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WHAT DEFEAT WILL MEAN

Soviet Declares Blockade Of Coast

"DANGEROUS TO SHIPPING"

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LONDON, Dec. 7.

The Finnish Foreign Office spokesman declared that Russia must win unless Finland receives more than sympathy. Arms and men must be given quickly. The defeat of Finland would mean far more to Britain and France than the defeat of Poland.

"Russia," he added, "may be Germany's ally, but what chance has Germany if she wins in the West when Russia waits to devour the winner after helping to crush the loser?"

A Copenhagen message says that Russia has declared that a complete blockade of Finland will be effective at noon on Thursday, after which Finnish waters will be "dangerous to all shipping."

To-night's Finnish communique states: "The enemy tried to cross the Taibela River, linking Lake Vuok and Lake Ladoga. We are counter-attacking with artillery. The Russians bombed three villages on the north shore of Lake Ladoga.

"There have been no naval operations of importance. Helsingfors was not bombed owing to thick mists. The Russians' attack on Petsamo reveals wider strategy, including the taking of the Swedish iron ore fields and the Norwegian ice-free port of Narvik. It seems impossible that these Scandinavian States can remain passive spectators to the Finnish drama."

Finland has issued several direct appeals to the world for military aid. Popular demonstrations for Finland have occurred in Scandinavia, and at Brussels, Budapest and Madrid, where the Legation was crowded with volunteers to-day.

The Berlin radio to-day violently attacked the Baltic States, declaring that they had repeatedly flouted the Führer's approaches and therefore must not expect help now.

It is officially stated that Russian artillery north from Lake Ladoga fired poison-gas shells against the Finnish batteries to-day, causing several casualties, stated an earlier message.

A Copenhagen message says that Finnish warplanes successfully bombed the Russian air base and port of Baltiski, in north-west Estonia, which was taken from Estonia as a result of the Russian-Estonian pact. The Finns are also persistently bombing the Russian defence lines at several points.

A Red Army communique claims that the main Finnish defences in the Karelian Isthmus, known as the Mannerheim Line have been broken, but the Finns categorically deny this and say that all the Russian attacks were driven back and their positions held.

Soviet Failure
In the north the Red Army claims to have advanced 21 miles south of Petsamo. North of Lake Ladoga the Finns state that they have successfully withstood the Russian attacks.

The first comprehensive survey of the Russian General Staff's plans is given in a Leningrad communique, which claims considerable advances. "From the direction of Murmansk, in the Arctic area, the Red troops have advanced 20 miles south of Petsamo," the communique says. "In the Petrozavodsk and Prozerovo (possibly in the vicinity of Karelia) zones, the Soviet troops have advanced over the railway line between Kineshma and Omsk, penetrating 40 miles.

"At the eastern section of the Karelian Isthmus, the Finns' Maginot Kirke Line along the Vuoksi water system has been broken by artillery, and our troops are advancing northwards. At the western section of the Karelian Isthmus, the Soviet troops have occupied the town of Kiviniemi and are reported to be on the railway line leading to Kexholm. Also, stations on several of the railways leading to Wilpuri and villages on the coast of the Gulf of Finland have been occupied.

These claims mean that the main Finnish defences on the eastern sector of the Karelian Isthmus have been broken.

SCANDINAVIA WANTS PEACE

Will Take Measures Through League

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 8, 10.45 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 7. The Scandinavian Foreign Ministers meeting at Oslo today issued a communique stating that they had agreed to do their utmost through the League to inaugurate Russian-Finnish peace negotiations. They also discussed the effects of the Finnish war on the general situation.

Help For Finnish Wounded

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Surgical Dressings Shipped

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The Red Cross is shipping to Finland 50,000 surgical dressings and clothing and knitted goods. Of one million dollars appropriated for general relief purposes in Europe, 257,000 will be spent on medicine and surgical and other supplies; an additional 250,000 dollars will go to aiding the victims of German-occupied Poland.

DEUTSCHLAND BACK IN PORT

REPORT ON GERMAN RAIDER

Recently Active In Atlantic

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The Nazi pocket battleship Deutschland, has arrived back at a German port, according to the Copenhagen newspaper "National Tidende."

The Deutschland, which has been acting as a raider in the North Atlantic, has been blamed for the sinking of several ships, including the British armed merchantman Rawalpindi.

A Collision Off Nova Scotia

NINE MISSING

British Steamers Strike In Fog

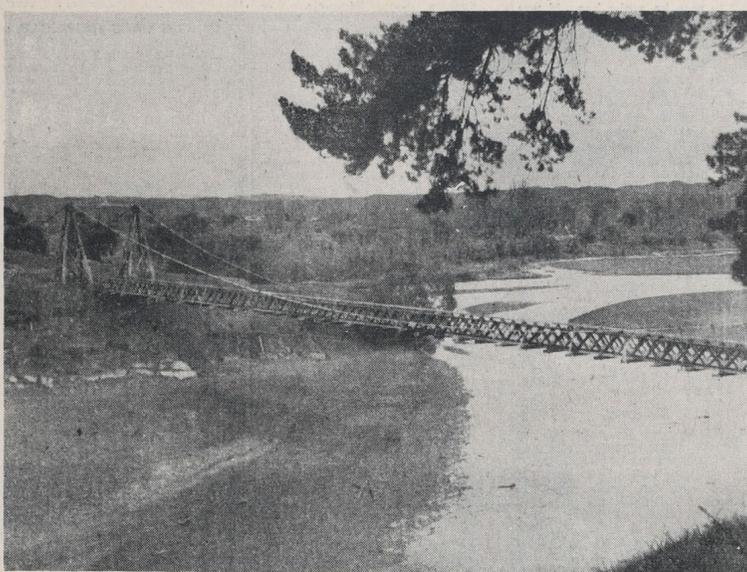
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The British steamers Manchester Regiment and Orpesa collided in a fog off the Nova Scotia coast. The former was abandoned. Nine are missing. The latter suffered slight damage. Th. Orpesa carried the crew of the freighter Chancellor, which was sunk in a collision with the Athel Chief on December 2.

EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF CONTRABAND

British Official Wireless. (Received Dec. 8, 7.45 p.m.) RUGBY, Dec. 7.

The experience gained in the last year in working the system of contraband control is enabling the authorities to anticipate and prevent evasions. The rising tide of German threats to encourage neutrals to organise is the measure of its effectiveness, with which Germany herself is unable to interfere.



A SPLENDID SPAN.—The familiar suspension bridge over the Tutaekuri River at Puketapu viewed from an unusual angle.

THREE-YEAR BASIS FOR AIR SCHEME

TOTAL COST NOW REVEALED

BRITISH 'PLANES

New Zealand's Share Is About £9,600,000

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The "New York Times" Ottawa correspondent says that the total cost of the Empire air scheme on a three-year basis is now estimated at eight hundred million dollars (about £160,000,000). Britain is providing from 3200 to 3600 aeroplanes, costing two hundred million dollars (£40,000,000). Of the remaining six hundred million dollars (£120,000,000) Canada will contribute 80 per cent, Australia 12 per cent and New Zealand 8 per cent.

JUDGMENT FAVOURS JEWS

American Decision

NAZIS CANNOT CLAIM DEBTS

Supreme Court Ruling

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The United States Supreme Court has ruled that no American Court may recognise the validity of claims of German-appointed liquidators of Jewish firm to debts owed by Americans.

It denied an American firm's motion for permission to pay Court money admittedly owed to an Austrian firm and now claimed by both the ex-members of the firm and the firm's German liquidators.

Finland Seeks A Loan

AMERICA APPROACHED

Washington Would Grant Moratorium

NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 8, 7.30 p.m.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.

The Secretary of the Treasury (Mr. Henry Morgenthau) stated today that the United States-Finnish negotiations for a loan through the Import-Export Bank were being continued.

He added that the instalment due on December 15, would be placed in the suspense account pending a Congress decision as to how it should be made available to Finland.

He confirmed the fact that if Finland asked for a two-years' moratorium it would be granted. The "New York Times" Washington correspondent says that the proposed loan is variously estimated at from 5,000,000 to 30,000,000 dollars and will probably cover only non-war materials. It may await Congress action on the request by the Loan Administrator (Mr. Jones) for a replenishment of the bank's capital.

FRENCH BULWARK CAN BE USED AS SPEARHEAD NOW

Changes In Maginot Line Mean That War Should End In Decisive Battle

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Commenting on a French authorised commentary issued to-day that the French are duplicating the Maginot Line, Mr. G. H. Archambault, Paris correspondent of the "New York Times" says: "It means that the Maginot Line now serves a fully double purpose, as a bulwark to withstand the enemy and as a pivot on which to manoeuvre. "Also, what is infinitely more important, it shows that the Allied High Command, despite the strategic withdrawal of October 16, did not mean to relinquish the initiative. "This confirms the indications that the war is likely to end only by a decisive battle. "The psychological effect of the announcement must be great."

FASCISTS REAFFIRM THEIR NEUTRALITY

COUNT CIANO WILL FOLLOW ALL DEVELOPMENTS

Italy Prepared To Safeguard Her Shipping

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A communique states that the Fascist Council reaffirmed Italy's neutrality; also that Italian and German relations would remain the same as those established by the pact of alliance and by exchanges that have since occurred between the two countries.

The communique says that Signor Mussolini addressed the Fascist Grand Council for 90 minutes and Count Ciano for 2 hours 15 minutes, after which the council entrusted Count Ciano "to follow all developments in the international situation."

It added that whatever occurs in the Balkans and the Danube Valley directly interests Italy; also that Italy intended to safeguard her shipping by all means.

ALLIED RESOURCES IN AMERICA

Strong Position

HALF THE WORLD TOTAL

Aid To Purchasing

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A Federal Reserve Board report reveals that Britain and France at present control approximately half of all the foreign holdings of gold and dollar resources in the United States and points out that the Neutrality Act's refusal of credit is largely offset by the great value of the belligerents' disposable international resources, which are probably double those of 1914.

Greater readiness to use the gold reserves for war purposes, coupled with the relatively high level of gold production and gold reserves, is an important factor in the Allies' buying power. The report shows the tremendously enhanced cash position of Britain and France and emphasises the relative weakness of Germany.

Germany Is "Fighting For Existence"

NEUTRALS WARNED AGAINST HELPING ENEMY

Torpedoing And Mining Of Ships Continue

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According to a Berlin message the Propaganda Ministry told the foreign Press that Germany is fighting for her existence and does not hesitate to regard the passive neutrality of certain countries as deliberate assistance to the enemy.

The steamer Britta was sunk by a mine or a torpedo on the west coast last night. Six members of the crew were injured and six are missing. Nineteen others were unhurt. Rescue was effected by a Belgian trawler.

It is officially announced that the Dutch motorship Tajandoo was torpedoed in the English Channel. The ship was en route to Java with general cargo after calling at a British contraband station. Sixty-eight people were aboard. An Italian vessel picked up 34 survivors, including six of the 14 passengers. Later the other eight passengers were rescued. Only six members of the crew are now missing. The ship went down in flames.

The German radio announces that the Orsa (1478 tons), a British vessel, has been sunk.

His Majesty's trawler Washington (208 tons) was mined in the North Sea, eight being drowned.

The Norwegian vessel Primula was sunk in the North Sea after an explosion on Monday and eight members of the crew are missing. The remainder were landed at a Scottish port by a Dutch steamer which picked them up from a raft.

MOST AMERICANS WANT TO STAY OUT OF WAR

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The "Gallup Poll" fifth survey on "Should the United States go to war with Germany and send an army and navy abroad?" shows that 95.5 per cent. are against such action, compared with 94 per cent. at the outbreak of the war.

Fifty-four per cent. believe that the United States can remain neutral indefinitely.

NAZI INFLUENCE WANING

THE TIDE TURNS IN YUGOSLAVIA

NATIONALIST AIMS

Peasants Bitterly Complain

British Official Wireless. (Received December 8, 7 p.m.) RUGBY, Dec. 7.

The recent transferences of the German population from the Baltic, according to reports reaching London from trustworthy sources, are having their repercussions among German minorities in Slovenia, whose attitude has undergone a marked change.

They now display definite unwillingness to leave Yugoslavia and not only refuse to conduct German propaganda, but are actually eager to propitiate their Slovene neighbours.

Nazis of Slovene or of mixed stock ardently assert their Slovene origin and show a desire to change German for Slovene names.

The waning of German influence is accelerated by reports reaching the town of Maribor, close to the old Austrian frontier. The regime is unpopular with peasants on the German side of the frontier, who are openly critical and complain bitterly of food shortage.

The exchange value of the German mark at Maribor has fallen to one dinar compared with from eight to ten before the war.

The heavy losses in the Polish campaign suffered by Carinthian and Styrian regiments have also given rise to complaints that Austrian units, particularly those with a strong Slovene element, were deliberately sacrificed, while young men remained safely at home.

APPEAL FOR AID FOR FINLAND

Soviet Condemned By British Labour

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The National Council of Labour has issued a statement condemning the Soviet which "professed to lead the world working class movement and to be the guardian of the rights of the peoples against the oppressors. British Labour repudiates these claims and appeals to free nations to give every practical aid to Finland."

NAZI TROOPS ATTACK, BUT FALTER IN FACE OF WITHERING FIRE

RENEWED ACTIVITY ON WEST FRONT WITH FINE WEATHER

DANGER TO HOLLAND AGAIN FEARED

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The Associated Press Paris correspondent says that the French advance positions to-day withstood repeated shocks from German patrols over the entire front. The Nazis faltered in the face of intense fire and started entrenching in No Man's Land, but were dislodged by artillery and infantry.

"The Times" Paris correspondent says that the return of fine weather has led to renewed activity. German patrols were more numerous, French battalions were also active and made several raids, securing most valuable information.

The night communique says: "A quiet day with patrols on either side. Infantry fire along the Rhine."

The French are strengthening their defences from the Swiss frontier to the sea coast near Dunkirk, in many places duplicating the Maginot Line.

The Paris radio says that the enemy attacks were more violent overnight. They were obviously seeking prisoners, but were unsuccessful.

A Nazi raid was repulsed west of the Vosges. The Germans are continually using minenwerfers (guns of the trench-mortar type with short range) on the Wissembourg sector, where the French beat back a new attack.

There was no change generally on the whole front.

The London "Daily Telegraph's" Amsterdam correspondent says that Queen Wilhelmina to-day visited the flooded areas in central Holland.

Neutral reports from Berlin strike a warning note. There is every indication that Germany is concluding that the advantages of an attempt to overrun Holland would outweigh the disadvantages, though Germany will probably wait more suitable weather.

Holland is unlikely to continue to buy from Germany, as the stricter Allied blockade will prevent the disposal of goods overseas, for which reason a German occupation of the low countries will provide at least superficial aid to Hitler's counter-blockade.

THREE THOUSAND KILLED

ROAD ACCIDENTS IN WAR PERIOD

BRITISH LOSSES

Peace-Time Figure Doubled

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Three thousand people have been killed in Britain in road accidents during the war—double the peace-time figure.

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State SONJA HENIE AND TYRONE POWER

Dazzling Entertainment in "Second Fiddle"

A great array of screen talent has been collected for Irving Berlin's "Second Fiddle," which is now at the State Theatre, Hastings.

Starring Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power, featuring Rudy Vallee and Edna May Oliver, introducing new star Mary Healy, casting Lyle Talbot and Alan Dinehart in pitiful roles; presenting six brand new songs by Irving Berlin; dazzling with Sonja Henie's sensational ice tangos and snow rumbas, which she performs with a skating partner for the first time on the screen; depicting the new ballroom dance craze, the "Back to Back"—this is spectacular and bracing entertainment.

The screen play by Harry Tugend, based on a story by George Bradshaw, has been skilfully directed, so that the most is made of an appealing and realistic tale. Sonja, a Minnesota schoolmarm and candidate No. 436 for the role of the heroine in the film version of a best-seller, gets the role and is brought to Hollywood by Publicity Man Tyrone Power to make the picture.

There, for purposes of publicity, Tyrone arranges a romance between the new find and Rudy Vallee, who plays a matinee idol. Here a John Alden-Miles Standish theme enters to complicate matters.

The whole thing is lavishly illustrated and highlighted by the melodic new Berlin numbers, which are "I'm Sorry for Myself," "An Old Fashioned Tune Always 'Is New," "When Winter Comes," "Song of the Metronome," "I Poured My Heart Into a Song" and "Back to Back."

From the latter Harry Losee, who staged Sonja's amazing skating ensembles, arranged the new step, which, it is said, "will relegate the Lambeth Walk to the plush album of yesteryear."

Cosy "KING OF THE UNDERWORLD"

With "Blondie Takes A Vacation"

In his first big role since making his mark in Hollywood with "Angels with Dirty Faces" and "The Amazing Dr Clitterhouse," Humphrey Bogart will appear in "King of the Underworld," which is now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

A Warner Bros. picture and featuring Kay Francis as a surgeon, the cast includes James Gleason, John Eldredge, Jessie Bursey, Arthur Aylesworth, John Ridgely, Hariand Tucker and Charley Foy, and was directed by Lewis Seiler.

Although "King of the Underworld" is a crime picture, it is not without its humorous twist. The capable Bogart, possessing a Napoleonic complex, really thinks he is the King of Crime—so much so, that he kidnaps a young novelist, Stephenson, and commands him to write a biography, glorifying the exploits and achievements of "Red" Gurney, which is Bogart's character.

Red Gurney's philosophy of life, his inordinate vanity and his dictatorial treatment of his underlings, are said to be highly amusing.

But he fails to take into account the surgeon's feminine ingenuity and her complete knowledge of drugs, which eventually proves disastrous to the gang chief.

The story, by W. R. Burnett, who wrote the famous "Little Caesar," which starred Edward G. Robinson a few years ago, was adapted for the screen by George Bricker and Vincent Sherman.

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"Sandy" is deposited with Crosby by Irene Hervey, who takes this means of keeping the baby from her wealthy and hard-fisted father-in-law portrayed by C. Aubrey Smith. That is when the fun really starts—when Bing, Joan and Mischa try to take care of the youngster.

That is the background of the story, delightfully interpreted by a talented cast.

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Mayfair

"JANE STEPS OUT," A DOMESTIC COMEDY

Diana Churchill in the Leading Role

"Jane Steps Out," now showing at the Mayfair, Napier, has some practical aspects which will interest everyone; this, in spite of, or because of its being a particularly amusing film.

Even real life is funny at times. We see Jane, one of those useful people who are found in most families, who are always willing to sew on buttons, to scold the children over problems of where so-and-so will sleep next week-end and knows what to do when the soup is burned; in fact, she is the unpaid housekeeper and valet to a whole family.

One day Jane's butterfly sister calls her drab and uninteresting. Jane rebels and there you have the reason of the film's very apt title. Jane does step out and her metamorphosis from the dutiful and overall to a Bond Street "perma" and creations has tremendous consequences. She fulfills her boast to steal her sister's boy friend, but when she tries to send him back to his old allegiance, finds that rebellion has its humiliations as well as its triumphs.

However, Jane is not disappointed in the end, and rebellion in her case certainly did pay. Everyone seeing this film is bound to be intrigued and amused by the development of a story which unfolds within the limits of a family circle; they will also very likely find themselves comparing their own situation and personality with the characters in the film.

Jane is played by the ever-charming Diana Churchill, supported by Jean Muir, Peter Murray Hill, Fred Emmy and Judy Kelly.

The associate feature, "Mr Wong in Chinatown" has Boris Karloff in the feature role. The film is another of the thrilling detective stories which are so popular. The story is full of unusual situations and excellent entertainment for mystery lovers. Also screening is chapter 4 of the thrilling serial, "Oregon Trail."

State

"THE GORILLA" AND RITZ BROTHERS

"I Killed The Count" Is Second Feature

Mystery goes merry when the Ritz Brothers, as three halfwit Hawkskays, get on the trail of something big as an elephant and 10 times as nasty in "The Gorilla," now showing at the State Theatre, Napier.

Said to be one of the most hair-raising of all hilarity hits, "The Gorilla" brings a great cast to the screen in support of the Ritz Brothers, which includes Anita Louise, Patsy Kelly, Lionel Atwill, Bela Lugosi, Joseph Calleia, Edward Norris and Wally Vernon.

The Ritz Brothers play that imitable trio of detectives—Harigan, Mulligan and Garrity, in the Flan James-Sid Silvers screen play based on the memorable stage hit by Ralph Spence.

And from the moment they arrive on the scene, bent on tracking down the weird beast, there is fun and fright to the limit.

For the Ritzes are one thing and a gorilla is another—but when both of them are together in a house full of sliding panels and slippery people whose host has been threatened with murder at midnight, the result cannot be imagined.

The associate feature, "I Killed the Count," stars Syd Walker, the well-known B.B.C. variety artist who fills the role of Detective Inspector Davidson, a typical London cop who never seems to "get anywhere." Or the eve of retirement Detective Inspector Davidson discovers that experience makes a good detective and not a Hendon college teacher.

In his last case he is called on to solve the murder of Count Mattoni (Leslie Perrins), and he seizes the opportunity to show his young colleague Reings (Terrence de Marney) how it should be done.

In addition, the State will screen the latest air mail news, which includes official pictures of fighting in the Maginot Line, German planes over the Firth of Forth, the first R.A.F. pictures of the Siegfried Line and the opening ceremony of the Centennial Exhibition last month.

Patrons are asked to note the starting times of to-day's session.

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Countrywomen's Work
Meetings Held During Past Month

RUAKITURI
The Ruakiti Women's Institute held their monthly meeting in the Institute rooms, when Miss M. Spence presided. The financial report was read and adopted.

A letter was received from the Federation concerning the delay in negotiations for the room in Delhi Street for the Women's Institute centre.

The book, "Tales of Pioneer Women," collected by members of the Women's Institutes of New Zealand, was shown to the Ruakiti members and orders were taken. It was definitely decided to take only the Short Dressmaking Course lessons, which commence in February next. Fortnightly lectures on Home Nursing, given in the Ruakiti district by Nurse Sumner, commenced on November 23.

Arrangements were completed for the annual sale of members' work and for the entertainment of children and parents at the Christmas tree meeting to be held in December. After discussion it was decided to invite all school children under the age of 12 years.

Golden Thread talk, given by Mrs Ritchards on Italy, was most interesting.

Competition results: Bowl of native flowers and foliage, Mrs N. Thompson 1, Miss L. Spence and M. Spence equal 2.

Best doll dressed in national costume: Mrs N. Thompson 1.

Mrs Ritchards was announced the winner in an amusing competition, guessing jumbled flags of the world. The roll call, "Notable People of Other Lands," brought forth a good response.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs D. H. Evans and Miss B. Evans.

HAUMOANA
At the Haumoana Women's Institute's November meeting Mrs Campbell Macniven presided over a fair attendance of members. Discussions for the forthcoming Christmas tree to be held on December 15 took place, and arrangements were made to give the children a treat.

A demonstration on bandaging was given by Miss Grantham and members of the Red Cross Association, Hastings. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to them by Mrs Macniven.

The Roll Call was "Health Hints." The November meeting was International Day and Miss Hawthorne read a most interesting account on Sweden and its womenfolk.

Results of competitions:—
Uniced fruit cake, Mrs Manning 1, Mrs Agnew 2, Mrs Castles 3.
Best bloom, Mrs Keong 1, Mrs Agnew 2, Mrs Keong 3.
Present for Christmas tree, not to cost more than 6d, Mrs Murton 1, Mrs Manning 2, Mrs Agnew 3.

BAY VIEW
Mrs A. McHardy presided over a very fair attendance of members at the November meeting of the Bay View Women's Institute, which was held in King George's Hall.

Mrs McHardy welcomed members and also Mrs Agnew and Miss Hawthorne, of Haumoana.

The president's letter from Home and Country was read. The secretary read a very satisfactory balance sheet of the show, which was held last Saturday.

It was decided to hold the December meeting on Thursday evening, December 14, as the hall will be engaged on the second Wednesday.

Miss Hawthorne gave a comprehensive talk on her recent continental tour with a party of Associated Country Women. The countries were Holland, Germany, Switzerland and France, where the Somme battlefield was visited and a wreath placed on the New Zealand memorial by one of the New Zealand party. Picture post-cards, booklets and paper cuttings illustrated the talk.

The competitions for the month were as follows:
Best bloom (miniature cup): Mrs Milne 1, Mrs C. B. Wilson 2, Mrs W. Saunders 3.
Best vegetable: Mrs E. Peterson 1, Mrs Selwyn Hard 2, Mrs Poppelwell 3.

Handicraft:—Best home made and dressed foreign dolls: Mrs Milne 1. The hostesses competition "National emblems," was won by Mrs Nicholls.

Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames W. E. Saunders and Selwyn Hard.

Competitions in connection with the recent flower show resulted:
Doll and bed, Miss A. I. Blair; cushion cover, Miss A. I. Blair; tin sweets, Peter Smith; dinner, Mrs Ritchard; note, Brian Stanlinds.

GREENMEADOWS
A very interesting afternoon was spent by the Greenmeadows Women's Institute at their November meeting. One new member was welcomed by the president (Mrs R. Wright).

Mrs Martin gave a report on the half-yearly meeting which was held at Bay View in October, and Mrs Scott read an article on the lives of the Soong sisters.

Mrs J. Humphries, who has recently returned from a trip abroad, gave an interesting talk on her travels.

The girls from St. Joseph's Convent, Greenmeadows, entertained members with some delightful singing, and Miss Cottrell also rendered two pleasing items. They were accompanied by Miss Olive Workman. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Mrs Humphries and the girls.

The competition for the best flower resulted: Mrs Evans 1, Mrs Turton 2, Mrs Rispin 3.

The competition for Turkish delight resulted as follows:—Mrs Evans 1, Mrs Rispin 2, Mrs Ormond 3.

Bazaar Held.
During the month the Greenmeadows Women's Institute held a very successful bazaar in the Greenmeadows Hall. It was a great success, and the co-operative help of members and friends made a good contribution to the funds of the Institute. Among the attractions were stalls for the sale of miscellaneous produce, as well as handicrafts, flowers, vegetables, cakes, sweets, etc. All found willing buyers and the presence of an amusing side-show under a most enterprising member was the centre of much attraction.

Winners of competitions during the afternoon were:—Cake, Mrs Faulkner; cushion, Mrs McLelland; doll, Miss Nola Richardson.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr and Mrs H. G. Spooner are Wellington visitors to Napier.

Miss E. Bohan, Wellington, is on a short visit to Napier.

Mr and Mrs C. Jacobs, Auckland, are at present in Napier.

Mr and Mrs R. D. Hosking, Wanganui, are spending a few days at Napier.

Miss Dora Nelson, Mangateretere, returned yesterday from a holiday spent in Tasmania.

Miss B. Bates, Hastings, is on her annual vacation from the nursing staff of the Waikato Public Hospital.

Miss Helen Johnston, Waipukurau, has been appointed to the position of assistant-clerk to the Waipukurau County Council.

Mr and Mrs R. Baker, who have been on an extended tour of Great Britain returned to their home in Hastings yesterday.

Miss E. Pharazyn, Wellington, is the guest of Mrs F. Hewitt, Takapau Road, Waipukurau.

Mr and Mrs S. Alhusen, Argyll, are on a visit to Wellington.

Miss M. Harris, Argyll, has been accepted for the nursing staff in the Dannevirke Hospital, and will take up her duties early next month.

Miss A. McKenzie, Havelock North, has returned home after a vacation with her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs H. Couper.

Miss A. Watson is an Otaki visitor to Hastings.

Mr and Mrs H. Collett, Palmerston North, are visitors to Hastings for the Martin-Smith wedding, which takes place this evening.

Other visitors to Hastings for the Martin-Smith wedding include Miss G. Ghandi, Wellington, and Mr Roy Smith, Wellington.

Misses N. and C. Butler, "Trelee," Argyll East, have returned home after visiting Napier.

Mrs Peter Richardson, Tiniroto, Gisborne, is visiting her sister, Mrs H. A. Mossman, "Braemore," Havelock North.

Mrs Couper, sen., Australia, is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law Mr and Mrs H. Couper, Argyll East.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Deans, Christchurch, are the guests of Mrs Deans's mother, Mrs Berthon Williams, Havelock North.

Mrs T. H. Lowry, Okawa, Hastings, has returned home after a visit to Wellington.

Mrs D. Moore-Wright, who has resigned from the clerical staff of the Regent Theatre, Napier, after being associated with Napier Amusements, Ltd., since that company's establishment, was the guest of honour at a cheery farewell at the Regent last night. On behalf of the theatre staff, the manager (Mr F. H. Quinn), presented Mrs Moore-Wright with a smart travelling case suitably inscribed.

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Women's Division Meets
CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY
Address By Mrs J. D. Ormond
AIMS OF RED CROSS

Mrs T. H. Groomie presided at the monthly meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay branch of the W.D.F.U. held this week at Waipukurau. The following members attended: Mesdames G. L. Jamieson, G. L. Wilson, G. F. Kennedy, J. W. Harding, J. C. Nicholls, A. W. Elliott, E. Elliott, H. F. Norris, Misses G. Beachen and E. Grant (secretary).

The secretary reported that the recent shop day resulted in a profit of £24, and a donation of £3 had also been received from the Porangahau sub-branch. It was decided to donate £10 of this sum to the Community Chest, Wellington.

In order to avoid overlapping, it was decided that the socks knitted by members of the division should be included in the Red Cross Christmas parcels for the men in camp.

Mrs J. D. Ormond, president of the Waipukurau branch of the Red Cross Society, gave a comprehensive address on the aims and objects of the society, and thanked the division for their support, stressing that unity was strength.

DANCE RECITAL IN ARGYLL
Fine Display Of National Tap And Operatic Dancing

The pupils of Miss Jessie Stephenson, assistant of Miss Joan Harker's School of Dancing, held a highly successful recital in the Argyll hall. A large and appreciative audience enjoyed the programme, which consisted of national, operatic, and tap dances.

The work was of a high standard and showed much hard work by both pupils and teachers.

After the performance Miss Harker and the assistant each received a bouquet of beautiful spring flowers.

Christmas Party At Parkvale
TOWNSWOMEN MEET

A Jolly Afternoon Enjoyed
TWO NEW MEMBERS

The Parkvale Guild far excelled itself when it met on Thursday afternoon and the meeting took the form of a jolly Christmas party. The hall was beautifully decorated with bright flowers and the tables were well laden; there was a very large entry of posies, shoulder sprays and best blooms for competition, which would have done credit to any flower show.

The meeting and welcome (Mrs. Lovell-Smith) opened the meeting and welcomed Mrs. Rosewarne, Napier president, and Miss Fannin, secretary of the Napier Guild, and seven members, also Mrs Deans, secretary of the Hastings Guild.

Mrs. Rosewarne, president of the Napier Guild, brought greetings from her guild and presented Mrs. Lovell-Smith and Mrs. Miller with lovely shoulder sprays.

Mrs. Deans also spoke and brought greetings from the Hastings Guild. Mrs. Lovell-Smith told members of her visit to Wanganui and Castle-cliff Guilds, also Christchurch Central, and brought greetings.

A Peggy square quilt, made by members of the guild, was on view, and it was decided to send it to the old ladies' club.

Two new members were welcomed to the circle.

The Music Circle sang three Christmas carols, and a pianoforte solo and encore were given by Mrs. Miller.

On behalf of the Parkvale Ladies' Guild Mrs. Rosewarne was asked to present Mrs. Lovell-Smith with a lovely bouquet of roses to mark the

MRS T. H. LOWRY invites members of the Hastings Women's Community Club to meet her in the Club next Wednesday afternoon, as advertised elsewhere in this issue.

Gift parcels for the soldiers will be made up for distribution and cigarettes, sweets and handkerchiefs will be needed.

esteem, love and respect in which she is held by all members.

On the centre of the table was a lovely Christmas cake, given by Mrs. Barry and led by Mrs. Stanland; this was cut by Mrs. Rosewarne and Mrs. Cannon and handed round to members. Afternoon tea was served, the hostesses being Mesdames Cook, Harkness, Hammond, Instone, Inge, Law, Len Miller, Mulcaister and Ritchie.

A competition caused much amusement and was won by Mrs. Thear. The guessing competition for a lovely gold satin cushion was won by Mrs. Barry.

The best posy points went to Mrs. Cody, with Mrs. Morson second and Mrs. Stanland third, these being afterwards presented to Mrs. Barry and to each visitor.

The points for a shoulder spray went to Mrs. Stanland 1, Miss McGrath 2, Mrs. Robins 3, and the first was presented to Mrs. Glenn.

The best blooms were Mrs. Moore, Cody and Stanland.

Points for best article to cost not more than 1/- went to Miss McGrath, and Mrs. Robins and Mrs. Smith tied.

The bring-and-buy table was well patronised and brought in a fair sum.

The singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very happy afternoon to a close.

Bride-To-Be Honoured
MISS OLIVE SMITH
Jolly Evening Held In Hastings

About thirty young friends of a future bride, Miss Olive M. Smith, Hastings, gathered last evening at the home of Mr and Mrs W. Pullen, Pepper Street, for a delightful evening. All present thoroughly enjoyed the excellent variety of games and competitions and vocal items.

After a dainty supper the guest of honour thanked those present for the happy party and for the numerous useful gifts. A hearty appreciation was also extended to the host and hostess by the guest of honour.

THE FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR
Christmas Party Of The Townswomen's Guild

The Hastings Townswomen's Guild are holding a jolly Christmas party on December 14 in St. Matthew's Hall, commencing at 8 p.m. All members are cordially invited to attend, as a particularly festive and varied programme has been arranged. This will be the final Guild gathering for the year.

METHODIST LADIES' GUILD MEETS AT HASTINGS
Afternoon Arranged By Rev. And Mrs C. H. Olds

The Methodist Ladies' Guild held their monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, Mrs C. H. Olds conducting the opening service and devotion.

The Rev. and Mrs C. H. Olds were responsible for the afternoon's programme, and gave a delightful Christmas duet. Mr Olds read extracts from "Memories of Christmas" by Dickens, and later gave an address on "Christ, the Light of the World."

Mrs B. Clift, on behalf of the guild, presented Mrs Olds with a sheaf of flowers and a framed verse. A dainty tea was served and at the close of the afternoon, Mrs Joseph Wilson, president of the guild, thanked Mr and Mrs Olds for their very interesting afternoon.

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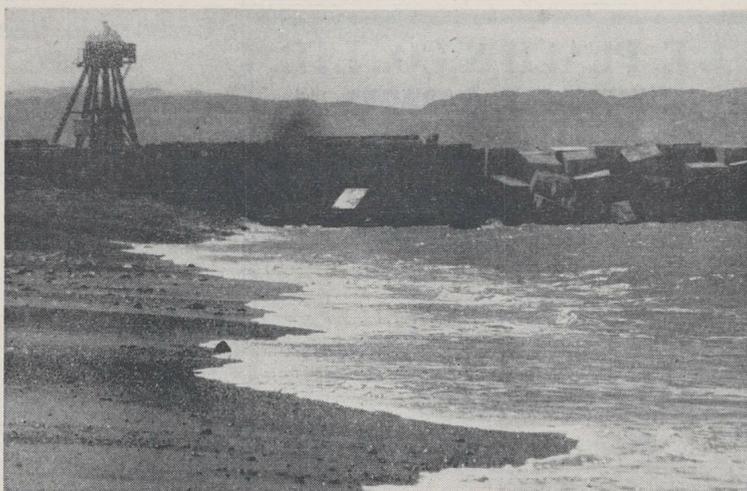
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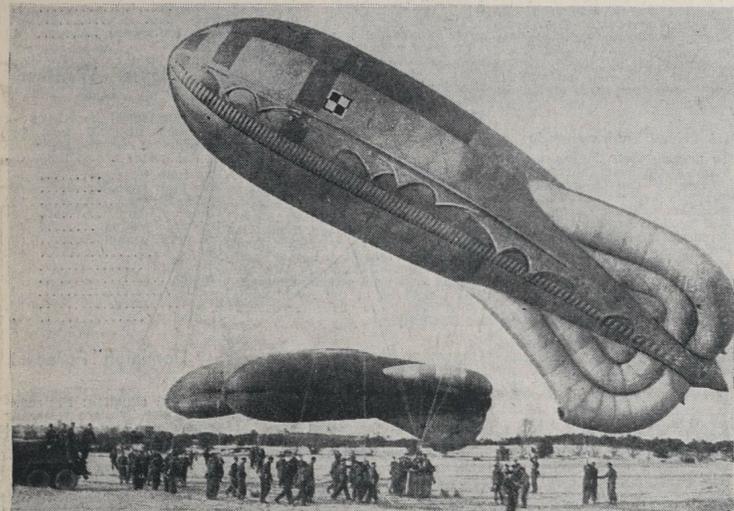
M. DALADIER VISITS THE MEDITERRANEAN.—Cheered by the population during a recent visit, M. Daladier was accompanied by officials to the Town Hall in Ajaccio.



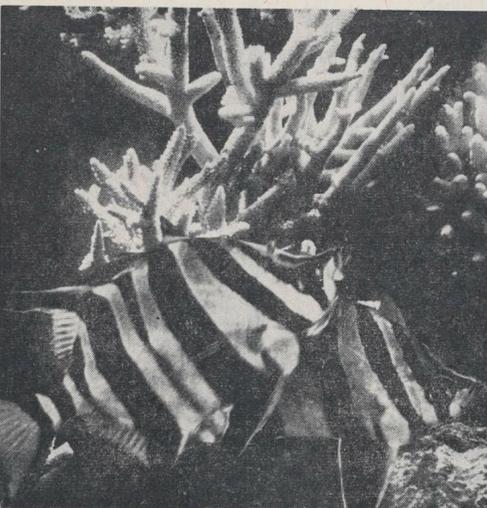
SWISHING WAVES ON THE SHINGLE.—A familiar sight to those who know the entrance to the Inner Harbour, Napier.



THE BOAR IS BORED.—He is not one of those casualties we hear so much about, but just doing among some beautiful smells of soil and old straw. Note the dreamy smile of utter peace and contentment.



THE BALLOON BARRAGE.—An idea of how modern soldiers prepare the "blimps" for scouting and observation purposes.



THE WONDERS OF THE DEEP.—Gaily striped fish dressed in their submarine football jerseys play hide-and-seek among the coloured coral formations on the North Queensland coast.

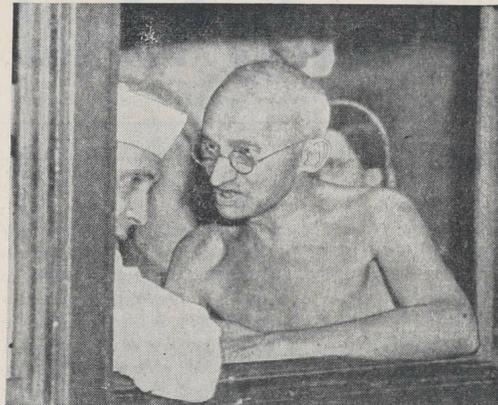


IN THE SUMMER HAZE.—A general view of the sweeping panorama of Waimarama, showing Bare Island in the distance.



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BACK-TO-THE-FARM MOVEMENT
The Modern Trend

American youngsters are still 90 per cent. peace-minded, New York toy manufacturers have wagered. Among the 100,000 different playthings lined up for Christmas preview, only 10 per cent. were tin soldiers, army material and other items belligerent, says the "Christian Science Monitor". The rest of the toys run a fantastic gamut from soap-bubble blowers with gear-shift size controls to a miniature radio sound effects outfit reproducing everything from the strains of frying eggs to a hurricane—as if Junior didn't provide his own hurricane effects as it is. Even aside from that, life around the house promises to be even more hectic than usual this holiday season. There are chemistry sets which allegedly will enable Junior to clean the family silver electrically and test the purity of food. Then there's a sled equipped with red and green signal lights. Notable trends reflected in the toys are a juvenile back-to-the-farm movement, represented by every agricultural implement from a harrow to a hay stacker; a building boom, involving stuff for constructing miniature farms, tourist camps or skyscrapers; and an intensified interest in matters transportation, as evidenced by new aviation and railroad toys, including a miniature trainman who unrealistically shouts the roster of stops so you can understand him. Curiosa include telephones that answer you, a cackling hen that lays eggs, and a kangaroo mother and baby. The 1939 dolls are, of course right up to the minute, open toe shoes, upswept hair-dos, and bustles. The committee and parents of the Nelson Park School, Napier, wish to thank Mesdames W. J. Ireland, Lawrence, Houghton, Mosley, Jones, Trude, England, Annan, Watson, L. Nicholson, B. G. Nicholson, Grace, Meynard, Mellor, McDonald, Williams, Holder, McLeod and Miss Jones for assisting at the stalls at the annual gift day held at the school this week, also Mr Batchelor, who took charge of the hot water coppers.

Winged Postmen In Wartime

HISTORIC CASES
Pigeons Being Bred In Australia
EMERGENCY USE

Australia is making arrangements with the breeders of carrier pigeons to have them in readiness in case of emergency. Despite the advance of science, which has given us the telephone, telegraph, and wireless, it is still found necessary to use carrier pigeons for dispatches in times of war. Their use goes back into antiquity, and many believe that the dove let loose from the Ark was a carrier pigeon. During the Great War these pigeons were widely used, Great Britain having one hundred and fifty mobile lofts in active service on the French and Italian Fronts. Germany early recognised the value of these birds, and long before the Great War possessed an efficient mobile pigeon service. **Siege of Paris** Looking back only 69 years ago, during the siege of Paris in 1870 to 1871, we find that the General Post Office in London sent letters or notes by carrier pigeon to Tours. Each letter had to be written in French, posted open, and not to consist of more than twelve words. No reference to the war or politics was allowed, the charge being 5d. a word, and 6d. for postage. So many letters were received that it was found necessary to photograph them on little, thin films of collodium, each film containing 2500 messages, which one pigeon was capable of carrying. On February 3, 1871, a single bird arrived in Paris carrying 40,000 messages, which were enlarged by being placed in a kind of magic lantern which threw the letters on to a screen, from which they were copied and dispatched. One can imagine how much relief these winged postmen gave to the anxious relatives of those imprisoned in the besieged city! The committee of the Nelson Park School garden fête extends sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the fête such a success. The results of competitions are advertised elsewhere.

ARTICLES, SKETCHES AND STORIES

"Railways Magazine"
ENTERTAINMENT IN NEW ISSUE
Wide Range Covered

The December issue of the "N.Z. Railways Magazine" has a plentiful array of excellent sketches, stories, special articles and sixty illustrations. Ian Stevenson, a New Zealand railwayman, brightly surveys Germany as he saw it just before the outbreak of war. He shows that the country was then very eager to conserve its supplies of motor spirit. Various incidents gave the visitors a real insight into the Nazi scheme of things. "Christennial Capers" by Ken Alexander is true to its name, for the clever humourist gives a merry mixing of the Christmas and Centennial spirits. In "The Witch's Tiki" James Cowan tells a very good story of Maori magic. Old days of Maoridom are also well recalled by A. J. Sheat in "Echo of the Siege of Orakau Pa," a heart-touching chronicle. **New Zealand Industries** O. N. Gillespie continues his special features on New Zealand industries with a very interesting narrative of food-preserving. Mona Gordon has a delightful treatise on bird life (native and introduced) in the Hillsborough district, Manukau Harbour. Jean Boswell skilfully presents a romance of birds of prey—the self-sacrificing love of a hawk for his mate. Rosaline Redwood vividly describes the catching of mutton-birds by Maoris in the southern islands. Nellie Donovan's "Little Miss Freckles" is a pleasant Christmas story for children. "The Maori of Yesterday and To-day," by Oriwa Tahupotiki is in the Maori language with an English summary. W. L. Rapley gives some welcome "Main Trunk Memories." The "Women's Section has helpful hints on holiday shopping and summer diet. W. F. Ingram's "Panorama of the Play-ground" includes a spirited defence of the professional wrestlers, from the monetarist viewpoint. The British Legion will hold its last old-time dance in the Buffalo Hall, Hastings, to-night at 7.30 p.m.

FATHER XMAS ARRIVES!

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR FINE, MILD WEATHER.

The "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay is as follows: Winds: Light to moderate and variable winds.

Hastings Weather Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:—

Table with weather data: Dry bulb temp., Wet bulb temp., Maximum temp., Minimum temp., Grass, 1ft. underground, Cloud, Wind, Rain, Rain for month.

Napier Weather Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. by the Government recorder at Napier (Mr R. T. Hutton) are as follows:—

Table with weather data: Dry bulb temp., Wet bulb temp., Maximum temp., Minimum temp., 1ft. underground, 3ft. underground, Grass, Visibility, Cloud, Wind, Sun, Humidity.

Dominion Forecast General situation: Pressure has risen generally since yesterday and is now relatively high and steady over the Dominion.

Seas (New Zealand waters): Slight on the East Coast, moderate on the west and about Cook and Foveaux Straits.

Weather: For the most part fair to fine and milder, but with occasional showers still probable in western and far southern districts of the South Island.

To-Day's Diary

HASTINGS The Theatres: "The Four Just Men," Regent, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m. "Second Fiddle," State, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m.

Wrestling, Municipal Theatre, 8 p.m. Ground racing, League Park Stadium, 8 p.m.

Erica: Don't you think I am getting younger every day? "Daddy, why do you have to go to work?"

Betty: Daddy, why do you have to go to work? "Daddy, why do you want money? Daddy: To buy you things to eat."

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Hastings Band To Broadcast

The Hastings Citizens' Band will provide a programme from the Hawke's Bay Station, 2YH, Napier, on Monday night.

Trick of the Wind

A trick of the wind caused amusement on the steps of a Wanganui bank recently by a paper notice, evidently from an art union ticket seller's stall had blown away.

Black Bridge Problem

In an effort to relieve traffic congestion, the Hawke's Bay County Council has declared the Black bridge at Haumoana a one-way structure.

Opening of Baths

The opening of the Pakowhai primary school's newly-constructed swimming baths is to take place on Saturday, December 16—welcome news for the district.

Progress in Reserves

Although rain would be appreciated for the benefit of Hastings borough reserves, there is at present no serious shortage, thanks to the fact that the reserves have their own water supply.

Ongaonga Sports

Throughout Hawke's Bay sporting folk will be busy preparing for the Ongaonga Centennial sports meeting on New Year's Day.

The World's Biggest?

The claim for growing the world's biggest apple is made on behalf of Mr W. H. Neill, who is retiring from his post at the University of Bristol.

No Shortage

"Don't worry about me; Britain is more than prepared this time, and the Germans haven't got a chance."

Six New Clippers

Six more Boeing Clippers have been ordered by Pan-American Airways and are expected to be delivered in the coming year.

Distasteful Water

Complaints are being made by residents of some parts of Wellington that the city water is not devoid of a foreign taste.

Chinese Soldiers' Psalm

To hear a file of Chinese soldiers on the march through a village in the interior of the country singing one of the psalms in their own tongue was an experience described by Mr Howard Knight to the annual Auckland Club in Auckland.

Gramophone Recital

Gramophone recitals at the Hastings High School are developing into a happy institution, and another programme is to be presented on Tuesday night at 7.45 o'clock.

Energetic Americans

The energetic manner in which people of the United States conducted their elections was commented upon by Mr Justice Kennedy at a world tour.

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.

Our Water Supply

Sir—I read into what the Town Clerk stated to your representative in respect of our water supply, that the welfare of the citizens of the borough is only of secondary importance.

R.S.A. Re-union

The next quarterly reunion of the Hastings branch of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association will be held on Thursday, December 14.

Port School Improvements

To provide much improved playgrounds at the Port Ahuriri School, an extensive programme of concreting has been embarked upon.

Importing Indian Birds

The situation in Europe has caused the Hawke's Bay Acclimatisation Society to abandon a scheme for the importation of two dozen chukors from India.

"Public Enemy No. 4"

"Now I come to the Import Control Regulations—shall we call them Public Enemy No. 4?" remarked the president of the Dunedin Manufacturers' Association.

One People

The traditional tact of the Maori rangitira in expressing himself in a way befitting the occasion was in evidence at a young Maori was given a farewell on leaving to join the Army.

Napier Prize-Giving

The assistant director of education (Dr C. E. Beeby) is to be the speaker for the evening at the annual prize-giving of the Napier Intermediate School in the Municipal Theatre, Napier, on Tuesday.

Bishop's Engagements

Engagements for the Bishop of Waipua, the Rt. Rev. G. V. Gerard, for the latter half of December are as follows: December 15, Herewere School (M.), Queenswood School (A).

Disposing of the Rabbit

In a New Zealand military camp recently consternation was caused by one of the sentries discharging his rifle in the early hours of the morning.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr C. A. Gallagher, Mr R. B. Campbell (Dunedin), Mr C. Odlin, Mr E. Spackman, Mr T. E. Dowdle, Miss Marie Clark, Mr R. W. Russell (Auckland), are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

"Grazing" of Bees

"I don't know whether we have control of the air or not, but there is something we have to decide," commented the chairman (Mr W. Lee) when the Waikouaiti County Council considered a complaint from a Karitane resident that a neighbour's bees were a source of constant annoyance to her.

WAIROA

Mr Allan (Gisborne), Mr Blackburn, Mr Menzies (Wellington), Mr Campbell-Cree, Miss Brooker (Auckland), Mr A. F. Quinell (Dunedin), Mr Wincoop (Wellington), are at the Wairoa Hotel.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1939.

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

There is nothing one-sided about any kind of "war appeal" designed to add to the comforts of the Dominion soldiers serving either in New Zealand or serving or about to serve overseas.

It is the intention of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Patriotic Council to launch an appeal throughout the province, beginning on Monday and lasting for six days, which will take the form of providing by public subscription for those little extras which mean so much to the men on military service.

There should be no necessity to underline the request for public support for this splendid object. The people of New Zealand seldom require to be told what to do when it comes to a grateful and generous acknowledgment of services rendered.

Particularly as Christmas approaches, the loss of home-life and the genial fellowships associated with the festive season will be the more keenly felt by those who have jeopardised all they have and all they are, to undergo the tremendous risks of the high places of the field.

All old soldiers of the last war remember with thankfulness the treasured souvenirs of "the Royal packet of gaspers" or the famous slices of the Queen's cake that were jealously and zealously preserved until they were inconsumable.

It may be repeated that the men themselves ask for nothing. They know what they have to do and they have stepped forward to do it for us all.

Another and a useful aspect of the matter will be that the direct personal sacrifices asked for will enable the public to realise their solidarity with those whose future destiny depends upon the developments of the present conflict.

Shipping At The Port Of Napier

SUN

To-day, rises 4.46 a.m.; sets 7.45 p.m. PHASES OF THE MOON New moon, 9.55 a.m., Mon., Dec. 11.

TIDES

Table of tide times: Dec. 9, Sat. 3.22 3.45 9.55 10.10, Dec. 10, Sun. 1.16 1.42 10.47 11.05, Dec. 11, Mon. 5.12 5.38 11.42 0.00.

VESSELS AT INNER HARBOUR

Kiritona, at moorings. Koa, at moorings. Koutouli, at moorings. Tu Atu, at Jull wharf.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS

Breakwater Pakura, ex Wellington, December 11. Koutouli, ex Wellington, via Gisborne, December 12. Kopara, ex Portland and Auckland, December 12.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES

Kopara, for Portland and Auckland, 9 o'clock last night. Pakura, for Gisborne, December 11. Kopara, for Wellington, December 13. Kopara, for Auckland, December 15. Pukeko, December 22.

COASTAL SHIPPING AT NAPIER

Awahou, o.e.v., 410 tons (Richardson and Co. Ltd.), after having been laid up in the stream at Wellington since February 27, has been under overhaul and survey, preparatory to taking up coastal running and is at present at the Aotea Quay waiting instructions.

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Table of ship schedules: TORAMA, TORONTOS, TORION, TORCADES, *ORMONDE.

GARDEN FETE AT NAPIER

Successful Event At Nelson Park School The annual garden fete of the Parents' League of the Nelson Park School on Thursday afternoon was attended by a large number of parents and friends of the school.

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Rumania's Unenviable Plight With Enemies On Every Frontier BALKANS REALISING NEED FOR SOLIDARITY Sacrifices Forced In Interests Of Security

The "Paris Soirs" foreign editor (M. Jules Sauerwein), in a message from Bucharest, says: "Rumania is wisely endeavouring to settle the Rumanian-Bulgarian disputes. The Bulgarians' strongest argument is not openly expressed. Bulgaria could combine with Russia in an attack on Rumania on two sides. When it is considered that the Hungarians have supported Germany, the position is no less threatening. "It is readily agreed that the Rumanians must be friends with at least one of their neighbours and that strong British, French and Turkish forces should be in readiness. One section of opinion is comforted by the belief that Russia and Germany will never agree to a division of the spoils, but the consequences of action, even if uncoordinated, would be fatal to the Balkans. "The Balkans are beginning to see the necessity for sacrifices to attain solidarity and are watching closely the movement towards regional or European federation," adds M. Sauerwein. "The Balkans are also beginning to understand that national sovereignty must retire in favour of common interests and security. "It is remarkable to see the spread of these ideas of economic and military accords, coupled with respect for individual freedom. Evidently it is on these principles that the future of Europe must build. "I have found the main lines of conception endorsed by the five heads of south-eastern States with whom I have recently conferred."

STALIN'S CLUMSY HAND MAY LOSE CONTROL OF WAR RECKLESS ACTS Finnish Conflict May Extend

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 8, 10.55 p.m.) NEW YORK, Dec. 7. The "New York Times" Moscow correspondent (Mr G. E. R. Gedye) says: "Russia's blockade again suggests an unexpected lack of adroitness. The lines on which the Finnish conflict is developing indicate that control may escape from the Soviet's hands and she find herself involved in a major conflict which experienced circles believe may reverse Stalin's intentions and be utterly contradictory to the Soviet's vital interests. "It is possible also to consider the recent Communist International article on Rumania as evidence of growing recklessness, although Rumanians stress that the Soviet has avoided official backing, as would have been the case if it had been published in the "Izvestia" or "Pravda." It is most probable in the nature of a balloon to observe the Rumanian reaction and to model Russian policy accordingly. "The article can be disowned, as one in "Izvestia" or "Pravda" could not, but it is most probable that the Rumanians are seriously alarmed and without backing, it might be followed later by others more menacing and more authoritative."

Adventures Of A Torpedoed Tomcat A North Sea Survivor Has An Eventful Career Strange Rescue

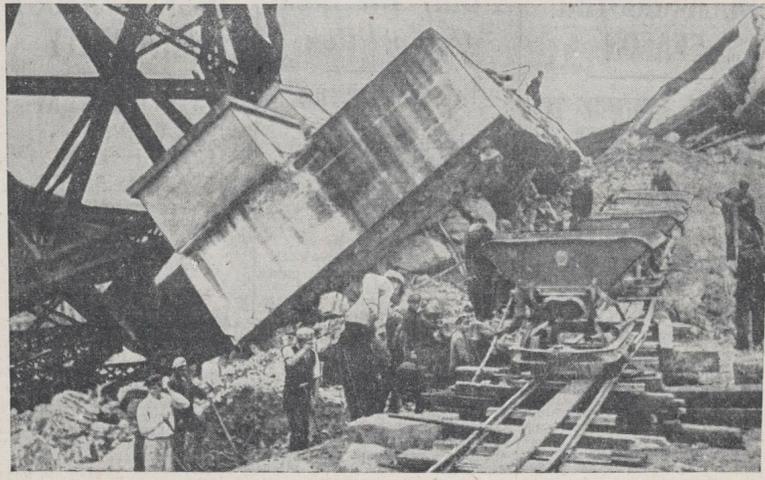
"Tawny" is a scrawny but companionable tomcat, British by birth, who has been rescued from three shipwrecks and it is at present awaiting liberation from a concrete quarantine cell in the Swedish Port of Gothenburg, where his Board of Regulations require him to stay four months in isolation after his strange rescue of all. He has the distinction of being mentioned in dispatch to the British Admiralty, and when his liberation comes—the combined efforts of a number of local animal lovers bid fair to shorten those four months to as many weeks. "Tawny" will be the only free survivor of a British fishing vessel torpedoed off the Faroes on September. Shortly after a German submarine sank the crew of the Fleetwood trawler Caldev, who were on their lifeboat by the passing Swedish motor-ship Kronprinsessan Margareta, named for the late Crown Princess Margaret of Sweden, daughter of the Duke of Connaught. The crew numbered 11 men and "Tawny."

Sacrifice Made The cat was rescued from the Caldev by a man who, in the effort to find him, sacrificed the chance to save any of his personal belongings. When the lifeboat came alongside the Kronprinsessan Margareta "Tawny" was the first of the crew to tread the deck of the Swedish ship. When, later, two German destroyers stopped the ship just outside Swedish territorial waters and took off the 11 men to intern them in Germany, the Swedish captain's offer to the Germans to take the cat, too, was turned down. On arrival at Gothenburg the captain told an official of the British Consulate about the matter of his "Tawny" on board, and if he let the cat ashore he would be heavily fined. He was asked to have the cat destroyed—if there was a bill the Consulate would honour it. Dropping about the matter of his return to the Consulate, the official who had been to see the Swedish captain immediately ran up against something more forceful than a tawny ship's cat.

Execution Stayed Two women working in the Consulate took control and decreed that in no circumstances must a cat thus saved be condemned to destruction. Some frenzied telephoning stopped the execution order and the women undertook to guarantee the support of "Tawny" in quarantine at a shilling a day for the statutory four months. The Consular dispatch to the Admiralty about the Caldev affair, after relating the sad details of the crew's fate, concluded proudly: "Ship's cat saved and now being cared for by women of the Consulate." But that was not all. A paragraph in a local paper, produced from quite a number of cat-fanciers. A woman in Stockholm sent a telegram offering "Tawny" a home. A few women in Gothenburg wrote and telephoned to the same effect, and in addition the contribution list promptly circulated in the office by "Tawny's" guardians a whole file of correspondence grew out of the popular interest in the tawny, scrawny being. The file was headed "Le Chat Fidele" although such an attribute seemed more a description of the letter-writers than of the object of their solicitude.

CLASHING DATES IN SPORT SOUTHLAND SETS AN EXAMPLE NEW COUNCIL The Co-ordination Of Organisations

The Mayor of Napier was recently reported as stating that too many sports bodies in his area were fixing dates and then finding that they were clashing with the fixtures of other organisations. What was needed was some co-ordination of effort. An interesting development in this connection, and one which could well be commended to the attention of other provinces, is the recent formation of a Southland Provincial Council of Sport. The necessary approaches and preliminary organisation were carried out by the Area Recreation Officer of the Physical Welfare and Recreation branch. Already the council has manifested its presence in no uncertain way. Not merely has it avoided the clashing of dates, but it has acted as a medium for the arrangement of joint Centennial sports fixtures. It has also taken in hand a scheme for the publication of lists of defaulters in subscriptions, a measure which has been found very necessary in other centres. It is not, of course, by any means the first demonstration of co-ordination amongst sports bodies. The Pioneer Sports Club in Christchurch and the Canterbury branch of the All-Canterbury Sporting Club, and which maintains its own club rooms, is a splendid example of what can be achieved. The Physical Welfare and Recreation branch intends to sponsor similar developments in other areas, wherever practicable.



CLEANING UP IN POLAND.—German troops have their work cut out in such instances as above, where reconstruction efforts on a big scale had to be made to re-erect a bridge blown up by the Poles.

MET BY HEAVY GUNFIRE RAIDERS AT FIRTH OF FORTH CHASED TO SEA Clever Manoeuvre By R.A.F. Pilot

United Press Association—Copyright. LONDON, Dec. 7. It is officially announced that eight Nazi planes were involved in a raid over the Firth of Forth on Wednesday. The raid was driven off, and one enemy machine appeared to be hit. No bombs were dropped. Fighters, after driving off the eight Nazi planes, encountered two others off the north-east coast. The enemy turned back and were pursued to sea. One was seen to have been hit. Heavy gunfire was heard along the coast. Enemy aircraft over the North Sea on Wednesday attempted to intercept isolated patrols of the Coastal Command of the Royal Air Force. In two encounters which have been reported, the enemy machines, giant Dornier flying-boats, were beaten off and badly damaged. One aircraft of the Coastal Command was far out from its base and north of Helligoland Light, the North Sea coast of Germany, when it sighted a Dornier prowling for prey, air or sea-borne.

Effective Tactics To secure a position for himself for an effective attack the British pilot cleverly stall-turned; that is, suddenly put his aircraft into an almost vertical climb and, as it lost speed to stalling point turned and dived down on the beam of his enemy, his machine-guns plastering the Dornier with lead at each dive.

After a third attack, the British pilot climbed to 2000 feet and carried out another attack on the enemy's tail. One long burst was seen to enter around the engine and the main plane, and the crippled German aircraft sought refuge in mist and low cloud to limp towards its base. The second encounter took place 200 miles from land when a Coastal Command aircraft sighted a Dornier and for half an hour pursued it in and out of clouds, making six attacks and pouring round after round of ammunition into its adversary.

With its rear gun out of action and fuel pouring from both sides the Dornier mad off swavering into the clouds. The British pilot considers it very doubtful whether the enemy would reach its base. According to a Berlin message today's war communiqué mentions an air battle west of Texel, the most westerly of the Frisian Islands, off the coast of Holland, in which British and German machines collided and fell into the sea. It records also German reconnaissance flights over England, Scotland and the Shetland Islands.

Right Of Sentry Questioned FOOTWAY CHALLENGE London Court Case

The right of a sentry to challenge persons using a public highway was questioned by Mr Geoffrey Rose, the West London Police Court magistrate, recently. Three youths were charged with wilfully obstructing Private Charles Ross in the execution of his duty. Ross said that while he was on sentry duty outside a building occupied by the military he challenged a group of men who approached the gateway. They did not answer, although he called out three times. The defendants pushed him, knocking his rifle out of his hand. Rifle Loaded In reply to the magistrate, the witness said his rifle was loaded. Replying to other questions, Ross said the men were on the public footway, but he had orders to challenge anyone approaching the gateway after dark. The magistrate: Can a sentry challenge people lawfully using the road? Ross's commanding officer explained that in the darkness there was no guarantee that a person approaching the gateway would enter the premises. All that was asked was that they should halt and be recognised. "We ask for the co-operation of the public in our difficulty," added the officer.

Sensible Sentries The magistrate: In another country these men might have been shot. Our sentries are more sensible. Later the magistrate pointed out that the proceedings of this nature could be taken by a soldier only with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

His Majesty At The Front THIRD DAY OF TOUR Three Hundred Miles Covered AMUSING INCIDENTS

United Press Association—Copyright. LONDON, Dec. 7. The King's inspection of units of the British Expeditionary Force in France, which included visits to aerodromes, a review of a Guards regiment and a parade of several thousands of troops belonging to various brigades, was resumed early on Wednesday following a brief conversation with war correspondents on the terrace of the chateau where His Majesty had spent the night. The distinguished French writer M. Andre Maurois and a dozen of the British correspondents, including Sir Philip Gibbs, were among those with whom the King conversed. Later, accompanied by the Duke of Gloucester and Viscount Duke, the King left for a tour of the area in which units of the force are stationed. His Majesty, accompanied by Viscount Gort and the Duke of Gloucester, had luncheon with the French Prime Minister (M. Daladier) and high Allied officers in a tiny restaurant in a provincial town behind the lines. They exchanged cordial toasts. During the third day of his tour of the British sector, His Majesty travelled over 300 miles, visited headquarters of the anti-aircraft batteries, armoured car units, and regiments of the line, and traversed muddy communication trenches. He was greatly amused at the gunners' dugouts, which were placarded with cartoons of English and German leaders and a caricature of Hitler soaring skywards on top of a shell.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF STRESS Scarcity Of Equipment LONDON HOSPITALS' NEEDS

The difficult conditions under which London hospitals are now working as a result of the inquest, at St. Pancras, on the body of Ernest Henry Kingsley, 56, a goods checker, of Islington, who was discharged from hospital because the fact that he had two fractured ribs was not discovered. Dr. Colin M. Craig, house surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, said that the department was working in circumstances of stress. The ordinary out-patients' department was closed, and they were really rather short staffed. In ordinary times the patient would have had an X-ray examination, but they had only one small portable machine and were trying to cut X-rays down to the minimum. If he had been X-rayed, the witness was sure that he would have been kept in hospital.

Crushed by Vehicle It was stated that Kingsley was crushed between two vehicles. He was taken home after being examined at the hospital and died five days after the accident from a fracture of broken ribs was found either at the hospital or by the doctor who treated Kingsley at home. The coroner said the damage to Kingsley's lungs, which led to his death, was probably caused at the time of the accident and that no amount of treatment afterwards could have done anything. "Death from natural causes" was recorded.

INSURANCE POLICIES AND DEBT CLAIMS

By Telegram—Press Association, CHRISTCHURCH, Dec. 8. The protection afforded by life insurance policies in debt claims was applied in the case of Eric Pryce Newburgh, of Christchurch, bank clerk, who was killed accidentally a year after his declaration according to a judgment delivered in the Supreme Court by Mr Justice Northcroft this morning. There were eleven life insurance policies held by Newburgh. On some of these loans had been raised, and some had lapsed. After deducting loans, £2695 7/7 could be cashed. After Newburgh's death on Wednesday the administrator of Newburgh's estate (Mr R. L. Newburgh) claimed the money on behalf of himself, his two brothers, his sister and his mother, while the official assignee also claimed the money on the ground that it was not protected under the Life Insurance Act, and should go to the creditors. His Honour held that the protection applied for the benefit of the estate for distribution among those entitled to it upon Newburgh's intestacy, the extent of the protection being £20,000, to be selected according to the rule laid down in the Cootes case.

WEST COASTERS PERPLEXED TRANSPORT PROBLEM EVIDENT NO 'PLANES' Interruption Of The Services

By Telegram—Press Association, WESTPORT, Dec. 8. West Coasters who are hoping to get home for Christmas Day are finding some difficulty in making their transport arrangements in the North Island, as advice has been received that there will be no service 'plane from Wellington to Westport on Sunday, December 24, or Monday, December 25. A passenger boat will leave Wellington for Nelson on Sunday evening, but there is no connecting car from Nelson to Westport. There is an alternative route from Wellington to Lyttelton on Sunday, December 24, thence from Greymouth to Westport, but here again advice is received that the ferry is full. The interruption of the 'plane service is said to be due to the cost of running.

Early Events At Exhibition SPECIAL DISPLAYS Photography And Art MODEL 'PLANES

The considerable attention paid to the model engineering exhibit at the Exhibition is an encouraging sign for the other special exhibits which have been arranged and which will take place during the run of the exhibition. The model engineering display, because of many special requests, will be continued for nine extra days in another part of the exhibition, the change being necessary because on December 18 the New Zealand Model Aeroplane Association commence competitions for workmanship and flying. The model aeroplane contests will take place from December 18 to January 20, 1940, and already the response they have had has been most gratifying. On December 27 and 28 the flying contests will be held for Spar models hand-launched, fuselage models rising off the ground, and any type of model rising off water.

Salon of Photography On January 31, the New Zealand Centennial Exhibition International Salon of Photography will open and will continue to February 28. Entries have been invited from all parts of the world, and a strong New Zealand representation is anticipated. There are three sections in the salon—pictorial prints, natural history, and scientific prints, and commercial, press and coloured prints. Sketch Club Exhibit Following the International Salon of Photography an exhibition of work by members of the Wellington Sketch Club will be held from March 9 to April 6. This exhibition will include pictures for water-colour, oils, pastels and other media representation from Auckland, Masterton, Christchurch and Dunedin will be included. The final selection of pictures will probably number somewhere about 200, and from this an interesting aspect of amateur art in New Zealand will be available.

The artists who will be represented are all young amateurs whose hobby in painting and drawing takes second place to their usual occupation. Some of the names of the artists are already well-known, but for quite a number it will be the first opportunity they will have to exhibit their work. The interest of this exhibit will lie not only in its artistic merit, but in its illustration in the work of a body which is endeavouring to foster art in New Zealand.

Kitchen Progress The kitchen of to-day is contrasted with the kitchen of early pioneering days in the housing department exhibit in the Government Court at the Centennial Exhibition. Two full-sized models are included in the exhibit, one with a fuel stove, an absence of cupboards and fittings, high ceilings and dark stained walls. Next to it, gleaming with efficiency and cleanliness, is a contemporary kitchen with every latest device to assist the housewife with her daily tasks.

MR C. G. SCRIMGEOUR AND DOMINION FARMERS Strong Resentment Expressed At The Implications Of A Recent Broadcast

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister by the Dominion president of the New Zealand Farmers' Union (Mr W. W. Mulholland) and dated December 6, 1939:

Dear Sir.—On Sunday last, Mr C. G. Scrimgeour, Controller of Commercial Broadcasting, read from the "Standard," the official organ of the Labour Party, the following statements:— "The recent Dominion Conference of the New Zealand Farmers' Union, detailed plans for sabotaging the production of the Dominion were discussed in committee for two days and were defeated by a small majority only. "Here are the plans which were submitted to the conference:—"That the farmers do not put the bulls with the cows or the rams with the ewes; that they turn the cream down the drains; that they refrain from going out for at least a fortnight; that they use transport as little as possible and not pay for it; that they buy as little stores as possible and not pay the storekeeper; that they use no subsidised transport and refuse to co-operate with the Government in any way; that they boycott the Centennial; that they picket the dairy factories and the petrol distributing stations. "The headquarters of the Farmers' Union, while issuing apparently friendly pronouncements, has stirred up and is keeping alive a spirit of strong opposition. "I did not consider it necessary to take any notice of the "Standard's" article, but I must take strong exception to the official head of a Government department repeating these incorrect and misleading statements over the air in a Dominion-wide hook-up through a State utility which is the direct responsibility of a Minister. "The Dominion Conference referred to in the article (a copy of which is enclosed herewith) took place in July (long before war appeared to be imminent), but this fact was suppressed and the inference deliberately given was that the conference had occurred since war broke out. "As chairman of the conference in question, I can inform you that no resolution embodying the "detailed plans" referred to in the article was discussed by that conference. Yet this alleged action of an union was described as "sabotage" of the Government's war effort, although the Controller of Commercial Broadcasting must have known that the conference took place in July. "This statement by the head of a State Department, and the circumstances surrounding its making, suggests to the public of New Zealand that it was made with the authority and approval of the Government. "On behalf of the New Zealand Farmers' Union I formally ask you definitely to dissociate your Government from the more reckless elements among those attacked. "I have the honour to be, sir, Your obedient servant, W. W. MULHOLLAND, Dominion President.

South Africa's Part EVACUATION OF LONDON

PERILS OF DEFEAT HOW TRANSPORT WAS ORGANISED REPORT RELEASED Story Of Co-ordinated Planning

Colonel Deneys Reitz, Minister for Native Affairs in the Union of South Africa, said recently that they realised that if the unthinkable happened and Germany were to emerge victorious, the smaller nations in the Dominions would go the way of Poland, of Czechoslovakia, and the others. They in South Africa, more particularly, had the certain knowledge that the destiny of the Union was more closely involved than perhaps any other portion of the Empire. South Africa was becoming of increasing importance by virtue of its strategic position half-way between two worlds—half-way between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. In addition there was their enormous mineral wealth, and unless they stood in with the rest of the Empire they would fall a certain victim to the first predatory Power that came along. For that reason it was impossible for them to look on as a struggle upon the outcome of which depended their liberty and their future.

Their Own Battle "The fact that a considerable section in the Union Parliament voted for neutrality during the recent political crisis was a complete surprise largely due to the suddenness with which General Hertzog, our then Prime Minister, sprang the issue upon them without giving them sufficient time to understand the position," he said. "To-day the situation is rapidly changing for the better. South Africans are not the breed to let others fight their battles for them, and even more so now when they are called upon to assist in the struggle upon the outcome of which depended their liberty and their future.

Isolation "Apart from this it is clear that a neutral South Africa would have been a South African complete isolation from the outside world, and the loss of all our markets. From every point of view, therefore, General Smuts has done the right thing. Our honour, our national self-respect and our material interests are all bound up with our membership of the British Commonwealth, and we shall do our share in the common task.

Not One Mishap To make the journey as pleasant as possible for the evacuees, the board introduced an emergency refreshment service at six change-over stations. Although on the first day little use was made of the service because the children were well provided with food and were not allowed to leave their parties, on the other days evacuees, particularly adults, made good use of it. To a large extent, however, the refreshments were given free of charge. Throughout this large-scale movement of people, many of whom were children under five or adult invalids and blind persons, no mishap of any kind was recorded. This satisfactory result of one of the largest movements of children ever recorded was due primarily, the report declares, to the careful way in which every detail of the scheme had worked out in advance, and to the splendid and cheerful co-operation of the staffs upon whom the main burden fell during the actual days of evacuation.

Co-ordinated Effort The scheme which stood its trial so well was the result of many months' hard work by Government Departments, the London County Council, the main line railways, and London Passenger Transport Board. The report concludes by paying tribute to the board's staff, who, it says, rose to the occasion magnificently.

WAR APPEAL FLAG-DAY IN THE BAY

Patriotic Committee Launches Campaign

A CANVASS OF HOUSES

The intention of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Patriotic Council to launch a war appeal throughout the district was announced by the Mayor of Hastings (Mr G. A. Maddison) at a meeting of the Hastings Zone Patriotic Committee held this week.

As its particular contribution to the general effort of the province the Hastings committee have determined to hold a war-appeal flag day in Hastings next Friday, preceded by a house-to-house canvass on Wednesday and Thursday.

The provincial council's decision to provide additional fare for the men in camp at Christmas time was another matter reported to the Hastings committee by Mr G. A. Maddison.

Fine Effort By Red Cross

NEW SUB-CENTRE Members Total 250 At Havelock North

CANVASSERS THANKED

The Havelock North Sub-Centre of the Red Cross Society acknowledges with deep gratitude the splendid work of the enrolment committee in enrolling members in the newly formed sub-centre.

Every house in the Town Board area has been visited in the past month and, where requested, the aims and objects of the society have been explained.

The committee discussed the activities of women's organisations to supply 250 pairs of socks for Hawke's Bay men in camp and those who were leaving for overseas.

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Entry To Public Service

Future careers of boys now sitting for University Entrance and Public Service Examinations are exercising the minds of many parents in Hawke's Bay.

CAREERS OF BOYS

Early Appointments May Be Offered ADVISORY OFFICER

General canvassers were selected for the various branches of the district, and, as the arrangements for farewells are not affected by the regulations set down for raising patriotic funds, the money will be raised by voluntary donations to be used for the purpose of providing suitable farewells gifts for the men.

TREE PLANTING AT TARADALE

Scheme Completed PATRIOTIC WORK IN FUTURE Committee's Plans

The Centennial Committee for the Greenhills-Taradale district will continue work as a Patriotic Committee, in accordance with plans submitted by the Government.

EUREKA LODGE OF DRUIDS

Business At Hastings Meeting

The delegates to the Medical Association reported on the quarterly meeting, urging members to support the dispensary for Christmas gifts, at the last meeting of the Eureka Lodge of Druids when Bro. D. McLay, A.D., presided over a good attendance of members.

Regret that the bowls tournament was not supported well was expressed in a report from Bro. H. Tucker, D.P. Bro. W. S. Bennett installed the following officers for the ensuing six months: P.A. Bro. D. McLay, A.D. Bro. Waterhouse, V.A. Bro. C. Cooke, A.D.B. Bro. Ditton, V.A.B. Bro. G. Murphy, I.C. Bro. T. Farrell, O.G. Bro. J. Murphy.

The twenty-seventh annual Christmas tree will be held in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. The social committee has the arrangements well in hand, and members are requested to be present on time.

DUCK-SHOOTING SEASON

TO BE LIMITED TO A FORTNIGHT

PROPOSED BAGS

No Game To Be Taken In 1941

The duck-shooting season in 1940 is limited to a fortnight, according to a communication received by the Hawke's Bay Acclimatisation Society from the Minister of Internal Affairs (the Hon. W. E. Parry).

The Minister asked for the society's views concerning quantities of game which might be taken in the limited period. The society has decided to reply recommending the opening of the season on the first Saturday in May, followed by a fortnight in which mallard, grey, shoveller and paradise ducks may be taken.

The daily limits proposed by the society are as follows: (a) Twenty-five head in all of cock pheasants, grey duck, shoveller, black swan and pukeko. (b) Five head of cock pheasants. (c) Fifteen head in all of mallard, grey duck, shoveller and paradise ducks. (d) Two head of paradise duck. (e) Five head of pukeko. (f) Five head of black swan.

HASTINGS DISTRICT SCOTS

Council Meeting

UNIFORMS FOR PIPE BAND

Orders Have Been Placed

The usual monthly meeting of the council of the Hastings District Scots Society was held last night in Hastings, Chief P. J. Priest presiding over a good attendance of chairmen and councillors.

The secretary (Mr J. W. Shaw) announced that arrangements had been made with Dr Inkester, of Wellington, a recent arrival from Canada and originally from Scotland, to give the address on Burns' Night. The society is to be congratulated on its initiative in procuring such an able and distinguished speaker.

The chief informed the meeting that the order for the pipe band uniforms had been placed and the necessary licences had been secured for the accessories. It was thought that there might be some delay in obtaining the uniforms, but the chief and his committee are confident that they will be ready for the Burns' Night.

ELECTION HELD

Celebration Of The Centennial

PLANS OUTLINED

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A strong committee was elected, these being Messrs J. Tod, R. H. White, R. Tod, E. G. Williams, A. V. Collins, J. Macdougall, F. Williams, G. Voyce, E. Higgs, W. A. Tod, G. Collins, J. Stevens, and Messrs J. Tod, J. Stevens, P. Oram, R. Tod, T. Bruce, A. Black, W. Tod, E. Higgs, G. Voyce.

A CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR CHILDREN

Affairs At Napier

DONOR'S GENEROUS ACTION

Tea And A Gift

Maintaining his interest of previous years, Mr Gerhard Huesher, managing director of the National Tobacco Co. Ltd., Napier, has given authority to Major W. Seale, of the Salvation Army, to provide a Christmas treat for the needy children of the district.

Provision will be made for the entertainment of between 400 and 500 children by the Salvation Army. The date and place of the affair, which will include a Christmas tree, a tea, and a gift for each child, are yet to be decided.

PIPING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT DANNEVIRKE

High School Players In Good Form

The piping championships of the Dannevirke High School Highland Pipe Band were held on Thursday afternoon at a Scottish afternoon held at the school to raise funds to provide kilts for the band.

The judge was Pipe-Major D. Peters, of the Rushmore Band. He said he was impressed by the standard reached in the short time since the band was formed.

Senior championship—D. Sargent (81 points), I. M. Paulsen (66 points), 2; M. Barnard (66 points), 3. Junior championship—T. Telford (63 points), 1; R. Gregg (62 points), 2; E. Grant (60 points), 3.

A Calf And Lamb Competition

TAKAPAU PUPILS School Contest On Wednesday

THE JUDGING

On Wednesday afternoon pupils of the Takapau Public School took part in a calf and lamb competition, results of which were:

Calves.—Daily grade type: Esme Hunt 1st, Nancy Paulsen 2nd, Grace Halford 3rd. Care and attention: Elaine Thomsen 1st, Esme Hunt 2nd, Grace Halford 3rd. Certificate of merit, Barbara Grant.

Pet lambs: Longwool cross, Dorcas Johnson 1st, Nancy Paulsen 2nd, John Hilsley 3rd. Down cross, Maurice Mout 1st, Nancy McSparran 2nd, Joyce Mackie 3rd. Certificates of merit, Dawn Mout, Iris Heald, Esme Hunt, Special longwool ewe lamb, Nancy Paulsen. Special downwool for export, Jocelyn Oakley.

Messrs N. M. Paulsen and G. Hilsley acted as supervisors and were in attendance on the judges.

Judges' Comments. Although the entry was small, the quality was good, commented the judge of the calf section, Mr W. Ridge, of Norsewood, who gave a lucid explanation of what was needed in rearing a calf for exhibition.

Large entries in the longwool and down cross lamb sections added to the task of the judge, Mr James Tod, Otane. Mr Tod pointed out where points could be gained by care and attention, stressing that there should be no top tailers, nor should the lambs be washed or combed; he recommended, in preference, covering.

On behalf of the Hawke's Bay Education Board, Mr W. Cuthbert pointed out that the grant from the Education Department was too small to carry on this type of useful and practical work, and requested the support of parents.

The chairman of the School Committee (Mr G. R. Davy) thanked the supervisors and judges for their useful hints to the pupils.

CALVES AND LAMBS JUDGED

Ormondville Pets

CHILDREN'S CLUB PLACINGS

"Daily Mail" Special Service. ORMONDVILLE. The judging took place on Wednesday of the calves and lambs entered in the competition for pets, under the auspices of the children's calf and lamb club. Mr W. H. Smith judged the calves, his placings being as follows:

Care and attention: Valerie Cload 1, James Cload 2, Beth Benbow 3. Dairy type: Valerie Cload 1, Maurice Benbow 2, Arthur Bolton 3. Leading and docility: Ian Benbow 1, Beth Benbow 2, Eunice Brown 3. Pedigree: Beth Benbow 1, Ian Benbow 2.

The lambs were judged by Mr H. B. Stuckey, the placings being as follows: Valerie Cload 1, James Cload 2, Arthur Bolton 3. The judge praised the high general quality of all the calves entered.

HIGH TEMPERATURES IN STRATOSPHERE

Variations Discovered

BOILING POINT AT 38 MILES UP

A New Approach

Two regions of high temperature in the stratosphere have been found by Dr. Fred L. Whipple, Harvard astronomer who states, says the "Christian Science Monitor," that 38 miles above the earth's surface the air temperature is at the boiling point of water. At 20 miles the air is 20 degrees centigrade, while at 70 miles the heat is 20 degrees centigrade or ordinary room temperature.

Ordinarily the stratosphere is thought of as merely an extension of the troposphere, thinning air extending above the six miles of climate breeding troposphere next to the earth. Balloon observations give no evidence that the temperature of the stratosphere is anything but icy cold and uniform at about 55 degrees below zero centigrade.

Hot Layers. However, studies made during the last 25 years disclose certain phenomena such as sound reflection, tidal conditions in the upper air, and visually traced meteor paths which have led some researchers to believe that the conditions observed could be explained only if there existed hot layers in the stratosphere.

Dr. Whipple's findings, achieved with new type of "meteor speedometer" in use at Harvard Observatory during the past two years, introduces an entirely new approach, the most reliable yet found to the tangled problem of the stratosphere has been lacking and the theories have been subjected to much criticism.

Fan-Blade Speedometer. The meteor speedometer is a simple arrangement of a revolving fan blade in front of a telescope camera lens. As the meteor passes down across the field, its fiery path is broken at measured intervals. This gives, of course, an indication of speed and deceleration. One such speedometer is located in Cambridge on Mount Harvard, and the other is at Oak Ridge, Harvard, Mass. Both are trained on the same area of the sky and hence catching the meteor in two telescopes enables determination of distance, height and direction of motion.

Using his apparatus Dr. Whipple has been able to obtain very accurate measurements in the area about 30 to 60 miles above ground. From 30 to 40 miles the meteor speedometer is 1.5 miles per second, 2; M. Barnard (66 points), 3. Junior championship—T. Telford (63 points), 1; R. Gregg (62 points), 2; E. Grant (60 points), 3.

TO BRING ABOUT UNIFORMITY

TAXI FARES AT WAIROA MAJOR MOVE

Sitting Of Licensing Authority

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA. All taxi-cab licences in Wairoa were granted for a period of twelve months, when applications were made to the No. 1 Transport Licensing Authority (Mr E. J. Phelan) at a sitting yesterday.

The question of fares, however, was reserved to enable the taxi proprietors to confer and make submissions to the authority concerning them.

Efforts are to be made to introduce a more uniform fare in the country districts.

Applications by the following were granted: Z. Saba, J. Lawrence (two cabs), C. Saba, J. A. McKer, M. L. Shaw, G. L. Poyzer, C. Poyzer, J. M. Topa, V. Brown, and L. Johnston.

The following transfers were granted in goods services: Estate of A. J. Ratchinger to Gordon, Ltd., Wairoa; W. J. Browne to E. Pittar, Mohaka; L. W. Mildon to E. G. Mildon, Frasertown.

N. Bluck was granted an amendment to provide for eight additional authorities to carry goods for the P.W.D.

The following renewals were granted: F. R. Smith, Wairoa; F. Foley, Wairoa; W. A. Burton, Kotehau; W. Henare, Wairoa.

QUEEN CARNIVAL AT NAPIER

Varied Entertainment

YANKEE TENNIS TO-DAY

A Dance To-night

A Yankee tennis tournament, sponsored by Government Buildings, will be held in Nelson Park, Napier, this morning commencing at 9 a.m. Prizes will be given, and the entry to the grounds will be 6d. each. All supporters of Miss Betty Prebble are asked to attend.

All supporters of the "Frisvs" and the public generally are reminded of the dance in the Foresters' Hall, Napier, to-night at 8. Bill Clothier will be in charge and a special women's committee has arranged a delightful supper. Lew Munro's orchestra will provide the music and popular prices will be charged.

A special fancy dress carnival will be held under the auspices of the Napier Skating Club to-night at 8 o'clock. Skating will be available at the small charge of 6d., and the skating fee will also be 6d. The proceeds are in aid of the Skaters' Queen.

The inter-house sports committee advertise a mystery picnic for Sunday, leaving the H.B. Motor Company, Dickens Street, at 10.30 a.m. Excellent swimming and a paddock for games will be available. Hot water, tea and sugar will be provided, but no milk. This is sponsored by Woolworths, and advance tickets at 2/- each may be obtained from Fairclough's Radio Ltd.

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The boxing and wrestling committee also announces an all-star programme in the Municipal Theatre, Napier, on Sunday evening, commencing at 8.15. Splendid items are assured, and contributions of one shilling each are expected.

GREYHOUND RACING AT NAPIER

Excellent Programme For To-night

The progress made by the Northern Hawke's Bay Greyhound Racing Association during the past two years is proof in itself of the popularity of greyhound racing with the sporting public of Hawke's Bay. To-night another excellent programme of 15 events will be run, and approximately 40 greyhounds will compete on the 440yds track, under electric lights.

Broadcast from a public address system, a running commentary of the races will be given, and music will be provided between the races. Buses will leave five Square, Napier, for the stadium at 7.30 and 7.50.

"ROBINSON CRUSOE" AT NAPIER

Pantomime This Afternoon

In addition to the pantomime of "Robinson Crusoe" to be presented at the Municipal Theatre, Napier, to-day at 2.15 p.m., the pupils of Miss Peggy Black will provide the first half of the entertainment with beautiful ballets, tap dances, skipping dances, toe dances and other numbers.

The conclusion of the pantomime all children will be presented with a gift. Admission charges are: Children sixpence, adults one shilling.

The pantomime will also be presented on Monday in the Municipal Theatre, and the box plan is now open at Wally Ireland's, Emerson Street. Admission charges for the night performance are: adults 2/-, children 1/-.

The Daily Mail Personality Portraits

MRS A. DE CASTRO

Few women have had the privilege of living so full and interesting a life as Mrs Arthur de Castro, O.B.E., of Havelock North, who has devoted the greater part of her time in endeavouring to improve conditions for other people and in organising peace movements in various countries of the world.

The outstanding feature of Mrs de Castro's career was her brilliant, courageous and inspiring record of service during the years of the Great War. Only two weeks after her return to New Zealand from a visit to England, war was declared and her son enlisted. Mrs de Castro felt the call to go to Egypt. Shortly after her arrival in Cairo, she was appointed Lady Superintendent of the British Soldiers' Club which was visited by some 2000 or 3000 men each day.

When General Sir John Maxwell, then Commander-in-Chief, opened the Sisters' Convalescent Home at Zietoun, Egypt, he paid a personal tribute to the remarkable efforts of Mrs de Castro who had been largely instrumental in obtaining the institution. Mrs de Castro was responsible for the organisation of the Zietoun Home and repeated Mrs de Castro at the Sisters' Empire Club in Cairo.

Following the evacuation of Gallipoli, when the New Zealand soldiers were sent out to the Mesopotamian desert region and Ishmaelia, Mrs de Castro made an appeal to the Commander-in-Chief to be allowed to accompany the men. The necessary permission was granted, and through the efforts of General Birdwood and others, the military authorities erected a little hut for her which was opened by General Sir Andrew Russell. Reference to her work in the desert, she said, was made by General Brunell-White when speaking in the Melbourne Town Hall some years later.

In fulfilling her responsibilities, Mrs de Castro suffered a breakdown in health and she found it imperative to return to New Zealand. Permission to return to Egypt was granted by Lord Allenby in a letter which she carried with her. However, Mrs de Castro remained in the Dominion and organised receptions for soldiers returning home. In all, she met 56 transport ships as they arrived. A further breakdown in health resulted in Mrs de Castro returning to England where, in 1922, she was invited to represent New Zealand at a Peace Conference at the Hague. It was there that she saw what the Treaty of Versailles had meant to Europe, and realised the hopelessness of a peace built upon the treaty. A firm believer in the principle of the League of Nations, Mrs de Castro holds the opinion that the organisation will never be successful unless America joins with the rest of the world at the conference table.

Mrs de Castro's best known activities in recent years are those in connection with the English Speaking Union. She is a foundation member of this body and she was appointed honorary commissioner for Australia and New Zealand. The problems of emigration have received her attention and she believes that if Britain does not distribute her Empire populations more evenly some other countries will step in. She is the president of the Civic Group of the National Council of Women.

CRICKET MATCH AT DANNEVIRKE

High School A And B Teams

"Daily Mail" Special Service. DANNEVIRKE. The postponed competition game High School A versus B, who are the leaders in the Silver Bat competition in Dannevirke, this evening was played yesterday, and resulted in a win for the A team on the first innings.

The B's batted first and made 80 (Paewai 13, Peeti 15, Bullock 14, Field 14, A. Bullock 4, Grant 4, Ingram two for 11, Grant two for 25).

The A team made 118 (Lloyd 22, Farrell 30, Mabbett 22, Millar 16), Hackell took two for 49, Dobson four for 43, and Bullock three for 19.

At stumps the B team had nine wickets down for 81 in their second innings (Hackell 14, Paewai 13).

MINERS AND TRADES COUNCIL

Dispute On Recent Voting

By Telegraph—Press Association. GREYMOUTH, Dec. 8. Referring to the decision of the State Miners' Union to abstain from attendance at meetings of the West Coast Trades Council until its recent a recent resolution regarding the war, Mr. J. Boyle, president of the Council, stated that it carried the resolution by nine votes to five and that the motion on which the voting was even was one for publication.

Mr. Doyle denies the accuracy of the version of the matter given by the president of the State Miners' Union.

CHRISTMAS AS USUAL IN NAPIER AND HASTINGS

Conditions Overseas Will Have Little Effect On The Celebrations

In spite of conditions which might reasonably be expected to occasion some alteration to the festivities at Christmas time as they are usually observed it would appear that actually Christmas, 1939, will be very much the Christmas of previous years.

A survey yesterday of businesses which might have been affected by conditions overseas revealed that little change was anticipated. Hotels have their usual bookings, with the one exception of fewer visitors from overseas, while travellers will be as numerous as ever.

The holiday period this year will, so far as shops in Napier and Hastings are concerned, total 6½ days over Christmas and New Year.

Napier retailers will close at 10 p.m. on December 22, and they will close again at noon on the following day (Saturday), to re-open on the following Wednesday morning. The same hours will be observed at Hastings, except that they will close at 9 p.m. on the Friday.

The bakers have made a provisional arrangement to close on Saturday and re-open on Wednesday. There will be a bread delivery on Saturday. The same will apply to the New Year holidays, providing the arrangement is confirmed.

Napier butchers will close at noon on Saturday and re-open on the Wednesday. The same will apply at the New Year.

Advice concerning Post Office hours has not yet been received.

HASTINGS HOURS

In Hastings, according to the decision of the annual meeting of the Retailers' Association, the Friday night will also be observed as late night. Shops will close at 10 p.m., an hour later than usual. On Saturday, December 23, shops will close at noon on Saturday, re-opening the following Wednesday, December 27.

New Year holidays will be practically the same, with the single exception that on Friday night shops will close at the normal time of 9 o'clock.

Last year a similar break was observed, when no difficulty was experienced by shoppers, and this year the closing times should not unduly inconvenience those who prepare for the holidays.

According to reports yesterday, retailers are experiencing good business. As hotel proprietors expect good houses and are reserving rooms as usual at this time, bookings for the main routes out of Hastings served by motor companies are fully up to standard. Bookings for the season to Wellington, Rotorua, Taupo and especially to Gisborne, are already heavy. On the railways the same signs of a busy festive period are everywhere apparent. In Hastings and Napier, at least, the evidence points to Christmas, as well as business, as usual.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HEADQUARTERS

R.S.A. Committee Meets

CHRISTMAS RELIEF DISCUSSED

The Quarterly Reunion

A resolution to bring to the notice of Dominion Headquarters several matters affecting the welfare of soldiers in the present war, and to express approval of the action already taken by the Dominion Executive, was approved at the monthly meeting of the committee of the Hastings Returned Soldiers' Association.

It was also decided to make a distribution from the relief funds to unemployed ex-soldiers in distressed circumstances at Christmas time. The opinion was expressed that these funds should be conserved because of the possible difficulty of augmenting them during the war period.

Arrangements for the quarterly reunion on December 14 were concluded and an invitation is to be sent to all soldiers on leave at that time. The secretary reported that the financial membership was 339.

The president (Mr P. J. Priest) was in the chair. Present at the meeting were: Messrs F. R. Field, L. Mackersy, C. Prebble, K. E. Hunt, S. I. Jones, C. G. Wilkinson, F. H. Goldfinch, G. H. Roach and V. A. Thomson (secretary). Leave of absence was granted to Messrs P. J. S. George, L. J. B. Hammond and D. S. McLeod.

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COMMITTEES ARE ACTIVE

QUEEN CARNIVAL AT WAIROA

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

Since the Wairoa Queen Carnival is nearing its close all the queen committees are redoubling their efforts to raise funds and a number of events are planned to take place in the district before December 30, the final day.

The combined garden party which is to be held in Coronation Square to-day should be an outstanding success, provided the weather is favourable. Besides the various central attractions such as the baby show, tug-of-war, and decorated bicycle, tricycle and pram competitions and an exhibition of highland dancing, the committees will collect a wide variety of goods for sale. A feature will be the produce stalls, which are being run by the Maori, County and P.W.D. committees, and the Citizens have a well stocked cake stall and an ice cream and refreshment booth.

In addition to an extensive amusement park, the services of a palmist and two mind readers have been secured, and they may be freely consulted.

The grounds will be open to the public at 1 p.m., but the garden party will be declared open officially by Mr A. T. Carroll at 2 p.m. upon the arrival of the procession from North Clyde.

Diary of Events

The following are extracts from the various queen committee programmes.

County.—December 10: Garden party at residence of Mr and Mrs E. Eriksen, "Riverslea," Ardkene. December 16: Dance "Pihaanga," Ruakituri. December 23: Monster sports meeting and wind-up dance, Frasertown.

Citizens.—December 12: A "men's evening," residence of Mr and Mrs H. L. Harker.

Maori.—December 23 (Christmas Eve): Gala Dance, Taihoa Hall. P.W.D.—December 13 (Wednesday): Dance Osler's Hall, Wairoa.

The following was the position of the candidates at noon yesterday:—

Citizens (Miss V. Harker) . . .	18832
County (Miss D. Delaney) . . .	15570
P.W.D. (Miss K. Foley) . . .	13440
Maori (Miss I. Macgregor) . . .	4142

Children First

Mr. A. E. Jull, M.P., said he was of the opinion that something should be done, and he thought the proposal to make the first gala night one for the children was a commendable one.

Mr. Adeane suggested that the carnival should not be restricted to children.

The suggestion of a Centennial Ball received general approval, and in connection with the carnival afternoon at Coronation Memorial, Mr. Harker said it was proposed to include a display by the Wairoa Defence Corps of drilling, marching and signalling, and also to ask members of the inter-house teams to assist.

Regarding the collection of further funds for the Centennial Memorial, the committee were of the opinion that it would be unwise to continue with this phase in the meantime.

After further discussion the Centennial Committee was empowered to co-opt committees to carry out the functions arranged.

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CENTENNIAL WEEK PLANS DEBATED AT WAIROA

Arrangements For Carnival And Patriotic Efforts

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

Proposals as to the form of celebrations to be held in Wairoa during Centennial Week (February 11 to February 18) which had been drawn up by the Wairoa Centennial Committee were approved at a public meeting held in the Municipal Council Chambers and presided over by the Mayor (Mr F. Eagle). The members of the committee are Messrs C. G. E. Harker (chairman), F. Eagle, H. T. Limbrick, F. M. Tickner, J. Holdsworth, A. Fleet and B. Gamby (secretary).

Mr Eagle explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of deciding on the celebrations to be carried out in Wairoa, and for the formation of a Patriotic Committee. He then asked Mr Harker, as chairman of the Centennial Committee to outline the discussions which the committee had had in the matter.

It is the wish of the Government, said Mr. Harker, that the Centennial celebrations should proceed, but it was obvious that they must be of a modified nature. A tentative programme for Wairoa had been drafted and the gathering had to consider two main features. The first was whether to carry on with the celebrations, and, if so, their nature, and secondly, whether or not at the present time to proceed with the raising of funds for the Centennial Memorial. The provisional programme was as follows:—Sunday, February 11: Special services at all churches. Monday: Carnival evening in Main Street. Tuesday: Athletics. Thursday: Centennial Hall. Saturday: Carnival afternoon at Coronation Park. Sunday: R.S.A. annual picnic at Coronation Park.

Parents' Day At Wairoa

ANNUAL EVENT

School Year Draws To A Close

THE PROGRAMME

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

Parents' Day will be held at the Wairoa District High School on Wednesday. The school will be open to the public from 1.45 p.m., and displays in physical drill will be given by the classes between 2.30 and 3.15 p.m.

Addresses will be given by Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P., the Wairoa representative on the Hawke's Bay Education Board (Mr C. E. Sakersbury) and the Mayor of Wairoa (Mr H. L. Harker). The dux medal will be presented by Mrs MacKay, of Te Maire Station, and the honours' list made by the pupils themselves.

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BROKERS' REPORTS

Brokers report as follows on the stock sale at Dannevirke on Thursday.

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A RECORD HIGH LEVEL

WAIROA HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

NEW TEACHERS

Roll Held To Justify Additions

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

A record high level has been attained by the rolls at the Wairoa District High School this year and as a result of the increase in the number of pupils a move is being made to supplement the teaching staff when the school re-opens on February 5 following the annual vacation.

The rolls at the beginning of December totalled 715, advised the headmaster (Mr E. E. C. Boyes) at the monthly meeting of the school committee on Thursday night. There were 500 pupils attending the primary school, 79 in the secondary department, 15 in the special class, and 121 at North Clyde.

As a result of the increased rolls two more assistants, one junior and one senior would begin duty at the school next year. Their classes would be temporarily accommodated in the old secondary building pending the erection of two new rooms at the North Clyde side school.

A Recommendation

A recommendation that the Hawke's Bay Education Board be asked to appoint an additional assistant for the whole of next year because of the size of the school, was made by Mr Boyes.

School Swimming Sports.—The Wairoa secondary school annual swimming sports will be held at Motere next Thursday, according to advice from the headmaster (Mr E. E. C. Boyes).

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Yesterday On 'Change

Transaction List

Following is a list of transactions on the New Zealand Stock Exchanges:

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Sales Late Thursday	
Auckland Gas	0 17 0
Standard Insurance	2 18 0
N.Z. Insurance	3 0 0
Bonds Hosiery Mills	1 2 0
Broken Hill (2)	4 7 6
Macduffs	0 3 8
Woolworths Properties	1 5 3
Woolworths Ltd.	1 4 9
Mount Lyell	1 11 3

Sales Yesterday	
3% Bonds, 1941	99 0 0
4% Stock, 1946	99 10 0
Ditto, 1955	99 0 0
N.Z. Insurance	3 0 0
Tooth and Co. (2)	2 17 9
Ditto	2 18 0
Electrolytic Zinc (2)	3 3 6
Woolworths Ltd.	1 4 9
Woolworths Properties	1 5 3
Ditto (2)	1 5 6

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE

Broken Hill Pty.	4 7 0
Colonial Sugar	58 5 0
Ditto	58 10 0
Electrolytic Zinc (ord.)	3 3 8
Ditto	3 3 6
Ditto (2)	3 4 0
Austral (N.Z.)	1 8 0
Grey River	1 4 9
Ngahere (deferred) (9)	1 0 0

Sales Reported	
Tolaga Bay, 41%, 10/9/60	96 0 0
Colonial Sugar (N.Z.)	50 18 6
G. J. Coles	4 3 3
Mt. Morgan	0 9 11
Grey River	1 4 9
Electrolytic Zinc (pref.)	3 4 9
Ditto (ord.) (2)	3 3 6
Ditto	3 3 8
Ditto (3)	3 3 6

HEAVY OFFERING OF POULTRY

Market Sale Prices At Hastings

Messrs Harvey, Fulton and Hill report having held their weekly market sale in their mart, Russell Street, yesterday before a large attendance of the public. Again a very heavy yarding of poultry came forward, over 100 pens being yarded, the quality all through being fairly good. Demand was again firm and the whole yarding changed hands at prices quite firm up to those that have been ruling for some time past. The entry of tools and implements was also a good one and meeting with good competition was all cleared at auction.

The following are the prices:—

B.O. hens 3/4 to 4/2, B.O. cockerels 2/6 to 4/5, W.L. hens 2/6 to 3/8, W.L. cockerels 2/ to 3/3, B.O. chick cockerels 9d to 1/9, W.L. chick cockerels 5d to 1/8, ducks 10/6 ap pair, B.O. roosters 3/6 to 4/1, W.L. roosters 3/6 to 4/1.

Other sales were: Garden hose £1, lawn mowers 15/- and 15/-, spade 3/- and 3/6, tomahawk 2/-, adze 2/6, hoe 2/-, shovel 2/6, saw 2/6 and 2/3, collar £1/5/-, spray pump 15/-, wheels 5/-, wire £1/19/-, stock and dies 15/-, gent's bicycle £2/10/-, ladies' £1/17/6, girl's bicycle £3, posts £1 15/-, pram wheels 5/-, system £1, blinds 5/-, 19 chairs at 11/6, mattress £1/17/6, £2/17/6, set of harrows £5, wringers 30/- and £2, tall-boy £3/5/-, seagrass chairs 8/6 and 15/-, mower £4/10/-, chesterfield suites £10/15/- and £11/5/-, carpenters' and gardeners' tools, fruit and vegetables all at firm rates.

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Comment On The Films



Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power are the co-stars of a brilliant musical, "Second Fiddle," which will open in Napier next Friday at the State Theatre.

CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

HASTINGS

The way in which the spectacular career of a gangster who has scaled the heights of lawlessness affects those around him is vividly related in "BIG TOWN CZAR."

The escapades of a young fellow out to make his way in the world, and the adventures of his dog are the basis of "THE MIGHTY TREVE." To be seen on the same programme, "NIGHT KEY" presents Boris Karloff in a sympathetic role as an inventor whose valuable inventions have been stolen.

The story of how Dick Foran, a novice policeman, tracks down a gang of jewel robbers forms the basis of "INSIDE INFORMATION."

NAPIER

Diana Churchill has a prominent role in the splendid film, "JANE STEPS OUT." With her is cast Jean Muir, who gives a most convincing performance.

A prominent role in "MR. WONG IN CHINATOWN" is filled by Boris Karloff, who gives a performance again attests the formidable magic-like ability of the movies. This rugged, forbidding gash in the prehistoric earth of Southern California has been blown to bits—a gigantic job of face-lifting for Samuel Goldwyn's "THE REAL GLORY," which stars Gary Cooper in a story of the Philippine Insurrection of 1906.

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NAPIER

and "Blondie Takes a Vacation" (Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake), Tuesday to Thursday: "A Christmas Carol" (Reginald Owen, Terry Kilburn). Commencing next Friday: "Secret Service of the Air" (Ronald Reagan, Ila Rhoades) and "Kicking the Moon Around" (Ambrose and His Orchestra, Florence Desmond).

MUNICIPAL THEATRE—To-night and Monday: "Should Husbands Work?" and "Big Town Czar" (Barton MacLane). Tuesday: "Night Key" (Boris Karloff, Jean Rogers) and "The Mighty Treve" (Noah Beery, jun., Barbara Read). Next Friday: "Something to Sing About" and "Land of Fighting Men."

Humphrey Bogart and Kay Francis head the cast of "KING OF THE UNDERWORLD," a new and gripping crime drama.

HASTINGS

STATE THEATRE.—Now showing to Tuesday: "East Side of Heaven" (Sandy the baby, Joan Blondell, Bing Crosby). Wednesday to Thursday: "Kenny" (Richard Greene, Loretta Young) and "Mr. Moto Takes a Vacation" (Peter Lorre). Commencing next Friday: "In Name Only" (Cary Grant, Carole Lombard) with "Goofy and Wilba" (Disney cartoon).

REGENT THEATRE—Now showing to Friday: "Four Just Men" (anonymous cast). Commencing next Saturday: "The Hardy Ride High" (Mickey Rooney, Loretta Young). Christmas attraction: "First Love" (Deanna Durbin, Helen Parrish).

COSY THEATRE—To-day and Monday: "King of the Underworld" (Humphrey Bogart, Kay Francis)

PAM'S LETTER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you ever taken someone much younger than yourself on a visit to the Zoo?—someone so young and full of thrills that, before you know where you are you find yourself enjoying the outing just as much as the little one. I had that experience once. And the "little one" was just four years old!

Somehow we didn't know that the day was unbearably hot. Perhaps that was because part of our time was spent in drinking the cool water out of fountains, and spooning delicious ice-creams out of their cartons. There was a bag of peanuts clutched tightly in four-year-old's hand, but we did not touch them. Definitely, they must be reserved for the animals.

We visited the beautiful swans, the llamas, the bears, the cockatoos, the hippos, and the oddments of bird life scattered here and there.

Baby giraffe, with its dear little wobbly legs was immensely popular, with its velvety-brown eyes and its flicky ears, but Junior seemed more partial to the baby seal, and we wasted quite a time there. But I was furious when Poppa Seal lolloped off his rock into the water, and splashed all the group of admirers. Ungrateful wretch! I settled under my breath, and determined it was the very last time that part of the zoo would ever see me.

Then we met a tiny little girl crying her eyes out for her lost mother—and I was so terrified that Junior would commence crying in sympathy with her that I asked her to join the little party. But she sniffed a lot all the way, and when a worried mother came in sight I don't know who was the more grateful!

Later four-year-old thought we should see the bears. The heat haze was shimmering but a wind was rising. We edged through the crowd—and then the afternoon leapt into drama. One polar bear got peeved at the other and started ciffing it. Any other bear went into their toasty bed—but I didn't get the shower-bath that time. Then one of them clambered out and gazed at the crowd, only to be pawed at by its mate, who was severely cuffed for his pains.

But Junior was clamouring for another ice-cream. So we had it. The sun was a little kinder to us then and we sat on a seat by the entrance and watched a pelican in a nearby pool. And then it was time to go home.

Love and best wishes to you all. May the mail-bag be overburdened with Christmas entries this week.

Pam.

The Letterbox

Shirley Mackie, Hastings: Someone I missed you last week. I shall endeavour to locate the snap, Shirley, and return it to you. Special mention for the "School Bell." Break-up day must be popular!

Kay Johnstone, Dannevirke: writes: I have a new little baby brother called James Richmond (Dick, for short). Last Friday we had our school picnic and those Ashurst. We arrived by train and spent the day in the domain. The morning was sunny, but in the afternoon it rained and unfortunately most of us got wet. (Your Christmas plans sound exciting. Make time to write from the country during vacation.—P.)

Anne Goodwin, Mohaka: writes: To your good wishes I managed to deliver the school's best speech—it lasted six minutes! Last week my cousin and I went floundering but it was so muddy we seemed to be sinking all the time. (I admire your little drawing of "Doc." You have caught the right expression. Why not try a black-and-white sketch for Christmas combs? As a suggestion, "The Dwarfs' Idea of Christmas."—P.)

Dorothy Austin, Whakatu: has a rough this week. "This wind has been a terror—the flower garden is blown to bits, though luckily my vegetables are well sheltered. (Lucky for you, Dorothy. How would you all have fared for Christmas dinner?—P.)

Lillian Stanley, Hastings: I do hope the little birds arrive. You have 46 marks now. A merit card for you very soon. Do send your friend's letter to me.

Alice Farmer, Hastings: I shall be looking forward to receiving your Christmas comp. entries. "The Story Book Girl" is really delightful, but there is no extra space this week. No, the Page carries on during the holidays. What are your plans?—P.

Norah Austin, Whakatu: like sister Dorothy, is full of growls about the wind, although it seems to be over now. She writes: "Yesterday we had our Sunday School anniversary. I received a book called 'The Making of Mara' by Winifred Norling."

Mary Mackay, Putorino: says: "The little chicks have gone. It is so sad." (So that is the end of your little jaunt down the paddock. What a pity. Thanks for your photo program. Don't forget!).

HAWKE'S BAY DAILY MAIL PLAYTIME PAGE

The Boy Detective From Milton College

The boys of the Fourth Form filed past Mr Snell's desk, dispersed in several directions, and in a few seconds were ready to start the day. Mr Snell voiced the usual morning salutations (somehow they never seemed to vary) and the class commenced work. Withdrawing his gaze from the faces before him, the master searched his desk quickly and slowly an expression of bewilderment and consternation spread over his stern features. His lovely silver pencil—where had it gone? He had placed it on the desk but a few minutes before. Surely no boy had taken it—stolen it before his very nose?

The headmaster coughed: "Did any boy happen to see a silver pencil roll off my desk?" he asked.

All eyes searched the floor, but no pencil was to be seen. Mr Snell pursed his lips thoughtfully. He "I've put two and two together," he said, "and I bet you all the tea in China that John Ringland snatched up old Snell's pencil as he passed the desk."

"John wouldn't steal a thing and you know it!" cried Lionel.

"I'm not saying he stole anything. He thought the pencil was his, slipped it in his pocket when Snell wasn't looking and now he's too scared to do anything about it."

Lionel nodded wisely. "I've done that myself," he declared. "I had a penknife that Snelly took, and I just nicked it back in time when he was not looking."

"Do you think we ought to say anything to the poor chap? His mind must be in a frightful state. 'Let's hunt him up. The best thing he can do is to go to Snelly and explain everything. The master won't doubt his word."

After recess they searched for John and noticed when he slipped into class-room that he looked rather relieved. "I'll bet he's got rid of the pencil," whispered Bob.

His guess proved correct. When Bob confronted John later in the day and asked him what he'd done with the pencil, his eyes nearly popped out of his head, and he managed to stammer that he'd thrown it into the creek.

"I don't like to have it about me," he explained. "Wish I'd never seen it. I really thought it was mine. I didn't like to own up in case—"

"That's just where you're wrong. Snelly wouldn't have minded, even if he may have barked at you. But it's too late now."

"But the pencil is at the bottom of the lake," cried poor old John in despair.

(To be concluded next week).

THIS WEEK'S HONOURS

Artists: Mary Mackay, Putorino—2 marks.
Poets: Shirley Mackie, Hastings—2 marks.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Every bright and good wish for a happy birthday from Pen and every other member of the "Daily Mail" staff:

Betty MacMillan, Putorino, will be 10 on December 9.
Beverley Sharpin, Hastings, will be 10 on December 11.
Duncan Priest, Pukehou, will be 8 on December 13.

Father: Jack, your teacher complains that he is unable to teach you anything.
Jack: Well, dad, I always told you he was a dud teacher.

A Yuletide Presentation

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL," based on Charles Dickens' story of the Yuletide promises to bring to life Scrooge, Tiny Tim, the Cratchits and the rest of the characters loved for nearly a hundred years.

Read by millions, enacted countless times on stage and radio, the picture marks its first full-length screen presentation. Authentic replicas of scenes in London of the period and the quaint costumes make the characters literally walk from the pages of Dickens.

Reginald Owen plays the miserly Scrooge who finds regeneration through the visits of Christmas spirits. Terry Kilburn is heart-gripping as the crippled Tiny Tim, and Gene and Kathleen Lockhart bring Bob Cratchit and his wife to life in the story.

A "FACE-LIFTING" OPERATION

Picturesque Hunt-Salto Canyon, forty-five miles distant from Hollywood, has witnessed a miracle which again attests the formidable magic-like ability of the movies. This rugged, forbidding gash in the prehistoric earth of Southern California has been blown to bits—a gigantic job of face-lifting for Samuel Goldwyn's "THE REAL GLORY," which stars Gary Cooper in a story of the Philippine Insurrection of 1906.

For weeks studio workmen had been bottling up the neck of the canyon with a dam sufficiently large to back up several acres of water. This dam, for an important sequence in the picture, had to be blown up by studio "powder men" who used 450 pounds of "Hercules" black powder for that purpose.



A group of the leading players in "The Four Just Men," a timely story of international espionage, which is to open to-day at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS

- CLASS 1.—Painting Competition, 8-11 years. Black and White Sketch, 12-15 years. A Christmas Subject. Open to both Junior and Senior Sections.
 - CLASS 2.—Original Poem, open to all members, i.e., Juniors 8-11 years. Seniors 12-15 years.
 - CLASS 3.—Original Story, "Christmas in New Zealand." Open to both Junior and Senior Sections.
 - CLASS 4.—Writing Competition (a) 8-11 years; (b) 12-15 years. (The extract to be copied appears in to-day's issue. Please write in ink on one side of the paper.)
 - CLASS 5.—"Christmas in England." Open to both sections.
 - CLASS 6.—Black and White Sketch of Santa Claus. Open to both sections.
 - CLASS 7.—Black and White Sketched Christmas Cards.
- Points will be awarded as follows:—
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| First Place | 10 Points. |
| Second Place | 7 Points. |
| Honours | 4 Points. |

WRITING COMPETITION.

CLASS 4.—Two Classes (a) 8-11 years; (b) 12-15 years. Following is the piece to be transcribed and do not forget the conditions about paper and ink:—

"Thousands and thousands of shiny new toys
Impatiently waiting for good girls and boys
All the old favourites, and many so new
Only a Santa could create them for you."

THE SCHOOL BELL

Ding, dong, dell—
Goes the school bell.
It makes such a noise
That rouses the boys.

But soon they'll not worry
And won't even hurry
For, hurrah! We'll have our holidays—
Six long weeks of fun
The old school bell will go to sleep
While we play out in the sun.
—Shirley Mackie, Hastings (11)

A GRACIE FIELDS TRIUMPH

"SHIPYARD SALLY"—acclaimed as Gracie Fields' greatest—breaks fresh ground. The story is motivated by actual events in Clydebank—the internationally famous Scottish birthplace of the world's biggest liners.

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Someone was found who performed the miracle. Work on the "Queen Mary" was resumed and the keel of the "Queen Elizabeth" was laid . . . prosperity was restored. Gracie Fields personally saw and seized upon the dramatic episodes for a film story.



Carole Lombard and Cary Grant in a scene from "In Name Only," a romance with a new theme, which is to open next Friday at the State Theatre, Hastings.

"They Shall Have Music"

With Jascha Heifetz, the world's most renowned violinist, starred, Samuel Goldwyn's new major production "THEY SHALL HAVE MUSIC" unfolds a gripping story of human interest, highlighted by tense and thrilling action. The principal romantic roles are played by Andrea Leeds and Joel McCrea.

"They Shall Have Music" draws its characters and plot from the wealth of material found on New York's East Side. Briefly the story revolves around Professor Lawson, portrayed by Walter Brennan, and his music school settlement, composed of ragged youngsters who are musical prodigies. Into this school comes Frankie, who inherited a talent for the violin from his dead father and has run away from home to escape the hate of his stepfather. The boy is taken in tow by the professor, and blossoms into a fine musician.

How he tries to repay his debt and how he lures the great Heifetz to the aid of the financially bankrupt school provides the climax to the story.

Universal's "LISTEN KIDS!" has a foursome of women in its cast with HEY! HEY! HEY! and other successful stage years to their credit. They are Janet Beecher, Cecil Cunningham, Hedda Hopper and Marjorie Rambeau.

The introductory note to Garbo's new picture, "NOTCHES," reads: "This story takes place in East London when a siren was a brunette and not an air-raid alarm—and when a Frenchman turned out a light it was not because of a black-out."

The Spider's Web

"THE MAN HUNT"

You will remember hearing last week that the Spider went to a deserted warehouse supposedly to rescue a prominent city banker, Mr. Chase. When he released the prisoner, however, he found that it was only a trap for as he went to leave the building he found every exit blocked by gunmen. Fleeing to the roof, exchanging shots with his enemies as he went, he reached there and rapidly looked around for some place to hide or some way to escape. Right up at one end he noticed a wire stretching across to the adjoining building. Running to the end of the roof he carefully climbed over the edge and, swinging down on to the wire, attempted to go hand over hand to the other side. By this time the crooks were close behind him. Not one of them was daring enough to go across the wire after the Spider so they severed the connections at their end and the sluth went plunging down to earth at a sickening speed . . .

Clutching the severed wire with a death-like grip, the Spider swings downward, strikes the opposite wall feet first, then slides to the ground and escapes to safety. Shortly afterwards at his flat, the Spider hears a sharp knock at the door. Going there and opening it, he sees two men holding the almost lifeless body of a man named Gray who is one of the persons the sluth suspects of being the Octopus. Gray's nerves have been shattered by a short wave apparatus applied to him by the Spider's men who were trying to make the unfortunate man tell all he knew. The torture, however, was fruitless for Gray's leader they were looking for and although he did know who he was he would not tell them. Having made the men bring Gray to the Spider, thinking that he may succeed in making him talk whereas they could not. The sluth however, does not get the opportunity to do any questioning for at that moment there is a crashing of glass as a bunch of the Octopus's henchmen come bursting through the window. A fierce gun battle takes place and the helpless lock is the first to be killed. While three crooks concentrate on shooting the Spider, another two seize Ram Singh and dragging him along the floor take him through the front door and put him into their car and drive away. In the meantime the Spider has shot one of his enemies and captured the other two. Anxious for the safety of his aide he threatens one of his prisoners with the apparatus that almost wrecked Gray's nervous system and the cowardly man, becoming hysterical, reveals the place to where Ram Singh is being taken. Secretly locking down the door, the Spider hurries to the flat the Spider hurries to the address given to him by the crooks hoping to be able to save his friend. Reaching the old dilapidated two-storey house he snoops around trying to detect which room Ram Singh is in. A sudden cry of agony direct

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KILROBE'S CHANCE TO-DAY

Hororata Fields Under Review

By MOTUROA

Single pool betting will be used at the Hororata meeting to-day and Kilrobe, who won so impressively from Alma at Ashburton appears to have been on the Knight Memorial. She is still on a handy mark and is sure to give a good account of herself.

The following have form to recommend them for to-day:—

Trial Plate: Turncoat, Papernilla, Bangor Highweight: Chit Chat, Ferriby.

Hororata Hack Handicap: Shanghai Lily, Princess Minerva.

Novice Stakes: Gold Don, Dinah Dhu.

Knight Memorial: Kilrobe, The Wrecker.

Sandown Hack Handicap: Great Legion, Rebellon.

The following are the acceptances:

12.30—TRIAL PLATE, of £90, 5 furlongs.—Friedrich 8.2, Royal Lassie 8.2, Guy Hasser 8.2, Shining Wings 8.2, Muriel 8.2, Great Night 8.2, Caretaker 8.2, Lady Magellan 8.2, Papernilla 8.2, Sweet Mystery 8.2, Turncoat 8.2, Box On 8.2, Ageratum 8.2, Sham Raid 8.2, Kilcato 8.2, Swing Time 8.2, Gray Silk 8.2.

1.10—BANGOR HIGHWEIGHT HACK HANDICAP, of £95, 1 mile.—Ferriby 10.5, Rebel Queen 9.10, Phil 9.1, Improvident 9.0, Chit Chat 9.0, Good Health 9.0, In the Dark 9.0.

2.30—HORORATA HACK HANDICAP, of £125, 11 miles.—Shanghai Lily 9.0, Dividend 8.4, The Duel 8.2, Elmarth 7.13, King's Toast 7.7, Night Prince 7.7, Princess Minerva 7.7.

3.10—NOVICE STAKES, of £90, 7 furlongs.—Chit Chat 8.2, Pink Lad 8.2, Sham Boy 8.2, Scourten 8.2, Metric 8.2, Rebel Rose 8.2, Muriel 8.2, Dhu 8.2, Sweet Mystery 8.2, Racewell 8.2, Ngaitama 8.2, Nigella 8.2, Cold Don 8.2, Phil 8.2, Fascinator 8.2, Papernilla 8.2.

3.50—H. A. KNIGHT MEMORIAL HANDICAP, of £100, 7 furlongs.—Dictate 9.0, Kilrobe 8.8, Wine Card 7.12, Gay Parade 7.11, Skyrena 7.10, The Wrecker 7.4, Flame Queen 7.3, Ageratum 7.0.

5.10—SANDOWN HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 6 furlongs.—Rebellon 9.0, Garonne 8.9, Great Legion 8.3, Miss Tasia 8.3, St. Cloud 8.2, Tantiy 7.13, Phillip 7.12, Passenger 7.10, Royal Lassie 7.10.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB (INC.)

SUMMER MEETING

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To be held on the HASTINGS RACECOURSE.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1939.

SECOND DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1940.

OFFICIALS.—President: G. D. Beaton. Handicapper: H. Coyle. Starter: W. Price. Judge: M. B. Bergin. Secretary: A. E. Wishart. Telephone 2447. P.O. Box 13, Hastings.

FIRST DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1939.

To start at 12.30 p.m.

1—HASTINGS MAIDEN, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. Weight, 7st. 7lb. For horses that have never won a Flat Race at time of starting. 5 1/2 FURLONGS.

2—OTARU HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. For horses that at the time of entry have started three times in a steeplechase or hurdle race and for horses eligible to run in Hack Flat races. Only recognized Steeplechase or Hurdle Race Jockeys, approved by the Stewards, shall be eligible to ride. Min. weight, 8st. 10lb. 11 MILLES.

3—HAVELOCK FLYING HANDICAP (Hack Conditions), of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES.

4—NEW YEAR HANDICAP, of £175, 2nd £30, 3rd £15. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. Acc. £1/10/-.

5—JUVENILE HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. For two-year-olds. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. 5 FURLONGS.

6—STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of £150, 2nd £30, 3rd £15. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. Acc. £1/10/-.

7—WAIPATU HANDICAP (Hack Conditions), of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. 5 FURLONGS.

(The winner of any race after declaration of weights may be re-handicapped).

SECOND DAY MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1940.

To start at 12.30 p.m.

1—JANUARY HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. Winners on the Flat at any time barred, with the exception of the Hastings Maiden, and Steeplechase. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. Acc. £1/10/-.

2—AOTEA HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. Conditions the same as first day. Min. weight, 8st. 10lb. 11 MILLES. 5 FURLONGS.

3—NAPIER FLYING HANDICAP (Hack Conditions), of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. Acc. £1/10/-.

4—PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, of £175, 2nd £30, 3rd £15. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. Acc. £1/10/-.

5—NURSERY HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. For two-year-olds. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. Acc. £1/10/-.

6—FLYING HANDICAP, of £150, 2nd £30, 3rd £15. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. Acc. £1/10/-.

7—OMAHU HANDICAP (Hack Conditions), of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 11 MILLES. Acc. £1/10/-.

(Winner of any race this time to carry penalty of 7lb., but winners of hack races will not be penalised in open races.)

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS (for all events)—£1 close with the Secretary at Queen Street, Hastings, at 8 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1939.

WEIGHTS for all handicap races on first day of meeting will be declared on MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1939 (morning papers).

ACCEPTANCES for all races on the first day of meeting will be declared at Queen Street, Hastings, at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1939.

WEIGHTS for all handicap races on second day of meeting will be declared at the Club's rooms, Queen Street, Hastings, at 7 p.m. on the evening of the first day's races.

ACCEPTANCES for all races on second day close with the Secretary at the Club's Office, Queen Street, Hastings, at 8.30 p.m. on the evening of the first day's races.

A. E. WISHART, Secretary. Telephone 2447. P.O. Box 13, Hastings. (Approved by H.B. District Committee, 1/11/39.)

RACING A WOODVILLE

Splendid Fields Carded

(By MOTUROA.)

With the weather beautifully fine, the track in perfect order, and the fields large and of good quality, prospects for the opening of the Woodville Jockey Club's summer meeting to-day are particularly bright. The meeting is one without handy reach of all Hawke's Bay racegoers and there should be a very large attendance both to-day and on Monday.

Form has been well disclosed by the recent meetings at Napier Park, Levin, Otaki and Feilding, and patrons should have a wealth of form to guide them in their deliberations. As well, this meeting should provide a good line on prospects for the holiday fixtures and form should be worth noting carefully.

Single pool betting will be in operation and the following is a review of the first for to-day:—

12.0—MANGA-ATUA HURDLES, Of £120, 1 1/4 miles.

Fossicker 10 6 Fossicker's best hurdling form would give him a great chance here, but there is a possibility that he may be kept for the second day. Air Shot is a fast jumper and in form. In his last start he has run second to Erebus at Waverley and won at Bulls and Stratford. Anini 9 9 beating good class horses. He should be very hard to head off here. In his last start he was second to Erebus and did not appear as much as Anini, who created a very good impression the second day at Feilding. Anini seems to be making steady improvement. Primak is a good jumper, but he has not shown his best. Parian and he should also hold Sir Nigel safe. High Peer is a good jumper and has done well since he made his debut as a hurdler at Bulls. Great Quex has plenty of pace, but form points to

ANINI and AIRSHOT

12.40—MAIDEN STAKES, Of £90, 5 1/4 furlongs.

Hunting Dawn 8 11 Hunting Dawn is speedy and should improve with her races at Feilding. Mimetical will be making his debut, and he may be all the better for a race or two. Algerian ran third to Submission last season, and though he will be having his first race of the season, the half-brother to Lowenberg will have to be considered on his breeding. Goldcraft shows a lot of speed, and so does Val Vere, who ran Tuatara to a neck at Stratford. Squeers has been working well and Waimutu showed pace at Bulls. Don Quex finished strongly at Feilding, but a slight rise in weight without a change in form. Newbury Queen showed pace last season and ran a second to Endorsement at Pahiatua. Moradabad disappointed at Feilding, while the great pace in the race. Parian ran a second on this track in the autumn, while Last Acra has been galloping well at Awapuni. Kotua is having his first race. If Algerian looks tuned up he should be worth considering, but the more seasoned candidates are

VAL PERE, DON QUEX and GOLDCRAFT

1.20—BOLTON HANDICAP, Of £200, 1 1/4 miles.

Slegmund won in a canter the second day at Feilding and his 5lb. rise in weight should not worry him. Wotan cannot be ruled out as a has-been, but there was very little sting in his Feilding efforts and he would have to improve a lot. Friedland has done well since racing at Stratford. He is a good class horse when right. Baran 8 1 the logical form horse. He has not been out of a place this season chasing class gallopers like Beauville, Beauport and Beauport, who would simply dominate the betting if started in a race like this. Baran leaves the impression that he is improving all the time and he should be very hard to beat. Hunting Cat is a possibility and should hold Galtormer safe. The Bigot would have only to go right to have a chance here, but Colonel Bogey looks to be a more consistent galloper. His chances would be improved by a soft track, but he won well at Feilding and this distance suits him. Entail is worth considering on his Wakatu Cup running, but the Colonel Bogey looks to be a more consistent galloper. The Crooner 7 7 His chances would be improved by a soft track, but he won well at Feilding and this distance suits him. Entail is worth considering on his Wakatu Cup running, but the Flying Ace 7 6 of coming back to go over the distance. Flying Ace 7 6 Colfort 7 0 Colfort is worth considering, while Colfort is a recruit for hack ranks who must be given a reasonable chance of coming back to go over the distance. Flying Ace 7 6 Limbohm 7 0

BARAN and COLONEL BOGEY

2.0—NURSERY HANDICAP, Of £120, 5 furlongs.

Ringcraft 8 13 Ringmaster's third in the Wesley Stakes and his second to Black Robe in his only other start to date, assures heavy support for him. Ringmaster, another of the stock of Ringmaster, won in a canter at Feilding, while King's Mark will be more at home in the former. Ringmaster's form is a good one, and he is a real stylish mover. I have seen Ringmaster in a canter for speed, while considerable interest will be taken in the running of the Thackeray, who is one of the most stylish movers I have seen. Ringmaster is bred quite a good third to Chary at Feilding, but Isis may have a few races and should be held safe by Rich Blood, who showed pace the second day at Feilding. Form, however, points to

RINGCRAFT and ORAGON

2.40—OETE HANDICAP, Of £160, 6 furlongs.

Lady Furst 9 0 Lady Furst is a great mare and a fine sprinter, but her racing of recent months over distances up to two miles is likely to have taken the edge off her brilliance. Kathbella 8 8 Kathbella has come along fast in the past few weeks and encourages the belief that she is not far from her best. Flammarion has done well since racing at Feilding and he may go a great deal better. Footloose 7 7 Footloose is capable of better form than she showed at Feilding, while Tableau appears to be on the verge of her best. Jeanne 7 0 Jeanne has been in good form. Footloose raced well the last season, but he may need to be held safe by Kathbella and Flammarion. In a very open contest, the pair are the ones to watch.

KATHBELLA and FLAMMARION

3.20—BOROUGH HACK HANDICAP, Of £120, 7 furlongs.

Night Eruption 9 10 Night Eruption has a big weight, but she won on the 9.2 mark at Otaki and came out later in the day to win the open seven furlongs. Her form is outstandingly good. White Rajah has been sandwiching bad races among good ones this season, but Kobi ran a fine third to Chirp at his last start and he should be more forward now. Trench Law 8 10 Trench Law is a good class horse and he should be well considered, while that was the second time he was second. Royal Spades 7 7 Royal Spades is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Scandal 7 7 Scandal at his last start and was finishing brilliantly over six furlongs. The extra distance will suit him. Earl Colossus 7 7 Earl Colossus has been in good form. Gay Fox 7 7 Gay Fox should be well considered, while that was the second time he was second. Dunmanway 7 7 Dunmanway is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Royal Spades 7 7 Royal Spades is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Dynast 7 7 Dynast is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Red Shoes 7 7 Red Shoes is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Tiger Bill 7 7 Tiger Bill is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Sir Musket 7 7 Sir Musket is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Little Dorrit 7 7 Little Dorrit is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Joe Louis 7 7 Joe Louis is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Tidal Lass 7 7 Tidal Lass is a good class horse and he should be well considered. Chandy 7 7 Chandy is a good class horse and he should be well considered.

NIGHT ERUPTION and CHIEF LORD

4.0—MANGARAWA HACK HANDICAP, Of £110, 6 furlongs.

Liberal's Mint 9 0 Liberal's Mint has not raced for several months and should be held safe by Hui, who created a fine impression at Greenmeadows. Hui should be an even better filly now and she should be well considered. Lady Chat 8 7 Lady Chat has been steadily coming back to form and was a good second to Autolite at Otaki. Punara 8 2 Punara was second to Kawaka at Waverley and fourth at Stratford, while Red Chief's Trentham form was good. Colibri 8 0 The Ring has not been lucky in her recent starts, but she shaped quite well at Feilding and should be more at home on this big track. Colibri won well at Feilding and is improving all the time. Indian Sun ran two solid fourths at Trentham in his last two starts and a repetition of that form would make him very hard to beat. He should be a better horse now. Hasten has a rough chance, and so has Regale, but a preference is expressed for

HUI and LADY CHAT

4.45—WHARITI HACK HANDICAP, Of £120, 1 mile and a distance.

Antia Foe 9 0 Antia Foe ran third in the Oaks at her last start and a repetition of that form would make her very hard to beat here. Sudan does not seem to be right yet, but Cherry Plecker 8 9 Cherry Plecker's Masterton form was good. He would have only to run up to that to be very hard to stop. Prime Quality 8 5 Prime Quality was second to Kawaka at Waverley and fourth at Stratford, while Red Chief's Trentham form was good. Colibri 8 0 The Ring has not been lucky in her recent starts, but she shaped quite well at Feilding and should be more at home on this big track. Colibri won well at Feilding and is improving all the time. Indian Sun ran two solid fourths at Trentham in his last two starts and a repetition of that form would make him very hard to beat. He should be a better horse now. Hasten has a rough chance, and so has Regale, but a preference is expressed for

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This year's entry is a record with a total of 220 yearlings representing 55 different sires and 140 breeders. All of the leading studs in the Dominion are strongly represented. Bulandhar, the sire of that great three-year-old, High Caste, has the largest representation with Tiderace, the only son of Fairway in the Dominion, to each have 15 representatives. One of Tiderace's yearlings topped the Sales last year making 1450 guineas. The first two runners by him have already shown great promise and he is expected to be one of the rising sires in the Dominion.

Two other sires strongly represented are the Foxlaw horse, Foxbridge, and the young Phalaris sire, Phalaris. The latter, who is closely related to Pharos and Fairway, has already sired three two-year-old winners from his first crop in the Dominion. He is represented by 14 yearlings.

Foxbridge's oldest stock are now three-year-olds and are winning with wonderful consistency in New Zealand. There are 11 youngsters by him, 13 by another young Phalaris sire, Phalaris, and 10 by a son of New South Wales, and there are 10 yearlings by that wonderfully consistent sire, Lord Quex. He is the sire of Catalogue and many first class stayers in New Zealand.

Hunting Song, the champion sire in New Zealand, is also strongly represented as is Posterity who has been much to the fore overseas this year representing the Mosca family in Australia and Tuhunga in South Africa. The latter won five races on end this season, including the Durban Gold Cup of 2500 sovs.

Fewer Defoes

There are not many yearlings in the catalogue by Defoe, the sire of the great colt, Defaulter, but these are the sire of the first class youngsters. This horse does not serve more than 15 mares a year.

Bliss, Night Raid and Nightmarch, all of whom are doing very well in the Dominion this season, Lord Warden, Lachman (the sire of Mairi), Mipurna (the sire of Mairi), Pink Coat (the sire of Kinnoull), Siegfried (the sire of Yours Truly and Wotan), Tidal (the sire of Floodtide), and

MANAWATU CUP PROSPECT

BACKERS would be wise to take note of the running of the Buzzer in the Oete Handicap at Woodville to-day in view of the engagement the 1937 Auckland Cup winner claims in the Manawatu Cup on Christmas Eve. The Buzzer has been galloping particularly well at Awapuni of late and, while he would have no chance in the sprint to-day, he must be given a great chance in the twelve furlong event at Awapuni. He has raced well on his home course before.

Additional racing appears on page 2.

Other proven sires that are also well represented include Colossus, Captain Bunsby, Gascon, Illumination, Nightly, Midian, Pombal, Spearance, Salmagundi, Rulanut, Winning Hit, etc.

Some promising sires who have commenced well include Ringmaster, Leighon, Inflation, Safari, Solicitor, King's Mark, etc. Ringmaster, who is known in Australia that are also represented include Pantheon, Salmagundi and Hazra.

Some particularly well bred young sires whose first yearlings are expected to attract much attention include Man's Pal, a highly performed son of Manna descending from Chelandy; a half-brother to Manna in Baffles; the young staying horse, Foxlaw horse, Foxbridge, the Solaris horse, St. Boswells; and a grey son of Tetratema in Theio, a noted sprinter and

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OBELO, who is highly regarded in some quarters in Auckland, will be attempting a difficult double during the Christmas holidays—the Railway Handicap and the G.N. Derby.

Not many three-year-olds have their winding-up gallop in the sprint, but the double was first achieved by Loyalty in 1893-94 when the St. George colt carried the colours of Carbine.

Renown won the double for the Hon. J. D. Ormond at the 1900-01 meeting, while another double came to Hawke's Bay when Hunting Cry triumphed in 1929-30. The last to win the two races was Gay Blonde, who won in 1934-35.

RACING FIXTURES

Dec. 9—Hororata R.C. District J.C.

Dec. 9, 11—Woodville District J.C.

Dec. 16—Waipa R.C.

Dec. 23, 26, 27—Manawatu R.C.

Dec. 26—Waipukurau J.C.

Dec. 26—Westland R.C.

Dec. 26, 27—Dunedin J.C.

Dec. 26, 27—Taranaki J.C.

Dec. 28, January 1, 2—Auckland R.C.

At Hastings yesterday morning Proclamation (Mudford) surprised by easily beating Black Majesty (Marsh) over half a mile on the plough in 51—a good gallop. Morning Flight (Atkins) also went well in beating Mother-in-Law (Mudford) over six furlongs in 1:19.2-5, the first three in 38.3-5.

Jack Forsyth will be on the Defoe-Golden Stream filly Goldcraft in the Maiden Stakes at Woodville to-day.

A two-year-old of rather obscure breeding at Woodville to-day is the Awapuni filly Aoroni. She is carded as a Cynic colt, however, she has been showing quite a turn of pace on the tracks.

If Sleeveless contests the Oete Handicap to-day—which is very probable—Tableau will be reserved for the second day.

The New Plymouth mentor Horrie Dullew will have three runners in the Nursery Handicap at Woodville to-day. Ringling (Ringmaster-Variable) was an impressive winner at Feilding; Lucky Lulu (Foxbridge-Lady Lulu) ran indore to a neck in the Debutante Stakes at Wanganui in his only start to date; and Army Girl is an unraced filly by Rulanut from Joy Box.

Although Earl Colossus has been racing badly in his few starts this season it should not be overlooked that he has won at Woodville before and he has been dropped very considerably in the weights. He may surprise.

Sleeveless, who is expected to show improved form in the Oete Handicap to-day at Woodville, won her first race at this meeting twelve months ago.

Millament, who is engaged in the hack sprint to-day at Woodville, was third to Submission there last December and second to Vascones in the autumn. Millament is engaged in the Queen's Plate at Ellerslie on Boxing Day—a race that should not be beyond the Okawa filly.

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BUSINESS:
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 Admission: 2/6.

NAPIER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING EVENING
 Presentation of Prizes, School Speech Contests (Finals). Items by the School Choir. Prizes presented by the Chairman of the Hawke's Bay Education Board: G. A. Maddison, Esq. Speaker for the Evening: DR. E. BEBEY (Assistant-Director of Education).
MUNICIPAL THEATRE.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, at 8 p.m.
 All friends and members of the general public cordially invited.
Hawke's Bay County Council Office, NAPIER, Dec. 8th, 1939.
PUBLIC NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from the above date the BLACK BRIDGE over the Tuki Tuki River near Haumoana will be available for ONE WAY TRAFFIC ONLY, i.e., traffic circulating in one direction, to be of the bridge before traffic from the opposite direction can enter. The former passing bay in the centre has been closed to facilitate control.
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HASTINGS WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB.
WEDNESDAY NEXT — 13 p.m.
PARTY to make up Christmas Parcels for the soldiers.
 Hostess: Mrs T. H. Lowry.
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WHAT'S IN THE WIND?
ONGAONGA CENTENNIAL SPORTS NEW YEAR'S DAY.
HAWKE'S BAY FAVOURITE SPORTS MEETING.
 Entries for Athletic, Cycling and Axiemen's Events Close December 18.
H. BOYCE, Hon. Sec.
NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PARTY. WAIKAWA ELECTORATE. MARAKAKAHO BRANCH.
A MEETING of the above branch will be held in the Marakakaho Hall on Tuesday, 12th, December, at 8 p.m. Mr R. Tapper, organiser, will address the meeting. All interested cordially invited.
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