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NAZIS' CAPTIVES CHEERED AS 17 BRITISH SHELLS THUNDERED ON GRAF SPEE

RAIDER'S VICTIMS INTERVIEWED AT MONTEVIDEO

ENEMIES WERE FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL: FAREWELLS WERE SAID

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MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14.

Before they were freed, the prisoners aboard the Admiral Graf Spee, who came from nine merchantmen, were forced to sign a pledge to remain ashore for the rest of the war, on penalty of death if recaptured.

Lean and unshaven, they carried shapeless bags holding their scanty belongings. Some were clinging to lifebelts salvaged from their old ships. Their ages ranged from 72 to boys apparently under 15. All showed the effects of their terrible day in close confinement in the bowels of the Admiral Graf Spee while British shells pounded the ship, but they cheered and laughed as the shells landed on their captor. Her commander and the German naval attache, both in full dress, surrendered the men to Uruguayan officials in the Naval Prefecture. They were later turned over to the British Legation.

At the British Consulate, the prisoners described how they counted the hits by the British guns and cheered for the attacking cruisers, although they realised that they were doomed if the Graf Spee sank, because the doors of their steel cells were barred when the action began.

A quiet-mannered Doric Star officer gave one of the best accounts of the battle:

"We were awakened at 6 a.m. by cannonading, and knew it to be serious when the guards locked and barred our doors and went to their battle stations," he said. "We realised that a British victory might mean our deaths; nevertheless, as the battle progressed there was singing and cheering for the attackers. We counted 17 hits by British shells.

"You may not believe it, but several who were shaving when the firing began quietly went on and finished the job. I was gargling some medicine when we had a British visitor. A piece of shell tore its way into the quarters and I swallowed all the medicine.

"Our confinement area aboard the Graf Spee was directly under the 11-inch turret, and every time a shot was fired it seemed as if the whole of the roof collapsed.

"War is Over for You"

"The grandest news ever was when an officer came down and said: 'Gentlemen, the war is over for you. We've just entered Montevideo harbour.'"

The narrator added that most of the Germans were young. "I don't think they ever considered the possibility of having to fight another warship," he said. "They seemed to think their only job was the sinking of freighters. That probably was one reason why the light cruisers were able to force the Graf Spee to yield."

Captain Patrick Dove, of the Africa Shell, said that the Graf Spee's commander called him to the bridge before the prisoners were released and told him that the cruisers had made a gallant fight.

"When people fight like that, personal enmity is lost," the first officer observed. "Those British are hard."

Another officer remarked: "You fellows have been our prisoners for a long time. It now looks like our turn."

Captain Dove said that the Africa Shell was sunk within Portuguese waters.

Victims' Ships

The British Consulate-General announces that the Graf Spee's victims were: The Clement, Newton Beach, Ashlea, Huntsman, Trevanion, Africa Shell, Doric Star, Tairoa, Streonshalh.

The Africa Shell was sunk off East Africa, the Streonshalh in the South Atlantic, and the remainder off the coast of South America.

The prisoners disclosed that the Graf Spee left Germany before the outbreak of the war, and, after sinking the Clement off Brazil on October 2, ranged over the South Atlantic from South America to Africa. She confiscated provisions before sinking and either took the crew prisoner or set them adrift in lifeboats.

The prisoners said they were well treated, but some commented that, while the Germans were good sailors and friendly, they appeared more willing to seize merchantmen than risk a fight with British or French warships.

The prisoners were frequently allowed on deck. Sixty-two were kept in a single room without distinction between officers and men, but there was no particular discomfort and the food was adequate.

Shell Hit Prison

Their worst experience in yesterday's battle was when a shell struck the prison, but there were no casualties.

A Berlin message states that the German High Command announced: "The Graf Spee received some hits and is for the moment harbouring at Montevideo. Two of the six British captains aboard were taken prisoner the day before the battle after their ships had been sunk."

THE FIRST LORD'S MESSAGE

PRIDE IN ACHILLES'S PART

WARM TRIBUTE

Minister Recalls Ship's Dominion Training

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 15.

The Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) to-night received a message from the First Lord of the Admiralty (the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill) expressing warm admiration of the most gallant action fought by the Achilles.

Mr Churchill's message was: "May I express the warm admiration which my colleagues and I feel for the most gallant action fought by H.M.S. Achilles, whose services were so generously given on the outbreak of the war."

The following reply has been sent to the First Lord by Mr Jones: "My colleagues and I and the Naval Board very much appreciate your kind telegram. We are proud that H.M.S. Achilles has been able to take part in this gallant naval action."

Mr Jones said, in an interview that the news that had been reaching this country during the past hours could not have failed to stir the hearts of all New Zealanders. He rejoiced with them in the victory secured and the active part taken in the naval battle by the Achilles.

"Last year," said Mr Jones," I had the privilege of spending two days on board the Achilles for the purpose of witnessing the naval exercises carried out by that ship in conjunction with other units of the New Zealand navy but little did I think that the experience then being gained by the ship would so soon be tested in actual warfare."

HASTINGS MEN ON THE ACHILLES

Among the crew of the British cruiser, Achilles, which was engaged in the combat with the German pocket battleship in the South Atlantic Ocean, is Chief Petty Officer I. D. Crawford, a son of Mrs A. R. Crawford, Willowpark Road, Hastings.

Also aboard the Achilles now is believed to be Madame Mercer's son Samuel, of Napier, and Petty-Officer J. Patchett, Hastings.

STEAMER SINKS AT FALMOUTH

One Of Crew Drowns As Fire Was Raging

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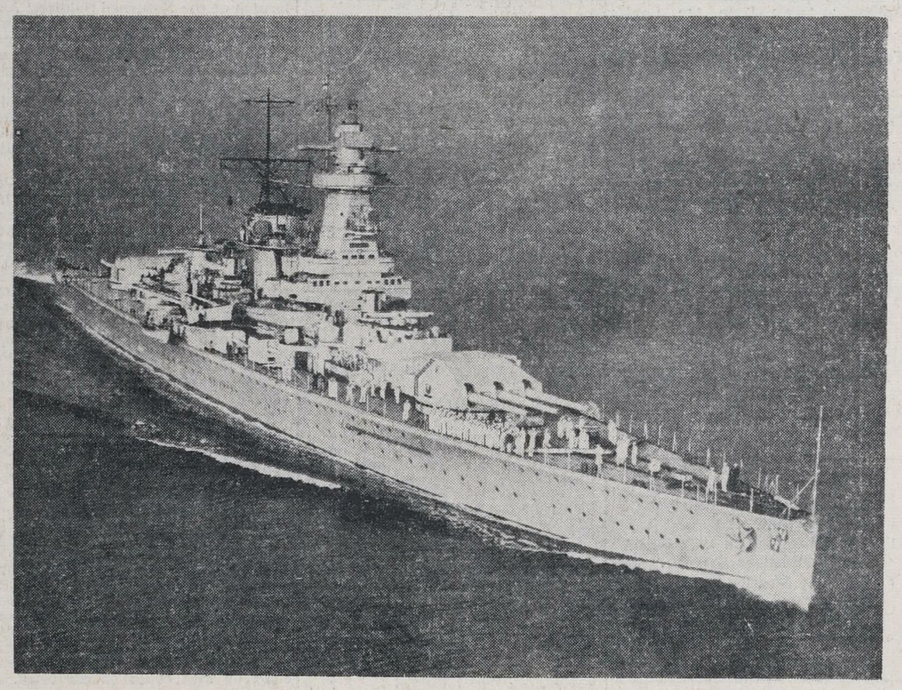
LONDON, Dec. 15.

The steamer Stanwood sank in Falmouth harbour while attempts were being made to put out a fire.

All the crew were rescued except the Canadian wireless operator.



THE RAIDER THAT FLED.—The 10,000-ton, 26-knot German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, which fought a losing battle with three British light cruisers off Uruguay. Her bow-wave well suggests her speed.

Gallant Action Fought By Achilles

Mr Savage Compliments Captain And 327 Ratings

Dominion Men

Auckland Patriotic Council Votes £500 To Navy As Thanks

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 15.

"The people of New Zealand will be thrilled by the fact that one of their own fighting ships, the Achilles, played so splendid a part in putting the German pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, to rout," said the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage) in an interview.

"The sea battle," he said, "involved a long and strenuous encounter which will take a notable place in the glorious annals of British naval history. I should like to express on behalf of the Government and people the admiration which New Zealanders everywhere feel, and to offer the heartiest congratulations to Captain Parry and the complement of the Achilles, which includes 327 New Zealand sailors.

No Details of Casualties

"I have just received a telegram from our High Commissioner advising me that the Admiralty have not yet been informed if the Achilles suffered damage or casualties, and that the latest Admiralty statement is that the smallest Dominion Navy will be proud of the fact that many of her men took part in so gallant an action.

"The High Commissioner, who is in Geneva at the moment, also reports that he has received a large number of expressions of gratitude and admiration, in which New Zealanders in the United Kingdom join, for the courageous feats of the officers and ratings of the Achilles.

"It is indeed gratifying," Mr Savage concluded, "that in this first naval action our boys acquitted themselves in a manner fully in keeping with the great traditions of the British Navy. We are all proud of them."

An Auckland message reports that in recognition of the part taken by the Achilles in the fight off the coast of Uruguay, the Auckland Provincial Patriotic Council has made a grant of £500 for dispensation through the National Patriotic Board of comforts and amenities to ships' companies in all units of the New Zealand Naval Division.

Governor General's Message

The Governor-General has sent the following message to the Secretary of State for the Dominions in connection with the naval battle off the Plate river:—

"Kindly ask the Admiralty to convey to Captain Parry and all ranks and ratings of the Achilles the most cordial congratulations of the Government and people of New Zealand on the heroic part which they played in the defeat of the Admiral Graf von Spee.

"The bravery and tenacity which they displayed in fighting a ship armed with heavier guns are worthy of the highest traditions of the British Navy."

New Zealanders Aboard

New Zealanders on the Achilles include:—Lieut. R. E. Washbourn, Sub-Lieuts. E. P. Chapman and H. V. B. Williams, Surgeon-Lieutenants C. G. Hunter and C. A. Pittar, and Gunner G. R. Davis-Goff.

Of the 547 men on board, 321 are New Zealand ratings.

Up to noon to-day the Navy Department had no official news of the engagement, or whether the Achilles suffered any damage or casualties.

MONOWAI IS BEING FITTED OUT IN NEW ZEALAND TO ACT AS ARMED MERCHANT CRUISER

MINISTER OF DEFENCE REVEALS NEW ASPECTS TO DOMINION'S ASSISTANCE IN WAR EFFORT

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Dec. 16.

An outline of New Zealand's war effort from the naval point of view was given by the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) in a broadcast to-night.

Mr Jones said that ships of the New Zealand Squadron were manned by about 60 per cent. of New Zealand ratings and about 40 per cent. of ratings lent from the Royal Navy. One contribution which New Zealand was making to the sea-going side of naval defence was the provision of an armed merchant cruiser, and the Monowai, well known as a ship of the Union Company, was now at a naval base being armed and fitted out.

After stating that there was much information which must continue to be kept secret, Mr Jones said that in August last there were on the New Zealand station the two cruisers Leander and Achilles, of the New Zealand naval forces; two escort vessels, the Leith and the Wellington, and the surveying ship Endeavour, belonging to the Imperial Navy.

During the latter days of August, the Achilles, at the request of the Government of the United Kingdom, was dispatched for service, first in the eastern Pacific and later in the south Atlantic, with a result that all now knew.

The Imperial ships Leith, Wellington and Endeavour were also sent to serve on other stations, leaving the Leander, the flagship of the New Zealand Squadron, to operate in the waters surrounding New Zealand.

Shortly before the outbreak of the war the Leander left Auckland to convey the first reinforcements to Pacific island garrisons and, since her return from that duty, she had been employed in patrolling and searching for raiders or their bases around the coasts of the Dominion.

Minesweepers Ready.

New Zealand also possessed one trawler, the Wakakura, which was normally used principally for training the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. This little ship was fitted as a minesweeper but, of course, one minesweeper was quite inadequate herself, so the New Zealand Government had taken up three of the trawlers which fish from Auckland. They had been reconditioned and fitted up as minesweepers and were now in commission.

Search For Mines.

After period of training, they had taken up their duty of searching the approaches to our ports for mines which might have been laid or might be laid by the enemy. Other trawlers were also being fitted to act as minesweepers should the need arise.

"A further and most valuable reinforcement to New Zealand's naval forces is under way in the shape of three small training vessels, not unlike trawlers, which are being specially built in Scotland and will be armed with a four-inch gun and smaller weapons and equipped for minesweeping and anti-submarine work," said Mr Jones. "These three ships, which will be called Moa, Kiwi and Tui, will, it is hoped, be ready for service in about 18 months and will prove a most valuable, efficient and up-to-date unit."

20 Ships Armed

"Another very important item in the naval defence of the Empire and the protection of merchant shipping is the arming of merchant ships so that they can act in their own defence when attacked by the enemy on the high seas," said Mr Jones. The naval base at Auckland has, up to date, equipped no fewer than 20 ships with guns of four-inch or higher calibre, and each of these ships has sailed from Auckland.

The Doric Star

"This work of arming merchant ships and manning their guns is continuing steadily. It will be remembered that the Doric Star was recently attacked by an enemy raider and her fate is not yet known. This was one of the ships provided with a gun and a gun crew in New Zealand, so this means that these three men were the first members of the New Zealand naval forces to be in action with the enemy."

Heligoland Bight Encounter

GERMAN LOSSES

R.A.F. Comes Out Best In Battle

INTENSE FIGHTING

British Official Wireless.
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RUGBY, Dec. 15.

"Throughout the last 24 hours a considerable number of Royal Air Force 'planes have been operating over the North Sea. These operations included a wide search for enemy surface craft and submarines and close reconnaissance of the estuaries and fortified islands in Northwest Germany.

"One formation engaged a strong enemy fighter force in the Heligoland Bight. In the ensuing encounter intense fighting developed, in the course of which four Messerschmitt fighters and three of our aircraft were sent down.

"All our other formations returned without loss."

COMMANDER'S ACTION PRAISED

The Bremen's Escape

NO HOSTILE ACT COMMITTED

War-Rules Respected

British Official Wireless.
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RUGBY, Dec. 15.

The incident in which a British submarine, which subsequently sank a U-boat and torpedoed a German cruiser, sighted the German liner Bremen but, out of respect for the rules of war, refrained from the only hostile action open to her, torpedoing her without regard for life, was the subject of comment in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons on Thursday.

In both Houses, Opposition speakers, Lord Strabolgi and Mr A. V. Alexander respectively, commended the behaviour of the commander, and resentment was expressed at thoughtless criticism in some organs of the Press.

Two Air Battles With One Hour Between

COASTAL COMMAND FIGHTS DORNIER 'PLANES

Nazis Escape With Oil Fuel Streaming From Fuselages

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RUGBY, Dec. 15.

Further details of two recent engagements between Coastal Command aircraft and two Dorniers over the North Sea show that the second combat was almost an exact repetition of the first. On each occasion the British aircraft fired almost the same number of rounds of ammunition and did almost the same damage to the enemy.

Both the combats took place at the same height and in both cases cloud-bank provided the enemy with a ready means of escape.

In the first engagement the British aircraft were far out from their base, near Scandinavian waters, and flying low on account of heavy cloud at 1200 feet. The enemy was a big twin-engined Dornier flying-boat. The Royal Air Force aircraft attacked, and for 28 minutes fought the enemy in the narrow space between sea and cloud.

The crew of the heavily-armed Dornier blazed away with all their guns as the pilot sought to outmanoeuvre his pursuers, but the British pilots were too quick for the enemy gunners. Keeping well out of the field of fire, they positioned their aircraft for their own gunners to get to work. Finally, with both rear gunners hit, the Diesel oil tanks punctured and the fuel literally streaming from the nacelles and sponsons, the enemy gave up the fight and struggled into the obscurity of the cloud.

On Patrol Again

The British aircraft then proceeded on patrol.

An hour later, over 100 miles away, the same British crews encountered another enemy Dornier and again attacked. This time the fight lasted only 10 minutes before the enemy aircraft—the rear gunner hit and black oil smoke pouring from it—sought refuge in low cloud banks. The oil and smoke left a trail fully a mile long.

It would be surprising if either of the crippled Nazi aircraft were capable of reaching their base.

AVENUE OF ESCAPE BARRED

British Warships On Guard Outside Montevideo

GRAF SPEE PENNED IN PORT

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MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15.

When the Admiral Graf Spee is forced to leave safety in Montevideo harbour, she will have to run the gauntlet of the British guards outside. British diplomatic circles in Uruguay confirm reports that H.M.S. Cumberland has joined the Ajax and the Achilles, which are stated to have left port yesterday.

A Cape Town message reports that the aircraft-carrier Ark Royal, together with H.M.S. Renown, arrived there on December 3, and the two ships sailed the next day for an unknown destination. It is believed in Montevideo that the vessels are speeding to Uruguayan waters.

H.M.S. Exeter is proceeding to the Argentine naval base at Puerto Belgrano, where she will enter dry dock for repairs, while the Achilles and the Ajax, which are reported to have been reinforced by several heavy cruisers, maintained a vigil in the estuary of the River Plate. The crews kept battle stations, taking no chances of the Graf Spee trying to escape.

The Graf Spee is prepared to repair the damage with its own crew, following port workers' refusal to work for any company which undertook the contract.

While a decision of the Government regarding the time she is allowed to remain is being awaited, the Graf Spee is loading a large number of welding tanks, heavy plates and other metals. At the same time, preparations are being made for the burial of the dead in a single large grave. The ceremony is set for 10 a.m. The police have taken precautions against disturbances, since a large section of the Montevideo public are displaying ill will towards the Germans.

An Associated Press Montevideo message states that the Uruguayan Foreign Minister (Senor Alberto Guani) announced to-day that the Uruguayan Government had granted the German Government's request that the Admiral Graf Spee may remain until repairs can be made.

Survey Awaited

He said that the period that the Graf Spee may remain would be established after a survey by the Uruguayan naval authorities. It would not be long. Time would be allowed for repairs necessary to enable the Graf Spee to navigate. Repairs elsewhere would not be taken into consideration.

Captain Neibuhr Dietrich, German Naval Attache at Buenos Aires, to-day examined the Graf Spee. Another investigation was made by Uruguayan experts, after which the United Press reported that it was found that the ship was navigable, but the control tower and six 11-inch guns were destroyed, meaning that if she put to sea immediately she would be able to use only her secondary battery of 5.9-inch guns. If these reports are true, it was assumed that Uruguay would ask the Graf Spee to leave at 8.50 p.m. (Montevideo time) or accept internment.

Six British 'Planes Crashed, Nazis Say

LARGE-SCALE BATTLE OVER GERMANY

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LONDON, Dec. 15.

The Berlin wireless, announced that a large-scale battle between German 'chasers and twelve of Britain's most modern long-distance bombers had occurred in the afternoon between Wangeroof and Spierkeroof, near Wilhelmshaven.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th.
7 a.m.: Holy Communion.
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
11 a.m.: Matins.
7 p.m.: Carol Service (broadcast).
ST. BARNABAS', PARKVALE.
7 p.m.: Evensong.

ST. JOHN'S Presbyterian Church, corner Frederick Street and Tomoana Road, Hastings.
Minister: Rev. F. W. Marshall.
11 a.m.: Children's Xmas. Prize-Giving. Special Singing by Children.
2.30: Mangateretere: Xmas Service.
7 p.m.: Xmas Song Service: Subject: "The Angel's Song."
Anthems: "Sing Unto the Lord"; "Fear Not"; "And the Glory of the Lord." (Messiah).
Full Xmas Services Sunday next, 24th, 11 and 7.

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Market Street :: Hastings.
11 a.m.: Rev. S. C. Francis, B.A.
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7 p.m.: "The Great Deliverer."
Anthem: "Sing, Oh Heavens".
Preacher:
The Very Rev. Geo. Miller, B.A.

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
HASTINGS.
Preacher: Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
11 a.m.: "Expectation."
Anthem: "I Will Pray the Father."
7 p.m.: "The Wonder of It!"
Anthem: "Comes at Times a Stillness"
Christmas Music Festival Wednesday, 8 p.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH
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(2) The Devil of the Bible not a supernatural monster but human nature whose evil lusts are the great tempter of man. (James 1: 14; Matt. 15: 19; Gal. 5: 19-21; Jer. 17: 9).
(3) Jesus Christ partook of human nature, i.e. "sinful flesh" and by death destroyed it and its power of death. Heb. 2: 14; Rom. 8: 3; Heb. 9: 26; II Cor. 5: 21; Rom. 6: 9; Acts 13: 34; Heb. 7: 24-25.)
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The following are the acceptances for the Auckland summer meeting at Ellerslie. Win-and-place betting will be used and provision will be made to run the Robinson Handicap in two divisions if necessary, the stake to be increased to £500:—

QUEEN'S PLATE,
Of £500, 1 mile.

Hutana	8	9	Native Chief	8	0
White Foam	8	4	Proud Fox	8	0
Buccaneer	8	0	Foxsen	7	9
Great Swoop	8	0	Millament	7	9
High Crown	8	0	Serenata	7	9
Meadow	8	0			

GRAFTON HURDLES,
Of £450, 2 miles.

Clarion Call	12	7	Celtic Lad	9	10
Ureklaw	11	0	Hopalong	9	2
Mio Lume	10	7	Lapidarian	9	2
Inness Lad	10	2	Knight of Australia	9	2
Pyrenees	10	0			
Mia Acrea	10	0			

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES,
Of £1000, 6 furlongs.

Ascot Bloom	8	10	Ringcraft	8	10
Beau Leon	8	10	Sir Cameron	8	10
Cheddington	8	10	Stratford	8	10
Cillas	8	10	Worton	8	10
Grandora	8	10	Doria	8	5
Kentucky	8	10	Harmony	8	5
Lou Rosa	8	10	Lovaals	8	5
Nightbeam	8	10	Oragon	8	5
Phaleron	8	10	Queen City	8	5
Rich Blood	8	10			

AUCKLAND CUP,
Of £3000, 2 miles.

Catalogue	9	3	Ballnavar	7	7
Golden Sheila	8	12	Dictate	7	5
Floodtide	8	3	The Cardinal	7	1
King Rey	8	1	Beverley	7	0
Sly Fox	8	1	Bonstar	7	0
Llangollen	8	1	Fils de Vaals	7	0
Royevrus	7	10	Pern	7	0
			Poland	7	0
Cheval de Voice	7	9	Scotland	7	0

ROBINSON HANDICAP,
Of £350, 7 furlongs.

Bronze Moth	9	2	Trevace	7	7
Odtaa	9	1	Lady Fox	7	7
Anion	8	12	Lady Acushla	7	7
Great Swoop	8	12	Flying Vixen	7	7
Veritable	8	9	Paint	7	7
Penzance	8	8	Gay Movie	7	7
Silver Stick	8	7	Kilcash	7	7
Tea Gong	8	5	Hackenschmidt	7	7
Spinning Wheel	8	5	Indian Sun	7	7
Royal Message	8	2	British Talent	7	7
Perillus	8	1	Royal Huntress	7	7
Starbright	7	11			
Sir Robin	7	8	Hot Shot	7	7
Tellsom	7	7	Philemup	7	7
Pasture	7	7	Gold Petal	7	7
Milanion	7	7	Wyndora	7	7
Maioro	7	7	Stylist	7	7
Cornish	7	7	Omapo	7	7

RAILWAY HANDICAP,
Of £1000, 6 furlongs.

Suleiman	9	6	Arvakur	7	3
Orate	9	5	Blonde Princess	7	1
Paper Slipper	9	2			
Amigo	8	13	Foxmond	7	0
Farland	8	13	Gamos	7	0
Disdain	8	5	Konneta	7	0
Our Jean	8	0	Miss Te Koura	7	0
Bronwen	7	13			
Orelio	7	7	Palustre	7	0
Olympus	7	4			

NURSERY HANDICAP,
Of £400 (two-year-olds), 5 furlongs.

Calula Boy	8	2	Worton	7	7
Happicoat	7	12	Mysito	7	7
Dinky Di	7	12	Celosia	7	7
Water Hound	7	12	Rue de Paix	7	7
Bournemouth	7	12	Gay Miss	7	7
Horeke	7	9	Lady Bloater	7	5
Tavern Gay	7	8	Belle Femme	7	5
			Golden Bonnet	7	2
Gold Money Song	7	8	Night Pilot	7	2
Marshall Hall	7	7	Auburn Lad	7	0
Royal Descent	7	7	Sure Pay	7	0
Red Warden	7	7	Money Spinner	7	0

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP,
Of £450, 1 mile.

Homily	8	7	Spartan	7	8
Paddy the Rip	8	7	Gamos	7	8
Moorsotis	8	6	Land Girl	7	7
Baran	8	6	Mintlaw	7	6
Kathbella	8	6	Dark Shadow	7	6
Pirate King	8	5	Armacourt	7	4
Silver Quex	8	1	Sunola	7	4
Full Hand	8	1	Fidelis	7	2
Philcourt	8	0	Gay Broney	7	0
Gladynev	7	11	Mon Acre	7	0
Beau Repaire	7	9			

THIRD DAY
GREAT NORTHERN DERBY,
Of £2000, 1½ miles.

Baran	8	10	Indian Sun	8	10
Beaulivre	8	10	Moorsotis	8	10
Beau Repaire	8	10	Native Chief	8	10
Beau Vite	8	10	Orelio	8	10
Fils de Vaals	8	10	Pern	8	10
Foxtoon	8	10	Foxsen	8	5

FOURTH DAY
ROYAL STAKES,
Of £500, 6 furlongs.

Llandaff	Rich Blood
Omapo	Ringcraft
Stylish	Sir Cameron
Ascot Bloom	Grandora
Beau Leon	Doria
Kentucky	Happicoat
Lou Rosa	Harmony
Nightbeam	Queen City
Phaleron	

MAIL NOTICES

INLAND MAILS.

Napier, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
Gisborne District, 4 p.m.
Wairoa, 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Auckland, Main Trunk and Waikato Districts, 8.5 a.m. and (letters only) 4 p.m. Saturday only, 1.15 p.m. (letters only).
Manawatu, Wairarapa, Dannevirke and Taranaki Districts, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m., and Monday to Friday, letters only, 6 p.m.
Wellington, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. Monday to Friday (letters only) 6 p.m., Saturday only 1.15 p.m.
Waipawa, Waipukurau and south of Waipukurau, 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Poukawa, Paki Paki and Pukehou, 6.30 p.m.
Opapa and Otane, 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Blenheim, Nelson, Westport, Greymouth and Hokitika, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 4 p.m.
Auckland and New Plymouth, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m.
Christchurch, Oamaru, Dunedin and Invercargill, Tuesday and Thursday 6 p.m., Saturday 4 p.m.

OUTWARD OVERSEAS MAILS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th.

Australian States and countries via Australia. Mails close 4 p.m., late fee 4.15 p.m.
Other overseas mails will be dispatched as opportunity offers.

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The "million to one" chance came off for a Sydney air cadet, enabling him to obtain what a friend described as a "quick return of his money." While Cadet G. Snook was executing a "slow roll" in a Moth, £3 fell from his coat pocket. He was 2000 feet above Botany Bay. The notes were caught in an eddy of air round the struts, and were whisked forward instead of astern. When the machine was inverted, the notes were hovering in front of the eyes of the chief instructor (Flight-Lieutenant G. S. Coleman). He was in the front cockpit. Not knowing what the fluttering objects were, he defensively brushed them away. An eddy from his arm swept them into his cockpit, and Snook got his £3 back.

HASTINGS BRANCH RE-UNION

RETURNED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION

PATRIOTIC FUNDS

An Explanation Given By Mr Maddison

Visitors at the quarterly re-union on Thursday night for the Hastings branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association included the Hastings Orphans' Club Orchestra, the Hastings Citizens' Band, Mr Hugh Baird, president of the South African Veterans' Association, Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, Colonel H. Holderness, a former president of the Hastings Returned Soldiers' Association, and the Mayor, Mr G. A. Maddison.

A short address was given by Sir Andrew Russell, and Mr Priest wished all returned soldiers and ex-servicemen a Merry Christmas and as happy a New Year as it was possible to expect. It was mentioned that an invitation had been extended to men of the Special Force who were on leave to attend the gathering, but as they had only arrived home that evening most of them found it impossible to be present. There were two former returned soldiers, now on service again, who were able to attend.

Toasts honoured were: The King; Absent Comrades; Troops of the Special Force, proposed by Colonel Holderness; the Band and Orchestra, Mr S. I. Jones.

A Misunderstanding

The fact that there had been a certain amount of misunderstanding concerning the control of the patriotic funds prompted the chairman to call upon Mr Maddison to clear up the misconception. Mr Maddison briefly explained the constitution of the patriotic organisation, and declared emphatically that there was absolutely no political control exercised or that could be exercised.

Taking the local arrangements, for example, he said that he was chairman of the Hastings zone committee, and the town clerk, Mr Noel C. Harding, was treasurer. All monies passed through their hands, and the whole of it was available for whatever purposes were approved. As for the parcels of comforts and other items being issued to the men on leave or in camp, he said that all the purchases were made locally. Indeed, as a matter of policy, it was intended that wherever possible, the money was to be spent in the district where it was raised. Naturally, some of it would not be, for some would have to go overseas, or to purchase comforts for men who are overseas.

Appeal for Support

Mr Maddison appealed to returned soldiers and all others to support the appeals being made. In addition to the individual comforts of the men, it was intended to provide recreational and sporting equipment for the men in camps. He regretted that there appeared to be some lethargy about the whole business, and said it was essential that the people should realise that New Zealand was definitely concerned in the war. One echelon would be leaving our shores in the very near future and it would not be long before others would be departing, and it was the duty of all citizens to see that those men were not forgotten.

A bright entertainment programme was provided by the orchestra, the band and the following artists: Mr E. G. Stevenson, songs; Mr Guy Hardenberg, comedy items; Messrs McPherson and Jones, instrumental duo; Mr Douglas Stark, recitations and stories; Mr A. Robertson, Scotch recitation; Messrs I. Langdon Prime, flute; and J. Newham, violin.

Yesterday On 'Change

Transaction List

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

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE

Sales Late Thursday			
4% Stock, 1948 .... (2)	100	2	6
Ditto, 1952	98	0	0
Bank of N.Z.	2	0	3
Christchurch Gas	1	6	3
National Insurance	0	18	6
Broken Hill Pty.	4	6	3
Sales Yesterday			
Union Bank .... (3)	3	3	0
N.Z. Breweries	1	16	3
Ditto .... (2)	1	16	6
Tooth and Co.	2	18	0
Ditto	2	17	9
Consolidated Brick .... (2)	0	8	8
Electrolytic Zinc (ord.)	3	4	6
Booth MacDonald (ord.)	0	0	2
N.Z. Farmers' Fertiliser	0	18	0
Taranaki Oil	0	5	1
Union Oil and Soap	1	4	9
Wilson's Cement	0	18	2
Woolworths (N.Z.)	0	16	4

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE

Bank of N.Z. (Mort Shares)	1	6	6
Union Bank of Australia (2)	8	3	0
Broken Hill Pty. (cum. rights) .... (3)	4	6	0
Ditto .... (2)	4	5	6
Hume Pipe (Aust.)	0	18	6
N.Z. Farmers' Co-op., 4½% Stock, 1955	81	0	0
Taranaki Oilfields .... (2)	0	5	1
Wilcox Mofflin	0	7	3
Woolworths (N.Z.)	0	16	6
Rawang Tin .... (2)	0	12	3
Ngahere	1	7	6
Sales Reported			
Union Bank of Australia	8	4	0
N.Z. Insurance (late sale Thursday)	3	0	0
British Tobacco (ex div.)	2	14	3
Electrolytic Zinc (ord.) (2)	3	4	9
Rawang Tin .... (2)	0	12	4
Unlisted Stocks			
Aust. Motorists Petrol	0	13	0

Dance at Wairoa.—To mark the conclusion of dancing activities at Wairoa this year the Wairoa branch of the New Zealand Labour Party will conduct a wind-up dance in the Mayfair Hall, Wairoa, to-night.

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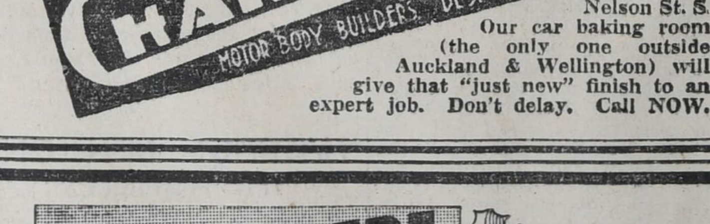

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1/3 ALL STALLS 1/3 — **MUNICIPAL PICTURES** — 1/6 D. CIRCLE 1/6

TO-NIGHT AT 7.45 P.M.
Out of the Thundering West comes a Whirlwind of Adventure — Thrills — Action and Excitement that makes Rousing Entertainment—
JACK RANDALL—HERMAN BRIX
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THE LAND OF FIGHTING MEN

TO-NIGHT AT 7.45 P.M.
A Gay, Sparkling Romantic Musical woven together with Laughs, Thrills and a Brilliant Cast—
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ELELYN DAW in
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Municipal

"LAND OF FIGHTING MEN"

Western Adventure And Musical

An outstanding cast appears in "Land of Fighting Men," thrilling outdoor adventure now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings. "Singing cowboy" Jack Randall heads the players in the film, which relates how Herman Brix sends for Jack Randall to help him in a range war caused by the fact that John Merton is trying to buy up all the ranches, and the ranchers suspect him of being responsible for their cattle losses.

When Jack arrives on the scene, Flint and Wallace (Wheeler Oakman) are both awaiting the arrival of Connie Mitchell (Louise Stanley), who has been in the east so long that she is willing to sell the ranch her brother Fred is managing for her. Wallace has made Fred several friendly offers, but he refuses, hoping he can persuade Connie not to sell. When the girl arrives Jack gets her out of town, and in a lonely mountain cabin they wait for Fred.

Flint sees his chance, and as Fred arrives he is killed by Cliff (Lane Chandler) and Ed (Rex Lease), who throw the blame on Jack. Even Connie believes Jack guilty of her brother's death, and he is arrested. Breaking away from his captors, and with the help of little Jimmy (Dickie Jones), who idolises him, Jack trails the wounded Ed., and finds him dying. Ed. confesses his part in the murder, and signs a confession. He also tells Jack that Flint and Wallace are working together. Jack brings this news to the ranchers, and discovers that Connie has gone ahead with Wallace to sign away her ranch. In the thrilling climax he rides to forestall the scheme.

On the same programme is

Regent

"THE HARDYS RIDE HIGH"

Sixth Of Famous Family Series

"The Hardy's Ride High," which opens at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, to-day, is the sixth of the famous series dealing with the popular screen family. The new picture is different in every respect from the others, but the beloved Hardys remain the same.

Now they inherit 2,000,000 dollars and move to Detroit to claim it. On the 'plane, their changed status first affects Aunt Milly, played by Sally Haden, and she falls for a business man who is a fellow passenger. In Detroit, overcome by sudden wealth, Mickey Rooney, in his role as Andy Hardy, steps out to a cabaret and falls desperately in love with a chorus girl, Virginia Grey. Likewise, swayed by her new position, Marian Hardy (Cecilia Parker) orders lavish gowns and charges them to Judge Hardy.

Only the Judge (Lewis Stone) and his wife (Fay Holden) maintain their equilibrium. Back in Carvel, Ann Rutherford, as Polly Benedict, accepts attention from a new young man while she awaits word from Mickey. The family is on edge, figuratively hanging over the precipice of new-found wealth, when the Judge discovers evidence to prove that he is not the legal heir. He can destroy the evidence and retain the fortune or produce it and give up everything.

There is never a question in his mind. The Hardys are brought back to grim reality. They return to Carvel, poor as ever, but proud of their heritage of honour and none the worse for their interlude in the realms of luxury.

Without exception, every member of the cast turns in an excellent performance. George Seitz, director of all six of the Hardy pictures, has again done a superb job of combining human understanding with the foibles of family life familiar to everyone of every age.

The fine supporting programme includes the remarkable novelty feature, "Audioscopiks."

State

POWERFUL EMOTIONAL DRAMA

"In Name Only" With A Brilliant Cast

An unusual romance is refurbished and reassembled in a sparkling, stimulating guise in "In Name Only," which is now screening at the State Theatre, Hastings.

"In Name Only" is particularly notable for its stellar cast, which includes Carole Lombard, Cary Grant, and Kay Francis, an unmatched aggregation of talent this season. Their roles in this stirring dramatic entertainment are a startling departure from their recent characterisations, but reminiscent of their early, fame-winning portrayals. Miss Francis and Grant are cast as an unhappily wedded pair, she a money-hungry socialite who married Grant only for the luxurious life his wealth could afford her. When Carole comes into Grant's life, he falls completely in love with her. A charming and lovely young widow, with a five-year-old daughter whom she supports working as a fashion artist, Carole reciprocates but tries to sacrifice her newly-found love when she learns that Grant is married.

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

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

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

Cosy

"SECRET SERVICE OF THE AIR"

With "Kicking The Moon Around"

Hazardous and thrilling adventures of the men of the United States Secret Service will be dramatised in a new series of Warner Bros. pictures, "Secret Service Adventures," starring Ronald Reagan. The first film is "Secret Service of the Air." It is now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

"Secret Service of the Air" is concerned mainly with the breaking up of a gang which has been smuggling aliens into the United States by air.

It is for this specific task that Reagan, who has been working as a pilot of China Clippers, is asked to join the service by a friend, played by John Litel, who is an official of the service.

He spends some time in jail to gain information from a suspected member of a smuggling ring. From what he learns he gets a job as a pilot of the apparently respectable air service which is used by the smugglers.

Just as he is about to conclude his mission successfully his real identity is learned by the smugglers, and he has to put up a successful battle for his life before he can turn over his prisoners and his evidence to his superiors.

"Kicking the Moon Around," brilliant new musical from Gaumont-British-Dominions, is the second attraction, bringing to the screen an all-star cast headed by Ambrose and his Orchestra, Evelyn Dall, Harry Richman and Florence Desmond.

The story concerns the efforts of a young millionaire to introduce to the public a little girl he has discovered singing in a chain store. He decides to ask Ambrose to sponsor her debut. When the girl is about to make her first appearance, the young man's ex-fiancee, in a fit of pique, steps in and contrives to intoxicate her rival, a situation which leads to great hilarity, finally bringing the whole company into Court, where Ambrose, by his melodious presence, is able to soothe the judge and free his companions.

On to-day's programme is a further episode of the serial, "The Oregon Trail."

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A NATIONAL PARTY MEETING

Resolution Against Communism

On Wednesday night a meeting of the Hawke's Bay Electorate Committee of the New Zealand National Party was held in the National Party rooms, Market Street.

Delegates were present from all parts of the electorate, some from as far distant as Wairoa.

Mr F. P. Kelly, electorate chairman, presided.

The anticipated future activities of the party were discussed. Members were unanimous that the war effort was the No. 1 job. However, the increasing activities of the Communist Party in New Zealand were viewed with alarm, and the following resolution was passed:

"That the Hawke's Bay Electorate Committee affirms the wholehearted co-operation of its members in the task undertaken by the Government in organising to help with the war and secure for our people and our Allies a just and endurable peace, and that active steps should be immediately taken by the Government to enforce the provisions of the war regulations against Communists and other organisations so far as their activities are designed to defeat such efforts."

Regent

A FILM OF RUTHLESS REALISM

"Professor Mamlock" Is Great Drama

The brutal tyranny of the Nazi regime has never been more clearly or more forcefully revealed than in the film, "Professor Mamlock," a gripping Continental drama which comes to the Regent Theatre, Napier, to-day. With grim ruthlessness and fidelity to detail and to realism, this film portrays the barbarity of the methods employed by the Nazis to quell all opposition to their grandiose schemes for world domination and to stamp out with utter disregard for world opinion the Jewish population of Germany.

Coming at this time, the film is as topical as any could be, and it should arouse intense interest among all who are attempting to understand the criminal mentality of the enemy leaders and their motives.

Facts, not fiction, constitute the keynote of the production, and this in no small measure, adds to its realism. The story, in brief, relates the contrast between the ideals of "Professor Mamlock," a scientist who is responsible for saving the lives of countless thousands, and the terrorism of Hitler himself.

The ignominy suffered by the Jews is vividly shown. From this an excellent idea can be gained of the tortures members of the race have undergone, not only in the few months since war broke out, but throughout the entire period of the Nazi domination.

Made in Russia exclusively for the English-speaking audiences, it shows the hero as an altruistic scientist, who, actuated by high ideals, attempts to mitigate the lot of those unfortunate enough to come under the heel of Nazi ruthlessness. Apart from the grim realism of the film, advance reports indicate that the acting is of a uniformly high standard, that of the principal being outstanding. In scenes where, guarded by a brutal gaoler, and with the word "Jew" scrawled over his tunic, he refuses to recant and declares his intention of never forsaking the stand he had taken for the free rights of man, the film reaches a climax which has been approached by few pictures which have been screened in New Zealand.

Mayfair

UNDERWORLD DRAMA AND WESTERN

"Smashing The Rackets," "Overland Express"

The dangerous and amazing methods of modern vice prosecution and the relentless war of law versus gangland form the exciting background for the thrilling screen drama, "Smashing the Rackets," showing at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, to-day. Filling the top roles are virile Chester Morris and beautiful Frances Mercer. Morris appears as an ex-G-Man whose sensational record with the Federal Bureau of Investigation catapults him to the position of a special prosecutor holding the whip over the underworld and almost single-handed wiping out a wave of crime which enmeshes a great city. A turbulent romance develops between them which reaches a crisis when Morris discovers the sister of his sweetheart is involved with the gang chieftain he is attempting to bring to bay. Others in the cast include Rita Johnson and Bruce Cabot.

Sweeping across the screen in action as thrilling as the pioneer Pony Express whose glamorous tale it tells, Columbia's newest frontier film drama, "The Overland Express," sets a new standard for Western thrillers. A page torn from heroic history! The "Overland Express" defies Indians and bandits as it speeds across the Western plains! Buck Jones stars in this new Western, set in the pioneer period and coming to the Mayfair Theatre to-day. Marjorie Reynolds, Carlyle Moore and Matson Williams are among the supporting players. Completing the programme is chapter five of the thrilling Western serial, "The Oregon Trail."

State

"SECOND FIDDLE" HAS GREAT CAST

Melodies Are By Irving Berlin

One of the greatest aggregations of screen talent ever gathered for one show is seen in "Second Fiddle" now showing at the State Theatre, Napier, to-day.

Starring Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power, featuring Rudy Vallee and Edna May Oliver, introducing Mary Healy, casting Lyle Talbot and Alan Dinehart in pithy roles, presenting six brand-new songs by Irving Berlin, dazzling with Sonja Henie's sensational ice tangos and snow rhumbas, which she performs with a skating partner for the first time on the screen, depicting the new ballroom dance craze, the "Back to Back," the film has full entertainment value.

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 school teacher and candidate No. 436 for the role of heroine in the picturisation of a best-seller, gets the role and is brought to Hollywood by 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 high-lighted by the 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 last-named Harry Losee, who staged Sonja's amazing skating ensembles arranged the new step that will relegate the Lambeth Walk to the plush album of yester-year.

An outstanding supporting programme includes a "Camera Thrill," depicting the dangerous job of tunnelling under the Hudson River, a cartoon, and Vyvyan Donner's "Fashion Forecast for 1940" in glorious Technicolor, a Fox-Movietone international newsreel showing the sinking of the H.M.A.C. Courageous, and the latest Fox-Australian newsreel.

GREYHOUND RACING AT NAPIER

Meeting Arranged For To-night

With the warm nights experienced recently, one could not do better than visit League Park Stadium, Napier, this evening, and witness the thrills of greyhound racing under brilliant illumination. Intending spectators can look forward to an exciting evening watching the dogs complete the semi-circular course of 440 yards.

In the open hurdle event over a flight of four hurdles, Hawke's Bay's best dogs, Black Comedy, Gay Peter, Silver Brier and Laes will fight for supremacy. Judging by the recent form of Gay Peter, other contestants will be extended, so this should be a great race.

As this meeting will be the last prior to the greyhound racing racing championships on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day, it is anticipated that a record crowd will attend.

Buses will leave Clive Square at 7.30 and 7.50 for the stadium, and return after the meeting.

Paint on the blocks attached to the lifeboat davits on a ship now in Auckland harbour records to some extent the vessel's history and indicate her age. The blocks were sent ashore to be overhauled. Eight coats of white paint were disclosed on a cross-section of the blocks, and then followed a coat of grey, which was applied when the vessel was a troopship in the Great War. Following the strip of grey 42 layers of white paint, representing two coats a year for 21 years, were found. The final and present coat of paint is grey.

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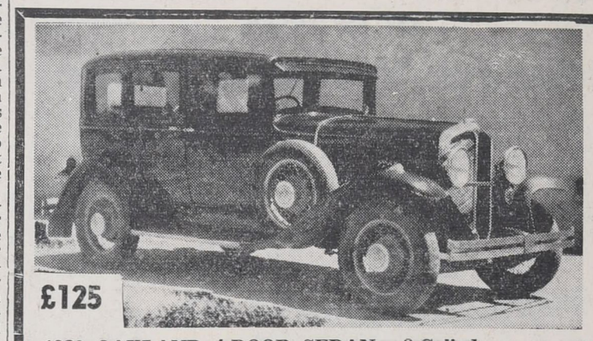

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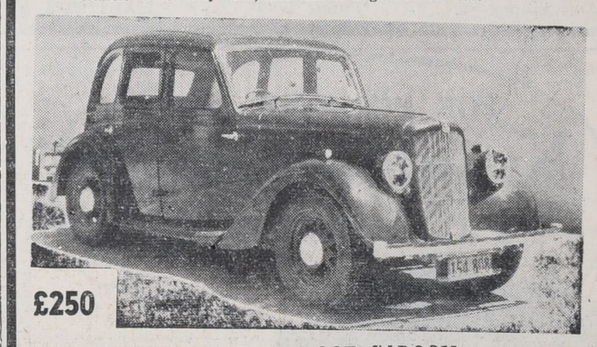

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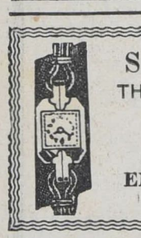

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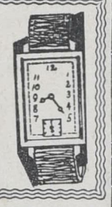

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Iona Old Girls' Association

ANNUAL MEETING

A Successful Year Concluded

OFFICERS ELECTED

During the week the annual meeting of the Iona College Old Girls' Association was held in the assembly hall at the college. The president reported a very successful year, with the membership steadily increasing.

Mrs J. B. Campbell and Miss C. McNeil, patrons of the association, were present, and after the meeting a cheery re-union was held and supper served.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President, Miss Connie Symes.
Vice-president, Mrs W. J. O'Connell.
Secretary, Mrs McLeod.
Committee, Mrs G. Faulkner, Mrs I. Langdon Prime, Mrs David Christie, Misses Marjorie Ebbett, Betty Cunningham, Mary van Asch, Catherine Crompton, Lassie Baird, Patti Hennah.

Children's Party At Waipawa

A HAPPY EVENT

Organised By The Women's Institute

ITEMS GIVEN

The annual children's Christmas party organised by the Waipawa Women's Institute was held in the Municipal Concert Hall, Waipawa, at the conclusion of the routine business of the December meeting. The president (Miss A. Bibby) was in the chair and there was an excellent attendance of members.

A letter was received regarding the annual meeting of the Southern Hawke's Bay Federation which is to be held at Waipukurau in April next. The services of members having been sought in connection with the Flag Day appeal, arrangements were made for a house-to-house canvass.

A delightful programme was provided by the children, items being contributed by the following:—Pianoforte solos by Joyce Bishop, Elena Buckeridge, Barbara Kirkham, Shirley Parkin, and Jack Harris; recitations by Josephine Collett, Shirley Milne, Audrey Dick, Barbara Collett, Sally Towers, and Maire Petersen; sailor's hornpipe, Barbara Towers and Pauline Pellow; Christmas carols were very sweetly rendered by the children from the Abbotsford Home, who were the guests of the institute for the party.

At the conclusion of the programme ice cream was served to the children and games and competitions played. The results were as follows:—Putting, Maureen McCleary 1, Jack Harris 2, Madge Croker 3; putting tail on pig (over 10), Geoffrey Croker, (under 10), Elena Buckeridge 1, Derek Boult 2; darts, (over 10), Maurice Williams, (under 10), Keith Le Compte.

A delicious afternoon tea was dispensed, the hostesses being Mesdames Bryant, Collett, Cable, and Colquhoun.

A putting competition for members was won by Mrs Watts, with Mrs Le Compte second.

Before the gathering dispersed the president extended Christmas greetings to all, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the institute year for 1939 to a close.

GARDEN PARTY HELD IN NAPIER

Townswomen's Guild Executive Committee

The executive members of the Napier Townswomen's Guild met at the residence of Mrs P. C. Sorrell on Thursday for a social afternoon which took the form of a garden party. A putting tournament was a highlight of the day. Mrs Perry was the winner with Mrs Wilson runner-up. Mrs Orr won the consolation.

A taipo competition was also among the favourites, Mrs Corner being the winner and Miss Fannin received the consolation.

Afternoon tea was served in the drawing room which was a veritable bower of flowers. During tea Mrs Fannin was made the recipient of floral tributes and a small gift as a token of esteem and appreciation in which she is held by her fellow members and also her splendid work as secretary of the guild. Mrs Sweetapple received a shoulder spray and the hostess, Mrs Sorrell, a floral tribute and very warm thanks for her hospitality.

Those present were: Mesdames Orr, Lee, Sweetapple, Corner, Perry, O'Halloran, Wilson, Pegram, Daniell, Ramage, Crutchley, Arthur, Gifford, Mackie and Miss Fannin.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE AT OTANE

A Surprise Treat For The Infant Classes

In beautiful weather, Santa Claus paid a surprise visit to the children of the primer classes at the Otane school on Thursday afternoon.

A magnificent Christmas tree, resplendent with gay coloured balloons and sparkling decorations, and having an appropriate gift upon it for each of the tiny children, was the centre of attraction for the large number of excited children, who, wearing paper hats, fully enjoyed this happy event.

After a delightful programme of items by the children, Santa appeared, and distributed the gifts, this being followed by the gift of a bag of sweets to each one.

Many parents attended the party, and were entertained to afternoon tea by the staff.

QUEENSWOOD SCHOOL

PRIZE-GIVING DAY HELD

LIST OF AWARDS

Address By The Bishop Of Waiapu

A bright afternoon favoured the breaking-up ceremony of Queenswood School, Hastings, yesterday, which took place in the ideal surroundings of lawns and trees in front of the schooi.

A delightful programme was given by the pupils, showing skilled tuition in a wide range of activities.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the programme was the display of acrobatics, which was a really clever performance for children so young. The programme included folk dancing in appropriate costume, a classic dance called "The Christmas Lily," which was beautifully executed in mauve and white Grecian frocks. A dry-land demonstration of life-saving was ably given, and songs, elocutionary items which were of a high standard, and carols interspersed the drill and dancing displays.

Afternoon tea was served under the trees, where a happy reunion of parents, old pupils and friends took place.

Following tea, the presentation of prizes and cups took place, preceded by an address given by the Bishop of Waiapu, the Rt. Rev. G. V. Gerard, who presented the trophies.

Prize-list

The prize-list is as follows:—

Junior Class Prize: Gloria Spinney.
Primers Class Prize: Margaret Holden.
IV Reading and Spelling: Jennifer Whyte.
Standard I.—Class Prize and Dancing: Antoinette Averill. Arithmetic: Susan Maxwell. Handiwork and Gardening: Suzanne Stead.
Standard II.—Class Prize and Gardening: Dinah Nation. Arithmetic: Shirley Lethbridge. Special Elocution: Elaine Harvey.
Standard III.—Class Prize: Betty Kittow. Sewing: Patsy Kelly.
Standard IV.—Class Prize: Dinah Buddo. Essay: Jacquiline Goddard. Spelling and Dictation and Dancing: Elizabeth Averill.
Form I.—Form Prize and Divinity: Pamela Cashmore. Drawing and Painting: Beth Tombleson. Special Diligence: Patricia Harvey.
Form II.—Form Prize: Brenda Grieve.
Form III.—Form Prize: Ann Hindmarsh. Drawing and Handwork: Ruth Clark. Knitting: Joan Gunn. Gardening and Dancing: Barbara Herrick.

Certificates

Primary School Certificates: Brenda Grieve, Josephine Circuitt.

Cups

MacNiven Arithmetic Cup for Form I: Pamela Cashmore.
Juliet Kettle Cup for Senior Drill: Joan Gunn.
Junior Drill Medal: Paddy Allen.
Baird Senior Conduct Cup and Miniature: Joanna Locke.
Campbell Intermediate Conduct Cup: Louie Price.
Marie Hennah Memorial for Senior Needlework: Joan Gunn.
Chapman Elocution Cup: Jean Kittow
Senior Prize Essay Cup: Barbara Herrick.
Standard III Essay Cup: Betty Kittow
Queenswood Junior Essay Cup: Petra McLean.

Christmas Treat At Napier

NEEDY CHILDREN

Mr Husheer's Generous Action

GIFTS AND A TEA

A Christmas tree to provide presents of some 400 children is being prepared at Napier by Major Searle of the Salvation Army. Through the generosity of Mr G. Husheer, of the National Tobacco Co., Napier, a Christmas treat is to be provided for needy children in the Foresters' Hall on Thursday evening.

No stone has been left unturned to ensure that all children will spend an enjoyable evening. Tickets are being issued to entitle each child to receive an ice cream, a Christmas tea which will include sandwiches, cakes, jellies and cream, and a paper hat, a balloon, a bag of sweets, a gift from the tree, and the sum of one shilling to be spent in town.

Father Christmas will entertain the children during the afternoon. The young guests will sit at properly arranged tables and the band of workers under Major Searle is determined that the event shall be one to be remembered.

Colourful Dance Programme

WAIPUKURAU RECITAL

Pupils Of Mrs W. G. McKenzie

CHILDREN ENTERTAIN

An attractive series of dancing and musical numbers was presented in the Waipukurau Municipal Theatre on Thursday evening, when the pupils of Mrs W. G. McKenzie's School of Dancing, gave their annual display.

There was a good attendance, the proceeds being devoted to the funds of the local branch of the Red Cross Society, which should benefit considerably.

The lengthy programme included dances of every type, all being carried out in artistic manner by the children. The costuming was colourful and attractive, the whole evening presenting a well balanced exhibition of dancing.

At the conclusion of the programme the Mayoress (Mrs R. W. Carpenter) thanked Mrs McKenzie on behalf of the Plunket Society, and apologised for the absence of the president, Mr J. D. Ormond. Mrs McKenzie was the recipient of a posy from the pupils, and the accompanist, Miss M. King, also received a token of appreciation.

Mr McKenzie suitably replied on behalf of Mrs McKenzie.

Surprise Party In Hastings

MISS N. JONES

A Bride-To-Be The Guest Of Honour

CHINA EVENING

Miss Nola Jones, a Hastings bride-to-be, was guest of honour at a surprise china evening recently, the hostesses being Mrs Lee Hume and Miss Colleen Smith.

The evening passed pleasantly with music and competitions, a delightful pianoforte solo by Miss Mona Watson being a feature of the evening.

Among those present were: Mesdames Hector Jones, Lee Hume, F. Peterson, Nicholas, D. Grieve, Colin White, J. McKenzie, C. R. B. Griffiths, A. C. A. Hyde.

Misses Colleen Smith, Nola Jones, A. Howse, I. Ibbotson, M. Watson, Peggy Hall, Iris Small, Florence Palmer, Peggy and Joan McLeod, Mary Redgrave, Una Carlson, Jean and Daisy Thompson, Master Desmond Jones.

"At Home" Given In Havelock

MRS E. C. CLARKSON SPEAKS ON THE PROPHESIES

A delightful At Home was given by Mrs Arthur de Castro at her home, Havelock North, when the guests had the pleasure of meeting Mrs E. C. Clarkson and hearing her speak on the prophesies. Mrs Clarkson is a brilliant speaker and held those who heard her speak of those things that are happening to-day which were prophesied would happen so long ago.

The speaker also spoke on the day when General Allenby entered Jerusalem in the Great War without a shot being fired.

There was music in which Mrs Christie sang and played very delightfully. The rooms were decorated with pink roses and sweet peas. Mrs Clarkson was presented by Mrs de Castro with a spray of flowers.

The Rev. R. Waugh thanked Mrs Clarkson for her able address which all had appreciated.

Among those present were Mesdames Sanders, Cole, Rochfort, Pickering, Bailie, Runciman, Chapman-Taylor, de Montalk, Quartly, Ken White, Christie, Crompton, Wood, Mr and Mrs Moss, Mr and Mrs McNail, Miller, Rev. R. Waugh, Miss Lowry, Fitzpatrick, McLeod, Penlington.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs E. Whetstone, Hastings, accompanied by her daughter Audrey leave on Monday for Wellington to see the exhibition, after which they will journey north to Katikati, where they will make their future home.

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Mrs M. F. Morrison, Wanganui, arrived in Napier last evening and is staying with her daughter, Madam Margaret Mercer, Shakespeare Terrace, Napier.

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Mrs P. J. S. George, Hastings, left by train yesterday morning on a visit to Wanganui.

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Misses Eva and Laura Clark, "Chestnuts," Otane, have returned from a visit to their brother at Whakatane.

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Mrs H. Powell and Miss Muriel Powell are Otane visitors to the Exhibition at Wellington.

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Mrs J. Bartlett, Otane, journeyed to Wellington to meet her daughter, Madge, who is returning from Christchurch for the Christmas vacation.

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Mr and Mrs R. D. Thompson, Otane, and their small son are visiting Wellington.

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Mrs Driver and Miss Glenys Thompson have left Otane for Auckland and Thames.

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Miss R. Martin, of the Otane school staff, will spend the week-end in Napier, prior to returning to her home in Woodville for the holiday period.

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CHRISTMAS FETE FOR CHILDREN

A Jolly Party At Greenmeadows

On Thursday evening the children of Greenmeadows were treated to a jolly Christmas party by the Greenmeadows Women's Institute and the Greenmeadows Progressive Society. In former years this party was usually organised by the institute alone, but this year the Progressive Society expressed a wish to assist in the entertaining of the children. Thanks must be expressed to the work of the Institute, who took over the duties of organising and controlling the party, assisted by several women members of the society.

A large crowd of children gathered in the Greenmeadows Hall for the occasion. The evening was spent in games, which gave free rein to the high spirits of the youngsters. Interspersed with the games were songs and entertaining items.

A splendid supper was provided. Before sitting down to supper the children were given gaily coloured hats and the supper room was decorated to give a Christmas effect.

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TROPHIES AND PRIZES PRESENTED

Waipawa High School

DUX GOLD MEDAL TO H. W. A. COLLETT

Mr A. E. Jull's Address

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WAIPAWA.

Prizes and trophies won during the year by pupils of the Waipawa District High School were presented on Thursday evening, there being an excellent attendance of parents and members of the public. The gold medal for the dux of the school, presented by the Old Pupils' Association, was won by H. W. A. Collett.

In an address Mr. A. E. Jull, M.P., spoke of the conditions under which children in Great Britain had to receive their schooling to-day, of blackouts, gas masks and evacuation conditions. The children should feel grateful that they were living and being taught in such peaceful and bright surroundings.

List of Awards

Following is the prize list:—

Dux medal (presented by Old Pupils' Association): H. W. A. Collett. Harrier race (Willis Cup and miniature): H. W. A. Collett. Senior Athletic Championship (Bibby Cup and miniature): W. Collett. Junior Athletic Championship (Preston Cup and miniature): A. W. Bartlett. Senior Girls' Athletic Championship (Old Pupils' Cup and miniature): Margaret Scrimgeour. Junior Girls' Athletic Championship (Old Pupils' Cup and miniature): Thelma Parkinson.

Tennis Championships. — Senior boys: H. W. A. Collett. Senior girls: Adele Page. Junior boys: W. Findlay. Junior girls: Valerie Walker.

Higher Leaving Certificates: H. W. A. Collett, Claire Hawke, Helen Heffer.

Primary Leaving Certificates: Stan Adeane, James Dickinson, Harry Hutchings, Cyril Ireland, Rae Lawrence, James Meredith, Evan Meta, Eric Moore, Fred Pedersen, George Pedersen, Violet Avison, Ahi Hutana, Kathleen Heffer, Marie Lawrence, Mary McDonell, Marie Martin, Peggy Martin, Marion Nissen, Mary Norris, Pauline Pellow, Barbara Towers, Alison Le Compte.

Gardening prizes: B. Meredith 1, C. Ireland 2. Rathbone Improvement Prizes: Form II, Ahi Hutana; Form I, Mavis Harwood; Standard 4, Digby Mason; Standard 3, Irene Rodda; Standard 2, Bob Bryant; Standard 1, Ken Hampton.

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CENTURIES OF SO-CALLED CHRISTIAN CIVILISATION

Education And World Situation: Mr W. T. Foster Speaks At Napier

"We must pause for a moment to consider education in relation to the present world situation, and the dreadful depth to which man can still descend after nearly 19½ centuries of so-called Christian civilisation," said the headmaster of the Napier Boys' High School (Mr W. T. Foster), presenting his annual report at the school prize-giving yesterday.

"How many of us, even 10 years ago, ever dreamed that we should live to see the horrors of the present war? Yet we read almost daily of atrocities as appalling as any perpetrated in the darkest ages of the history of man. The brutal bombing of women and children, the ruthless destruction of fair cities and fertile lands, the inhuman persecution of innocent men on the grounds of racial inferiority, torture, and lust for blood—these are commonplaces of our 'cultured' day!"

"I have to present this report in circumstances so different from those of recent years that it is impossible either to view educational problems from the usual angle or to expect our system to develop along the lines that have been mapped out by the authorities. The war has changed everything. Everything must be subordinated to the all-important prosecution of our plans to protect liberty and democracy against the cruel encroachments of Nazidom and all that it connotes.

It would appear that the reorganisation of our administrative system must be held in abeyance. The raising of the school age to 15 must be postponed. We must not complain if all the contemplated improvements which we have been so eagerly awaiting are shelved until the spectre of intolerance and oppression is securely laid. We are faced with one of the greatest crises in our history, and must concentrate all our efforts upon the retention of those civil, political and religious privileges which have been so dearly won for us by the struggles of the past. . . .

Own Extermination

"Mr Winston Churchill, in his 'World Crisis,' an analysis of the war of 1914-18, has a telling passage on this theme. 'It is established that nations who believe their life is at stake will not be restrained from using any means to secure their existence. . . . Mankind has never been in this position before. Without having improved appreciably in virtue, or enjoying wiser guidance, it has got into its hands for the first time the tools by which it can unfailingly accomplish its own extermination. That is the point in human destinies to which all the glories and toils of men have at last led them. They would do well to pause and ponder upon their new responsibilities.

"'Death stands at attention, obedient, expectant, ready to serve, ready to shear away the peoples en masse, ready, if called on, to pulverise, without hope of repair, what is left of civilisation. He awaits only the word of command. He awaits it from a frail, bewildered being, long his victim, now—for one occasion only—his master.'

"Hitler and Stalin have now given the word of command. Can the countries that still value freedom and friendly co-operation cheat Death of his victims? If we cannot, the outlook seems hopeless. If we can, and we are confident we can, what will be the upshot, and what can we do to avoid the awful recurrence of war?

"Dr Cyril Norwood, in his masterly analysis of democratic education as he sees it, claims that 'it is only by education that it (mankind) can be lifted to the higher levels and the human race move to the uplands. The will to peace can only be based on the instinct of co-operation, and the instinct of co-operation must be fostered and trained in all our schools and inspire all our training.'

"Eradicating Hatred"

"So far our education has not succeeded, in spite of all the millions of money spent upon it, in developing the real man to the full, in eradicating the hatred that ignorance engenders, in establishing 'that poise and sympathy which will make possible a more real social justice.' What is wrong with all our systems? I am certain that we in New Zealand concentrate too much upon material and intellectual success, with too little attention to the higher issues of life. Child delinquency in this country is so rife as to lead me to the inevitable conclusion that home restraints are in many cases not what they should be.. What can counteract this but wise and unbiassed school training in social responsibility? Antagonisms between different sections of the community are not unknown even here. How can these be allayed without a proper training in the real issues that are at stake?

Not Alone

"Nor are we alone in our needs. A recent number of the Educational Supplement of the 'London Times' gives a leading article to the question of child delinquency. It, too, attributes the increase in juvenile offences to the materialistic outlook so commonly held by parents and children alike. "Far too many are led to think that education is an instrument to secure for them the means of personal advancement with little regard to social obligation.' Ruskin made the same complaint 100 years ago, and the evil of materialism still persists.

"A man is still too often judged by the 'abundance of the things which he possesseth.' Hence the scramble for wealth, and the greed for power. It seems to me that the whole problem is a moral one. There will never be more social co-operation, more neighbourliness, more self-abnegation in a word, more Christian charity, until the individual reforms. Real education is a matter of the spirit much more than of the brain and of the body. That is a fact which cannot be too often repeated. Until it is driven home, until the seed is widely sown and carefully tended in its growth, the world will still be subject to the jealousy and greed that engender hatred, and breed such wars as to-day are laying waste the goodly, fertile earth where we should dwell in amity and in peace."

SOMEWHERE AT SEA.—Refugees from an unnamed ship making their way as best they can to the shore. A recent picture.

POWER BOARD ASKED TO PAY

Electrocution Of Cows

HOSPITAL BOARD'S CLAIM

Mishap At Waipukurau

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIPUKURAU.

A claim for damages amounting to £21 for the loss of two cows was received yesterday by the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board from the Waipawa Hospital Board.

On Monday last a cross-arm became detached from a power pole on the Sanatorium farm, dragging an 11,000-volt line almost to the ground, and the cows were electrocuted through coming in contact with the wire.

The secretary-manager (Mr G. E. Fowler) said the legal position was that negligence must be proved before there could be any claim on the board, otherwise such an accident was considered an act of God.

The accident was due to abnormal rot in the pole, said the engineer (Mr L. C. Beer). There was always liable to be an occasional pole which decayed inwardly, and which escaped detection.

In reply to Mr A. C. Holms he said that all the lines were inspected regularly, at intervals of not more than 12 months. If a pole was considered at all doubtful the sap was stripped and the heart timber examined.

On the motion of the chairman (Mr C. Pattison) it was decided to refer the claim to the insurance company.

APPRECIATION OF THE MAORI LANGUAGE

Lessons For All Who Wish To Know Something Of A Beautiful Tongue

LESSON XXIX.

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1st Person.

Mehemea kua aroha ahau.—If I had loved.

Mehemea kahore ano ahau kia aroha.—If I had not loved.

2nd Person.

Mehemea kua aroha koe.—If you had loved.

Mehemea kahore ano koe kia aroha.—If you had not loved.

3rd. Person.

Mehemea kua aroha a ia.—If he had loved.

Mehemea kahore ano a ia kia aroha.—If he had not loved.

Past Indefinite, Subjunctive.

1st. Person.

Mehemea i aroha ahau.—If I loved.

Mehemea kihai ahau i aroha.—If I did not love.

2nd. Person.

Mehemea i aroha koe.—If you loved.

Mehemea kihai koe i aroha.—If you did not love.

3rd. Person.

Mehemea i aroha a ia.—If he loved.

Mehemea kihai a ia i aroha.—If he did not love.

Exercise.

1. Mehemea kua kite (see) korua i Nepia i mua atu (before) i te ru (earthquake) kua miharo (to be filled with wonder) rawa atu korua ki te ahua (at the form) inaia nei.

2. Mehemea kahore ano korua kia kai me haere tatou ki toku kainga a (and) maku e taka (prepare) he kai ma korua.

3. Mehemea korua ko Mere, ko taku tuahine, i tae ki Heretaunga i kite korua i te maua kaenga ko taku hoa wahine (wife).

4. Mehemea a Hoani raua ko Henare i purei whutupaoro (play football) kua hinga (to be defeated) to tiima (team).

5. Mehemea kihai koe i haere ki Nepia inanahi kua kite taua i o taua matua (parent) notemea (because) i konei raua.

6. Ehaere korua ki Poneke apopo? Kahore maua e haere ki Poneke. Mehemea i konei to maua motoka kua haere maua.

7. Mehemea i te hahau waka koutou kua whiwhi (to be possessed of) waka tatou hei whakawhiti (to carry across) i a koutou i tenei awa.

8. Etoku hoa aroha (my beloved friend) mehemea e aroha ana koe ki au ka noho koe hei hoa moku i tenei po.

Ekore e taea e au te noho (stay). Mehemea i whiwhi hoanoho (companion) aku tamariki tera (I may) au e noho.

9. Mehemea kahore ano a Hoani kia tae mai me haere mai koe ki toku kainga ki reira taua whanga ai (wait).

10. Ki te mea ka hahau waka au mau he aha tau maku (what's my reward).

English to Maori.

1. If you had been here I would have seen you.

2. If you went to Napier last week you would have missed our parents.

3. If you have not eaten you had better come home with me. I shall give you something to eat.

4. If he did not go to Taupo last week—where was he?

5. If you had been here he would have lived.

6. If you have not a canoe you had better tell (me ki atu) the priest (tohunga) to make you one (to make-kia hahauina he waka mou).

7. If you are not well (well-ora) you had better go home.

8. If you had not chopped down that tree it would have fallen (hinga) across the road (ki te huarohi).

9. Farewell! If you should go away—be careful (kia tupato).

10. We have eaten. If we had not eaten we would have come to your place.

Story of Maui (cont.)

Katahi tona whaea ka karanga atu ki a Maui Potiki "ko koe ano taku whakamutunga (last born) te potiki (child last born) o te ruahinetanga (state of being old) o toku tinana (body) a ka mea (say) atu nei au ki a koe, ko Maui—tiki tiki-p-Taranga koe.

A i muri iko (after) i taua tautohetanga (argument) ka mea mai a Taranga ki tana potiki, "Haere mai koe kia moe tahi (to sleep together) taua, kia hongi (embrace—show affection) atu au kia hongi mai koe.

Ka haere atu ia kei te moe tahi raua ko tona whaea.

Ara hoki (meanwhile) ko ona mata mua (elders) kei te korerorero (talk much) ki a ratou ano (to themselves), "Ha! (Lo!) ko tatou, ko nga mea (the ones) i ata (plainly) kitea e ia te whanautanga (the act of being born) te ki mai kia moe tahi kia aha (she never as much as asked us to sleep with her) tena (but) ko tenei koroke (pretender, up-start) ko wai ka mohio (who knows) na te tangata ki (stranger) noa atu tana tamaiti ka anga (she turns round) a ia ka moe tahi raua.

The Test.

The test paper was sent in by Mr G. E. Merrick of Napier. He gained ninety per cent in the test—showing a very creditable effort indeed for one who had not had any previous knowledge of Maori.

"TUI."

KEY TO LESSON XXVIII.

1. If you should return to Napier I shall remain at Hastings for a companion for Mary.

2. If you should not return next year I had better go to Auckland to see my sister Rachel.

3. If you should be going to Taupo you had better write to John to come there for a companion for you.

If you have any feeling for me you would stay this night for a companion for me, for I am afraid of ghosts.

4. Your motor car has arrived. If you are going to Napier—you had better dress now.

5. If John should not be going to Gisborne on Sunday, you two had better come to my place in the afternoon at 5 p.m.

6. If I should not build a house for you and John who would build you two a house.

7. If you should not hew out canoes for us we shall ask the very wise priests, Te Kuru, Te Rata, Honepa and Te Ringatu to hew out canoes for us.

8. If Rachel and her mother should not return to-night you had better sleep here and return to your home in the morning.

9. If you are reading that book you had better take it with you when you return home and I shall fetch it when you have finished it.

10. If you are not acquainted with these two men, you had better come to my home and I shall introduce you.

1. Ki te mea ka kore koe e haere ki Taupo a tera wiki me haere mai koe ki toku kai nga noho ai.

2. Mehemea e haere ana a Mere ki Nepia a te toru karaka i te ahiahi me waea mai koe ki au maku a ia e mau ina runga i toku motoka.

3. Mehemea e noho ana koe i Nepia mo tetahi wa roa me haere mai koe ki au noho ai mo tetahi wiki roa atu ranei.

4. Mehemea e hiahia koe ki te ako me korero koe i tenei pukapuka.

5. Ki te mea ka kore koe e haere mai kia kite i ahau ka tino mate au i te pouri.

6. Ki te mea ka kore koe e haere mai ki toku kainga a te Ratapu me waea mai koe a ka haere ata au ki tou kainga.

7. Mehemea kahore koe e kai ana i au kai me haere koe kia kite i te takuta.

8. Ki te mea ka kore koe e noho i konei me tuhi koe ki tau tamahine ki a Mere mana koe e tiki mai ma runga i tona motoka.

9. Mehemea kahore koe e mohio ana ki tenei tangata maku koe e whaka mohio.

10. Mehemea kahore koe e whakawhiti ana i te awa me noho koe i runga i te tahataha hei heteri.

The Story of Maui.

Maui and his mother argued. His mother said "You are not a son of mine."

Maui replied, "You say I am not a child of yours. But I say I am a son of yours. I was born by the seashore and I was cast by you into the foam of the ocean. I was wrapped by you in a tuft of your hair, the sea weeds wrapped me round and round. The wind blew me ashore. Flies swarmed around me. My ancestor Tama-nui-ki-te-rangi found me, nursed me and I survived."

OTANE SCHOOL GATHERING

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

GIFTS PRESENTED

Tributes To Teachers And Pupils

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
OTANE.

The Otane Town Hall was filled for the annual "break-up" of the Otane School. The hall was decorated with streamers and bowls of Christmas lilies and larkspur were placed upon the stage, while the table was draped with the New Zealand flag.

In his opening address, the chairman (Mr A. E. Black) voiced the appreciation of the staff and committee at the attendance of so many parents and interested friends, and also spoke of the happy co-operation of all concerned in the successful work accomplished during the year.

Mr A. E. Jull, M.P., congratulated the successful children upon their work, and spoke words of encouragement to those who had not been fortunate enough to get to the top of the class.

The headmaster (Mr R. D. Thompson) gave a resume of the work of the pupils, indicating the lines upon which the various programmes were drawn up.

Special mention was made of the value of the links formed, first by the exchange of the Otane school magazine with those of various schools in Britain, and also of the value of the connections made between the pupils of these schools and Otane by means of the excange of letters. The headmaster paid a tribute to the good example set by the children from St. Hilda's in all branches of school work.

Prize List

The various certificates and gift prizes were presented to the winners by Mr Jull. Gift books were presented to the senior pupils who are leaving school this year. The list is as follows:—

Dux (gold medal presented by Mr S. Neagle): Ngaire Cave; runner-up, Frank Smith. Special prize for character, courtesy and dependability: Edna Bishop. General knowledge: Senior school, Ngarie Cave; middle school, Peter Voyce and Dion Nathan (equal). Best garden plot: Frank Smith. Most points in sewing: Pauline Anderson. Tennis, best girl player: Tangi Heke. Cookery (from Waipawa Manual Centre): Shirley Crawley 1, Ngaire Cave 2.

Honours and Merit List

Form II.—Honours: Ngaire Cave 1, Tangi Heke 2, William Scheele 3, Frank Smith 4. Merit: Velma Bond 1, Shirley Crawley 2, Joan Nealon 3, Ken Scheele 4, Dennis August 5.

Form I.—Honours: Joan Arnott 1, Hilda Tod 2. Merit: Violet Auwhi 1, Ronald Thomas 2.

Standard 4. — Honours: Audrey Mudgway, Mollie Nealon, Raymond Heke, Robert Mills, Dion Nathan, Peter Voyce. Merit: Valerie Cave, Ani Hoskins, Anne Loughnan, Joyce Rumbal, Helen Scrimgeour, Reginald Ballard, Stanley Neagle.

Standard 3. — Honours: Pamela Voyce, Isobel McDougall, Barbara Fraser, Terry Ashley. Merit: Harriet Baikie, Ngaire Fredericks, Allan Scheele, Innes Soares, Ray Rumbal, James Hodgetts.

Standard 2.—Honours: Joan Edwards, Grace Mills. Merit: Coral Adlington, Barbara Smith, Ethel Minto, Beverley Fraser, Jocelyn Loughnan, George Colquhoun, Bruce Ballard.

Standard 1.—Honours: Joan Bull, Shirley Nossiter, Russel Cave. Merit: Patricia Anderson, Iris Geary, Dawn Scrimgeour, David Oram, Donald Baikie, Lucky Tipu.

School certificates (proficiency): Pauline Anderson, Edna Bishop, Velma Bond, Ngaire Cave, Shirley Crawley, Mary Hammond, Tangi Heke, Ruth Price, Mary Foulds, Joan Nealon, Leonard Anderton, Dennis August, Forbes Minto, William Scheele, Kenneth Scheele, Frank Smith.

Swimming Certificates

50 yards: Barbara Harbottle, Ngaire Cave, Anne Loughnan, Jocelyn Loughnan, Mary Hammond, Ken Scheele, William Scheele, Peter Voyce, Melvyn Jamieson, Forbes Minto, Gordon Collins. 220 yards: Betty Baikie, Ruth Price, Barbara Page, Betty Foulds, Gwen Davis, Mary Foulds, Barbara Harbottle, Arthur Foulds, Norrie Crawley. 880 yards: Joan Arnott, Hilda Tod, Helen Scrimgeour, Ronald Thomas.

At the conclusion of the prize giving, Velma Bond, on behalf of the pupils, presented the chairman (Mr A. Black), and the secretary (Mr F. Williams) with a scarf each, in appreciation of the interest they always had in the children. Edna Bishop presented Mr G. Voyce with a scarf, expressing the thanks of the school for the kindness Mr Voyce had shown in typing the copy for the school magazine each month. These scarves had been made by the children on the school hand loom and were beautifully finished.

The headmaster was presented with a fountain pen from the senior children, and Mr O. Page expressed the committee's thanks to the chairman for his work during the year, and presented him with a fountain pen also. They were both accorded musical honours. An entertainment of songs, Maori dances and plays by the children from each class was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience, the most appealing item being entitled the "Christmas Tree," by the infant children.

NEW ZEALAND'S DEFENCES

NEED FOR ADEQUATE SYSTEM

HASTINGS ADDRESS

Sir Andrew Russell's Viewpoint

Stressing the need for maintaining an adequate home defence system, Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, in an address at the quarterly re-union of the Hastings Returned Soldiers' Association on Thursday night remarked that war and Power politics were nothing but the exploitation of surprise and opportunity. For months before the war, he said, he had urged the need for greater military preparation in New Zealand, thereby incurring disapproval in high places.

He, together with others, had said, in the months before the war, that it was possible to be taken by surprise, and that we should be ready to meet all emergencies. There had been surprises, not all of them unfavourable, but he still believed that New Zealand should take warning from the undefended state of the western Pacific. Who would have been believed, he asked, who six months ago had predicted that Red armies would invade Finland? We had no right to-day to act as if surprises were possible only for other people.

Events Unpredictable.

When wars were fought over some particular piece of territory or to settle some specific difference, it was easier to predict what would happen, how far the war would extend, and when it would end. Now when a great war was being fought over questions of principles, it was impossible to say what might happen, and what advantage might be taken by nations that were actuated by Power politics. It was much harder to stop a war that was being fought over principles than a war that was being fought over material conditions, when it was possible to say that what was being fought for was not worth the cost.

"We can all feel proud and confident that the command of the special force of New Zealanders is in the hands of a man such as Major-General Freyberg," declared Sir Andrew. "General Freyberg is a New Zealander and his military record for continuous courage and leadership is probably not excelled by any other man in the British Army, and that is saying a great deal.

Good Soldiers.

"Also, I think we can say that we have equal confidence that the men who are going to serve under him will be worthy of his command," he continued. "We do not wish to assume any military qualities. After all, we are only descendants of those people who lived in the Old Land, but I think it can be said that in the freer life that we live here the qualities of initiative are more developed. Initiative plus discipline is the finest and most necessary attribute of good soldiers, and New Zealanders have shown that they can be good soldiers because of their initiative, discipline, and courage.

"When we say discipline we do not mean it in the narrow sense, but we do mean that discipline which enables a man to carry on his duties when he is acting on his own and is not dependent on the mass formation of his fellows. This is what is called battle discipline, and it is in this battle discipline of the higher type that individual initiative gets its full effect.

"It has often been said that when the military mind sets to work to plan for the next war it always wants to fight it as it did the last war," continued Sir Andrew. "It is not for me to attempt to suggest anything about the lines on which this war should or will be fought, but those qualities of discipline, initiative, and courage are still the essentials of successful soldiering."

A Great Leader.

Sir Andrew suggested that an army officered by men of ability and judgment in civilian life was better equipped to meet the changing conditions of warfare than one which was tied down by a hidebound military system. He instanced the great leadership of General Monash, who was a civilian before the war and yet proved himself to be one of the great military leaders.

There were highly technical military problems which had to be dealt with and it was in this respect that the well-trained military mind could be of the greatest service. There was a danger of a loss of efficiency occurring because these military experts who should be doing the highly technical staff work so necessary for successful campaigning, were placed in positions of command, in which they were not so well equipped.

Military leaders must be prepared to meet new circumstances from day to day because war consisted largely of surprises, and the man trained in civilian life to make decisions was mentally better fitted for swift changes of method when confronted with the unexpected. He recalled the story of David and Goliath, where Goliath put all his faith in his armour and his physical strength, and was quite incapable of countering the initiative of little David.

Parade at Wairoa.—A full muster of members of the Wairoa troop of the Wellington-East Coast Mounted Rifles took part in a parade on the town on Thursday night. At the conclusion of the parade the members of the troop were the guests of the Wairoa branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association at supper.

PRIZE-GIVING AT TAKAPAU

School Awards Made

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TAKAPAU.

A successful prize giving and closing ceremony took place at the Takapau School on Thursday afternoon, when Mr G. R. Davies presided.

Mr G. R. Davies presented the following awards:—

Calves, dairy type; Ismae Hunt 1, Elaine Thomsen 2, Grace Halford 3. Calves, care and attention: Elaine Thomsen 1, Ismae Hunt 2, Grace Halford 3, Barbara Grant special prize. Lambs, long-wool: Doreen Johnson 1, Nancy Paulsen 2, John Illsley 3. Lambs, down cross: Maurice Mouat 1, Nancy McSporran 2, Joyce Mackie 3. Best lamb for breeding: Nancy Paulsen (special). Best lamb for export: Jocelyn Oakley (special).

Merit certificates: Down Mouat, Lois Heald, Ismae Hunt, Joyce Heyward, Colin Haye, Edward Russell, Barbara Grant, James Illsley, Tony James, Ray Grant, Gwen Anderson.

Primary school leaving certificate: Richard Gavin, Max Mouat, Nia Nia Heperi, Graham Neville, Ashley Oldershaw, Donald Scott, Hanita Snee, Marjory Bjorngaard, Joy Carter, Gwen Crawford, Nancy Eldershaw, Ivy May, Margaret McKenna, Doris Mouat, Susan Naera, Mary O'Keefe, June Smith, Zelma Schofield, Elaine Thomsen, Esther Thompson, Greta Twentyman.

Dux prize: Marjorie Bjorngaard. Special prize for general excellence: Nia Nia Heperi (presented by the headmaster).

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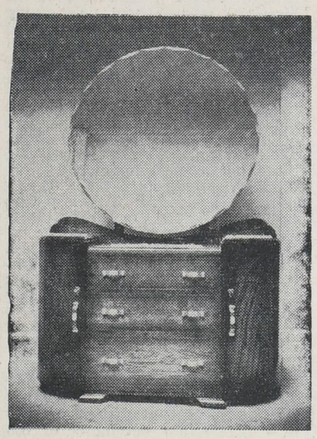

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CITIZENS' QUEEN NOW IN LEAD

Progress Of Competition At Wairoa

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WAIROA.

At present the Citizens' candidate (Miss V. Harker) is leading the poll of the Wairoa Queen Carnival. The Maori committee has also improved its position. The following was the position of the various candidates at noon yesterday:—

Citizens (Miss V. Harker) 24,832; County (Miss D. Delaney) 24,000; P.W.D. (Miss K. Foley) 13,440; Maori (Miss I. Macgregor) 7022.

Jones came back from his holiday proud of his bulging muscles.

"Look at these arms," he said.

They were certainly in good condition. His colleagues put it down to rowing, but Jones withered them with scorn.

"Rowing be blowed!" he snorted. "I got them pulling up fish."

THE RAINBOW SHIELD REPRESENTATIVES

Heretaunga Club's Team Announced

The Heretaunga Swimming Club has announced the following representatives for the Rainbow Shield team:—

Junior boys, Miller, Parker, McKay; junior girls, Misses Lowe, Farquhar, Hunt; intermediate boys, Downey, Mason, Parker; intermediate girls, Misses Martin, Harnden; senior men, Bodle, Wrightson, Sullivan; women, Misses Martin, Harnden, Fisher; diving, Wright, Taylor, Treacher (senior); Miss Lowe, McKay, A. Leeves (junior); intermediate breaststroke, Miss Harnden, Martin, Wrightson; teams race, No. 1, Bodle, Wrightson, Sullivan, Cartwright; No. 2, Richards, Treacher, Treacher, Taylor.

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Full moon, 11.38 p.m., Tue., Dec. 26.
TIDES

		H.W. a.m.	H.W. p.m.	L.W. a.m.	L.W. p.m.
Dec. 16,	Sat.	9.42	10.07	3.24	3.57
Dec. 17,	Sun.	10.27	10.48	4.11	4.41
Dec. 18,	Mon.	11.09	11.32	4.52	5.26
Dec. 19,	Tue.	11.49	0.14	5.38	6.07
Dec. 20,	Wed.	0.30	0.31	6.23	6.50

All the above times are N.Z. Summer Time.

VESSELS AT BREAKWATER
Gabriella, discharging general cargo.
VESSELS AT INNER HARBOUR
Kiritona, at moorings.
Koau, at moorings.
Koutunui, at moorings.
Tu Atu, at Jull wharf.
EXPECTED ARRIVALS
Breakwater
Pakura, ex Lyttelton and Wellington, December 18.
Pukeko, ex Portland, December 21.
Poolta, ex Greymouth and Westport, December 22.
Kopara, ex Auckland, December 22.
PROJECTED DEPARTURES
Kopara, for Gisborne, Waikokopu and Auckland, last night.
Pakura, for Waikokopu, Gisborne and Wellington, December 18.
Pukeko, for Wellington and Lyttelton, December 22.
Poolta, December 23.

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.

Kiritona, o.e.v., 136 tons (Richardson and Co.), at moorings.

Koau, m.v., 144 tons (Richardson and Co.), at moorings.

Koutunui, m.v., 173 tons (Richardson and Co.), at moorings.

Kopara, m.v., 850 tons, F. S. Bates, master (Richardson and Co.), discharged cement from Portland and general cargo from Auckland at the Glasgow wharf yesterday and was to have left last night for Auckland, via Waikokopu and Gisborne; loads at Auckland on Monday and Tuesday next for East Coast bays, Gisborne and Napier. Due here on Friday, December 22, returning to Auckland the same night.

Pakura, 719 tons, C. W. Caldicutt, master (Richardson and Co.), loaded general cargo at Lyttelton on Thursday and at Wellington yesterday; continues loading to-day for Napier and Gisborne. Due here on Monday, December 18, and leaves the same night for Waikokopu and Gisborne, thence Wellington.

Poolta, s.s., 1675 tons (Union S.S. Co.), loads at Greymouth on Monday, December 18, for Napier and completes at Westport. Due here on December 22.

Pukeko, m.v., 730 tons, S. M. Petley, master (Richardson and Co.), loaded general cargo at Auckland yesterday and loads cement at Portland next Monday, Dec. 18, for Gisborne and Napier; due here on Thursday, December 21, and leaves the same night for Wellington and Lyttelton.

Tu Atu, o.e.v., 42 tons (Richardson and Co.), at Jull wharf.

Wainui, s.s., 1633 tons, T. W. White, master (Union S.S. Co.), left the Glasgow wharf at 6 p.m. on Wednesday for Wellington, and was expected to leave there the same day for Dunedin, where she will undergo annual overhaul and survey.

GENERAL

Mariposa, o.e.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), left San Francisco on December 5 and Los Angeles on December 6 for Honolulu, Pago Pago, Suva and Auckland. Due at Auckland on December 22 and leaves at noon the following day for Sydney and Melbourne.

Monterey, o.e.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), left Auckland at 10 p.m. on December 12 for Suva, Pago Pago, Honolulu and San Francisco. Due at Los Angeles on December 29 and San Francisco the following day.

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THE AVUNCULAR POLICY

Round about Christmas time it would seem to be impossible to have too many uncles. But in New Zealand it is so. They are political or quasi-political uncles. They are radio uncles. So far as advisory relatives are concerned, we are suffering from an embarrassment of riches.

In the vanguard of the avuncular legions is Uncle Scrim. By his side, with a suave smile of benevolence, is Mr Savage, who dresses up his thoughts in their Sunday best and assures the people that everything will be all right and that the Government is doing its "job." Many other echelons line up behind and to one side of the leaders and give regular advice to a presumably ignorant people.

The question of uncles was raised in definite terms in the Auckland Town Hall by Mr R. M. Algie, a report of whose speech was published in yesterday morning's "Daily Mail." Mr Algie, like some of his nearer relatives, proved to be a somewhat incorrigible nephew. He did not seem to be at all willing to believe in the Governmental Santa Claus idea as expounded by our numerous uncles. It is possible, in fact, that as a precocious nephew, he has been guilty of asking some of those awkward questions about Santa Claus which are the signs of an awakened intelligence and the cause of much perplexity to the tellers of fairy tales. Such people as Mr Algie have been known to give a flat refusal to hang up their stockings on the conditional supposition that some mythical personage will come down the chimney to fill them. These literally-minded youngsters are really most difficult to handle.

From the point of view of fairness, justice, free speech, and all the rest of it, no apology is needed for asking why it is so necessary for the Government to commandeer a practical monopoly of the air in order to reiterate its favourite doctrines. Not even the most ardent socialist can say in truth that there is equality of opportunity, so far as the broadcasting services are concerned.

The most regrettable aspect of the present Governmental broadcasting policy is the frequent descent to invective and personalities. The whole of the appeal is for the earnest co-operation of every section of the people so that the war effort may be successful, but the appeal seems to be conditioned by the fiat that it must be co-operation strictly limited to the advancement of the Government's policy of socialisation. There has never been any suggestion of opening the way for the entrance of co-operative effort in official Governmental action. The Government remains a closed corporation with no room whatever for the incorporation of any of those who possess any ideas not in complete conformity with those that are being applied to the running of the country's affairs. As Mr Algie succinctly put it: "Either the people must submit to socialisation in order that a maximum war effort might be made, or they must defend their natural rights and be branded as disloyal and seditious obstructionists."

Any honest person will admit that when the veneer is torn from the current broadcasting policy, when due discount has been made of the subtleties, innuendos, vaguenesses and generalities, the residue is a grim determination on the part of the existing Government to see its own peculiarly planned policy through right to the end. Despite its appeals for co-operation, the Government has grasped none of the hands willingly stretched out to help. The Government lives in a perpetual nightmare of gift horses. It fears the intrusion of any ideas that have not been sifted in caucus.

Nothing can be said against the strength of its leadership: but the direction in which it is leading cannot but give rise to grave misgivings on the part of every truly loyal and understanding New Zealander. We have too many salaried Santa Clauses.

Personal

The Rev. C. E. Hyde, a chaplain at the N.Z. Military camp at Trentham, has returned to Wairoa on leave for the Christmas period.

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Mr C. H. A. Marshall, Takapau, who has been in Trentham with the Signallers, is now on final leave and will return to camp on December 28.

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Mr J. McCarthy, Waipukurau, has received word that his son Pat has been selected for the Wellington junior representative cricket team to play Auckland and Christchurch.

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Sir Herbert Hart, of the Palestine War Graves Commission, was a visitor to Waipukurau yesterday. He was accompanied by Lady Hart.

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Mr Harry Rendle is leaving Hastings on Monday evening for Hobsonville, where he has been accepted for a position in the New Zealand Royal Air Force.

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Mr Percy E. Wilkinson, L.R.S.M., has been appointed organist and choirmaster of St. Augustine's Church, Napier, in place of Mr E. C. Jamieson, who leaves for St. Mark's Church, Wellington, at the beginning of the year.

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Mr and Mrs H. Davies are Hastings visitors to Wellington.

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Mr and Mrs W. McCulloch and Miss M. McCulloch, Napier, are visiting Wellington.

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Mr F. Graham, stock inspector, Department of Agriculture, left Hastings yesterday to spend his annual leave in the Nelson district. He was accompanied by Mrs Graham and family.

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Mr Guy Connal, formerly of Te Awamutu, has taken up his duties as manager of the Palmerston North branch of the Union Bank of Australia.

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Dr F. W. Hilgendorf has been appointed a member of the Board of Governors of the Canterbury Agricultural College for a term of three years.

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Rev. G. H. McNeur, veteran founder of the Canton Mission of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church, and Mrs McNeur are to leave Canton early next month on their way back to New Zealand.

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Rabbi J. Danglow, of St. Kilda, Melbourne, has arrived at Auckland on a holiday visit to New Zealand. He is accompanied by his wife.

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Mr H. J. Collins will be a new member of the staff at Hereworth School next year. In making this announcement in his annual report at the prize-giving ceremony held last night, the head master (Mr J. D. H. Buchanan) said that Mr Collins would be the first old boy to become a master at the school.

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Mr W. T. Chaplin, who for the past year has been a master at Hereworth School, has resigned from his position. Mr Chaplin joined the staff in the third term of the 1938 school year, to fill a temporary vacancy. He remained on the staff throughout the past year. His place next year will be filled by Mr G. W. Bibby.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr W. A. Phillips, Mr N. W. Hastings (Hamilton), Mr and Mrs R. Graham (Gisborne), Pvte. E. Darlington (Trentham), Mr L. Shanks (Taupo), Mr W. Smith (Rotorua), Mr B. Hankins, Mr W. Loveday (Wellington), are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

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Mr A. W. Swap, Mr G. Phillips, Mr R. Hastings, Mr G. Cuthbert (Palmerston North), Mr I. D. Hendy (Dannevirke), Mrs Harold Williams, Mrs V. Savage, Miss M. Barker, Miss Ann Williams, Miss J. Poulton, Master Colin Williams (Gisborne), Mrs G. M. O'Malley, Mrs F. McArdle (Wairoa), are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

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Mr J. Hunter, Miss Hunter, Mr G. Cloake (Wellington), Miss K. Angus, Mr A. Murray (Auckland), Mr J. Armstrong (Waikato), Mr B. Murray, Mr H. Bell (New Plymouth), Mr F. Nicklin (Hawera), Mr T. Frazerhurst, Mr A. Bishop (Papakura), Mr F. McKay (Gisborne), are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

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Mr M. Ray, Mr Evans, Mr M. Finlay (Wellington), Mr and Mrs T. Davey, Mr Davey jun., Master Davey (Wairoa), Mr F. Bailey, Mrs Norcross, Miss Norcross (Auckland), Mr Cuthbertson (Takapau), Mr J. S. Wauchop, Mr F. Kenny, Mr T. A. Coleman (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs Little sen., Mr and Mrs Little jun. (New Plymouth), Mr and Mrs Bennett (Devonport) are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

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Mr R. McDowell (Wellington), Miss J. Kahlenberg (Gisborne), Mrs W. Jackson (Masterton), Mr A. Lawry (Auckland), Mr A. M. Fankelstein), Mr and Mrs H. McLer, Mrs J. D. Williamson (Auckland), Mr and Mrs C. H. Handley (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs G. H. Sherman (Christchurch), Mr and Mrs T. Hay-Campbell (Wanganui), Mr S. Holzer (Czechoslovakia), are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

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WAIROA

Mr C. Mann, Mr D. Dennis (Hastings), Mr H. G. Walker (Wellington), Mr Clifford, Mr J. L. Fletcher (Trentham), Mr G. Poppelwell (Napier) are at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

PRESENTATION TO MISS G. ROSE

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIPUKURAU.

One of the most popular members of Waipukurau's green-costumed railway refreshment room staff, Miss G. Rose, was the guest of honour at a gathering of the staff yesterday afternoon. Miss Rose is leaving the service of the department on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage at Wellington.

The stationmaster (Mr T. Martin) expressed the regret of the staff at Miss Rose's departure, and wished her happiness in the future. Miss G. Wiggins, head of the refreshment branch, spoke of Miss Rose as a capable and efficient servant of the department, and added wishes for her happiness in her new sphere of life. The remarks of the previous speakers were endorsed by Mr McLaggan.

A presentation of a fireside companion set and a cup and saucer on behalf of the staff was then made by Mr Martin.

Miss Rose suitably replied, inviting members of the staff to visit her at her new home in Wellington.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Mahora-Whakatu Cricket Team

The Mahora-Whakatu cricket team to play Turf at Akina Park, No. 2, to-day will be as follows:—J. Drummond, J. Love, R. Love, H. Stubbs, D. Thompson, K. Trumper, E. Miller, F. Goodall, B. Edwards, S. Carrington, J. Goodall.

"Daily Mail" v. Turf

A return match between the Hawke's Bay "Daily Mail" XI and the Turf Cricket Club will be played at the week-end. The "Daily Mail" team is as follows:—L. Driver (captain), D. Rowbotham, C. Broadhurst, C. Raisin, C. Noble, D. Driver, W. Hogg, C. Clark, M. Hunt, D. Davies, O. Skeet, R. Turner.

Extra Express Trains

The attention of readers is drawn to the Railway Department's advertisement appearing in this issue relative to extra express and night passenger trains running between Napier and Palmerston North during the forthcoming Christmas and New Year holidays.

Bluff Hill Slip

Workmen are engaged in the removal of spoil from the "toe" of the Bluff Hill slip, Napier. This is to be used for levelling at the site of the winter garden being constructed on the Marine Parade. It is not yet known how much material will be required for filling, but it is not thought that the slip will be greatly diminished.

Special Railway Service

To enable Public Works Department employees in the Wairoa district to spend Christmas in their homes, the Railways Department has made arrangements to run a special train from Waikokopu to Wellington next Thursday, December 21. The train is scheduled to leave Waikokopu at 7.25 p.m., Nuhaka at 7.40 p.m. Wairoa at 8.35 p.m. and Napier at 12.10 a.m. on Friday.

Beef Championship

Although war conditions prevail, the Hawke's Bay chilled beef championship, conducted with such success at the last Autumn Show of the Hawke's Bay A. and P. Society, is to be held again at the next show on March 16. As in the case of lambs for export exhibited at the Spring Show, the final judging on the hooks will be conducted at Tomoana. It is thought that the chilled beef record set last autumn will be exceeded in the coming show.

Substantial Library

An announcement that the school library would soon be furnished in a substantial manner was made by the principal of the Hastings High School (Mr W. A. G. Penlington) in his annual report presented at the prize distribution ceremony held last night. A grant of £100, he said, had been authorised. The school also received a gift of a fine set of etchings for the walls of the library and a considerable number of books had been added to the shelves.

New School Clubs

"The Gramophone Club, a junior branch of the Red Cross and a branch of the Crusader movement are among the new organisations which have been formed in the school during the past year," said the Principal of the Hastings High School (Mr W. A. G. Penlington) in presenting his annual report at the prize distribution ceremony held last night. "The school choir has also become an important feature among our activities," he said, "and gave an excellent performance in a radio broadcast."

Gymnastics and Athletics

"The School Gymnastic Club has made a strong advance this year. The Boxing and Wrestling Association generously gave us a wrestling mat and the boys, under the guidance of their instructor, have made the apparatus for an outdoor gymnasium," said the principal of the Hastings High School (Mr W. A. G. Penlington) in his annual report presented at the prize-giving ceremony held last night. He also announced that it had been arranged to hold the combined Hawke's Bay secondary school sports at the school during Centennial week, next March.

Rats in Coal Mines

Every coal mine has its colony of rats, and for a long time it was the belief of miners that the animals were reliable gauges of security, in that they were sensitive to the presence of lethal gases. A mining expert who has been attending the sittings of the Royal Commission at Huntly, said that the recent disaster at Glen Afton disproved the belief, since exploration parties in the mine said they found many rats lying dead in the workings. Miners had believed that rats gave a danger signal by leaving the mine hurriedly as soon as they detected the presence of carbon monoxide.

St. John Successes

The Hastings division of the St. John Ambulance again recorded unqualified successes in the examination in First Aid held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association in Hastings on Thursday night. Out of 19 candidates who sat for the Class A examination, 19 were successful. They were Messrs B. W. Tully, G. Thew, W. T. Petersen, R. H. Green, L. Patmore, A. Pryde, J. C. Henderson, G. A. Passey, W. Cleary, R. J. Evans, R. A. Jefferies, F. C. Daniels, G. F. Heard, E. J. Morgan, J. D. Taylor, E. E. Heney, F. J. Sheffield, V. Long, J. D. Hogg.

One Was Enough

Discussing the responsibilities of the parents to their children during schooldays, the Bishop of Waiapu in his address at the Hastings High School prize-giving last night told an amazing story which had its due effect upon the large audience. "A mother of my acquaintance was wont to spoil her son and when he was late in the mornings she would run down to the corner and watch for the bus, signalling Jimmy when it came in sight. One day a neighbour told her that she was spoiling her son, to which the woman retorted: 'It's taken me 20 years to break in one man and I'll wait for some other woman to tackle the job of breaking in his son.' "

Point of Difference

"Boys who leave school as close friends, usually had a fight or cross words when they first met," said the Bishop of Waiapu in the course of his talk to pupils of the Hastings High School at the breaking-up ceremony last night. "Of course the same does not apply to the girls. They squabble all the time and seem to change their 'best friend' each term."

School Museum

The hope that the Hastings High School would soon be able to establish a museum at the school was expressed by the principal (Mr W. A. G. Penlington) in his annual report presented at the prize-giving ceremony held last night. A start was being made with a number of arranged exhibits in wall cases. For the present, he said, the museum would be limited to displays which were of instructional value.

"Hooey" Merchants

"There are a lot of 'hooey' merchants in this country —people who believe in preposterous things," said the Solicitor-General (Mr H. H. Cornish) addressing pupils of the Napier Boys' High School at the prize-giving yesterday. "They are confident, but wrong." Mr Cornish impressed on his listeners that they must have knowledge and confidence to combat these "hooey" merchants, "for if they got into power, they would quickly turn the country upside down," he said.

Hereworth Swimmers

An unusually good swimming record is held by Hereworth School. At the conclusion of the presentation of swimming certificates at the prize-giving ceremony last night, it was announced that there was no pupil in the school who could not swim 10 yards and only two who swam less than 25 yards. Over half the school have swum half a mile. For a preparatory school in which the majority of the pupils are young boys, this is a remarkable achievement and one of which the school might well be proud.

Engineering Visit

Reference to a visit paid to Wellington by 18 engineering pupils of the school was made by the principal of the Hastings High School (Mr W. A. G. Penlington) in his annual report presented at the prize-giving ceremony held last night. A number of engineering establishments were inspected and the Exhibition buildings during the course of their erection. Everywhere, the principal said, the pupils were most hospitably received, and as a result of the contacts made, two of the boys have been placed in apprenticeships in Wellington.

A Satisfactory Roll

In a reference to the numbers now attending Hereworth School, the headmaster (Mr J. D. H. Buchanan) in his annual report presented at the prize-giving ceremony last night, said that the school roll was now in a very satisfactory position. Two or three years ago, he added, the school tradition had suffered through the falling ratio of older and more experienced pupils. This had now been re-established by a group of loyal and vigorous prefects. Whereas three years ago only 20 boys of a year or more's experience with school remained to carry 30 new boys, next year there would be 26 boys of three or more years' standing in the school.

He Who Hesitates

The loss of two gallons of beer would fill many a thirsting soul with anguish, but to have the precious fluid spilled over one's person in a busy street makes the matter worse. Such a misfortune befell a man walking along Emerson Street, Napier, yesterday afternoon. He was carrying a large jar wrapped in brown paper. The first sign of disaster came when a thin trickle of brown liquid ran from the package in the man's arms, and down his clothes. The flow increased, and the woman, who accompanied the man, apparently his wife, urged him to put the jar down; the man maintained his hold, and began walking quicker. By this time the beer was cascading down the man's suit, and running across the footpath. The bearer deposited the jar in the gutter, and sadly watched while the last of the beer ebbed from the broken glass and paper.

Choosing a Vocation

In the course of his address at the Hastings High School prize-giving ceremony last night, the Bishop of Waiapu (the Rt. Rev. G. V. Gerard) referred to the responsibility of the staff who were really sculptors dealing with live material. It was the duty of the staff to guide the pupils into that particular sphere of life for which they were fitted. "A chairman at a recent prize-giving ceremony impressed upon his youthful listeners the importance of carrying their school training into actual life," said the Bishop. "He quoted an incident of a boy who became a carpenter's apprentice and on the first day of his new job forgot his tools. Of course," added his Lordship with emphasis, "that boy should never have been apprenticed to a carpenter—he was a born plumber!"

Bishop's Faux Pas

Proceedings at the annual prize-distribution ceremony of the Hastings High School which was held last night, were considerably enlivened when the principal speaker, the Bishop of Waiapu (the Rt. Rev. G. V. Gerard) was caught out in a flagrant faux pas. "Prize-giving day is like a football match —the whole team turns out," his Lordship began. "Here in the front we have the forwards, the young people who will go forward, and at the back . . ." Here Bishop Gerard broke off and a short, deep silence ensued. Quickly grasping the inevitable faux pas, the large audience soon had the hall ringing with laughter, in which the victim joined with great vigour. Although the slip was soon forgotten as his Lordship progressed with the more serious aspects of his address, the large crowd had been enticed into such a happy frame of mind that there was a quick and ready response to the subsequent intended touches of humour.

Just as blindness is considered one of the greatest human calamities, so is good eyesight a boon, the preservation of which is of paramount importance. Consult Azzopardi and Holland, Opticians.*

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR FAIR WARM WEATHER

The "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay is as follows:—

Winds: Moderate and variable winds with westerly directions predominating.

Weather: Mainly fair and warm.

Seas: Slight.

Hastings Weather

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

Dry bulb temp.	74.0deg.
Wet bulb temp.	67.0deg.
Maximum temp.	83.6deg.
Minimum temp.	50.6deg.
Grass	46.0deg.
1ft. underground	68.0deg.
Cloud	8
Wind	S.E.2
Rain	Nil
Rain for month	1.42ins.

Napier Weather

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

Dry bulb temp.	70.0deg.
Wet bulb temp.	62.0deg.
Maximum temp.	80.5deg.
Minimum temp.	54.0deg.
1ft. underground	69.0deg.
3ft. underground	65.2deg.
Grass	47.8deg.
Visibility	6
Humidity	64 p.c.
Cloud	7
Wind	E.2
Rain	Nil
Sun	11.5hrs.

Dominion Forecast

General situation: A weak depression has been moving from the west across the Dominion, and at 3 p.m. was centred east of Cook Strait.

Forecast:—Winds: Varying between north-west and south-west, mainly moderate in force, but strong at times in some exposed positions.

Seas (N.Z. waters): Slight to moderate.

Eastern Tasman: Moderate north-west to west winds, later tending to south-westerly.

Seas: Moderate.

Weather: Mostly fair in eastern districts, rather changeable elsewhere, with occasional scattered showers and fine intervals. Mild temperatures.

To-Day's Diary

Hastings

Basketball dance, Havelock North, 8 p.m.
Pakowhai School Baths opening, 2.30 p.m.
The Theatres:
"In Name Only," State, 2.15, 5, and 8 p.m.
"Secret Service of the Air" and "Kicking the Moon Around," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m.
"The Hardys Ride High," Regent, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m.
"Land of Fighting Men" and "Something to Sing About," Municipal, 8 p.m.

Napier

The Theatres:
"Second Fiddle," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"Smashing the Rackets" and "Overland Express," Mayfair, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Professor Mamlock," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m.

The Breakfast Table

Sister: Where can I put this so I won't forget it when I go out?
Brother: On the looking-glass.

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Shopper: Can I stick this wallpaper on myself?
Salesman: Yes, sir. But it would really look better on the wall.

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"I put a button in that cigarette machine, and do you know what came out?"
"No."
"The tobacconist."

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An ancient car drove painfully to the gates of the football ground. The gatekeeper, demanding the usual entrance fee, called:
"Half-crown for the car."
The driver sighed wearily, and said: "Sold."

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The little sailing boat came waltzing into the bay.—From a novel.
With a Liszt to starboard?

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"Jones's wife thinks the world of her husband."
"Does she?"
"Yes. She even believes the parrot taught him to swear."

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Candidate: It is my intention to conduct a bunkless campaign."
Publicity Expert: Good—I'm just the man to put that kind of bunk over.

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Notice in a doctor's surgery: Ladies in the waiting-room will please not exchange symptoms. It gets the doctor hopelessly mixed up.

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Barber: How do you like this new soap, sir?
Man in Chair: It tastes fine. You must have lunch with me some day.

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Christmas Gifts at "Parkers." We have a wonderful selection for both men and women. An early inspection is advisable. "Parkers."*

RECRUITS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SECOND ECHELON OF THE NEW ZEALAND FORCES

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE HINTS AT A CHALLENGE TO VOLUNTEERS TO BEAT PREVIOUS RECORD

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Dec. 15.

An appeal for recruits to bring the second echelon of the special military force up to full strength and to provide a nucleus for the third echelon was made by the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) in a statement to-night.

Enlistments will be on the same conditions as those for the first echelon.

"The first echelon has completed its preliminary training," said Mr Jones, "and will shortly leave for advanced training overseas. Mobilisation camps will then be available for the training of the second echelon. Numbers of men who have already enlisted and been passed medically fit are waiting to enter camp with the second echelon, but more are required to make up the full strength and to provide a nucleus for the third echelon.

"Those prepared to offer their services should do so as soon as possible. Officers for the second echelon have been training since November 8. Non-commissioned officers are also in training. Their number will be supplemented from later enlistments.

"Some who volunteered for the first echelon were rejected on account of minor dental defects. There will be no further rejections on this ground, as all such troubles will be rectified by the army dental officers in camp.

"On the day when recruiting opened for the first echelon, the volunteers exceeded the total number required. Volunteers for the second echelon may have difficulty in beating this record, but they can equal it.

"Service with the forces involves sacrifice, but the Government has always believed that the necessary sacrifice would be made when the need was known. The men on final leave have obeyed the call of duty, and the country honours them. I am confident that their fellow men will not falter now in the national effort to maintain and guarantee the safety of New Zealand and the British Commonwealth."

LOYAL MESSAGE FROM MAORIS

His Majesty Assured Of Co-operation

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 15.

The Governor-General (Lord Galway) has sent the following message to his Majesty the King:

"The representatives of the Maori race, including officers and men of the Maori battalion assembled yesterday on the occasion of the opening of the Maori pavilion at the New Zealand Centennial Exhibition which coincided with your Majesty's birthday, desire me to tender on behalf of the Maori people of New Zealand their respectful good wishes together with an expression of their unabated devotion and loyalty to your Majesty's throne and person and of their determination to lend all assistance in their power to the Empire's cause."

Military Stores Stolen By A Soldier

Position Of Trust Is Betrayed By Man In Charge

A War Veteran

Magistrate's Serious View Of The Offence

By Telegraph—Press Association.
AUCKLAND, Dec. 15.

Military stores were the main exhibit in the Police Court to-day when William Henry Alsweiler, 44, was charged with the theft of goods valued at £6 14s, the property of the Defence Department. He pleaded guilty.

The police police stated that the accused had been employed in the stores department at Hopuhopu and Papakura camps as a private in the National Military Reserve. He had been in a position of trust, his duties being to make up provision orders for the various units.

He had given the goods to a carrier who called at the camp, for delivery to his home.

"This type of offence is looked on seriously by the Department and the accused has since been discharged from military service," added Detective-Sergeant Walsh.

For the accused, who had no previous convictions, Mr Turner said that the accused had had a fine record in the last war and had not hesitated to join up again.

"Once this canker starts in connection with stores, either in military camps or in city warehouses, it is hard to trace," said the Magistrate, Mr Levien.

The accused was fined £15, in default one month's imprisonment.

FREEDOM RADIO DENIES ULTIMATUM

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LONDON, Dec. 15.

The German Freedom radio emphatically denies that it made an ultimatum to Hitler that he must resign within 100 days or be killed.

The station declares it was a fake arranged by the Nazi Propaganda Minister (Dr. P. J. Goebbels).

MEN OF SPECIAL FORCE

REPUTATION ALREADY ESTABLISHED

MEETING DANGER

New Zealand Men Are Favourably Known

"I can hold up to you no finer model as soldiers than that shown by the men that a little nation in a far-off island sent to France in her hour of peril." This, a tribute paid by a French general addressing French recruits about to take the oath of military service, was quoted by Colonel Holderness at Thursday's quarterly re-union of the Hastings Returned Soldiers' Association when proposing a toast to the men of the Special Force shortly to proceed overseas.

He wished to point out, said Col. Holderness, that in the Great War the New Zealand forces were well and favourably known all over the war. The men going now would have a reputation for courage and endurance at least as great as, if not greater than, that of those who went before them. Those present knew that the soldiers of to-day went actuated by the same sense of duty as they themselves. Right was on their side, and they went determined not to return until their country had won the war.

Dangers to be Faced.

"We know the difficulties and dangers which we had to face, and, though we do not know what they will have to face, we know that they will be great; but we know, too, that they will face them and meet them with every courage," continued the speaker. "We say to them that war is not composed entirely of difficulties and dangers—there are some alleviations. We say to them: Seize the opportunities of alleviation where you can.

"We confidently leave the honour of our country in their hands. I would refer to the opinion held by the French, one of the greatest military countries in the world. Although a distinguished French general, who had a magnificent field at his disposal to draw upon for illustrations of loyalty, patriotism, and duty to country, he read the following army order issued from Headquarters, when addressing young soldiers of the Republic:—

"Splendid Division."

"The President of the Council of the Ministry of War mentions the name of the following British officer, Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, who has led a splendid division to countless victories. Its exploits have not been equalled, and its reputation was such that on the arrival of the division on the Somme battlefield, during the most critical days of March, 1918, the flight of the inhabitants immediately ceased. The division covered itself with fresh glory during the battles of the Ancre, at the Sambre, at Puesceux au Mont, Bapaume, Crevecoeur, and Le Quesnoy.

"Given and by order of the President of the Council of the Ministry of War.

(Sgd.) BOEKER (Colonel),
Adjutant-General of the Cabinet."

"Now, I ask you," the general went on, "to take notice of one fact: that on the arrival on the battlefield of these soldiers the flight of the inhabitants immediately ceased. It was indeed one of the most critical periods of the war. The line had been broken, the enemy was pressing through to anticipated victory, and the unfortunate people of the countryside were fleeing in terror from the horrors of the Boche invasion.

". . . such was the reputation of these men from New Zealand for valour and manhood, and conduct, that your war-stricken countrymen knew that they could confide their goods and their chattels, their lives, and the honour of their women to their safe keeping."

CENTENNIAL SONG FOR AUCKLAND

By Telegraph—Press Association.
AUCKLAND, Dec. 15.

The award of the prize in the competition for an Auckland Centennial song was announced by the Mayor (Sir Ernest Davis) as chairman of the Auckland Provincial Centennial Council.

Altogether 109 entries were received from all parts of New Zealand, and the winning composition was a unison song for massed voices entitled "In the Blue Pacific Sea."

The words were by Mrs Isabel Cluett and the music by Mr E. Rupert Morton, both of Auckland.

The judges were Professor Hollinrake, Dr Kenneth Phillips and Mr Colin Muston.

There was only one prize of £25, donated anonymously for the purpose by an Auckland lady.

NAZI TALE OF GRAF SPEE'S FIGHT

"MUSTARD GAS USED BY BRITAIN"

DAMAGE TO SHIP

Watchers' Story Of The Battle

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LONDON, Dec. 14.

The German official news agency in Berlin has released a dispatch, ostensibly from Buenos Aires, saying: "The news of a successful naval engagement of a German warship with several British cruisers made an enormous impression. It was not thought possible that a German warship could break the British blockade and appear on this side of the Atlantic, which is dominated by the British Navy.

"The only British reports of the engagement so far available are obviously aimed at minimising the British losses, but it has been established that the German warship caused heavy losses and damage to the British cruisers, forcing part of them to fall out of the action and seek safety at Montevideo. This German naval victory is regarded as important, because it proves that the German Navy is able to hold its own even in a most remote zone, against a force far superior in numbers.

Mustard Gas

"All reports confirm that the British used mustard-gas, thus spoiling the German vessel's food. That was the reason the German warship also anchored at Montevideo."

An inspection of the Admiral Graf Spee, says a Montevideo message, reveals that two shells pierced the fighting tower, entering on the port side and emerging from the starboard side. Two sections of the forward starboard armoured plate are smashed. There were five impacts, apparently from small shells, on the port-side waterline. The tail part of the fuselage of the ship's aeroplane was shot off. The extent of the interior damage cannot be ascertained.

The Montevideo correspondent of the United Press of America states that 62 prisoners have been released from the Graf Spee.

Watched the Battle

The French liner Formosa, which was being convoyed by the cruiser Ajax when the Graf Spee attacked, has arrived at Montevideo. The passengers were shocked, and many were incoherent. They described how throughout the day, wearing lifebelts, they watched the battle.

The Formosa, they said, made full speed towards the Uruguayan coast when she sighted the Graf Spee, which was rapidly gaining when the Ajax appeared. Radioing the Achilles and opening fire, she sped by towards the Graf Spee. Then the Exeter appeared, and the Graf Spee fled with the British ships following her. Later, the Graf Spee, the Achilles and the Ajax were again sighted in a running fight.

The Montevideo correspondent of the United Press of America says that the British cruiser Cumberland has arrived in Uruguayan waters.

The Exeter's commander has requested permission for 100 men to attend the funerals of the Graf Spee's dead.

The Commodore (Captain H. H. Harwood), who commanded the Exeter, the Ajax and the Achilles, has been Commodore of the South American Division since September, 1936.

Meanwhile, German merchantmen taking refuge in the Caribbean Sea are seeking to take advantage of the British warships' preoccupation. The Arauca and the Columbus have left Vera Cruz.

RURAL HOUSING SCHEME

WAIROA COUNTY DEBATE

INQUIRY ORDERED

Values Stressed By Member

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIROA.

The question of whether or not the council should take advantage of the provisions of the Rural Housing Act with a view to making advances to farmers for the establishment of buildings is occupying the minds of Wairoa County Councillors who at this week's meeting of the council set up a sub-committee to go fully into the proposition and make a recommendation.

A memorandum was received from the State Advances Corporation setting forth the procedure to be followed concerning advances to farmers for farm buildings under the Rural Housing Act, 1939.

The opinion that the proposals were well worth considering was voiced by Cr. H. Bayly. He believed that unless some sort of housing scheme for farmers was introduced the labour problem would be accentuated. It was essential that married men should be induced to go into the country, but the farmers could not employ them because they had no accommodation.

Opposition was voiced by Cr J. O'Grady, who contended that the council should not be made a lending institution. The farmers should be able to go straight to the State Advances Corporation.

An explanation that the main advantage of the scheme appeared to be that the farmer could obtain a loan at 3½ per cent., was given by the County Clerk (Mr B. G. Signall).

The chairman (Mr A. T. Carroll) was of the opinion that the observations made by Cr. Bayly should be carefully considered. As far as farm labour was concerned the question would spell permanency and improve the efficiency in the working of the farms.

It was decided that a sub-committee comprising the chairman, Crs. Bayly and O'Grady and the Town Clerk be set up to deal fully with the question.

FRENCH POILUS ON THE MOVE.—Fast mobile units at work near the Franco-German border. The mechanised units co-operate with the infantry.

STRANDED WRESTLERS CONSTITUTE A PROBLEM

Minister Warns Men From Other Countries To Arrange For Return Fares

By Telegraph—Press Association
AUCKLAND, Dec. 15.

The necessity for professional wrestlers visiting New Zealand under contract to independent promoters insisting upon their return fares being paid was emphasised by the Minister of Internal Affairs (the Hon. W. E. Parry). He issued a warning that wrestlers entering into contracts with promoters other than the Dominion Wrestling Union should ask for their keep in New Zealand as well as their fares out of the country.

The Minister said that since the close of the wrestling season four wrestlers came to New Zealand under contract to an independent promoter. The tour, he added, was a financial failure, and he was approached on behalf of two of the men to assist them to leave the country. The Government was unable to grant the request.

"I wish to make it clear," the Minister continued, "that the tour under notice was not sponsored by the Dominion Wrestling Union. Within the last year or two there have been other independent promoting efforts which have also resulted in wrestlers being stranded.

"I am in the position to state that the union in the past as well as in the present case has acted in the most generous and sporting spirit. Obviously, however, it cannot be expected to take charge of wrestlers left stranded by rival promoters."

Deadlock In A Freezing Works Dispute

Men's Refusal To Man An Additional Chain

Secret Ballot

Four To One Decision Against Acceptance Of Conditions

By Telegraph—Press Association.
CHRISTCHURCH. Dec. 15.

Because of the refusal of workers to man an additional chain and the refusal of the company to supply a stock chain while the extra one remained unmanned, the freezing works of Messrs Thomas Borthwick and Sons (Australasia) Ltd. at Belfast were idle to-day.

In the off season a third chain was installed at the works, and when the men would not agree to man this chain yesterday afternoon, the company delivered an ultimatum that no more stock would be available for existing chains until the third one was manned.

That ultimatum was acted upon this morning. The men offered themselves for work at 8 a.m. but would not take stations on the third chain. A meeting was held by the men, when the company refused to make stock available for the chains, this meeting being attended by the officer in charge of the Labour Department (Mr R. T. Bailey).

Ballot Taken.

On Mr Bailey's suggestion all the men concerned took part in a secret ballot on the proposition that the men should consent to the request of the company and man the third chain.

The result of the ballot was a four-to-one decision against consent.

An official of the company said to-day that they had taken the position as far as they could. The men were required to work the third chain. They had been asked to do so and had refused, preferring to adhere to the conditions that were in force last season.

So long as the men maintained their present attitude the company would abide by its decision not to supply stock for chains.

The secretary of the Canterbury Freezing Workers' Union (Mr H. G. Kilpatrick) said that the men were prepared to go back to work on two chains and to leave the question of the manning of the third chain to the Disputes Committee.

LOSS OF LIFE 2100 IN THREE MONTHS

Mr Chamberlain Gives Figures For War

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LONDON, Dec. 14.

Mr Chamberlain, speaking in the House of Commons, said that approximately 2100 men of all ranks had lost their lives on active service in the first three months of the war, compared with 12,500 between August and October of 1914.

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED

SLIP IN ATTEMPTING TO BOARD TRAIN

GOING ON LEAVE

A Third Man Seriously Injured

By Telegraph—Press Association.
INVERCARGILL, Dec. 14.

Two men were killed and a third seriously injured when they attempted to board a special troop train at Edendale at nine to-night.

The victims are:—

Killed

PRIVATE JAMES NELSON, of Nelson Street, Invercargill.

PRIVATE GEORGE SHEEDY, of Otautau.

Injured

PRIVATE WILLIAM YOUNG, of Roxburgh; condition serious.

When the train, a special from Burnham, bringing troops on final leave, stopped at Edendale, a number of men left the carriages to farewell Captain M. C. Rice, who was leaving the train there. They evidently did not attempt to return to their carriages until the train had started to move.

Three of them slipped when attempting to board the train and were dragged under it, Privates Nelson and Sheedy being killed outright. Private Young was caught between the carriage and the platform and extricated with difficulty, a number of troops easing the pressure of the carriage on the injured man.

The bodies of Privates Nelson and Sheedy were brought to Invercargill, and Private Young was taken to hospital at Invercargill.

FATAL FALL FROM GRADER

ACCIDENT ON THE HUTT ROAD

CLOTHING CAUGHT

Workman's Death In Hospital

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 15.

Severe injuries to the head, face and body from which he died soon after being admitted to hospital were received by L. Simmonds, married, Newtown, Wellington, when he fell from a grader on the Hutt Road late this afternoon.

The accident occurred at a point where the Public Works Department has considerable equipment used in the reconstruction of the road.

As Simmonds fell from the grader his clothing was caught in some part of the moving machinery. He was dragged along the road for a short distance, and it is believed that the injuries he received were inflicted by one of the wheels supporting the heavy vehicle.

A HUNDRED YEARS' EDUCATION

LESSONS LEARNED IN THE PAST

NAPIER ADDRESS

"Building A New Jerusalem"

"Another focal point to which our attention is inevitably directed at this time, and one which but for the international situation would perhaps be our main concern is the hundredth anniversary of our settlement in these islands of the south," stated the headmaster of the Napier High School (Mr W. T. Foster) presenting his annual report yesterday. "What are, or what should be, our educational reactions to the passing of this milestone in our history? It is not my province to discuss the political significance of a century of colonisation; but perhaps I may be permitted to point one or two morals from the tale of a century of notable achievement.

"Many of our pupils will doubtless journey to Wellington to see the exhibition. There they will have brought home to them the magnitude and success of the efforts made in the development of our industries both primary and secondary. They will gain some idea of the infinite variety of methods employed to produce wealth and raise the standard of living to what is one of the highest in the world. They will not see the scars that have been left, in the process, on the battered bodies of what it is not too fantastic to call these most beautiful sea-nymphs of the Pacific.

"Surely it is not to belittle the wonderful achievements of our first hundred years to recall that a good deal of our agricultural and pastoral prosperity has been achieved at a tremendous cost. We in Hawke's Bay know only too well the damage caused by the ruthless and foolish destruction of our back country forests. Those who have lived in alluvial gold districts will know how the face of nature has been distorted, permanently disfigured in the search for material wealth.

National Stock-taking

"I sincerely hope that, at this time of national stocktaking, our young people will realise that there are items to be put on the debit side of the account, and that it will fall to their lot to see that these losses are made good, and, if possible, do not recur.

"But what is the main lesson to be learned from this time of celebrations? There is a vast amount of which we should feel justly proud. Our young people will enjoy a magnificent heritage—a country richly endowed with beauty and potential wealth, a country already organised to give them every prospect of material happiness. What use are they going to make of it? Are they going to avoid the mistakes that have admittedly been made in the past?

Work Needed

"Above all, do they realise that honest work, untiring effort will be required to maintain the high standard that has been reached. I do not wish to be a pessimist, but I have grave fears that the apparent ease with which our rising generation have been provided with all the amenities of our time is leading them to believe that success will continue to come easily. If there is one lesson that needs to be continually driven home it is that men without work are not happy, that hard work never made anyone unhappy, that on the contrary, the sense of something achieved by personal effort gives infinite satisfaction and a happy sense of self respect to the honest toiler, whether he work with hand or brain.

"So many things in these modern days are provided apparently free that our youth are inclined to believe there is no need to work hard to fit themselves for the tasks that lie ahead. I cannot escape the conviction that the abolition of proficiency and senior free place examinations are lowering our educational standards.

Slackening of Effort

"It is perhaps too early to dogmatise upon the effects of what are very recent changes, but I personally feel a slackening of effort among many of our pupils. Two things at least are certain. The splendid progress achieved in the last hundred years was made at the cost of great personal sacrifice, of unremitting toil, of magnificent courage and intense devotion to the ideals of liberty and service. If those who follow are content merely to sit and enjoy the fruits of the labours of the pioneers, if they fail to show the same courage and energy in the face of the difficulties that will undoubtedly arise, if they refuse to labour, and to labour hard, in the cause of progress, if, above all, they do not take advantage of their material prosperity to cultivate the mind and the spirit and all those things which make for social co-operation, for sweetness and light, then will they prove unworthy of the fathers that bred them, and will never 'build a new Jerusalem in this green and pleasant land'."

COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR REPLACEMENT OF TEACHERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE NEEDED

PRINCIPAL OF HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL FORESEES PROSPECT OF SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES

"Because of the fact that many secondary school masters take part in military training in the course of their professional duties, and are competent officers, an undue proportion of the officers being called up for active service are taken from the schools. To meet this difficulty some comprehensive policy will need to be devised by the Government, as patchwork methods will not suffice. It seems unavoidable that, with the loss of some of their most valuable members, schools will be compelled to curtail some of their activities."

This significant statement was made by the principal of the Hastings High School (Mr W. A. G. Penlington) in the course of his annual report presented at the official breaking-up and prize-giving ceremony held in the school last night. Mr Penlington referred to the many changes which had taken place in the teaching appointments during the past 12 months and said that it might reasonably be hoped that in the coming year they could look forward to a period of stability.

"The departure of masters on military service, however, is likely to cause vacancies which cannot adequately be filled. Already one master has gone and several others have enlisted, and our efforts to find substitutes have so far met with little success," declared Mr Penlington. "The war has not yet resulted in any disturbance to our normal range of activities, but we know that difficulties will arise. We shall lose some of the masters, and we shall find it increasingly difficult to get imported books, stationery, apparatus, and science supplies."

Continuing, Mr Penlington said that the school would loyally take its part in whatever might have to be done. The girls had formed a branch of the Red Cross, and they were now considering plans for enlisting the co-operation of the pupils in such emergencies as might arise.

"The past year has not been an easy one. The many changes of teachers have necessitated continued adjustments in our timetable and have imposed additional duties upon the remaining members of the staff. Of the loyal devotion of the staff to the interests of the school, I cannot speak but in the highest terms. In a modern school there are a great many activities in addition to the work of teaching. We have been fortunate in possessing teachers who have undertaken generously and ably a great deal more than could have been demanded of them," said the principal.

Record Roll Numbers

The school year opened on Tuesday, February 7. On the opening day 513 pupils were in attendance, and on March 1, the roll-number was 517 (278 boys and 239 girls), an increase of 33 over last year's number, and the largest on record. Of this number 195 were newly enrolled (98 boys and 97 girls), and 322 were returned pupils (182 boys and 140 girls). During the year further enrolments brought the total of new pupils up to 206 (102 boys and 104 girls). The sixth form contained 28 pupils, 11 of them being in their second year of post-matriculation study. Eight took a University degree course, one girl (Joyce Pratt), qualifying for terms in two subjects to Stage II. The total number of pupils on the roll during the year was 528 (284 boys and 244 girls).

Teaching Appointments

At the opening of the school year three new members of the staff took up their duties: Miss N. A. Brown, M.Sc., Miss M. H. Ingram, Dip.H.Sc., and Miss L. Sheppard, M.A. The increase in the roll-number entitled the school to an additional D Grade assistant, and Miss S. Woodhouse, M.A., was appointed to the position. Miss E. C. Mullon, M.A., acted as relieving mistress from March until the end of the second term.

Miss E. C. Wilson, who had been absent on exchange in England since the beginning of 1938, resumed duties in June.

At the end of the second term Miss C. M. Thorp resigned the position of part-time instructress of physical culture and Mrs Fisk was appointed in her stead.

In October they were unfortunate in losing the services of Mr A. Haley who moved to the Wellington Technical College. Miss K. Babbs, an English exchange teacher, temporarily undertook Mr Haley's duties until the end of November.

To this long list of staff changes he regretted having to add the departure at the end of the year of Miss E. C. Wilson, Mr H. N. Bibby and of Mr J. Leggat, who had gone into camp as a member of the Second Echelon.

The work of the school office had been greatly facilitated by the appointment of Mrs E. McKay as part-time clerk-typist since May.

Public Examinations

"Last year our first candidate for the University Entrance Scholarship, A. C. Ritchie, obtained a credit pass and was awarded an Isabella Siteman Scholarship, with which he is taking a medical course at Dunedin. This year we have two candidates for the Entrance Scholarship and one for the Lissie Rathbone Scholarship."

The number of candidates sitting for University Entrance (Matriculation) was 49 and for School Certificate 52. Almost all of these candidates sat for both examinations at the same time. While the School Certificate required a score of 40 per cent. in each subject, Matriculation permitted as low as 30 per cent. in some subjects provided the average score over all subjects was 45. For the certificate there was a wider choice of subjects than for Matriculation and there was also the chance of obtaining a "partial pass" which could be completed later. The same fee of two guineas covered both examinations. One result of those conditions was that some candidates who had little prospect of anything better than a partial pass on the School Certificate examination entered also for Matriculation, but with no chance of passing that examination.

Downfall for Youth

"For so long as the Matriculation examination remains the entrance to professional and commercial careers it will be the annual downfall of hundreds of young people who have no reasonable hope of reaching the standard but enter for the examination in the spirit of one buying a ticket in an Art Union," declared Mr Penlington. "It has for years been apparent that the Matriculation examination has not been serving the purpose for which it was designed. There is reason to expect that it may soon be discontinued and that entrance to a University course may be secured by one year's study in advance of the School Certificate."

This year's examination results, so far as was known were very pleasing. Of eight senior pupils seeking to keep terms as exempted students of Victoria University College, seven were successful, one of them passing in two subjects to Stage II.

Seven girls sat for the Public Service Shorthand-Typist examination and all passed. One of them headed the list of Hastings candidates in the senior grade.

Buildings and Equipment

Some £600 worth of additional machinery had been installed in the engineering workshop. This included a drilling machine, a shaper-slotter, four lathes and various smaller tools. The school expected to receive equipment for teaching oxy-acetylene welding in the near future.

A motor-car had been presented to the engineering department for instructional purposes. It had become necessary to install new electric mains to carry the increased load of current, and the contract for this work had been let.

Proposals for the erection of a larger engineering workshop and a new home science block had been made to the Education Department. These additions were very necessary and the continued increase in roll-number would also make it necessary to erect more class rooms at an early date.

Outdoor Activities

"At the request of the Director of the Schools Division of the Department of Health we undertook to make a film depicting the drill, games, and other health activities of the school," continued Mr Penlington. "The film is to be shown at the Centennial Exhibition. Appreciating the compliment implied by this request, both staff and pupils did their best to ensure that the film would be a success, and such I believe it will prove to be. A copy of the film is being obtained as a school record."

Evening Classes

The evening classes, which were commenced last year had made rapid development. During this year 26 classes were held each week, with 275 students in attendance. New classes were started in Maori, dressmaking and building construction. The subjects which attracted the largest number of students were: Typewriting 55, Arts and Crafts 52, English 50, shorthand 48, cabinetmaking 40. There was every indication that the evening school would develop further next year. The classes would re-commence on Monday, February 26, 1940.

Grounds

The condition of the grounds had continued to improve although there had been no large-scale constructional work during this year. A programme for concreting paths and resurfacing the tennis courts had been formulated, but they were unable to obtain funds to proceed with the work. The paths had, however, been considerably improved and a good deal of tree-planting had been done.

"We are frequently told that our front grounds are unsurpassed by those of any school in the Dominion. We have commenced a programme of improvements which we hope will bring the playing fields to the same high standard," concluded Mr Penlington.

MARDI GRAS QUEEN

INTER-HOUSE GIRL'S WIN

MISS PREBBLE

The climax to several weeks of active campaigning by the Napier Mardi Gras Queen candidates was reached last night when hundreds of people gathered at the Sound Shell to greet the Interhouse representative (Miss Betty Prebble) who topped the poll with 78,656 votes, or 24,335 more than her nearest competitor, the "Frivs" representative (Miss Peggy Black).

Other results were: "Frivs" (Miss Peggy Black), 54,321; Skaters (Miss Dilys Jones), 23,348; Milo (Miss Mavis Dureau), 22, 538; Boxing and Wrestling (Miss Nola Colwill), 14,726.

Although the air was damp and rain threatened people assembled on the parade from an early hour. With the closing of the shops at nine o'clock the crowd increased considerably and by 10 o'clock when the election closed, the enclosure in front of the Sound Shell was packed.

Close on 200,000 votes were recorded last night. In spite of this phenomenal figure, counts and recounts were completed within thirty-five minutes of the conclusion of the election—a tribute to the efficiency of the organisation of the secretary of the Napier Thirty Thousand Club (Mr S. P. Spiller).

PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT THE HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL ATTRACTS LARGE AUDIENCE

IMPRESSIVE ADDRESS BY BISHOP GERARD ON YOUTH'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN WARTIME

"The children of western and eastern Europe and Asia are to-day fighting for the totalitarian States just because their education was misdirected. I am sure that the boys and girls of those countries are just as sincere and nice in their way as any of you here to-night," declared the Bishop of Waiapu (the Rt. Rev. G. V. Gerard), in an address to pupils of the Hastings High School at the annual breaking-up and prize distribution ceremony held in the assembly hall at the school last night.

Bishop Gerard made a stirring appeal both to the young people present and the large gathering of adults to think more in terms of internationalism. At the present time there was too much local, sectional, and national interest and not nearly enough world interest. Not until there was a universal government of mankind, by mankind for mankind, would there be a true and lasting peace on earth. Beauty and all other material things of life would die, but only truth would live.

Despite the inclement nature of the weather, there was an exceptionally large attendance of old pupils, parents and friends, a feature which was the subject of congratulatory comment by the chairman of the Board of Governors (Mr E. J. W. Hallett), who presided.

Reference to the drain which was being made upon the male teaching staffs of the Dominion's schools by the military forces was made by Mr. Hallett, who predicted that a serious shortage of skilled and efficient teachers would result if the present inroads were continued. The Hastings school had reached a high peak of efficiency, but a stationary period when little progress would be made was likely to ensue.

Tribute Paid

Mr. Hallett paid a striking tribute to the principal (Mr. W. A. G. Penlington) and his staff, mentioning the school's successes in recent examinations. A great honour had been bestowed on the school when the Government had decided to record a motion picture of various activities for display at the Centennial Exhibition in Wellington. The film was in Australia being processed and would shortly be sent to New Zealand for screening. Both the staff and the pupils had recognised the honour and had done their best to make the film a success.

The principal then read his annual report and two songs were sung by the girl pupils.

Potential Leaders

"There is no more important time for education than when disaster, warfare and evil strike us," said the Bishop of Waiapu in his address. "The school children of to-day are the potential leaders of to-morrow and it is to them tnat to-morrow's generations will look to guide the world from the folly that has brought about the present state of affairs. A greater responsibility has been placed upon our children in these difficult times and they must be trained to accept it."

The country expected more of the children who had received a secondary education than of those who had not had the same opportunities. There was vital work for everyone to do and he was confident that New Zealand youth would not be found wanting.

Before presenting the prizes, Bishop Gerard extended his congratulations to the successful pupils.

No Condolences

"For those who did not win prizes I have no condolences," declared his Lordship. "One of the great values of school life is that it should train us to be good losers as well as good winners."

The list of prizes, trophies and awards distributed was as follows:—

BOYS' DIVISION

Form 3E

M. J. Cunningham: First English. J. E. Denson: First history. R. A. Pilcher: First engineering. D. J. Rapley: First woodwork. P. C. Single: First free drawing. C. M. Sowersby: First mathematics. J. R. Egan: First science, first geography, second in form. E. C. Parkinson: First arithmetic, first science equal, first trade drawing, first in form.

Form 3G

D. S. Fernandez: First French, first mathematics. M. A. Fowler: First arithmetic, first science, first English. W. J. Lange: First history, first geography, first drawing, second in form. P. A. Young: First in form.

Form 3C

P. E. Dunn: First arithmetic. J. S. French: First history. R. J. McKay: First English. D. J. Perry: First French. N. H. Wallace: First geography. M. G. Baumgart: First Latin, second in form. H. Fulton: First mathematics, first science, first book-keeping, first in form.

Form 4E

J. Dobson: First geometry, R. McRobbie: First English. K. Perrin: First engineering. G. Thew: First woodwork, second in form. H. Epps: First history, first drawing, first in form.

Form 4G

G. C. Doole: first history. M. Macphee: second in form. C. G. Anderson: First English, first arithmetic, algebra, geometry, geography, French, electricity, drawing, first in form.

Form 4C

R. Bacon: First English. H. J. Campbell: First arithmetic, first algebra, first botany. J. W. Campin: First arithmetic. L. Stokes: First French. W. Wilson: First arithmetic, first electricity, first general science. J. Crook: First algebra, first geometry, first history, second in form. J. S. Lee: First geometry, first Latin, first in form.

Form 5B

R. F. A. Anderson: First French. K. V. Clark: First history. D. A. Dunn: First engineering. J. A. Foley: First English. E. B. Law: First woodwork. J. McArthur: First botany. J. Bremner: second in form. R. A. Garrick: First arithmetic, first mathematics, first electricity, first geography, first in form.

Form 5A

K. R. Dyer: First mathematics, first history. A. MacErlich: First engineering. K. Natusch: First drawing. M. W. Icholls: First electricity and magnetism. B. Noonan: First geography. B. J. ogers: First English, second in form. O. Melling: First arithmetic, first botany, first French, first in form.

Form 6B

G. McK. Emery: First Latin.

Form 6A

F. A. Bodley: First pure mathematics. J. Dickson: First history. D. T. Knox: First applied mathematics. P. R. Linard: First Latin.

GIRLS' DIVISION

Form 3 Classical

Joyce Jessep: First equal French. Margaret Meissner: First Latin. Betty Nimon: First dressmaking. Yvonne Proctor: First arithmetic. Jean Rutherford: First equal French. Tryphena Young: second in form. Elisabeth Karaitiana: First English, first history, first mathematics, first home science, first in form.

Form 3B

Joan Edwards: First handicrafts. Judith Perry: First dressmaking. Ruth Smyth: First arithmetic. Pauline Tichborne: First English, first history and civics. Dawn Mudgway: First science, first hygiene, second in form. Myra McGregor: First drawing, first first aid, first in form.

Form 3C

Myrtle Anderson: First arithmetic. Betty Beckett: First dressmaking. Nola French: First first aid. Jean Hill: First geography. Lorraine Tomoana: First English. Ngaire Cameron: First shorthand, second in form. Doreen Geenty: First history and civics, first drawing, first book-keeping, first hygiene, first science, first in form.

Form 3G

Shirley Dillon: First arithmetic. Peggy Lamont: First drawing. Patricia Tabley: First English, first dressmaking, first history. Margaret McCartney: First French, first geography, second in form. Dorothy Austin: First arithmetic, first science, first mathematics, first in form.

Form 4A

Anne Kennedy: First drawing. Mary de Montalk: First equal cookery. Peggy Cox: First English, first French, second equal in form. Audrey Harper: First arithmetic, second in form. Ailsa Yule: First mathematics, first geography, first history, first home science, first equal cookery, first in form.

Form 4B

Shirley Garnett: First cookery, Nancy Garrick: First home science. Ivy McKee: First geography, first drawing. Mary Moroney: First dressmaking. Edna Ross: First history. Rona Slade: First hygiene, first equal handicrafts. Ngaire Thompson: First cookery, first equal handicrafts. Joan Hallgarth: First arithmetic, first book-keeping, second equal in form. Freda Sargent: First English, first home science, second equal in form. Frances Skudder: First shorthand, first in form.

Form 5B

Maureen Crutchley: First home science. Beryl Gill: First handicrafts. Kathleen Griffiths: First arithmetic, first mathematics. Joyce McKeesick: First English, first history. Emma Maye: First equal geography. Gloria Payne: First housecraft. Georgina Bowen: First French, second in form. Ray Franklin: First Latin, first in form.

Form 5A

Margaret Cunningham: First home science arithmetic. Margaret McKeesick: First mathematics, first drawing. Leonie Masters: First matriculation arithmetic. Josephine Nimon: First history. Enid Westerman: First English, first home science, first French. Jean Baumgart: First Latin, first in form.

Form 5 Commercial

Nira Price: Second in form. Betty Stewart: First science, shorthand and typewriting, book-keeping, first in form.

Form 6B

June Hyland: First Latin. Mary Mackersey: First history. Leah Thorp: First English.

Form 6A

Joyce Pratt: First English, first French.

SPORTS TROPHIES

Roach Cup for Basketball: The School First IX (capt., Jewel Patterson). Inter-House Basketball Cup: Gold House (capt., Maureen Priest). Girls' Senior Swimming Champion: Beth Thompson. Girls' Junior Swimming Champion: Anne Kennedy. Girls' Inter-House Swimming Cup: Purple House (capt., Beth Thompson). Girls' Sports Champion, 1939: Ida Stevens.

Boys' Steeplechase Cup: Senior, A. G. Soppit; junior, P. L. Cassin. Boys' Inter-House Steeplechase Cup: Senior, Blue House (capt., D. J. Dickson); junior, Blue House. Boys' Inter-House Relay Baton: Blue House. Boys' Inter-House Jumping Cup: Blue House. Boys' 120 yards Hurdles Cup: H. Farnell. Boys' Inter-House Football Cup: Purple House (capt., I. Maaka). Boys' Inter-House Cricket Cup: Gold House (capt., P. R. Linyard). Boys' Inter-House Swimming Cup: Green House (capt., D. T. Knox). Hastings H.S.O.B. Football Club's Cup: A. A. Kennedy. Inter-House Mile Cup: Purple House. Bowling Average Cup: K. Dyer. Boys' Sports Champion, 1939: E. R. Apperley.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Preliminary Certificate for School Certificate Examination (C) and University Entrance (E).—Boys' Division: R. F. A. Anderson (C E), J. Bremner (C E), S. H. S. Charlton (C E), J. A. Foley (C), J. H. Fergusson (C E), R. A. Garrick (C E), W. R. Isdale (C E), M. H. Liley (E), J. B. McArthur (C E), K. E. O'Keefe (C E), W. A. Panckhurst (C E), R. Rudman (E), J. Simkin (E), S. T. Smyth (C), T. L. Taylor (C E), C. S. Wakefield (C E), A. Walmsley (C E).

Girls' Division: Georgina Bowen (C E), Lois Cornes (C E), Dorothy Douglas (C), Isobel Farnell (C E), Rae Franklin (C E), Kathleen Griffiths (C E), Joyce McKeesick (C E), Lorna Nielsen (C E), Nola Ross (C E), Gay Tully (C E), Maureen Crutchley (C E), Gloria Payne (C E), Brenda Perry (C E), Betty Stewart (C).

Senior Certificate, Public Service Shorthand-Typist's Examination.—Jean Johnstone.

Junior Certificate, Public Service Shorthand-Typist's Examination—Laurien Albiston, Alma Cameron, Gwenyth Edwards, Nira Price, Audrey Russell, Elizabeth Stewart.

Higher Leaving Certificates.—Molly Cody, Mary Mackersey, Madge Purcell, Laura Wilkes, Gwenna McDonald, Leah Thorp, Gwynneth Jolly, Maureen Priest, Isobel Tod; F. A. Bodley, G. McK. Emery, P. R. Linyard, D. J. Dickson, L. W. Scott, B. C. A. Hooker.

Girls' Drill Champion.—Joyce McKeesick.

Winning Form, Girls' Drill—Form IV A.

Embroidery Shield.—Myra McGregor.

Home Nursing Prize (presented by Mrs. Norman).—Myra McGregor.

Woodwork Cup.—E. Law.

Special Prize for Commercial Work.—Jean Johnstone.

Special Prize for Good Work.—R. D. Warren.

Head Prefects' Plaques.—Joyce Pratt, D. J. Dickson.

Dux of the School.—Joyce Pratt.

INSPIRING SPEECH BY HEADMASTER

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT HEREWORTH

ADVICE TO BOYS

A sincere and powerful reference to the present war conditions and the attitude which might be adopted to them by those leaving school this year was made by the headmaster of Hereworth School (Mr J. D. H. Buchanan) in his annual report at the prize-giving ceremony held last night.

"I could wish," he said, "that the boys now leaving school would grow up into an era of peace. In the present circumstances, however, I trust that their minds will not be influenced by the prejudices of 25 years ago. We cannot make them deaf to stories of atrocities, true perhaps, but falsely emphasised.

"But I hope that they may develop the protective armour of a true and honest thinking. I want them to see themselves as having a responsibility to each other and to mankind. Then their loyalty will be sound, intelligent, and unshakeable. They will play their part as men, not in pride of physical power and valour born of ignorance, but with the solid, humble courage which comes of knowledge.

"The school's part is to teach, through daily contacts with each other, loyalty to the school, a sympathy with others, an honesty of word and deed, and persistence in the pursuit of these ideals."

School Development.

In a survey of the progress made by the school during the past year, Mr Buchanan mentioned the two new buildings which were now completed. These would enable the school to expand its activities, especially along the lines of crafts and hobbies. Printing, bookbinding, electricity, natural history, and woodwork would now be subjects which could be treated more extensively.

These special crafts were not treated as an integral part of the school curriculum, as subjects that had necessarily to be learnt. This had the disadvantage of leading to indifference to them on the part of the pupils.

A similar policy was followed with the library. Forms had their own, as well as the school library, and often a boy who had taken out a book would give his form a criticism of it. The idea was to make boys aware of what was in the library and to teach them discrimination. Sensational fiction was not discouraged, but a boy was assisted to develop a perspective of its worth.

Prize Distribution.

Mr Buchanan then introduced Mr E. K. Kirkcaldie, who distributed the prizes. His son, the headmaster said, was the 13th and last Kirkcaldie of his generation to be a member of Hereworth or its Wanganui parent.

Mr Kirkcaldie, who illustrated the value of education, pointed out that a game was not enjoyed fully until a man was proficient at it. So the fruits of education could not be appreciated until the work of being educated had been completed.

The important thing for the pupils, he said, was to put their backs into all their work, so that when they left for their new school they would be proud of Hereworth. If they remembered that, Hereworth would have something to be proud of in them.

Following is the prize list:—

Form Prizes

Form I: P. H. N. Kendall 1, C. S. W. Williams 2, R. R. Arkwright 3. Form II: G. R. Williams 1, R. C. Beamish 2, W. L. Free 3. Form III: D. W. Hildreth 1, J. E. Cranko 2, P. L. McLaren 3. Form IV: K. S. Williams 1, H. Elder 2, R. J. M. Biggs 3. Form V: P. D. Duncan 1, A. C. M. Laing 2, F. F. Latham 3. Form VI: L. S. Rickard 1, J. A. Cashmore 2, J. G. Masterson 3.

Mathematics

Set 6: C. S. W. Williams 1, P. H. N. Kendall 2, D. S. Richmond 3. Set 5: A. T. O. Hope 1, H. D. Warren and G. R. Williams equal 2. Set 4: R. S. C. Scoular 1, J. E. Cranko 2, D. W. Hildreth 3. Set 3: K. S. Williams 1, H. Elder 2, J. D. Stewart 3. Set 2: R. G. Warren 1, D. B. Paterson 2, J. S. Williams 3. Set 1: J. A. Cashmore 1, C. B. McLean and L. S. Rickard equal 2.

Latin

Set 3: A. C. M. Laing 1, J. S. Williams 2, J. W. J. Knight and F. F. Latham equal 3. Set 2: J. A Cashmore 1, J. G. Masterson 2, C. B. McLean 3. Set 1: No award.

French

Set 3: H. Elder 1, J. W. J. Knight 2, K. S. Williams 3. Set 2: A. C. M. Laing 1, J. S. Williams 2, J. A. Cashmore 3. Set 1: L. S. Rickard 1, J. G. Kirkcaldie 2, P. D. Duncan 3.

Special Prizes

Drawing (Mr. Rush's prizes): Upper School, C. B. McLean; Lower School, W. A. Williams.

Mrs. Turner Williams's Prize for Carving: G. J. Warren.

Mr. Preston-Thomas's Prize for Handicrafts: L. S. Rickard and D. McLean equal 1, C. B. McLean 2.

Gardening Prize (Form 1): D. S. Richmond.

Writing Prize (Form 1): L. S. Hunter.

Music (Miss Fox's Prize): R. C. Beamish.

Mrs. Hughes Johnson's Cup for the Head of the School: L. S. Rickard.

Scholarship (awarded to the boy under 11 who shows most promise and industry): H. Elder.

H. E. Sturge Memorial Prizes (awarded for outstanding reliability and industry in school work to boys who are not otherwise prize-winners): G. J. Kirkcaldie and J. S. Williams.

Parents' Prizes (for boys in the Lower School): J. E. Cranko and R. C. Beamish.

The Salvia Cup

This prize was established in 1924 by the late Captain Olphert, D.S.O., in memory of the men of H.M.S. Salvia, a "Q" ship which he commanded, and which was sunk on June 17, 1917. It is awarded to the boy combining in the highest degree the virtues of cheerfulness and courage, and who, in the days to come, will always be ready to help the "lame dog over the stile". It was won this year by G. J. Kirkcaldie.

The Porritt Cup

The prize was established in 1911 by Dr. E. E. Porritt, to be awarded to the boy who best combines hard work and success in games with steadiness and loyalty to the school. It was won by G. J. Kirkcaldie.

Sports Prizes

Tennis.—Singles: J. W. J. Knight.

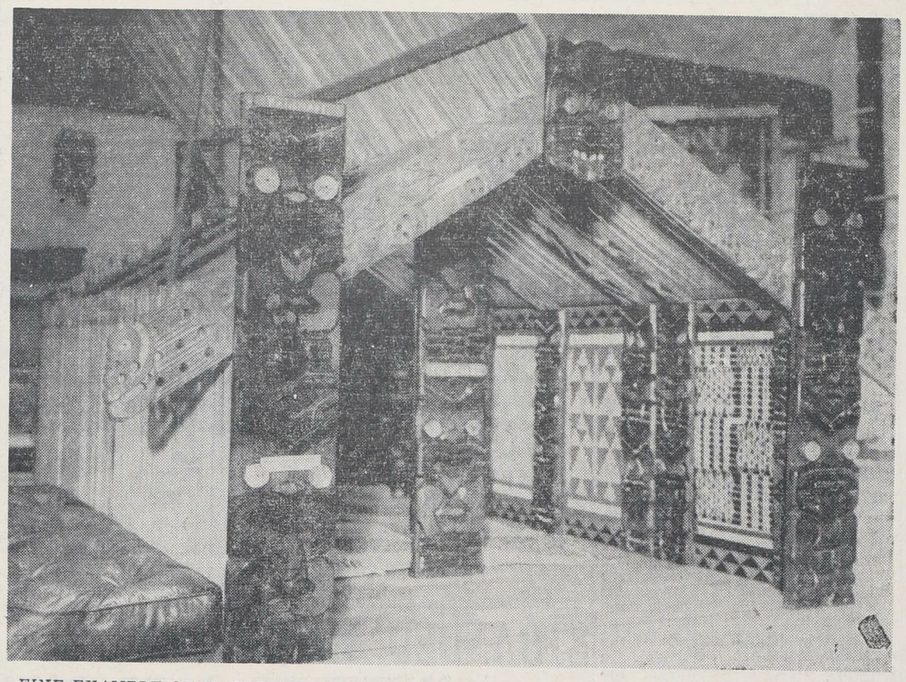
Cricket.—Youngest member of XI: R. J. M. Biggs. Best fielder: C. B. McLean. Best bowler: D. B. Paterson. Best batsman: C. B. McLean. Best all-round cricketer: C. B. McLean. Most improved player (Mr. St. Hill's prize): W. A. X. Couper. Most promising player in second club: D. McLean.

Football.—Kicking competition: C. B. McLean; H. S. Wright runner-up. Most improved player (E. T. G. Wilder's Cup): J. S. Williams.

Gymnasium Cup: D. F. Graham 1, E. E. Williams 2.

Best All-round Athlete: D. B. Paterson.

Swimming Certificates: Beginners (25 yards), 9; learners (50 yards), 10; proficiency (220 yards), 17; merit (half-mile). 33.



FINE EXAMPLE OF MAORI ART.—The carved Maori house made by pupils of the Rangitahi native school and exhibited in the Education Department's section of the Government Court.

SUCCESSFUL FLAG DAY AT HASTINGS

Well Over £500 Collected By Willing Workers

PUBLIC'S GOOD RESPONSE

The Mayor's Appeal in connection with the Patriotic Fund at Hastings has now reached the total of £531/4/11. Promises of future donations total £40, making a grand total of £571/4/11.

The results from Flag Day were most satisfactory, the very gratifying amount of £244/11/11 being collected. The Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) had prior to Flag Day issued a circular appeal; in this connection several further donations are in sight, and it is hoped that the final total will reach £1000.

Expressing his appreciation of this pleasing result last night, Mr Maddison said that he desired to pay a very sincere tribute and to express his deepest gratitude to the large band of ladies—74 in all—who carried through so courageously and in such a fine spirit the work of the Flag Day appeal.

The appeal itself, he said, was significant of the spirit of the people, inasmuch as the total amount was for the most part made up of silver—evidence of the number of people desiring to make some contribution towards a fund that would provide comforts and amenities for those men who were in camp and who were shortly leaving New Zealand to take their places side by side with members of the Allied forces in their great and determined fight for freedom.

Wide Response

"It is expected that just as the appeal has been generously answered by the people of Hastings, so a like response will be made by the rest of Hawke's Bay. Ultimately, then, the province should have a sufficient sum in hand to meet the requirements of patriotic purposes for at least a few months ahead," said Mr Maddison.

"I cannot praise too highly the organisation, ability and work of the secretary, Mr G. E. G. Rogers, who was so ably assisted by the Deputy-Mayor, Mr A. I. Rainbow, the Town Clerk (Mr N. C. Harding) and the assistant Town Clerk (Mr H. G. Jones)," he continued. "Thanks also are due to the committee of the Red Cross Society, who provided light refreshments for our helpers.

"To everyone, both workers and contributors, I extend my wholehearted thanks for the success that has attended our first appeal for patriotic work," Mr Maddison concluded.

The Campaign Work

Concluding an intensive house-to-house canvass during the week with a street day in Hastings yesterday, the Flag Day appeal campaign has been satisfactory from every viewpoint. Throughout the day and evening yesterday street sellers were active, with the result that by closing time for the campaign at 9 o'clock last night few pedestrians in Heretaunga Street were not wearing the patriotic emblems offered.

The sellers experienced a particularly hot day for their effort, but were in no way deterred. The generosity of the public apparently was not at all impaired by the heat, either, to judge by the impressive total collected.

At the Stock Sale

In illustration of the energy and enthusiasm with which the collectors carried out their voluntary task is the incident at the Stortford Lodge stock sale on Wednesday, when for a time the strictly business atmosphere was interrupted by the appearance of several sellers, who in a very short space ornamented a large proportion of the farmers, butchers and auctioneers present with the miniature reproduction of the Union Jack.

The fund, which is for the purpose of providing Christmas gifts for the Hawke's Bay men, comforts and gifts for men leaving for overseas, and the purchase of recreational and sporting equipment, will, as far as possible, be spent in the district where it was collected.

A special donation of £50 towards the cost of providing comforts and Christmas fare for soldiers has been made by the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Meat Co., Ltd. This sum has been divided between the different zones within the jurisdiction of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Patriotic Council as follows: Napier £7 10/-; Hastings £12 10/-, Waipukurau £10, Waipawa £5, Takapau £5, Dannevirke £10.

Further donations may still be made at the Borough Council Chambers.

The Helpers

Following is the list of helpers who contributed to the success of the appeal:—

Miss G. Williams £5/10/11, Miss Pedersen £2/16/2, Mrs. Pedersen £2, Miss R. Hobin £2/8/3, Mrs. Whitlock £4/9/11, Mrs. Lovell-Smith and Mrs. J. Lowry £4/6/7, Miss Brown £1/14/1, Mrs. Mitchell £2/10/3, Mrs. McKenzie £1/12/7, Mrs. Leggatt 13/-, Miss Van Asch £1/1/-, Miss Rourke £1/10/2, Miss Couper £1 10/4, Miss Gardner £2/13/1, Miss Hodgins £3/11/10, Miss Stubbs £1/16/-, Mrs. Stubbs £1/3/3, Mrs. Baird 17/-, Mrs. Bishop £1/9/-, Mrs. Hodgens £1/17/5, Miss Thorburrow £1/19/2, Miss Roake £2/11/2, Mrs. Dr. Whyte 18/-, Mrs. McLagan £3/8/9, Miss Westerman £3/4/3, Mrs. W. G. Stead £3/15/6, Miss M. Bell £1/14/9, Mrs. Davies £2/7/2, Miss J. Hallett £1/10/11, Mrs. Kittermaster £2/10/9, Miss Ellison £3/14/1, Miss Lissatte £1 2/6, Miss Ritchie £5/6/7, Miss G. Hardy £2/14/1, Mrs. Beamish 18/8, Joan Maddison £15/8/4, M. Davies £5/18/6, Miss Learmouth £5/17/2, Miss Taafe £7/5/9, Miss P. Wood £4/3/-, Miss Burrell £8 6/10, Mrs. Harkaeff £2/19/8, Miss M. Thompson £5/7/11, Miss McAllister £1 18/2, Mrs. Rainbow £9/6/6, Miss Talbot £5/11/7, Miss Wilson £6/14/8, Miss Robertson £4/4/11, Miss Lewis £9/3/7, Miss Hyde £2/18/9, Misses Faulknor and Commin £7/10/1, Miss H. Ford £6/17/9, Miss Young £1/8/8, Miss Haggitt 14/-, Miss Whitlock £4/1/5, Miss Agnew £3/14/6, Miss P. Morrin £4/2/10, Miss E. Taylor 19/1, Mrs. Williams £1, Mrs. Wright 10/-, Miss Cassin £3/6/11, Miss Harper £2/3/9, Miss Martin £1/19/5, Mrs. C. McNiven £1/0/6, Mrs. Stevens £7/9/-, Mrs. Whetstone £2/8/-, Mrs. B. Hallett £1/17/5, Mrs. W. R. Stead £3/13/4, Mrs. Fowler £4/14/6, Miss J. Gunn £1/13/10, Miss G. Gunn £2/9/-, Mrs. Hyde £2/6/5—total, £244/11/11.

RELEASE OF SERVING SOLDIERS

Applications Received By Minister

By Telegraph—Press Association.

WELLINGTON, Dec. 15.

The Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) stated that a good many applications were being received by the army authorities for the release of men who have been serving with the 15th heavy and the 22nd A.A. battery on coast defence and anti-aircraft duties. These were treated as sympathetically as possible, but it had to be realised that on these highly technical units there was a definite limit to the number of men who could be released, as it was essential that the efficiency of the batteries should be maintained.

Many on coast defence and anti-aircraft work naturally desired to join the special force for overseas, and arrangements had been made for a certain number to transfer from time to time.

This also necessitated additional men being recruited and trained. Any unmarried man between 19 and 21 and 36 and 40 desiring to serve should apply to the nearest defence office.

The doctors say that many diseases are caught in trains and trams, and that when travelling you should patronise the "Smoker" and keep your pipe going. Sound advice! Tobacco smoke kills germs. You may say you can't keep smoking all the time, especially on a long journey. It depends on the tobacco. You can't smoke the imported for any length of time, true. Too much nicotine in most of them. And nicotine is an evil thing. It's quite different with the National Tobacco Company's goods (pioneers of the tobacco industry in N.Z.). Hardly any nicotine in them, and their wonderful purity enables the smoker to indulge freely with absolute safety. And how sweet, cool and delicious they are!—with the finest bouquet imaginable. That's because they are toasted. No other tobacco is. No other tobacco is so harmless. This is the real thing. Favourite brands: Riverhead Gold and Desert Gold (mild), Cavendish (a special medium), Navy Cut (choice blend, medium) and Cut Plug No. 10 (rich, dark and full-flavoured). These tobaccos (now in universal use) are obtainable from any tobacconist.*

A Surprise For The Traffic Inspector

"Never So Glad To Get Out Of A Car In His Life"

Exciting Drive

Would-be Taxi Driver Appears Before Magistrate

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WAIPUKURAU.

"The borough traffic inspector said he had never been so glad to get out of a car alive," said Constable D. H. Sutton in the Waipukurau Magistrate's Court yesterday, describing a test which had been given to an applicant for a driver's licence. The case was one in which Edward Henry, a Maori, of Waipukurau, was charged with driving a taxi without being the holder of a motor driver's licence, and further with driving a public motor-car plying for hire without being the holder of the necessary licence.

Jack Kuzmich, of Waipukurau, was jointly charged with employing an unlicensed person to drive a taxi. He was represented by Mr. C. G. Harker, and pleaded guilty.

The Maori boy had seen Kuzmich and agreed to take the position of taxi driver, Constable Sutton told the Court. Henry had secured a form from the borough office to obtain the necessary medical certificate, but he had not applied for this.

He made six trips during one day. A patient he picked up at the hospital demanded that the taxi be stopped after it had gone 300 yards, saying that he would feel safer walking. The defendant admitted that it was the first occasion he had driven alone, although he had learnt to drive two years ago. He was tested the next day, but was refused an ordinary driver's licence.

Mr. Harker said that Kuzmich had understood Henry to be a licensed driver.

Protection of Public

"It is his duty to protect the public by employing licensed drivers," replied the Magistrate. "How is the public to be protected if the employer does not keep a check on his drivers?"

Mr. Harker: I am prepared to put Kuzmich into the witness box to testify that he was ignorant that Henry was not licensed.

Constable Sutton: And I am prepared to say on oath that this is not the first unlicensed driver Kuzmuch has employed.

The offence was a very serious one, said Mr. Miller. If there had been a fatal accident, there would probably have been a manslaughter charge.

Kuzmich was fined £5 (costs £1 10/-) and Henry £1 (10/-) on the first charge and £2 (10/-) on the second.

Drop in Railway Revenue

WAIPUKURAU STATION

Goods And Livestock Show Decrease

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WAIPUKURAU.

A marked decline in outward and an advance in inward traffic is shown in returns for the Waipukurau railway station for the month ended December 9, as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

More passengers were carried, but revenue dropped slightly. Less livestock was transported this year, due to climatic conditions, and road competition. The decline in goods traffic is due probably to the altered circumstances following the abolition of wool sales.

The improvement in inward revenue is principally the result of goods being diverted from road to rail transport.

Detailed figures are as follows:—

Outward

Passengers 1058 (last year 910); cattle 425 (1037); sheep 8287 (13,191); timber, 1 ton (1); other goods, tons 931 (1327).

Revenue: Passengers £268 (£286); parcels £26 (£26); goods £1417 (£2219); miscellaneous £4 (£2); total £1715 (£2533).

Inward

Cattle 84 (41); sheep 136 (0); timber, tons 27 (111); other goods 925 tons (776 tons).

Revenue: Parcels £56 (£49); goods £1308 (£1212); total £1364 (£1261).

WORLD OF THE FUTURE WILL REQUIRE LEADERS

Timely Address Given The Boys Of Napier High School At Prize-Giving

"We know that we meet at a tragic time, but there is another side to that," said the Solicitor-General (Mr H. H. Cornish) at yesterday's breaking-up ceremony of the Napier Boys' High School. "In the immediate future there are going to be great opportunities for the young men of the world.

"The world is stirring to-day in a way that it has not stirred since the Renaissance," said Mr Cornish. "We are in the midst of a great blunder, but the world is on the march, and many changes are going to take place in the next 30 or 40 years. Leaders will be wanted. If fellows like you do not take charge of New Zealand, it's going to be too bad for New Zealand. I don't want you to look on leadership as a prize or as a reward, but as a duty and an honour."

Mr Cornish dealt with the qualities concerned in the making of a leader. Qualities of mind were necessary, he said, but there were also the aspects which were mental and moral. He believed that the finest qualities of man were the Christian virtues of faith, hope and charity.

Charity was the greatest of all, said Mr Cornish, for the world readily respected any generous act and any kindness. While Hitler appealed to men's hate in quest of power, a true leader appealed to the highest qualities in man.

"There was a Leader who died like a common felon; His life was made up of common goodness," concluded Mr Cornish. "That Leader has claimed the allegiance of all gentlemen throughout the world for the past 2000 years. I would suggest that He is deserving of your allegiance."

Prizes Presented

Prizes were presented as follows by Mr Cornish.

Special Prizes

Reading (presented by the Old Boys' Association).—Third Forms: C. C. Badley 1, R. G. Melhuish 2. Fourth Forms: W. B. Olphert 1, R. W. England 2. Fifth and Sixth Forms: R. P. Christensen 1, A. T. Proffitt 2.

Writing (presented by Parents' League) —Third Forms: C. S. Grace. Fourth Forms: D. H. Gardner. Fifth and Sixth Forms: R. B. Nesbitt. Best writer in the school: R. B. Nesbitt.

Chamber of Commerce Arithmetic Competition: J. S. Phillips.

Chamber of Commerce Commercial Prize: L. E. Storkey.

Drawing.—Third Forms: D. Garrett. Fourth Forms: N. B. Quigley. Fifth and Sixth Forms: R. B. Nesbitt.

Agricultural Prize: R. Bradshaw.

Woolclassing Certificates. — Second class: J. O. Alexander, J. F. Borrie, R. Cruickshank, R. A. Gardner, W. K. le Fleming, J. G. Wallace. First class: J. S. Davidson, J. L. Horner, P. G. Oakley, G. R. Sainsbury, J. B. Talbot.

Woodwork Prize: C. E. Forster.

Special Woodwork Prize (presented by Robt. Holt and Sons): H. W. McCoubrie.

Electricity Prize (presented by Robt Holt and Sons): T. J. Seed.

Engineering Prize (presented by Henry Williams Ltd.): F. J. Franklin.

Public Speaking.—Impromptu Speech Competition (McClurg Challenge Cup): A. L. Bisley. Prepared Speech Competition: Junior (Storkey Challenge Cup), W. B. Olphert; Senior (Brooks Challenge Cup), R. Frederikson.

Scinde House Cup: W. K. le Fleming.

Erroll Tylee Memorial Prize, for neatness: G. S. Goodwin.

Physical Drill.—Form Competition (Dockery Challenge Cup): Form V Remove. Junior Champion: M. W. Down. Senior Champion (Hannah Cup and Miniature): D. R. Berryman.

Military Drill.—Section Competition, No. 7 Section (A Company): Cpl. M. G. Sherning. Platoon Competition, No. 1 Platoon: Sgt. I. R. Diggle. Best N.C.O.: Sgts. C. S. Butcher and I. R. Diggle, equal.

Shooting.—Lady Godley Cups: A Company, Sgt. R. D. Steel; B Company, Sgt. P. N. Sandtmann. School Matches Aggregate Medal (presented by C. T. Baker, Esq.): P. N. Sandtmann. Thorp Cup, for competition between teams from Hastings High School and Napier Boys' High School. Junior Champion: W. B. Olphert. Senior Champion: D. LeQ. Badley.

Tennis.—Junior Champion (Prime Challenge Cup): N. B. Quigley. Senior Champion (Mendelssohn Challenge Cup): D. S. Goodwin.

Football.—Medal for most improved player in First Fifteen (presented by J. C. Swan, Esq.): J. A. Cumming. Place Kicking Competition (Glendinning Cup): G. C. Dann. Old Boys' Cup, for tackling: V. J. Josephs and P. N. Sandtmann, equal.

Cricket.—McLernon Clock, for boy who has done most for cricket during year: P. E. Millett. Form Competition: Junior, Form IIIL; Senior, Form VR. Fielding Prize (presented by E. J. Phillips, Esq.): C. J. Colbert. Robin Dinwiddie Memorial Prize, for most improved junior: R. I. Ansin. Monro Fielding Cup. Geddis Batting Cup. Gifford Memorial Cup, for bowling.

Swimming.—Courtney Bowen Memorial Cup, for most points in handicap events: I. T. Heath. Junior champion: L. A. Hay. Senior Champion (Baird Challenge Cup): J. W. McCarthy.

Athletics.—Bickerstaff Cup, for most points in championship sprint events: L. E. Humphreys and D. J. Lyons, equal. Hurdles Cup (presented by W. Davis, Esq.): J. S. Phillips. Cornford Cup, for senior mile handicap: D. R. Berryman. Steeplechase Cup: M. T. Bew. Junior Champion: R. H. Armstrong. Senior Champion: D. Ormond.

Macfarlane Cup, for Scholarship and conduct in Fourth and Fifth Forms: T. M. Thorp.

Prize for Mathematics and Science in Fourth Forms (presented by F. J. Steel, Esq.).—1, Technical Forms: F. A. Howse. 2, General Forms: R. S. Wilson.

Stopford Memorial Prize, for English in the Sixth Form: D. J. Ramage.

Storkey V.C. Prize, for Science and Mathematics in Fifth and Sixth Forms: J. S. Phillips.

Prefects' Prizes (presented by the Headmaster): W. B. Ayling, D. R. Berryman, R. P. Christensen, C. K. Herbert, E. J. Nichol, J. S. Phillips, P. N. Sandtmann, V. J. Josephs (Head Prefect).

Ashcroft Cup (presented by P. Ashcroft, Esq.): J. S. Phillips.

Class Prizes.—Form III E: D. G. O'Rourke. Form III Ag.: P. G. Oakley. Form III C: N. J. Hague. Form III F: W. M. Nicholls. Form III L: K. J. Trevor Ll. C. S. Grace 2. Form IV E: F. A. Howse. Form IV Ag.: R. Bradshaw. Forms IV C: D. H. Gardner. Form IV F: R. S. Wilson. Form IV L (presented by H. S. Gilberd, Esq.): T. M. Thorp. Forms V C, V E, V Ag., General Subjects: D. MacGregor. Form V Remove: C. J. Colbert. Form V A (presented by I. C. Edmundson, Esq.): B. S. Painter 1, A. T. Proffitt 2.

Form VI.—Higher Leaving Certificates: R. P. Christensen, C. K. Herbert, R. T. Hill, R. B. Nesbitt, E. J. Nichol, J. S. Phillips, D. J. Ramage, L. C. Scott, D. I. Walker.

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THEFT OF WHISKY PROVES DEAR

TEN MAORIS FINED HEAVILY

WAIROA COURT

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WAIROA.

Fines totalling more than £30 were imposed on ten Maoris who appeared before Mr A. Coleman, S.M., in the Magistrate's Court yesterday to answer a charge of breaking and entering and theft arising out of a case of whisky being stolen from a truck in the Wairoa Harbour Board's shed at Waikokopu on the night of October 11.

The defendants, who numbered 11, and the details of the charges were:

Kaho Hemopo, Stone Mahanga, Mac Tangiora and Jack White were each charged with receiving a bottle of whisky valued at 10/-, knowing them to have been dishonestly obtained.

John Kereru, Stone Mahanga, Sid Maru and Jack White were each charged with aiding Tawa Maru with supplying liquor to Maoris for consumption off licensed premises within the Kahungunu proclaimed area.

Kaho Hemopo, Kiriona Kereru and Friday Whaanga were each similarly charged with aiding some person unknown in the supply of liquor to himself, a Maori, for consumption off licensed premises and also with supplying liquor to Maoris for consumption off licensed premises.

Tini Mita was charged with aiding Paul Perea in supplying liquor to a Maori for consumption off licensed premises.

Mac Tangiora was charged with aiding Wana Whaanga in supplying liquor to a Maori for consumption off licensed premises.

In all cases with the exception of the charge against John Kereru, who did not appear, pleas of guilty were entered and the information against John Kereru was dismissed.

Kaho Hemopo and Mac Tangiora were represented by Mr C. R. Sainsbury.

The Magistrate said the offences could be placed under three headings. Those charged with receiving would each be fined £3 and those charged with aiding would each be fined £2. The defendants were ordered to pay half the amount of the fines forthwith and the balance within 14 days.

Arising out of the theft of the whisky a youth, aged 16, was charged in the children's court with receiving a bottle of whisky knowing it to have been dishonestly obtained.

After hearing the circumstances the Magistrate said there was little doubt that the defendant did not realise the significance of the offence and therefore the charge would be dismissed.

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A CAROL SERVICE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

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To-morrow night the choir of St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, will hold its annual carol service. The service, which will consist of carols, anthems and lessons, will be relayed by 2YH, Napier.

For the benefit of radio listeners the details and order of the service will be as follows:

Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; anthem, 'Though Poor be the Chamber"; carol, "Good Christian Men Rejoice"; prayers; carol, "Good iKng Wenceslas"; anthems, "Love Came Down at Christmas," "O Jesu Most Kind"; lesson; carol, "The Holly and the Ivy"; anthem, "The First Christmas Night"; carol, "The Prince of Peace"; address; carol, "The First Noel"; anthem, "The Child of Sweet Mary"; hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The service will begin at 7 p.m.

BIG SHED DESTROYED BY FIRE

Evening Outbreak At Takapau

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
TAKAPAU.

Mr R. B. May suffered loss on Thursday evening when fire destroyed a large shed comprising his workshop and a storeroom used by the Spot Garage.

The cause of the fire is not known, but a passer-by gave the alarm about 8.50 p.m.; nearby householders were quickly on the scene to assist in confining the outbreak.

Fortunately, there was little wind, otherwise there was every possibility of the loss of the garage, the blacksmith shop and the residence of Mr May.

A large crowd gathered and many volunteered assistance.

Are you fully insured against fire? Consult the General Assurance Corp. C. C. Willis, Tennyson Street, Napier, Chief Hawke's Bay Agent. The General Assurance Corp. handles all classes of Insurance, but of special interest is the house-holders Comprehensive Policy at lowest rates.*

PATRIOTIC AFFAIRS LEAD TO DEBATE AT WAIPUKURAU

Question Of Grant To Fund And Rebates On Electric Power For Halls

"Daily Mail" Special Service
WAIPUKURAU.

There were some brisk exchanges of opinion at the monthly meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board yesterday, when a number of questions bearing on patriotic funds came up for consideration.

A motion by Mr A. C. Holms that £25 be granted towards the provincial patriotic fund was opposed by Mr L. W. Simpson, who did not agree that public funds should be thus spent.

"The patriotic regulations are full of anomalies and rank foolishness," he continued. Speaking as a returned soldier, he said, he did not think the question had been wisely handled by the Government.

Mr J. McCarthy said he entirely disagreed with the previous speaker, and considered the regulations reasonable and necessary. In the last war £2,500,000 was raised, and it cost £1,000,000 to distribute it.

The chairman (Mr C. Pattison) expressed the opinion that the question should be deferred in the meantime.

A Hurried Decision.

"At the outbreak of war some local bodies hastily decided to make up the military pay of their employees to its ordinary standard, but that did not make the decision right," said Mr Simpson.

Mr W. H. Rathbone reminded members that much of the activity in the last war was misdirected. Only a small portion of the goods, money and stocks sent overseas ever reached the men for whom they were intended.

Another member recalled having used surplus socks to groom horses in the Great War.

Mr Holms remarked that it showed a poor spirit for them to be haggling over a sum which amounted to about 2d per consumer, while men were perhaps giving their lives for their country.

It was eventually decided to defer the question until the next meeting.

A request for free electric power for halls used for patriotic gatherings was considered. It was pointed out that it would entail a meter-reader travelling perhaps a long distance to read the meter before the gathering and again afterwards in order to ascertain the amount to be remitted.

Mr McCarthy asked if it would not be possible to strike an average, but the secretary-manager (Mr G. E. Fowler) stated that this would not satisfy the regulations.

Mr Holms moved that a straight-out grant be made in order to avoid the difficulties of a concession on power consumed. The grant could be a sum equivalent to the amount of power estimated to have been used. This suggestion was carried.

An amendment moved by Mr McCarthy that where a hall is let free for a patriotic purpose no charge be made by the board, was lost.

An Anomaly.

The secretary of the Power Boards and Supply Authorities' Association, Wellington, drew attention to an anomaly in recent Government legislation. If several employees occupied a position in turn, each leaving to enlist, the employer would be required to re-employ all of them on their return, which would probably be impossible. There did not seem to be any escape from the position, stated the letter, except by employing men who were not eligible for military service.

Mr Rathbone said that at a previous meeting he had suggested that only men employed at the outbreak of the war should be brought within the scope of the board's regulations, but this had not been adopted.

In any case it would not override the Government regulations, replied their chairman.

Mr M. Ryan said he understood that a man taken on to fill such a vacancy would be only a temporary employee, and as such would not be entitled to retain his position if he enlisted.

It was decided to protest to the Minister regarding the anomaly.

Those present were Messrs C. Pattison (chairman), M. Ryan, F. J. Witherow, A. C. Russell, L. W. Simpson, J. McCarthy, A. W. S. Longley, A. C. Holms and W. H. Rathbone.

Full Yardings Of Cattle

DANNEVIRKE SALE

Keen Competition Throughout

BROKERS' REPORTS

Brokers report as follows on the stock sale at Dannevirke on Thursday: —

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They offered a full yarding of cattle to a good bench of buyers representing Manawatu, Northern Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa and local districts.

The cattle were not up to the quality usually yarded at this time of the year in Dannevirke; however, keen competition prevailed throughout and practically a total clearance was effected at rates in vendors' favour. Only a few sheep were penned, but in this section competition was also keen.

Good fat spring lamb 26/9, fat hoggets 23/6, 2-th wethers 15/3, small 2-th ewes 14/6, aged ewes and lambs, all counted 10/1.

Fat P.A. bullocks £9/10/- to £10 15/-, cows £6/15/-, Jersey cows and heifers £4/9/- to £6/12/6, P.A. bullocks £9/5/- to £9/17/-, P.A. steers £6/10/-, 2-yr. P.A. steers £4/12/- to £6/1/-, yearlings £3/6/- to £4/10/-, Hereford steers £6/17/-, yearling £3 17/6 to £4/4/-, good empty P.A. cows £6/2/-, light £3/16/- to £4, P.A. and Hereford cross yearling heifers £3/2/6, P.A. cows and calves £4/1/-, yearling P.A. heifers £2 to £2/6/-, R.P. yearling steers £3, Shorthorn cross steers £4/7/- to £7/1/-, Jersey steers £3/8/- to £4, springing Jersey heifers £5 to £7/10/-, cows in milk £5/15/-, store cows £3/2/6 to £3 12/6, yearling Jersey heifers £3/11/- to £3/17/6, potter bulls £5 to £6/2/6.

H.B. Farmers' Co-op. Assn.

The Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-op. Assn. Ltd. report a small yarding of sheep and a medium one of cattle at the Dannevirke sale held on Thursday, December 14. Owing to recent rains all over the country the market showed a decided rise on recent sales held here. They quote:

Fat shorn ewes 17/3 to 18/-, fat woolly ewes £1/1/7 to £1/4/9.

Fat dairy cows £4/15/- to £5/10/-, fat P.A. cows £6/10/- to £7, P.A. bullocks £9/5/-, 2 year P.A. steers £5 10/- to £6/10/-, yearlings £3/15/- to £4/5/-, 2 year P.A. heifers £2/16/- to £3/5/-, empty P.A. cows £4/19/- to £5 10/-, springing heifers £5 to £7, yearling Jersey heifers £3/4/- to £4/10/-, store cows £2/10/- to £3/15/-, Jersey bulls £5 to £8.

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The weekly stock sale was held in ideal weather conditions with a moderate attendance of the public. The yarding of sheep was small but a good entry of station cattle was penned. Recent rains have certainly been beneficial to the pastures and competition was good for both sheep and cattle. Prices showed a firming tendency and most lots sold.

Some 100 fat sheep were penned and the quality was good. Butchers soon got going and both ewes and wethers sold readily at improved prices. Estate late Jonathan Holden Makotuku, secured top price for their small consignment which comprised some heavy ewes and wethers.

Best shorn wethers 23/7 to 24/3, prime shorn ewes 20/3 to 21/-, other good shorn ewes 17/3 to 17/9, woolly ewes, light weights 19/- to 19/4, woolly wether hoggets 23/6 to 23/10.

Approximately 150 store sheep were yarded, comprising mostly small 2-th wethers. Keen competition prevailed and prices showed a sharp rise. Small 2-th wethers 15/4, woolly wether hoggets 23/2.

The offering of store cattle comprised some 750 head which included several quite good lines of young station cattle. The market opened quietly but soon improved and prices showed a firming tendency. Good 3½ year P.A. bullocks £8/15/- to £9 17/-, 2 year P.A. steers £6/5/- to £6 17/-, yearling P.A. steers £4/5/- to £4/18/-, yearling Hereford steers £4 to £4/6/-, good class P.A. empty cows £6/2/- forward condition, P.A. cows, light condition £3/12/-, yearling P.A. heifers £2/16/- to £3/6/-, cows and calves, light condition and calves very young £4.

A few good pens of fat cattle were yarded. Heavy P.A. bullocks £10/15/-, heavy P.A. cows £6/4/- to £6/15/-, fat Jersey cows £4/7/6 to £5.

CHRISTMAS POULTRY SALE

Messrs Harvey, Fulton And Hill

Messrs Harvey, Fulton and Hill report having held their first Christmas Poultry Sale, in their Mart, Russell Street, Hastings, on Friday, when every pen in their large accommodation was filled—the largest yarding since last Christmas coming to hand. The quality all through was very good, except for a number of pens of light W.L. and B.O. cockerels. In face of the large yarding, the demand continued quite sound, especially for ducks, geese and heavy weight poultry. Light cockerels however, receded strongly in value, and were very hard to quit. A large collection of good tools came forward, and these with other sundries met with ready competition. Prices may be quoted: B.O. hens 3/- to 3/9, W.L. hens 2/- to 2/8, B.O. roosters 2/6 to 3/4, W.L. roosters 2/- to 2/8, geese 3/3 to 5/1, ducks 3/- to 6/- each, B.O. and W.L. grown cockerels 3/- to 3/1, B.O. and W.L. light cockerels 3d to 1/-.

Other sales were: Tools 7/-, 6/-, 10/-, 5/-, 4/-, 3/-, 6/-, 4/6, 5/-, 4/-, crow-bar 5/-, tent £1 17/6, do £1, fork 3/-, hoe 2/-, axe 2/-, mawl and wedges 9/-, hand bell 5/6, barrow wheel 2/6, sewing machine £6 15/-, bag holder £1; 12 sheets of iron at 4/6, 5 sheets of iron at 2/9, 4 chairs at 10/-, 2 at 9/6, table £1 2/6, gent's bicycle £2 10/-, 2 posts at 17/6, 9 chairs at 7/-, mattress £1 17/6, set of harrows £5, chesterfield £10 15/-, duchesse £4, carpet £6 10/-, with sundries, vegetables and fruit at full market rates.

PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR

Sunday

1YA Auckland

7.0 a.m.: Physical exercises. 7.10: Breakfast session. 9.0: Close down. 10.0: Devotional service. 10.15: Selected recordings. 11.0: "Kathleen Chats with Business Girls." 11.16: Selected recordings. 12.0: Lunch music.

1.0 p.m.: District week-end weather forecast. 2.0: Selected recordings. 3.15 and 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's service, conducted by "Cinderella."

5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News services. 8.0: "Words and Music by Gilbert and Sullivan." 9.0: Reserved. 9.20: Weather, station notices. 9.25: "Non-Stop Variety." 9.37: "The Great Waltz" selection. 9.43: "Presenting All Stars." 9.51: "One Bright Hit After The Other." 10.10: Dance music by Johnny Madden and His Swing Kings.

2YA Wellington

6.50 a.m.: Weather report for aviators. 7.0: Physical exercises. 7.10: Breakfast session. 9.0: Close down. 10.0: Weather report for aviators. 10.10: Devotional service. 10.25: Recordings. 10.28 to 10.30: Time signals. 10.45: Mrs. Gladys Strum: "Life in the Canadian Prairies" (2). 12.0: Lunch music.

1.0 p.m.: Weather report for aviators. 2.0: Light musical programme. 3.0: Sports results. 3.28 to 3.30: Time signals. 4.0: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Dinner session. 6.55: Weather forecast. 7.0: News services. 7.40: Talk, "Christmas Road Safety." 8.0: N.B.S. production, "Look and Listen." 9.0: Reserved. 9.20: Weather, station notices. 9.25: Dance programme. 10.0: Sports summary, followed by dance programme.

3YA Christchurch

7.0 a.m.: Physical exercises. 7.10: Breakfast session. 9.0: Close down. 10.0: Selected recordings. 10.30: Devotional service. 10.45: Selected recordings. 11.0: Talk to women by "Margaret." 11.10: Selected recordings. 12.0: Lunch music.

2.0 p.m.: Selected recordings. 3.30 and 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News services. 8.0: "Chocolate Soldier" selection (O. Strauss). 8.10: "One Good Deed a Day." 8.24: Harry Robbins (xylophone). 8.29: "Revuedeville Memories" (Burrows). 8.38: "Over the Garden Wall." 8.52: Quentin McLean (organ). 9.0: Reserved. 9.20: Weather, station notices. 9.25: Dance music by the Bailey-Marston Dance Orchestra. 10.0: Sports summary, followed by dance music.

4YA Dunedin

6.50 a.m.: Weather report for aviators. 7.0: Physical exercises. 7.10: Breakfast session. 9.0: Close down. 10.0: Weather report for aviators. 10.50: Talk to women by "Margaret." 12.0: Lunch music.

1.0 p.m.: Weather report for aviators. Weather forecast. 2.0: Selected recordings. 3.30 and 4.45: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News services. 7.40: Talk by Don Miller, "To-day's Cricket Results." 8.0: "Music from the Movies, 1938." 8.10: Trevor Thomas (baritone). 8.16: "London Suite" (Coates). 8.28: Mary Somerville (contralto). 8.37: "Callirhoe" (Chaminade). 8.45: Trevor Thomas (baritone). 8.51: "Seville" (from "Cities of Romance") (Wood). "Lulworth Cave" (Shadwell). 9.0: Reserved. 9.20: Weather, station notices. 9.25: Dance music. 10.0: Sports summary, followed by dance music.

2YH Napier

7.0 a.m.: Breakfast session. 9.0: Close down. 11.0: Light music.

12.0-2.0 p.m.: Lunch session.

5.0: Light music. 5.45: For the Children, featuring "Westward Ho!" 6.0: Carson Robison and His Pioneers." 6.30: "The Japanese Houseboy." 6.45: Weather report and forecast for Hawke's Bay. Summary of cricket results. 7.0: Re-broadcast of Government News. 7.15 (approx.): "Mittens." 8.0: Concert session: Gil Dech and His Concert Orchestra, "Maori Selection." 8.11: Grand Celebrity Ensemble (vocal), "From Opera and Operetta." 8.20: Alfredo Campoli and His Salon Orchestra, "Canzonetta" (D'Ambrosio). 8.40: Nelson Eddy (baritone), "The Hills of Home," "Deep River,"

1YA Auckland

9.0 a.m.: Selected recordings. 11.0: Anglican service from All Saints' Church. 12.15 p.m.: Selected recordings.

1.0 p.m.: Dinner music. 2.17: Selected recordings. 3.30: "Symphonie Fantastique" by Berlioz (b. 1803, d. 1869). 4.24: Selected recordings. 4.30: Close down. 5.30: Children's song service.

7.0: Church of Christ service from Ponsonby Road. 8.30: "The Queen's Lace Handkerchief" (Strauss). 8.36: Gino Sinimberghi (tenor). 8.39: Alfred Cortot (pianist). 8.45: Talks by Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage. 9.0: Reserved. 9.20: Weather, station notices. 9.25: Studio presentation of the play, "Murder in the Cathedral." 10.55: Close down.

2YA Wellington

9.0 a.m.: Selected recordings. 10.0: Weather report for aviators. 10.28 to 10.30: Time signals from the Dominion Observatory. 11.0: Presbyterian Church Service from St. John's Presbyterian Church. 12.15 p.m.: Selected recordings.

1.0 p.m.: Weather report for aviators. Dinner session. 2.0: Major Works of Sir Edward Elgar: Concerto in B Minor. 2.48: Selected recordings. 3.0: "Then and Now" (No. 3). 3.30: Selected recordings. 4.30: Close down. 5.30: Children's song service.

7.0: Methodist Church service from Wesley Church, Taranaki Street. 8.30: "L'Italiana in Algeri" overture (Rossini). 8.38: Tito Schipa (tenor). 8.41: "Aida" Grand March (Verdi). 8.45: National broadcast of talk by the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage, "New Zealand's Problems As I See Them." 9.0: Reserved. 9.20: Weather, station notices. 9.25: "Bacchanole" ballet music (Saint-Saens). 9.33: Julie Werry (soprano). 9.44: "La Tosca" selection (Puccini). 9.50: Gems from "The Bohemian Girl" (Balfe). 9.58: "Yeoman of the Guard" selection (Gilbert and Sullivan). 10.6: Close down.

3YA Christchurch

9.0 a.m.: Selected recordings. 11.0: Roman Catholic Service, relayed from the Christchurch Cathedral. 12.15 p.m.: Selected recordings.

1.0 p.m.: Dinner music. 2.0: Selected recordings. 8.0: London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Walter Goehr, "Symphony No. 1 in C Major" (Bizet). 4.30: Close down. 5.30: Children's song service. 6.15: Selected recordings.

7.0: Methodist service from the Durham Street Church. 8.30: "The Christmas Overture" (Coleridge-Taylor). 8.39: Raymond Newell (baritone). 8.45: Talk by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage). 9.0: Reserved. 9.20: Weather, station notices. 9.25: "The Pigeon," play by John Galsworthy. 10.20: Close down.

4YA Dunedin

9.0 a.m.: Selected recordings. 10.0: Weather report for aviators. Selected recordings. 11.0: Methodist service from Trinity Methodist Church. 12.15 p.m.: Selected recordings.

1.0 p.m.: Weather report for aviators. Dinner music. 2.0: Selected recordings. 2.30: "La Boutique Fantasque" (Respighi-Rossini). 2.55: Selected recordings. 3.30: "Reality and Romance": Notable Centenaries of 1939 (No. 9). 3.45: Selected recordings. 4.30: Close down. 5.30: Children's song service.

6.30: Anglican service from St. John's Anglican Church. 8.30: "Lakme Fantasia" (Delibes). 8.39: The Leipzig Male Choir. 8.45: Talk by the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage. 9.0: Reserved. 9.20: Weather, station notices. 9.25: "Music from the Theatre"—Humperdinck's opera, "Hansel and Gretel."

2YH Napier

11.0 a.m.-1.0 p.m.: Selected recordings.

2.0-4.0: Afternoon concert session. 6.30: Miscellaneous recordings.

7.0: Relay of Evening Service from St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Hastings. Preacher: Rev. W. T. Drake. Organist and choirmaster: Cecil Spinney. 8.15 (approx.): Selected recordings, station announcements. 8.30: Evening concert session. "Nights At the Ballet." 8.39: John Charles Thomas (baritone). 8.45: Talk by the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister (re-broadcast from 2YA): "New Zealand's Problems As I See Them." 9.0: Reserved. 9.20: Chorus of La Scala Opera, Milan. 9.28: London Philharmonic Orchestra. 9.40: Arthur Rubinstein (piano). 10.0: Close down.

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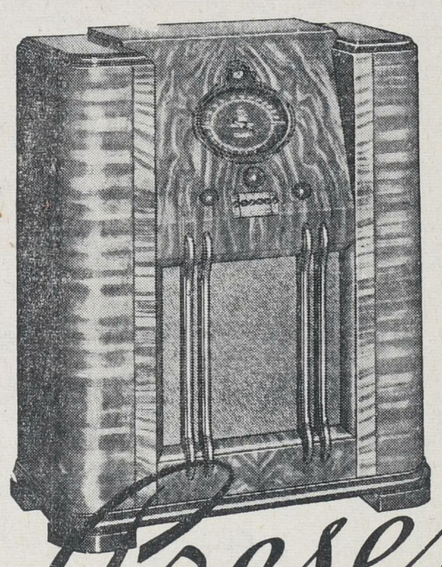

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Dannielle Darrieux and Charles Boyer in "Mayerling," the superbly-told story of a royal romance. The film will open on Tuesday at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

Real Life Story

"Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

Drama knows no more thrilling moment than when Stanley speaks these words to Dr. Livingstone in the heart of Africa, the climax of the adventure that thrilled the world. Now the most heroic exploit known to man will shortly be seen in one of the most spectacular motion pictures ever undertaken, Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "STANLEY AND LIVINGSTONE."

Spencer Tracy, twice winner of the Academy Award, portrays the daring Stanley, a newpaper reporter on the "New York Herald." Starred with him are Nancy Kelly and Richard Greene, heading an imposing cast including Walter Brennan, Charles Coburn, Sir Cedric Hardwicke as Livingstone, Henry Hull and Henry Travers.

Into the perilous wilderness of unknown Africa, one white man ventured to seek another, an impossible Herculean labour marked by innumerable, nameless terrors—but nothing could stop him. Such is the theme of the screen play.

Brenda Joyce, blonde and lovely Los Angeles co-ed who was selected by Darryl Zanuck after a nation-wide search, plays the role of Fern Simon in his production of "THE RAINS CAME" by Louis Bromfield. Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power, and George Brent are starred in the 20th Century-Fox film.

A scene from the memorable Russian film, "Professor Mamlock"—a timely revelation of Nazi tyranny. The production is now at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

HASTINGS

REGENT THEATRE: Now showing to Thursday: **"The Hardys' Ride High"** (Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone). Commencing next Friday: **"First Love"** (Deanna Durbin, Leatrice Joy).

COSY THEATRE: To-day and Monday: **"Secret Service of the Air"** (Ronald Reagan, Ila Rhodes); **"Kicking the Moon Around"** (Ambrose and his Orchestra, Evelyn Dall) and another episode of "The Oregon Trail." Tuesday to Thursday: **"Mayerling"** (Danielle Darrieux, Charles Boyer). Commencing next Friday: **"Kate Plus Ten"** (Jack Hulbert, Genevieve Tobin) and **"Mutiny on the Blackhawk."**

STATE THEATRE: To-day and Monday: **"In Name Only"** (Cary Grant, Carole Lombard) with "Goofy and Wilbur" (Disney Cartoon). Tuesday to Thursday: **"Charlie Chan on Treasure Island"** (Sidney Toler) and **"News is Made at Night"** (Preston Foster, Lynn Bari). Next Friday: **"Shipyard Sally"** (Gracie Fields, Sidney Howard).

MUNICIPAL THEATRE: To-night and Monday: **"Something to Sing About"** (James Cagney, Evelyn Daw) and **"Land of Fighting Men"** (Jack Randall, Louise Stanley). Tuesday to Thursday: **"China Clipper"** (Pat O'Brien, Beverly Roberts) and **"Here Comes Carter"** (Ross Alexander, Glenda Farrell). Next Friday and Saturday: **"The Little Adventuress"** (Edith Fellows, Richard Fiske) and **"Secrets of a Nurse"** (Helen Mack, Dick Foran).

NAPIER

REGENT THEATRE: Now showing to Wednesday: **"Professor Mamlock"**. Thursday, December 28: **"First Love"** (Deanna Durbin, Helen Parrish). December 29: **"Clouds Over Europe"** (Lawrence Olivier, Ralph Richardson).

STATE THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: **"Second Fiddle"** (Sonja Henie, Tyrone Power). Tuesday to Thursday: **"Climbing High"** (Michael Redgrave, Jessie Mathews) and **"Who Goes Next?"** (Barry K. Barnes, Sophie Stewart). Commencing Friday, December 22: **"Four Feathers"** (John Clements, Ralph Richardson, C. Aubrey Smith).

MAYFAIR THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: **"Overland Express"** (Buck Jones, Marjory Reynolds, **"Smashing the Rackets,"** (Chester Morris, Bruce Cabot), and chapter five of "The Oregon Trail." Tuesday to Thursday: **"Charlie Chan at the Race Track"** (Warner Oland, Key Luke), **"Okay For Sound"** (Nervo and Knox, Flanagan and Allen) and chapter 9 of Scouts to the Rescue."

Basil Rathbone is a very busy man these days, superintending his own demise. Acting in Universal's "Tower of London" and "Rio" at the same time, he had just finished a job of dying as Richard III in the first picture, when Director John Brahm called him a half hour later to discuss the manner of his passing out in "RIO," feeling that Rathbone was very well qualified to make such a decision.

Gracie Fields as she appears in her greatest success, "Shipyard Sally," gay comedy to open next Friday at the State Theatre, Hastings.

Comment On The Films

NAPIER.

The clever methods employed by a special prosecutor for a grand jury in obtaining evidence against the members of a large racketeering ring are depicted in "SMASHING THE RACKETS." Chester Morris and Frances Mercer are in leading roles.

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Clever Warner Oland is prominently cast in the title role of "CHARLIE CHAN AT THE RACE TRACK." Key Luke, also in a leading role, gives a splendid portrayal.

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High-speed screen vaudeville is presented in the musical, "OKAY FOR SOUND." Included among the artists are the noted teams Nervo and Knox, and Flanagan and Allen.

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Sonja Henie gives another flawless performance in "SECOND FIDDLE," in which she is cast with Tyrone Power. This film has an old theme, given a new twist to adapt it to satisfy the tastes of the modern theatregoer. Miss Henie's skating is quite as good as that of her previous successes, and the song hits are unforgettable.

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The demure English player, Jessie Matthews, steals the honours in the splendid film, "CLIMBING HIGH." She is cast opposite Michael Redgrave.

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The timely drama, "FOUR FEATHERS," has a magnificent cast which includes John Clements, Ralph Richardson, and C. Aubrey Smith. Sound direction and splendid photography are highlights of this production.

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A grim tale of Nazi persecution of the hapless Jews is portrayed in the film, "PROFESSOR MAMLOCK." A Russian production, this picture is a most timely one, and can be regarded as an expose of methods in modern Germany.

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The film "FIRST LOVE" is notable for the fact that the young player Deanna Durbin goes through her first screen romance in this production. Helen Parrish has a prominent role.

HASTINGS.

When the Hardy Family inherits a fortune the consequences are certain to be hilarious. That is what takes place in "THE HARDYS RIDE HIGH," which features the usual cast headed by Mickey Rooney.

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Cary Grant and Carole Lombard play leading roles in "IN NAME ONLY," a romance which, given splendid treatment, emerges as outstanding entertainment in its class.

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The efforts of a young orphan to make an asset out of a trick horse form the theme of "THE LITTLE ADVENTURESS," gay story featuring Edith Fellows.

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Thrills and humour highlight "HERE COMES CARTER," which probes behind the scenes of radio broadcasting stations. Ross Alexander and Glenda Farrell head the cast.

"SECRET SERVICE OF THE AIR" stars Ronald Reagan in a story of the breaking up of a gang which has been smuggling aliens by air into the United States.

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Ambrose and his Orchestra provide much of the melody in "KICKING THE MOON AROUND," gay musical which relates the publicity efforts of a man who sponsors a young singer.

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A fast-moving Edgar Wallace adventure with Jack Hulbert as an amusing detective pitted against a woman criminal, is "KATE PLUS TEN."

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"Singing Cowboy" Jack Randall heads the cast of "LAND OF FIGHTING MEN," a particularly fine outdoor Western adventure with plenty of action.

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Acclaimed as "Gracie's greatest," the latest picture to star Gracie Fields, is "SHIPYARD SALLY," an entertaining blend of comedy, tuneful songs, and human drama.

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The story of a tragic royal romance is related in "MAYERLING," magnificent French production starring Danielle Darrieux and Charles Boyer.

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Deanna Durbin's latest triumph is "FIRST LOVE," in which the popular young singer is given splendid opportunity for both her singing and acting talents.

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Preston Foster, a newspaper editor, and Lynn Bari, a daring girl reporter, uncover a fantastic Jekyll-Hyde murder in the mystery-comedy, "NEWS IS MADE AT NIGHT."

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Described as being "made for laughter purposes only, "CLIMBING HIGH" is the hilarious story of a gay romance between those two talented players, Jessie Matthews and Michael Redgrave.

Ralph Richardson and John Clements in a scene from the thrilling adventure in Technicolour, "The Four Feathers," which will open next Friday at the State Theatre, Napier.

UNUSUAL DRAMA

James Cagney and Pat O'Brien are co-starred, and such stars as "Dead End" Kids, Humphrey Bogart, Ann Sheridan and George Bancroft are the chief supporting players, in "ANGELS WITH DIRTY FACES," a thrilling, intensely moving Warner Bros. melodrama.

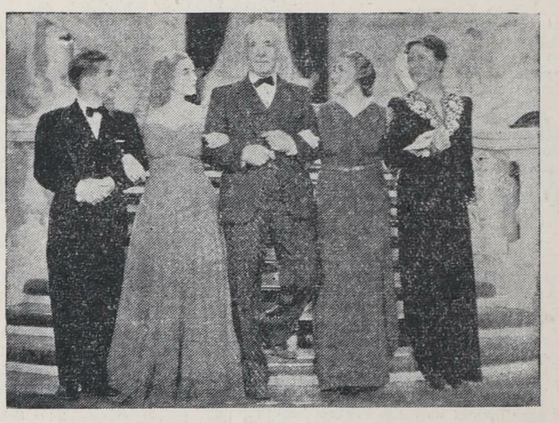
In this production, the inimitable Jimmy returns to the type of role which first brought him fame and in which the public has always liked him best. He is again a gangster, a killer, a grim, ruthless, relentless, dynamic personality of the type that he alone has been able to make completely convincing on the screen.

"Angels With Dirty Faces," however, cannot be adequately described as simply a "gangster picture." While it has thrilling scenes of murderous combat between its central character and his underworld enemies and also depicts him, in one of its most effective sequences, standing at bay a virtual army of policemen, its interest goes far beyond such episodes as it relates his eventual sacrifice for the sake of his boyhood companion.

ERROL FLYNN IN "DODGE CITY"

The brawling, turbulent, sudden-death milieu of the toughest, roughest town in the American cattle country of the 1870's is the background against which Errol Flynn projects his virile, adventurous personality in "DODGE CITY," Technicolour feature in which he appears with Olivia de Havilland, and which will be released in Hastings on December 29.

Making the unmistakably British Errol Flynn its hero may seem a novelty to the casual film-goer but it will require no stretching of credibility on the part of those who are au fait with the American history of the period and the region which are covered in "Dodge City." For there were a number of adventurous young Britons who became well-known figures in the pioneer days of the U.S.A. west, and it is easy to believe that such a fellow as Flynn is in actuality could well have been one of them.



Familiar players in a scene from the "Hardy Family's" new comedy, "The Hardy's Ride High," which, with Mickey Rooney and Lewis Stone featured, is now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

A FORMER STAR'S RETURN

After an eight-year absence from pictures, Enid Bennett, glamorous star of silent films and early talkies, in a surprise descent on Hollywood, recently returned to the film city to launch a new career in pictures. She was immediately signed by David O. Selznick for a featured role in "INTERMEZZO," the Leslie Howard starring vehicle.

Miss Bennett's sudden decision to re-enter motion pictures came after a number of years' retirement in Lakeport, California, where she had been ranching with her husband Fred Niblo, former film director. "Hollywood hasn't changed a bit, I love it and always shall," Miss Bennett said when she returned to the film colony. Miss Bennett was a film discovery of the late Thomas H. Ince, founder of the Culver City studio now occupied by Selznick International.

Her last pictures, made in 1931, were "Skippy," and "Sooky," in the latter of which appeared Jackie and Bobby Coogan.

PAM'S LETTER

Dear Boys and Girls,

You won't forget, will you, that entries for the Christmas Competitions close on December 19 Without Fail?

Already many entries have come to hand, but I do want to hear from you one and all, so you won't let me down, will you? Because I want this Christmas Page to surpass that of last year, even if we have not the space of last year, and I'm sure that with lessons behind you and six weeks' enjoyment ahead, it should not be very difficult to have your entries through in time.

I shall be waiting for a big mail on Monday morning.

Best love and all good wishes,

Pam.

The Boy Detective From Miton College

(Concluded).

"It's too late now," repeated Bob, "you'll just have to return it and face the music."

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

"Well, you're a good diver," barked Bob, "get in and look for it."

"All right. I will."

The weather was anything but warm, but that afternoon John donned his bathing-suit under a warm coat which he quickly shed, and hunted for that pencil until he was chilled to the bone. Every time he came up for air, he gave Bob and Lionel a hopeless glance. "Can't see it anywhere," he gasped. "The sun is so bright that everything looks the same."

"We'll help you," cried Bob.

"No you won't. I don't want you chaps going to all that trouble for me. I'll come down later and have another try." He crawled out of the creek, shivering from head to foot.

"You'd better not go down again until we locate the pencil," said Bob. "We'll come down to-night. I've got an idea! I have a powerful torch and so has Lionel. Borrow a third, and with them we ought to do some good."

That night three boys crept out of school after the evening meal and made their way to the creek, where they were soon spraying their powerful torches into the water. Lionel held his under water and presently gave a whoop of joy.

"There's the pencil," he cried. "It's caught in a weed there. Hang on to me while I get it." He took off his coat and rolled up his sleeves.

The pencil was not far down, and was soon brought up.

"Now that bit of work is over, you hike along to Snelly and explain things," said Bob.

John did. He left the headmaster's office resolving that if ever he found himself in such a jam again, he would make a clean breast of things at the very beginning.

The End.

A Londoner Writes To Lillian Stanley, Hastings

Dear Lillian,—Thanks so much for your letter. I was thrilled to hear from you this morning.

On the Monday after the outbreak of war I travelled down to Eastbourne which is a seaside town on the south coast of England, and stayed there with aunt, uncle and cousins for a few weeks. I am back home again and going to Pitman's College once more, but it is a terrible situation. I know many people who have been called up and many who will have to go later. My cousin, who is 20, has had to leave the Cambridge University as he is being called up at the end of the week.

At Pitman's the time has been altered for classes because of the war. We finish at 4.30 instead of 5 p.m as it is dark then.

I take my lunch every day and always extra food in case we are kept by an air-raid. There are two refuge rooms downstairs at Pitman's and the building is sandbagged all round."

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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

Ken Richardson, Hastings, will be 11 on December 17.

Margaret Lansdown, Waipukurau, will be 12 on December 18.

Maurice Austin, Whakatu, will be 8 on December 20.

Gilray Cooper, Hastings, will be 13 on December 20.

Bruce Martin, Hastings, will be 14 on December 20.

HAWKE'S BAY DAILY MAIL
PLAYTIME PAGE

THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT
CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS

CLOSING DATE DECEMBER 19.

CLASS 1.—Painting Competition, 8-11 years. Black and White Sketch, 12-15 years. A Christmas Subject.

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:—

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."

AN S.O.S.

Winnie Wairoa, Mohaka, Hawke's Bay, would like a pen-friend preferably in Hollywood, England, Scotland or the North Island of New Zealand. Hobbies are: Tennis, swimming and reading. Age 11 years.

"Oh, Janet, how did you come to break that ornament?"

"I'm sure I'm verra sorry, mum; I wis just accidently dustin' it."

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Girl (at dance): What's the difference between dancing and marching.

He: I don't know.

Girl: I thought so. Shall we sit down?

FOR THE SCOUTS

MOWGLI'S GAME

Do you remember that Mowgli's evening game was to wrestle with Kaa? Listen.

"Of course, Kaa could have crushed a dozen Mowgli's if he had let himself go; but he played carefully and never loosed one-tenth of his strength. Ever since Mowgli was strong enough to endure a little rough handling, Kaa had taught him this game, and it suppled his limbs (that is, made them quick and easy-moving), as nothing else could.

"Sometimes Mowgli would stand wrapped almost to his throat in Kaa's shifting coils, striving to get one arm free and catch him by the throat. Then Kaa would give way limply, and Mowgli, with both quick-moving feet, would try to cramp the purchase of that huge tail as it flung backward, feeling for a rock or stump.

"They would rock to and fro, head to head, each waiting for his chance, till the beautiful statue-like group melted in a whirl of black and yellow coils and struggling arms and legs, to rise up again and again.

"'Now! Now! Now!' said Kaa, making feints with his head that even Mowgli's quick hand could not touch. 'Look! I touch thee here, Little Brother! Here! and here! Are thy hands numb?'

"The game always ended in one way — with a straight driving blow of the head that knocked the boy over and over. Mowgli could never learn the guard for that lightning lunge.

"'Good hunting!' and Mowgli, as usual, was shot a dozen yards away, gasping and laughing."

Wasn't that a splendid game? No wonder Mowgli grew strong. You don't wrestle with Kaa, but you can practise your exercises, and walking the plank, which will give you a supple body and a steady head.

To-day's Quotation

Happy is England! I could be content
To see no other verdure than its own,
To feel no other breezes than are blown.
Through its tall woods with high romances blent.

Happy is England, sweet her artless daughters!
Enough their simple loveliness for me.

—Keats.

MUSIC THAT IS WINTER'S

Music is in the air. It is not the merry, mad, lilting tune of spring, but the sadder, more sombre yet none the less beautiful melody of winter.

One of winter's most wonderful musicians is the rain. What a countless variety of sounds it makes! Here in a puddle it falls with a plop, making wide rings on the ruffled surface. On the windowpane it patters, like the sound of small children dancing, and on the roof it falls, with a sound like the staccato beat of a kettledrum. On the leaves it drops with a plish! splosh! and over these minor keys is heard the steady, monotonous swish! swish! as it beats down on to the grass.

Then the wind. He is winter's most boisterous minstrel. He bangs at the doors and clatters round the chimney pots, whistling through cracks with a shrill, piercing sound. He rustles the leaves on the trees, he batters the windows, he tears the flowers to pieces, and whirls and dances in joyous abandon. And the birds. They are not so many or varied as in other seasons but some of the feathered songsters are still left. The magpie's golden throbbing notes still fill the air with sweet sound, and in the bushland can be heard the rhythmic whipcrack of the coachbird.

Who could wish for better music?

FROM HERE AND THERE

Barbara Hallgarth, Hastings, writes: Last night I went for a ride to Whana Whana with father in a six-wheeler lorry to get sheep. The country there is really worth seeing. The trees and hills (I always love to watch them) look beautiful. A river, the Ngaruroro, runs on the boundary of the farm. (Of course you may enter the competitions. Hurry up, won't you?)

Fae Tully, Ormondville, is a brand-new member. A thousand welcomes, Fae, and a big "thank you" for the entry. Will you be among the Christmas competitors? I do hope so. Membership card and badge have been posted.

Lillian Stanley, Hastings: A most interesting letter from your London pen-friend. What a situation! I think we are much more secure in dear old New Zealand, don't you?

The Spider's Web

"THE DOUBLE CROSS"

EPISODE XIV

Last week we related to you that the Spider received the information that the Octopus intended to blow up a certain bus terminal that night. The Spider sped to the terminal but on arrival saw that the gunmen were already at work and that the Police were being mowed down by their rapid fire. He endeavoured to protect the Police by drawing the fire to himself but the odds were too great. When he tried to escape he discovered that he already was hemmed in by gangsters. Taking a wild chance he grabbed a hanging rope and swung himself to a narrow ledge, feeling that from there he would at least have had a vantage point over his enemies. The crooks saw what he was doing however, and sent a heavy block and tackle swinging in his direction. Before he had a chance to dodge the block he was swept off his perch. . . .

As he is swept earthwards, his hands automatically grip the chain in a vice-like hold and he hangs on like a limpet. His weight carries the block to the ground and his feet catch a waiting gangster off his guard. Jumping from the block that was so very nearly the cause of his death, his iron fists make short work of the thug.

When the crook comes round Wentworth threatens him dangerously, and vowing that he will treat him with no mercy should he refuse to tell all he knows, learns from the cowardly hireling that the Octopus is already taking over control of the city's leading newspaper. The Spider does not think it worth while turning such an unimportant crook over to the Police, so dragging him down an alley he trusses him up with the crook's own belt and leaves him there to escape the best way he can.

Without waiting to get his own car from his garage, Wentworth hires a taxi and urging the driver to hurry, he gets to the newspaper offices at the quickest possible speed. On reaching there he finds to his dismay that a mob of gunmen already have the newspaper staff completely cowered. In his suit are specially designed pockets to carry the flexible Spider cloak and his mask and only stopping long enough to see if he is observed, he quickly dons them.

Slipping silently into the main office where the gunmen are holding up the staff, he comes up behind them and rapping out a warning covers their unguarded backs with his revolver. His guns bring death to the few who are foolhardy enough to try and defy him, whilst the wiser crooks knowing his dreaded markmanship do not oppose him. The ever vigilant Police Force have got wind of the affair, however, and all the Spider's plans are frustrated once again by their untimely arrival. He is not yet ready to be revealed as the Spider and he flees out of the building and hides in the back seat of one of the gangster's waiting sedans. Unknowing of the presence of the Spider the two crooks get in the car and drive for a few miles out of town to the Octopus' garage. The sleuth hears the thugs discussing a plan to attack the city's waterworks, and as he climbs quietly out from under the back seat his foot strikes an empty bottle and the startled gunmen wheel round at the sound. Luckily, when their guns begin to bark their aim is very bad, and dodging and twisting, the Spider runs to where a motor car with engine running is standing. He shoots with magnificent precision the crook seated in the driver's seat and springing into his place, he speeds back to town eluding his pursuers expertly. He goes straight to Commissioner Kirk's office and tells him of the proposed plan to destroy the waterworks.

The Octopus' hirelings report the happenings to their leader and his rage knows no bounds. Swiftly he sends his men to Wentworth's apartment and overpowering the Master detective's assistant Jackson, they plant enough dynamite in the sleuth's laboratory to blow up the whole of the building. Under the power of an ingenious drug concocted by the Octopus, the thugs force Jackson to write a note to Wentworth tricking him into going to the Octopus' hideout.

Returning home, the Spider is almost captured by gunmen stationed outside his apartment, but with half a dozen well aimed bullets he quickly sends them running. By this time the others mobsters have gone taking the unfortunate Jackson with them.

Entering his flat Wentworth reads the note and in alarm drives to the house where his aide is supposedly being held. Trusting Jackson implicitly he thinks the note is genuine, not knowing of the full and cruel scientific knowledge that his enemy the Octopus possesses.

He enters the house and no attempt is made to halt his progress. As he approaches the couch on which a man who is supposed to be his Assistant is lying he steps on a very cleverly contrived trap door and the floor opens beneath him. Downwards he plunges feet first, and suddenly a tightly looped rope coils about his ankles.

Has the Octopus set his last trap for the Spider?

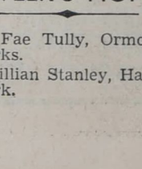
Will the Spider meet death in the tentacles of the Octopus?

Who is the Octopus? Do you know?

Will the madman be caught in the Spider's web?

Who will finally triumph, the Octopus or the Spider?

(To be Concluded.)



THIS WEEK'S HONOURS

Stories: Fae Tully, Ormondville—2 marks.

News: Lillian Stanley, Hastings—1 mark.

FAVOURITE WAS NOT READY

BEAUPARTIR'S defection from the Auckland Cup field last night was a body-blow to ante-post bettors, who had elevated the Beau Pere-April Fool horse to the position of favourite. However, owing to the unfavourable track conditions at Awapuni it had been found impossible to put the necessary work into Beaupartir to fit him for a two miles journey and he will contest the King's and Clifford Plates in preparation for the Wellington Cup.

R. Marsh will be riding at the Manawatu meeting on Christmas Eve where he has been engaged for Kincarole, Proclamation and Israel.

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Dictate was not taken through for the Waipa meeting owing to difficulties in transport arrangements, but he will be on hand for the Auckland Cup, in which he was third last year to Cheval de Volee and Round Up.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING

MONDAY and TUESDAY, 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1940.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on MONDAY, 18th December, at 9 p.m.

For Programme see Official Calendar, December 6th.

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(By MOTUROA.)

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Through Aurarius and Gossip has come a wonderful heritage to Okawa. These mares founded two remarkable brood-mare families and, by selective mating, each successive generation seems to bring forth greater and greater success.

To-day the No. 2 family, represented by Aurarius and her descendants, is as potent a force in the breeding industry as ever. The No. 10 family descending through Gossip is not as numerous as a few years back, but it, too, is providing good winners.

Furthermore, the Okawa Stud is producing a thoroughbred line that is remarkable for its uniformity. Tiderace is leaving his foals very true to type and the Okawa draft for the National Yearling Sales next month will faithfully portray the dominant features of the Fairway horse. The line is one which will attract very wide attention and evoke much comment on its forward condition for the Sales.

Last January Tiderace made history by securing the top-priced lot with his first crop of yearlings. This season's draft is better in every respect, and for size, quality, and muscular development the Okawa yearlings will stand out among the youngsters in the record catalogue for 1940.

ONLY four of the stock of Tiderace have faced the starter to date. The 1450gns. colt from My Own contested the Breeders' Plate at Randwick in October, but he was too big to do himself justice and has been put aside for a while; Desert Tide (from Marion's Birthday) has started twice, being fourth at Woodville; Talenta (from Talari) ran Chary to a neck at Feilding; and the big filly Oragon (a daughter of Oreum) ran third at Woodville. It will surprise if some of these youngsters are not listed among the holiday winners and any success will enhance the value of the Tiderace stock.

The value placed on the Fairway blood in England in the past few seasons has made that Phalaris horse one of the most sought sires in the Old Country and the victory of his son, Blue Peter, in the 2000 Guineas, Derby and other races was reflected in the keen demand for the line at the Newmarket and Doncaster Sales a few months back.

Tiderace, who shows all the qaulity of the Polymelus sire line, has grown into a magnificent individual. He leaves me with the impression that he will exert a profound influence on the bloodstock industry.

NINE OF A KIND

THIS week I had the opportunity of looking over the Okawa draft for the Sales and I must confess that I find it hard to select any one of the nine Tiderace yearlings for prime attention. The uniform quality is extraordinary: buyers will be in a quandary, too.

However, the Marion's Birthday colt, a half-brother to Birthday Party and own-brother to the promising Desert Tide, is a magnificent youngster. Here one finds size without grossness, superlative quality and good bone in a youngster who may be the most sought lot in the draft.

This colt is nicely topped, showing great quarters, well-developed shoulders, splendid forearm and perfect length below the knee. His masculine neck is well set on his shoulders and, in general conformation, he greatly resembles his sire.

Marion's Birthday is by Psychology, whose mares are proving wonderful matrons, and she was bred from D'Oro, an own sister to Desert Gold and Nigger Minstrel. D'Oro, dam of winners of £11,000 in stakes, left these good class gallopers Moorland, Doree, Orofino, Dorado, Haut Monde and Coronilla.

SON OF ABSURD MARE

AURATUM'S dark bay colt is, if anything a little better behind than the previous lot and he is a big colt who leaves the impression that he will grow a lot more in the next twelve or eighteen months.

However, he shows just as much quality as the Marion's Birthday colt and is a particularly good walker. Bred from an Absurd mare, who is a daughter of Desert Gold, this youngster should stay and I would select him as being an ideal Derby proposition. He may not make a two-year-old, but he has the conformation that suggests he will improve with every year.

There is a remarkable preponderance of fillies in the Okawa draft this year and none attracts greater attention than the one from Pure Gold the dam of the Auckland Cup winner Gold Trail. This filly greatly resembles the Chief Ruler mare and is a nicely coupled youngster.

Well-grown, she possesses good shoulders, showing great muscular development. She has a great middle-piece and is nicely turned. She stands over a lot of ground, but it would not surprise if she came to hand quickly.

BEAUPARTIR'S HALF-SISTER

APRIL FOOL'S chestnut filly is a replica of the conformation of her illustrious half-brother Beaupartir and is going to be a very big filly. She possesses great quarters and makes great appeal as a potential stayer.

Built on much the same lines as the Pure Gold filly, this youngster has a fine head, and good shoulders well set on solid shoulders. She is well topped and deep, having plenty of heart room.

Mr T. H. Lowry is racing her half-brothers Beaupartir and Lambourn, but another half-brother in Scandal, winner of two races this season, was sold for 700gns. in 1938. This filly shows far more quality than Scandal and she is also built on more generous lines.

The chestnut filly from Fintry has not quite the same strong neck of the previous lot as her dam is a Chief Ruler mare from Desert Gold, but she fully compensates for this with her great shoulder development. She is nicely topped, with good, strong loins and is well coupled up. She is a nice filly all round and should command much attention.

A SILVER-MANED FILLY

ONE of the most attractive of the Okawa lots will be the Coronilla filly, who possesses a striking silver mane and tail. She reminds one greatly of Peter Pan, though she does not stand as tall as that Pantheon horse.

This filly is a rather heavier type than any of the other Okawa lots, but she shows great bone and strength of shoulder and quarter. She is a thick-set filly with deep chest and with great barrel, being well ribbed up.

Her dam will be remembered for her half mile in 46⅗ at Trentham a few years back and this filly, who should be a great sprinter, is built to carry weight.

Talenta's full sister, a bay filly from the Chief Ruler mare Talari, is sure to be in keen demand. She is a ready-made galloper and she leaves the impression that she is one of the most forward of the draft. She greatly resembles Talenta and her half-sister Vascones, and is a beautifully turned youngster. She is a racy type and should come quickly.

NIGHT RAID TYPE

SLACKLINE'S brown filly throws back to the Night Raid type and this is a big, rangy youngster who is likely to grow considerably. She possesses good bone, however, and when she develops it will surprise if she does not become a really handsome mare.

This filly comes from the famous Manto tap-root and her fourth dam was the N.Z. Oaks winner Lady Rosslyn, a half-sister to that great stayer Euroclydon. Lady Gertrude, the dam of Lady Rosslyn, was the ancestress of Mazir, Stretto, and High Caste.

The Treasure Trove filly, to be offered by Mrs T. H. Lowry, lost her dam at foaling. Treasure Trove was owned by the former Hawke's Bay sportsman, Mr E. J. Watt.

This youngster is a credit to the Stud, for she has been particularly well done and would not be recognised as a bottle-fed foal. She has made remarkable development and, being such a fine-bodied youngster, seems likely to grow into a good three-year-old that may come up to Oaks requirements. She is a grand-daughter of Desert Gold, her dam being by Gainscourt.

MY OWN'S COLT

FULL-BROTHER to the top-priced lot at last January's Sales, My Own's chestnut colt will again be the centre of attraction next month and it will surprise if Mr J. S. McLeod does not secure a big price for him, as he is an even better yearling than last January's offering.

This colt is not as much on the leg as his brother and is infinitely more solid in the middle-piece. He is well built up behind and this shows off his powerful quarters to good advantage. He has a good neck and, while he can be built up in the shoulder, he has a good forearm, and plenty of good bone below the knee.

Deep-set behind the shoulder, with good barrel, strength of loins and well coupled-up, the My Own colt is true to the Tiderace type, and he leaves the impression that he will improve a lot in front when placed into work.

My Own will be remembered as a high class middle distance mare, including in her triumphs the G.N. Oaks, and the C.J.C. Metropolitan and A.R.C. Autumn Handicaps. She is a half-sister to Runnymede.

GOOD STAYING TYPE

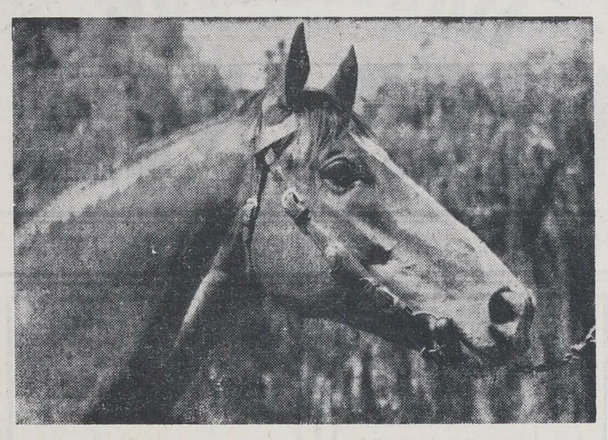
POLLY PEACHUM'S dark bay colt by Bulandshar seems to be growing fast and may not be seen at his best at present, but one cannot be other than impressed by his substance. He is a very big colt.

He is outstandingly good in front, showing soliidness of forearm and plenty of good bone. He is rather lengthy and a little loose in the middle, but he has plenty of room to furnish and I think he should be a fine three-year-old, as he will take a little time to come really solid.

His dam is a half-ister to My Own and to Runnymede, being bred from the G.N. Oaks winner Tressida.

The third of Mr McLeod's lots for the Sales is a rather plain colt by Gascony from Tudor Wench, and the latter is a daughter of Lord Quex, who is providing us with plenty of grand brood mares.

This youngster is very long in the barrel, but is well ribbed up and is nicely topped. His quarters are very good and he is well built up behind, but he is plain in front. However, he should improve in this respect when he goes into work.



TIDERACE, sire of the Okawa Stud yearlings reviewed on this page.

ACCEPTANCES CLOSE ON MONDAY

OWNERS of horses engaged at the Waipukurau Racing Club's summer meeting on Boxing Day should bear in mind that acceptances for all events close with the secretary, Mr F. A. G. Dunn, Waipukurau, at 8 p.m. on Monday (December 18).

MARTON SUMMER MEETING

Entries On Monday

On Monday, December 18, entries will close for all events at the Marton Jockey Club's summer meeting on January 1 and 2, 1940.

The programme is a very attractive one, the chief events on the first day being the Marton Cup of £500, 1¼ miles, and the Railway Handicap (open), of £200, six furlongs. The hacks are catered for with a maiden race of £120, six furlongs; New Year Hack of £200, nine furlongs, and Dash Hack of £140, six furlongs. Juvenile Handicap, for two-year-olds, of £160, five furlongs; Rata Hack Hurdles, of £140, 1½ miles; and a Ladies' Bracelet (hack conditions), of £120, including £10 trophy, for gentlemen riders, nine furlongs.

On the second day, the chief events are the Aldworth Stakes (open), of £300, nine furlongs, and Rangitikei Hack Cup, of £275, 1¼ miles; Telegraph Handicap (open), of £200, six furlongs; Junction Plate (for two and three-year-olds), of £140, five furlongs; Wairoma Hack, of £140 (for apprentice riders only), seven furlongs; Ladies' Necklace, of £105 (same conditions as Ladies' Bracelet); Tutaenui Hack Hurdles, of £140, 1½ miles, and Farewell Hack, of £140, five furlongs.

DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ELLERSLIE

TE AWAMUTU FIELDS REVIEWED

BALINAVAR IN CUP

Foxmond And Full Hand Favoured

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

AUCKLAND, Dec. 15.

The weather has been gloriously fine to-day and the outlook for the Waipa Racing Club's summer meeting at Te Awamutu to-morrow is very favourable.

Provision has been made to run the Waipa Plate and the Ohaupo Hack Handicap in two divisions if the starters exceed the safety number. It is practically certain that there will have to be two divisions in the Waipa Plate, but the necessity may be obviated in the Ohaupo Hack Handicap. The course is in great order after the recent rain and the going should be good. The betting will be under the win-and-place system.

Horses likely to be well supported include:

11.45.—W. G. Park Hurdles: Devon, Noisy Night, Glen Abb.

12.30—Kihikihi Hack Handicap: Tellsom, Cornish, Clipper.

1.15—Waipa Plate (First Division): High Crown, Merry Vaals.

Second Division: Glen Connell, Kilcash.

2.5—Te Awamutu Cup: Balinavar, Baran, Gladynev.

2.50—Hack Cup Handicap: Proud Fox, Palmint, Hutana.

3.35—Ohaupo Hack Handicap: Tahiti, Buccaneer, Vertex.

4.20—Flying Handicap: Foxmond, Paddy the Rip, Our Jean.

5.5—Paterangi Handicap: Full Hand, Besiege, Young Paddon.

Brackets are as follows:

Kihikihi Hack Handicap: Pasture and Gold Petal.

Waipa Plate: Glen Connell and High Crown; Mercury Bay and Merry Vaals; Pertinax and Surtoy; Town Survey and Joan Peel; Trig Station and Biddy Girl; Flying Vixen and Joy Vaals; Kilcash and Lady Bambury; Lady Waimai and Maneroo; Nyola and Phil Vaals.

Ohaupo Hack Handicap: Pasture and Gold Petal; Burnside and Tavern Song.

Riding engagements include:

G. Gilchrist: Vaalso, Clipper, Miss Te Koura, Tip Toes. W. J. Mudford: Gladynev, Lord Acre. G. Cameron: Golden Sheila, Foxtoon, Young Paddon, Paddy the Rip A. Messervy: Gazeful, Nyola, Beau Repaire. G. Smith: Proud Fox, Cornish, Full Hand, Tahiti. A. Spinley: Penzance, Tellsom. F. Beguley: Milanion. W. J. Broughton: Saccone, Buccaneer, High Crown, Baran, Indian Sun. A. G. Murray: Biddy Girl, Orate (Cup), Pasture. M. Ritchie: Glen Abb. J. Muir: Royal Nation. C. G. Goulsbro: Balinavar, British Nation. T. Green: Inver. H. Challender: Armacourt. W. Thomson: Very Glad, Nithmount, Merry Vaals. J. Winder: Allmetic, May Song (Ohaupo Handicap), Phil Vaals. H. Long: Wyndora. F. Hain: Little Ruse, May Song (Kihikihi Handicap). J. McRae: General Ruse. R. E. Horne: Foxmond, Ora King, Hutana, Gay Seton. N. McKenzie: Sly Fox, Ureklaw, Kingcraft. N. Vaughan: Brazen Bold, Poland. R. McTavish: Llangollen, Philemup, Orate (Flying Handicap), Brazilian. J. Macinally: Lady Waimai. A. Gilmer: Hopalong, General Riske. M. Amundsen: Runanga. R. E. Thomson: Devon. V. Gollop: Dark Shadow, Princess Lu, Wildore, Karatoki, Miss Bridge. H. Wiggins: King Rey, Maneroo, Ringshot, Gamos, Mintlaw. O. Evans: The Cardinal, Kilcash. L. J. Ellis: Tosh, Silver Cloud, Flood Tide, Mercury Bay, Te Hai.

The acceptances are:

11.45—

W. G. PARK HURDLES, Of £160, 1½ miles.

General Ruse	10	5	Seneta	9	0
Hopalong	9	10	Sockettes	9	0
London	9	10	Mio Fratollo	9	0
Royal Nation	9	10	Allmetic	9	0
Devon	9	8	Mal de Mer	9	0
Chikara	9	5	Stokowski	9	0
Glen Abb	9	4	Noisy Night	9	0

12.30—

KIHIKIHI HACK HANDICAP, Of £130, 7 furlongs.

Serenata	8	8	Milanion	7	7
Sunny Downs	8	5	Cornish	7	7
Te Takina	8	5	Gold Petal	7	7
May Song	8	4	The Ugly Duckling	7	7
Town Section	8	2			
Ngawirl	7	8	Miss Bridge	7	7
Pasture	7	7	Australian Star	7	7
Tellsom	7	7			
Clipper	7	7			

1.15—

WAIPA PLATE, Of £110 (w.f.a.), 6½ furlongs.

First Division

Tane Mahotu	9	2	Surtoy	8	2
Centaurus	9	2	Merry Vaals	8	2
Kingcraft	9	0	Lady Bambury	7	11
Little Don	9	0	Joy Vaals	7	11
Runanga	9	0	Maneroo	7	11
Helga	8	9	Biddy Girl	7	11
Princess Lu	8	9	Phil Vaals	7	11
High Crown	8	2	Joan Peel	7	11
Fairfield	8	2			

Second Division

General Riske	9	2	Trig Station	8	2
Valrua	9	2	Glen Connell	8	2
Lord Ace	9	0	Town Survey	8	2
Hutuwai	9	0	Mercury Bay	8	2
White Foam	8	11	Lady Waimai	7	11
Misora	8	9	Nyola	7	11
Fine Lady	8	9	Kilcash	7	11
Pertinax	8	2	Flying Vixen	7	11

Additional racing appears on page 2.

2.5—

TE AWAMUTU CUP, Of £400, 1¼ miles.

Golden Sheila	9	12	Baran	7	8
Sly Fox	9	2	The Cardinal	7	7
Llangollen	9	0	Scotland	7	0
Floodtide	8	13	Poland	7	0
King Rey	8	12	Armacourt	7	0
Balinavar	8	7	Gladynev	7	0
Cheval de Volee	8	1	Vaalso	7	0
Orate	7	8	Bonstar	7	0

2.50—

HACK CUP HANDICAP, Of £250, 9 furlongs.

Saccone	9	2	Raepata	8	1
Greek Queen	8	12	Racecamp	8	1
Palmint	8	8	Hutana	7	13
Mio Fratollo	8	7	Ringshot	7	7
Serenata	8	4	Indian Sun	7	7
Proud Fox	8	4	Philemup	7	7
Ureklaw	8	2	Gay Opal	7	7
Foxtoon	8	2	Karatoki	7	7

3.35—

OHAUPO HACK HANDICAP, Of £150, 6½ furlongs.

First Division

Ora King	9	0	Gold Petal	7	9
May Song	8	11	Tahiti	7	9
Town Section	8	9	Gazeful	7	9
Calshot	8	7	Kakarere	7	8
British Nation	8	6	Vertex	7	7
Wild Ore	8	3	Burnside	7	7
Glen Connell	7	12			

Second Division

Erlick	8	12	Tellsom	7	11
Valdene	8	10	Paxeno	7	9
Little Ruse	8	7	Buccaneer	7	8
Silver Cloud	8	6	Wyndora	7	8
Sir Robin	8	3	Nithmount	7	7
Pasture	7	13	Tavern Song	7	7
Sieglinde	7	13			

4.20—

FLYING HANDICAP, Of £300, 6½ furlongs.

Suleiman	9	13	Brazen Bold	7	5
Orate	9	12	Foxmond	7	5
Our Jean	8	7	Palustre	7	4
Tosh	8	2	Gay Seton	7	2
Paddy the Rip	8	0	Beau Repaire	7	2
Young Paddon	7	11	Te Monowai	7	0
Corato	7	11	Gamos	7	0
Orwere	7	10	Sunola	7	0
Blonde Princess	7	8	Miss Te Koura	7	0
			Penzance	7	0

5.5—

PATERANGI HANDICAP, Of £200, 7 furlongs.

Birthday Boy	9	6	Inver	7	8
Namara	8	8	Dark Shadow	7	7
Besiege	8	5	Clessamor	7	7
Young Paddon	8	5	Mintlaw	7	7
Full Hand	8	2	Prince Rangi	7	7
Te Hai	8	1	Tip Toes	7	7
Very Glad	7	11	Trilliarch	7	7
Gay Seton	7	10	Brazilian	7	7
Fils de Vaals	7	10	Erlick	7	7
Lornacre	7	10	Respectful	7	7

LARGE FIELDS FOR MANAWATU

EIGHTEEN IN CUP

By Telegraph—Press Association.

PALMERSTON NORTH, Dec. 15.

The following are the acceptances for the first day of the Manawatu Racing Club's summer meeting on December 23:—

12.15—

MAIDEN PLATE, Of £150, 6 furlongs.

Bronze Lass	8	7	Miss Leighon	8	7
Charles Edward	8	7	Newbury Queen	8	7
Don Quex	8	7	Peach King	8	7
Esperance Bay	8	7	Parian	8	7
Fauvette	8	7	Rollaway	8	7
Goldburn	8	7	Segra	8	7
Kotua	8	7	Sceptre	8	7
Kintyre	8	7	Squeers	8	7
Kincarole	8	7	Silver Lance	8	7
Last Acre	8	7	Vin Rouge	8	7
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Moradabad	8	7	Eelspear g.	8	7

12.55—

TOKOMARU HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP. Of £175; 1¼ miles.

Golden Ridge	10	9	Earl Colossus	9	0
Prime Quality	10	8	Gay Fox	9	0
Silver River	10	5	Acrobat	9	0
War Lap	9	10	Richelieu Pearl	9	0
Hunting Lore	9	7	Little Robin	9	0
Ruling Star	9	5	High Peer	9	0
Regicide	9	3	Resingold	9	0
Thrasos	9	3	Joe Louis	9	0
Seyfried	9	0			

1.40—

TARARUA HANDICAP. Of £200; one mile, one furlong.

Pearl of Asia	9	0	Mother-in-Law	7	12
Lindrum	8	10	Caution	7	11
Sudan	8	9	Trench Law	7	11
Brazil	8	8	Renascor	7	10
Little Dorrit	8	8	The Tryst	7	7
White Rajah	8	6	Chandlery	7	7
Malik Kafur	8	5	Israel	7	7
Classform	8	5	Acrobat	7	7
Kilometre	8	4	Gothic	7	7
Colibri	7	13			

2.20—

MANAWATU CUP. Of £750; 1¼ miles.

Centrepoise	9	2	Kenu	7	3
The Buzzer	8	9	Colonel Bogey	7	2
Siegmund	8	8			
Friesland	8	7	Windsor Chief	7	0
Wotan	8	3			
Play On	7	11	Aurora's Star	7	0
Hunting Cat	7	8	Limbohm	7	0
Du Maurier	7	6	Rarotonga	7	0
Tidewaiter	7	5	Silvanus	7	0
Dainty Sue	7	5	Raeburn	7	0

3.0—

NURSERY HANDICAP. Of £200; five furlongs.

Absolve	8	13	Beau Courier	7	9
Talenta	7	12	King's Mark	7	7
Teacony	7	12	Air Flight	7	4
Tautiru	7	12	Aeonit	7	4
Sir Beau	7	12	Desert Tide	7	2
Croupisino	7	12	Courting	7	2
Beau Ciel	7	12	Lady Govern	7	0
Wildfire	7	12			

3.40—

GILLIES HANDICAP. Of £200; six furlongs.

Gayest Son	9	0	Great Legion	8	0
Scandal	8	6	Counter	7	12
Punarua	8	5	Gold Chase	7	12
Pekoe	8	5	Black Majesty	7	11
Vascones	8	3	Harina	7	10
Siglow	8	3	Deflation	7	8
La Bru	8	3	Military Maid	7	7
Kehua	8	3	Prediction	7	7
The Smiler	8	2	Game Pit	7	7
Proclamation	8	0	Te Ore	7	7

4.30—

FITZHERBERT HANDICAP. Of £250; six furlongs.

Russian Ballet	8	5	Lord Cavendish	7	7
Laughing Lass	8	2	Rakahanga	7	7
Sleeveless	8	1	Duncannon	7	6
Globe Trotter	7	12	Jeanne	7	0
Night Eruption	7	11	Solaria	7	0

5.5—

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP. Of £250; one mile and one furlong.

Lady Montana	9	8	Colfort	8	3
Mishna	9	0	Bold Step	8	0
Globe Trotter	8	11	Lord Moutoa	7	11
Galteemore	8	8	Anita Foe	7	11
The Bigot	8	8	Cricket	7	11
Mataroa	8	4			

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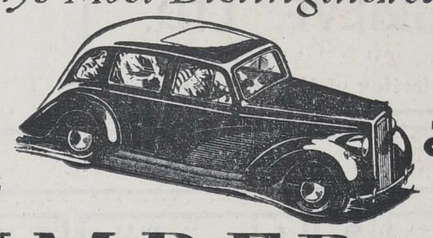

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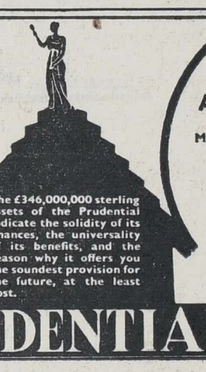

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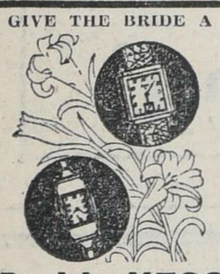

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DEATHS

DUNN.—On December 14th, 1939, at her daughter's residence, Neaves Road, Taradale, Helen, relict of the late Andrew Dunn, of Patoka; aged 95 years.

Private funeral.

No flowers, by request.

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Meetings will be held as above. All interested are cordially invited to attend. Mr R. Tapper, will address the meetings on both evenings.

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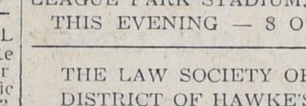
CHRISTMAS—NEW YEAR shopping hours: Retail businesses in Napier close Friday, 22nd. December, at 10 p.m., and on Friday, 29th December at 9 p.m. Saturday 12 noon each week.



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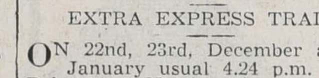
THE LAW SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF HAWKE'S BAY.

THE OFFICES OF SOLICITORS in this District will be closed for the Vacation from SATURDAY 23rd instant to FRIDAY, 12th JANUARY 1940, both dates inclusive.

HENRY de DENNE,
Secretary.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

EXTRA EXPRESS TRAINS.

ON 22nd, 23rd, December and 2nd January usual 4.24 p.m. Napier-Palmerston North train runs through to Wellington and will leave Palmerston North 9.45 p.m. On 23rd December connects at Napier with special train leaving Wairoa 12.20 p.m.

On 22nd, 23rd and 26th December and 1st, 2nd, 6th and 8th January, relief express trains run between Napier and Wellington as follows:—

FOR NAPIER: Wellington dep. 9.55 a.m., Palmerston North 12.51 p.m., Waipukurau 3.49, Waipawa 4.2, Hastings 5.1, Napier arr. 5.32 p.m.

FOR WELLINGTON: Napier dep. 8.55 a.m., Hastings 9.24, Waipawa 10.14, Waipukurau 10.31, Palmerston North 1.23, Wellington arrive 4.15 p.m.

For stops etc., see free booklet.

22nd. DECEMBER: Night train for Napier leaves Wellington 10.30 p.m., Palmerston North dep. 2.20 a.m. (23rd), Waipukurau 5.44, Waipawa 5.56, Hastings 6.59, Napier arr. 7.27 a.m.

Night train connecting with 5.35 p.m. train from Wairoa leaves Napier 9.50 p.m. for Wellington, Wanganui and New Plymouth, Hastings 10.22, Waipawa 11.27, Waipukurau 11.45 p.m., Takapau 12.16 a.m. (23rd), Palmerston North arrive 2.50, Welling arr. 6.28 a.m., Wanganui 6.45 a.m., New Plymouth arrive 11.17 a.m.

24th DECEMBER: Special train connecting with 10.30 p.m. from New Plymouth (23rd), and 3.30 p.m. express from Auckland (23rd), leaves Palmerston North 6.20 a.m., Waipukurau 9.33, Hastings 10.46, Napier arr. 11.15 a.m. Stops at all stations.

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LOT 1 known as the EVERSLEY MEDICAL HOSPITAL comprises:—
ALL THAT parcel of freehold land situate at the corner of Cornwall Road and Nelson Street containing 1 Acre being Lot 250 D.P. 2529 Certificate of Title H.B. Volume 35 folio 167 SUBJECT to the fencing covenant in Transfer 21685.
The buildings comprise a 9 roomed residence (marseilled tiled roof) with all modern conveniences, motor shed, wood-shed, storeroom and exterior staff rooms. The property is attractively laid out in lawns and garden.

LOT 2. ALL THAT parcel of freehold land situate in Fitzroy Avenue containing 4 Acres being Lot 2 D.P. 1209 Certificate of Title H.B. Volume 22 folio 119.
The buildings comprise a 6 roomed dwelling-house of wood and iron with all modern conveniences; exterior motor-shed, wood-shed, dairy and cow-bail.

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Sale will commence at 10.30 a.m. with cattle, followed by fat and store sheep. The sale of sheep will commence not later than 12 noon.

SHEEP—
20 Fat Wethers.
625 2/4/6-th. Wethers.
CATTLE—
12 Breeding Cows and Heifers.
142 1/2-yr. Steers.
25 3-yr. Steers.
200 2-th. Wethers.

STORTFORD LODGE YARDS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1939.

The sale will commence at 10 a.m. with fat cattle.

No stock to be yarded before 5.30 a.m. until further notice.

The times for commencing selling will be as follows: Beef cattle 10 a.m., store sheep 11 a.m., fat sheep at 30 minutes after completion of fat cattle or at 12 noon if fat cattle are finished before that hour. Store cattle not earlier than 12 noon.

SHEEP—
40 Fat Ewes.
20 Fat Lambs.
650 Wether Lambs (Romney).
300 Rape Lambs.
CATTLE—
21 3/-yr. Steers.
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40 Vealers.
20 Breeding Cows and Heifers with Calves at foot.

SALES FOR DECEMBER.

Waipukurau Yards: 19.
Stortford Lodge: 20.
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