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Incendiary Bombs Dropped On Helsingfors

THRUST MADE BY INFANTRY IN THE FAR NORTH

Towns Just Across The Border Already In Flames

RED FLEET SIGHTED NEAR FINNISH COAST

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(Received December 1, 1.45 a.m.)

LONDON, Nov. 30.

It is reported that Russian artillery opened fire on Finland early this morning near the border station of Terijoki. It is unconfirmedly reported that Wiipuri was bombed.

The British United Press correspondent at the Helsingfors airport says that five bombs were dropped on Helsingfors. The air raid warning was sounded at 9.25 a.m., and people went to the shelters.

One twin-engined Russian plane was seen. Finnish anti-aircraft guns opened fire.

Earlier six Russian planes circled over the harbour entrance.

The "New York Times" Copenhagen correspondent says that the first Russian troops crossed the Karelian border at 9.20 a.m.

Russia launched air, land and sea attacks simultaneously. The troops crossed the frontier at 9.15 local time.

Apart from air action the invasion was directed at three points: (1) Artillery fire on Suoyarvi, north of Lake Ladoga; (2) An infantry thrust in the far north and at the Rybachi and Kola peninsulas; (3) The eastern part of the Gulf of Finland was shelled by warships.

Vammelsuu, across the Gulf of Finland from Leningrad, was bombarded from the sea, probably by the Kronstadt.

An artillery duel is reported at Kivnebb, in Marelia.

Incendiary bombs were dropped on the Helsingfors airport and also at Wiipuri, where several fires have started.

The raiders dropped handbills urging the populace to co-operate with the Soviet.

The Finnish Foreign Office spokesman announced dramatically at 9.20: "The war is on."

Air raid sirens were then sounding and traffic ceased. Steel-helmeted wardens had taken control.

The Moscow authorities refuse to confirm the invasion.

Reports from Copenhagen state that the Soviet Fleet could be seen from the Helsingfors waterfront.

Russian troops crossing the Karelian border first penetrated the strip of land which Finland had refused to yield to the Soviet during the protracted negotiations which broke down on November 13.

Planes bombed the entire valley, believedly called Emso, which is near the Soviet frontier and contains many cellulose factories. No vital hits were scored, but one bomb aimed at the factory is said to have struck a nearby hospital. The Soviet troops unsuccessfully attempted to bomb the electric light plant at a town named Imtrata. A small island in Helsingfors harbour was hit by a bomb aimed at the city.

The Soviet bombardment is reported to have broken telephone communications between Helsingfors and Suoyarvi, where Soviet troops are believed to have occupied a strip of Finnish territory.

The Exchange and Telegraph Agency's Helsingfors correspondent says that messages from Moscow indicate that Soviet military leaders believe that if Finland was to be brought to her knees, action must be taken without delay, because the Gulf of Finland would be frozen within a month. The eastern section of the Gulf is already freezing.

DELIVERY OF AMERICAN BOMBERS

ATLANTIC FLIGHTS FROM CANADIAN AIR BASE

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NEW YORK, Nov. 29.

The "New York Times" aviation editor learns on excellent authority that the American bombers ordered by Britain and France will be flown across the Atlantic from a huge Canadian air base.

The west-to-east prevailing winds, the comparatively short distance of 2000 miles, and the excellent facilities for blind flying in bad winter weather are believed to actuate the step, which is designed to avoid North Sea and North Atlantic shipping difficulties.

UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH FOR RAIDER

Dive Towards Sea

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LONDON, Nov. 30.

Royal Air Force fighters yesterday shot down a German plane on the Northumbrian coast. The total brought down since October 16 is at least 23.

Lifeboats and Royal Air Force machines searched the sea unsuccessfully for the raider, which was a German Heinkel.

There had previously been a thrilling fight. The Heinkel waited until the R.A.F. fighter was within 400 yards before diving with its rear gun spitting a stream of tracer bullets. The fighter closed in, and the Heinkel then dived towards the sea.

It is believed that two British fighters engaged another Heinkel over a town in south-east Scotland. The Heinkel apparently escaped to the southward.

There was also aerial activity near the Firth of Forth.

COLDLY CALCULATED CRIME

American Criticism

CRUDE MENDACITY OF SOVIET

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NEW YORK, Nov. 29.

The "New York Herald-Tribune," in a leader, says: "In bold, crude and bare-faced mendacity the Soviet Government has not a peer in history. . . . It may be of little moment to the Kremlin to know that if Finland is invaded she will have the moral support of every man and woman in the United States whose opinion is worth consulting. . . . The Soviet will stand self-convicted in this nation's sight of a coldly calculated crime against human decency."

American Offer

Following a report that the United States Ambassador to Moscow abruptly abandoned his visit to Stockholm yesterday and departed hurriedly for Moscow, the Secretary for State (Mr Cordell Hull) in a formal statement, said that the United States was willing to extend its good offices in the settlement of the Russian-Finnish dispute.

"This Government," said Mr Hull, "is following with serious concern the intensification of the Russian-Finnish dispute, and would view with extreme regret any extension of the present area of war consequent on further deterioration of international relations."

"Without in any way becoming involved in the merits of the dispute, and limiting its interest to the solution of the dispute by some peaceful process, the United States Government would, if it were agreeable to both parties, gladly extend its good offices."

Mr Hull himself emphasised that is should not be interpreted as an offer to mediate but merely as an indication of the United States' willingness to do anything in its power to avert hostilities.

American diplomats in Russia and Finland had been instructed to forward a statement to their respective Governments.

While the exercise of the American good offices did not necessarily imply mediation, the latter would be possible if the disputants requested it.

Senators Key Pittman and W. E. Borah condemned Russia's action and praised Mr Hull's effort. Senator Pittman stated that Russia had created fictitious incidents which are a "prelude and an excuse for conquest."

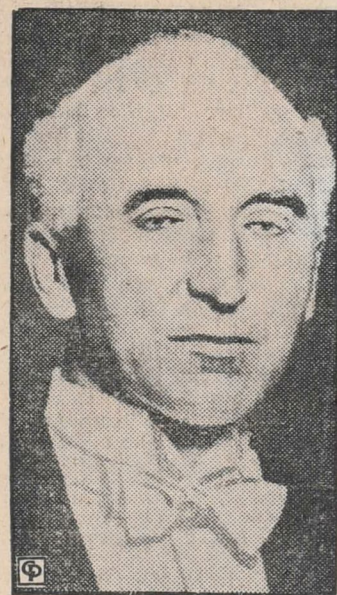
Both Senators had little expectation that Mr Hull's move would be successful.



THE GOLDEN PATH OF THE SUNLIT SEA.—War or no war, Nature's background is unalterable. A peaceful yachting scene at Melbourne, where well-filled sails were silhouetted against the sunshine.

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS NOW ENDED

RADIO SPEECH BY M. MOLOTOV

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MOSCOW, Nov. 30.

"The Soviet will no longer tolerate the situation," said the Prime Minister (M. Molotov) in a speech over the radio to-night in which he announced that Russia had broken off diplomatic relations with Finland, and had recalled her Ambassador.

"The Finnish Government is fully responsible for the present state of affairs," he claimed, adding: "The recall of our diplomatic representatives and the readiness of our armed forces is not an attempt to violate Finnish independence and annex territory. We have no such intention. If the Finnish attitude had been friendly the Soviet would have made territorial concessions and have favourably considered the reunion of the Karelians with the Finns in a united independent Finnish nation."

"We regard Finland as an independent sovereign State whatever her regime, but the solution of urgent problems could not be conditional on the bad faith of the present Finnish leaders."

"The Soviet must solve the matter in friendly co-operation with the Finnish people. Safeguarding Leningrad is the only way to reopen friendly Soviet-Finnish relations."

SWEDEN INTERNS FOUR AIRMEN

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COPENHAGEN, Nov. 29.

A Nazi seaplane made a forced landing on the Faroe Islands, between the Shetlands and Iceland. Four members of the crew were rescued and interned.

WILL NAZIS CONSULT WITH SOVIET?

Free Hand Likely To Be Given With Finland

A VERSAILLES "ERROR"

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LONDON, Nov. 30.

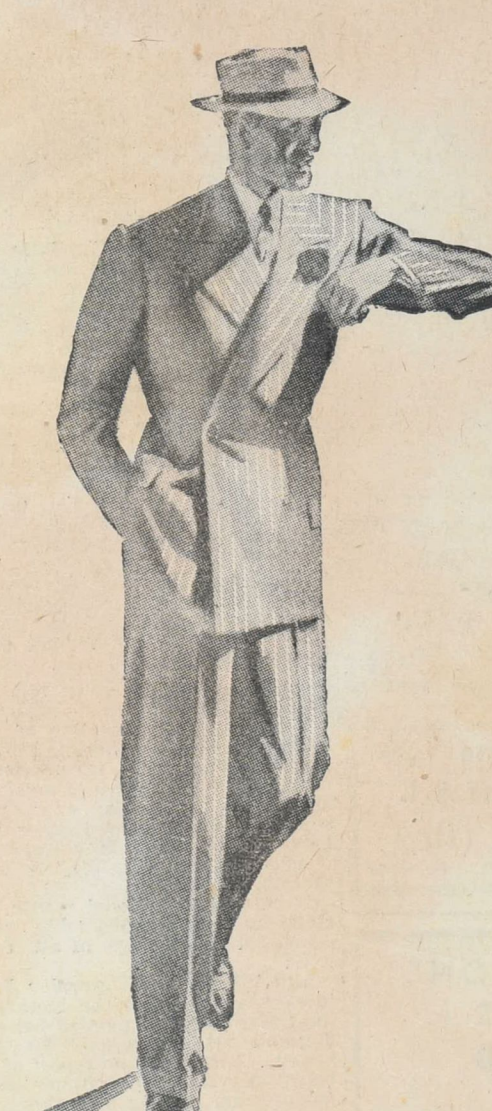
The Berlin correspondent of the "New York Times" (Mr Brooks Peters) said that armed conflict between Russia and Finland was seemingly inevitable. "Germany is wholly sympathetic with the aims of the Soviet," he added. "This opinion expressed at the Wilhelmstrasse indicates that the Reich will maintain an attitude of benevolent neutrality, meaning that Germany will stand aside and allow Russia a free hand, since she feels morally aligned with the Soviet, whose attitude to Finland is considered comparable with the Reich's viewpoint concerning the Rhineland under the Versailles Treaty. Whether Russia and Germany will consult over the crisis in the north under their non-aggression pact has not yet been decided."

The Finnish Foreign Office spokesman earlier said: "Everything is now up to Russia. The situation is too difficult for comment."

The Finnish reply to the Soviet Note emphasises that on the Finnish side of the frontier only frontier guards had been stationed, which does not constitute any threat against Leningrad's security, for which reason the Soviet's denunciation of the non-aggression treaty was not justified. The reply points out that under the treaty both parties agreed to resort exclusively to pacific means of settling any disputes, whatever their nature or origin, which arose between them. The Finnish Government, accordingly, proposes that a Conciliation Commission be summoned immediately in order to examine the present controversy. Alternatively, Finland is ready to submit the dispute to neutral arbitration.

"In order to refute the Soviet Government's allegations that Finland has adopted a hostile attitude towards the Soviet and to prove its sincere desire for friendly agreement," adds the reply, "the Finnish Government is ready to negotiate for the withdrawal of troops from the Karelian Isthmus, with the exception of the frontier Customs officers, to such a distance from Leningrad that they could not even be alleged to threaten its security."

Additional classes of Russian naval reservists have been called up. The Moscow newspaper "Pravda" states that the personnel of the Baltic Fleet has been greatly reinforced.



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SCHOOL AFFAIRS AT OTANE

ATTENDANCE WELL MAINTAINED HOLIDAYS SOON

Preparation For Annual Ceremony "Daily Mail" Special. OTANE.

At the monthly meeting of the Otago School Committee Mr. A. E. Black presided over a full attendance of members...

The report showed that the roll number was 170, with a satisfactory average attendance for the period.

The staff and scholars expressed appreciation of the committee's action in providing a Hutchinson's pictorial encyclopaedia for school use...

Practical instruction in swimming is to begin again as soon as weather conditions are satisfactory.

The committee congratulated the staff upon the excellence of the inspector's annual report.

The breaking up ceremony is to be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday night, December 13, when the dux medal will be presented...

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ACTIVITIES OF THE WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS

Reports Of Institute Meetings Held During The Past Month

ORMONVILLE

The November meeting of the Ormondville Women's Institute was held in the Peace Memorial Hall.

There was a good attendance and the president, Mrs H. Howes, was in the chair.

Members stood in silence for a few moments as an expression of sympathy with Mrs F. Hosking upon the death of her aunt Mrs E. Vrabos...

An invitation to be present at the birthday of the Wakarua Institute on the evening of December 2 was received.

The roll call "School-boy Howlers" was of great benefit to the fine box, as only a few members responded to the call.

The competitions resulted as follows: Iced chocolate cake, Mrs Cook 1, Mrs Chapman 2, Mrs Howes 3 equal...

The president, Mrs P. A. Riddle, presided over the meeting, there being a fair attendance of members and visitors.

The results of the monthly competitions were: Article suitable for a Christmas tree, Mrs W. Kibbiwhite 1...

A beautiful lot of flowers brought in were sent to the Sanatorium. The hostesses for the day were Mesdames R. S. Allan, A. Edgar, Misses E. Allan and J. Edgar.

THE TUAI The Tuai Women's Institute held its monthly meeting in the new Social Hall...

The motto was "Never trouble trouble - trouble will find you." Competition winners were: Best bloom, Mrs Nicol; cooking, Madeira cake, Mrs Rosenberg...

SHERENDEN The November meeting of the Sherenden W.I. was held in the hall last Thursday.

The best bloom competition was won by Mrs Marven, with a magnificent double pink stock.

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WAIKAWA

There was an excellent attendance of members at the November meeting of the Waikawa Women's Institute...

An invitation to be present at the birthday of the Wakarua Institute on the evening of December 2 was received.

On behalf of the institute, Miss Bibby extended thanks to all members and citizens of Waikawa who had extended hospitality to members of the Blind Institute...

Referring to the loss of a valuable member in the person of Mrs Barker Miss Bibby spoke.

The delegate, Mrs N. Norris, presented an interesting report on the recent Southern Hawke's Bay Federation meeting held at Ormondville.

Several Scottish vocal items contributed by members of the song group were much appreciated.

After afternoon tea had been served by Mesdames H. M. Christie, Peterson, G. Davey, J. Hanson and Miss Peterson...

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WAIPIKURAU

Mrs H. M. Keir presided over a good attendance of members at the November meeting of the Waipukurau Women's Institute...

The arrangements for the members of the Blind Institute were dealt with by Mesdames H. F. Norris and McLean who were elected new members.

Members were informed that when members of the Blind Institute Band passed through Waipukurau recently they were welcomed at the station by a number of institute members...

After afternoon tea had been served by Mesdames H. M. Christie, Peterson, G. Davey, J. Hanson and Miss Peterson...

Following were the results of the monthly competitions: Mrs G. Davey 1, Mrs Ritchie 2, Mrs Peterson 3...

Members were thanked for their loyal support on "shop day," the result being most satisfactory.

Orders were taken for the new Institute cookery book and for "Pioneer Tales."

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Tennis Tourney at Frasertown.—An enjoyable tennis tournament was held in Frasertown in honour of the County Queen (Miss Dulcie Delaney).

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Jackie Cooper and Freddie Bartholomew share starring honours in the Universal picture which turns the spotlight on boys of the modern generation and the way they are trained for the future.

The story concerns itself with what happens to Cooper, a homeless, disillusioned boy in a boarding school, when he is handed a scholarship and given a chance to prove himself at Culver. Bitterness over his father's death in the war, complicates his life at school.

How his fellow cadets, and especially his room-mate, Bartholomew, help him discover himself, makes for inspiring narrative.

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"In Name Only" is particularly notable for its stellar cast, which includes Carole Lombard, Cary Grant and Kay Francis, an unmatched aggregation of talent this season.

On the eve of the departure of her regiment to join Kitchener's army in the Sudan, John Clements, a young, sensitive man, who has been forced into army life because of family tradition, hands in his resignation.

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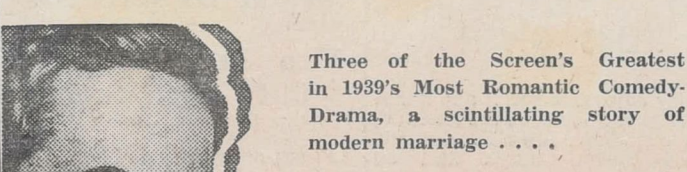
Mayfair GANGSTER THRILLER AND A COMEDY Variety In A New Programme

"The Gangs of New York" is the major attraction in a double feature programme opening at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, to-day.

Current Attraction What happens when four devoted sisters fall in love with the same man? "Four Daughters," the Warner Bros. picture based on a Fannie Hurst story, which concludes to-night at the Regent Theatre, takes that as its theme and develops it into a richly human story.

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Current Attraction The current attraction at the Plaza Theatre is "The Four Just Men," a film in which the four principals are anonymous and which bases its action on a supposed plan to block the Suez Canal and to cut the oil line of Iraq, thereby severing communication between Britain and the East, inclusive of course, of Australia and New Zealand.

signed in an effort to keep the team of Stewart, Lew Ayres and herself from stardom.

The couple separate when Stewart realises that he is proving a hindrance to her career. She soars rapidly to stardom and Stewart, reunited with Ayres, works on tangible plans for the staging of a spectacle on ice to be known as the "Ice Follies."

Called to New York for a personal appearance, the star arrives on the same night that Stewart's "Ice Follies" is opening. The two are reunited for a brief moment but quarrel and depart for their respective theatres. Stewart's "Ice Follies" wins acclaim as the hit of the season.

Stewart, in the meantime, discovers that his own wife is the mysterious backer of his show and upon verifying this truth renounces all interest in the company. The complications which follow prove thrilling and end with a shot of the name of Stewart's wife added in lights to the cast of "Ice Follies."

In addition to the popular stars of the picture is the entire troupe of the original "International Ice Follies," headed by Bess Ehrhardt and Roy Shipstad, Eddie Shipstad and Oscar Johnson.

Current Attraction What happens when four devoted sisters fall in love with the same man? "Four Daughters," the Warner Bros. picture based on a Fannie Hurst story, which concludes to-night at the Regent Theatre, takes that as its theme and develops it into a richly human story.

He again joins the tribe in an effort to save his other two friends. From this point action moves quickly to an exciting and moving climax.

Carole Lombard as the "other woman," Cary Grant as the harassed and bewildered husband, Kay Francis in an especially difficult "heavy" role—all are at their best for "In Name Only."

Said to be one of the season's most significant films, "In Name Only" is a powerful vehicle for its stellar trio. In addition to Carole Lombard, Cary Grant and Kay Francis, the RKO Radio picture has a distinguished cast, among whom are Charles Coburn, Helen Vinson, Katharine Alexander, Jonathan Hale and Maurice Moscovitch.

Included in the programme is a Walt Disney colour cartoon, "Goofy and Wilbur."

Both artists will be remembered for their performances in "The Nearest Thing to Heaven." Boyer, who is always a romantic figure, appears in "When To-morrow Comes" as a famous French pianist. He is seen in the course of a triumphant tour. By chance he meets a waitress, young and beautiful, who is, of course, Miss Dunne. She immediately falls in love with him and the ensuing romance is handled with consummate skill.

Joseph Stahl, the film producer who has previously been associated with this successful romantic team, again supervised their work in "When To-morrow Comes." It is a film which in other centres throughout New Zealand has proved immensely popular and its choice as an attraction with which to introduce the Regent Theatre to Napier audiences, is a happy one.

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Social And Dance At Pakowhai

ENJOYABLE EVENING Women's Institute Queen Candidate

A very enjoyable social and dance was given in honour of the Institute Queen candidate, Miss R. Howard, in the Pakowhai Church hall on Wednesday evening.

TEA-PARTY FOR A BRIDE-TO-BE

Over fifty members of the Hastings Ladies' Golf Club were present at an afternoon tea party held at the Hawke's Bay Farmers' tea rooms yesterday in honour of the approaching marriage of Miss Daisy Thompson who is a vice-president of the club.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Jean Telford, younger daughter of Mrs J. W. Cameron and the late Mr Cameron, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and William Feilding, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. B. Shortt, Morea, Hawke's Bay.

A PIANOFORTE RECITAL

NAPIER PUPILS OF MISS W. MCCARTHY HIGH STANDARD

Roses, carnations and honeysuckle made a pretty decoration on the stage at the Assembly Hall of the Napier Girls' High School last evening, when the pupils of Miss Winifred McCarthy, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., F.T.C.L., gave a most enjoyable recital.

JUDGING BY THE AMOUNT OF FORETHOUGHT AND PREPARATION, THE PRODUCE AND JUMBLE SALE, ORGANISED BY THE HASTINGS BRANCH OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION OF THE FARMERS' UNION, TO BE HELD IN HASTINGS ON SATURDAY PROMISES TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS.

Among the dancers were Mesdames Upton, P. Collinge, J. Parker, Barker, W. Knowles, G. Brunton, J. Davy, S. Waters, Couch, Curtin, C. Kay, D. Ellis, Pearce, Robinson, A. Misses R. Howard, J. John, A. Upton, M. Ramsay, J. Patrick, H. Loder, J. Crawshaw, L. Griffiths, A. Coker, A. Bartle, J. Sutherland, J. Davy, E. D. Howard, F. Nurse, K. Semmens, C. Ramsay, J. Hogan, D. Brunton.

TRAVEL TALK GIVEN

The members of the evening circle of the Hastings Women's Community Club met for a social last evening, being the final meeting of the year, in the club lounge, which was attractively decorated with roses, sweet peas and Iceland poppies.

INTERESTING TRAVELS

Miss Lankovsky introduced Miss Ella Wilson who gave a most interesting talk on her recent trip to England and her travels in America and on the Continent of Europe.

QUICK REMEDIES FOR SMALL PROBLEMS

After peeling potatoes, let them rest a while in cold water to preserve their whiteness when cooked. Verdigris in a copper may be washed off by the use of a kerosene cloth after careful drying.

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Further Women's news appears on Page 10

Pianoforte solo, "Prelude in G Minor (Rachmaninoff), Margaret Willis.

Pianoforte solo, "Polichinelle" (Rachmaninoff), Ray Sheehan.

Among those present were: Mr and Mrs J. W. King, Mr and Mrs A. Stephens, Mr and Mrs G. S. Grindley, Mr and Mrs O. Janet, Mr and Mrs W. A. Darragh, Mr and Mrs H. D. McBeath, Mr and Mrs F. H. Dawe, Mr and Mrs F. Melhuish.

Tennis Club Dance At Haumoana

HEAD-GEAR VOICES SENTIMENTS

A glance around the Centennial Exhibition a day or so ago revealed that not only by the various stars were novelties to be found, on the contrary, a young woman proved quite a good—and much looked-at—exhibit—by wearing a distinctly novel peasant scarf on her head.

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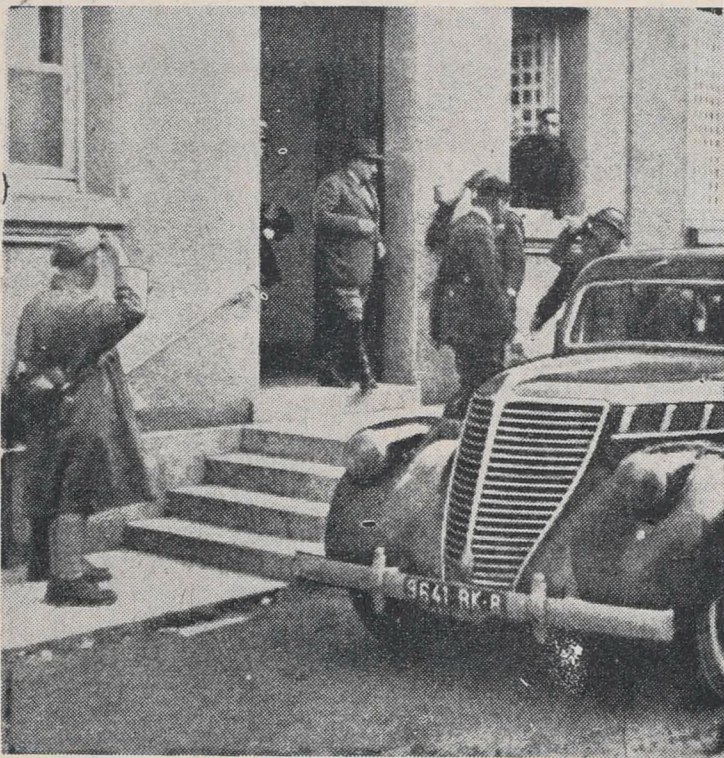
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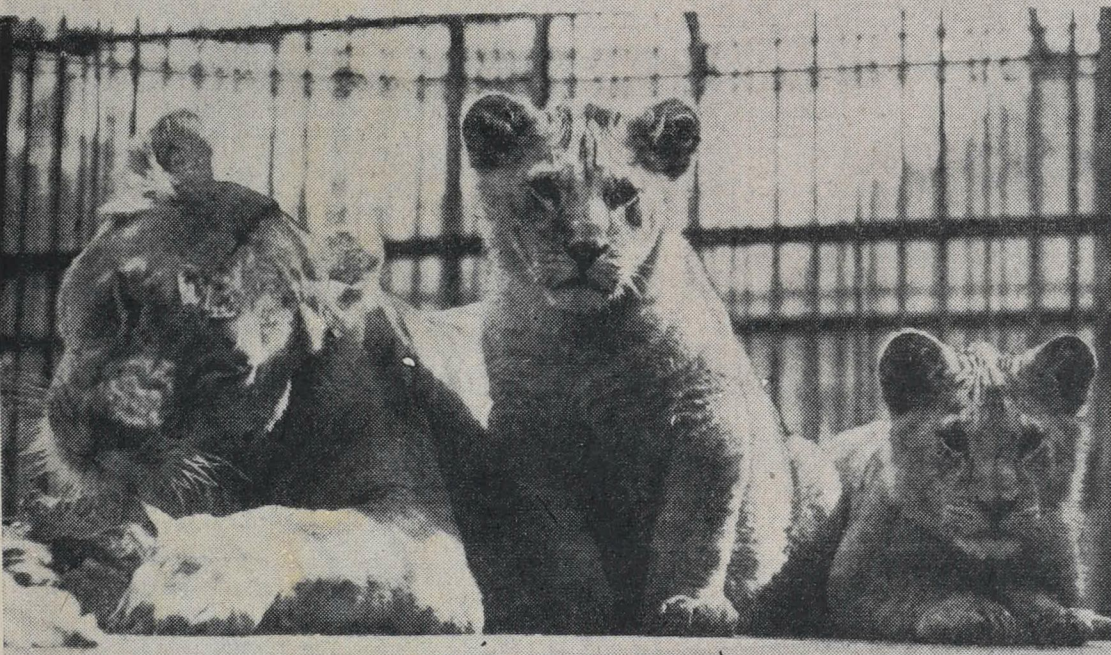
"THE STREET THAT NEVER SLEEPS."—Unpretentious looking but vitally important, Fleet Street, London is still the hub and centre of the world's news.



EVACUATION OF GERMANS IN THE BALTIC STATES.—German families embarking on a steamer at Riga on their way home to the Fatherland.



ON THE FRENCH FRONT.—M. Daladier is here seen leaving the French G.H.Q., after a recent visit to the war zone.



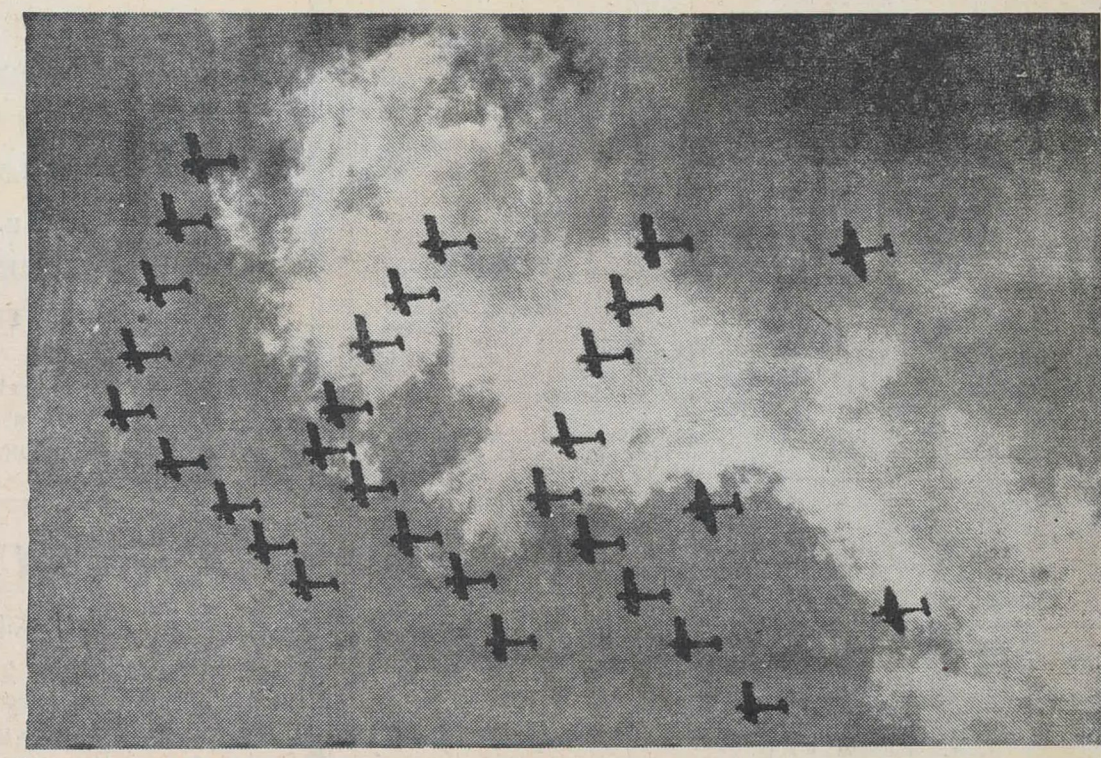
WAITING FOR THE CRUMBS.—Patricia, the lioness at the London Zoo, has brought up her two children, October and Oliver, to have nice table manners and to wait until Mum is finished with the bone.



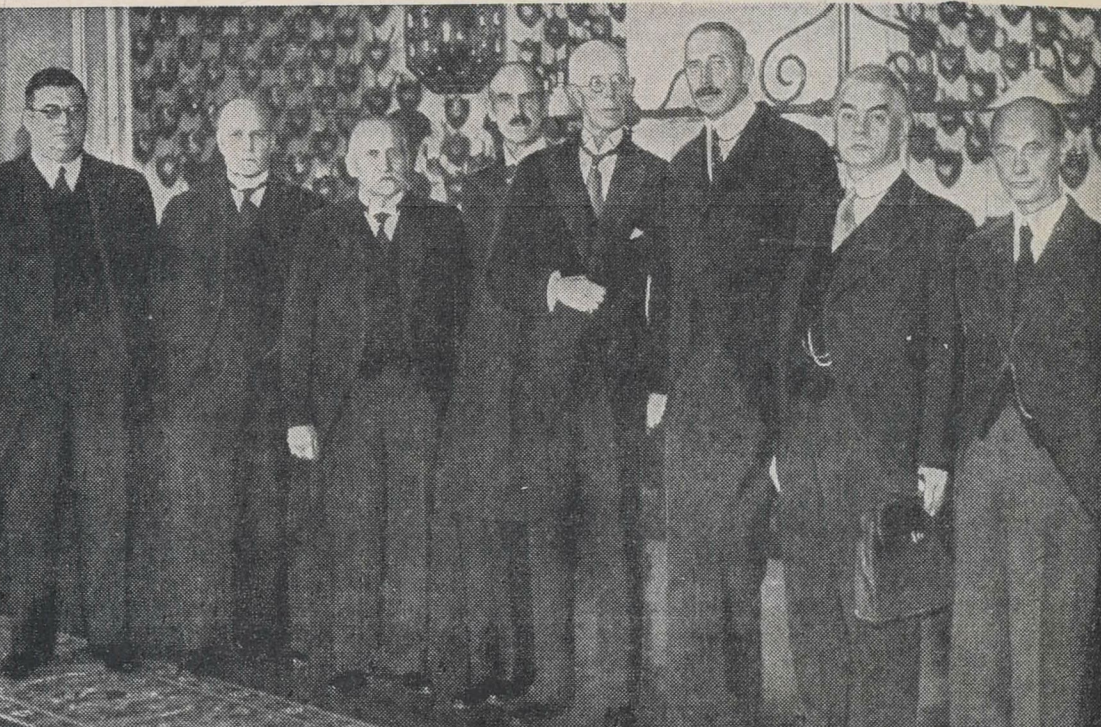
THE SITUATION IN FINLAND.—Finnish nurses distributing food to the soldiers. The situation on the southern border of Finland has reached serious proportions.



THE ANTI-SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.—British destroyers chasing Nazi U-boats in the North Sea.



GERMAN ACTIVITY IN THE AIR.—A squadron of Nazi chasing 'planes at the head of a group of bombers.



CHIEFS OF THE NORDIC STATES.—Left to right, -oreign Ministers M. Erikko (Finland) and M. Munch (Denmark), the Finnish President (M. Kallio), King Haakon of Norway, King Gustav of Sweden, King Christian of Denmark and the Foreign Ministers M. Koht (Norway) and Sandler (Sweden). A picture taken in Stockholm.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be written on one side of the paper only, and in ink. The correspondent's name and residential address must be given even if the letter is to be published anonymously.

Farm Labour

Sir,—May I be permitted per medium of your columns to have something to say on the above, from one who has been giving permanent service to the farmers for the past 22 years in different places, and under varied conditions. Of late, I honestly believe, farmers are coming out of a trance, as is proved by the recent committee meeting presided over by Mr Palmer, and attended by Mr Beamish and several other members, to arrange and cater for farm labour, and more production, which is admittedly an absolute essential to help win this war. Up till only a few days ago, Mr Hamilton and Mr Mulholland have been having quite a fair go, in support of the farmers, and making a big noise about shortage of labour. Might I now make bold enough to agree with Mr Webb, Minister of Labour who should be an authority, that the farmers' requirements can be filled and that most of the cry of "shortage of farm labour" is only political propaganda. If there is a shortage of really experienced men, I would suggest that instead of having an Agricultural and Farm Workers' Act, why not have an award? I consider that Mr Mulholland "put one across" here. Why not have a classified award, and wages for different types of occupation, as any man with a knowledge of the primary production knows quite well that one or two classes of station labour are, and have been, under-paid for the last 20 years? Special mention is made of shepherds and tractor drivers as being required here and as being more important than on military service and Mr Beamish advocates a more intensive shepherding scheme to gain an increase in the sheep industry which is a sound and practical suggestion, as I know myself from experience—and seeing is believing. There have been enough lambs and sheep lost on some places to pay for all the permanent hands engaged. Through absolute lack of knowledge and carelessness, by employing inexperienced or incompetent men among stock, at an inferior wage, thereby the old proverb comes to mind: "Penny wise but pound foolish." This is to be seen not only in one or two places, but in many. I, myself have been shepherding

alongside a neighbour who used to drive around his ewes at lambing time in a Ford truck with not a good sheep dog to assist him, but two rabbit dogs, out for exercise, and I have often given his sheep attention for humanity's sake. Yet, would you believe it, he is one of the Farmers' Union members who when the depression was on, complained about his men leaving him to go on relief. Therefore one would naturally come to the conclusion that the wages paid by him must have been very meagre. If the same farmer, in normal times, employed a really competent man and paid even up to £4/10/- a week and found for a qualified shepherd, I guarantee that there would be no trouble in getting good men and keeping them, both parties would be better off financially and the country itself would gain the advantage by, not more production, but by saving what has been produced. Also, while on the shepherding question, I agree with Mr Beamish that a larger percentage could be gained if more attention and care were exercised not only during the actual lambing period but also right through the whole year, such as having the ewes in the right condition before mating, and careful handling during the pregnant period, and this can only be accomplished by employing and paying capable men at their real worth. A good shepherd can earn and save his year's salary from the beginning of the lambing season, on till the end of shearing, if conscientious, and any man in the sheep industry knows this quite well; yet there is never any suggestion to bring his wages up to the level of any other first-class man of other trades. Some people may say that other tradesmen have to serve as apprentices. Well, so do shepherds and team drivers for that matter, but to be a good horseman, or stockman is a gift, and one is born and not made. Now, regarding a shepherd not being accepted for military service, I am sure most are anxious to do their share, but why, if in an emergency the Government finds out who are the essential men needed, have they not found out before and seen to it? It is not too late yet. While this war is on, we should all try and co-operate and look on the broad side, and do our best to help and not hinder, whatever hap-

pens. But this is the "nigger in the wood pile." While the Labour Government is up to its neck in work, organising and arranging war emergencies, marketing, etc., we have members of the Opposition parading the country, stirring up antagonism, crying about losing their freedom and rights to handle their produce, and yet receiving better prices than before, and sure of a price for everything they can produce. The Government is above them and takes control, but the Farmers' Union, led by Mr Mulholland, says that the next below them is to receive, when offering "labour" for sale, which is all the worker can offer, yet when given a dose of their own medicine, well, they just can't swallow it. I wonder if something of the following plan would be of any assistance as a land policy, and help to overcome the farm labour problem? While we still work as civilians, our wages up with the rest. Now, if we work as experienced men should do, I don't think the few extra pounds a year will send the farmer bankrupt. Perhaps he could do with a little less motoring, or go in for a more economical household, or even perhaps let his family go to a public school during the war period. A little education might be caught up later in life, or may be never missed. Failing this, if he has a sized place, requiring to employ labour, and finds the burden too heavy, why not dispose of half of it, and with the credit for half sold, he could improve the half retained and make quite a comfortable living, with less worry. I would nominate the State (I expect a bite) as the purchaser, and to call for land volunteers to work this piece at Army pay, and all profits to go to the State for war purposes. When the war is on, and over, this land then should be valued on production during the war period and sold or leased to the persons so employed, or soldiers who return from overseas who have sacrificed their civilian rights for a just cause, and not have a repetition of the soldiers' land scheme, as many veterans will remember with sorrow. There are many of us fully qualified to take up land, but unable, through lack of finance, but given the opportunity we could prove our worth and would be quite willing to make any sacrifice, knowing we were helping to win the war. The Government is subsidising the farmers, and as far as I can see the 75 per cent. is gratis, so when his land is improved he has a better farm than before and he will make more, while the men working for him will still be working as before. Now my theory is, if he cannot afford to improve it he cannot have such a lot of money actually in-

vested, so why not have less land, and make a good job of it, leaving the other portion for the State to settle men on, at the arrangement stated before, and if the farmhands are going to be stopped from going overseas, we would feel more like working for the State knowing that our services were being a direct asset, but while working for the private farmer we are quite justified in asking for a more substantial wage, as they themselves are the ones who are doing all the complaining of late, and receiving more consideration and assistance than any other class of people. Everybody wants to see them do well, and knows if our production falls the whole country feels the pinch, but the farmer himself alone cannot produce without the experienced labour but this experienced labour can produce without the farmer, as happens on many a farm and station where the so-called farmer is away nearly half the time, knowing there is a good experienced man behind, yet when the returns come in he forgets who has helped to make and save for him and if a good season thinks of a new car or plans a trip abroad, while the man who has toiled all the year—well, he might as well be just a plough. Not wanting to be an opposer, or exposor, of the farmers as I have had my living off the land, and used to be ambitious enough to look forward to owning a farm, I would ask to have this letter read, and perhaps answered, in the true spirit. There are lots of really good farmers, but quite a few who should neither own land nor employ men. Thanking you—I am, etc., STILL WORKING.—P.B.A.

Saturday To Be Late Night

CHRISTMAS WEEK Decision Of Waipukurau Retailers RESULT OF VOTE

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPUKURAU. As a result of a ballot among shopkeepers in Waipukurau it was decided yesterday that Saturday should be observed as the late shopping night at Christmas. The half-holiday that week will be observed on the Monday. Although no figures of the voting are available, it is understood that the decision was carried by a fairly narrow margin.

THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr Frank Bradbury STAFF FAREWELL AT WAIPAWA Firm's Appreciation

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPAWA. Mr Frank Bradbury, who has severed his connection with the firm of Williams and Kettle Ltd, Waipawa, after nearly 32 years of service (the whole of the time with the Waipawa branch) was farewelled by the staff. On behalf of the firm the manager, Mr F. M. Tickner, presented him with a cheque and on behalf of the staff with a pair of military hair brushes carrying a silver plate suitably inscribed. In making the presentation Mr Tickner conveyed the firm's appreciation to Mr Bradbury of his long and faithful service and expressed the hope that he would enjoy his retirement for many years. Mr Bradbury's health was toasted with musical honours after which he made suitable acknowledgement of the gifts and of the appreciation voiced by Mr Tickner.

King Arthur And His Knights

CELTS REMEMBER Modern Representatives Acclaim Heroes COLOURFUL RACE

King Arthur and all his legendary round table were hailed as realistic national heroes at the Pan-Celtic Congress which met recently in France. Descendants of the Irish Kings of Tara, and of Lancelot and the unfortunate Iselt were among the modern-day Celts who attended, according to a National Geographic Society bulletin. They represented such centres of ancient Celts as the mediaeval coastal town of Vannes in Brittany, which lies in one of the pockets of geographic mystery where once lived the colourful people who dominated France and the British Isles before Caesar launched his campaign against all Gaul. The Druid Era From Vannes the red-sailed fishing boats can ferry the 20th century visitors to islands where Druidic stones of a pre-Christian era stand in unexplained Stonehenge-like circles, or in the pattern of a figure 8. An ancient church near Vannes has a covered gallery expressly for the fair folk. The Celts who came under Roman rule for the first four centuries of the Christian era modernised their lives to keep up with their conquerors. But in the outer fringes of the Roman Empire stubborn isolated Celts were encouraged by their Druid leaders to keep their old-fashioned musical language and fantastic folklore of fairies and giants. Dying Culture Legendary King Arthur represents the sunset of Celtic supremacy in southwestern England. Some of the ancient culture survives in out-of-the-way places in Brittany in northern France, Cornwall, in western England, Wales, and Eire (the southern four-fifths of Ireland). The old language has left its traces in Gaelic, Welsh, Breton, Cornish and Manx, and the newly official Irish tongue of Eire as well as certain Scottish dialects. The largest group of modern-day Celts are Irish, who are reviving the lore of their ancestors through the study of folk tales and old manuscripts.



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Personal
His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Galway, left Auckland this morning and paid a visit of inspection to the Ngauruhia military camp.

College Course Opened
Thirty-five young men have started careers in a brand-new "profession" — that of policemen and firemen to the City of New York.

LOCAL AND GENERAL
St. Andrew's Day
A large number of buildings in Hastings yesterday were bedecked with flags in commemoration of St. Andrew's Day.

AT THE HOTELS
Mr. L. Drysdale (Auckland), Mr. L. Lillierap (Palmerston North); Mr. J. Armstrong, Mr. S. Murray; Mr. M. McNeill (Feilding), Mr. J. Forster (Wellington), Mr. F. Holt (Hasterton), Mr. H. Brown (Gisborne), are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Damage In Reserves
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HAWKE'S BAY AUTHORS
THE "DAILY MAIL" SUPPLEMENT
The work of compiling and selecting the contributions by Hawke's Bay authors to the Centennial Supplement has now been completed, and copies will be delivered free with the "Daily Mail" to-morrow, Saturday, December 2.

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Better Radio
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A large number of buildings in Hastings yesterday were bedecked with flags in commemoration of St. Andrew's Day.

Damage In Reserves
As a result of recent strong winds certain amount of general damage has been done in Hastings through reserves. The Superintendent of Reserves (Mr. J. G. C. MacKenzie) remarked yesterday that gardens were very untidy, following the wind-driven and flower-plants had been battered about, and conditions had been particularly hard on young seedlings, which are just now being planted out in preparation for summer and autumn displays to replace the spring growth.

Hats Off!
After several days of strong wind there were yesterday in Hastings residents who had not learned that a north-easterly is no respecter of persons. More than one pedestrian whose headgear had been insecurely in position were seen in pursuit of these rapidly-departing articles of apparel.

NO HONOUR'S LIST AT NEW YEAR
Increased Number On King's Birthday
By Telegram—Press Association, WELLINGTON, Nov. 30.
It was officially announced from Government House to-day that the customary Honours List will not be published at the New Year.

Personal
Mr. Joseph Phillips, a well known and popular Havelock North resident, who has been ill for some time in Royston Hospital, Hastings, is recovering satisfactorily.

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WAIROA MEAT INDUSTRY FACES BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Works Manager At Swift's Reviews All Angles Of Business

"Daily Mail" Special Service

WAIROA.

With the quality of both lambs and bacon exceptionally good, prospects for the meat industry in the Wairoa district appear to be bright.

Killing operations have begun for the season at the works of Messrs Swift (N.Z.) Ltd., Wairoa, and more than 100 extra men, mostly local, have been engaged for what is predicted will be an active period.

So far, lambs only had been killed at the works, the manager (Mr. H. Crichton) told the "Daily Mail" yesterday. These were particularly good in quality, the average being about 11lb, heavier compared with the animals forwarded at the same period last year. The improvement is attributed mainly to the ideal spring weather experienced during the past six weeks.

However, lambs were not coming forward quite so quickly as in previous years, said Mr. Crichton, but this could be understood as a result of the commandeer price being fixed for the season. It was an advantage for the farmer to keep his lambs longer and add extra weight to them, especially while there was ample feed available.

Heavy Killings

"We anticipate heavy killings of lambs from now until after Christmas," he added.

Since it was not possible to transport chilled beef to England during the war period, no chilled beef would be handled at the works in the meantime. This should not affect the beef killings as it was understood that the commandeer price for frozen or beef was about the same as that paid for chilled beef last season, he said. It was not expected that a large quantity of beef would be handled before February.

High Quality Pigs

Pig killings are undertaken at the works each Thursday and here again the quality of the average animal handled was excellent. As a result of the recent decision made by some of the meat companies to restrict export porkers, these could not be accepted for killing until after February 1. In the long run this move would be of marked assistance to the farmer, inasmuch as the quantity of feed now available would finish off the animals as baconers.

Canning Operations

Continuing, Mr. Crichton advised that the canning and small goods department would begin operations next week. The company proposed concentrating on supplying a particularly good variety of high standard small goods. Further, a number of new varieties of canned meats would be introduced.

Facilities for canning have been improved by extensions to buildings which have been completed. Mr. Crichton concluded by paying a tribute to the Railway Department. The rail service, he said, was proving a great assistance to the industry, more especially in receiving and forwarding supplies from and to the works and in transporting fat stock for killing.

PERSONAL

FRASERTOWN

Miss L. Lambert, Frasertown, who has been an inmate in the Wairoa Hospital returned home yesterday.

Mr. N. Unwin, Frasertown, is a patient in the Wairoa Hospital.

OTANE

Miss K. Tierney, recently of the Dannevirke Post Office staff has been staying with her sister, Mrs. A. Geenty, before proceeding upon transfer to the Auckland Post Office.

Mr and Mrs A. Mudgway have left for a visit to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs A. Acott, Tau-ranga.

Mrs H. E. Baucke has returned from a short stay at Hawke's Bay North. She was accompanied by her daughter Joan.

Miss Una Powell is visiting Wellington, and Mrs H. Powell is staying at Hastings.

CRICKET MATCH AT WAIROA

Win For Mercantile

COUNTY COUNCIL GO DOWN

Detailed Scores

"Daily Mail" Special Service, WAIROA.

The Mercantile team beat the Wairoa County Council narrowly in a friendly cricket match played at Wairoa during this week.

Detailed scores are—

MERCANTILE

Ollivier retired	64
H. Cook c Heslop b Welch	12
Hill b Heslop	1
Scott b Boag	2
Cottrell b Heslop	20
Pemberton c Heslop b Boag	42
Cooper c Heslop b Hawthorne	8
J. Cook b Heslop	4
Hawke not out	1
Thorne-George c Heslop b Welch	1
Martin c Woon b Welch	0
Extras	3
Total	158

COUNTY COUNCIL

B. G. Signal c Thorne-George b Scott	21
E. C. Welch c Hawke b Pemberton	45
C. Heslop retired	42
P. Ryan b Scott	9
R. Hawthorne c Martin b Pemberton	7
L. C. Moore c Cooper b Scott	5
I. W. Hoag c and b Cooke	3
A. H. Woon b Cooke	0
L. Gordon b Cooke	0
D. MacKay not out	7
Rowe lbw	1
Extras	6
Total	146

ATHLETIC SPORTS EVENTS

Waipukurau Club

EVENING MEETING ARRANGED

First Practice Held

"Daily Mail" Special Service, WAIPOKURAU.

A decision to hold athletic meetings on Tuesday evenings, commencing on December 5, was reached at a general meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay Athletic and Cycling Club on Wednesday evening.

The first practice was held last evening, when there was a good muster of intending competitors at Central Park.

It was stated that it was doubtful whether the sports could be held after dark, as the shortage of electric light bulbs might render the newly-installed flood-lighting useless in the meantime.

Mr. M. K. Fulford was elected trainer, Mr. J. McKay coach, and Mr. L. Hansen his assistant for cycling events. Mr. C. E. Wolfenden was appointed to organise men's inter-house teams for relay events.

The chairman (Mr. J. F. Cook) pointed out that the programme would provide for both men's and women's events. He also emphasized that club members would not be eligible to compete in sports meetings in various parts of the district at Christmas and New Year unless they affiliated through the club.

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CALF JUDGING AT NUHAKA

IMPROVEMENT IN STANDARD

MANY ENTRIES

Activity At The Two Schools

"Daily Mail" Special Service, NUHAKA.

Wednesday saw much activity at the two schools at Nuhaka, when the annual calf-judging competitions and flower shows were held and were attended by success.

At the Native School the calves were judged by Messrs. C. Clayton, jun., and H. Scwhass. Mr. C. G. Calvert, Agriculture Instructor for the Hawke's Bay Education Board, also attended.

Calf judging results are—

Senior: R. Whaanga 1, M. Nepia 2, R. Ormond 3, P. McGregor h.c. Junior: H. Nepia 1, Paul Whaanga 2, J. Tapine 3, S. McGregor h.c.

Ayrshire Class: N. Potetua 1, J. Matairangi 2, A. Whaanga 3, Ropihia Campbell 4.

Lambs: A. Whaanga 1, S. Edwards 2, J. Smith, jun., 3.

Dogs (Judges, Miss L. McKenzie and Mr. C. P. Whaanga): H. Nepia 1, R. Ormond 2, J. Brown 3.

Morning tea was served by the children at the school in their own cooking room.

PROBATION GRANTED

THEFT BY WOMAN AT WAIPOKURAU

"A RARE CASE"

Judge's Comments When Sentencing

By Telegraph—Press Association, WELLINGTON, Nov. 30.

Doris Jones, clerk, of Waipukurau, who pleaded guilty at Napier to stealing sums of money totalling £637/11/- from the Waipukurau County Council was admitted to probation for two years by Mr Justice Blair in the Supreme Court to-day.

Mr W. E. Leicester, asking for probation, said that the social consequences were far and one might call for a woman than for a man and the task of rehabilitation was more difficult.

His Honour said he had found that it was useless to order restitution when there was no possibility of it being made, though he would have liked to order it. In this case he was sure that the prisoner would fulfil the confidence that had been placed in her by granting probation.

In cases where misappropriation had continued over a period of years and had been committed by a person in a position of trust it was the almost invariable rule that the benefit of probation was not allowed. It was true that in this case the misappropriation had continued over a long period, but punishment as a deterrent had little application. A great many women occupied such positions of trust and one might call the present case one of a kind which was very rare indeed. The young woman, prior to the offence, had led a perfectly blameless life and her home conditions were in every respect admirable.

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