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POLITICAL CRISIS IN AUSTRALIA

Attack On Mr Menzies

SIR EARLE PAGE MAKES OFFER TO MR BRUCE

Prime Minister's Plans

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CANBERRA, April 20.

A first-class Federal political crisis loomed to-day when Sir Earle Page, in the House of Representatives, on the motion for the adjournment, attacked the newly-elected leader of the United Australia Party and Prime Minister (Mr R. G. Menzies).

The substance of Sir Earle Page's attack was, first, that Mr Menzies had resigned from Mr Lyons's Government at a time when Australia was spending untold millions in getting ready for war; secondly, that before resigning he made a speech which was interpreted as an attack upon his own leader; thirdly, that in 1915 he resigned from the military forces and did not go overseas for war service.

Sir Earle Page emphasised that the change in the leadership of the United Australia Party had wrought a change in the relationship of the two Government parties. Australia needed a leader in whom the utmost confidence could be placed. He must have a public record such as would inspire the people to their maximum national effort in a time of emergency.

Sir Earle Page indicated that with Mr Menzies as leader it was quite impossible to continue the Cabinet relations hitherto existing between the two Government parties, and that that was the advice he intended giving the Governor-General, Lord Gowrie.

Sir Earle Page also revealed that he had communicated with the Australian High Commissioner in London (the Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce) mentioning the possibility of an election. At the same time he offered his own parliamentary seat to Mr Bruce if the latter would return to lead a new composite Government. Mr Bruce had replied that he would only return to lead a non-party Government.

During Sir Earle Page's address the House was in an uproar.

Mr Menzies was cheered on rising to reply. He declared that the door to co-operation had been closed, bolted and barred for reasons, not only offensive and personal, but paltry.

"I did not resign my commission from the militia. I completed the training under the universal system and then, like many other young men in 1915, I had to answer the question: 'Is it my duty to go to war?'"

"The answer to that is hardly one for the public platform. It was really an intimate personal family affair, and for reasons that were compelling I was unable to join my two brothers in the infantry."

"Miserable Qualities."

Mr Menzies closed his reply: "In the discharge of my duties as Leader I hope to exhibit none of the miserable qualities suggested by the retiring Prime Minister in one of the most remarkable attacks of my public career."

Mr Menzies was cheered from all parts of the House.

Sir Earle Page's speech is reported to have caused deep resentment, even from members of his own party, some of whom intend to seek an explanation. They may even demand his resignation from the leadership of the Country Party.

Dramatic developments followed the adjournment. Two Country Party members, Messrs Fadden and Corser, announced their resignations from their party owing to objection to Sir Earle Page's remarks. They intend to become Independent Country Party members.

The House adjourned until May 3. Sir Earle Page later tendered his resignation as interim Prime Minister and Mr Menzies was invited to see the Governor-General.

Ministry to be formed.

A later message states that Lord Gowrie this afternoon granted a commission to Mr R. G. Menzies to form a Commonwealth Ministry, following the resignation of Sir Earle Page as interim Prime Minister.

It was officially stated that the Governor-General had acted on the advice of Sir Earle Page, who afterwards discussed the position with the members of his party.

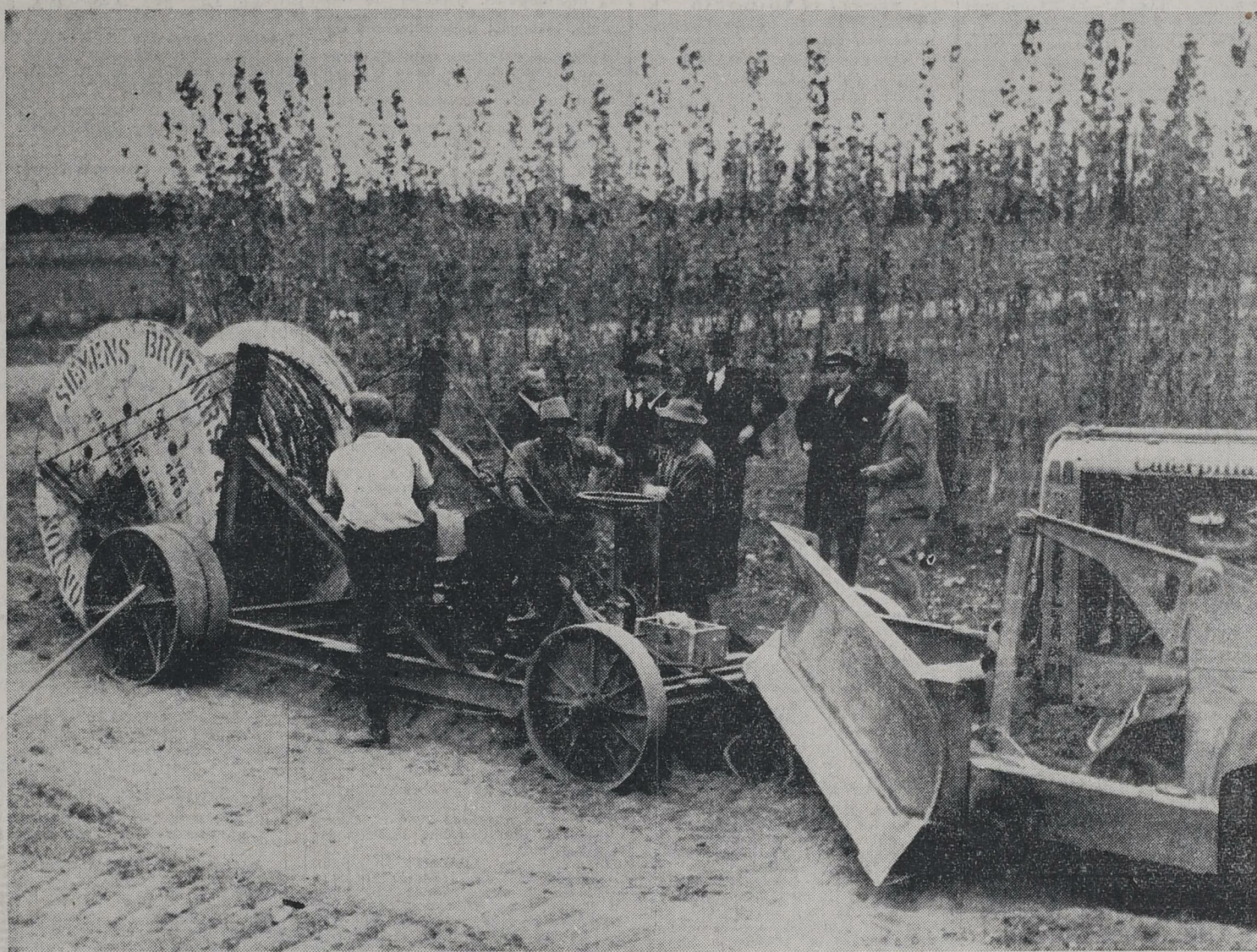
Mr Menzies, who expects to leave for Melbourne to-night, will announce his new Cabinet on Monday. All its members will be drawn from the United Australia Party. It is understood that he will strengthen it by the inclusion of some younger men.

Mr Bruce Silent.

According to a Los Angeles message, attempts to obtain comment from Mr Bruce, who is in the city

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MODERN METHODS.—Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board members inspect the new cable-laying machine at work near Hastings. This machine digs a 2ft. trench and lays the cable at the same time, while steadily moving forward at a slow pace. The saving of time and cost is enormous. Some idea of the magnitude of the task can be gathered from the size of the cable drum seen in the picture. It weighs five tons.

NO ALLEGIANCE TO AXIS

RUMANIA MAINTAINS HER NEUTRALITY TRADE TALKS

Closer Negotiations Aimed At

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BERLIN, April 19.

Despite the efforts by the German Foreign Minister (Herr von Ribbentrop) to persuade the Rumanian Foreign Minister (Dr. Gafencu) to commit Rumania to the Rome-Berlin axis, it is reliably stated that Dr. Gafencu insisted that Rumania would maintain her neutrality.

It is understood that they agreed to continue their conversations, aimed at closer Rumanian-German trade negotiations.

M.P.'s Favour Conscriptio

MOVE IN BRITAIN

"Immediate Acceptance Of Principle"

British Official Wireless. (Received April 20, 6.15 p.m.)

RUGBY, April 19.

Forty-five members of Parliament, supporters of the Government, have put their names to a motion tabled in the House of Commons in favour of the immediate acceptance of the principle of compulsory mobilisation of the man, munition and money power of the nation.

A MILLION MEN UNDER ARMS

Poland's Precautions

WESTERN FRONTIER MANNED

Tension Not Yet Eased

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WARSAW, April 20.

The Polish military authorities reveal that Poland has 1,100,000 men under arms and that she is prepared to place 5,700,000 in the field in wartime.

Her western frontier is manned without a break. Precautions have not been relaxed as the tension is not yet eased.

DE VALERA DISPLACES KING GEORGE

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LONDON, April 19.

King George's name has disappeared from Eire passports, which in future will request a safe passage in the name of Mr Eamon de Valera, the Prime Minister of Eire.

HITLER CELEBRATES 50th BIRTHDAY

Fulsome Praise For Fuhrer By Dr. Goebbels

GERMANY EN FETE

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BERLIN, April 19.

The Reichsfuhrer, Herr Hitler, opened his 50th birthday celebrations by receiving Nazi leaders, followed by old warriors of the party who are wearers of the coveted blood order. The Fuhrer later, in the front seat of an open car, journeyed four miles from the Chancellery to the limit of the new axis motor road, where there was a brief ceremony. Cheering crowds lined the route.

Britain and France were not represented among the official delegations from many countries, but Lord Brockett and Major-General Fuller were private guests of the Fuhrer.

A Danzig message says that the city is normal apart from the Hitler celebrations. Herr Hitler's deputy (Herr Rudolph Hess) is swearing-in new Nazi officials.

In a wireless message from Tokyo the Emperor of Japan sends his greetings to Herr Hitler.

According to a Berlin message of yesterday the streets are blocked with sightseers arriving for the celebration of Herr Hitler's birthday. Excitement is mounting, especially among the poorer classes, to whom £1,000,000 is to be distributed from special grants.

The Propaganda Minister (Dr. Goebbels) in a broadcast address, said: "Herr Hitler is a superman whose name is a legend throughout the world as the preserver and protector of European peace."

"He has extinguished the conflagration centres, which the democratic forces built around Germany, at which the democracies cried with rage and indignation."

The highest honour a man could attain was to engrave his name on his era, Dr. Goebbels added. It would be impossible to conceive the world to-day as it was without Herr Hitler. He had given European and world history new direction.

Disturbance Unlikely.

The Windhoek (South-west Africa) correspondent of "The Times" says that fears of a disturbance on Herr Hitler's birthday are receding, following an instruction from the leader of the German community to the Germans to put on their best behaviour.

POLISH ADVANCES TO BALTIC STATES

Armaments Assistance

NEUTRALITY NOT ENDANGERED

No Guarantees Given

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WARSAW, April 19.

It is reliably reported that Poland is extending her armaments assistance and military co-operation to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

No guarantees have been given to the Baltic States, thereby not endangering their neutrality.

MEXICAN TRADE DEAL WITH ITALY

Petroleum For Rayon

MACHINERY TO BE SUPPLIED

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MEXICO CITY, April 19.

It is announced that negotiations have been completed for a barter deal between Italy and Mexico for the exchange of 2,500,000 dollars worth of petroleum for 2,000,000 dollars worth of rayon and 500,000 dollars worth of machinery.

MUSSOLINI REPLIES TO ROOSEVELT'S PEACE PLEA

"ABSURD TO PLACE AXIS POWERS IN THE DOCK"

CONFERENCE PLAN SCOUTED: "ITALY AND GERMANY WORKING FOR PEACE"

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ROME, April 20.

Signor Mussolini, broadcasting throughout Italy in connection with the 1942 exhibition, said that any attempt to suggest that the Rome-Berlin Axis wanted war was absolutely unjustified.

"We want to get on with our work. Our policy is peace and collaboration."

Replying to President Roosevelt's peace appeal, Signor Mussolini added: "It is absurd to place the Axis Powers in the dock. We reply to the message by saying that Italy and Germany are working for peace."

He went on to condemn "the hysteria of certain trans-alpine countries."

He claimed that the United States would limit itself to its customary role of distant spectator.

"Any conference experience has taught us bitter lessons. The greater the number of persons participating the more certain is its failure."

Japan Is Not Worried

AMERICAN FLEET

Return To Pacific A Routine Measure

VALUE OF ISLANDS

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TOKYO, April 20.

A naval spokesman said that Japan was not worried about the return of the American Fleet to the Pacific. It was merely a concentration at its original base.

Referring to the Sprately Group he said that it was of little strategic value.

Balkan Security Consultations

BRITAIN'S PART

Bulgarian Minister In London Active

TALKS AT SOFIA

British Official Wireless. (Received April 20, 6 p.m.)

LONDON, April 19.

The Bulgarian Minister in London (M. Montchiloff) has left London for Sofia for a consultation with King Boris and the Bulgarian Prime Minister (G. Kiosseivanoff) and is expected to return in a few days. His visit is regarded as another indication of the part Britain as well as Turkey is playing in helping to organise Balkan security.

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Plans To Bomb Liners

WARNINGS RECEIVED

The Paris Was The First Victim

PLOTTING OVERHEARD

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LE HARVE, April 10.

It is officially admitted that the Surete received on April 15 a warning of attempts at sabotage on transatlantic liners. It was feared that the first blow would be against the Normandie, on which the watch was trebled.

The warning came from Nice, where a woman overheard an hotel conversation detailing plans to bomb liners.

The Minister of Merchant Marine (M. Chappedelaine) has arrived for an inquiry into the Paris fire. Despite official reticence the Press are unanimous that the outbreak is attributable to a foreign Power. Newspapers pillory the authorities' watch on ships in port, recalling that this is not an isolated case.

Nine cases of art treasures have been removed from the sunken Paris following the fire. It is hoped to save the remaining case containing five small sculptures.

A fireman died as a result of injuries. The death-roll is now two. The art works included paintings by Picasso and Renoir.

It is understood that the hull was insured for £500,000, over half of which was placed in London. It appears that the engine room and holds were not affected.

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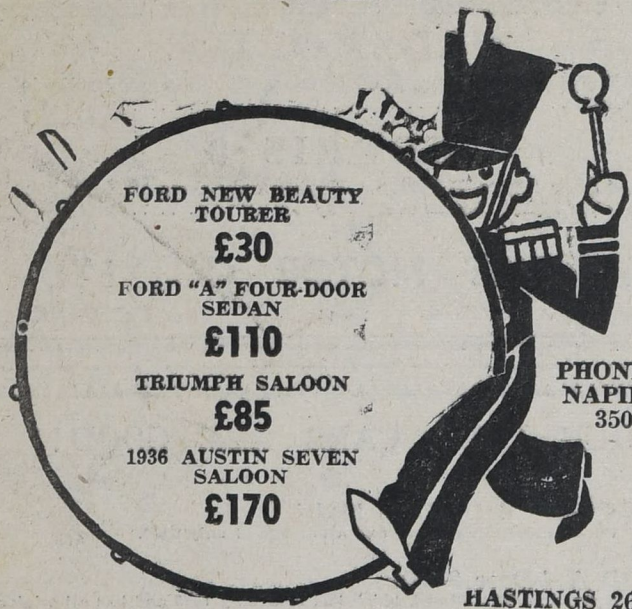
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Am I afraid I shall not be accepted? "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6: 37)

Is it because I am postponing the matter without any definite reason? "Boast not thyself of to-morrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." (Prov. 27: 1)

Fairest flowers soon decay,
Youth and beauty pass away,
Oh, you have not long to stay,
Be in time.

Sinner, heed the warning voice,
Make the Lord your final choice,
Then all heaven will rejoice,
Be in time.

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION

GREYHOUND RACING POPULAR

ANNUAL REPORT

Many Improvements In League Park

Increased turnover following the introduction of night racing caused a finance committee to be appointed to control the affairs of the Northern Hawke's Bay Greyhound Association, it is revealed in the annual report of the secretary (Mr. E. C. Algie). The financial position, as stated in the balance-sheet, is considered to give no cause for concern.

The association's membership, states the report, continues to show a steady increase.

Weekly Races.

"With the advent of lights on League Park, and the increased numbers of greyhounds in the district, it was felt advisable to conduct the races weekly. This decision has proved very popular with both owners and patrons. The high standard of racing throughout the season created widespread interest and has firmly established the sport in this district."

Twenty-one meetings were held during the year, including open meetings on Easter Saturday (1938) and Christmas Eve and Boxing Night. The ample stakes provided at the open meetings attracted the leading dogs of the North Island, with the result that superb racing was witnessed.

Lighting Improvements.

"By far the most progressive step yet undertaken was the installation of the lighting system to provide for night racing. That the investment is a worthy one is evidenced by the increased attendance of the public and the demand for membership and greyhounds."

Regarding the lighting system, very favourable comment has been made by experts and visitors from overseas, this reflecting great credit on the electricians, under the direction of Mr. W. Frame, and the designing expert, Mr. G. E. Tyler, who are to be congratulated on their efforts.

"Further improvements were also made to the grounds and buildings during the recess, a new building being erected to house the intricate switch gear necessary for the lights. The track received a good dressing, while a considerable amount of filling in was done around the motor room. Additional facilities will in all probability need to be made during the coming winter months to cope with the large attendances of the public and the increased number of greyhounds," the report adds.

Coursing Club.

During the recess period of the association, owners and enthusiasts will be catered for by the newly formed Hawke's Bay Coursing Club. The officials of both organisations hope that by the continued co-operation of racing and coursing, this district will establish conclusively its reputation as New Zealand's premier greyhound district.

"In conclusion," adds the report, "the executive extends its most sincere thanks to the members for their loyal and generous support during the season. It was only having the co-operation of the members that has enabled the executive to carry out their many duties so smoothly and pleasantly. The rapid growth of the association during the season necessitated far more time being devoted to the management of its affairs, but by the splendid co-operation of all concerned all obstacles were overcome."

RAIN AFFECTS STOCK MARKET

Weekly Dannevirke Sale

GOOD YARDING OF CATTLE

Firmer Prices Result

"Daily Mail" Special Service. DANNEVIRKE. There was a small yarding of sheep but, as usual, a good yarding of cattle at yesterday's stock sale in Dannevirke. There was a fair attendance of local and West Coast buyers.

Heavy rain fell during the day and the relief thus given to the drought conditions showed its effect by an increased demand for cattle. Had the rain not affected the attendance a further improvement would probably have resulted.

Prices were as follows:—
Sheep: Fat S.D. ewes 9/ to 12/9; fat S.D. wethers 14/9 to 17/9; two-tooth wethers 15/6; two-tooth ewes r.w. S.D. rams, 21/6; four and five-year ewes 16/; aged cull ewes 3/6; small cull ewe lambs 5/6; small cull wether lambs 3/5.
Cattle: Four heavy fat bullocks £9 6/; fat P.A. cows £4 to £5; fat P.A. heifers £4 10/; fat Jersey cows £3 2/ to £4; 37 2½-year P.A. steers £5 10/; 11 P.A. cows with calves £4 3/; 10 low conditioned P.A. cows £2 1/; 20-months P.A. and Hereford steers £3 10/ to £4 5/; 20-months good P.A. heifers £3; store Jersey cows £1 10/ to £2 15/; Jersey heifers r.w.b. £5 to £5 5/; springing heifers £7; springing cows £9 7/6; potter bulls £4 to £4 10/.

Otane Football Team.—The Otane players to meet the Omakere team for the opening game of the football season at the Otane Recreation Ground on Saturday, April 22, will be chosen from the following:—Higgs, Panapa, Scrimgeour, Smith, Riach, Anderson, Phillips, Greene, Spargo, Atwood, Stephens, Burgess, L. Kau Kau, J. Kau Kau, Wells, Landsdowne. Members are requested to attend without fail for practice purposes as well as games.

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The Sharing Happiness

INSTITUTE AIMS

Federation Meeting, Waipawa

COMPETITIONS HELD

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPAWA

Over 400 delegates attended the annual meeting of the Southern Women's Institute, which was held in Waipawa on Wednesday.

Miss Bibby, president of the Waipawa branch, welcomed the delegates.

Mrs Campbell (Pukehou) in her presidential address, stated that it was 15 years since the Women's Institute had been formed. Their enthusiasm was the foundation of a great movement, there had developed new responsibilities for committees all anxious to maintain the spirit of the movement. All members should contribute to the programmes, no matter how small the contribution.

"The biggest thing of all, in the Women's Institute movement," said Mrs Campbell, "is the new and lasting friendships that are formed, the toleration of other people's views of co-operation and the sharing of happiness."

The financial statement showed a credit balance of £24 13/4.

A remit, "That no member should be eligible for office until she has been a member of an Institute one year (new Women's Institute excepted)," was passed.

Officials Elected.

The ballot for the new committee resulted as follows:—

President: Mrs Campbell (Pukehou), unopposed. Committee: Mrs Allen (Hatuama), Mrs Benbow (Mondville), Mrs Campbell (Pukehou), Mrs P. Canning (Wallisford), Mrs Cowper (Waione), Mrs Dickins (Papatawa), Mrs A. Hansen (Te Rehunga), Mrs Herick (Wimbleton-Herbertville), Mrs Jamieson (Wallisford), Mrs Lill (Makotuku), Mrs A. G. Turpin (Matamau-Taramoa), and Mrs Wilson (Waipukurau).

Day's Competitions

The results of the competition conducted during the day were as follows:—

Five-minute entertainment: Olga, playette, "Hidden Proverb"; Otane, tableaux, "Last Scenes of the Life of Mary Queen of Scots"; Herick, playette, "Modernising Anne"; Norsewood, music programme, 4.

Community work: Papatawa, Waipawa, 2.

Girls' sojourn: Mrs F. D. Herick (Wimbleton), 1; Mrs E. Steva (Otawhao), 2; Mrs H. R. Mackay (Norsewood), 3.

Hand-made nightdress: Mrs James (Otawhao), 1; Mrs Golla (Wimbleton), 2; Mrs Davey (Waipukurau), 3.

Cards At Clive.—At the weekly "500" tournament at Clive, the winners were: Women, Mrs. Herene; Miss V. Cushing 2; men, Mr. R. Teuki 1, Mr. E. Hague 2; special women's, Mrs. Jackson; special men's, Mr. A. Boyce.

Yesterday On 'Change

Transaction List

Following is a list of transactions in the New Zealand Stock Exchange yesterday:—

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE

Sales Late Wednesday.

% Stock, 1935 98 15 0
Ditto, 1949 97 0 0
Bank of N.Z. 1 17 10

Sales Yesterday.

% Stock, 1935 (2) 98 15 0
Ditto, 1949 97 0 0
South British Insurance 2 5 3
Burns Philp 2 16 0
British Tobacco 2 10 3
Electrolytic Zinc (ord.) 2 7 6
% J. Coles 4 4 0
Ditto (odd lot) 4 4 0
Woolworths Ltd. (7) 1 2 10
Woolworths (N.Z.) (2) 0 17 7
Maori Gully 0 0 7 1/2
Taranaki Oil 0 8 7

Unofficial List—Late Wednesday.

Woolworths' Properties 1 5 9

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE

N.Z. Govt. 4% Inscribed

Stock, 1946-49 97 10 0
Health and Co. 0 14 0
British Tobacco 2 10 0
Grey River 0 17 10
Ditto 0 17 11

Sales Reported.

N.Z. Govt. 4% Inscribed
Stock, 1946-49 97 10 0
Ditto, 1955 (2) 98 12 6
South British Insurance (cum. div.) 2 5 3
Southland Frozen Meat (odd parcel) 1 7 6
Westport Stockton Coal (pref.) 0 7 2
Broken Hill Pty. 3 0 0
Colonial Sugar (late Wed.) 42 2 6
Maori Gully 0 0 7 1/2

Sales Reported.

Ngahere 1 2 7
Smith Wylie 0 9 6

Clearance Sale At Otane

SATISFACTORY RATES

Stock And Sundries In Demand

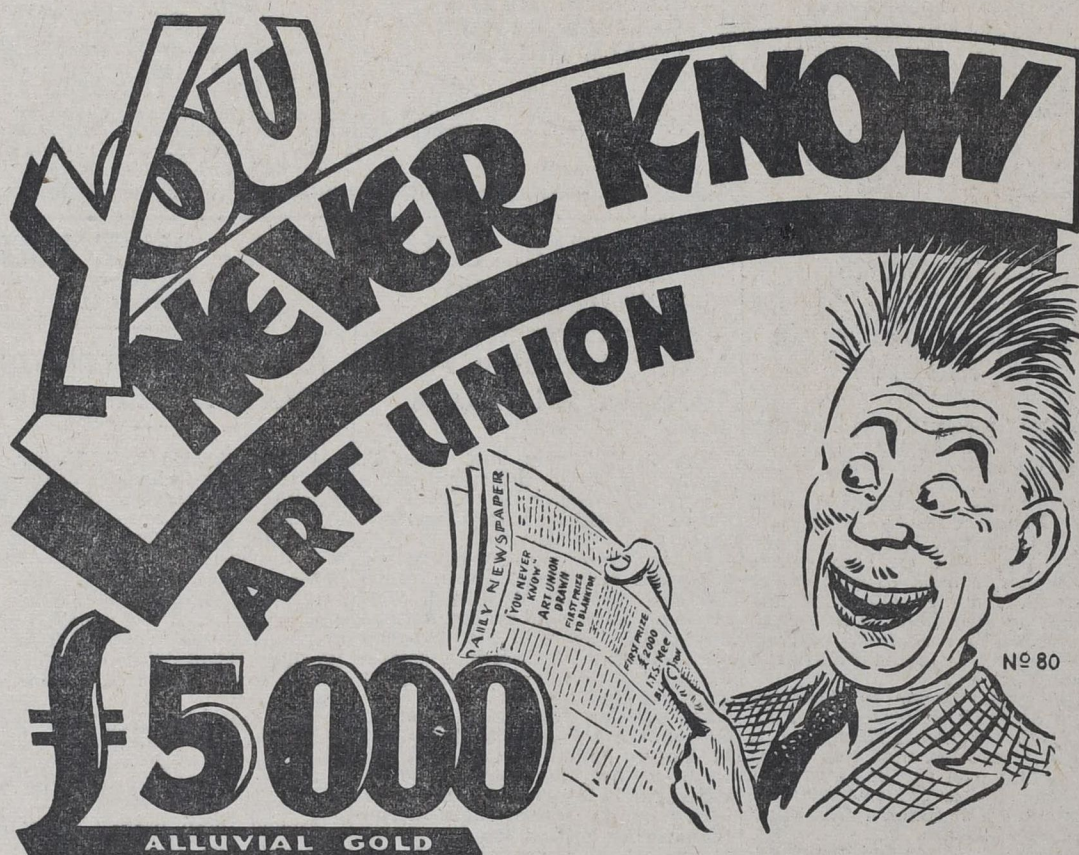
MANY BUYERS PRESENT

A large number of buyers attended the clearing sale on the property of Mr J. M. Adams, Otane, conducted by the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-op. Assn., Ltd., in conjunction with Messrs Hoadley, Son and Stewart. All stock and sundries sold at satisfactory rates.

Prices were:—

Dairy cows, second calvers, in good condition, £5 to £8; third calvers, £4 10/ to £7 5/; fourth calvers to £6 10/; aged cows £2 7/6 to £5 7/; two empty cows £2 17/6 each; springing heifers due July and August £6 15/ to £7. Seven weaner heifers to £2 17/6, four-year pedigree Jersey bull, 5½gns., three-year pedigree Jersey bull 4½gns. A hack mare £10 15/; aged gelding, broken all places £5; aged mare in similar order £7; an attractive 13 months filly was passed in at £4. Implements: Three-cow Gane King plant £25; skim milk pump 3-horse power Anderson engine, hay press £90, saw bench and £6 5/; double furrow plough spring dray £9 10/.

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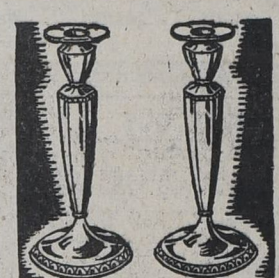
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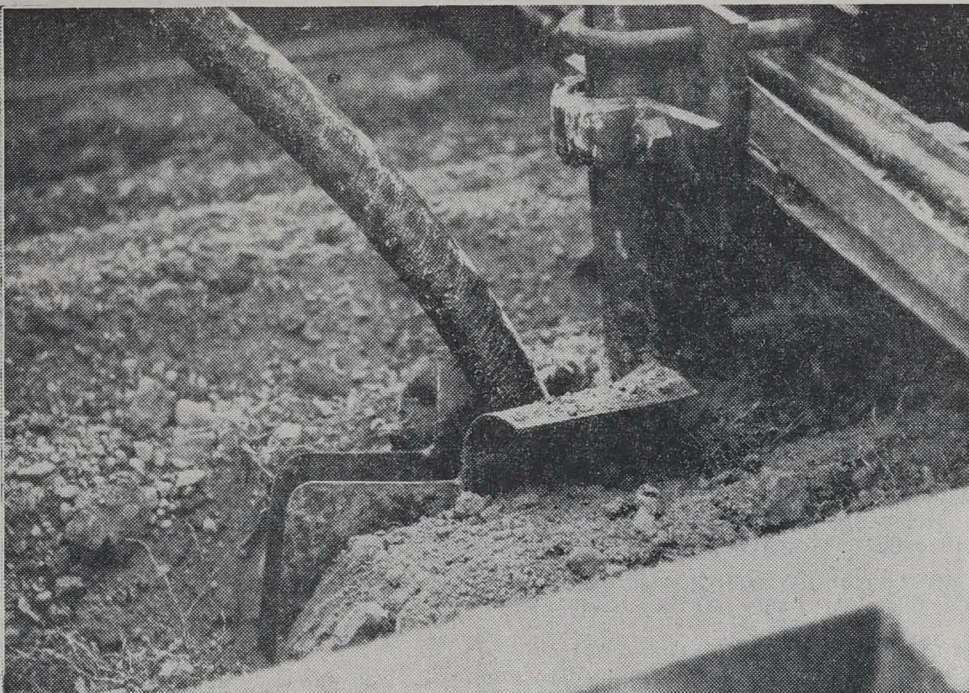
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AN UNFAMILIAR SIGHT.—The long drought in Hawke's Bay was broken yesterday when steady rain commenced to fall. Umbrellas and raincoats made their first appearance after a lapse of many months.



GOING DOWN.—A new high-tension cable being laid on the outskirts of Hastings. This picture shows the heavily-protected cable being fed down to the mole trenching machine, which moves forward at a walking pace, burying the cable two feet below the surface as it rocs.



MORE REFUGEES.—Possibly the greatest exodus in modern history took place after the surrender of Madrid, when tens of thousands of refugees fled into France. Many families had left only a few pitiful remains of their former belongings.



LET IT POUR!—This Hastings resident is amply protected by an outside in umbrellas and a raincoat. There is no truth in the rumour that moths, disturbed after months of repose, are organising an "anti-Pluvius" front.



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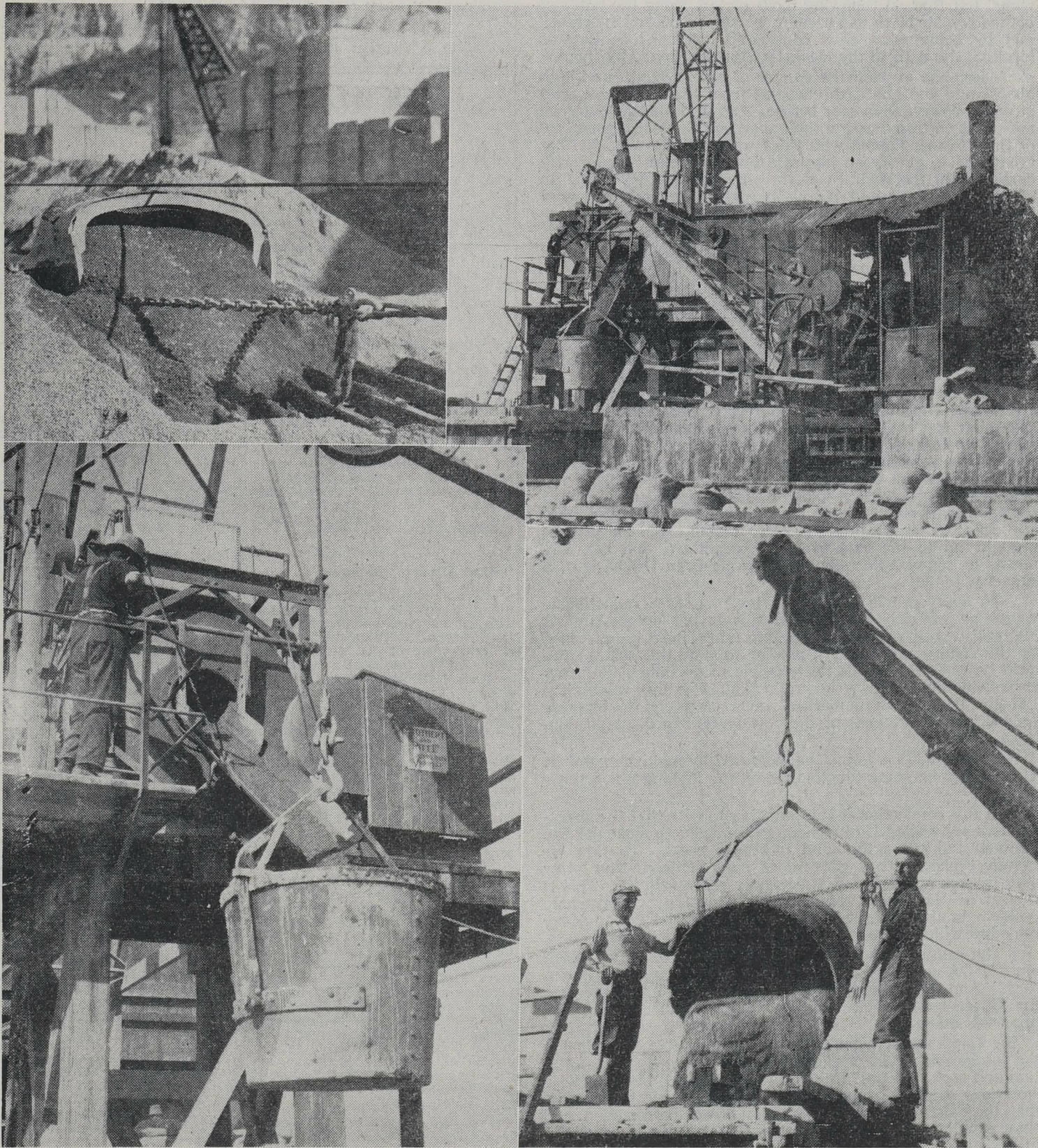
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LETTERS to the EDITOR

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The "Have Nots" And The "Have Gots" A Mile of Trees as the N.Z. Centennial Memorial

Sir—One hears a great deal about property-owners, taxpayers "have-nots" and so on. Has one got to go about apologising for being alive because one does not happen to own property, or because he is a "have-not"?

Let us hear some home truths about ourselves. Once upon a time this country was owned by the Maoris. We took it from the owner—the rightful owner. We owe Britain about £50,000,000—the cost of taking this country from the Maoris and this money is still owing.

Property For The People Sir—I am pleased to learn that the Socialism advocated by Mr Daley is not the same as that practised by the Labour Government, which allows a baby six weeks old and two others aged one and two years with their parents unemployed parents to be driven out on the streets of Auckland on a cold and wet night, to be rescued not by the much publicised State charity, but by the unobtrusive private enterprise of a Christian gentleman.

LOCAL AND GENERAL Aiding Traffic Control A loudspeaker to be attached to the traffic inspector's car to aid him in carrying out his duties was a suggestion contained in the special traffic report presented at last night's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council.

Greenmeadows Show The Chrysanthemum, Horticultural and Industrial Show at the Greenmeadows Progressive Society, opens at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, in the Greenmeadows Hall.

Anxious Night for Cat To have wagged her tail would have cost a Whangarei cat her nine lives by electrocution. Pursued by dogs, she took refuge on the cross-arm of an electric light pole at Woodhill. Early in the morning her predicament was noticed by residents who notified the borough electrical substation.

Battle in China Shop An attempt to emulate the doings of the central figure in the old story "The Bull in the China Shop" was witnessed in Timaru, when two dogs, one a terrier and the other a much larger dog, commenced a fight which fortunately did not last one round. The smaller dog apparently was the aggressor, and in manoeuvring to get in the first blow, collided with a stand and sent some cups and saucers flying.

Prime Lamb "It is now admitted that we produce the best lamb in the world in Southland and I think we should get a better price for it. It is time we received some recognition," said Mr G. Stevenson at the meeting of directors of the Southland Agricultural and Pastoral Association when it was reported that Southland had again won the South Island district fat lamb competition in London. Mr D. Marshall said he was satisfied at the result of killing that the Southland exhibit would win the standard of Southdown rams in the province had improved considerably in the last six years.

N.Z. Apples Overseas Although the first New Zealand apples of the season arrived in London some weeks ago, the official selling season is to be opened at 22/6 on the China Snow, which Lady Augusta Inskip, wife of Sir Thomas Inskip, Dominions Secretary. Market conditions are fairly favourable, according to reports from London, although there are still heavy quantities of American apples available. The demand for apples may also be affected by low prices for oranges, which are expected as a result of bumper crops in Brazil and South Africa.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1939. FINANCIAL POLICY By now it is perfectly apparent that there was a division of opinion at the Labour Conference concerning the Labour Party's financial policy. The "left wing" believed that Mr Nash had not gone far or fast enough, and some members were agitating for a complete change of policy along the lines of some form of social credit.

Discipline averted the danger of a party split, and both Mr Savage and Mr Nash emerged from the conference with stronger powers than ever before. And it is worthy of special note that on this occasion their speeches had lost a good deal of their former "uphill with the brakes off" flavour. Neither attempted to glorify an ideology, but contented himself with dealing with the realities of the situation as they exist. In short, Mr Savage and Mr Nash realise the vast difference between the irresponsibility of opposition and the responsibility of office.

Mr Nash's serious words about the future financial policy of New Zealand will be welcomed. "A saving from the people's actual income is necessary to counteract a possible danger of prices rising, and as a basis for capital expansion," he declared. "We in New Zealand have to finance our own development. Expanding industry in New Zealand depends upon the people of New Zealand, and the people have to provide the capital for its building up."

This viewpoint should not merely apply to public works and public expenditure. The sources of real wealth in the Dominion inevitably and inherently are bound up with the efforts of employer and employee, in farm and factory, to produce, and public expenditure must bear a direct relation to the capacity of the producers to pay. If expenditure and costs outpace production in their economic relationship, then the country is embarked on an economic spiral which gradually closes in on the producer. Production cannot always be brought up to the rate-level of expenditure, and the only means of sound adjustment is to work from the basis of a capacity to pay.

To many people this theory presupposes a reduction in wages or working hours. But this is not necessarily so. Naturally, both wages and working hours must be governed by the volume and value of production, and this sets a standard beyond which it is not possible to go unless there are corresponding increases in production. For this reason the Labour Party has embarked on a campaign to increase production, for at present the cost levels are disproportionately high.

But production cannot be increased by making speeches. There must be some tangible policy for making an increase possible. In this connection it is interesting to note that the sheepfarmers are asking Government aid in order to meet the gap between reduced prices and increased costs. To this Mr Savage replied with a guaranteed price scheme. The latter was typical of the aspect assumed by almost every economic problem in the country to-day. It is not sufficient to apply remedies which merely create fresh difficulties in their wake.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR COLD, RAINY WEATHER. Following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay:— Winds: Strong southerly to south-easterly winds.

Hastings Weather Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. by the Government recorder at Napier (Mr R. T. Hutton) are as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 55.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 55.0deg. Maximum temp. 60.0deg. Minimum temp. 44.0deg. Ht. underground 63.0deg. Wind underground 10 Rain 4.1in.

Napier Weather Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. by the Government recorder at Napier (Mr R. T. Hutton) are as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 57.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 57.0deg. Maximum temp. 59.0deg. Minimum temp. 58.0deg. Ht. underground 63.0deg. 3ft underground 65.7deg. Grass temp. 10 (low) Wind S.W. 41 m.p.h. Sun Nil Visibility 3 Rain 4.9in. Humidity 100 p.c.

Dominion Forecast General Situation: Yesterday's depression has been moving slowly off the Dominion by a secondary appears to be forming in the north-east Tasman. An intense anti-cyclone covers south-eastern Australia.

Forecast: Winds: Moderate to strong northerlies at first over the northern half of the North Island; otherwise moderate to strong southerlies to south-easterlies prevailing and reaching gale force at times about and north of Cook Strait.

Seas (New Zealand waters): Rather rough to rough north of Farewell Spit and Kaitiaki, elsewhere slight to moderate. Eastern Tasman: Southerly to south-easterly winds, strong to gale force with rough to high seas in the northern portion, light to fresh in the southern portion with moderate seas.

Weather: Fair to fine in Southland; elsewhere cloudy to overcast and, in places, misty, with further rain; some heavy falls in the South Island. Improving gradually from the south and west to-morrow. Temperatures cold with some snow on the ranges.

To-Day's Diary "Lest We Forget"—Poppy Day street appeal. Hastings. Baptist Badminton Club begins play.

The Theatres: "Always in Trouble," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "You Can't Take It With You," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "This Marriage Business" and "Gang Bullets," Municipal, 8 p.m. "Serjeant Murphy" and "Time Out for Murder," Cosy, 8 p.m.

The Theatres: "Five of a Kind," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Escape from Yesterday," Plaza, 8 p.m. "In Old Mexico" and "Illegal Traffic," Mayfair, 8 p.m.

The Theatres: "How much for this dog?" asked Mr Brown. "Five pounds," replied the dealer. "For this smaller one?" "Ten pounds." "For this tiny one?" "Fifteen pounds." "How much will it cost if I don't buy a dog at all?" "I'd like to know how many girls you made love to before you met me?" said the wife during a quarrel. "Twelve," groaned her husband. "But I forgot to count them until it was too late."

Wife: You are a stupid — you do everything the wrong way. Husband: Yes, first I married you and then I made your acquaintance. "The sound I love best of all is that made by a herd of buffaloes stampeding," declares a traveller. The ideal bottom-fat tenant at last.

The flower-seller waved a bunch of his wares in the face of the well-dressed young man. "Here you are, sir," he said, "buy a bunch of flowers for your sweet-heart." "No, thank you," said the young man, "I haven't got a sweetheart." The flower-seller was prepared for this reply. "Buy some for your wife, sir," he persisted. "I'm not married," snapped the young man. "Well, buy the 'ole blinkin' lot to celebrate your luck," put in the flower-seller.

Winter wear in Hawke's Bay demands "warmth without weight." As showing a distinctive range of Saxony Overcoats in the latest shades. This cloth is light but cosily warm. Parkers.

DAIRYMEN'S CLAIM TO 2d EXTRA FOR CHEESE

Opposing Interests Lead To Lively Debate At Conference

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 20. A lively discussion regarding the pay-out for cheese compared with butter took place at the annual conference of the New Zealand Dairy Board to-day.

Supporting the remit, Mr. S. A. Ferguson said that the industry was not satisfied with the cheese position. They had been told repeatedly that the cheese industry should receive at least 2d. above butter.

At the same time, they had not been able to get the 2d. differential over butter. That was the fault of the industry but the fault of the working out of the price formula.

Mr. R. J. Glasgow asked whether, if the Government acceded to the conference's request, payment be made from the Dairy Industry Account.

The chairman, I don't think there is any doubt about it.

Final Of Women's Foursomes 1939-40 FIGURE ACCEPTED

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 20. The New Zealand Ladies' Golf Union foursomes tournament ended at the Hutt links to-day in a narrow win for Mrs. Lewis (Hutt) and Miss E. White-Parsons.

Protest at Alterations. Although the committee recommended the 1939-40 price as above, the report nevertheless endorsed as correct the standards and conclusions as recorded by the 1938 advisory committee.

TOURING GOLFERS AT NELSON Von Nida And Cremin Return 71's

NATIONAL INTERESTS United Press Association—Copyright. LONDON, April 20. "The Times" devotes a leader to Mr. Nash's appeal to the dairy farmers.

FILM PLAYERS TO MARRY Tyrone Power And Annabella

United Press Association—Copyright. HOLLYWOOD, April 19. Tyrone Power and Annabella, the film stars, have filed notice of their intention to marry.



CAPITAL OF THE NEW SLOVAK STATE.—Bratislava, from one of the military posts on a nearby hill.

THE SERIOUS PLIGHT OF SHEEP-FARMERS

Many May Leave Land PRIME MINISTER URGES GUARANTEED PRICE

Appeal For Government Aid

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 20. Claiming that more sheepfarmers would leave their farms than had done so during the depression if they did not receive financial assistance, a deputation from the New Zealand Farmers' Union to-day suggested to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister said that the Government had already made a preliminary investigation of the position, and he suggested that sheepfarmers should accept a guaranteed price.

The tragic part of the position was that those now threatened with the loss of their farms were among the best of the Dominion's farmers. Misfits, people who would not make a reasonable go at farming, and those who should never have been farmers, had been dropped during the slump, and those who were being forced off to-day were the men who were most wanted in the industry.

occasions. If there had been a guaranteed price of a shilling during that period there would have been no complaints.

"I don't know," said Mr. Savage. "One man came a long way to tell me that the vice-president of the Farmers' Union had advised members not to make any positive statements to the Government, but to put the onus on the Government to do something."

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Costs And Wages. Mr. Savage said that the Government had been told from time to time that costs must be reduced, but no one could say how that was to be done without reducing wages, and that was not the way to prosperity.

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LABORER SPLIT DENIED

MR SAVAGE DEFINES HIS STANDING CABINET CHOICE

Major Issues Decided By Caucus

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 20. A definition of his own standing and authority with the Parliamentary Labour Party, particularly on the matter of choosing a Cabinet, was given in an interview to-day by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage).

"That resolution did not leave much out," he said. "I am equipped with greater powers than before."

He explained that in the last session of a Parliament members of the party decided who was to be the leader at the general election, and if that leader was returned with a majority he became Prime Minister.

"If there is any deadlock I can ask the national executive for assistance, and after hearing them I make the decision," said the Prime Minister.

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A Prisoner Chooses His Own Judge

Maori's Unusual Request Granted By The Court

Prison Escapee

A Last Chance Given Him On Four Charges Of Theft

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, April 20. "I understood that I was to be brought before Mr. Justice Callan," said a prisoner, Tu Whakarara, when asked by Mr. Justice Blair in the Supreme Court if there was anything he wished to say before sentence was passed.

"You like him better than me, do you?" inquired his Honour.

Whakarara was a Maori, aged 37, from Ratahi, who appeared for sentence on four charges of breaking and entering and theft.

"Unjust Sentence." Whakarara said he had been sentenced to two years' imprisonment for something he had not done and had lost his opportunity to appeal.

"Got Hostile." Whakarara said he had pleaded not guilty, but the jury had found him guilty. He went on to complain that people who should have come forward to help him in his appeal had not done so and this had disappointed him.

"Just about the end of my sentence," he said, "I got so hostile that I broke away from prison. I would have been out now only for these people not coming forward and doing what was right. I became very reckless."

One Last Chance. After reading over the list of articles stolen, his Honour said: "This proves to me that you are a thief. When you get a chance you steal whatever is available. You did not need these things."

"I am in two minds whether or not to declare you an habitual criminal, but I will give you one last chance," continued his Honour.

On each of the charges you will be sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour, these to be concurrent with each other and with the sentence you are now serving."

More Cool Storage Space. Dairymen's Request Serious If Export Was Stopped Unanimous Motion

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 20. Additional cool storage space for primary products in case of emergency was urged by Mr. H. E. Blyde at the annual conference of the Dairy Board to-day.

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 20. A Gazette notice officially announces that New Zealand summer time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 30.

WOMAN'S CLAIM FAILS

CHARGE INVOLVING MR W. J. POLSON

M.P.'S POSITION

Had Merely Lent Money To Co-Defendant

By Telegraph—Press Association. NEW PLYMOUTH, April 20. Mrs. L. A. Garlick, Tu Wera, who sued William H. H. Young and William John Polson, M.P., Stratford, for £135 18/6 as the value of sheep and wool allegedly converted by Young and Polson to their own use or, alternatively, as money received by Young and Polson to the use of Mrs. Garlick, did not succeed in her claim.

The reserved judgment was given for Young and Polson, but no costs were allowed against Mrs. Garlick, except £1 11/6 agreed on between counsel due to the adjournment of the case sought by Mrs. Garlick at a time when Young and Polson were ready to go on.

Not a Partner. Mr. Woodward, dealing with Polson's position at the time of the dispute, found that Polson was not a partner but was merely in the position of a man lending money to another at a rate of interest independent of the profit or loss.

Young's Impatience. Referring to what he described as Young's precipitancy in selling the sheep before the dispute was settled, Mr. Woodward said he did not think that the precipitancy was with the intention of defeating Mrs. Garlick's claim, but Young's impatience to sell in spite of a warning and before a tally could be made might have prevented Mrs. Garlick from being able to prove her case.

Preparation For Emergency WELINGTON IDEA

Would It Create A Scare? DUTIES OF KEY MEN

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 20. The suggestion that, in view of present world conditions, the emergency precautions scheme for Wellington should be overhauled and those likely to take part in it should be notified of and instructed in their duties was advanced by members of the Wellington District Free Ambulance Board at the monthly meeting to-day.

The chairman (Sir Charles Norwood) said there was already an existing emergency organisation aimed at dealing with a disaster or outbreak of serious epidemic in Wellington, but another speaker said that many of the men appointed to key positions under that scheme were dead and the others had never been instructed in their duties.

It was decided to request the chairman to discuss the subject with the Mayor.

Some speakers stressed their desire to avoid anything that would create a scare, but one member said it was time the public were awakened to the seriousness of the position.

KEEL YACHT'S 600 MILE TRIP Tawhiri En Route To Nelson

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, April 20. On a voyage of more than 600 miles to her new owner at Nelson, the Auckland B class keel yacht Tawhiri, 39 feet overall, cleared port to-night.

"SAVING IS NOW NECESSARY"

PRODUCTION MUST BE INCREASED

INTERNAL LOAN

Mr Nash's Views On Internal Credit

Urging that saving was necessary now, just as spending was necessary previously to offset the effects of the depression, the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) speaking at the Easter conference of the Labour Party on the question of the internal credit situation, stated quite definitely that the Government was of the opinion that an internal loan should be raised. It had never had any other opinion. This is disclosed in an official Labour journal.

"Any difference of opinion there may have been was exclusively confined to the time of issue of the loan, rate of interest, and the issue price," Mr. Nash said.

"There or four years ago, when failure of purchasing power was causing and accentuating depression the advice to spend freely was an essential policy to maintain living standards," Mr. Nash declared.

Saving Necessary. "Now the position is different. A saving from people's actual income is necessary to counteract a possible danger of prices rising, and as a basis for capital expansion. It is unnecessary to stint or curtail demands for food or necessities, but to the extent that the demand for other goods is restrained prices will be more stable."

Smaller Increase. "In the last two years factory production has increased 25 per cent, but in the last year the increase was only 7 1/2 per cent—whereas the total production in value decreased last year by half a point. Farm production was down in volume."

"From every angle, then, production in New Zealand must be increased, whether it is farm production or production of services."

CONTROL OF BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

SERVICE AT LOW COST IS AIM

LABOUR POLICY Problem Not Discussed At Conference

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 20. The question of the nationalisation of the Bank of New Zealand, a move that is favoured by certain members of the Labour Party, was not discussed at the recent Labour Party Conference, the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage) indicated when the question was put to him in an interview.

Service At Low Cost. "I have told the people in banking and other circles that our job is to get service at the lowest possible cost, and as long as we get that service I see no reason why we should divide the responsibility now held by private individuals and banking corporations."

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SPIRITED BOXING AT WELINGTON

VICTORY FOR DON JOHNSON WON ON POINTS

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 20. In a spirited professional boxing match before a well-filled house at the Town Hall to-night, Don Johnson outpointed Vic Caltaux over 12 rounds. It was a case of a boxer prevailing over a fighter, and Johnson was the boxer.

There was no great deal between the pair, but Johnson was cleaner in his punching and showed clever footwork and nimble ducking. Caltaux did most of the leading, but much of his work was misdirected.

HIGHWAY BLOCKED BY RAIN Slips In Tangarakau Gorge

By Telegraph—Press Association. NEW PLYMOUTH, April 20. Blocking of the Stratford-Ohura main highway resulted to-day from a phenomenally heavy fall of rain in the central and eastern Taranaki district last night and to-day, when several slips occurred in the Tangarakau Gorge.

The Public Works Department expects to re-open the road within a short time. The road is also under water near Tewaera.

LORRY WRECKED BY LOCOMOTIVE

Driver's Lucky Escape SLIGHT INJURIES AND SHOCK

Accident On Crossing

By Telegraph—Press Association. NEW PLYMOUTH, April 20. A motor lorry owned by the Stratford Carrying Company and driven by T. Reesby, Inglewood, was struck by the locomotive of the Stratford-New Plymouth goods train on the Rugby Road crossing between Tarkiki and Inglewood to-day.

Though the lorry was almost completely destroyed, the driver escaped with injuries to the head and shoulders and shock. He was taken to the Stratford Hospital, where his condition to-night was reported to be not serious.

DOCTORS' ATTITUDE CONDEMNED Resolution By Labour Federation

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Hastings Borough Affairs For Year Reviewed

CIVIC ADMINISTRATION IN HASTINGS

Borough Is Well Served

HEALTHY FINANCE FIGURES REVEALED

Annual Reports Presented

The Hastings Borough Council's claim to efficiency is substantiated by the annual reports of its various departments and the financial statement produced at last night's meeting.

From the ratepayer's viewpoint, the most satisfactory feature is the healthy state of the borough finances. The general account completed the year with a credit balance of £7073 8/5. The credit in the district fund account, which covers all the operations of the borough, stood at £12,077 12/1 at the close of the financial year.

A tribute to the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) was paid by the Deputy-Mayor (Mr A. I. Rainbow) last night. "I say that there is no borough better served by a mayor than we are," said Mr Rainbow. "He has the knack of working in close co-operation with all his councillors."

The work of borough officers in various departments is outlined in the following reports:

ENGINEER'S ACTIVITIES

Work carried out in the Hastings Borough during the year is comprehensively reviewed in the annual report presented by the engineer (Mr. C. E. Evans).

Salient points of the report are:—

Roads. One hundred and forty-three chains (1.78 miles) of sealing metal roads was completed during the year, compared with 356½ chains (4.45 miles) for the previous year. One hundred and sixteen chains of re-coating bitumen roads constructed over 13 years was also completed.

The year's schedule of roads completed was as follows:—

Roads sealed: Hastings Street, Victoria Street to Jervis Street, 19 chains; Riverslea Road, St. Aubyn Street to Victoria Street, 12 chains; Park Road, St. Aubyn Street, to Heretaunga Street, 18 chains; Lyell Street, 17 chains; Park Road, Dufferin Street to Outram Road, 19 chains; Elm Road, 16 chains; York Street, 16 chains; McLean Street, Heretaunga Street to Queen Street, 5 chains; Princes Street, St. Aubyn Street to Victoria Street, 11 chains; Avenue Road, Princes Street to Riverslea Road, 5 chains; Karamu Road, portion from Pattison Road to High School for width of six feet, 5 chains.

Miscellaneous. Cornwall Park: This will be completed before next summer.

Civic Square: A 3in. diameter artesian well was sunk to a depth of 144 feet and has given satisfactory results. This scheme is not quite complete but will be finished when the grass which has been sown comes up.

Windsor Park: The roadways from the Selwood Road entrance to the boathouse and from the entrance to the bath pool have been sealed. The existing conveniences and two additional ones which were constructed during the year were painted. A 3in. diameter artesian well was sunk to a depth of 125 feet in order to provide water to fill the baths. Work is almost completed on the new concrete paddling pool which is being constructed at the park.

Ebbett Park: The red metal foundations have been laid and the sealing work is nearing completion on the three new basketball courts which are being constructed at the Park.

Assembly hall: The interior walls of the hall were painted and minor repairs were carried out to the plaster work. A new ventilation system which has given satisfactory results was installed at a cost of £127 8/.

Water consumption: The consumption of water was 520,612,000 gallons a year, or 109.7 gallons a head a day for population of 13,000, compared with 106.9 gallons a head for the previous year. The increase in water pumping for the year over the previous year was 13,260,500 gallons. The Havelock North Town Board pumped 118,000 gallons of water in excess of their own requirements.

edgings to the boundaries and paths constructed, and flower borders formed and planted.

"The whole area was again planted out in portulaca during the summer, and the effect of the portulaca, marigolds, petunias, salvia and other plants was greatly admired. "Floral displays were maintained throughout the year at Cornwall Park and the town gardens; 1250 plants being used of provide as bright and, as near as possible a continuous, show of flowers.

Willowpark Road Reserve. "The whole of this reserve of six acres was levelled and sown in grass. The grass is forming a good turf which will be strong enough for football this year.

"The new sports ground is large enough for two full-sized Rugby grounds and three cricket wickets. Water has been laid on to each of the wicket squares.

"A building containing two dressing rooms and women's and men's conveniences and a tool shed, has been erected.

Ebbett Park. "With the aid of scheme 13 labour, four and a half acres of this park were levelled and prepared for sowing in grass. The whole appearance of this park has been considerably improved, as well as making available a ground suitable for children's games.

Windsor Park. "In spite of the annual rainfall of 60 inches a record season was experienced. The motor camp and cottages comprising some 4000 persons, visited the camp.

"The total receipts were £310 15/6, an increase of £20 13/- over last year and the previous record.

"The visitors' book was the main drives has, in addition to improving the surface, reduced the dust nuisance and also the maintenance required.

Tree Planting. Five hundred and sixty-eight trees and shrubs were planted during the past season. They were allocated as follows:—

Joll Road 195, Windsor Park 77, Cornwall Park 20, Heathcote Avenue 13, Civic Square 63.

Massey Street Playground.

"The section given by the Government for a children's playground in Massey Street was cleared, levelled and prepared for sowing down in grass. Play apparatus was provided and an ornamental stone seat erected around the large tree on the section.

Afforestation. "Trees in Mangara Forest reserve are making satisfactory growth. With the aid of scheme 13 labour a number of the dead, malformed or broken trees were removed. The spaces of standing unuprooted approximately 200 trees.

"The Bridge Pa reserve received its first pruning and thinning.

Cemetery. "One hundred and fifty-six interments took place during the year, compared with 174 for the preceding 12 months. Blocks K, L and N were extended to allow for an additional 400 graves.

Sports Areas.

"The following sports areas were provided and maintained by the department:— "Winter Sport—Cornwall Park. Two hockey and one Soccer grounds. Nelson Park: Two Rugby grounds.

Summer Sport—Cricket: Cornwall Park: Four match and six practice wickets. Nelson Park: Two match wickets. Tennis: Cornwall Park: Five courts.

"Grounds were also marked out for school football, cricket, basketball and baseball."

BUILDING AND HEALTH

"The building returns show a substantial increase over last year, £98,709 comparing with £85,105, an increase of 13.605, states the Hastings building and health inspector (Mr. C. Carrell)."

"The increase is mainly due to the building of 72 dwellings, to the value of £64,947 as against 44, to the value of £36,409 for last year.

"The number of permits issued were 189, the same number as last year, and the fees collected were £452 5/-, as against £395 5/-."

"Under the Government housing scheme, 70 single-unit houses were erected at an average cost of £110, and nine double units at an average cost of £210, the total cost of these being 95,900, which amount must be added to the capital value of the borough. A contract has been let for a four-unit house, the contract price being £2400.

"Fees collected for licences issued year ended March 31, 1938, totalled £563 3/6.

"Two days were spent with the Government Inspector of Explosives inspecting installations and one and a half days inspecting projection boxes of picture theatres.

Infectious Diseases

"Eighty-one cases of infectious diseases were reported and attended to, comprising diphtheria 32, tuberculosis 9, scarlet fever 6, erysipelas 19, bacillary dysentery 11, pneumonic influenza 3, puerperal sepsis 1.

"There has been a considerable increase in the infectious disease cases as compared with the small total of last year, 27. This is accounted for in the mild epidemic of diphtheria and erysipelas which broke out in the district."

Civic Square. "The levelling and general formation work was completed, limestone



NEW CABLE-LAYING MACHINE.—Among the interested watchers of the progress of the new high tension cable from Redcliffs to Hastings, is the secretary-manager of the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board, Mr. H. H. Wylie (centre).

BOOKS ARE POPULAR

"The total number of library subscribers is now 1706," reports the librarian (Mrs. O. Skipper) in her report. "This represents an increase of 178 on last year's total of 1528."

Receipts were £975 9/2, compared with £860 3/8 for the previous year. Fees for extra books netted £353 18/9 (£295 3/3).

"On the lending shelves there are 9091 volumes (9831), and in the reference department 294 (355), a total of 9385 (10,186). The number of books purchased during the year was 2423.

"During the year extensive alterations were made to the library, making it one of the most modern in the Dominion."

A CIVIC AMENITY

"While attendance is practically the same as the previous year cash receipts are slightly higher. Expenditure is higher this year: rising costs of goods and fuel account for most of the increase. Our work, I think, is still meeting the requirements of the public states the Matron of the Hastings Women's Rest (Mrs K. Hagenson) in her report to the Borough Council.

"The year's expenditure was £242 12/- (salaries £203, stores £21). Receipts were £230 14/- (refreshments £72, lavatories £145).

"The total attendance during the year was 66,773, compared with 66,924 for the previous year. The visitors' book was signed by 750 people from other towns.

TRAFFIC TALLIES

"Inquiries have revealed the fact that Hastings is still maintaining its high average of increased motor registrations. In fact, this borough is part of the postal district which is ranked seventh in the number of motor registrations for New Zealand," states the chief traffic officer (Mr. H. A. Green) in his report to the Borough Council.

"The following are figures obtained from the motor registrar for the registrations at the Hastings Post Office: 1938, 4927; 1939, 5231—an increase of 304 vehicles.

"A decrease in the heavy traffic revenue can be accounted for to a certain extent by the fact that the Government had taken over several operators, and also that one of the largest contractors has left the district.

Dog Registration.

"This year saw the introduction of hydatid pills which are issued with each dog registration. At first there were some misgivings by owners as to their effectiveness, but I am now pleased to report that the pills are now eagerly sought after.

Cattle Impounding.

"It is gratifying to see a considerable decrease in the impounding of cattle, also in the driving fees. This could be accepted as an indication that the roads are becoming freer of wandering stock.

"At the pound the fences enclosing the paddock have been made higher and it is now practically impossible for an animal to escape.

"The following traffic licences were issued for the year: Drivers' licences (3855), 4963 15/-; corresponding year (3605), 4901 5/-; increase (250), 462 10/-."

"Duplicate drivers' licences, 17, £2 2/6; corresponding year, 26, £3 5/-; decrease, 9, £1 2/6."

HASTINGS TRAFFIC CONTROL

PLAN FOR IMPROVED CONDITIONS

PARKING LIMITS

The moving of the Government bus stand in Russell Street, the re-introduction of pedestrian crossings, and general provisions for the improved control of traffic are salient points in a special report prepared by the Hastings Borough Council and approved at last night's meeting.

A new stand is to be provided for carriers in Avenue Road, between Karamu Road and Russell Street, on the south side. The stand at present in use by the carriers will be allocated to Government buses.

The Checker, Waipukurau, Waimarama and Fernhill buses are to be moved to the old bus site, in Market Street. This will mean the release of quite a considerable area for private car parking.

The Government Railway Bus Department is to be requested to meet the council, to arrange for the proposed new stand and route to be put into operation.

The routes for these buses into Hastings now will be:—In: From Napier via Karamu Road to Queen Street, along Queen Street to Russell Street, thence to the stand; out: along Russell Street to Avenue Road, along Avenue Road to Karamu Road.

Busy Area. It was pointed out that the Railway buses cross Heretaunga Street 60 times a day, except on Fridays, when 76 crossings are made. This also involves two of the busiest intersections, Karamu Road and Russell Street. Under the new arrangement this will be eliminated.

The council pointed out that the present stand in Russell Street is, in a very busy area, and angle parking in front of the Post Office accentuates the congestion.

Suburban Service. The present Russell Street stand in use by Frethey's suburban service is to be eliminated, and these buses will use the stands allocated to the Havelock North buses. In order to allow this to be done, the stands will be extended a sufficient distance to accommodate both services. The route will remain as at present.

This will mean that all bus stands will be removed from Russell Street between Heretaunga and Queen Streets, which is well known as the congested area.

Parking Provisions. Twenty-minute parking is allowed at present in Heretaunga, Eastbourne, Queens, Russell, Nelson, King, Market, Warren and Hastings Streets, as well as Railway and Karamu Roads.

The council considered that the present area is too extensive, and that the 20-minute rule should be enforced, but in a reduced area. In the following streets 20-minute parking will be allowed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on all days except late shopping night, when the period will be extended to 9 p.m.:—

Heretaunga Street (Hastings Street to Nelson Street), Russell Street (Queen Street to Eastbourne Street), Railway Road (Heretaunga Street to Eastbourne Street), Karamu Road (Queen Street to Eastbourne Street), Market Street (Queen Street to Eastbourne Street).

In Queen Street, from Karamu Road to Russell Street, 20-minute

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISSATISFIED

EARTHQUAKE LOANS REPAYMENT

Review of Position Sought

Dissatisfaction with the Government's decision regarding the repayment of earthquake loans was expressed at last night's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council. The council decided to approach the Government asking that the term of the loan be reviewed.

The schedule of the amount to be repaid by the Hastings ratepayers now that the Government has insisted on the repayment of the principal per annum is as follows:—

Borough loan	801
Borough share of Hospital	374
Borough share of "St. Rivers"	521
Board loan	324
Borough share of Harbour Board loan	180
Borough share of Fire Board loan	77
Total	£1442

The amount in the £ necessary to produce this amount on the present borough valuations is 27d.

"It is rather regrettable that we are left on our own to fight the battle," said Mr. G. McCormick. "Due to luck or whatever you may call it Napier has got out of its trouble in this direction." Mr. McCormick submitted that the Government must have overlooked the fact that the Council was the collecting agency for various local body loans.

The deputy-mayor (Mr. A. I. Rainbow) pointed out that the council's expenditure on capital works would be seriously restricted by the payment of 27d in the £.

parking will be allowed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on all days.

In order to provide more parking space, the council decided to extend the system of angle parking. In Queen Street, in the block traversed by the railway buses, angle parking was not considered advisable.

Russell Street from Karamu Road in Queen Street parallel parking will be adopted, and angle parking will be extended from Karamu Road to Hastings Street on the south side.

Taxi Stands.

The following alterations will be made:—

Russell Street stand: The number of cars is to be limited to seven, and the head car of the rank will be moved back to the rear of the telephone box.

Karamu Road stand: The stand will be limited to four cars, and the head car be moved back to 15 feet from Heretaunga Street.

Market Street stand: To remain as at present, limited to one car.

Parking and Culverts. The painting of white lines is to be reinstated in the whole of the 20-minute parking area, and notices are to be erected indicating the time limit of parking, together with a supplementary notice to cover late shopping night.

It was decided that eight culverts in the business area be removed.

Pedestrian Crossings. A total of 14 pedestrian crossings are to be established. They will be allocated as follows:—

Heretaunga Street (Karamu Road intersection) 4, Heretaunga Street (Russell Street intersection) 3, Heretaunga Street (Railway Road intersection) 1, Heretaunga Street (Market Street intersection) 4, Central School corner (Southampton Street and Karamu Road, across Karamu Road to Gasworks) 1, (across Southampton Street to Read's Store) 1.

The manner of riding cycles by school children was viewed with alarm. The headmasters of the Hastings School and of the Central School are to be approached and requested to declare the area in Heretaunga Street, from Warren Street to Nelson Street, off limits for school children on bicycles.

The practice of garage proprietors of parking stock cars in the streets was viewed with disapproval by the council, in that a considerable area of car parking space is taken up which would otherwise be available for private cars. A by-law is to be prepared to prohibit the parking of vehicles, the property of garage owners, on any street.

The costs involved in the operation of the report's proposals will amount to £178. This would cover the first outlay only, the cost of painting street lines during the year amounting to £52 per annum. The new regulations will come into force on June 1.

HEALTHY FINANCES IN THE HASTINGS BOROUGH

PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT WORKS CARRIED OUT

MAYOR REVIEWS YEAR'S OPERATIONS

"The financial position of the Hastings Borough is particularly gratifying, and it is satisfying to report that, in the light of increased costs of goods and services and the continuation of the progressive development of borough amenities, the accounts are in a healthy condition," said the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) in presenting his financial statement to the Borough Council last night.

"Closer settlement and the erection of additional residences and business premises has accounted for a considerable call on borough moneys in the extension of roads, foot-paths, sewers, water, and rubbish collection, nevertheless the year has been completed with a satisfactory credit balance.

"The general account completed the year with a credit balance of £7073 8/5 as against a credit balance at March 31, 1938, of £7108 5/10.

"The credit in the district fund account, which is the account covering all the operations of the borough, completed the year with a credit balance of £12,077 12/1.

"It must be remembered," continued the Mayor, "that no special rate is levied or special charge made for rubbish collection or for sanitary services; and further, the borough was successful in securing the past financial year interest amounting to £2051 16/6 on the new sewerage work."

Revenue
The following is a summary showing the principal items of revenue in the general account, with figures for the corresponding items last year.

	1938/39	1937/38		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Current	17,063 5 4	16,685 4 2	Rates	17,598 3 3	17,247 18 11
Arrears	534 17 11	562 14 9			
	17,598 3 3	17,247 18 11			

The increase in the general rate, £378, is due to a small increase in the amount struck of .05d in the £ and to the greater collection—last year 96.81 per cent; this year 97.55 per cent.

The total of the general rate outstanding at March 31, 1938, is £798 15/4, compared with £924 8/4 last year. The total arrears under all heads for all years is £2,065 13/7 as compared with £2,381 11/4 last year.

The total rate levied this year on behalf of the Hastings Borough Council, the Hastings Borough Harbour Board and the Rivers Board was £45,766 9/7 against £44,157 10/11 for the previous year. The amount was contributed by the respective Local Bodies as follows.

	1938/39	1937/38	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hastings Borough Council	36,616 1 11	36,350 0 9		
Rivers Board	915 0 9	699 19 8		
Harbour Board	1,507 2 5	753 16 7		
Hospital Board	6,728 4 6	6,353 13 11		

The total rate on behalf of these local bodies amounted to £9,150 7/8 for 1938/39 against £7,807 10/2 for the previous year, an increase of £1,342 17/6. Of the total amount levied, therefore, 20 per cent is on behalf of other local bodies.

Other items constituting additional income bring the total to £31,377 4/1 (£30,875 4/7), an increase of £502 0/4 mainly from general rates and sundry reimbursements.

Expenditure. The principal items of expenditure in the general account in comparison with the corresponding items last year, are as follows:—

Salaries, office expenses, honoraria, and general administration expenses £4556 16/3 (£4682 19/4); Fire Board levy £1170 (£1150); donations £282 6/9 (£3 10/4); interest on authorized £163 3/9 (£126 3/8); band subsidies £150 (£150); donation King George Memorial Fund (£52 10/-); street maintenance £6192 10/- (£4963 6/2); street lighting £744 2/4 (£723 17/7); sewer maintenance £686 8/7 (£706 6/2); sewer connections and extensions £547 13/8 (£593 4/10); cleaning drains £361 6/9 (£295 16/3); traffic control (excluding traffic lights) £281 19/6 (£215 19/4); parks and reserves £4571 19/1 (£5586 10/-); civic square £435 9/3 (£664 5/4); afforestation £110 11/2 (£266 9/11); rubbish collection £374 2/8 (£413 12/8); interest on bank overdraft £75 4/9 (£63 0/9); construction new streets £427 14/10 (£1138 13/8); coronation expenses £414 9/8; standard survey £125 (£125); centennial committee £16 13/4.

The total ordinary expenditure in the General Account was £23,996 17/7 (£22,513 12/8), an increase of £1483, chiefly on streets maintenance.

Other Accounts.

The Library Account finished with a credit balance of £27 2/7.

The Water Supply Account finished with a debit balance of £428 15/6. The debit balance last year was £212 15/1, so the debit this year increased by £216 0/5. This was brought about chiefly through an increase in wages of £203.

The Theatre Account closed with a credit balance of £1329 10/11. As arranged earlier in the year, a further transfer amounting to £800, in reduction of the debit balance in reconstruction of the theatre account, was made. The reconstruction account now stands with a debit balance of £2200. Four years ago this account had a debit balance of £4693, so that the theatre account has now paid a total of £2693 in reduction during that period. The final credit balance in the theatre account after making the transfer referred to above, is £529 10/11.

The revenue from the Municipal Buildings increased by £20 12/7, due to more lettings in the Assembly Hall. The account closed with a credit balance of £194 16/5.

The cemetery practically maintained itself.

"The amount of the Cash Credit balance available for the continuation of public works etc., will therefore be £9938."

Interest Account.

This account commenced with a credit balance of £346 3/1. The full charge for the £34,000 Sewer Loan, amounting to £2051 16/-, was met during the year. It was estimated that the year would finish with a debit of £462. However, due mainly to a further increase of £319 in petrol tax, receipts from interest on fixed deposit (Sewer Loan), £65, and a greater rate collection of £117 enabled the estimate debit to be overtaken and the account actually closed with a credit balance of £53 1/10.

Sewer Extension Loan.

The full amount of this loan has now been raised, and the position of the account is as follows:—

Loan moneys	34,000 0 0
Subsidy from Labour Department	15,718 11 3
Refund half cost of easements	11 5 0
	£49,729 16 3

Payments made to contractor 46,551 0 6
Sundry payments 2,289 13 6
£48,840 14 0

The balance therefore in this account amounts to £989 2/3. The contractor has received all payments with the exception of £1030 13/-, retention money due on June 12, 1939. The money available to meet this payment is:—

Cash in Bank	989 2 3
Subsidy to be paid	348 15 7
	£1,337 17 10
Due to contractor	1030 13 0



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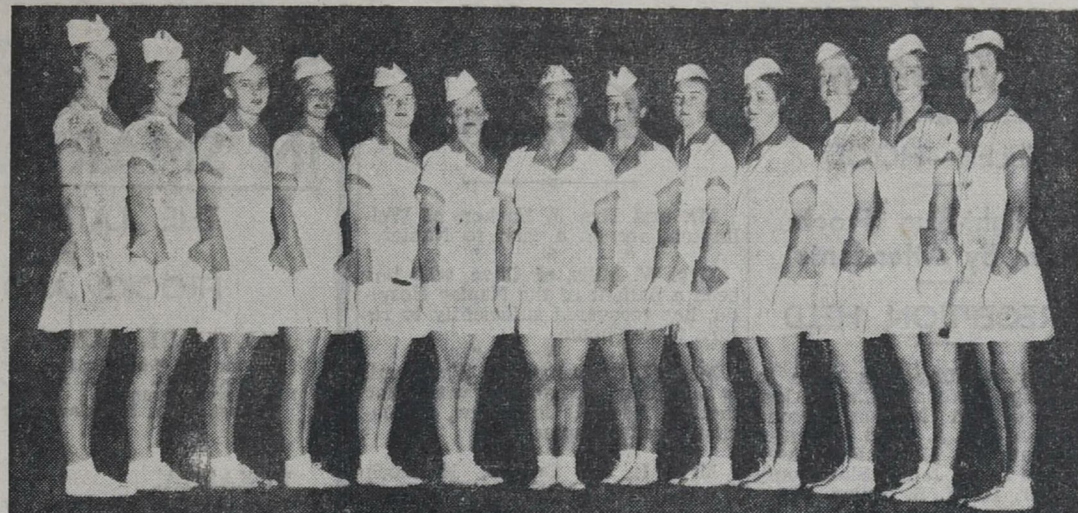
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FORMAL VERDICT RETURNED

MACKAY INQUEST AT HASTINGS

FOUND HANGED

Detailed Evidence Given

A formal verdict that he committed suicide by hanging was returned by the district coroner (Mr G. Ebbett) in an inquest at Hastings yesterday into the death of Stanley Randolph Mackay, who was found dead on the property of his employer Mr James Cameron at Te Mahanga on April 12.

"When the body was cut down it was quite warm, showing that death must have taken place three or four hours previously," stated Sergeant E. W. Straffon. Mackay resided on the farm property of his employer with his wife and family of three children.

Up to a month previous to his death he was employed as a general farm hand. His services were then dispensed with, as his employer's son had left school and took up permanent employment on the farm. Mackay was still allowed to do odd jobs on the farm when the death occurred, and he had free living quarters, with milk supplied.

"No reason can be given for Mackay acting as he did, unless it was financial worries," stated Sergeant Straffon. "He appeared to have been looking for permanent employment and, not being successful, it had probably preyed on his mind, causing him to act in this way."

Time Marches Backwards In Napier

Clock On Public Building Goes Quietly Into Reverse

Soon Rectified

Watchers Wonder What Would Happen Could It Strike

Time was marching backwards in Napier yesterday, if the clock on one of the prominent public buildings was to be believed.

At 10 a.m. the clock suggested that the day was but nine hours old, and at eleven it blandly informed the public that the hour was eight o'clock. As the day wore on this timepiece continued to reach back into the past, until in the early hours of the afternoon its peculiar behaviour was discovered and rectified.

Those who had noticed the phenomenon were heard to remark then it was a pity that the clock was not of the striking variety as it would have been interesting to hear whether it would have struck the hours backwards as well as putting the march of time in reverse. Presumably, if left to itself the clock would have taken Napier back into the gay nineties. It was perhaps a matter of some regret on this account that the fault was noticed.

THE SOIL SURVEY MAPS

TO BE DISPLAYED IN HASTINGS

SALE OF COPIES

Particulars Of The Prices

In view of the large number of inquiries that have been received from farmers on the Heretaunga Plains for copies of the Bulletin of the Land Utilisation Survey, the Soil Survey Branch of the Scientific and Industrial Research Department has arranged for copies of the soil maps supplied with each Bulletin to be exhibited in the shop windows of Messrs. Bairds Ltd. in Heretaunga Street, and Messrs. Gill and Fenton Ltd. in Market Street, Hastings.

Copies of the Bulletin and maps will be available from local booksellers very shortly at 6/3 per set. Unmounted copies of each soil map will also be available shortly in addition to the soil maps supplied with each Bulletin at a cost of 2/- per sheet, the complete map of the plains being made up of two sheets.

Two Brothers Injured

SEVERE SCALDING

Boiling Water Spilled From Kettle

HASTINGS ACCIDENT

A painful accident befell the two young sons of Mr and Mrs E. R. Davis, Ferguson Street, Hastings, yesterday morning.

Rex, a ten months' old child, pulled a kettle of boiling water over himself and his brother Robert aged three years.

Both boys were badly scalded about the head and shoulders. They were taken to the Memorial Hospital, Hastings, where their condition last night was reported to be satisfactory.

NAPIER SWORDSMEN MEET

Club's Firm Footing

KEEN INTEREST REPORTED

Election Of Officers

The keenness and enthusiasm shown by members of the Napier Swordsmen Club was illustrated by the club captain (Mr. Erle Davy) in the course of his report to the club's annual meeting on Wednesday evening. As soon as the difficulty of renting a suitable hall had been overcome, the weekly practice and instruction nights had resulted in all 25 members of the club quickly reaching a fighting stage, and ladies' matches had actually commenced within three months of the club's inception.

Finances Good.

Mr. Davy also expressed gratification at the attitude adopted by members in purchasing their own foils, as this had made the club responsible for the foils and spare blades only, and, as a result, they now showed a credit balance of £7 9/8.

The question of affiliation with the New Zealand Amateur Fencing Association was discussed but the final decision was left to the committee.

It was proposed to hold monthly "Assists" with the Hastings Swordsmen Club and these would take place alternatively in Napier and Hastings one night in each month.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. P. Kay thanked the club captain for the time he had devoted to the instruction of members in the art of fencing, particularly as the majority of them had known practically nothing about it until last year.

Officers Elected.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the unanimous re-election of last year's officials, namely: Club captain, Mr. Erle Davy; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Mollett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. G. Hawke; committee, Miss V. Moore, Miss W. G. Fuller, Messrs. R. Deere and L. Hawke.

WELCOME RAIN IN THE BAY

THIRSTY PASTURES RELIEVED

FARMERS PLEASED

General Feeling Of Satisfaction

A steady downpour of good, penetrating rain delighted the hearts of Hawke's Bay farmers yesterday, bringing long-awaited relief from the drought conditions which have prevailed throughout the province for some weeks past.

Although wet weather is supposed to be depressing, there was a marked absence of gloom in the expressions seen on citizens' faces in Napier and Hastings yesterday.

Casual conversation between friends invariably turned towards the elements, and instead of the usual gloomy "dirty day" people asked each other brightly to appreciate the welcome, life-giving rain.

Farmers have experienced hardship owing to low water tanks, apart from their despairing panorama of parched fields and distressed stock, and the public rejoice with them because of this welcome break in the weather.

A BIDDER'S RIGHTS AT AUCTIONS

MAY RETRACT UNTIL HAMMER FALLS

By Telegraph-Press Association. CHRISTCHURCH, April 20.

A civil action dealing with the procedure at country auctions was completed in the Magistrate's Court to-day before Mr. E. C. Levvey, S.M. The plaintiff in the case was H. Matson and Co., stock and station agents, who proceeded against James Marshall, farmer, asking that the court decide that Marshall fulfil a bid he had made for a horse. He had later withdrawn the bid.

Evidence on the facts of the claim had been heard at a country sitting of the Magistrate's Court and the case was then adjourned so that legal argument could be heard in Christchurch.

The Magistrate, in his decision, said that, after reviewing the legal authorities submitted in argument by both sides, he was bound to admit the legality of a previous English decision, long since over-ruled, which had never been over-ruled, that the provisions of the Sale of Goods Act tacitly held, so that a bidder must always have the right to retract his bid until the hammer falls.

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1941 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLAIM FOR VENUE AT NAPIER

THE NEW RULES

Important Alterations Explained

Efforts are to be made by the Napier Basketball Association to secure the New Zealand basketball championships at Napier in 1941.

It is many years since this important gathering has been held in Hawke's Bay, the last occasion being when the fixture was staged in Hastings. So far Napier have been unable to cater for the tournament as no hard courts have been available, but by 1941 it is anticipated that there will be six suitable playing areas at the disposal of the association.

Two hard courts are being prepared on the Marine Parade and will be ready for use this season. As a result, it is expected that basketball will receive an impetus. Previously only grass courts have been used and this has detracted from the standard of play. Four more hard courts are to be constructed in readiness for 1941.

Rules Amended.

The basketball season in Napier will commence this year on Saturday, April 27. A considerable number of amendments to the 1938 rules have been introduced by the New Zealand Basketball Referees' Association and for the benefit of players and intending players, as well as supporters of the game, the following elucidation of the more important alterations has been prepared.

In the marking of the court, the 12ft goal line has now been deleted and will be replaced by a 16ft. semi-circle called the goal circle. The centre line will be indicated by a 9ft. long parallel to the goal lines. The goal ring has been reduced by one inch in diameter, there will be no stipulation regarding the length of the net, and the struts or base of the posts must not project into the court.

Weight of Ball.

The weight of the ball has been increased by one ounce, so that whereas previously the ball weighed 13 to 15oz., it must now weigh 14 and 15 oz., and must be passed by the referee or umpire.

Positions on the court in 1938 were three forwards, one centre, two wing centres and three defenders. This season the players will be "go" (thrower), "attack" (wing, right centre wing, centre, left centre wing, defence wing, defence, goal defence).

If an emergency is played, the must continue throughout the game and cannot be displaced on the arrival of the selected player.

Last year a goal could be scored by any player (even a defender) in the third of the court next to the post, but this season a goal may be scored only by the goal thrower, attack, or attack wing, from any point within the shooting circle, provided that a player may not score a goal direct from a pass received with any part of her touching the ground outside the circle line.

Jumping for Goal.

A player is permitted to jump while shooting for goal, but must get rid of the ball before she reaches the ground again. If no goal is scored at the first attempt, the ball shall be thrown in by an opponent at the post where the ball crosses the line. If the ball rebounds from the goal post inside the court, it shall be thrown in by an opponent from any place along the goal line within the radius of the goal circle, and on either side of the goal-post. This restricts players from having several attempts at throwing a goal, because even if the ball rebounds from the post into play, without actually crossing the touch line, it shall be considered to have gone out of bounds. All guarding is now eliminated.

There are many other minor alterations and additions to last year's rulings and any player desiring to learn the full extent of the amendments should contact a member of the Referees' Association or the Napier Basketball Association.

Mrs. Bumstead, who was a visitor to Ormondville for the wedding of her grand-daughter, Miss Emily Howes, to Mr. Percy Rossall, has returned to her home near Waikaremoana.

The official opening of the Takapau Golf Club will be held to-morrow at 1 p.m., when a mixed Canadian foursome over 12 holes will be played. Members of other clubs are invited to take part.

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MISS DOROTHY BEACH MARRIED RECENTLY

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Port Ahuriri Presbyterian Church recently when Dorothy May, only daughter of Mrs. D. Beach, Fort Ahuriri, was married to Dudley John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Waters, Temuka, South Canterbury.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. H. Kedgley, and Mrs. Fairley presided at the organ.

The church was decorated with michaelmas daisies and bella donna lilies.

The bride made a charming picture when she entered the church with her uncle, Mr. G. Hamilton. Her gown of ivory satin was made with a high neckline having a Peter Pan collar. The long sleeves and full at the top and fitted tightly at the wrists. The long full skirt which was out on 18th century lines, swept into a graceful train inset with medallions.

Her beautifully embroidered veil was held in place with a coronet of orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of white begonias, carnations, gypsophila and maidenhair fern.

The bridesmaids were Miss Marjorie Smith (chief), Miss Mavis Stumey, Miss Marjorie Hamilton (cousins of bride) and Miss Beryl Dadson.

They were dressed alike in lovely frocks of spray blue chiffon mounted on taffeta. The bodices were softly ruffled in front, and had heart-shaped necklines, fully puffed sleeves, and long full skirts. Their shoulder length clover veils were held in place with halos of fuchsias and pom pom dahlias, and they carried bouquets of delphiniums, dahlias, fuchsias and maidenhair fern. Each maid wore a pearl necklace the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Cyril Beck, of Temuka, as best man, and Mr. A. W. Wood, of Fairlie, as groomsmen.

A reception was held at the Buffalo Hall, where the bride's mother assisted by the bride's grandmother, received the guests.

Mrs. Beach looked smart in a black and white pin striped tailored costume worn with a white blouse, and black felt hat.

Her bouquet was of autumn toned dahlias.

The bride's grandmother wore a charming ensemble of black and white georgette with a smart black hat trimmed with a white quill. She carried a bouquet of red carnations and dahlias.

When leaving for the honeymoon tour the bride chose a smartly-tailored suit of tan tweed, worn with a green hat, shoes and handbag, and a beautiful fur stole, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Waters will reside in Temuka, South Canterbury.

Evening Wedding In Hastings

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A RECEPTION HELD

A pretty wedding took place in the Hastings Methodist Church last night when Jean Motoua, second daughter of Mrs. A. E. Hastings, and the late Mr. E. W. Hood, was married to David James Sloan, only son of Mr. D. M. S. Millar, Havelock North, and the late Mrs. Millar.

The Rev. C. H. Oids officiated at the ceremony and Miss Jones presided at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. A. G. Hood, New Plymouth wore an off-white gown of satin, cut on classic lines. The front of the bodice was softly gathered while the back was trimmed with a row of buttons from the tiny pleated collar to the hemline. The skirt, which fell in soft folds from a high, pointed waistline trimmed with small arum lilies, finished in a rounded train edged with fine pleating. Her tulle veil which was held by a heart-shaped halo of velvet flowers, was arranged over the face and fell down the back to form a second train. She carried a sheaf of white chrysanthemums, blush pink lilies and maidenhair fern.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. L. J. Fisher, as matron of honour, Miss Sybil Lincoln, Hastings, as bridesmaid and Gabrielle Watson as a small flowergirl.

The matron of honour and bridesmaid chose similar frocks of moonlight blue georgette, with a high neckline in front and featuring the soft lower cowl at the back and puff sleeves. Their slightly trained skirts were dotted with stars of rhinestone and finished with velvet sashes.

(Further Women's News appears on Page 3).

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Judge's Comments

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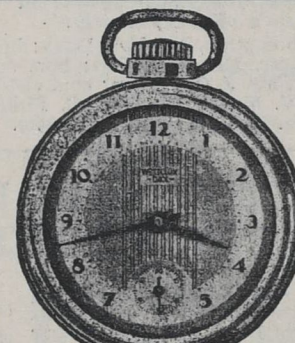
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Miss N. Crawshaw, of Wanganui, is spending a holiday with her mother, Mrs. J. Crawshaw, of Marine Parade, Napier.

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HUNTING CAT HAS FRIENDS AT WAVERLEY

Comment On Week-end Meetings

(By MOTUROA.)

The Auckland Racing Club and the Avondale Jockey Club this month reverted to the win and place system of betting, which was introduced in New Zealand by the Taranaki Jockey Club a few years back.

Of win-and-place betting there is much to be said for and against, but, from my personal observations of betting throughout New Zealand, it appears to be the ideal system where there are fields of sixteen to twenty runners in almost every race.

The win-and-place system caters for the big bettors as well as for the small investors, and most owners who use the machine at all for their betting appear to favour the win machine.

Under the win-and-place system bettors seem to enjoy a better run for their money. It is significant that the people who operate outside the law do not favour the system at all.

In fact, the only thing against the system at present appears to be the fact that it seems to slow up the totalisator. However, this is to a large extent the fault of backers themselves, and if patrons would only make their wagers early and ask for their tickets correctly, the work of the totalisator staffs would be expedited.

HUNTING CAT, who beat all but Slegmund in the Hastings Handicap at the beginning of the month, ran two more solid races at the Feilding, finishing third to Old Bill and Oratory in the Feilding Cup and filling fourth position behind Wildflower, Old Surrey and Rustem in the Easter Handicap the second day.

In the Patea County Handicap at Waverley to-morrow the old Hunting Song gelding meets Wildflower on Sibs, better terms and, as there has been rain in Taranaki this week, the chances of the veteran will be enhanced.

However, in this race there will be a big following for the Nigger Minstrel mare Silvanus, who led all the way to win the big race at Stratford on Saturday. Silvanus is trained at Waverley and is likely to be all the better for her race last week.

The favourite, nevertheless, will be Wildflower. She won this race twelve months ago and her success at Feilding was achieved so decisively that there can be no doubt that she is right back to her top form again.

Good Little Horses. DISTURBED and Airam, who have been showing consistently good form over hurdles in the past few months are both on the small side.

In fact Airam would very nearly pass pony measurements. Both were bred in Australia.

Disturbed, who won last week at Stratford by ten lengths and won pulling up, is by Exeter, cross the Hawke's Bay-bred mare Restful.

AN AUCKLAND ASPECT

'Daily Mail' Special Service. AUCKLAND, April 20. The win and place system of betting will be used at the Whangarei Racing Club's Autumn Meeting, which opens at Kensington Park to-morrow.

Horses likely to be well supported in their engagements include:—

- 12.0—Portland Hack Handicap: Silver Cloud, Trevice, Oh-maha. 12.50—Trial Stakes: Rival, Bronzeshar, Chandlery. 1.30—McInnes Memorial Handicap: Tooley Street, Tybalt, Gay Rebel. 2.10—Northland Hack Hurdles: King's Lancer, Airam, AGOG. 2.55—Stewards' Handicap: Gay Seton, Corato, Aero King. 3.40—Settlers' Plate: Royal Message, Royal Ace, Meadow Rose. 4.25—Maungatapere Hack Handicap: Gamos, Spearford Beeswing. 5.15—Waipu Handicap: Jack Tar, Silver Que, High Tea.

who was by Birkenhead from Peace, by the Officer from Content, by Dreadnought from Lullaby, by Apremont from the imported Orest mare Hammock.

This is a very successful New Zealand family, including in its members Kilwinning, Megan, Elysian, The Banker, Chakwana, Notium, Lady Kyra and others.

Airam is by Brazen (sire of Bronze Eagle) from the Valais mare Volume, who was bred from Pamphlet, by Linacre from Lady Pamela, by San Francisco from Bonnie Crest, by Wallace from the Barcardine mare Bonnie Rosette.

From this family came Mountain Lion, Signor and several good stayers. Despite their lack of inches, both Disturbed and Airam carry weight well and more should be heard of them this winter.

EGMONT ENTRIES TO-NIGHT. HAWKE'S BAY owners and trainers cannot afford to overlook the fact that nominations for all events at the Egmont Racing Club's winter meeting at Hawera on May 4 and 6 close with the secretary, Mr A. K. Fyson, Hawera, at 9 o'clock to-night (Friday).

The Egmont meeting opens the winter racing period and the programme is a noteworthy one. There is no flat race at the meeting carrying a stake of less than £150, nor is

there a jumping race under £175, at which figure the two hurdles events stand. The Egmont Steeplechase carries a stake of £400, while the Adamson Steeplechase is valued at £300.

The main flat races are the McRae Cup (of £400, 1 1/2 miles) and the Davidson Handicap (of £300, nine furlongs), while, on the second day of the meeting the Champion Hack Plate is worth £300, inclusive of a £25 trophy, and is run over nine furlongs.

Sergia Favoured To-day

WHANGAREI OPENING

Jack Tar In Form For The Mile

FIELDS REVIEWED

(By MOTUROA.)

The Whangarei meeting opens at Kensington Park to-day with bigger fields than usual carded. However, there are a number of dual engagements and the fields are likely to thin out a lot.

Te Hai and Tooley Street top the list in the McInnes Memorial Handicap, the main event to-day. Te Hai ran two good thirds at Tauranga and performed fairly well at Ellerslie, while Tooley Street ran a solid race in the A.R.C. Easter Handicap. In his previous start he won over a mile at Rotorua.

Sergia, who on this course in the spring, will be backed on her good third in the President's Handicap at Ellerslie. High Sea has run some fair races recently, while Glen Abb should be held safe by Gay Rebel, who raced well the first day at Avondale.

Tybal won this race last year and has a penchant for the course. However, he has not been placed since he ran second to Shy at Whangarei in the spring. Anlon should be the pick of the rest and the turning course should be more in his favour than Avondale.

The form horses to-day are:— Portland Hack: Blonde Princess, Silver Cloud, Privat. Trial Stakes: Chandlery, Hunting Squire, Bronzeshar. McInnes Memorial: Sergia, Tooley Street, Tybalt. Northland Hurdles: Agog, Airam, King's Lancer. Stewards' Handicap: Tosh, Gay Seton, Tepoto. Settlers' Plate: Royal Ace, Meadow Rose, Royal Message. Maungatapere Handicap: Spearford, Aldene, Eastern Fair. Waipu Handicap: Jack Tar, Very Glad, Inver.

The acceptors are:— PORTLAND HACK HANDICAP, OF £140, 6 furlongs. Oh-maha 9 3 Orally 8 7 British Banner 9 2 Bronze Wing 8 7 Huntingmore 9 0 Senacre 8 7 Privat 9 0 Bronze Step 8 7 Blonde 9 0 Hunters' Rose 8 7 Princess 8 12 Royal Message 8 5 Enlightenment 8 11 Windress 8 3 Midland 8 9 Silver Cloud 8 3 Trevice 8 9 Docility 8 0 Aero Queen 8 8 Noisy Night 8 0 Old Surrey 8 7 Gay Belle 8 0 Summary 8 8 White Foam 8 0

RIAL STAKES, A sweepstake of £2 each, with £100 added; two-year-olds, 7.11; three-year-olds and upward, 8.8. Five furlongs. Venture 8 8 Vaalstar 8 8 Meadow Rose 8 8 Strathearn 8 8 Little Idea 8 8 Valvern 8 8 Lland Court 8 8 Gay Bell 8 8 Rival 8 8 White Foam 8 8 Imperator 8 8 Bonny Gaze 7 11 Hunting 8 8 Jewel Tray 7 11 Squire 8 8 Bronzeshar 7 11 Waltzing Lila 8 8 Chandlery 7 11 True Measure 8 8 Gay Movie 7 11 Solitary 8 8 Clipper 7 11

McINNES MEMORIAL HANDICAP, OF £350, 1 1/2 miles. Te Hai 9 0 Tybalt 7 13 Tooley Street 9 0 King Theo 7 13 Sergia 8 7 High Tea 7 13 High Sea 8 2 Anlon 7 5 Glen Abb 8 1 Chieflap 7 1 Gay Rebel 8 1 Valdene 7 1

NORTHLAND HACK HURDLES, OF £150, 1 1/2 miles and 82 yards. Airam 12 7 Thrust 9 0 Agog 10 2 Scot Lancer 9 0 Adam 10 1 King's Abbey 9 0 Centaurus 9 4 British Clonkeen 9 0 Sovereign 9 0 General Riske 9 0 Chief Lap 9 0 Brilliant Ace 9 0 Tupoto 9 0 King Musk 9 0

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, OF £200, 6 furlongs. Tosh 9 6 Tepoto 7 3 Gay Seton 8 3 Silver Eagle 7 3 Triune 8 7 Willrich 7 3 Day Wind 8 0 Aero King 7 3 Corato 7 6 Miss Appellant 7 0 Brazilian 7 6 Summary 7 0

SETTLERS' PLATE, A sweepstake of £2 each, with £100 added. Six furlongs. Royal Ace 8 0 Meadow Rose 7 9 General Riske 8 0 Northern King 8 0 Miss Valerie 7 9 Casual 8 0 White Foam 7 9 Waipou 7 9 Gay Bell 7 9 Royal Message 7 9

MAUNGATAPERE HACK HANDICAP, OF £140, 6 furlongs. Spearford 9 0 Race Camp 7 13 Valdene 8 11 Midland 7 12 Eastern Wheel 8 8 Trevice 7 11 Spinning 8 8 Gay Sister 7 11 Royal Abb 6 6 Vaalstar 7 11 British Banner 8 5 Phillemup 7 10 Sacoone 8 3 Gadsey 7 10 Beeswing 8 5 Jean Quex 7 7 Gamos 8 3 Tea Gong 7 7 Master 8 3 Gladstone 7 7 Appellant 8 2 Heskettown 7 7 Ringshot 8 1

WAIPU HANDICAP, OF £150, 1 mile. Valmit 9 5 High Delight 8 0 Day Wind 9 1 Land Girl 8 0 Triune 9 0 Walsper 8 0 Glen Abb 9 0 Mal de Mer 8 0 Jack Tar 8 11 Silver Quex 8 0 Sacoone 8 3 Gadsey 8 0 Grand City 8 11 Oriental Bay 8 0 Gay Rebel 8 11 Bright Idea 8 0 High Sea 8 11 Heskettown 8 0 High Tea 8 9 Ivy Wiltonyx 8 0 Miss Appellant 8 7 Inver 8 0 Prince Rangl 8 6 Valdene 8 0 Very Glad 8 0

The Woodville mentor H. A. Russell has left for Australia with the two-year-olds Bronze Flight and Pen.

Likely to Improve. Aurora's Star was not suited by the turning nature of the Feilding track at Easter, but that racing has done her no harm and she may be seen to better advantage next month on her home course.

Aurora's Star leaves the impression that the best has not yet been seen of her, and, as she is built on much more generous proportions than her home course, she may give a long way in flat racing before her turn comes to take on hurdlings.

Greatly Improved. War Lap is a very hard horse to follow, and his Feilding form certainly did not suggest very bright prospects for the Stratford meeting. However, the Lapidary-Violetta gelding revealed his best form and won really well. War Lap has been turned out in good order recently by the Wanganui mentor, H. W. Johnston, and he may be coming more solid with age.

The Leaders. THE leading jockeys for the season are: W. J. Broughton, 58; H. N. Wiggins, 48; G. R. Tattersall, 45; B. H. Morris, 44; A. Messervy, 33; R. McTavish, 31; and A. E. Ellis, 30. O. Evans is the leading apprentice with 29 wins. T. R. George is well out in front on the winning trainers' list with 35 successes. Next are L. G. Morris, 26; I. Thinsley, 25; F. A. Roberts, and H. Dulieu, 20 each.

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