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The battle of the bargains is in full swing at this Bon Marche sale of the mid-1960s. Customers have been known to arrive outside the shop's doors four or five hours before opening time to be in the front line when the store opens.

Sale no place for fainthearted

A sale day at a Bon Marche store in Hastings or Napier is no place for the faint hearted.

One eye witness at a par ticularly heetic sale in the early 1960s described the scene as being "as torrid as a gold strike" as shoppen argued and jostled for bar same priced stoods.

Police and traffic officers have been required to keep the huge crowds under control as they waited impatiently for the doors to open.

Some of the pressure has gone out of opening day but the stores still draw thousands of people to their sales every summer and winter. They have become an institution in Hawke's Bay retailing and a tribute to the imagination and flair of the principals of the firm. Messer Ross, Bryce, Richard and State Loser Loser.

chard and Stuart Jones.

The shrewd bargainhunters or "the super early
birds" as the Jones boys
describe them, take up their
vigils outside their store on
sale days as early as 3 or

Many sit in their cars until the queues start forming about 5am and by the time the doors open at 9 o'clock, the footpath is shoulder-toshoulder with shoppers.

In the past years the store has kept two camp stretchers in a back room for people who faint in the packed confines of the

publicity when it took hot tomato soup out to waiting customers on one bleak winter sale morning.

Some of the earliest arrivals have been treated to a free breakfast at the Albert Hotel on the opposite side of the street.

Refere the Namer store

bergariopere carly dere carly Marche ran free buses tes boys up their store on delivered to the store bef During the last Bon Marche summer sale, the store promoted 'ballot bargains' giving shoppers the chance of buying items worth \$70 or \$80 for 10 cents each. The gimnick drew one of the biggest opening crowds in the

Jones boys" has become a familiar feature of their newspaper advertising for sales.

When the Apollo astronauts made world headliner after their successfur splashdown and recovery it the Pacific, the Jones boy capitalised on the publicity by running an advertisement in which their own heads were superimposed over those of the astronaus clambering from their capsule. The caption was in their two stores is a turnconsuming and carefully organised task. Bulk-buying from warehouses throughout New Zealand, a joh usually handled by Stuart Jones, means hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of goods at bargain prices are waiting for shoppers when the

A close watch is kept hourly on each department in the store to see how its sales compare with the previous sale. There have been times when the store's turnover was lower than expected, simply because the store was so full of

neople.

Radio and television personality Selwyn Toogood has had a long association with Bon

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Selwyn Toogood popular figure A younger-looking Selwyn Toogood struggles to get inside a tiny Fiat Bambina car, watched by grinning shoppers after opening Bon Marche's Napier store in 1961.

Johnson (extreme right) poses with his staff outside his drapery store in Heretaunga St. Hastings, which became the forerunner of the Bon Marche stores in Hastings

The building was wrecked in the 1931 earthquake, and replaced with the present Bon present Marche shop.



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Bon Marche stores have been long-established in najor cities around the world with perhaps the best proposed by the proposed proposed perhaps the per

It reputedly has a staff of 3500 in the Paris store alone and another 8500 employed in branches in other

until all Diverpool. the prestigious Bon Marche store couples eight or nine storeys.

During one of its promotions, the Hawke's Bay-based loon Marche company featured a series of goodwill elegrams from its 'asster stores' around the world.

The Hastings business was previously Johnson's lepartment store which was built on the southern side of feretaunga St. east, close to Westermans. It was stablished by Mr Matthew Johnson, the original branch manager in Napier for Blyth's (now DICt) when that firm pened a store in 1893.

Two years later Mr Johnson was in business under his wan name and the change to Bon Marche came in the ate 1920s.



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Paperbacks on increase

The paperback book publishing industry has become g business" with the product easier to publish, said Mi

The row and the said.

The growth of television has altered reading patterns.

according to Mr Brook.

"Television first made an initial breakthrough when the sale of hard-cover books dropped in 1962-63," he

Moved 'up road'

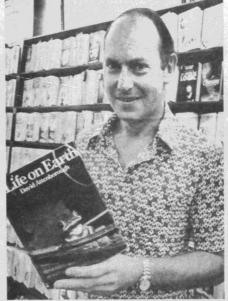
Byron Brook does not regret the change he made in October when he moved Foster Brook from its "Fyear-old home in Herestaunga St "up the road" to the shop formerly occupied by Whitcoulls.

'The layout of a shop is very important and we had become far too cluttered in the old premises. Now we benefit with people being able to mowe around, "he said. Mr Brook does not envisage great changes in the industry. "It won't change much from what it is at present." he said.

Mr Brook are more altractive today, with greater numbers of photographs and detail than in previous years, "he said.

Mr Brook represented Hawke's Bay in golf from 1972 until 1979 and competed in two Freyberg Rosebowl tournaments in 1978 and 1979.

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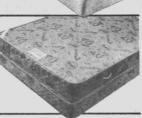


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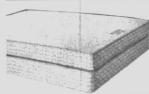
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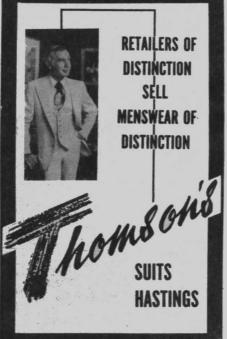
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