australian Pony Stud Book Society.

The necessary secretarial work in connection with the reception of entries and inspection of ponies owned by members of the Society in Victoria is still being carried out in this office.

The number of applications for registration for inclusion in Volume 3 of the Stud Book received from Victorian breeders has shown an increase as compared with the previous year.

The demand for good type ponies is at a high level and there is much activity in pony circles.

There is every indication that not only will this demand be maintained but it will increase with the resumption of normal activities after the war. A number of breeders are now embarking on comprehensive breeding programmes, and wherever there is opportunity to exhibit, competition is very keen.

Your Council nominated Mr. S. A. Greaves for re-appointment as Victorian representative on the Council of the Society.

The Shorthorn Society of Australia (Federal Council and Victorian Branch).

The beef raising industry has never previously been of such national importance and its resources are being strained to the utmost to meet the demands of the fighting services, export requirements and civilian needs. As a result a great amount of thought has been given to methods by which increases in quantity and quality can be obtained.

The Society has been pleased to note that the success which followed the introduction of pure bred sires on some of the larger cattle stations, has led to a wider recognition of the Shorthorn's sterling qualities and they are being used more extensively.

Realizing the value of the opportunity thus provided to demonstrate the true value of the Shorthorn as a herd improver and producer of beef of the highest quality, stud breeders have responded freely and it is safe to say that at no time since the Herd Book was first established by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria in 1911, have prospects from the breed point of view been brighter.

During the year the compilation of the eleventh volume was undertaken and copies will be available for distribution at an early date. The volume contains the pedigrees of 173 bulls, 887 cows with produce, together with particulars of additional progeny from 1652 cows registered in previous volumes, and information concerning all notifications of transfer of ownership.

Despite the fact that conditions have not permitted the holding of Royal Shows in the various States for some years, the Society has

done its utmost to stimulate interest and has encouraged breeders to exhibit in Competitions and Sales conducted by the United Stud Beef Cattle Breeders' Association and so retain the competitive spirit which is so essential to progress.

These competitions have been conducted in a manner which reflected great credit on all concerned, and the results have been very satisfactory, both from the point of view of numbers and quality, whilst prices obtained have been encouraging.

Although the manpower shortage has had an adverse effect and some breeders have found themselves unable to devote the time to their cattle which stud breeding necessitates, the membership of the Society has been well maintained and there were 142 financial members at the end of the year.

The Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia.

This Association has experienced another satisfactory year despite adverse seasonal conditions in parts of the Commonwealth and the serious position in which breeders are placed owing to the shortage of labour. Twenty-four new members have been enrolled and the total membership, which now stands at 121, has doubled in the last four years. There is a consistent enquiry for stock and the indications are that the rapid growth of the Association will continue. The Committee has noted that among dairy farmers there is a definite inclination to favour the dual purpose bull and with the demand for beef of good quality, there is great scope within the dairying industry for Dairy Shorthorns.

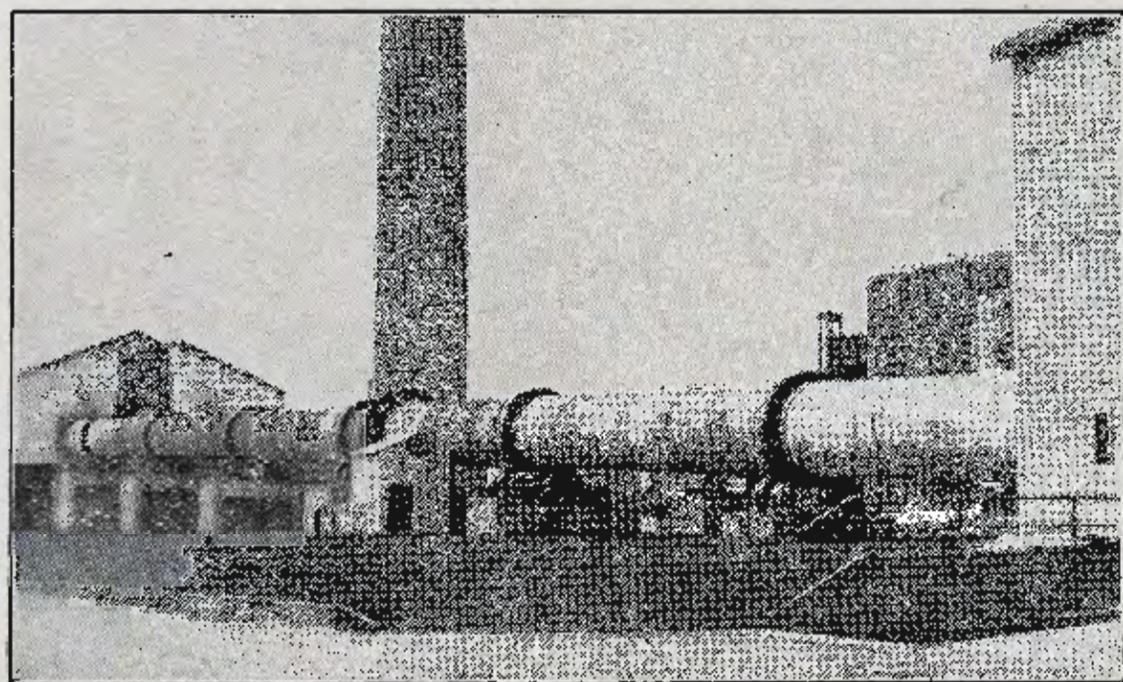
Entries for Volume 3 of the Herd Book will close at the end of the year and compilation will be taken in hand immediately thereafter. To date 865 entries have been received, together with particulars of produce. Notifications of additional produce of cows registered in previous volumes, changes of ownership and other particulars have also been furnished.

At the Annual General Meeting of Members held in October it was decided that if at all practicable a sale be conducted in 1944 and prizes be offered by the Association in each of three classes of bulls, viz.: under 18 months; 18 months old and under 24 months, and 24 months old and over.

The breed is well represented in the Advanced Register of Merit recently issued by the Department of Agriculture of Victoria, to qualify for which a cow must have produced under Victorian Standard Herd Test (273 days lactation) a mature equivalent yield of at least 400 lb. butterfat for four consecutive years. The Association has congratulated Mr. W. K. Atkinson of Swan Hill on the performance of his cow, "Willow Park Duchess 35th," which with a yield of 18,515 lb. milk, 3.73 per cent test and 691 lb. butterfat is the Reserve Champion cow for 1942-43.

There is much interest among breeders at the recent announcement by Sir Charles McCann, Liaison Officer for the Livestock Export Group in Great Britain, that he hoped at least one ship would be placed at the disposal of Australian and New Zealand breeders at an early date for the transport of live stock from the United Kingdom. There is ample scope for a number of imported Dairy Shorthorn sires and females of the highest quality, and the time is eagerly awaited when transport facilities will be made available.

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**The Red Poll Cattle Breeders' Association of Australia
(Federal Council and Victorian Branch).**

Since the foundation of this Association in 1918, the Red Poll breed has consistently gained new adherents throughout the Commonwealth. Satisfactory progress is reported by the Committee and the total membership strength has been slightly increased during the past year. It is noted that existing conditions have served to bring into even greater prominence the capacity of Red Polls in the production of first quality meat and milk, and breeders are confidently anticipating a steady demand for their stock, as a constantly increasing number of dairymen are using dual purpose bulls with their herds. As the main enquiry is for bulls from tested dams, members are being urged wherever possible to submit their herds for official test in order that they may thus obtain the greatest benefit from the present trend. In this connection the Branch Committee has noted that the report of the Victorian Government Herd Test for 1942-43, reveals that Red Poll herds tested during the year attained figures which are greatly to the credit of the breed.

Entries for Volume 12 of the Herd Book have been coming in steadily and to date 1226 have been received. The vast majority are for animals in classes AA and A. The Federal Council has announced that entries for the Volume will close with Branch Secretaries on 30th June, 1944.

The Rules of the Association have been amended to provide for payment, as from 1st January next, of 1/- for the recording of each live calf, this amount to be deducted from the fee charged when the animal is subsequently registered in the Herd Book.

A proposal that the Association publish a scale of points based on the Breed Standard Description for use of Students and Novice Breeders as a score card, has been referred to the various Branch Committees for further consideration.

At the Annual General Meeting of Members of the Victorian Branch, the incoming Committee was directed to make enquiries, and if possible organise a Red Poll show and sale in 1944.

**The Ayrshire Cattle Herd Book Society of Australia
(Federal Council and Victorian Branch).**

This Society, which is the oldest of the Dairy Breed Societies in Australia, being established in 1891 and publishing its first Herd Book in 1892, has during the past year issued the 35th volume of its Herd Book.

The various volumes of the Herd Book were published at irregular intervals until 1917, since when a Volume has been issued regularly each year.

The publication of Volume 35 last year brings the total number of registered animals to 11,660 bulls and 35,976 cows.

In addition to the Herd Book the Society annually publishes a booklet containing test records of registered females tested under the Government Standard Herd Testing Scheme, which is eagerly sought by breeders, who find the records of immense value as a guide when selecting stock especially bulls.

This publication was originally issued by the Federal Council, but since 1940 the Branches have undertaken the responsibility and last year the Victorian Branch issued the 3rd edition of its booklet which was widely distributed to members and other interested persons and organisations.

In pursuance of its policy that all surplus funds should be invested in War Loans, the Victorian Branch has subscribed the sum of £550 to various loans. The interest from these investments is annually donated to a patriotic fund and last year the total amount earned was contributed to the Australian Red Cross Society.

During the year a large number of Ayrshires was selected for export overseas and the fact that they were sent at the present shows clearly the high regard in which Australian Ayrshires are held wherever they have been exported in the past.

Owing to transport and other difficulties, no meeting of the Federal Council was held during the year, as Branches were unanimously of opinion that meetings should be deferred until a more favourable time.

The Friesian Cattle Club of Australia
(Federal Council and Victorian Branch).

It is now twenty-two years since the Victorian Branch of this Club was constituted, although for a much longer period the breed has made its presence felt throughout the State.

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During the year the Branch invested the sum of £100 in war funds.

One of the most important steps taken was to extend the means usable to identify animals for registration purposes. Now breeders may choose between tattoo-branding, photographing or sketching.

The war-time difficulties of travel precluded meetings of the Federal Council, but the work of the Club was carried on by consultations with the General President, and the fifteenth volume of the Herd Book will be issued as soon as sufficient entries are received.

The Guernsey Cattle Society of Australasia (Victorian Branch).

Since 1927 when Victorian breeders of Guernseys obtained direct representation on the Federal Council of the Society by forming themselves into a Branch, there has been an unbroken series of increases in membership.

For this the Society is indebted to a great extent to those breeders who imported the best in high-class stock from Guernsey Island and to the fact that there is not a Guernsey in Australia whose pedigree does not trace back in an uninterrupted line to such importations.

Progress is attributable also to the thoughtful development by stud masters of the quality in these lines. This year the title of Annual Champion Herd under Victorian Government Standard Herd Test was secured by Captain A. E. T. Payne's stud with the excellent average actual production of 506 lb. of butterfat in 273 days. Since then his "Yarraview Le Mode" broke the Victorian 273 days' all-breeds record and Australian breed record with 975.8 lb. of butterfat. It is considered likely that this also constitutes an Empire breed-record.

As in the case of most Societies and Branches the exigencies of war-time rural production led to a minimum of meetings and other activities.

Volume 14 of the Herd Book was issued by the Federal Council, and as forecast in the previous year's report, Victorian breeders were well represented in it in entries and membership.

The Australian Illawarra Shorthorn Society (Victorian Branch).

The Branch has been accorded satisfactory support by its members and the introduction during the year of a considerable number of high class animals from New South Wales, maintained the interest of breeders and contributed towards a further increase in membership.

Several breeders still found it possible to submit their herds for the Government Standard Herd Test and some excellent production figures have been attained.

The war-time demand for an increase in dairy products and the publicity given to "A.I.S." performances under test in this and other States, has materially increased interest in this Australian breed of dairy cattle which, as its name indicates, was founded by the pioneers of the Illawarra district of New South Wales and has been soundly developed by succeeding generations of stud masters during the past 150 years.

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warra Milking Shorthorn Society of Australia and since its inception has regularly published Herd Books. During this year the Federal Council completed the publication and distribution of Volume 8. The herds of Victorian breeders are well represented in the Volume, which contains the pedigrees of 6352 individual animals and it augurs well for the future that this number of registrations is the second highest submitted for a publishing period. Registrations from Victorian breeders are coming in consistently for inclusion in Volume 9, entries for which will close in April, 1944.

The Australian Jersey Herd Society (Victorian Branch).

From a small band of 17 enthusiasts who in 1917 decided to form a Branch of the Society in this State, the membership has steadily grown until last year it passed the 800 mark.

The number of stock annually registered has also grown in proportion and for some years past an average of over 16,000 registrations have been handled.

As is revealed in the latest issue of the Test Booklet published by the Branch, Jerseys were again to the fore in the Government Herd Test during the past year, as the 6 leading herds in the section for herds of over 25 cows, 5 of the 6 leading herds in the section for herds of 15 to 24 cows and the 6 leaders in the section for herds of 10 to 14 cows were owned by members of the Branch. In the seven classes for individual cows, Jerseys filled 34 of the top 42 places.

The Voluntary Classification Scheme instituted in 1936 is steadily gaining in popularity and for the past season over 100 herds were submitted, with the result that the Classification Board was not able to complete its tour prior to the end of the year. Although final figures are not available, it is certain that the number of classified cows will now be increased to over 2000.

As a further development of the idea behind the establishment of its voluntary classification scheme, the Branch Committee is at its forthcoming meeting to consider the introduction of a scheme under which every female submitted for registration in the Society's Herd Book must pass an inspection whilst in milk before registration is granted.

The demand for Jersey stock has been strong and at auction sales held in the spring, record prices were paid for both females and bulls. At one sale over 300 guineas each was paid for two cows and 11 females sold averaged 166½ guineas.

During the year the Branch contributed a further £500 to War Loans, making its total contribution £1500, in addition to the sum of £400 which was loaned to the Government free of interest.

The twenty-ninth volume of the Society's Herd Book was published by the Federal Council during the year.

The Victorian United Cow Test Association.

In previous reports attention was drawn to the fact that the number of local Herd Testing Associations affiliated with the V.U.C.T.A. throughout the State had been materially reduced owing to the enlistment of certificated herd testers and the impossibility of securing competent persons to carry on their work, quite apart from the withdrawal of herds from test on account of the extreme shortage of labour in rural areas.

The Association is pleased to report a partial recovery of its position as a result of the training and subsequent certification of

several members of the Women's Land Army, whose services as competent testers enabled several units to recommence operations.

It is hoped that from the same source sufficient candidates will be available for training as testers by the Supervisor of Herd Testing, whose services were temporarily lost to the Herd Testing movement through his appointment as Chairman of a Regional War Agricultural Committee, but who has now been returned to the Department following a deputation from the V.U.C.T.A., which also urged that the Government should increase the amount of subsidy payable to district Herd Testing Associations.

The Government's decision to provide increased subsidies was accompanied by terms as to the rate of pay and conditions of employment of testers, and also made the future payment of subsidies contingent on every animal tested being tattooed for identification purposes.

These terms and conditions were readily endorsed by the V.U.C.T.A. Council, which is now engaged in an endeavour to ensure implementation of a five-point plan for the future of Herd Testing, which was adopted at the last Annual General Conference. This plan is largely based on the work now being carried on so effectively in other dairying countries:—

1. That a Dairy Board, similar to that which controls the industry in New Zealand, be set up in Australia. That adequate representation of the production side of the industry be provided on this Board, also that suitable machinery be set up in each State to control the production and the marketing work of the industry.

2. That a technical committee of 8 members be appointed to assist the V.U.C.T.A. Council in its deliberations in such work as dairy

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farm economics and sire surveys. That there be 4 members of the Council, one each for Gippsland, Western, Goulburn Valley and the North-east, and 4 co-opted members to be the Superintendent of Dairying; a Livestock Science Officer; Secretary Dairy Breed Societies; and the State Supervisor of Herd Testing.

3. That this conference considers that the time has arrived when the breeders and farmers should unite to plan the breeding of better dairy cows, with greater certainty. That the testing of dairy cows and the work of carrying out sire-surveys be appreciated as being of national importance.

4. Because of its great contribution to the development of the dairy industry, and its educational work, the Federal Government be asked to provide funds to assist in this work. It is suggested that this help be by direct subsidy, or by a levy in the industry, as is the case in the sister Dominion of New Zealand.

5. That adequate facilities be provided in each State for the training of herd testers, and that the salary paid be not less than the basic wage in the industry.

Australian Cattle Research Association (Victorian Branch).

This Association has been enabled to continue its financial support of scientific investigations into Bang's Disease at the Glenfield Research Station in New South Wales, and also the investigation into causes and prevention of mastitis in dairy cattle, which is the main responsibility of this Branch, as it is being conducted in Victoria by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research on behalf of the Association.

A comprehensive report recently submitted to the Federal Council of the Association is the eighth of a series detailing the work performed, and contains a summary of the more important observations made since the experimental herd was established in July, 1935.

The investigation is not now confined to the experimental herd but has been extended to cover observations in several commercial herds and the accumulated data are now being examined with a view to the publication of a second scientific report.

The Australian Society of Breeders of British Sheep (Federal Council and Victorian Branch).

The advancement of this Society since it was formed to take over control of the Flock Book, has been remarkable. The first volume of the Flock Book for British Breeds of Sheep in Australia contained less than 100 flock histories, and was published by the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria in 1898.

During the year under review the Federal Council published the 35th volume of the Flock Book, containing the record total of 2578 histories of flocks throughout Australia.

The excellent work being carried out by Branch Committees in the various States should ensure the continuation of the progress of the British Breeds.

The membership of the Society continues to increase and of the 2,300 members now enrolled over 1,000 reside in Victoria.

That this Society must, as soon as it is practicable, make renewed efforts to bring about the licencing of all breeders of pure-bred rams is indicated by the large number of poor quality rams being offered, as pure-bred, in saleyards throughout the country.

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Additional Registered Show Sales conducted by various Branch Committees during the year, provided breeders with opportunities to exhibit their sheep before the public and thus to some extent compensated for the cancellation of leading Sheep Shows.

The 1943 Registered Shows and Sales conducted by the Victorian Branch were again well supported by members.

The Show and Sale of Stud Sheep held in Melbourne in November last attracted an entry of over 300 rams and ewes, and competition in all classes for the R.A.S. Prize Cards made available by your Council was very keen.

The Official Inspectors appointed by the Branch Committee to examine all sheep yarded at this Show, were unanimous in their reports of the improvement in the standard of the sheep exhibited. This was reflected in the outstanding prices realised when the sheep were sold by auction later in the day.

The Annual Show Sales of Registered Sheep held at Horsham, Shepparton, Bendigo and Melbourne again proved most successful. The large attendance of buyers at each of these fixtures is an indication that, after all sheep have been carefully inspected by officials appointed by the Committee of the Victorian Branch, large numbers of high quality sheep can be purchased with the utmost confidence.

A further indication of the advantage of having sheep inspected prior to auction sales, was the number of registered breeders who voluntarily submitted their sheep for official inspection at a sale recently conducted by Melbourne Stock Agents.

The Executive Committee appointed to control the business of the Federal Council during the War, decided to invest the sum of £750 in the 4th Liberty Loan, making the total amount invested in War Bonds by the Federal Council £2,250.

The Australian Corriedale Sheepbreeders' Association (Federal Council and Victorian Branch).

This Association, the secretarial work of which is now carried out in this office, was founded in 1914, and the first volume of the Flock Book containing 63 flock histories was published early in 1922.

Volume 16 of the Flock Book is now being printed and it will contain the record total of 720 histories of flocks situated in all States of Australia.

After many years of unsuccessful negotiations resolutions were passed at a conference held in June last, between representatives of the Australasian Corriedale Society and this Association, which resulted in the uniting of the two organisations. All registered Corriedale breeders throughout the Commonwealth are now under the control of this Association, and the one organization, with its excellent membership of over 700, should enable breeders to work harmoniously together for the further advancement of this outstanding dual-purpose breed.

Although Committees were faced with many difficulties owing to the present conditions, each State Branch was able to make the necessary arrangements for the annual inspection and tattooing of sheep bred in registered flocks.

If registered flocks are to be maintained at their present high standard, every effort must be made for the continuance of the annual inspection of sheep.

The Annual Sale of Merinos, Corriedales and Polwarths held in Melbourne in July last was well patronised by breeders. That the Corriedales yarded were of a high standard was indicated by the excellent prices received when they were offered at auction.

During the year an additional sum of £300 was invested in Commonwealth War Bonds, thus making a total of £1,500 so invested by the Association.

The present day requirement is for the type of wool produced by the Corriedale, and their important value to the meat industry should create a keen demand for sheep of this breed during the coming year.

**The Australian Stud Pig Breeders' Society
(Federal Council and Victorian Branch).**

The thirty-third volume of the Society's Herd Book was published during the year, and the fact that it contained only 1,841 pedigrees is evidence of the further decline in pig breeding which was forecast in last year's report. It was then stated that indications for the future were not regarded as encouraging by pig raisers who feared that action contemplated by the Commonwealth Government would adversely affect rather than encourage development of the industry.

The period under review has been one of the most difficult for those actively interested in pig raising since this Society was established in 1910. This is particularly the case in Victoria where production is still declining.

However the Branch Committee has noted with pleasure that breeders are continuing their support of the Society, there being 141 financial members in Victoria when the books were closed for the year.

At a special meeting of the Branch Committee in February last, it was resolved to afford every support to the Victorian Pig Raisers' Convention which had been convened to protest against the provisions

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of the scheme introduced by the Commonwealth Government regarding pig meats. Since that Convention the Branch has been directly represented on the Executive then appointed.

The Branch Committee has also made representations to the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner urging the fixation of maximum prices for whole and crushed grain to be charged by retailers to stock producers. It has also supported representations on many other matters which it regards as having an adverse influence on production.

At the annual meeting of the Branch, members were very interested in an announcement by the Superintendent of the Live Stock Division of the Department of Agriculture, that the Victorian Government had decided to establish a Pig Testing Station at the Werribee Research Farm. It was explained that in due course reliable information would become available for breeders on such important matters as prolificacy, rate of growth, carcase quality and economy of feeding of pigs under a standard environment.

Victorian Pig Raisers' Convention.

When early in the year the announcement of the scheme to be introduced by the Federal Meat Commission—to fix the price of pig meats and otherwise control production—caused consternation throughout the industry, the Geelong and District Pig Raisers' Defence League convened a Pig Raisers' Convention in Melbourne.

There was a large and very representative attendance. Delegates appointed by the Chamber of Agriculture of Victoria, the Australian Stud Pig Breeders' Society, the Victorian Pig Industry Committee, the Victorian Dairymen's Association, the Victorian United Cow Test Association, the Victorian Wheat and Wool Growers' Association, and many protest meetings held in country districts were present, together with individual pig raisers from all parts of the State.

Careful consideration was given to the scheme and resolutions were passed stressing the serious effect its implementation would have on pig meat production.

These resolutions were brought prominently under the notice of the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner (Prof. Copland) who, at his own request, attended the Convention and vigorously defended the scheme against the protests of the producers.

The Convention appointed an Executive which has been very active in the interests of pig raisers throughout Victoria. Its continued protests and representations to the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture and the Commonwealth Meat Controller have been largely responsible for considerable modification of the original plan. The Executive is still endeavouring to convince the Commonwealth Government of the action necessary to restore the confidence of producers and thus pave the way for that increase in production for which it is appealing.

The Kennel Control Council.

The Kennel Control Council increased the number of its members to 1038. This is 320 more than for the previous year and in fact is within 87 of the highest total since the annual membership fee was doubled in 1935. Only on two other occasions since this Society interested itself in canine control 15 years ago has this total been exceeded.

The Committee is pleased that revenue from registration fees, transfer of ownership, etc., also showed substantial improvement during the year.

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The K.C.C.'s most important decision was to introduce as from 1st January, 1944, the official award, with certificate, of Reserve Challenge for the runner-up to the best of sex of each breed. This action was delayed for many years by the Committee's determination to see that quality and quantity of competition was first brought to the necessary high level.

One new body, the St. Bernard Club of Australia, was admitted to affiliation.

Special attention was again given to promoting the sale of pedigreed puppies, although the K.C.C. takes no part in sales, merely bringing buyer and seller together. Over the last few years the sales effected in this way have averaged over £60 per week, quite irrespective of the buyers who go to breeders direct. As usual all purchasers were provided by the K.C.C. with hints for rearing their puppies, and later were encouraged to exhibit them at shows.

In reply to representations made to the responsible Minister in May last, the K.C.C. was advised that if it became necessary to ration meat in Australia, due consideration would be given to the food requirements of dogs.

To ensure adequate food for dogs and cats following the introduction of meat rationing, a prominent part was taken in the formation of the Dog and Cat Defence League of Victoria whose activities are detailed elsewhere in this report.

By the provision to Clubs of free material and services, every effort was made to assist the conduct of shows and parades for war funds. The most successful of these was the Combined Clubs' Championship Show held in December. The K.C.C. acted in a managerial capacity and when all accounts are finalised there will be a profit of over £336 for the Red Cross Society's Australian Prisoners of War Adoption Scheme. Other Shows held by affiliated Clubs also produced returns not far behind this figure.

As indicated Victoria's dog world continued to serve a useful war-time purpose. The ability to produce substantial sums for the war effort is due to the considerable strength and stability made possible by this Society's unswerving adherence to its pledge to stand solidly behind the K.C.C.

The Dog and Cat Defence League of Victoria.

Perturbed because enquiry revealed that no action had been taken by the Commonwealth Government to ensure implementation of the decision announced by the Production Executive of Cabinet in October last, that to meet the needs of animals when meat rationing was introduced, Food Control authorities would make arrangements for the wide distribution of horseflesh and an increase in production of meat meal biscuits, representatives of interested bodies met in conference early in December and formed the Dog and Cat Defence League of Victoria. This Society loaned its offices and services to the new League which is directly representative of The Animal Welfare League of Victoria, The Dogs' Home and Animal Hospital, The Kennel Control Council, The Victorian Society for the Protection of Animals (Tailwaggers' Club), and The Australian Veterinary Association (Victorian Division).

From the outset the League made it abundantly clear that it did not seek to interfere in any way with the Meat Rationing Scheme, but its objective was to ensure that alternative foods would be made available for domestic dogs and cats, which are not merely domestic pets but have their value in the protection of property and in combating rats and mice, quite apart from the aspect of those who regard them highly as dumb friends and companions.

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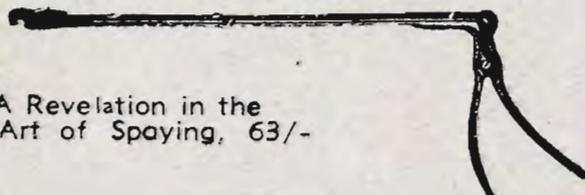


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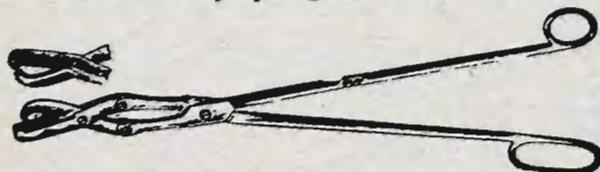
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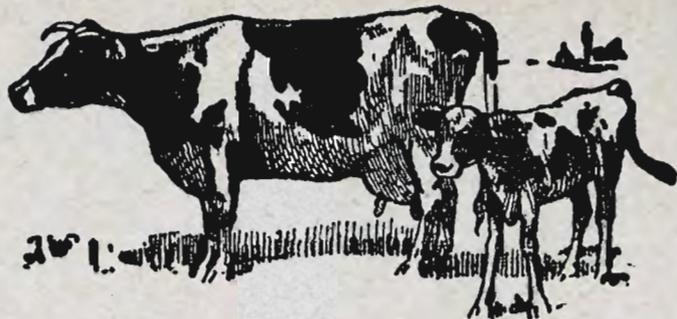


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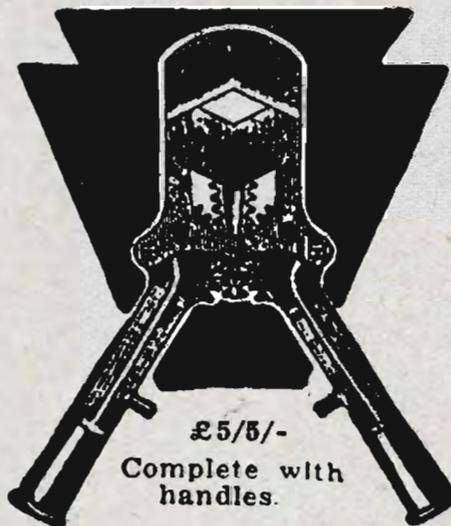
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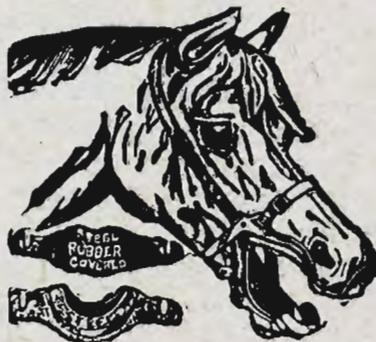
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After fully investigating the position the League Executive resolved that the problem could only be solved by convincing the Commonwealth Government of the necessity for making available, not only supplies of horseflesh, but cereals and meat meal for which priorities had been declared under National Security Regulations.

To that end it has appealed for the active support of Municipal Councils on the grounds that two out of every three of their ratepayers are vitally concerned.

It has suggested that, at an early date, a Conference of Mayors should be convened for the purpose of determining what action will be taken, and in support of its appeal for assistance, has expressed the League's definite conviction that if no special provision is made, the domestic dogs and cats will be fed from the quantity of meat made available for humans, resulting in far reaching and dire effects on the health and morale of the community.

The Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association.

Owing to war conditions relatively few trials were organised during the year, but those that it was found possible to conduct attracted exceptionally good entries.

Since it was founded in 1927 the Association has been fortunate in having had the support of enthusiasts. During the year ten new members have been enrolled and the membership now stands at seventy-four.

The competition for the 50 guinea Challenge Trophy, presented in 1928 by Captain A. E. T. Payne, to be won three years in succession or five times in all, was conducted this year at Lancefield. Among the forty-seven entries were some of the best dogs in the State, and Mr. J. Allan was congratulated on his win with "Craiglea Dawn" against the usual keen competition in this, the blue ribbon field trial of Australia. It is worthy of note that the same dog also won for Mr. Allan the Association's Trial at Ballan.

At the annual meeting of members held at Ballan in October during the currency of the trials, the dimensions of obstacles to be used by bodies conducting trials under the Rules of the Association, were agreed to. It is an object of the Association to have all trials in the State conducted under its Rules, thus ensuring uniformity of judging, course and obstacles.

The trained sheep dog is to-day doing a great job of work for his fortunate owner and is compensating more than ever for the absence of the labour which cannot now be obtained.

The Victorian Young Farmers' Clubs Association.

The evolution of the old-time calf-rearing groups to Young Farmers' Clubs, with interests covering all types of rural projects, was given rapid impetus when the Association was formed 10 years ago at the instance of this Society. State Government recognition of the importance of the work among country children has now been long sustained and again this year £3000 was provided by grant.

The number of affiliated Clubs has increased steadily and in some years spectacularly, so that thousands of children are acquiring a greater love of country life and are absorbing agricultural knowledge which will ensure them a vastly better opportunity of making a success of rural occupations.

Again the emphasis was directed to vegetable culture. Through this considerable contributions were made to relieving the shortage. Areas up to three acres producing as much as £50 annually for war funds were cultivated by individual Clubs.

The sixth three-year Young Farmer scholarship given by the Council of Agricultural Education was awarded.

Text books on various projects were reprinted and a series of notes on Orchard Culture added to the list.

The Chamber of Agriculture of Victoria.

Having reluctantly decided that prevailing conditions made it inadvisable to attempt to conduct an Annual Convention during 1943, the Council of this Chamber held its forty-fourth Annual Meeting in Melbourne in March.

At this and other well attended meetings of the Chamber held during the year, addresses were given by leaders in various branches of primary industry, and matters of vital importance to primary producers were discussed.

Implementation of resolutions passed led to close co-operation between representatives of the Chamber and this Society.

The Chamber was further strengthened during the year by new and valued affiliations, and the sixth edition of its Year Book maintained the high standard set in previous years.

Your Council again records its keen appreciation of the cordial co-operation of the Chamber in all matters affecting the man on the land.

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Australian Council of Agricultural Societies.

Following a resolution passed by the Council of the Chamber of Agriculture, your Council readily co-operated in an investigation of the possibilities of establishing an organisation which would be fully representative of, and therefore qualified to speak on behalf of the primary producers of Australia.

These negotiations led to the establishment of the Australian Council of Agricultural Societies with which are already affiliated the Chamber of Agriculture of Victoria, the N.S.W. Council of Agricultural Associations, the Queensland Council of Agricultural Societies, the Agricultural Show Council of Tasmania, and the Royal Agricultural Societies of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania.

Steps are now being taken to form an Executive to carry on pending the first meeting of the Council of the new body which it is hoped will, ere long, be strengthened by affiliations from South Australia and Western Australia.

Fodder Conservation Campaign.

Your Council is particularly pleased that its Fodder Conservation Campaigns are proving increasingly successful.

The 1942-1943 campaign covered twenty-one local competitions in which there were 181 entries compared with nineteen competitions and 149 entries in the previous year.

A full report on this campaign is published elsewhere in this booklet where reference is also made to the 1943-1944 campaign, for which subsidies have been granted to thirty organisations which have undertaken to conduct local competitions.

Entries for these local competitions will not close until the end of February, but it is confidently anticipated that in spite of adverse conditions in parts of the State they will materially exceed in number those received in 1942-1943.

Following representations for a continuance of financial support of this Society's educational campaign to encourage the conservation of fodder, which is of such national importance in view of the necessity for increased production of meat and dairy produce, your Council was informed that the State Government would be prepared to make a grant of £300 on condition that the Commonwealth provided at least a similar amount. To date no definite reply has been received from the Commonwealth authorities.

Your Council is very appreciative of the co-operation of country Agricultural Societies and Herd Testing Associations, in conducting these fodder conservation competitions in various parts of the State, and also of the very valuable assistance given by the Chamber of Agriculture, not only in publicising the campaign and encouraging support of local competitions, but in publishing in its Year Book a comprehensive illustrated report on the campaign and the tabulated results of local competitions.

Commonwealth Rural Reconstruction Commission.

When it became known that the Commonwealth Rural Reconstruction Commission would be taking evidence in Melbourne, the Executive of the Chamber of Agriculture readily co-operated with your Council in the appointment of a joint committee and the subsequent nomination of representatives to appear and give evidence before the Commission.

The statements presented by these representatives were also published in the Chamber Year Book.

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Depletion of Cattle Herds.

At its June meeting your Council gave serious consideration to the necessity for action to prevent the further indiscriminate slaughter of calves.

At a conference subsequently held between representatives of the Chamber of Agriculture and this Society the following resolutions were carried:—

1. That this meeting of representatives appointed by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria and the Chamber of Agriculture of Victoria, being convinced of the vital necessity for action to be taken in the interest of protecting the Dairying and Beef raising industries against the further depletion of desirable production and breeding stock, advocates that the Regional War Agricultural Committees throughout the State establish Co-operative Calf Rearing Depots in suitable districts, staffed with members of the Women's Land Army or other suitable labour, and being in proximity to dairy factories.

2. That in view of the conditions that have arisen in holding up of store cattle from Queensland owing to the Buffalo Fly, graziers be advised to take immediate steps to breed their own stores as far as possible.

3. That we urge the education of dairy farmers to the shortage now and for the future of good dairy stock, and that through the Press, War Agricultural Committees, Victorian Dairymen's Association, Victorian United Cow Test Association and by all other means, they be strongly urged to raise their best heifer calves.

4. That this meeting urge support of the efforts of the Victorian United Cow Test Association to ensure an early and material increase in Herd Testing throughout the State.

These resolutions were subsequently brought prominently under the notice of the Minister for Agriculture and though no definite decision has yet been arrived at with regard to the establishment of Calf Rearing Depots, the Minister and officers of his Department have been active in a campaign to encourage the raising of heifer calves.

The seriousness of the position is clearly evidenced in a recent statement by the Minister for Agriculture, that 400,000 heifers per annum must be raised for replacements in existing herds and to ensure that stock will be available to those who on returning from the war desire to establish herds of their own.

Women's Land Army.

Just prior to the end of the year this Society was represented at a conference convened by Lady Dugan, to consider a scheme under which amenities could be provided for members of the Women's Land Army.

Realising the value of the services rendered and the desirability of encouraging an increase in the membership of the Women's Land Army, those present endorsed the scheme outlined by Lady Dugan and undertook to recommend their respective organisations to assist in implementing the scheme and in the provision of the necessary funds.

The Council.

It is with keen regret that your Council reports the serious loss sustained by this Society through the death at the beginning of the year of Mr. G. L. Wilson, who had been a member of the Council since 1910, and in recognition of his long service had been appointed as a Trustee of the Society in 1940.

This vacancy was reported to Council at its January meeting, when it was resolved to nominate Mr. A. C. Gibb for appointment to the vacant Trusteeship at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of Members.

Mr. Gibb having been so appointed at the Annual Meeting, the consequent vacancy in the Council was reported to the March meeting, and filled at the June meeting by the election of Mr. Jack McMillan, a son of the late Mr. Alex McMillan who had for many years been a member of the Council of the Society. Mr. McMillan was accorded a cordial welcome at the September meeting.

At this meeting the death of Mr. J. Arthur Mitchell was reported. Mr. Mitchell, who had been first elected to the Council in 1928 had, like his father before him, rendered many years of valuable service to the Society.

Council also learned with keen regret of the death of Mr. H. H. Peck who, after forty-two years' service, had resigned his seat on the Council of the Society in March, 1942.

At its December meeting your Council elected Mr. Thomas N. Mitchell to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his brother.

At this meeting Council was shocked to learn of the death of Mr. Jack McMillan after a brief illness, and it was announced that the vacancy thus caused would be filled by members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

In addition to a continuance of that accorded to Messrs. W. J. T. Clarke, Norman Mitchell and M. A. Nicholas, who are in the Army and Air Force respectively, special leave was accorded Prof. S. M. Wadham in consideration of his appointment as a member of the Commonwealth Rural Reconstruction Commission which has been taking evidence throughout the Commonwealth.

Your Council regrets to report the illness of Messrs. F. B. Lithgow and A. M. Mactier, and to record its best wishes for a speedy recovery and a resumption of their attendance at meetings of the Council early in the new year.

Finance.

Perusal of the financial statements published herewith will show that a further reduction has been made in the overdraft, and that £2,500 has been added to the Depreciation and Replacement Account which now shows a credit balance of £11,154/2/6.

As explained in last year's report, it is Council's intention to pay into this account, as circumstances permit, amounts which will thereby be readily available for use when the Show Grounds are reoccupied.

Your Council reports that the fullest possible use has been made throughout the year of the Society's Grounds for the accommodation and training of R.A.A.F. and W.A.A.A.F. personnel, and concludes with an expression of the hope that ere long it will be possible for the Society to assume its normal activities and again undertake the organisation of Royal Shows, the absence of which is being more and more acutely felt by stock breeders and producers generally as the years go by.

Recent news with regard to the progress of the war encourages the hope that the coming year will seal the victory of the Allied Nations.

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RECEIPTS.

To Members' Subscriptions	£129 10 0
Life Members' Subscriptions	25 4 0
Governor's Subscriptions	3 3 0
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Donations	227 13 0
Advertising in Show Publications (1941 Shows)	29 10 0
Ayrshire Derby Sweetstakes (1942-1943)	8 10 6
Rent—Society's Property outside Show Grounds	6 7 0
Secretarial Services	20 11 2
Trust Account—Australian Pony Stud Book	2,214 1 7
Fees	15 18 6
Advertising in Annual Report	140 18 4
Fire Insurance	28 0 0
Refund of Office Requisites, etc.	40 3 6
Concomitant of Australia—Account Occupa- tion of Show Grounds by R.A.A.F.	1,126 0 0
Office Removal Expenses (1942)	108 4 10
War Risk Insurance Premium (1942)	533 13 7
Surpluses	80 12 3
Bank Overdraft at 31st December, 1942	41,024 1 2

EXPENDITURE.

By Bank Overdraft, 1st January, 1943	£47,219 14 8
Bank Interest and Interest on Short Call Deposits	1,490 8 0
Australian Society of Breeders of British Sheep —Rain Show, 1943	550 1 4
General Printing and Stationery	491 16 3
Commission	25 12 4
Insurance Premiums (Fire & Plate Glass)	601 3 4
War Damage Insurance Premiums	425 3 6
Essendon Rates	221 1 0
Water and Manoeuvring Rates	2,247 3 11
Office Salaries and Wages	124 10 0
Pay Roll Tax	73 10 0
Add and Abatement Fees	140 11 11
Telephone, Rents and Calls	136 10 2
Office Requisites and General Ex- penditure	150 12 10
Official Journal for Year	220 6 0
Office Rent and Cleaning	220 6 0

"	Rebate of Ayrshire, Jersey and	6	0	0
"	Guernsey Sweepstakes Fees	41	17	6
"	Petty Cash—Postage	58	2	6
"	Other Petty Expenses			
		<u>10,059</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>
"	Replacement of Switchboard destroyed by fire	25	0	0
"	Special Donations—Australian Cattle Research			
"	Association & Pasture Improvement League	110	0	0
"	Fodder Conservation Campaign—Subsidies,			
"	Championships, etc.	619	17	8
"	Interest on Special Lighting Loan	148	8	9
"	Part Redemption Special Lighting Loan	500	0	0
"	Interest on Government Loan No. 1	1,123	18	4
"	Interest on Government Loan No. 2	53	2	6
"	Interest on Government Loan No. 3	324	8	8
"	Depreciation and Replacement Account	2,500	0	0

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THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1943

LIABILITIES.

Jersey Derby Trust Account	415	8	0
Ayrshire Derby Trust Account	14	7	0
Australian Pony Stud Book Trust Account	81	2	0
Fodder Conservation Trust Account	174	10	10
Depreciation and Replacement Account	11,454	2	6
Bank overdraft	46,094	1	2
Government Loan No. 1	125,975	17	0
Interest due 31st December, 1943	259	19	7
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Government Loan No. 2	1,180	12	1
Interest due 31st December, 1943	13	5	7
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Government Loan No. 3	7,269	14	2
Interest due 31st December, 1943	81	2	2
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Special Lighting Loan			
Revenue Account Balance			
Short Call Deposit Account	21,464	1	0
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	2128,585	10	8

ASSETS.

Secretary's Advance Account	2900	0	0
Commonwealth War Savings Certificates	48	0	8
Show Ground Furniture and Plant	25,027	3	4
Less Depreciation	251	17	4
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Office Furniture	600	11	4
Less Depreciation	24	16	7
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Land at Book Value	580	0	0
Buildings and Improvements— Including Electrical Installation	104,125	10	0
Less Depreciation	5,295	4	8
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Draxton Horse Stud Book	58,915	8	3
Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd.— Depreciation and Replacement Account	145	4	0
Short Call Deposit Account	11,454	2	6
	21,464	1	0
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	2128,585	10	8

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We beg to report to the members that we have examined the books and accounts of the ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA for the year ended 31st December, 1943. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs, and that the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Expenditure is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the results of the operations of the Society for the year according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Society.

DATED at Melbourne this 13th Day of January, 1944.

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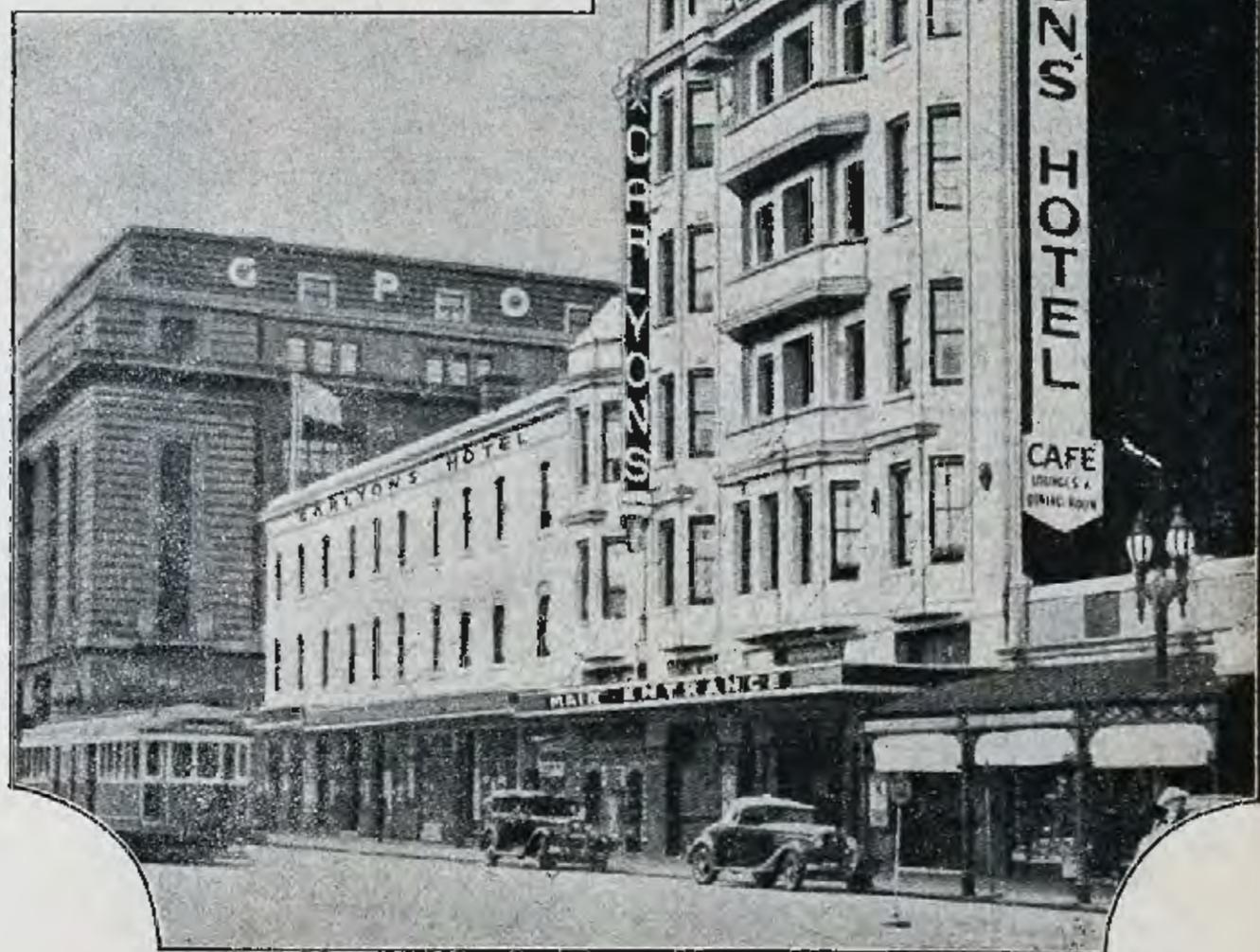
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†F. B. Lithgow	3	1	—	3	5
†J. E. Robertson	5	—	—	5	5
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Capt. A. E. T. Payne	4	1	—	5	4
A. C. Gibb	4	1	5	10	9
H. A. Mullett	0	0	0	0	10
Members of Council:					
*Sir William Angliss	5	—	1	6	8
*W. Cockbill	1	1	1	2	10
*A. E. Dahlenburg	3	1	—	5	3
*S. A. Greaves	4	1	—	5	4
*W. C. Greaves	4	1	3	7	10
*A. H. Moore	3	1	1	4	10
*Keith McGarvie	4	1	—	4	5
*C. N. McKay	3	2	4	7	10
*J. McMillan (elected 8/6/43, deceased 21/11/43)	1	—	—	1	1
*Sir Clive McPherson	3	—	1	4	10
*D. Sutherland Smith	4	—	—	4	5
†J. A. Beattie	1	3	—	1	5
†J. F. Bedwell	5	—	—	5	5
†R. H. Blackburn	4	1	—	4	5
†J. F. Guthrie	5	—	2	7	10
†A. G. Hunter	2	2	—	2	5
†H. L. Lyall	3	2	1	4	10
†J. C. Mackinnon	0	3	3	3	10
†A. M. Mactier	2	3	1	3	10
†Norman Mitchell (special leave)	0	5	0	0	10
†M. A. Nicholas (special leave)	0	5	—	0	5
†W. A. Winter-Irving	1	2	—	1	5
†H. Bartram	4	—	—	4	5
†W. J. T. Clarke (special leave)	0	5	—	0	5
†T. A. Meaklim	3	1	—	3	5
†J. A. Mitchell (deceased 7/9/43)	2	1	2	4	6
†H. McClelland	3	—	0	3	10
†D. McLennan	3	1	—	3	5
†R. N. Scott	3	1	—	3	5
†Professor S. N. Wadham (special leave)	1	4	—	1	5

Largest attendance at any one meeting 26

Lowest attendance at any one meeting 17

Average attendance 20

*Members who retire at end of 1943.

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of existing Policyholders, in addition to new members,
purchased protection for themselves and their dependants.
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£111,015,786.

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meet Policy liabilities, now exceed £42,350,000 invested
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WAR EFFORT—Over 1600 members of the Society's
Staff have enlisted for war service. The Society has
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FODDER CONSERVATION

1943-44 CAMPAIGN.

Your Council being convinced that such an educational campaign would do much to encourage the conservation of fodder and thus assist materially the drive for increased production of meat and dairy products, announced its intention to conduct a 1943-44 Fodder Conservation Campaign on the lines of and under similar conditions to those governing the 1942-43 campaign when 181 entries were received in 21 local competitions conducted in conjunction with Agricultural Societies and Herd Testing Associations throughout the State

An open invitation was extended to every Agricultural Society, Herd Testing Association or other approved Primary Producers' Organisation willing to conduct a Fodder Conservation Competition in its particular district, to make application for a subsidy of £15 for prize money, and when applications closed on 31st December, 1943, thirty applications had been received and subsidies allocated to **Agricultural Societies** at Benalla, Berwick, Charlton, Cohuna, Colac, Coleraine, Dimboola, Edenhope, Geelong, Horsham, Kaniva, Kerang, Kyabram, Kyneton, Lang Lang, Maffra, Maryborough, Merino, Nhill, Port Fairy, Pyramid, Shepparton, Swan Hill, Wangaratta and Yarram; the following **Herd Testing Associations**, Narracan Shire (Trafalgar), Pakenham, Portland and Rochester; and the **Eskdale War Agricultural Committee**. Your Council was particularly pleased to receive the last-named application, regarding it as evidence of the value of the Society's campaign, because it is the duty of these War Agricultural Committees to take steps to increase production in their respective areas and the conservation of fodder is definitely a means to that end.

Entries for the subsidised competitions will close with the local Secretaries at the end of February and, as was the case with the previous campaign, the responsibility for the judging of all subsidised competitions has been assumed by this Society, not only to relieve local Societies of any anxiety in this connection, but to facilitate the awarding of Championship prizes. Each entrant in the local competitions will automatically be eligible for one of the five State Championships, viz:—

- (1) Dairy Farm under irrigation.
- (2) Dairy Farm under dry farming conditions.
- (3) Mixed Farm under irrigation.
- (4) Mixed Farm under dry farming conditions,
- and (5) Sheep and/or grazing property.

The body conducting the local competition from which any Champion is eventually selected will receive £25 towards its own funds, and the Championship will carry the cash prize of £10 to the successful competitor in addition to the prize money won in the local Competition.

Conditions Governing 1943-44 Fodder Conservation Campaign.

The following conditions will govern each subsidised competition:—

1. Subsidy of £15 only payable if a minimum of five entries is received.
2. Cash Prizes: First, £7; second, £5; third, £3. Royal Agricultural Society Certificates will be awarded to successful competitors.
3. Entry Fee, 5/- per entry. (Entry Fees will be retained by local body toward expenses in connection with the competition.)
4. The competition is open to all farmers and graziers in the district.
5. Each intending competitor must make his entry with the subsidised body nearest to his property.
6. No competitor may enter in more than one subsidised competition.
7. Judging will be carried out in accordance with the following scale of points, by a Judge or Judges appointed by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.
8. Subsidy will be payable immediately on receipt of the Judge's report on the competition.

N.B.—Clause 7 shall not necessarily apply in wheat-growing areas, in which, at the discretion of the Council, special conditions may be drawn up in co-operation with local Societies in specified areas.

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Scale of Points For Judging

	Maximum Points
1. Quantity and Quality of Fodder Required—	
The potential capacity of the holding to carry sheep or cattle to be estimated by the Judge and expressed as stock units. Different types of stock to be converted to stock units.	
Points will be awarded in proportion to fodder conserved during 1941, 1942 and 1943, only for use on the holding, maximum points being awarded when total fodder conserved represents one food unit of prime quality for each stock unit .	80
The Judge shall take into consideration such crops as maize, millet, roots or rape, or excellent paddock growth suggesting ample feed (as clover burr, lucerne, etc.), and award up to 10 points therefor as if it were conserved fodder	10
A stock unit to be one milch cow, 2 bulls or bullocks, 3 cattle or horses under 2 years old, 1 draught horse, 2 light horses or ponies, 10 breeding ewes, 20 wethers or young sheep.	
A Food Unit to be 1½ tons of cereal or meadow hay, 4 tons of silage, 5 tons of oaten straw, or ¾ ton of oats—all of prime quality—or their equivalent of other fodders.	
NOTE.—In judging quality due consideration will be given to appearance, apparent palatability, and nutritive and food values.	
2. Quantity and Quality of Fodder in excess of requirements:—	
To be awarded pro rata for surplus fodder in comparison to quantity required for the holding as determined in accordance with Clause 1. Maximum points being awarded for an additional 12 months' supply and less amounts pro rata	60
3. Suitability of Fodder:—	
Judged according to the suitability of fodder or combination of fodders for the purpose for which they are required . .	15
4. Reasonable Condition of Stock:—	
The judge will deduct points if stock are obviously out of condition	10
5. Location and Protection:—	
(a) Location—Having regard to fire, flood, the economy of feeding, and general access	10
(b) Protection from weather, pests, stock, fire, and general deterioration, with due regard to economy	15
	25
Total	200



Stack-building on Mr. J. O'Connor's farm, Pimpinio.

STATE FODDER CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN FOR 1942-43

"Increased production from the livestock industries is controlled by many factors but one of the most important is the problem of a better regulated food supply, especially on dairy farms."

In all, 181 entries were received in the 21 district fodder conservation competitions subsidised in 1942-43 by the Royal Agricultural Society, compared with 149 entries in 19 competitions in the 1941-42 campaign.

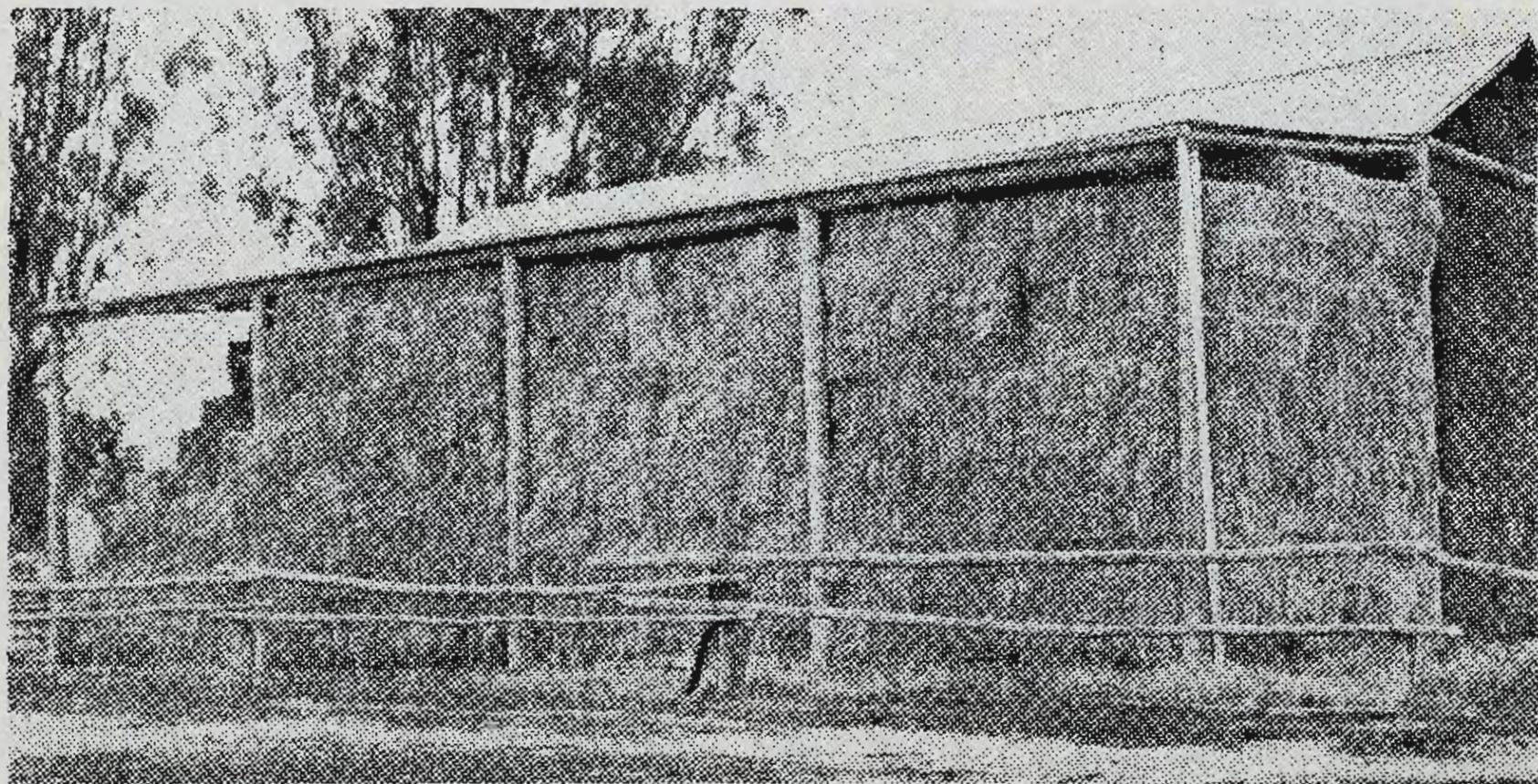
The Commonwealth Fodder Conservation Board and the Victorian Government co-operated with the society in establishing a fund from which cash prizes were provided in each local competition, as well as for five state championships. The Royal Agricultural Society appointed Mr. B. A. Barr as sole judge, and this uniformity in judging made possible the allocation of the championships which created much interest throughout the state. Reports on each of the local competitions were issued and wide publicity accorded in both metropolitan and country papers. This co-operation by the press is gratefully acknowledged by the society.

Mr. Barr's comprehensive report on the campaign as a whole, together with tabulated results of all competitions, is as follows:—

Review of the competitions shows that, excluding the Dimboola and Charlton districts, the average quantity of fodder reserves conserved by competitors would not provide security against a prolonged adverse season. Instead of a system of planned reserves, based upon probable requirements, so that stock will be maintained at a working or growing level, and provided with sufficient roughage for these purposes, the general practice is to conserve what can be conveniently harvested from the spring surplus.

There appears to be a disposition to consider fodder conservation as the practice of storing surplus fodder which might otherwise be wasted, especially under grassland farming. Undoubtedly this is a literal meaning of the term. But from a practical viewpoint, fodder conservation might be construed as the result of a conditioned practice to establish reserves of fodder to provide sufficient feed during the recurrent periods of seasonal shortages. Yet how many farmers, instead of deciding to mow this or that paddock, or to sow a certain area with summer or other crop, first estimate the probable quantity of reserves required to maintain production or growth of the farm livestock through the lean period?

It is not a matter of acres cut or sown, but the tonnage of nutritious material required. Any decision involves the question of a fair estimate of the probable quantity of fodder to be reserved for each stock unit.



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THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE SOCIETY WAS ESTABLISHED
GIVEN UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY OF ENGLAND, THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY 1943

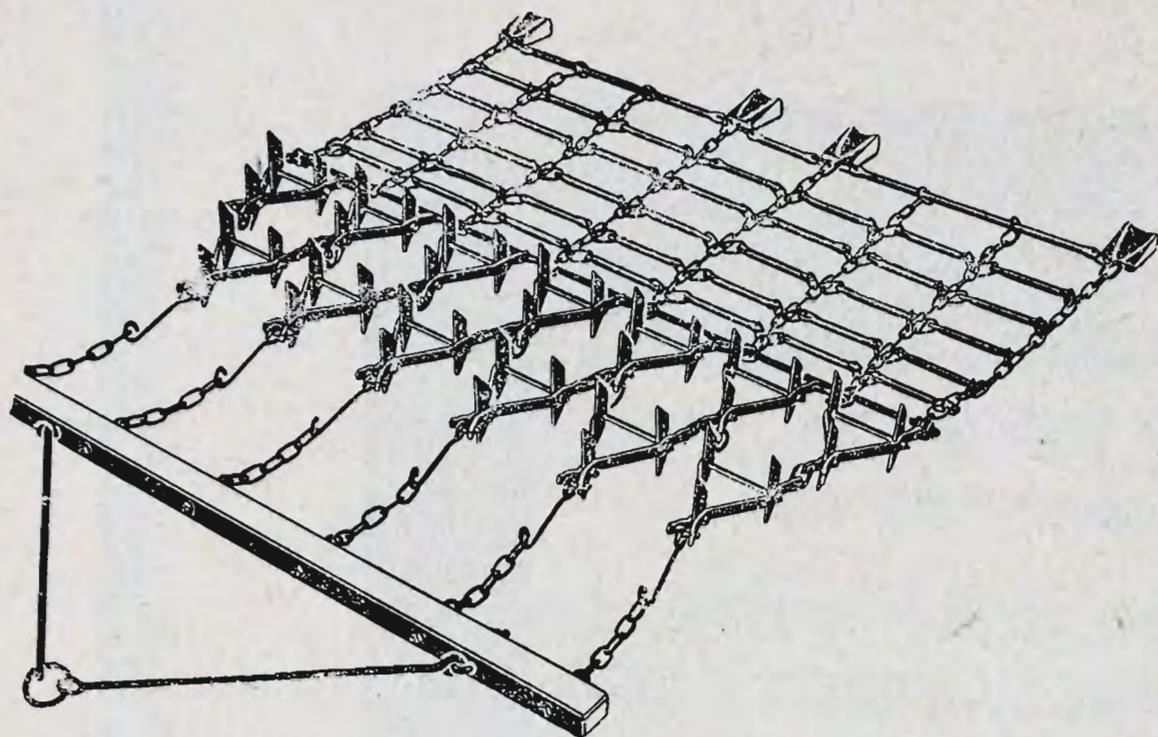
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per-acre yields are furnished, despite enormous fodder reserves, on other farms less favourably situated.

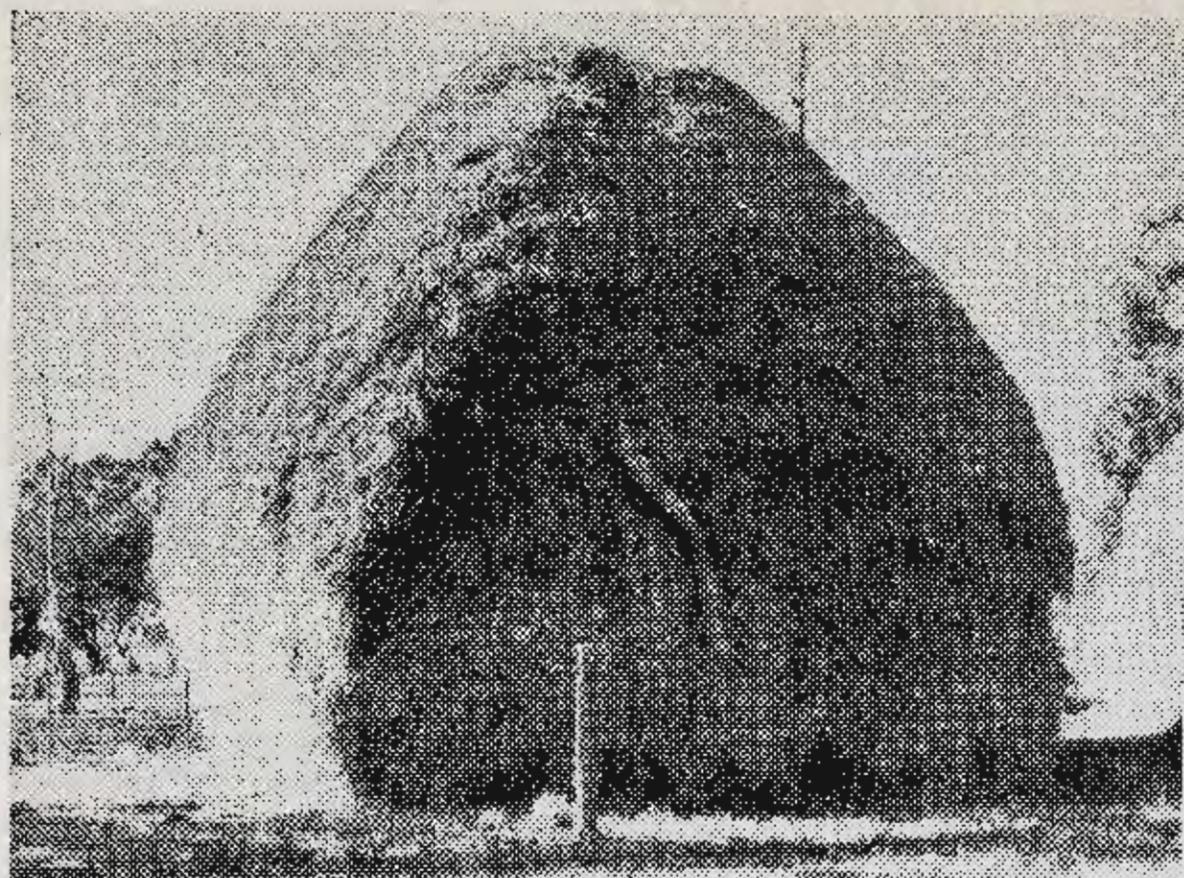
Whether the reserves should be 1 ton, 1½ tons or 2 tons per stock unit is a matter to be determined by each farmer. And when the reserves are held as hay or silage, these have a roughage value and are useful only to supplement other foodstuffs or short grazing for growing or producing animals. Although averages may be misleading when viewed from the angle of any particular farm—and in farming, particularly dairy farming, the state of "normality" does not exist—the following table showing the conserved fodder on 86 farms, engaged solely in dairying, which were entered in the competition, is interesting:—

District	No. farms.	Hay conserved on each farm. Average tons.	Average quantity available for each stock unit.	Average stock units carried on each farm.	No. acres required for each stock unit.	Average farm acreage.
Gippsland (dry)	44	57	1 ton	55	2.4	133
North-Eastern (dry)	11	88	27 cwt.	64	3.7	240
Goulburn Valley (irrigation)	23	72	24 cwt.	61	2.0	123
Maffra (irrigation)	8	60	18 cwt.	67	1.5	105
Average for 86 farms		66	22 cwt.	59	—	—

This table includes every dairy farm entered in the districts mentioned. Many other dairy farms, together with mixed farms and sheep properties, were entered in other districts, but, on these, the numbers were too few for comparison. Likewise, the activities, size of holding and type of farming were too varied in the mixed-farm and sheep-grazing sections to show any trend in fodder conservation.

The figures set out in this table must not be considered to represent district averages. Probably these are considerably above district averages. Moreover, averages—if of any value—could only be ascertained by a properly conducted survey. This analysis of competitor-averages shows, that on the whole, the farms were well stocked.

The most important information furnished by the table is to show that if all the fodder conserved by the competitors—presumably among the leaders of fodder conservation in their respective districts—were pooled, the reserves would merely suffice to carry through the present season and would not provide any carry-over to meet any demands of a prolonged unfavourable season. The reserves of many competitors will be consumed even before the winter ends. To avoid this position the planning of reserves is necessary. This may necessitate a re-estimation of the spring carrying capacity of the farm. If paddock or other feed is not available, reserves should be made so that the steady growth of young stock will be maintained and dry dairy cows fed to good condition before calving. Too



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often spring feed is used to replace the wastage of condition during the winter, instead of being utilised for production when costs are at the lowest level.

The average area required for each stock unit by the north-eastern competitors may appear large, but some partially developed large properties were entered in the competition. In this district the more improved farms carried about 1 stock unit to 2½ acres.

After measuring the fodder on hand, and estimating the quantity of conserved fodder consumed on the farm, the total reserves were calculated as the quantity on hand at the base date (February 28), when entries for the competition closed.

Points under the heading "quantity and quality" were not determined only by the amount conserved, but were allotted pro rata to the number of stock which, having regard to all circumstances, the property would reasonably carry. Generally the farms were well stocked, and only in a few instances were the number of stock units raised.

A particularly pleasing feature of the competition is that the farms scoring the highest points in district competitions were heavily stocked, except in one instance, where the number of stock units was raised to a fair carrying capacity, although in this particular case the fodder had been conserved when the farm was well stocked, but since then many animals had been sold because of labour shortage.

HIGHEST SCORE IN COMPETITION

The highest score in the competition (192 points) was awarded to Mr. A. F. Dahlenburg, "Roseneath," Kiata, winner of the championship in the mixed farming section. The property comprised 3,000 acres, of which 1,300 acres are under wheat, oats or fallow, and carried 128 stock units, including 1,200 breeding ewes and weaners, and 28 draught horses. The food units—460 tons hay and 51 tons feed oats, inclusive of feed consumed since February 28—were estimated at 377, which is the equivalent on the food unit basis of 4½ tons for each stock unit—that is, for each 10 breeding ewes, 20 wethers, one draught horse or milking cow. On this reckoning the farm carried sufficient reserves for present season and would still have an adequate supply for the next two years even if the present season failed. As the reserves were more than the quantity required for maximum points under the "excess" heading, the additional amount did not gain any extra points.

In reply to the question why such large reserves were held, Mr. Dahlenburg replied, "An extra stack or two will never cause any harm. In farming it doesn't pay to cut to the bone."

Apart from the routine practice of thatching and building inside mouse-proof bins, the stacks were well distributed in a spacious stack-yard—a good paddock on some farms—to reduce fire risks to a minimum and yet conveniently placed to the chaff-cutting plant and implement sheds. A 22-year-old oaten stack—not eligible for the competition—was an

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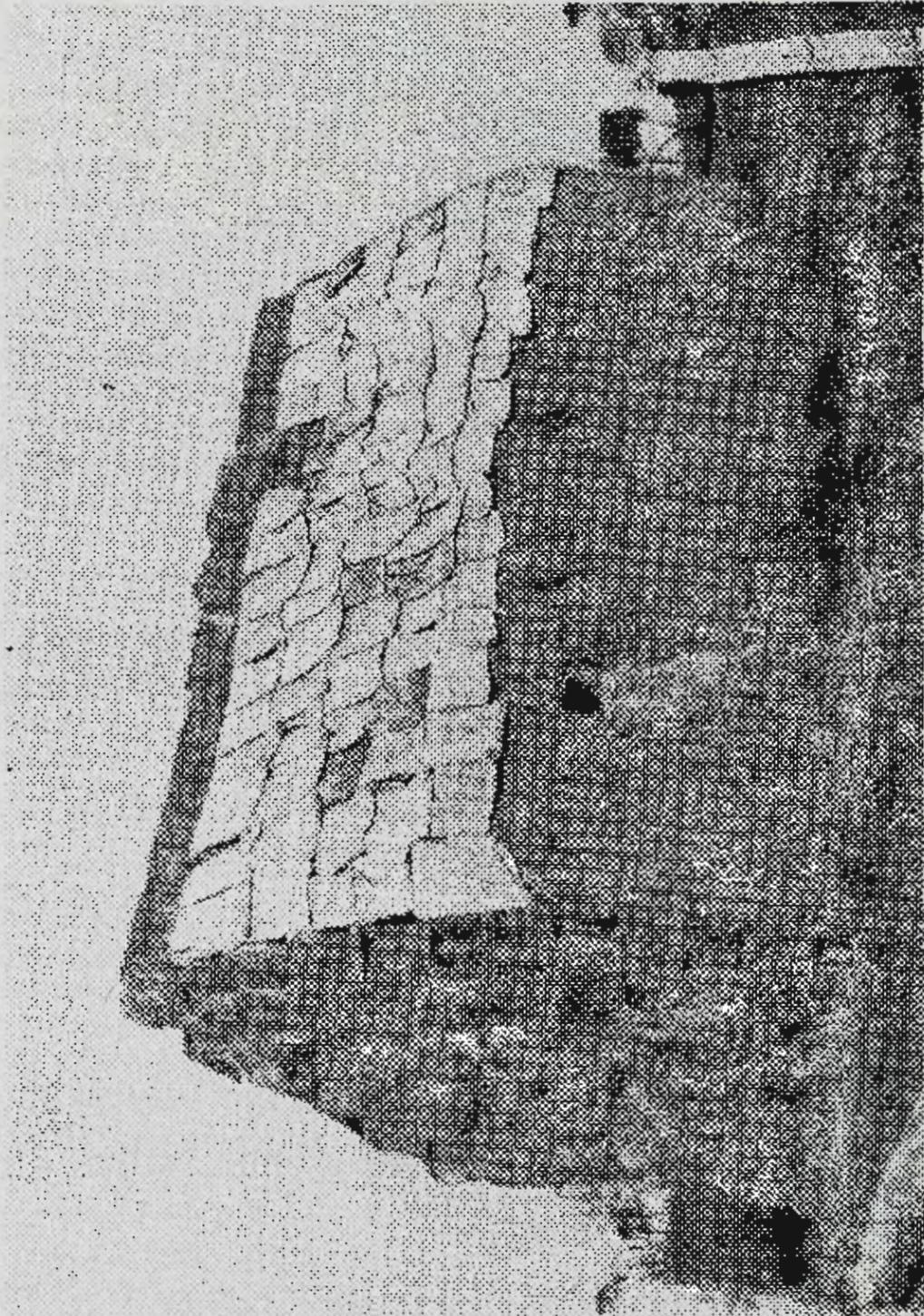
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GEELONG WINNER IN DRY DAIRYING SECTION

The championship in the dry dairying section was won by Grinter Bros., Whittington, Geelong, with a total of 185 points. The farm of 134 acres of light shallow grey soil has been improved by top-dressing, subterranean

clover, and cultivation. The reserves consisted of wheaten, oaten, lucerne and pasture mixture—chiefly subterranean clover-hays. Approximately one-half of the 108 feed units had been carried forward from the previous year. The stock carried was equal to 46 stock units, which is good stocking for this type of country, and last season, in addition to rearing young stock for replacement, produced 135 gallons milk per acre from a herd of 34 pure bred and grade Jersey cows for the Geelong retail trade.

Ten acres are sown to lucerne, which is top-dressed in August at the rate of 1 cwt. superphosphate per acre. Last year lime was distributed at the rate of 4 cwt. per acre a few weeks before the superphosphate. One hundred acres are under subterranean clover and divided into paddocks ranging from 5 acres to 15 acres. These are grazed in rotation, whereas during the dry weather the cows graze the lucerne for about a half-hour after each milking. Frequent brush harrowing is practised to distribute the manure. Paddocks to be mown for hay are closed in August, and last year 20 acres were limed at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre with apparently satisfactory results. Concentrates are fed to the cows when milking. Twenty acres, subdivided into three paddocks, are sown for hay. These are fallowed every three years and Warden wheat sown on the fallow land. The reserves on this farm—all roughage—comprised two-thirds subterranean and lucerne hay and one-third wheaten and oaten hays—an excellent combination that formed a balanced ration with bail-fed concentrates.

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BAMAWM LEADS IRRIGATION DAIRY DIVISION

With 150 points, Mr. H. A. Keele, of "Waroin," Bamawm, came first on the list in the division for dairying under irrigation. The area of 146 acres consists of 90 acres of irrigible land and 56 acres of plain country. Fodder reserves totalled 121 tons of pasture and oaten hay, and 6 tons of grain grown on the non-irrigible land. A noteworthy feature on this farm is that carting-in does not begin until covers are ready to protect the open stacks, although summer rains are light and sporadic. Perennial rye-grass, cocksfoot, phalaris and irrigation white clover with subterranean clover made a good hay combination, but late harvesting cost a few points. The stock included 49 pedigree and grade Jersey cows and 44 young heifers for replacement during the next two seasons. As the 50 acres of plain country has only a light grazing value, although useful for partial cultivation, the irrigation area of the farm is carrying the equivalent of one milking cow to less than 1½ acres and yet held a carry-over of 30 tons of meadow hay from the previous year. During the last 11 months this area of the farm has produced 190 lb. butter-fat per acre; or taking the whole area into account, the production in 11 months is 123 lb. butter-fat per acre, as well as maintaining 44 young heifers and 4 horses and a large surplus of hay for next year. Saccaline is grown for late autumn feed, and at the time of Judging (May 17) two acres were still standing.

SHEEP-GRAZING CHAMPIONSHIP

The sheep-grazing championship was won by Williamson Bros., of Carisbrook. An exceptionally high level of fodder conservation has been reached on this property, and equally important is the balance of the reserves, feed oats, lucerne, meadow and oaten hays. The area is 2,440 acres. The stock, including the noted "Lochinver" Shorthorn stud, comprised 1,300 breeding ewes, 300 weaners, 60 breeding pedigree Shorthorn cows and heifers, 50 bullocks and fat cows. These, together with heifers, bulls and Clydesdales, brought the estimated carrying capacity to 260 stock units. The conserved fodder included 6,100 bales of meadow and lucerne hay, 370 tons of oaten and loose meadow and lucerne hay, and 300 bags feed oats and barley. Much of the baled hay and most of the oaten hay were carried forward from previous harvests. An additional quantity harvested before 1940 was excluded from the estimates. Two paddocks of lucerne (27 acres) irrigated by pumping when the flow of water in the creek is sufficient, add to the reserves and provide occasional grazing for the pedigree stock. Splendid sheds protected the baled meadow hay and some of the oaten hay, but second-year stacks built on the ground without mice protection cost points.

IRRIGATED MIXED FARMS

With a score of 126 points, the mixed farming under irrigation section was won by Mr. H. J. Hamley, of Dingee. Dairying and sheep are the main sources of revenue. The area of 250 acres includes 114 acres of

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TOP-DRESSING

Every competitor in the competition used superphosphate in fairly large quantities during the pre-quota period. The rate of application ranged from 4 cwt. to about 90 lbs., but a fair average would be one bag per acre. Since the quota system, the reduction of the amount distributed has been more or less proportional to the quantity available. But some are now top-dressing paddocks in alternate seasons. What methods will give the best returns, and whether the cultivation of crops should be combined with grass-land farming while the shortage lasts, is a problem for agrostologists and agriculturists.

The carry-over from previous seasons and the desire to have "a stack or two on hand" contributed to the larger reserves held by competitors in the irrigation districts, where one might expect small quantities, whereas, except for a few competitors, the carry-over on the Gippsland dairy farms was negligible.

WOMEN'S SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT

Many noteworthy features were recorded during the judging, and of special interest is the splendid achievement of Mrs. Howlett and Miss Samuels, of Lang Lang, who, while husband and brother are overseas with the Forces, have managed the 188-acre farm with its herd of 31 grade Jerseys and a flock of 112 Southdown ewes, and in addition conserved 4,000 bales of meadow hay, principally birdsfoot trefoil. They perform all the farm work with a little assistance when hay pressing.

Other matters of special interest were the leafy quality of lucerne conserved by Messrs. G. G. Hill, Batesford; T. R. Cleave, Cohuna, and T. Harvey, Boisdale.

Mr. J. O'Connor, of Pimpinio, held the largest reserves, equal to 6 tons per stock unit.

Top-dressing as high as 4 cwt. per acre on some paddocks in the pre-quota days was a major factor in the large carrying capacity of Mr. J. S. Bullingham's farm at Tongala, which topped the list in the Kyabram competition. The area of 86 acres, including 15 acres non-irrigible, partly used for growing barley for pig feed, produced in the 10 months previous to judging, 200 lb. butter-fat per acre, maintained 40 large-bodied and high-grade Friesian milking cows, reared 26 Friesian heifers ranging to 2 years, and fattened 8 cull dairy cows. Few farms would equal the production of butter-fat and 1,000 lb. live-weight of stock carried per acre, and yet in May the fodder reserves, which included a carry-over from the previous harvest, and hay consumed since February 28, totalled 75 tons. From this a good surplus should be carried forward to next season. Equally high was the quality of some of the meadow hay, short, leafy, tender, consisting of a good combination of irrigation white clover and perennial rye-grass.

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Many points of special interest were noted in the mixed farms of Messrs. A. T. James, of Warrenbayne, winner of the Benalla competition, and Mr. L. J. Challis, most successful competitor for Geelong. Each farm was well balanced in kind of stock and variety of fodder, and in addition to carrying large reserves, were stocked to a safe capacity.

Mr. James's reservations comprised 4,000 bales of meadow hay, including 1,500 bales of practically pure subterranean clover, 168 tons of silage, rye-grass, phalaris, and subterranean clover. The stock totalled 120 units and consisted of 460 Corriedale and Southdown stud ewes, 260 weaners and wethers, 37 grade Jersey cows and 63 head of other cattle. Such a combination or balance of stock would tend to an efficient utilisation of the pastures. Converting all stock to a breeding ewe basis the area of 565 acres was carrying the equivalent of 1,200 breeding ewes and still held abundant reserves. One of the factors to success on this farm is

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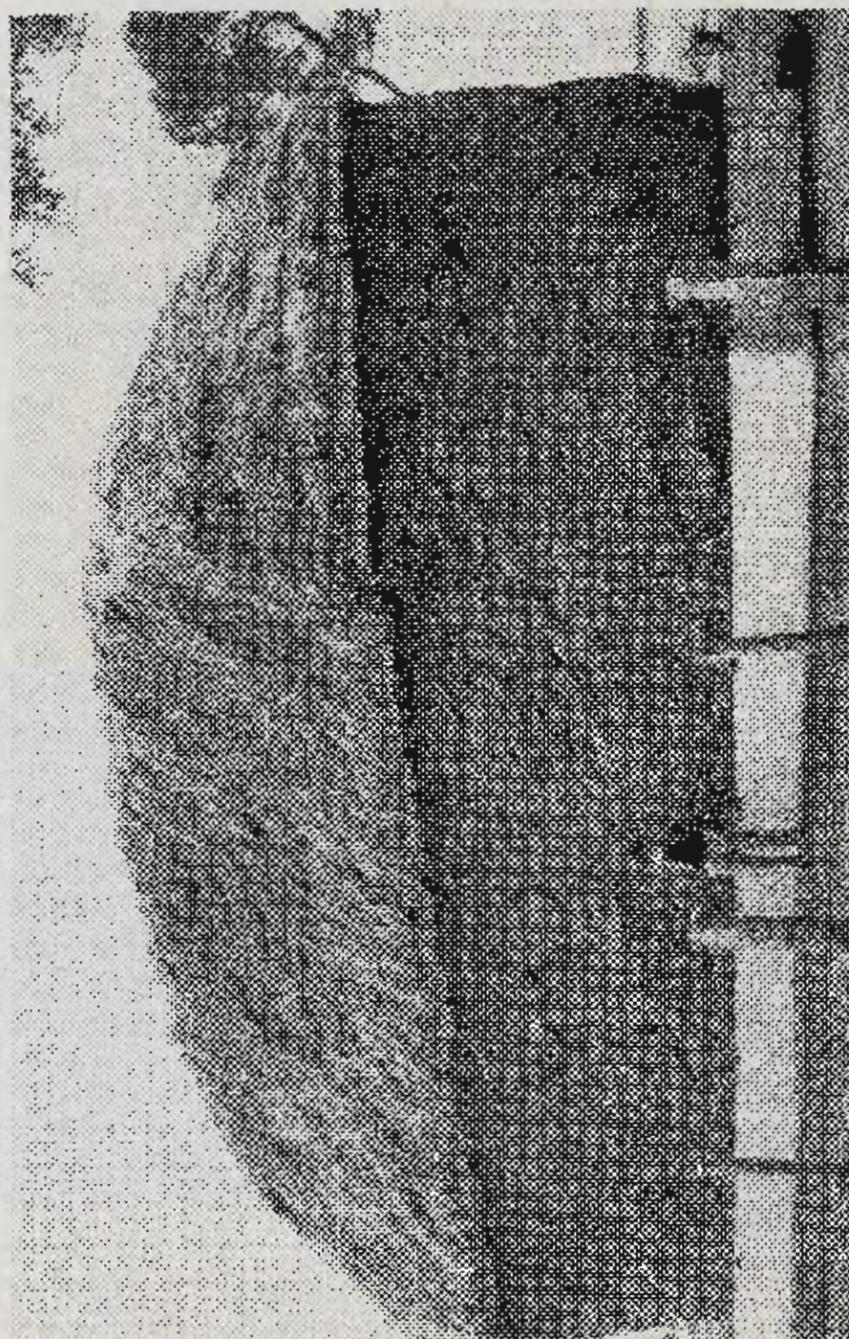
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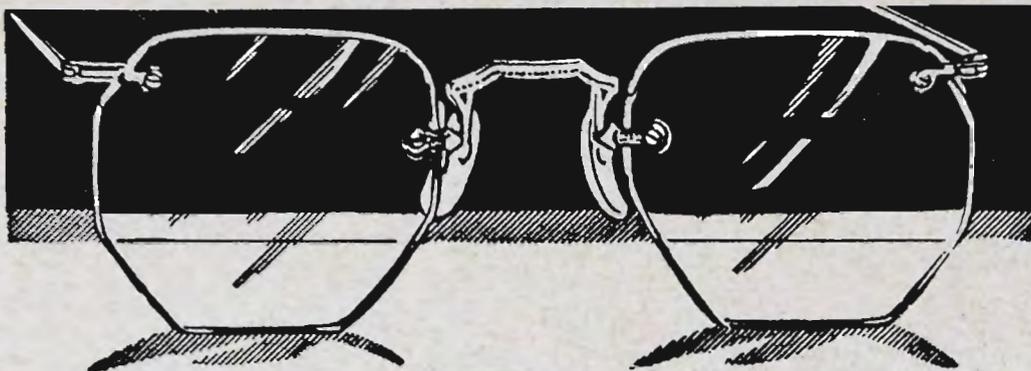
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QUANTITY AND QUALITY

As shown in the detailed list of awards, very few competitors scored the maximum points for quantity and quality. Some held reserves sufficient for full points on quantity, but lost points on quality. The fact that so few competitors, many of whom had managed their farms successfully for years, made even a good score under quantity indicates that the unit of $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of hay or its equivalent is too large for a state-wide competition where grass-land farming predominates, especially as this unit is supposed to indicate a seasonal requirement and points are allotted for an excess quantity to cover a second seasonal shortage. One and a half tons of hay is equal to over seven months' feeding at the daily rate of 15 lb. for each stock unit on the farm or a bale of grass hay daily for every four cows over the same period. This season good conditioned meadow hay varied from 35 lb. to 95 lb. a bale, but the average farm weight was around 60 lb.

The bulk of the fodder ranged between fair to good quality, and the composition of the meadow and lucerne mixture hays varies with the pasture and soil types. Some consisted almost entirely of subterranean clover, while hay with considerable mixtures of barley, spear, vernal or bent grasses might have been conserved more advantageously as silage. This does not mean that inferior material will make good silage, but palatability would be increased and less waste incurred. The quantity of meadow hay containing an even balance of grasses and legumes was comparatively small. It was usually a quality of extremes, too much clover or only a grassy mixture, often stemmy and late harvested. But from the stockowner's viewpoint the appearance in the stook does not alone determine the quality. The type of pasture the hay is to supplement, as well as the class of stock to be fed, are important factors. Short-growth lucerne and green-cut subterranean clover hays will be preferred by breeding ewes on dry country, yet the feed of dairy cows on the "short bits," consisting mainly of legumes, will be balanced by rye-grass, cocks-foot, phalaris and cereal hays, with a light clover mixture.

With few exceptions, competitors were feeding stock during the judging. Some feed regularly throughout the year, but owing to the dry season, others, who usually find it necessary to hand-feed during the winter, had been feeding since January.

The various hays and silage are only roughage, and useful as a complement to other feed; consequently the points for quality were not always affected by the percentage of legumes. Any deductions on this point were made under the heading "suitability," and were related to the type and ages of livestock as well as to the pastures. Likewise stemmy and late-

cut meadow hay has a lower "suitability" value on a sheep than on a dairy farm. Quite apart from previous experience, the observations made during this competition indicate that, outside the cultivation areas, more and better quality reserves would be made if harvesting began earlier by making silage and following on with hay-making. Last season many paddocks were mowed and lay out for weeks waiting to be baled. This was not always due to any manpower shortage, but because the owner wished to have the hay pressed—when often there was no proper protection for the bales—and waited his turn. In this way much hay was discoloured and bleached.

The general quality of the stacked meadow hay, which includes various lucerne mixtures, was superior to the baled hay. Also by the absence of proper—or any—protection there appeared to be more baled material damaged than in the stacks of loose grass hay.

Too many bales when opened were musty, due to pressing when the material contained too much moisture, even mouldy or over-ripe. The advantages of pressing hay are saving of storage space—but this counts for nothing if no storage is provided—easy transport, which is most important when a farmer has distant properties to work, and lessened fire risk, but against these are added costs and the necessity for some protective covering against weather damage. Under existing condi-

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tions it is very doubtful if the baling of meadow hay is warranted in the higher rainfall areas—20 inches and over—unless provision is made for adequate protection.

On the grounds of economy in time, money and labour, quite a large number of farmers have reverted to the stack method. These contend that the paddock is cleared more quickly and the hay better cured.

An analysis of the fodder reserves estimated at 5,700 tons on the 86 dairy farms previously mentioned, shows that 2,450 tons were baled pasture or lucerne mixture hay, 2,610 tons loose meadow hay, and 640 tons cereal hay.

Nevertheless the conditions under which meadow hay is baled demands close attention, particularly in the higher rainfall districts, and where adequate protection is an indispensable provision. Moreover, baling should be restricted to good quality hay. Inferior mixtures are not worth pressing.

CONDITION OF STOCK

It would indeed be a surprising and regrettable feature if an appreciable number of competitors in a fodder conservation competition kept out-of-condition stock. With few exceptions the stock were in fair to good condition, and in only a few instances were points deducted under this section. Although hand-feeding was general on account of the dry season, weaners and aged ewes, milking two-year-olds and aged cows were showing the ill-effects of seasonable conditions and the need for a better class of supplementary feed to suit their particular requirements.

BETTER PROTECTION ESSENTIAL

If this competition can direct attention to, and secure some improvement in the protection of conserved fodder, a considerable waste of material, time and labour will be avoided. This was the weakest section, and the points awarded under this heading do not clearly state the position. Some second season oaten stacks were riddled with mice as well as damaged by rain; but if these lost points for quantity and quality, and scored nil for protection, this state was not clearly revealed in the total points for protection because this season's larger reserves might be fairly well protected or not appear damaged, and the points distributed over the whole reserves.

Except in the Charlton and Dimboola competitions, where mouse-shielded stands, stack bins and thatching are the common rule, many second-year-old oaten stacks and the second and third year grass stacks in the open had been so damaged by weather as to render these valueless. In one instance, a large unprotected stack of baled second-year meadow hay is a useless mass. Material, wire and labour wasted.

Suitable protective materials are not easily obtainable at present, but this position does not forbid future planning or the more skilful building of grass stacks. The type of protection should be adapted to local con-

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ditions. Some of the best methods for general purposes noted during the judging were the open sheds or Dutch barns of G. Starritt & Son, of Mooroopna North, and Mr. Trevor Harvey, of Boisdale. The former consists of a central bay and two wings, with an overall measurement of



A 22-year-old stack of oaten hay recently re-thatched on the farm of Mr. A. F. Dahlenburg, Kiata.

140 ft. x 70 ft. x 18 ft. to wing plates and 25 ft. to the ridge. At the time of judging, this barn contained more than 10,000 bales of lucerne, meadow and oaten hay and 115 tons sheaf wheaten hay, and, in addition to providing cover for some hay-making machinery, was used to hold temporary pens for the lambing down of special stud ewes. Mr. Harvey's

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shed, 50 ft. x 30 ft. x 15 ft. to wing plate, and over which the roof projects 2 ft. 6 in., has a capacity for about 75 tons (settled weight) of meadow hay, and is an ideal structure for small farms on which carting is easily done. On many farms the reserves of meadow hay were scattered about in small stacks, while in some instances the hay was swept into a corner of the paddock on the principle that "time is the essence of the contract."

Since the general use of the sweep in meadow hay-making, the cart or waggon with its wide hay-frame has largely been relegated to the scrap heap. Even if time is the essence of the contract, the real value of the job lies in the quality of the product. Perhaps if some modified reversion to older methods were re-introduced and the hay left a shorter time in the windrow but "cured" in large cocks, the necessity for speed at the expense of quality and waste could be avoided.

BEST STACKS IN GRAIN DISTRICTS

Stack-building is included under the heading "protection." Some weather-damaged and badly-built stacks, chiefly of meadow hay, were not considered to contain suitable fodder and were excluded from the quantity on the farm. The best built and protected stacks of cereal hay were noted in the grain-growing districts, and the methods taken to reduce to a minimum the damage by vermin and weather might with advantage be applied more extensively in the higher rainfall areas. Some of the best built—and the worst—stacks of meadow hay were made by elevator or grab-stacker. These were usually larger than the ordinary run of grass stacks, measuring between 20 and 30 tons. But many equally good and much smaller stacks were seen on some Gippsland dairy farms. These were the result of methodical and careful work. The best were made by allowing the stack to settle after reaching pitching height, making another stack alongside, and later forking on top of the first stack. These stacks had straight ends, high walls, steeply rounded roofs, and were protected by bag covers. As these covers are at present irreplaceable, better built stacks with higher centres and steeper and well-raked roofs will reduce the damage by rain.

The settling of many grass stacks showed that the centre was not kept high enough when building, whereas other stacks, in which the body centre was kept 3 ft. to 4 ft. above the walls, and finished with a good roof, opened in splendid condition, with practically no waste except for a thin layer on the roof and without any rain entering the stack. Such stacks are the result of skilful building.

A rush-thatched stack of meadow hay was an exceptional feature among the reserves of Mr. J. J. Young, of Baynton, while, excepting permanent fixtures, the best protected stack of baled hay was seen on the property of S. H. Humphrey & Son, of Springhurst, where a straw thatch was placed under the wires of the roof bales after the first row in the roof had been set forward about 6 inches to form an eave.

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Across the tops of many stacks, wires were laid, either longitudinally or transversely, to which heavy weights, such as logs and stumps, were suspended or heavy weights were attached to short roof covers. These had the effect of making depressions through which rain penetrated the stacks. Such weights should not be unnecessarily heavy and set out from the stack. In the case of cover weights, a number of small weights fairly closely placed is preferable to a few over-weight anchors.

Large farms were as successful as those of smaller areas. In some districts the small farms scored the most points, whereas in other districts the larger properties held the most food units in comparison with the number of stock units the farm should, and did, carry. Management and available labour were controlling factors.

The best quality meadow hay was included in the reserves of Messrs. W. Holland, Warragul; J. S. Bullingham, Tongala; H. W. Canobie, Warragul; and E. McDonald, Edenhope. For fire protection, conveniently situated stack yard, neatness and orderly arrangement of seed and grain barns, Mr. R. O. Blackwood's exhibit at Buckrabanyule was unrivalled.

Since the completion of judging and during the preparation of this report the interesting fact has been revealed that not only did none of the championship winners own nondescript stock, but that pedigree or high-grade cattle and sheep were maintained by the most successful competitor in each of the 21 local competitions, many being members of various breed societies.

QUANTITY OF SILAGE DISAPPOINTING

The quantity of silage conserved was disappointingly small, especially on dairy farms, where this form of conservation has a special value.

The largest quantity of silage—more than 300 tons—was conserved by Messrs. Vagg and Kenworthy, of Yinnar. On this property a silage pit is excavated in each paddock and filled in alternate seasons. This practice has been regularly followed for 12 years, and is one reason why 70 milking cows and other stock are carried on 94 acres. Last year, 425 bales of meadow hay were also conserved.

On a 48-acre farm at Warragul, Mr. W. Holland conserved approximately 140 tons of silage and carried 28 milking cows, in addition to other farm stock; 16½ acres were cut for silage and 2 acres for meadow hay. This hay was equal to the best in the competition.

By pitting sheaf green oats, Mr. C. K. Parish, of Charlton, had made some excellent silage. When ensiling the bands are not cut, and these facilitate loading and feeding. The silage is fed to lambing ewes in long feeders made of cyclone wire and the hay bands are cut as the silage is placed in the feeders.

Some competitors had formed extremely high estimates of the contents of silage pits. As most pits were relatively shallow and contained only



Above: Sweeping sward into silage stack.
Below: A good growth of mixed pasture.



Above: Mechanical hay loader adapted for handling green material for silage.

Below: Building silage stack by grab stacker.

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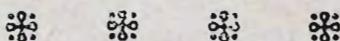
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4 ft. to 5 ft. of consolidated material, the estimated capacity was based on 60 cub. ft. to the ton of silage; but ranged from 55 cub. ft. to 64 ft. when the depth was higher or lower. The number of cubic feet to a ton of silage may range between 45 and 65, according to depth and condition of the material.

In my opinion, the present schedule is not suitable for the wheat and grain growing districts, and I think a separate set of conditions should be worked out for these districts. Grass-land and cultivation farming cannot equitably compete on the same scale of points. Moreover, owing to the variable seasons in the northern districts, the quantity of reserves held in relation to the stock units is not only unnecessary, but uneconomical in the southern districts where grass-land farming predominates.



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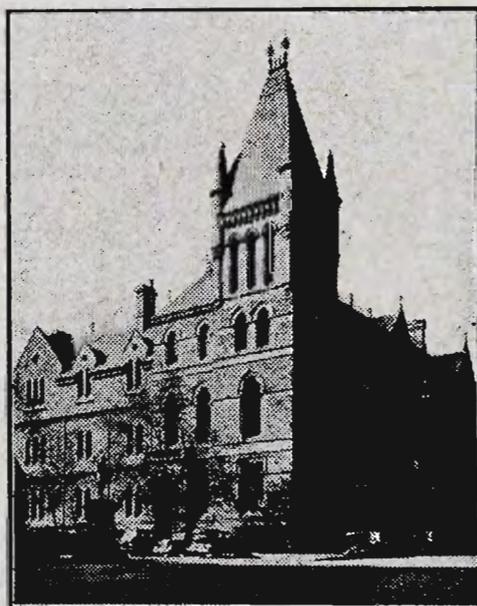
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LOCAL COMPETITIONS — RESULTS

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A summary of these competitions is as follows:—

Local F.C.C. Conducted By:	No. of Entries	Actual Competitors	FIRST	Pts.	SECOND	Pts.	THIRD	Pts.
Benalla A. & P. Society	5	5	A. T. James, Warrenbayne	137	J. Heywood, Warrenbayne	136	R. T. Hill, Molyullah	121
Berwick & District A. & H. Society	9	9	A. G. Poole, Berwick	131	D. Cowe, Berwick	117	H. J. Wanke, Narre Warren	100
Charlton A. & P. Society	5	5	A. E. Judd, Teddywaddy	178	R. N. Blackwood, Buckrabanyule	175.5	C. K. Parish, Charlton	168
Cohuna A. P. & H. Society	10	9	C. Ricketts, Cohuna	122	T. R. Cleave, Wee-Wee-Rup	109	C. L. King, Cohuna	105
Dimboola A. & P. Society	7	7	A. F. Dahlenburg, Kiata	192	J. O'Connor, Pimpinio	191.5	W. G. Pietsch, Dimboola	189.5
Edenhope P. & A. Society	8	8	W. Simpson, Apsley	114	E. Warburton, Jallakin	103	W. H. Smith, Apsley	76
Geelong A. & P. Society	15	12	L. J. Challis, Connewarre	186	Grinter Bros., Whittington	184	R. Walton, Buckley	179
Kyabram A. H. & P. Society	8	7	J. S. Bullingham, Tongala	134	J. Purdey, Kyvalley	133	O. E. McLean, Kyabram	126
Kyneton Agricultural Society	14	12	J. A. Till, Lauriston	167	Trewhella Bros., Newham	165	F. Douglas, Redesdale Junct. . . .	164
Lang Lang P. A. & H. Society	6	6	D. & M. A. Poole, Caldermeade	153	Mrs. Howlett & Miss Samuels, Lang Lang	138	A. P. Bailey, Yannathan	96
Maffra & Dist. Agricultural Society	9	9	E. J. Pearce, Boisdale	142	T. Harvey, Boisdale	128	L. Farvis, Heyfield	121
Maryborough Dist. A. & H. Society	5	5	Williamson Bros., Carisbrook	168	N. Forbes, Eddington	153	G. J. Butler, Carisbrook	126

Local F.C.C. Conducted By:	No. of Entries	Actual Competitors	FIRST	Pts.	SECOND	Pts.	THIRD	Pts.
Myrtleford-Whorouly Herd Testing Association	8	8	C. C. Johnson, Whorouly South . . .	152	A. Newton, Whorouly East . . .	126	C. Spink, Whorouly . . .	124
Pakenham & District Herd Testing Association	11	10	A. S. Barker, Vervale	159	R. Chessum, Officedale	153	J. Thewlis, Pakenham	142
Portland & District Herd Testing Association	7	6	Mrs. O. E. Povey, Paschendale	95	F. R. Denny, Paschendale	94	O. Adamson, Tyrendarra	83
Pyramid Agricultural Society	8	7	C. E. Wood & Sons, Pyramid	134	H. J. Hamley, Dingee	126	T. Gilmore, Yarrowalla Sth.	125
Rochester Herd Testing Association	8	8	H. A. Keele, Bamawm	150	D. Fehring, Nanneella	140	H. D. Main, Bamawm Exten.	117
Shepparton Agricultural Society	7	6	G. Starritt & Son, Mooroopna	166	Ducat & Sons, Ardmona	136	J. B. Watson, Zeerust	122
Wangaratta A. & P. Society	6	5	H. J. & H. F. Klemm, Londrigan	185	H. S. Humphrey & Son, Springhurst	150	W. J. O'Brien, Hansonville	138
Warragul & West Gippsland Agricultural Society	19	19	A. C. Arnott, Yalungah	145	J. Holland, Warragul	144	Vagg & Kenworthy, Yinnar	139
Yea A. P. & H. Association	5	5	Gilbert Brown, Molesworth	90	G. Drysdale, Homewood	89	T. Carey, Yea	78

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Ram, lambled 1942—30 entries—1, W. J. Dawkins—Newbold No. 177 of 1942; 2, W. S. Martin—Balmoral No. 230 of 1942; 3, W. S. Martin—Balmoral No. 139 of 1942.

Pen of 2 Rams, lambled 1942—17 entries—1, W. and E. Roberts Thomson—Wynyard No. 47 of 1942 and Wynyard No. 96 of 1942; 2, W. S. Martin—Balmoral No. 238 of 1942 and Balmoral No. 354 of 1942; 3, W. J. Dawkins—Newbold No. 199 of 1942 and Newbold No. 443 of 1942.

SUFFOLKS.

Ram, lambled 1941—No entry.

Ram, lambled 1942—3 entries—1, Allen E. Day—Allendale No. 692 of 1942; 2, Allen E. Day—Allendale No. 769 of 1942; 3, Richard Shipp—Stonehaven Sheik.

Pen of 2 Rams, lambled 1942—1 entry—1, Richard Shipp—Stonehaven Servant and Stonehaven Sergeant.

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Ram, lambled 1941—4 entries—1, John McIntosh—Burnwood No. S9 of 1941; 2, J. G. and W. Muller—Terrara No. 22 of 1941; 3, C. G. Meier—Bylands No. U67 of 1941 (T.).

Ram, lambled 1942—8 entries—1, John McIntosh—Burnwood No. T111 of 1942; 2, G. A. Hall—Mascoma No. 13 of 1942; 3, John McIntosh—Burnwood No. T126 of 1942.

Pen of 2 Rams, lambled 1942—2 entries—1, John McIntosh—Burnwood No. T13 of 1942 and Burnwood No. T17 of 1942; 2, Lady Knox—Greenknowe No. N74 of 1942 and Greenknowe No. N75 of 1942.

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Ram, lambled 1941—16 entries—1, C. C. Dane—Mundarra No. 134 of 1941; 2, F. R. W. Spry—Letts No. 30 of 1941; 3, C. C. Dane—Mundarra No. 86 of 1941.

Ram, lambled 1942—28 entries—1, James M. McIntosh—Boorganna No. 74 of 1942; 2, G. N. King—Pine Lodge No. 1 of 1942; 3, F. R. W. Spry—Letts No. 50 of 1942.

Pen of 2 Rams, lambled 1942—21 entries—1, James M. McIntosh—Boorganna No. 35 of 1942 and Boorganna No. 46 of 1942; 2, G. Starritt and Son—Kelso No. Q84 of 1942 and Kelso No. Q95 of 1942; 3, C. C. Dane—Mundarra No. 40 of 1942 and Mundarra No. 103 of 1942.

ROMNEY MARSH.

Ram, lambled 1941—5 entries—1, Howard W. Yelland—Glentrevor No. 25 of 1941; 2, Howard W. Yelland—Glentrevor No. 29 of 1941; 3, Dr. S. V. Sewell and Mrs. P. F. Matthews—Roads End No. A51 of 1941.

Ram, lambled 1942—12 entries—1, Capt. A. E. T. Payne—Payne's No. 86 of 1942; 2, Rudduck and Co. Pty. Ltd.—Rudduck's No. 141 of 1942; 3, Cecil R. P. Yelland—Trevender No. 18 of 1942.

Pen of 2 Rams, lambled 1942—11 entries—1, Rudduck and Co. Pty. Ltd.—Rudduck's No. 12 of 1942 and Rudduck's No. 128 of 1942; 2, Rudduck and Co. Pty. Ltd.—Rudduck's No. 5 of 1942 and Rudduck's No. 63 of 1942; 3, Capt. A. E. T. Payne—Payne's No. 32 of 1942 and Payne's No. 2 of 1942.

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Ram, lambled 1941—3 entries—1, E. P. Byard—Benboe No. 18 of 1941; 2, E. Hayes and Son—Barfold Radiance; 3, G. A. McNabb and Son—Bonnie Doon Stirling.

Ram, lambled 1942—21 entries—1, Lithgow and Ross—Dauntless Choice; 2, E. Hayes and Son—Barfold No. A109 of 1942; 3, Lithgow and Ross—Dauntless Charm.

Pen of 2 Rams, lambled 1942—15 entries—1, Wilson G. J. Beer—Plymouth No. 244 of 1942 and Plymouth No. 149 of 1942; 2, C. C. Oppenheim—Looton No. 3561 of 1942 (T.) and Looton No. 3592 of 1942; 3, C. C. Oppenheim—Looton No. 3564 of 1942 (T.) and Looton No. 3690 of 1942 (T.).

ENGLISH LEICESTERS.

Ram, lambled 1941—No entry.

Ram, lambled 1942—4 entries—1, Williamson Bros.—Lochinver No. 7 of 1942; 2, Williamson Bros.—Lochinver No. 3 of 1942; 3, D. and M. McGregor—Dalmore No. 14 of 1942.

Pen of 2 Rams, lambled 1942—3 entries—1, Williamson Bros.—Lochinver No. 4 of 1942 and Lochinver No. 5 of 1942; 2, Williamson Bros.—Lochinver No. 12 of 1942 and Lochinver No. 15 of 1942; 3, D. and M. McGregor—Dalmore No. 21 of 1942 and Dalmore No. 17 of 1942.

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2. The objects of the Society shall be to promote the development of the Agricultural, Pastoral, Horticultural, Viticultural, Stock Raising and Industrial Resources of the State—

- (1) By holding Exhibitions at such places and times as the Council shall appoint, and by offering and awarding prizes and premiums at all such Exhibitions, if deemed desirable.
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- (4) By promoting the discovery, investigation and introduction of improved kinds of agricultural implements and machinery, the better equipment and construction of farm buildings, the application of chemistry to the general purposes of agriculture, the destruction of insects injurious to vegetable life, and the eradication or utilization of weeds.
- (5) By promoting the discovery, investigation and introduction of new varieties of cereals, vegetables or grasses suitable to the climate, and capable of being cultivated with profit; and also the introduction of desirable kinds and varieties of live stock.
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- (9) By the purchase of live stock for breeding purposes and allowing farmers and other rural workers the use thereof for improving the standard of live stock.
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- (12) By promoting or assisting any other work which may be regarded by the Council of the Society as being beneficial to primary production or the improvement of live stock.

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- (15) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

3. The Society shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, four Trustees (three of whom shall be appointed as hereinafter provided, and one shall be appointed by the State Governor), Governors, Members, Honorary Members, Honorary Scientific Members (not exceeding six in number), and Corresponding Members. The term "Member" shall (unless the context otherwise requires) be deemed to include a Life Member, Life Governor and Governor.

4. Subject to the provisions of Rule 27, every applicant for admission into the Society, by giving his name and address, with his subscription, to the Secretary, shall be duly constituted a Member of the same, and shall have all the rights of membership till the day after the Annual Meeting next ensuing. Provided that when any subscription shall be paid in the name of any firm or company such firm or company shall nominate in writing one of the members

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5. Governors shall pay a subscription of three pounds three shillings and Members one pound ten shillings annually. Life Governors shall pay a subscription of fifty pounds, and Life Members a subscription of twenty-five pounds.

6. The Society shall be managed by a Council consisting of thirty-three Members (elected from amongst the Members of the Society as hereinafter provided) and the Trustees, who shall be *ex officio* Members of the Council.

7. One-third of the Council (the Trustees excepted) shall retire annually in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election.

8. Land acquired, or to be acquired, for the Society shall be held by and be vested in the Trustees for the time being of the Society for and on behalf of the Society. The Trustees appointed as provided by these rules shall hold office until disqualified, or until they are removed in due course at the Annual or at a Special General Meeting of the Society. Any new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed at the Annual or at a Special General Meeting of the Society, or in accordance with Rule 14. The Trustees shall deal with the lands of the Society as directed by resolution of the Council of the Society (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence), and they shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Society's property. If the office of Trustee, appointed by the State Governor, shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, a new Trustee shall be appointed by the State Governor.

9. The Council shall, at their first meeting after the annual election in each year, elect out of their own number (which includes the Trustees) a President and three Vice-Presidents.

10. The Council shall have the entire management of the income and funds of the Society, and all other affairs thereof, and for these purposes the Members of the Society for the time being shall be deemed to have constituted the Council of the Society for the time being their agents.

11. The Council shall have power to appoint and remove all paid officers of the Society.

12. The Council shall have power to elect Honorary, Honorary Scientific and Corresponding Members, nominations therefor having been submitted at a previous meeting and a notice of such nominations having been sent to each Member of the Council. The Honorary Scientific Members shall retire annually, and shall be eligible for re-election.

13. Governors and Honorary Scientific Members may attend meetings of the Council and take part in discussions thereat, but shall not have power to vote.

14. The Council may, except as to the Trustee appointed by the State Governor, fill up any vacancies in its own body created by death, resignation or occurring in any other way amongst its office-bearers.

15. The Council shall have power to make or amend such regulations as they think necessary.

16. The Council shall be regulated in its proceedings by such By-laws as shall from time to time be enacted by it, conformably with the Constitution and objects of the Society; but no By-law

shall in any case be altered, or new one proposed, unless notice of such intention has been given at a previous meeting and sent to each member of the Council.

17. The financial year of the Society shall end on the 31st day of December of each year, to which day the accounts of the Society shall be balanced. At the monthly meeting of the Council, to be held in January in each year, the Council shall prepare a list of Members nominated by them to fill the vacancies in the Council. Nominations (other than those made by the Council) of Members who may be candidates for such vacancies must be in the hands of the Secretary prior to such meeting. Every nomination other than those made by the Council shall be signed by at least two Members other than the candidate, and shall have endorsed thereon the consent of such candidate, duly signed by him.

18. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the last Thursday in February, at which meeting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall be submitted. Members elected to fill the vacancies in the Council, two paid Auditors appointed, and any other business transacted of which due notice in writing shall have been given before the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of the second Tuesday in January immediately preceding.

19. Fourteen days at least before the Annual General Meeting the President or his Deputy shall send to all Members of the Society a ballot paper, numbered, and initialled by the President or his Deputy, or the Secretary, with the names of all the candidates who have been duly nominated, and each Member desiring to vote shall erase therefrom all names he thinks fit. Provided that any ballot paper containing more or less than the required number of names shall be rejected by the President (who shall be Returning Officer) or his Deputy at the election. Every such ballot paper shall be returned before the closing of the poll, which shall be at three o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, and the said ballot papers shall be opened and counted when the Returning Officer is making up the poll.

20. Fourteen days at least before the Annual Meeting a copy of the Report and audited Balance Sheet for the preceding financial year shall be forwarded to every Member of the Society.

21. The Secretary shall report to the meeting of the Council next after the Annual Meeting the Members elected to fill the vacancies in the Council.

22. A Special General Meeting of the Society may be called at any time by the Secretary, on direction of the President or on the requisition of twenty Members of the Society, of which meeting there must be given ten clear days' notice stating the business to be transacted, but no business shall be transacted at any such meeting other than that for which it has been called.

23. A Special Meeting of the Council may be summoned by direction of the President or of three members of the Council, but no business then transacted shall be valid unless confirmed by special resolution at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting.

24. At the Annual Meeting twenty Members, including Members of Council, or at a Special General Meeting ten Members, exclusive of Members of Council, shall form a quorum.

25. The privileges of Membership shall consist of power to vote at the election of Members of Council appointed by the Society, of free admission to the Library, Reading-room and Lectures, and, (with two ladies if the member be a Life Governor, whenever so constituted, or a Life Member, so constituted before the 2nd

February, 1939, but with one lady only as regards all other Members) to the Society's exhibitions, grounds and grandstands (subject to such regulations as the Council may make) on production of the Member's ticket for the current year. And while the Society issues a monthly journal a copy shall, on receipt of a request in writing, be posted free to every Member.

26. Any Member neglecting or refusing to comply with these Rules, or any or either of them, or any lawful directions or requirements by the Council made in pursuance or under the authority thereof, or being guilty either before or after becoming a Member of the Society of conduct calculated to bring the Society into discredit in connection with its General Meetings, its Meetings of Council, its Exhibitions, or other objects, shall be liable to be summoned before the Council, and, if found guilty, shall be subject to reprimand or to have his name expunged from the roll of Members, and may also be disqualified from exhibiting and may be disallowed from again becoming a Member during the pleasure of the Council. A Member expelled under this Rule shall forfeit all right in and claim upon the Society and its property.

27. Any person being expelled from Membership or disqualified from exhibiting, riding or competing by any kindred society shall not be allowed to become a Member or to exhibit, ride or compete at this Society's Exhibitions until such expulsion be rescinded or such disqualification be removed, provided such expulsion or disqualification be confirmed by the Council of this Society.

28. The Council shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules, and of the By-laws and Regulations made thereunder; and the decision of the Council upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Society or the administration of its affairs, whether provided for by these Rules or by the By-laws and Regulations made thereunder or otherwise, shall be final and binding on the Members.

29. Every Member shall communicate from time to time to the Secretary his address; and all notices required by these Rules to be sent or given to Members shall be deemed to have been duly sent or given if posted or sent to such address.

30. Every person becoming a Member of the Society thereby undertakes, if at any time required to do so by the Council, to give evidence by statutory declaration or otherwise of any facts within his knowledge or information relating to the subject matter of any inquiry by the Council.

31. Every person becoming a Member of the Society shall thereby undertake to indemnify and shall with every other Member thereof be bound to indemnify the Council, and the individual Members thereof, any Committee of the Council and any Members of any such Committee, against any action or damages in respect of anything done or purported to have been done in accordance with these Rules, or the By-laws or Regulations made thereunder, during the continuance of his Membership.

32. The Council and the Members thereof shall be indemnified out of the Society's property against risk and expense which may occur through borrowing monies in accordance with paragraph 13 of Rule 2; and Members of the Society, notwithstanding Rule 31 hereof, shall not by reason only of their membership be or become personally liable through, by reason, or on account of any such borrowings.

33. These Rules shall not be altered except by a majority of the Members present at the Annual or at a Special General Meeting.

BY-LAWS

GENERAL MEETINGS.

1. Notice of the Annual and Special General Meetings of the Society shall be given in such newspapers as the Council may decide, and by circular through post to every Member; and all matters, except the election of the Members of Council at the Annual Meeting, shall be determined by a show of hands, unless a division is called for by at least three Members present. At every Annual General Meeting the minutes of the last Annual Meeting shall be read and confirmed; a report, together with a financial statement from the Council, shall be submitted, and any Member present may propose any question to the Council respecting the matters contained in such report, and comment thereon, or may refer to such other matters relating to the government of the Society and the management of its affairs as to him may seem proper, provided that his remarks have reference to some motion of which notice has been previously given in accordance with Rule 18.

2. The President or his Deputy shall conduct the election at the Annual General Meeting, at which meeting two or more scrutineers shall be chosen by the President or his Deputy to assist in making up the state of the poll.

THE PRESIDENT.

3. The President shall, in all official relations of the Society, take precedence of all other Members, and shall take the chair when present, having (as well as any other Chairman of the Council) the privilege of a casting vote in addition to his own in all cases of equality in a division on any question. He shall sign all such letters, votes of thanks and other documents as the Council may decide.

THE COUNCIL.

4. The Council shall hold a meeting at least every month, on such a day and at such an hour as the Council may decide, for the transaction of the business of the Society, and may adjourn from time to time at its discretion.

5. At the monthly meetings the Council shall have full power to originate, discuss and decide by a majority of votes on a show of hands all questions not involving an unusual outlay of money brought before it; provided that, if any three Members present regard any proposition brought forward as too important for immediate decision, they may object and demand the usual month's notice, whereupon all discussion on the question shall cease.

6. No motion, the effect of which, if carried, would be to rescind any motion previously passed by the Council during the same year, shall be entertained unless one month's notice be given to the Council.

7. The ruling of the Chairman shall be final in all matters of order and practice.

8. If within half an hour after the time at which any meeting of the Council is called a quorum of Members be not present, the

Members present, or the majority of them, or any one Member if one only be present, or the Secretary, if no Member be present, may adjourn such meeting to any time not longer than fourteen days from the date of such adjournment, providing that no meeting shall be held on a public holiday, and should an Ordinary Meeting fall on a holiday the Secretary shall be empowered to postpone the date of such meeting and call it not later than ten days after the date on which it otherwise would have been held.

9. Minutes of the proceedings of every meeting of the Council or of any Committee shall be taken during their progress by the Secretary, or, in case of his absence, by some person present whom the Chairman may appoint for the occasion. The minutes shall afterwards be fairly copied into a minute book kept for that purpose.

10. The Council shall, from time to time, draw up such By-laws as may appear to them expedient for conducting the proceedings of their own meetings, which shall be binding on the Members of the Council, and all such By-laws shall be binding on all and every the Members, Honorary, Honorary Scientific, and Corresponding Members, officers and servants of the Society, as well as on all exhibitors or their assistants at the Society's Exhibitions.

11. The Council may appoint Committees to examine into or take action on any special matter relating to the objects or business of the Society, and may dissolve such Committees when they shall think proper.

12. The Council shall appoint a banker or bankers to the Society, to whom all sums of money received by the Secretary or other persons for the use of the Society shall be paid.

13. No money shall be drawn from the Society's banking account but by order of the Council, after a report from the Finance Committee, and by cheques signed by two Members of such Committee and countersigned by the Secretary. Entries shall be made of all such payments.

14. If any Member of Council, with the exception of the Trustees, shall be absent from three consecutive monthly meetings of the Council without leave having been obtained, his seat shall be declared vacant.

15. The Secretary shall notify to the Council any vacancy which may have occurred in the list of President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees or other members of the Council, at the meeting of the Council at which or next after such vacancy occurred, and such vacancy shall not be filled up until the monthly meeting of the Council which shall take place next after such notice, provided that if any such vacancy occur after the ordinary monthly Council meeting in November such vacancy shall not be filled except at the next Annual Meeting.

16. In the absence of the President, the chair shall be taken by the senior Vice-President then present; and should none of these officers be present, then by such Member as the Council shall choose as their Chairman by a majority of votes. (The senior Vice-President shall be deemed to mean the Vice-President who has been a Member of Council for the greatest number of years in the aggregate.)

17. The quorum of a monthly or special meeting of Council shall be five.

18. At every monthly meeting of Council the order of business shall be as follows:—

- (1) Reading and confirming minutes of previous meeting.
- (2) Business arising from minutes.
- (3) Election of officers and nominations for vacancies.
- (4) Committee's Reports.
- (5) Motions.
- (6) Correspondence.
- (7) Postponed business.
- (8) General business.
- (9) Notices of motions.

19. All minutes and reports read to and adopted by the Council shall be signed by the Chairman.

20. The report from the Council to the Annual Meeting in February shall be prepared at the Council meeting first in January or at some adjournment thereof.

COMMITTEES.

21. The Council shall elect such standing Committees at the monthly Council meeting in February as they think fit, and such Committees shall remain in office until the Annual General Meeting in the ensuing year, two members of Committee to form a quorum.

22. The President shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees.

23. Each Committee, at its first meeting, shall elect its own Chairman for the year, and in his absence a Chairman shall be elected by the Committee for the occasion.

24. All Committees shall make or adopt rules for the conduct of their business, and shall make a report of their proceedings to the Council and shall hold office until they have made their respective reports; but in case such reports shall not have been made previous to the last Thursday in February next after their appointment, their powers shall then cease, providing that standing Committees shall retain office till their successors are appointed.

THE STAFF.

25. The Manager shall be immediately responsible to the Council for the discharge of his various duties. He shall attend the sittings of all meetings of the Council and of Committees.

26. The Secretary shall keep all the Society's books. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the Society and keep copies of all letters on the business of the Society.

27. Under the direction of the Finance Committee, the Secretary shall be responsible for all monies received, paying such sums into the Society's Bank, and producing at each meeting of the Finance Committee receipts for the same; and, excepting the amounts allowed him for petty cash, he shall not retain in his hands any money belonging to the Society, but shall pay it over forthwith to the Society's Bank. He shall have the charge of the expenditure for petty cash.

28. The Secretary shall have the custody of all books and property of the Society. All books, pamphlets, etc., becoming the property of the Society shall be stamped with the Society's stamp at once.

29. The Manager shall have the immediate superintendence over all of the servants of the Society, and shall be required to report to the Council any instances of misconduct on their part which he may

think of such a nature as to require the consideration of the Council.

30. The Manager and the Secretary shall each find, if required, approved security to the amount of £500, the premium to be paid by the Society.

31. Neither the Manager nor the Secretary shall exercise any of the privileges of a Member of the Society.

FINANCE.

32. The Finance Committee shall have the immediate care of the Society's funds, and shall meet before the ordinary Council meeting in each month, in order to prepare a report for the Council on the state of the Society's funds, which they shall present to each monthly meeting, as well as a statement of the payments recommended to be made, together with all the books in which entries of cash receipts or payments are made, and such documents as the business of the day may require. Should a report from the Finance Committee not have been presented at the meeting of the Council, the Secretary shall report the state of the funds to the Council, in which case the Council shall vote the moneys required without such report.

33. The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be the Honorary Treasurer of the Society.

34. All receipts for money received on behalf of the Society shall be out of a book with counterpart.

35. All moneys received and paid shall be entered daily in a general cash book.

36. The accounts of the Society shall be audited as may be required by the Council by two professional accountants, to whom a balance sheet shall be submitted by the Secretary immediately after the close of the financial year, and such, when audited, shall be presented at the Annual Meeting.



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