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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

Mainly fair; moderate temperatures; a few showers.

"TIME FOR COMPROMISE IS PAST," SAYS GERMAN PRESS

Czech Cabinet Refuses Demand By Leader of Sudeten Party For Self-Government

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(Received April 27, 8.30 p.m.).

BERLIN, April 27.

"The time for compromise is past," declares the officially inspired German Press, which fully supports Herr Henlein's demand in Czechoslovakia.

Other German quarters declare that if no satisfactory reply is received from Prague, Herr Henlein may order passive resistance to the Czech Government, including boycotting of Czech officials in the Sudeten areas.

The Czechoslovakian Cabinet decided that it was unable to accede to Herr Henlein's demands as a basis of negotiations.

A later message says that Cabinet has agreed that Dr. Hodza should offer to open negotiations with Herr Henlein on modified terms.

Herr Henlein, at a congress of the Sudeten German Party at Karlsbad, declared that the party's policy was inspired by Nazi principles and demanded full self-government in the German regions.

"We do not want war, but will not allow the present situation to continue," he added.

The Czech Foreign Minister (Dr. Krofta) interviewed by the "Petit Parisien" said Czechoslovakia was aiming at constructive collaboration with Germany, involving the participation of Italy, Hungary, the Little Entente, England and France; Germany had not so far meddled directly in Czechoslovakia's internal affairs. No negotiations for a pact were contemplated.

The Berlin correspondent of "The Times" says: "It is felt here that the future of Czechoslovakia lies in the hands of the Czech Government. Herr Henlein, leader of the Sudeten German Party, has made demands, and the President (Dr Benes) must choose between a 'National State' consisting only of that part of the country inhabited by Czechs, or a 'State of Nationalities,' including Sudeten Germans, on the terms laid down by Herr Henlein."

It is emphasised that Herr Henlein has expressed the minimum demands of his party. The German Government is insistent on the earliest possible settlement of the issue and intensive negotiations between Herr Henlein and Dr Benes are expected to begin shortly.

The principal obstacles to an understanding says "The Times" Prague correspondent are the avowal of National Socialism by the the Sudeten Germans in a country which has a democratic constitution and the attempt to alienate Czechoslovakia from her friends and allies, which would subject her entirely to German influence.

All Herr Henlein's and other demands are capable of adjustment, including the language difficulty, but it is emphasised that the Czechs cannot be expected to change the country's foreign policy at the behest of what after all is but a fifth part of her population.

FURTHER EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TERRIBLE HAVOC OF THE FLOOD IN ESK VALLEY, NEAR NAPIER.—Top right: Mr. J. Fortune's house at the mouth of the Esk Valley, buried in silt. Top left: Public Works Department men clearing heavy slips on the Napier-Wairoa Road, about two miles north of Bay View. Bottom right: Road washed away at mouth of Esk Valley, with heavy damage to railway line, too. The "Daily Mail" brought first outside news. Bottom left: Washed out portions of the Napier-Wairoa line in the lower Esk Valley. Over considerable stretches the embankment and bridges have gone and the rails have been twisted into corkscrews.

"AVOIDANCE" OF TAXES

SIR JOHN SIMON'S REFERENCE

DEFEAT LAW

Evasions Will Be Dealt With

British Official Wireless.
(Received April 27, 7 p.m.)
RUGBY, April 26.

An important section of Sir John Simon's Budget speech was devoted to the subject of tax avoidance, which Sir John defined as the adoption of ingenious methods for reducing liability, which although within the law, none-the-less defeated its intention.

He announced a number of proposals for dealing with various practices of this nature, adding that they were intended for a minority only. The great majority of taxpayers accepted the national burden without any effort to avoid it. As a nation they were entitled to take pride in their general and high standard of actual performance regarding taxation.

Train Service To-day?

NAPIER-HASTINGS

"If the water goes down to-night, it may be possible to run the ordinary train service on the Napier-Hastings line to-morrow," said the Napier stationmaster (Mr G. Lawson) when asked by the "Daily Mail" last evening when the train service between Napier and Hastings would be continued.

Repair work was carried out on the line yesterday.

The track was inspected yesterday by a Railway Department engineer (Mr H. L. Smith), who arrived from Wellington.

A train will leave Napier this morning and the express will also possibly be dispatched from Napier later in the morning.

SURPRISE BLOW SUCCEEDS

REBELS ADVANCE AT TERUEL

HUGE GAINS

Government Lines Broken

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(Received April 28, 12.30 a.m.)
LONDON, April 27.

"The Times" Burgos correspondent says that a communique reveals that as the result of a surprise offensive on the Teruel front nearly 300 square miles of mountain territory were occupied.

A single shot rang out at 8 a.m. on Sunday and was the signal for hundreds of guns to enter into action. Eighty aeroplanes co-operated.

The Republicans' lines were crumpled on a wide front.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Saragossa correspondent says that General Franco has again demonstrated that he possesses sufficient resources to concentrate a superior force almost anywhere after thorough, secret preparations.

The Castilians have broken the Government lines in three places and advanced a depth of 13 miles. Government reserves were rushed up but failed to stem the advance.

REMARKABLE RESPONSE

Appeal For Recruits

Appeals for recruits for the Royal Australian Air Force at the air pageant at Flemington evoked a remarkable response.

It is estimated that about 7,000 young men handed in application forms.

The air pageant attracted a vast crowd, the police estimating it at 170,000. It was even greater than the Melbourne Cup crowd in 1934.

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Higher Cotton Tariff in Egypt

British Government Expresses Grave Concern

Protest Made

Lancashire Industry Will Be Seriously Affected

British Official Wireless.
(Received April 27, 9 p.m.)
RUGBY, April 26.

The British Ambassador at Cairo (Sir Miles Lampson) on instructions has informed the Egyptian Government that the British Government is gravely concerned at the increases in the Egyptian tariff on cotton goods, which must seriously affect the Lancashire textile industry.

The British Government reserves the right to express its views more fully when details of tariff increases have been considered.

The Secretary of Overseas Trade (Mr Robert Hudson) received a deputation of representatives of the Lancashire cotton industry regarding the effect of the tariff increases.

N.Z. B Team Beaten

POLO AT SYDNEY

Hitting Again Faulty

CONSOLATION CUP

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(Received April 27, midnight)
SYDNEY, April 27.

Competing in the town and country Consolation Cup tournament today the New Zealand B polo team, which received a goal and a half, were defeated by Queensland by 8 goals to 4½.

The New Zealanders' hitting was again faulty, especially near the goal, whereas their opponents' goalie was superior.

Scorers for New Zealand were Kay, Johnstone and Henry.

In the final of the Gordon Macleod Memorial Cup Town and Country Whites comprising P. and G. Ashton, Skene and Hawsley defeated South Australia by 10 goals to 9½, the latter receiving 5½ goals.

Not one case of drunkenness has occurred in eight years in the Rhuddlan area of North Wales.

JAPANESE ATTACK ON BRITISH-OWNED SHIP

Chinese Crew Bayoneted: Gunboat Is Proceeding To The Scene

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(Received April 27, midnight).

SHANGHAI, April 27.

Japanese from launches boarded the British steamer Tungwo, owned by the firm of Jardine, at the mouth of the Yangtse-kiang River, bayoneted Chinese members of the crew, and then escorted the vessel to the Japanese base at Tsungming Island, where they searched it from top to bottom.

The owners declare that the ship was carrying ordinary cargo. The Japanese allege that arms were being carried. A British gunboat is proceeding to the scene.

The Japanese have promised an immediate naval inquiry and it is hoped that a settlement will be reached in 24 hours.

FLOOD DRAINAGE IN NAPIER

New Pipe Line

ESTIMATE TO BE PREPARED

Work in McVay Street

Provision will probably be made in the Napier Borough Council estimates for the laying down of a pipe-line to drain McVay Street, where the worst flooding occurred. An estimate of the cost of this work will be presented by the borough engineer (Mr W. D. Corbett) at the meeting of the Napier Borough Council next Monday — the last meeting of the present body.

The present drains in the area were not adequate to cope with the heavy fall of rain, the water accumulating in this street from the higher ground in surrounding parts of the town. The proposed pipe line will carry the water to the old bed of the Tutaekuri River.

A British delegation is now in America preparing for the Trade Agreement between the two countries.

Power Lines are Affected

ESKDALE AREA

Attempt to Restore Reticulation

DAMAGE TO NORTH

The Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board was hoping last night to restore reticulation to part of the Esk Valley area, which had been cut off by the floods since Monday.

Interviewed yesterday, the secretary-manager of the board (Mr H. H. Wylie), said that it was impossible to estimate exactly the extent of the damage to the board's plant, but it would probably amount to some hundreds of pounds. Nearly all the damage was in the Eskdale district, and north of that.

Men had been walking cross-country over hills carrying materials in an endeavour to restore reticulation in these districts.

In one recent month more than 250 drunken motorists were convicted in London.

NO WORK FOR 10 DAYS

NGARURORO RIVER SCHEME

FLOOD DAMAGE

Statement by Board Chairman

Because of the flood damage, it is unlikely that work on the Ngaruroro River Control Scheme of the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board will be resumed for at least 10 days. This was the opinion of both the chairman of the board (Mr C. Lassen) and the engineer (Mr Guy Rochfort), in interviews with the "Daily Mail" last evening.

Twenty men were at present engaged in patching up the serious damage to the banks of the river, but the state of the surrounding ground made it impossible to do much, and it would be at least 10 days to a fortnight even if fine weather prevailed in the meantime, before all the men were working again.

The only serious damage that had been done by the rivers to the plain lands in the district had been done by the Ngaruroro River, said Mr Rochfort.

No Temporary Decking

WAITANGI BRIDGE

Although it was thought on Tuesday that it would be possible to place a temporary decking over the sunken portion of the Waitangi Bridge, it has now been found impossible to carry out this plan.

As the result of borings taken yesterday it was discovered that one of the piles was swinging.

Before the bridge can be repaired permanently it will be necessary either to drive piles through the decking or remove the decking entirely where it has sunk. Each of the spans weighs approximately 90 tons and it will be a big task raising the sunken spans.

As it will be impossible for traffic to use the Waitangi Bridge, travellers from Napier will have to travel by the Fernhill route until the Waiohiki-Pakowhai Road is opened.

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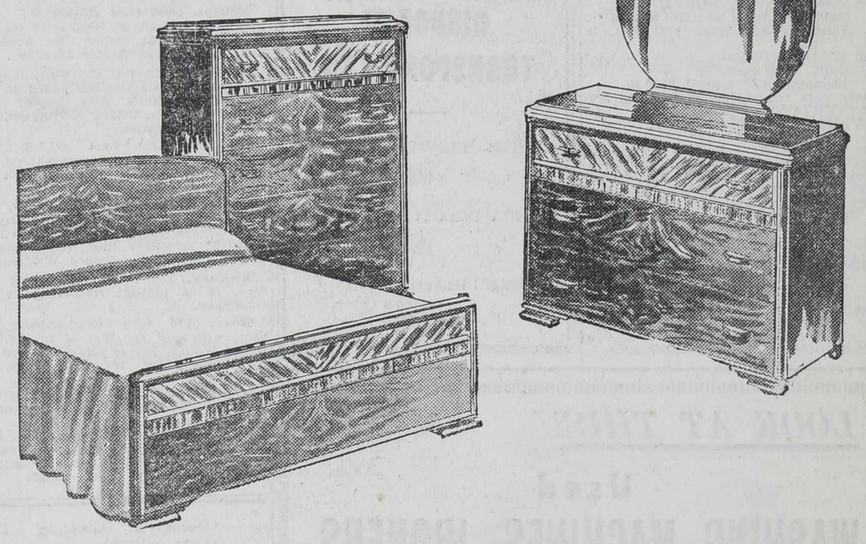

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PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR

Inter-University Debate to be Broadcast from 3YA and 4YA

The inter-varsity debate—"That Humour is a Passport to Fame"—between Otago University Union Society (affirmative) and Canterbury University College Dialectic Society (negative) will be broadcast from 3YA, Christchurch, and re-broadcast through 4YA, Dunedin, at 8 o'clock to-night.

The programmes from the main stations to-day will be:

6.50 A.M. TO NOON

6.50—2YA—Weather for aviators.
7.00—Breakfast session from all main stations.
9.30—2YA—Educational session for pupils of correspondence school.
10.00—1YA—Devotional service.
2YA—Devotional service and weather for aviators.
3YA and 4YA—Recordings.
10.15—1YA—Recordings.
4YA—Devotional service.
3YA—Devotional service.
10.45—3YA—Recordings.
11.00—2YA—Time signals.
3YA—Time signals. Talk under auspices of Christchurch branch of National Council of Women.
12.00—Lunch music from all stations.

1 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

1.00—2YA—Weather for aviators.
4YA—Weather forecast.
1.30—2YA—Educational session, "The Changing World."
1.42—2YA—"Literature for Juniors," Mr K. E. Harvey.
2.00—1YA and 3YA—Recordings.
2.30—1YA and 2YA—Classical hour.
3YA—Talk prepared by A.C.E., "Good Food Combinations and Why."
4YA—Recordings.
3.00—2YA—Sports results.
3YA—Classical music.
3.15—1YA—Sports results.
3.30—1YA—Talk by A.C.E., "Good Food Combination and Why."
2YA—Time signals. Weather for farmers. Frost for Canterbury and Otago.
4YA—Sports results. Classical music.
3.45—1YA—Light music.
4.00—1YA—Weather for farmers.
2YA—Sports results.
3YA—Time signals. Frost. Weather forecast. Light music.
4YA—Weather.
4.30—1YA, 3YA—Sports results.
4YA—Light music.
4.45—4YA—Sports results.
5.00—Children's session from all stations.

6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

6.00—Dinner music from all stations.
7.00—Government and overseas news from all stations.
7.30—1YA—"The Whirligig of Time: The Home (8): The House of To-day." Speaker: Miss Jane Mander.
2YA—Time signals. "Who's Who and What's What?" Ramble in the news by "Coranto."
3YA—Time signals.
4YA—Gardening talk.

8 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

8.00—1YA—Recorded serial: "Westward Ho!"
2YA—Chimes. Concert programme. Four Kings of Rhythm entertain.
3YA—Inter-Varsity debate between Otago University Union Society (affirmative)—K. W. Stewart (leader), E. Hefford, Miss L. McKenzie—and Canterbury University College Dialectic Society (negative)—Mr B. J. Wilson (leader), Miss B. Freeman, Mr J. MacLean. Subject: "That Humour is a Passport to Fame." Judge: Mr J. H. E. Schroder.
4YA—Chimes. Inter-Varsity Debate (see 3YA).
3YA).
8.12—2YA—"The Nitchi Nitchi Banzai Mine" (Japanese houseboy).
8.15—1YA—"Wandering with the West Wind."
8.26—2YA—"The Adventures of Mr Penny." (Episode No. 12, "Mr Penny's Strangest Adventure"). Talk: Mrs F. Thouless, "Uncovering an Ancient Past: Spade Work in Egypt" (1).
8.45—1YA—Recorded Sports Club, bringing to the microphone, T. R. George, trainer of "Cuddle."
9.00—Weather and notices from all stations.
9.5—1YA—Talk: Mr L. K. Munro, "World Affairs."
2YA—Programme by Tudor Singers. Unaccompanied madrigals, "April is in My Mistress's Face" (Morley); "Lady, Your Eye" (Weelkes). (R) Virtuoso String Quartet, Idylle No. 1 (from "Three Idylls") (Bridge).
3YA—Weather. Station notices. Talk, Mr Leicester Webb, "World Affairs."
4YA—Studio recital on Hammond organ by Dr. V. E. Galway, Dunedin City Organist. With 4YA Concert Orchestra, conducted by Mr Jas. Dixon, Concerto in G Minor for Organ and Orchestra (Allegro) (Handel); "Solemn Melody" (Walford Davies).
9.17—2YA—Tudor Singers, Bridal Dance, "The Merry Wedding" (Percy Grainger).
4YA—(R) Elisabeth Schumann (soprano), "Des Fischers Liebesgluck"; "The Poet" (Schubert).
9.20—1YA—Programme by Regimental Band of 1st Battalion Auckland Regiment (C.R.O.). Conductor, Lieut. G. Bowes. Vocal interludes by Phoebe Melrose (Scottish soprano). The Band, "Mephistopheles" March (Shipley Douglas); "Air Varie: Edwinstone" Hymn (Hume).
3YA—Dance and music.
9.23—4YA—Dr. Galway at organ, Intermezzo in D Flat (Hollins); Finale in B Flat (Wolstenholme).
9.25—2YA—(R) Beatrice Tange (piano), (a) Prelude; (b) Reel; (c) Minuet (Pitfield).
9.29—1YA—Phoebe Melrose (Scottish soprano), "My Heart is Sair" (Trdtl.); "The Spinning Wheel" (Stella).
9.30—2YA—Tudor Singers, Song cycle, "Dorothy's Wedding Day" (Lane Wilson).
4YA—"Masterpieces of Music" by Dr. T. Vernon Griffiths, Superintendent of Music at King Edward Technical College. Music by Percy Grainger, "Shepherd's Hey"; "Country Gardens," by Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra; "Mock Morris," by Queen's Hall Orchestra; "Londonderry Air"; "Molly on the Shore," by Mineapolis Symphony Orchestra; "Handel in the Strand," by Queen's Hall Orchestra.
9.35—1YA—The Band, "Mercadante" Selection (Round); "Badinage" Cornet Duet (Rimmer). Phoebe Melrose (Scottish soprano), "Turn Ye To Me"; "My Ain Fireside" (Trdtl.).
9.48—2YA—(R) New Light Symphony Orchestra, "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes" (arr. Quilter); "Three English Dances" (Quilter).
9.52—1YA—The Band, "Melinda's Fairy Bower" Hawaiian intermezzo (Hume); "Under the Banner of Victory" March (Von Blon).

10 P.M. TO 11 P.M.

10.00—1YA—Hour of dance music by Edgar Hayes and Orchestra, and Andy Kirk and his Clouds of Joy. Interludes by Elisabeth Welch and Phil Harris.
2YA—Music, mirth and melody.
4YA—Music, mirth, melody, featuring at 10.16 p.m., "The Blue Danube," theme programme.
11.00—All stations close down.

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To-day, rises 6.38 a.m.; sets 5.45 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

New moon, April 30, 4.58 p.m.
First quarter, May 7, at 8.54 a.m.
Full moon, May 14, 8.09 p.m.
Last quarter, May 23, 0.06 a.m.

TIDES

	H.W.		L.W.	
	a.m	p.m.	a.m	p.m
Apr. 28, Thu.	2.40	3.04	8.56	9.21
Apr. 29, Fri.	3.32	3.57	9.50	10.17
Apr. 30, Sat.	4.28	4.55	10.46	11.20
May 1, Sun.	5.30	5.58	11.42	11.47
May 2, Mon.	6.33	7.02	0.29	0.45
May 3, Tue.	7.37	8.01	1.21	1.41
May 4, Wed.	8.34	8.57	2.16	2.36
May 5, Thu.	9.27	9.50	3.08	3.27

VESSELS IN ROADSTEAD

Empire Star, ex Auckland, Apr. 20.
Canadian Challenger, ex Auckland, Apr. 26.

VESSELS AT BREAKWATER

Waipahi, ex southern ports, to-day.
Kaimai, ex Westport and Greymouth, to-day.
Pakura, ex Wellington, to-day.

VESSELS AT INNER HARBOUR

Kiritona, lightering in roadstead.
Koau, loading for Wairoa.
Koutunui, lightering in roadstead.
Tu Atu, lightering in roadstead.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS

Roadstead.

Coptic, ex Wellington, Apr. 30.
Rangitane, ex Auckland, Apr. 30.
Port Denison, ex Auckland, May 2.
Otaio, ex Lyttelton, May 16.
Empire Star, ex Wellington, May 17, loading.
Wairangi, ex Auckland, May 22.
Rotorua, ex Wellington, May 26.
Surrey, from London direct, June 2.

Breakwater.

Waiana, to load for Melbourne, Apr. 29.
Awahou, ex Lyttelton, May 2.
Pukeko, ex Portland, Apr. 30.
Kauri, ex Australian ports, May 10.
Kakapo, ex Australia, May 16.
Paua, ex Wellington, May 24.
Wairuna, ex Los Angeles, early July.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES

Roadstead.

Empire Star, for Wellington, Apr. 28.
Canadian Challenger, for Wellington Apr. 28.
Coptic, for Auckland, May 3.
Rangitane, for Wellington, May 3.
Port Denison, for Wellington, May 4.
Otaio, for New Plymouth, May 16.
Empire Star, for Auckland, May 19.
Wairangi, for Lyttelton, May 25.
Rotorua, for Tokomaru Bay, May 28.
Surrey, for Gisborne, June 4.

Breakwater.

Waipahi, for Gisborne, about Apr. 30.
Pakura, for Gisborne, Apr. 29.
Awahou, for Gisborne, May 4.
Pukeko, for Auckland, Apr. 30.
Kaimai, after discharging coal early next week.
Waiana, for Melbourne, early May.
Kauri, for Wellington, mid May.
Kakapo, third week in May.
Paua, for Gisborne, May 25.
Wairuna, for Wellington, early July.

Inner Harbour.

Koau, for Wairoa, morning of Apr. 29.

VESSELS FOR PORT OF NAPIER.

Awahou, 410 tons, Capt. M. Petley (Richardson and Co.), left Gisborne yesterday for Lyttelton to load on Friday for Napier, Gisborne and Waikokopu (due Napier Monday morning).

Canadian Challenger, M.A.N.Z. Line (Union S.S. Co.), arrived 9.30 a.m. on Apr. 26, but owing to weather conditions was unable to start until to-day loading wool and casks for New York, Boston and Montreal, thence Wellington to-night, thence Lyttelton, Dunedin and Bluff. Expected to sail finally from Bluff on May 12 (due New York June 15.

Coptic, Capt. F. M. Smith (Shaw Savill), expected to sail to-day from New Plymouth for Nelson, thence Wellington (due Apr. 29), thence Napier (due Apr. 30), Auckland (due May 3). Expected to sail on May 10 for London, via Cape Horn (due London June 15).

Empire Star, Capt. S. N. Capon (Blue Star Line, Ltd.), arrived at 10 p.m. on Apr. 20 from Auckland to discharge general cargo to the Federal Co., thence Wellington (due Apr. 29), Lyttelton and Dunedin. Tentative loading (under the Blue Star Line), as follows: Dunedin May 6-7, Timaru May 8-11, Wellington May 12-16, Napier May 17-19, Auckland May 21-26, thence London, via Cape Horn.

Kakapo, 2498 tons (Union S.S. Co.), expected to load at Newcastle on May 2, completing at Sydney, for Auckland and Napier (due Napier May 16).

Kauri, 2361 tons (U.S.S. Co.), expected to clear Adelaide and Edithburg on Apr. 29 for Auckland and Napier (due Napier May 10), thence Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin.

Kaikorai, 3151 tons (U.S.S. Co.), sailed from Napier at midnight on Apr. 14 direct for Sydney, where she will load for Wellington.

Kaimai, 1435 tons (U.S.S. Co.), left Greymouth at midnight on Tuesday for Gisborne and Napier. Expected to leave Gisborne yesterday (due Napier to-day) to discharge coal, thence Westport.

Kiritona, 136 tons (Richardson and Co.), is at present lightering in the roadstead.

Koau, 144 tons (Richardson and Co.), will load for Wairoa to-day, and if the Wairoa bar is workable, will sail early to-morrow, returning late the same night.

Koutunui, m.v., 167 tons (Richardson and Co.), is at present lightering in the roadstead.

Otaio, t.s.m.s., 10,298 tons, Capt. H. J. Wilde (N.Z. Shipping Co.), arrived at Lyttelton Apr. 24 from Wellington, thence Dunedin and Bluff (discharging cargo). Tentative loading as follows: Bluff May 5-7, Timaru May 9-11, Lyttelton May 12-14, Napier May 16, New Plymouth May 18-19, Wellington May 20-24, thence London, Avonmouth, Liverpool and Glasgow (due London June 30).

Pakura, 719 tons, Capt. C. W. Coldicutt (Richardson and Co.), expected to leave Wellington yesterday, due Napier this afternoon. To sail on Friday evening for Gisborne.

Paua, 1092 tons (Shell Oil Co.), due Napier May 24 from Wellington to discharge bulk benzine and packed cargo. Sails for Gisborne May 25.

Port Denison, s.s., 11,380 tons, Capt. J. B. Bradley (Port Line) (Hawke's Bay Farmers', agents), loading at Auckland, thence Napier (due May 2), Wellington (due May 5, and Lyttelton. Expected to sail on May 10 for London, Avonmouth, Liverpool and Glasgow, via Panama (due London June 20).

Pukeko, 736 tons, Capt. F. S. Bates (Richardson and Co.), left Auckland last night for Portland, to load for East Coast bays, Gisborne and Napier (due Napier Saturday morning), and sails the same night for Auckland.

Rangitane, m.v., 16,712 tons, Capt. H. L. Upton, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.R., (N.Z. Shipping Co.), arrived at Auckland Apr. 18 from Wellington, thence Apr. 28 to Napier (due Apr. 30), thence Wellington (due May 4). Due to sail finally from Wellington on May 11 at daybreak for London, via Panama (due London June 13).

Rotorua, t.s., 10,890 tons, Capt. A. C. Lettington, D.F.C., (N.Z. Shipping Co.), sailed from London on Mar. 31, and from Plymouth Apr. 3, due at Auckland on May 11, thence Wellington (due May 18). Tentative loading as follows: Napier May 26-28, Tokomaru Bay May 29, Auckland June 1-8.

Surrey, 8581 tons, Capt. E. P. C. Aslin (Federal Co.), sailed from London Apr. 23 (in ballast), due Napier June 2 Tentative loading as follows: Napier June 2-4, Gisborne, June 6-7, Auckland June 8-11, Opua June 12, New Plymouth June 14-18, Wanganui June 20-24, Wellington June 25-29. Expected to sail on June 29 for Southampton, London, Avonmouth, Liverpool and Glasgow, via Panama.

Tu Atu, 42 tons, Capt. R. W. Martin (Richardson and Co.), lightering casks to Canadian Challenger in roadstead.

Waiana, 3363 tons (Union S.S. Co.), expected to leave Auckland yesterday to load for Wellington and Melbourne (due Napier Friday).

Waipahi, 1783 tons (U.S.S. Co.), expected to leave Wellington yesterday for Napier (due here to-day, sails on completion for Gisborne, thence Dunedin).

Wairangi, Capt. H. R. Gordon (Shaw Savill), due at Opua on May 14 from Australia. Tentative loading as follows: Oua May 14-17, Auckland May 18-21, Napier May 22-25, Lyttelton May 27-30, Wellington May 31-June 4. Expected to sail on May 4 for London, via Cape Horn and Las Palmas.

Wairuna, 5,832 tons (Union S.S. Co.) expected to sail from Los Angeles on June 10, due Auckland July 5, thence Napier, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Dunedin (to discharge).

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Akaroa, Commodore W. G. Summers (Shaw Savill), expected to sail from London on May 12 with passengers and cargo. Due Auckland June 16, thence Wellington (to discharge).

Aorangi, m.v., 17,491 tons (C.A. Line, Ltd.), sailed from Vancouver on Apr. 13, arrives Suva Apr. 29, Auckland May 2, sails May 3 for Sydney (due May 7), leaves Sydney May 12, arrives Auckland May 16.

Arawa, Capt. T. V. Roberts, R.N.R. (Shaw Savill), expected at Lyttelton Apr. 30 from Wellington (discharging). Tentative loading as follows: Lyttelton Apr. 30-May 5, thence Dunedin, New Plymouth and Wellington, thence on May 20, at 5 p.m., for Southampton and London, via Panama and Curacao.

Awatea, 13,482 tons (Union S.S. Co.), left Wellington at 8 p.m. on Apr. 26, due Sydney Apr. 29. Leaves Sydney Apr. 29, arrives Wellington May 2. Sails Wellington May 5, due Auckland May 9.

Brisbane Star, m.v., 11,168 tons, Capt. F. N. Riley (Blue Star Line Ltd.), expected to clear Auckland yesterday for London, Avonmouth, Liverpool and Glasgow.

Cumberland, t.s., 10,938 tons, Capt. E. A. Burton (Federal Co.), sailed from Liverpool on Apr. 9. Due Auckland May 19, thence Wellington (due May 26), Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Doric Star, s.s., Capt. N. G. Oswald (Blue Star Line) (Shaw Savill, agents), sailed from London on Mar. 17, arrived Auckland Apr. 26 (late), thence Dunedin and New Plymouth (dischargnig general cargo to the Shaw Savill Co.). Tentative loading as follows: New Plymouth May 9-16, Wellington May 17-21, Gisborne May 23-25, Auckland May 27-June 1. Expected to sail on June 1 for London, Hull and Newcastle-on-Tyne, via Cape Horn.

Essex, 11,063 tons, Capt. F. N. Wyatt (Federal Co.), expected to leave Liverpool on May 21. Due Auckland June 22, thence Wellington, Lyttelton, Dunedin and New Plymouth (to discharge).

Fordsdale, Capt. D. Christie (Shaw Savill), cleared Balboa on Apr. 11; due at Auckland on May 1 from Liverpool, thence Wellington (due May 8), thence Lyttelton, Dunedin and New Plymouth (to discharge). Tentative loading as follows: New Plymouth May 20-24, Wanganui May 25-26, Picton May 27-30, Timaru May 31-June 2, Lyttelton June 3-4, and Wellington June 5-11. Expected to sail on June 11 for London, via Panama and Curacao.

Hertford, t.s., 10,923 tons, Capt. S. C. Tucktet (Federal Co.), loading at Wellington, thence Apr. 29 to Auckland, thence New Plymouth and Wanganui. Due to sail on May 16 to Southampton, Dunkirk, London, Avonmouth, Liverpool and Glasgow.

Kalpara, m.s., Capt. P. E. Crickmer (M.A. N.Z. Line) (under charter to the A. and A. Line), arrived at Wellington on Apr. 21 from Auckland, thence Lyttelton (due Apr. 29) and Dunedin, discharging cargo from New York.

Maetsuycker (K.P.M. Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), left Sydney Apr. 22 for Port Moresby, Sourabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Singapore, Saigon, and return. Expected to arrive at Auckland on June 13 and Wellington June 17.

Maimoa, Capt. H. S. Cox (Shaw Savill) left Glasgow on Mar. 22, via Cape of Good Hope and Sydney (in ballast). Tentative loading as follows: Wanganui May 9-10, Wellington May 11-14, Auckland May 16-20, thence London, Hull, Newcastle-on-Tyne, via Panama.

Mahia, Capt. W. M. Thompson (Shaw Savill), ex Australia, loads at Oamaru May 2-3, Dunedin May 4-6, Lyttelton May 7-9, Wellington May 10-11, Auckland May 13-17, thence London, Avonmouth, Cardiff, Liverpool and Glasgow, via Panama.

Mariposa (Pacific Mail) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), on returning to New Zealand will sail from Auckland May 2, arrives San Francisco May 17. Sails from San Francisco May 24, due Auckland June 10.

Matakana, Capt. E. Davis (Shaw Savill), left Newcastle-on-Tyne on Apr 10, via Panama, in ballast (due Oamaru May 17). Tentative loading as follows: Oamaru May 17-19, Timaru May 20-21, Wellington May 22-25, New Plymouth May 26-28, Auckland May 30-June 4. Expected to sail on June 4 for London, Avonmouth, Liverpool and Glasgow, via Panama and Curacao.

Mataroa, Capt. W. H. Hartman (Shaw Savill), sailed from London on Apr. 14 with passengers and general cargo (due Wellington on May 18), thence Auckland (to discharge). Tentative loading as follows: Auckland May 27-30, Lyttelton June 2-5, Dunedin June 7-11, Wellington June 12-17. Expected to sail on June 17 for Southampton and London, via Panama and Curacao.

Monterey (Matson Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), sails from San Francisco on Apr. 27, arrives Auckland May 13, sails from Auckland May 30, arrives San Francisco June 14.

Niagara, 13,415 tons (C. A. Line Ltd.), sails from Vancouver on May 11, via Honolulu and Suva. Due Auckland May 30, thence Sydney.

Pakeha, Capt. S. Oswald (Shaw Savill), loading at Bluff, thence Apr. 28 to Lyttelton, thence Picton Apr. 30-May 2, Wellington May 3-5, Waikokopu May 6-9, Gisborne May 10-14, thence London, via Panama.

Port Caroline, s.s., 11,695 tons, Capt. G. S. Hall (Port Line Ltd.), loading at Bluff, expected to sail April 22 to Dunedin, thence Apr. 28 to Timaru, Lyttelton and Wellington. Expected to sail on May 6 to London, via Cape Horn and St. Vincent.

Port Dunedin, 10,350 tons, Capt. H. A. Brown (Port Line Ltd.), due at Wellington Apr. 28 from Wanganui, thence Apr. 30 for London, via Cape Horn and Montevideo.

Port Gisborne, 11,060 tons, Capt. W. G. Higgs (Port Line Ltd.), due to arrive at Bluff on May 11 from Australia. Tentative loading as follows: Bluff May 11-14, Auckland May 18-24, Wellington May 26-31. Expected to sail on May 31 for London, via Cape Horn and Las Palmas.

Port Halifax, Capt. A. A. Cooper (Port Line Ltd.), expected to sail from Montreal on May 21. Due Auckland June 21, thence Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Port Hardy, 11,130 tons, Capt. J. G. Lewis (Port Line Ltd.), expected to leave Liverpool on May 7. Due Auckland June 14, thence Wellington, Lyttelton, Dunedin and Timaru (to discharge).

Port Hunter, 11,150 tons, Capt. J. J. Hudson (Port Line), loading at New Plymouth, thence Apr. 30 to Opua May 1-4, Auckland May 5-10, Gisborne May 11-13, Wellington May 15-18, thence London, via Panama.

Port Jackson, Capt. S. W. Hayter (Port Line) left London on Apr. 8 via Suva, due Lyttelton May 17, thence Dunedin and Bluff (to discharge). Tentative loading as follows: Bluff May 31-June 4, Timaru June 6-8, Lyttelton June 9-11, Wellington June 13-16, Auckland June 18-22. Expected to sail on June 22 for London, via Cape Horn and Las Palmas.

Port Montreal, Capt. F. J. Syvret (Port Line Ltd.), was expected to leave Halifax on Apr. 10). Due Auckland May 21, thence Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Port Saint John, m.v., Capt. W. L. Lynd (Port Line), arrived at New Plymouth yesterday from Wellington with cargo from Halifax, thence Lyttelton, Dunedin, and Bluff (discharging).

Port Sydney, s.s. 12,400 tons, Capt. R. Needham (Port Line), at Wellington, thence Gisborne (due Apr. 30), and Auckland. Due to sail from Auckland to London on May 7, via Panama.

Port Wyndham, 11,400 tons, Capt. V. Gilling (Port Line Ltd.), expected to sail from New York on Apr. 30. Due Auckland May 29, thence Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Rangitiki, t.s.,m.s., 16,698 tons Capt. H. Barnett (N.Z. Shipping Co.) expected to sail from London on May 26. Due Wellington June 29 with passengers and cargo, thence Auckland (to discharge).

Remuera, t.s., 11,383 tons, Capt. C. B. Lamb (N.Z.S. Co.), expected to sail from London on Apr. 28. Due Auckland June 4, thence Dunedin (to discharge).

Ruahine, t.s., 10,370 tons, Capt. F. W. Robinsron (N.Z. Shipping Co.), loading at Bluff, thence Apr. 27 to Lyttelton. Due Wellington on May 5. Expected to sail on May 9 to London, via Panama.

Swartenhondt, 5084 tons, Capt. Heilingman (K.P.M. Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), due to arrive at Port Moresby from Singapore, via Eastern ports. Arrives Auckland May 9, leaves May 11, arrives Wellington May 13, departs next day, arrives Sydney May 18.

Tekoa, s.s., 8689 tons, Capt. H. E. Rielly (N.Z. Shipping Co.), due to arrive at Bluff on May 25 from Glasgow (in ballast). Tentative loading as follows: Bluff May 25-27, Dunedin May 28-June 1, Lyttelton June 2-6, Wellington June 7-11, Auckland June 13-20. Expected to sail on June 20 for Southampton, London, Avonmouth, Cardiff, Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow.

Trojan Star, s.s., Capt. E. P. Fielding (Blue Star Line), expected to sail from London on Apr. 28. Due Wellington June 6, thence Lyttelton (to discharge).

Turakina, s.s., 8706 tons, Capt. J. B Laird (N.Z.S. Co.), sailed from Liverpool on Apr. 23. Due Auckland June 2, thence Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Wanganella (Huddart Parker Ltd.), expected at Auckland yesterday from Sydney, leaves Apr. 29, arrives Sydney May 3, leaves Sydney May 7, due Wellington May 11.

Westmoreland, t.s., 8999 tons, Capt. E. S. Oxford (Federal Co.), at Auckland, thence May 2 to Tokomaru Bay May 5-6, Gisborne May 7-9, Wellington May 11-17, thence London, Avonmouth, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow.

Zealandic, Capt. C. M. Andrews (Shaw Savill) expected to sail from London on May 19 via Suva. Due Lyttelton June 30, thence Dunedin, Bluff, Timaru and Nelson (to discharge).

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"Daily Mail" Special Service.

AUCKLAND, April 26.

Only six cases of pulmonary tuberculosis have occurred among nurses at the Auckland Hospital during the past five years, according to a report presented to the Auckland Hospital Board by the medical superintendent, Dr. Craven.

The incidence in 1934 had been 6.5 per 1000, when the average daily number of nurses was 306.1. The rate had progressively decreased until the present year, when no cases had occurred, although the number of nurses had increased to 388. Careful selection and medical examination of the nurses was one of the reasons given for the low incidence of the disease. The position was also attributed to the diet of the nurses, strict attention to their health, adequate sick leave and constant instruction as to how to avoid contracting the disease, either from acknowledged or suspected cases.

The report added that from the whole of the remainder of the staff, including the resident medical, clerical X-ray, massage, wardsmaid, orderly and technical divisions, a total of 516 at present, only three cases of pulmonary tuberculosis had been reported during the last five years.

Supposedly Cured

These included an orderly who had had the disease but was supposed to have been cured before he was taken on the staff.

The results of this survey would indicate that employment in a properly controlled hospital service was fraught with no more risk than in any other walk of life, the report stated. It was to be clearly understood that what applied to regulations covering nurses reporting sick applied to the remainder of the staff.

Dr. Craven advocated the provision of proper overalls for nurses in the wards so that they would not have to go to the nurses' home for meals in the same uniforms as they had been attending cases.

"This is considered a most important factor in preventing the spread of infection among nurses," he stated. "Clerical and other staffs of the hospital already have overalls but not all the nurses."

In congratulating Dr. Craven on the report, Dr. Hastings said the low incidence of pulmonary tuberculosis among nurses at the Auckland Hospital was not in accordance with the experience at other institutions in New Zealand. If Auckland could point the way to a reduction of the disease elsewhere it would be doing a national service.

Proposals Favoured

The report was received and it was decided to refer it to the incoming house committee, recommending that Dr. Craven's proposals should be put into effect.

A decision to include in the estimates for 1938-39 the sum of £200,000 to be raised by loan in instalments as and when required was made by the hospital board when consideration of the proposed capital expenditure for the ensuing year was being discussed.

The works for which the money was required comprised the following: Auckland Hospital, extension to nurses' home, boiler house plant replacement, new north wing and surgical block, administrative block, central laundry site, equipment and buildings, sanatorium and chest hospital site and buildings.

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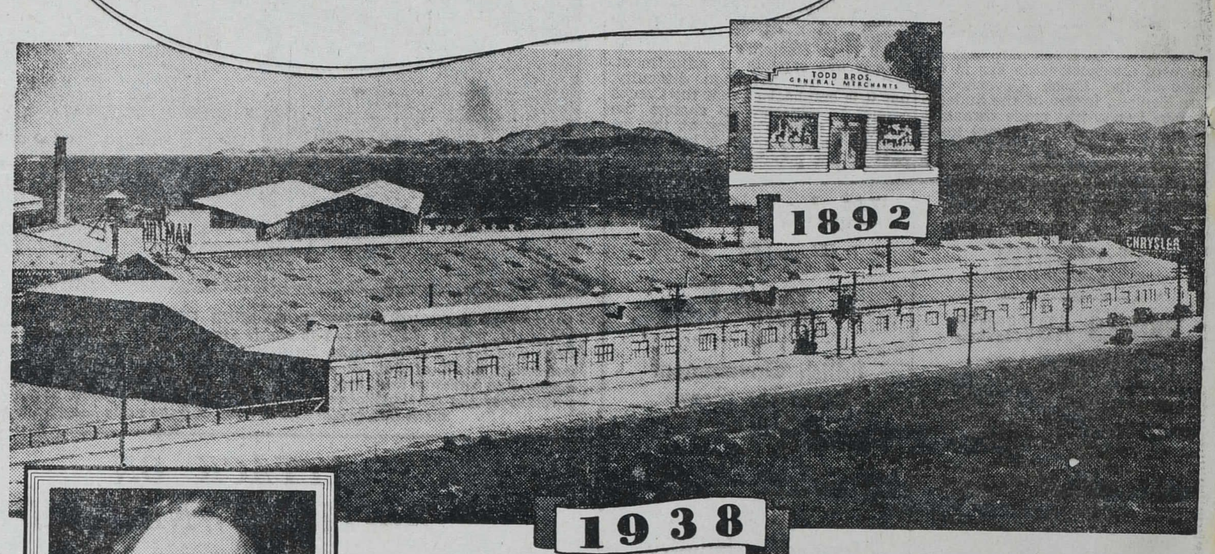

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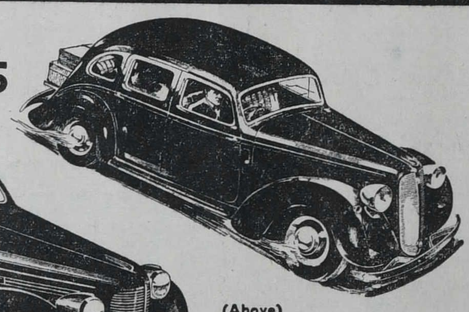

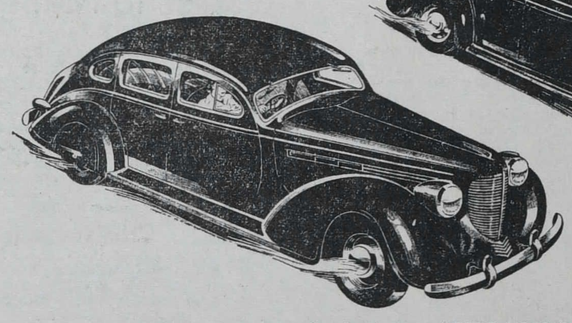

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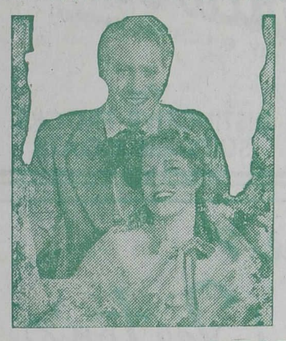

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Owing to the condition of the links, the matches arranged for to-day by the Parkvale Club have been cancelled and the links will not be open for play for some days.

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A description of the original theme would be superfluous to veterans of the theatre, but it may be written here without fear of contradiction that the studio has gone far and beyond any beauty which the stage attained. "Maytime" was a musical piece of gorgeous proportions when Rida Johnson Young's play was on the boards and it approaches the status of a musical masterpiece on the screen.

The skilful adaptation was made by Noel Langley. The songs were written by Sigmund Romberg, composer of the original Broadway score, and also by Herbert Stothart, who has composed the first film operetta, "Czaritza," which provides a lovely sequence in the picture. Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy rose to a unique dual stardom in "Naughty Marietta" and then in "Rose Marie."

In the supporting cast of "Maytime," John Barrymore plays a picturesque role as the temperamental impresario.

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THREE FEATURES TO BE SHOWN

Joe E. Brown in "Fit for a King"

Three features will be shown at the State Theatre, Napier, to-day and to-morrow. The films are "There Goes the Groom," "Fit for a King," and the Braddock v. Farr boxing match.

The first film to be shown, "There Goes the Groom," is a romantic comedy in which Ann Sothern, Burgess Meredith, and Mary Boland take the leading parts. Joe E. Brown takes the leading part in "Fit for a

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King," which takes place against a background of a political revolution. He is supported by Helen Mack and Paul Kelly. The third feature is the only authentic motion picture of the Braddock v. Farr heavyweight contest. Each round of the fight was filmed from the ringside, and the 10 rounds make an exciting film.

"Victoria the Great"

Epic in its sweep as an historical drama, "Victoria the Great," which will begin at the State Theatre, Napier, on Saturday, is revealed more intimately as a love story whose charm and beauty are all the more appealing because of its royal setting. This spectacular motion picture created a sensation in Christchurch, where its Australasian premiere took place.

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STIRRING DAYS OF HISTORY

"Wells Fargo" Begins To-morrow

"Ebb Tide," the first sea picture ever filmed in technicolour, will be shown finally at the Plaza Theatre, Napier, to-day.

The magic of the motion picture camera brings back to life some of the most stirring and colourful days in history in Paramount's "Wells Fargo," a romance with Joel McCrea and Frances Dee, which opens to-morrow at the Plaza Theatre, Napier.

The romance is built around the family fortunes of McCrea and Miss Dee, a pioneer Western family, from the time the first pony express rider carried his bag of precious mail out of St. Louis for the remote mining camps of the high sierras, and ends with the close of the war between the States. Bob Burns, Lloyd Nolan, Henry O'Neill, Porter Hall, Robert Cummings and Ralph Morgan are in the supporting cast, which numbers over 2000.

The first picture to win Lloyd the coveted Academy Award was "Devine Lady," made in 1928. In 1932 Lloyd was again honoured by the Academy for "Cavalcade," a sweeping story of the growth of the British Empire, and in 1935 he was again honoured for his "Mutiny on the Bounty."

Critics claim that even these mighty accomplishments pale into insignificance beside the staggering magnitude and sweep of this mighty spectacle and surging romantic drama. Patrons fortunate enough to view it will find that it will form a storehouse of memories for years to come. The plans are at Lockyer's ('phone 526).

Mayfair.

DOUBLE FEATURE ENTERTAINMENT

"Thirty Day Princess" and "All of Me"

The programme now showing at the Mayfair Theatre, with two sessions daily, is outstanding entertainment, played by top rank stars. The first feature is "All of Me," starring Fredric March, Miriam Hopkins and George Raft.

The picture concerns the dramatic romance of a society debutante, who learns about life and love from two law-crushed youngsters from the slums. After she turns down Fredric March's offer of marriage because she would rather take the easiest way around life, Miriam Hopkins meets two devoted lovers from the slum world, Raft and Helen Mack.

There follows a number of thrilling circumstances in which Miss Hopkins realises her love for Fredric March, and goes to his arms.

The second outstanding feature is "Thirty Day Princess," a sparkling comedy, starring Sylvia Sidney Cary Grant, Edward Ernold, Henry Stephenson and Vince Barrett. "Thirty Day Princess" reveals the story of a young actress, who, engaged to impersonate a European princess on a goodwill tour, falls in love with a reformer newspaper publisher.

The Rennes Court has decided that there is no case against Major Troncoso, the former Nationalist commandant at Irun, and the four other men accused with him of attempting to steal the Spanish submarine C2 at Brest last September.

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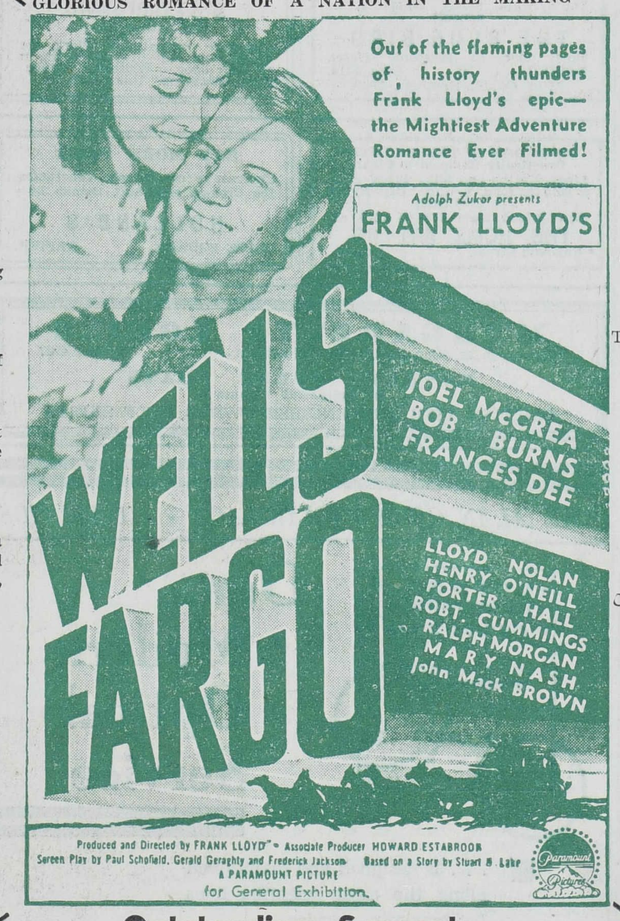

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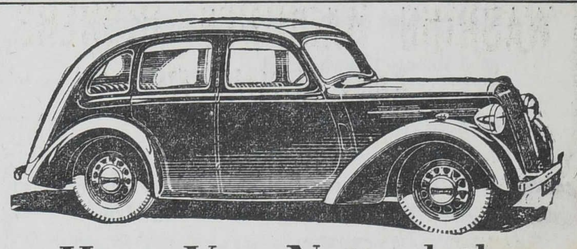

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There is always pleasure in beautifying the utilitarian and bringing it into line with present-day requirements, especially when there are so many new and attractive home accessories. But the one thing that contributes most of all to bathroom beauty is immaculately clean surfaces—walls, floors, and ceilings. And whether the scheme is one of snowy whiteness or soft, glowing colour, the characteristics of an attractive bathroom lie in dirt-resisting surfaces that may easily be cleaned.

But bathroom modes change quickly in this age of rapid development, and for those who cannot change the treatment at frequent intervals a conservative use of colour is best. The white bath, with soft accessory colours, is a safe choice, and has the added advantage of being capable of change with very little trouble or expense.

Fortunately, it is not very difficult to bring bathrooms completely up to date at comparatively small cost by having the ceiling glossy-painted and the walls enamelled or hung with lacquered cloth, linoleum, tiles, or one of the new wall panels specially developed for bathrooms. Good imitation marble is also available, and so are other hygienic wall treatments that not only serve their useful purpose, but give a decorative effect entirely their own. So far as accessories are concerned, many ingenious fitments have been devised.

HINTS FOR THE PAINTER

Care must be taken in enamelling unpainted walls, because the surface requires at least three coats of paint to make it waterproof and hard. On the first application, the plaster absorbs so much paint that ordinary oil paint is rarely used, and the best mixture is three-parts of boiled oil to one-part of paint. Two other general methods are used, and these consist of glue size to seal the porous parts or a good brand of priming oil applied according to the manufacturer's instructions. But this sealing of the porous parts must be done properly, otherwise the finished appearance will be spotty.

Boiled oil and paint may be used for the second coat, mixed in equal proportions, and the third coat will consist of good-quality oil paint. Now the surface is ready for the enamel, which must not be commenced until the oil paint foundation has become thoroughly dry and hard.

Before enamelling, go over the surface with No. 0 sandpaper, carefully rubbing it down and removing all dust by wiping over with a clean chamois leather. Pour some of the enamel into a clean can and apply with a flat varnish brush, floating it well over the work, but not working it about too much. Just lay it on, because enamel, differing from oil paint, must not be dragged. When every care has been taken, the result is the same beautiful finish as china or porcelain.

As for the bath, building-in looks effective. This is a simple job, although a tradesman may charge as much as five pounds to build in with bricks or concrete and then treat the surface to match the existing scheme. If this is decided upon, however, a good suggestion is to fit a cupboard into the recess between the bath and the wall.

Lines of pipes and wastes mar a carefully-planned scheme and can be hidden by cupboards.

Curtains must be resistant to heat and moisture, and the merits of oil silk cannot be overlooked. It is made in all manner of colours, and is not expensive. In fact, with its aid, it is a simple matter to plan the colour scheme of the bathroom.

One attractive bathroom I saw recently had walls of the palest blue, with a deep blue rubber floor covering, and the curtains in silver oil silk having a band of deep blue stitched across about four inches from the hem.

A full-skirted evening gown from Lucien Lelong is of emerald green mousseline. The skilfully draped bodice is mounted upon a foundation of gold braid.

SECRETS "NOT SO SECRET"

Great Film Beauty Talks to Women

"I believe that to be natural is of paramount importance. I do not subscribe to the idea that 'a woman should always look her best' in the sense in which the phrase is usually used, that she must look something which she isn't. Of course I am not opposed to make-up, but I think its use should be sparing and unobtrusive." So says Anna Neagle, star of RKO Radio Pictures.

"Artifice may be good in moderation and when discriminately used, a good servant but a bad master. I not only think that too much artificial "beauty" is a mistake, I also believe it is impossible to keep up and an altogether unnecessary nervous strain. Men do not attach as much importance to make-up as some women seem to think. On the contrary, I have noticed that they are often impatient with the time it takes in comparison with the results achieved.

"My rule is simplicity and a minimum of make-up in daily life. My beauty secrets are not so secret. There is nothing mysterious in the use of cold water in the morning and a lather of warm water and castile soap in the evening. If my face feels rough, I use cold cream or a herbal skin food and sometimes some oil of sweet almonds.

ONLY LIPSTICK IN DAYTIME

I don't use make-up to a great extent. In the daytime I use only lipstick in a vivid lacquer red shade. In the evening I use lipstick, a touch of compact rouge, and a light touch of mascara.

My hair is always washed at home with a liquid pine shampoo, and I dry it in the sun whenever possible. I am lucky enough to have a natural wave, so the process is very simple.

I cannot be too emphatic about the value of fresh air and exercise for beauty and fitness. My home is not far from the studios, and when I am not working I am always out-of-doors, get plenty of sleep, and only go to town to see plays and films. I am a keen swimmer and tennis player. Another great beautifier is work. It leaves you no time to worry yourself and produce a crop of wrinkles in the process.

I think most people eat far too much. I have always found that two good meals a day—breakfast and dinner—are enough for me. I must have breakfast, and not the fruit juice and dry toast variety, either. I require a real English breakfast of fruit or fruit juice, cereal or bacon and eggs, toast and a beverage, because I think that every sensible girl should start the day well fortified with a wholesome meal.

For a midday meal I find that a cup of tea with some nicely cut bread and butter and jam are sufficient. A heavy meal in the afternoon makes me feel very heavy and lazy.

The meal I enjoy most is dinner. I have a full course meal with meat, green vegetables and potatoes. Yes, I do eat potatoes, but I very rarely have any sweet dessert to follow, preferring a little fruit. I have a good appetite and eat anything I fancy—bananas, cream chocolates—all taboo on diet lists—with no ill effects. I don't smoke or drink as I am convinced that alcoholic drinks are very fattening.

Plenty of fresh air and lots of exercise are the best means of keeping slim. I do not know anything about dieting, but it doesn't appeal to me and I think it must be very harmful in the long run.

Mixing the wrong foods is another contributory cause of over weight. Many people eat far too much pastry—a midday meal consisting of meat pie followed by fruit pie, for example, represents a badly balanced menu.

Games and exercises as a means of reducing should only be taken in moderation or under expert guidance, or their effects may be harmful. Walking is always good. I found that while making "Victoria the Great," in which I play the title role, I gained weight because I did not get enough exercise. As soon as I finished working on this RKO Radio Picture, I started going for long tramps every day and my weight came down to normal again.

If you are built along generous lines dieting won't always help. The best thing to do in such a case is to dress becomingly and suitably, do not eat too many or too mixed meals, take prescribed exercise and go for long walks every day, wet or fine, in the fresh air.

A Changing Outlook

Clothes Influence Modern Child's Life

One of the watchwords of our period seems to be integration and a valuable example of this trend toward fusion among agencies perhaps seemingly diverse, but, in fact, concerned with the same purposes, is the contemporary meeting on common ground of certain educational and commercial interests, each of which in some way serves children. So says Helen Johnson Keyes in an article in the "Christian Science Monitor."

Educators, for example, now hold and freely express opinions about children's clothes, affirming that they exert a positive influence on character unfoldment. This attitude has opened up new fields in commercial design, and is continuing to bring into more intimate relationship the aims of manufacturers and those of schoolmasters, greatly to the satisfaction of parents.

"CHILDREN'S WEEK" IN AMERICA

Feb. 14 to 20 this year was marked off on both the academic and the business calendars as National Children's Week, a period of teamwork between educators and manufacturers of things appertaining to youngsters.

As an example, there are the self-help garments for tots, with buttons and buttonholes and other fastenings put where small boys and girls can easily manipulate them. This is an outgrowth of the emphasis placed by educators on developing self-reliance, manual skill, and natural poise.

Hand-in-hand with self-help garments for tots there have advanced into the style picture all-day clothes of the utmost simplicity. Girls from the earliest standards into high school have established for themselves a standard of casual dressing. These plain, smartly-tailored frocks have an educational value because their ungarnished surfaces and honest lines compel a careful neatness, providing nothing under which spots and rips can hide. Moreover, such frank silhouettes disclose, even to children, the worth of sound materials that will either wash or dry-clean; and of upright workmanship which produces firm stitches.

UNDERWEAR JUST AS IMPORTANT

The standard of suitability and comfort must extend even to the underwear. Progress in the choice of fibres and in methods of knitting and weaving and also of shaping garments, are contributing to the freedom of the body.

Shoes that are built to support the foot in good standing positions and in action are available. Such models are the result of elaborate series of measurements made when feet are at rest and when they are in motion. Low heels, roomy toes and firm arch-support encourage graceful posture, and this is essential to correct form in sports and to that ease and freedom of movement which is attractive on the street, in the drawing room and on the dance floor.

Fabrics of cotton and wool serve best the ordinary uses of children. In warm houses cotton, even in winter, has great advantages on account of the freshness with which it emerges from the washtubs—that is, if it has been properly shrunk and is colour-fast. Wool, the warmest of all fibres, presents certain difficulties in cleaning because of its tendency to shrink, but if woven with silk or cotton this tendency is controlled, though at the expense of warmth. Silk is a durable material for party dresses and survives cleaning admirably. The synthetics are most useful to childhood when combined with natural fibres.

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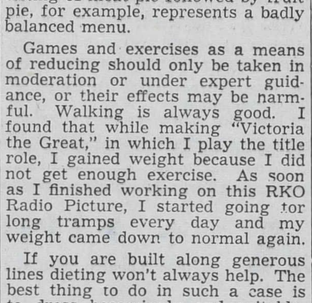

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Mrs Boys received her guests in a hostess gown of deep blue and silver brocade, worn with blue sandals.

Miss Audrey Ormond was wearing a simply-fashioned frock in deep pink.

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SHOWING OF AUSTRALIAN ARTIST'S PICTURES

Mrs. Tom Garrett to Exhibit Husband's Work at Hastings Next Week

To be the wife of a world-famous artist is a position most women would envy; but to be a personality in your own right as well is enough to make your best friends jealous.

And Mrs Tom Garrett is both. Her husband, the great Australian water-colour painter, is at present holding exhibitions of his work throughout New Zealand, but it is on Mrs Garrett that the responsibility of these showings rests, since the artist himself is still in Australia. Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington—all have rushed to marvel at and buy his pictures; and now Mrs Garrett is in Hastings and making the final preparations for an exhibition to be held in the H.B. Farmers' tearooms, opening on Monday and continuing until May 16.

MRS. TOM GARRETT, wife of the artist.

I found her completely charming. I was fascinated by her twinkling eyes, her slightly foreign accent. An hour and a half went by, and it seemed no more than half an hour.

Mrs Garrett comes of an old German family; cultured, she has the soul of an artist, and positively revels in beauty. Music, painting, interior decoration are her hobbies and she loves them equally; but she is versatile, and her witty, spontaneous way of talking lends colour and life to all she says. Over morning tea she voiced the opinion that N.Z. girls are passing through a phase which their Australian sisters underwent about five years ago. "They are striking out on their own," she said. "Every girl you meet, even the 'social butterfly', does something or has a hobby nowadays. Personally, I enjoy young people, and I respect their opinions. The only trouble is that they are apt not to know where to draw the line once they start the break with the older generation's views and customs. Many of them drink heavily, convinced that by so doing they are establishing their independence. It is a mistaken idea, but it will take time to readjust it."

A BOWL OF PUMPKIN FLOWERS

Speaking of flowers in connection with interior decoration, Mrs Garrett said that few people realised their value. "You New Zealanders especially," she said, "do not make nearly sufficient use of gum tips. They are lovely with almost every coloured flower but mauve, for in them you get the bronze and coppery tints that harmonise so well.

"In our home in Sydney we have a very large lounge, which I find looks best with autumn-tinted, tawny flowers, or else with absolute contrasts—delphiniums and scarlet geraniums, for instance. A particularly lovely flower not known to many for decorative purposes is the pumpkin. In a district like Hawke's Bay you could get plenty of pumpkin flowers, and these arranged in a huge flat bowl with spikes of delphinium lying flat around the edge make an unusual and exquisitely beautiful decoration. They last well, too—about three days."

A mistake that is general but none the less glaring, according to this artistic person, is the habit of putting blue or purple flowers in a red room. Peppermint gum and any yellow blossoms are ideal, while in a green room nothing can look lovelier than mauve.

"Look at the plant before you pick your flowers," went on Mrs Garrett, "and you will have no more difficulty in deciding the type of container for them. The low-growing plant demands a shallow bowl for its flowers, and the opposite applies to shrubs and such like."

WATER-COLOURS AND MONOTYPES

I went with Mrs Garrett to her room at the hotel, and there she showed me several of her husband's pictures which she had with her. The freshness and delicacy of the colouring sent a glow of rapture through me; and yet, behind the delicacy, lay a strength and virility of expression. Several were water-colours, the rest were monotyes. The monotype is a form of art as old as that of oil painting, but because of the technical difficulties, is not extensively practised to-day. The subject is painted in reverse on a non-absorbent white surface, such as opal glass or silver. Then special paper is damped and pressed on to the painting, and when it is judged that the painting has been sufficiently transferred to the paper, it is lifted from the tile and allowed to dry. By this method only one print can be made from each picture, but those which Mrs Garrett showed me were loveliness itself. In the course of re-printing, as she explained, all edges in the picture become blurred and softened; the effect can be left to the imagination.

Pictures mean a tremendous amount to Mrs Garrett, but she declares that being an artist's wife has robbed for her a little of the joy she once took in exhibitions. "My husband has taught me so much of the technical side of painting," she said, "that I have become critical where once I either liked or disliked a picture for the effect as a whole."

She closed the interview and accompanied me downstairs. "I am an absolute fatalist," she said as we parted. "I believe in taking things as they come, and always looking for the humour in them. And believe me—I get a lot of fun out of life."

Mrs Garrett plans to exhibit at Auckland, then her husband will join her and together they intend to do a leisurely tour of South America, Canada, Germany and Russia, before returning to Australia.—GILLIAN SANDE.

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Mrs Bishop, leader of the day section bridge circle, gave a very interesting and instructive lesson in contract bridge, first by demonstrating different hands with cards on the table, and later on when play was in progress, by showing each one how to play her hand.

The members afterwards thanked Mrs Bishop for her kindness in coming, and as next Saturday night is not convenient for her to come, it was decided to meet on Friday night this week instead.

Among those present were: Mrs Bishop, Mrs Hawley, Mrs Parry, Misses Mary Lankovsky, Doreen Apsey, Hilda Pope, Rona Hawley, Kathleen Johnston, M. Taylor, Jones and Milroy.

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Big Wedding at Takapau

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SIMMONS—JENSEN

Golden flowers and autumn leaves and berries made the Presbyterian Church, Takapau, very bright for the wedding on Tuesday evening of Ada (Lottie), fourth daughter of Mr A. T. Jensen and the late Mrs Jensen, Hatuma, and James Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Simmons, "Balraig," Hatuma.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Scott, and the wedding music was played by Mr S. Hewald.

The bride entered the church with her father in a lovely medieval trained gown of parchment satin. The back of the gown had a row of pearls from the neck to the hem of the train. The Old World sleeves were full to the elbow, tight-fitting into mitten cuffs, and were finished with similar pearls. The decolletage was gathered into a D-shaped neckline and finished at the back with a quaint handworked Elizabethan collar. The same handwork bordered the hemline, which was finished on the wrong side with a tracing of blue true-lovers knots. Her veil of embroidered silk tulle, which was worn over the face when entering the church, fell from a coronet of lacquered lilies and orange buds and fell in soft folds to form a second train. A double string of pearls was worn and an exquisite lace handkerchief (which had been used by 63 other brides), an heir-loom lent by a friend, was tucked into one of the cuffs. She wore parchment satin shoes and carried a shower bouquet of cream chrysanthemums and roses.

FROCKED IN VICTORIAN STYLE

Victorian gowns of primrose hailstone spotted muslin, mounted on Taffeta in the same shade were worn by the two bridesmaids, Miss Jean McMaster, Masterton, and Miss Margaret Cullen, Hamilton. Their frocks were fashioned with tight-fitting gathered bodices and short puffed sleeves, and the frilled necklines were finished with sprays of flat gold velvet flowers. The sashes of narrow gold satin ribbon were tied in a bow at the back and the very full skirts were frilled from waist to hemline. Each maid wore a bandeau of gold flowers, long silk mittens, gold satin shoes and carried a Victorian posy of shaded gold flowers.

Little Suzanne Jensen, sister of the bride, made a most attractive flowergirl dressed exactly the same as the bridesmaids. The best man was Mr E. Mann and the groomsman Mr E. Jensen, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the supper room of the Town Hall, Takapau, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Miss Jensen wore a model gown of pale gold satin, fashioned with a bolero effect and finished at the neckline with narrow bands of royal blue, cerise and green ribbon, the wide sash, which was tied in a big bow at the back, being in the same colourings. She wore gold satin shoes and a halo of matching flowers.

Mrs Simmons was wearing an ensemble of navy marocain with a navy hat and carried a bouquet of scarlet flowers.

When the bride and bridegroom left on their honeymoon, a tour of the Auckland district, the bride travelled in a frock of rust-red wool ribbed afgalaine, the long sleeves and narrow banded neckline handsomely embroidered in royal blue, gold and red, and the waistline finished with a wide stitched belt trimmed with a big antique buckle. With this she wore a matching pleated cape, trimmed with brown fur and a brown velour halo hat, with a gold cord across the front, and she carried brown skin gloves and a square handbag of brown calf skin.

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Five o'Clock Gossip

A visitor to Hastings and a bridesmaid at the wedding yesterday of her brother to Miss A. M. Roulston, is Miss Laurie Clark, Morrinsville.

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Returned to Hastings after visiting Gisborne, whither her daughter, Miss Betty Paterson, went to officiate as bridesmaid at the Christie—Dymock wedding, is Mrs W. G. Paterson.

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Spending a holiday at Cambridge with her mother, Mrs L. Speer, is Mrs R. Keeble, Hastings.

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An extended Easter holiday at Taupo now sees Mr and Mrs O. Krogh back again at Napier.

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Down from Auckland for the Clark—Roulston wedding is the bride's sister, Mrs Fennesey. While in Hastings she will be staying with her parents, Mr and Mrs T. S. Roulston, Lyndon Road.

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The stream of Southern visitors to Hawke's Bay for the Maling—Ormond wedding at the end of the week has begun. Mrs James Maling and Miss Joan Maling, Christchurch, were among those who left yesterday. Mrs Maley will stay, during her sojourn in the north, with Mrs A. H. Hope, Otama, Porangahau, and Miss Joan Maling will be the guest of Mrs J. D. Ormond, Wallingford.

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After holidaying in Christchurch with Miss Olive McIlwraith, Miss Ruth Herrick is now on her way home to Napier.

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Miss White, Havelock North, has with her a Gisborne guest, Miss Corvin.

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Friends in Hastings will be busy for the next few days saying "How do you do" to Miss Jean Ballantyne, who arrived back last night from a holiday in Australia.

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An Auckland visitor to Hastings is Mrs T. H. Glendining, Remuera.

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Mr and Mrs R. E. Hunt, St. Aubyn Street, Hastings, have staying with them Miss T. Tovey, Timaru, and Miss Eileen Bott, Waipawa.

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Inspector and Mrs J. Scott, who have been staying with Mrs Ernest Limpus, "The Pines," Hatuma, have now returned to Wellington.

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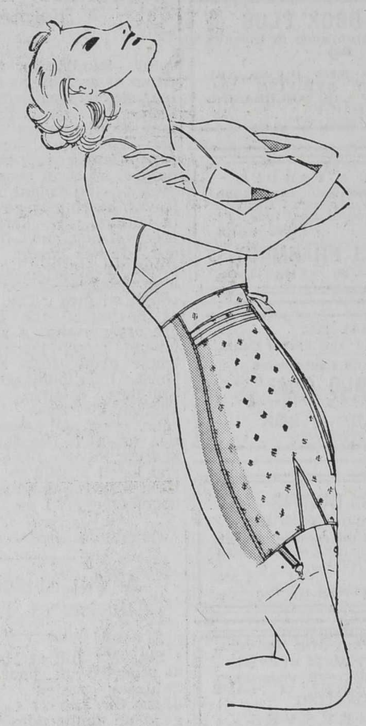

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Cure for Summer Sickness

Sir,—Reading in this morning's paper of fleabane as a cure for summer sickness perhaps the following from "Robinson's Family Herbal" may be of interest to your readers:—Fleabane "Conyza or Erigeron Canadensis," belonging to the natural order of composite. It is a pretty wild plant with whitish leaves, bearing large yellow flowers in autumn. The stalk is round, erect, strong and of a reddish colour. It has many leaves which stand irregularly, about an inch long, moderately broad and of a rough surface. The flowers stand at the top of the branches; they are broader than a shilling, yellow, having many yellow petals. The whole plant has an unpleasant smell. It is found plentifully in the southern counties of England. Medicinal virtues: Posseses diuretic, tonic and astringent properties useful in dropsical complaints and diarrhoea. Juice cures the itch and smell is said to destroy fleas. Used also for dysentery, colic and haemorrhage. I am, etc.,

HERB.

A Tilt at Mr Jull's Address at Havelock

Sir,—Mr Jull at Havelock North, as reported in your issue of last Saturday stated that "taxation under the Labour Government had gone up tremendously" and quoted it as follows: 1934, £19,000,000; 1936, £26,000,000; 1937, £30,000,000. This is alarming until Mr Jull's use of the English language is considered. The word "taxation" means "the act of taxing" and the act of taxing has not gone up at all let alone "tremendously," nor has this blissful state of affairs been manipulated by substituting taxation on our grandchildren, i.e. overseas borrowing. What has "gone up tremendously" is the national income on which (subject to very numerous and varied deductions) taxation is levied.—If Mr Jull does not know that, or does know it and does not tell his public the question of his suitability as a Parliamentary representative of the people arises.

Mr Jull also tells his audience that "a further increase in taxation is impossible" when it happens to be a fact that quite recently heavy evasions of taxation have been disclosed and are likely to be acted upon by the collecting authorities. This will not be an increase in taxation certainly but it will be an increase in the revenue derived from taxation.

Aside from all this the taxed are not having such a bad run with the money left in their pockets—vide, the increase in the number of new cars landing in the country and the fact that cabin accommodation is not procurable on boats leaving the Dominion. Both these matters have been noted in the press. I do hope Mr Jull will not tell us the voyagers are fleeing the country! The latest returns showing proportion of national income taken by taxation (state and local body) in various countries are:—

	per cent.
New Zealand	18.3
Great Britain	25.2
Australia	18
U.S.A.	23.4
France	26.3
Germany	23
Italy	30
Holland	18.6
Sweden	18.9
Norway	25.1
Denmark	20.1
Finland	20.1

An official Swedish Government publication is responsible for all of above with the exception of Australia and New Zealand which were ascertained by Mr C. G. Clark, a visiting statistician from Cambridge and Melbourne Universities. They are taken from "To-morrow," a Christchurch fortnightly.

The speaker placed Mr Morgan Williams, M.P. for Kaiapoi, as "considered to be 100 per cent. Communist" because he upholds "State-owned farms and co-operative farms." But Sir, the whole State has borne a burden in State-owned farms for the benefit of farmers for many years. I was well acquainted with one in the Waikato and as to co-operative farms, the farmer is himself fast working toward that principle and was long prior to Labour taking over. The start was in semi-co-operative butter factories, and such co-operation has spread to the purchase of all sorts and conditions of bulk materials for the farm. Why blame Mr Morgan Williams (a farmer himself) for being in the vanguard of what is becoming a popular and wise habit with his confederates? I am, etc.,

"X.Y.Z."

Wood Pokes Fun at Concrete

Sir,—I have never before, in the whole course of a long and chequered career, been guilty of writing a letter to the editor of any newspaper in existence—and I have known many.

Now that I have started, may I speak in a parable? When the winds blew and the rains descended and the floods came, the little flower at the foot of a great tree bent its head to the blast, bowed to the storm and raised its head again in the sunshine. It was the giant oak, under which it had sheltered, that was laid low by the angry elements.

I have served the people who read these lines ever since the majority of them were born. I knew them when their mothers pushed them in perambulators. I have seen them in picnic mood, on business bent or touring the country-side. Storms and floods have come, that have left me still hale and hearty despite my advanced years.

Modern methods, as they are called, have been brought into play to wrest from me the secrets that have been mine for many years—especially the secret of surviving the worst that the winds and waters can do.

You see, the authors of my being were skilled and trusty men who knew the ways of the enemies of my safety, and into my constitution there were put faithful workmanship and enduring material.

By all which I mean to say that while the best that present-day concrete bridge builders can do has been proved of little avail against a Hawke's Bay flood, your humble servant can still hold his head above the turbulent torrent and—proud of his yielding timbers and of the men who made him—sign himself

I am, etc.,
"THE FERNHILL BRIDGE."

Pensions Humbug

Sir,—In answer to "Pensions Humbug" I would like to say, right down the years of time, experience has taught us that the beginning of all things new is a hard and difficult undertaking.

"Pensions Humbug" might be well advised to study "Labour's policy" a little closer and not give way to such drastic accusations without having proof to back them up.

It is a feeling of security this Government is out to give the people, and no previous Governments have ever thought of this before.

It is a grand thing to feel secure, no matter how much or how little one has. The Book of Books tells us not to hoard, and the Master never taught thrift while on earth; there is abundance for all if rightly distributed.

Has not this Government admitted they would make mistakes and be ever ready to listen to any grievance from the people.

Perhaps the writer's long list of injustices are only imaginary. Forget about paying a shilling in the pound for forty years. Money has a bad habit of taking to itself wings, and, "What would one do then?" there is no need to worry or feel so glum about being thrifty and well doing and getting nothing. That is only one's duty.

The Labour Government never said: "Live till sixty or you lose every cent you have paid in." When sixty comes the pension will be doubled thrice, providing Labour is still in power. Girls will never need to revert to the streets because of the policy of the present Government. It is a well-known fact, girls were dying in starvation and sordid poverty, and worse under rule of the Opposition.

Perhaps the writer does not know it was under the Opposition that young men lost their self respect and self-reliance and inclination to work. That was the deadly work of the Coalition Government, not the Labour Party. The aim of the Labour Party in power is to raise these girls, everyone, to a better standard of living.

"Pensions Humbug" ought to be thankful he has health to work and save. Many poor souls, sick and infirm, would be only too glad to do so, and pay a shilling in the £ without a grumble. I would advise him to read and digest Edward Bellamy's book "Equality," and do some good hard thinking afterwards. There is something wrong with people's thinking powers who cannot and will not see and appreciate the sterling worth of our Prime Minister, Mr Savage, and his Cabinet.

I wonder who "Pensions Humbug" meant when he mentions "They would swoop down like a Vulture from the Heavens, and seize their business, their all, and interfere with the medical profession." The Nationalists, I would say. He means it is they who have excelled in interference and destruction.

A whisper in the ear of "Pensions Humbug." A wise prophet who understands the stars says: "Mr Savage will be returned to power 'unanimously' and will rule for many years to come." I trust "Pensions Humbug" will have a safe recovery from the shock of the great news just whispered.—I am, etc.,

DEFENDER.

Gisborne.

Appreciation of Service Given by "Daily Mail"

Sir,—May I express appreciation of your interesting paper, especially during the last few days of abnormal conditions in the district. Photos and details have been very extensive and interesting and I think most readers will agree that we have been supplied with an unusual service for which we are very grateful. — I am, etc.,

A "STAY AT HOME."

Havelock North.

Education Board's Action

Sir,—While not wishing to intervene in a domestic problem of the Makaretu—Ashley Clinton districts, I do wish to draw the attention of balanced minds towards the infliction of inequality put upon some of the above residents by certain members of the Hawke's Bay Education Board, and subsequently by the Board itself.

This intolerable action was the recent attempt to close down the Norsewood district High School, and it was promptly referred back to those instigating it. It now appears to be the policy of the Board, although we do notice one voice raised against such denial of justice.

Is it too late to remind Mr Maddison that those people being deprived of the vote may be some who made the districts concerned; who may have even raised and educated those who can now vote whilst they may not, who have their lives interests and homes in those districts, while the children for whom their rights are sacrificed are there to-day and gone to-morrow?

It is nearly time that someone who can use his voice in a cause about which I may only write, told his fellow men that this making the child the head of the family is racial suicide. What chance is there for the growth of youthful morality if demagogues are allowed to teach our children that they are the alpha and omega of the community?

This type of mental cowardice has deprived my district of a valuable social service, but I must say it was brought about by a democratic vote, which apparently will not be the case with the Ashley Clinton—Makaretu decision.

That decision is the domestic affair of the two districts concerned, but the principle by which it will come about belongs to us all, and the chairman of the Education Board has made for himself a boomerang whose force he may well feel next November.—I am, etc.,

H. STRATFORD.

Norsewood.

The Civil War in Spain

Sir,—In reference to the letter written by "Truth," and published in your edition of the "Daily Mail," April 21, I would advise "Truth" to be a bit more explicit as to just how the mob seized the ballot papers and sent in false returns. He lays himself open to questions. There are so many false tales and accusations circulated among the people these days, one is at a loss what to believe for truth.

Rebels is too good a name for those who took up arms against the Government in Spain. The whole thing is mass murder.

I would advise "Truth" to get rid of his pain concerning Mr Barnard expressing his sympathies in public, towards the Spanish Government. It is time the people knew the truth about things. Capitalism has held sway too long. It is beginning to realise its race is nearly run. Let me remind "Truth," Mr Barnard's position and life work enable him to understand more clearly and wisely the cause and effect of Spain's pitiful plight. "Truth" also insinuates "coloured" cable information given "Communistically." "What about it?" A famous author and playwright says: "Communism is a fine thing. The trouble is the majority of people don't understand its meaning, or they have been wrongly informed as to its benefits."

Never forget a poet whose name still lives in fame wrote: "Men the world over would be brothers yet, but it's a pity it has to come through such terrible destruction of life and bloodshed."

The writer ought to know that the ills and wrongs of life lie at the door of the Capitalist.—I am, etc.,

DEFENDER.

Gisborne.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

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

Following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay:

Winds.—Light to moderate southerly, gradually turning northerly.

Weather.—A few scattered showers at first, but weather mainly fair to fine with moderate temperatures.

Seas.—Moderate, with a considerable swell.

Hastings Weather

Temperatures were warm at Hastings yesterday and there was comparatively little rain. A light wind blew from the south.

Meteorological observations taken at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory at Cornwall Park yesterday were as follows:—

Dry bulb	65 deg.
Wet bulb	64 deg.
Max. temp.	72 deg.
Min. temp.	60 deg.
Wind	S 1
Cloud (0-10)	3
Temp. 1ft. underground	62 deg.
Rain between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.	.06in.

Napier Weather

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

Wet bulb	63.0deg.
Dry bulb	64.0deg.
Max. in shade	67.6deg.
Min. in shade	55.0deg.
Min. on grass	52.0deg.
Wind	S.W., 4½ m.p.h.
Cloud (0-10)	8, low cloud, 800ft.
Sunshine	2.3hrs.
Visibility	6
Rain	0.74in.
Humidity	94 p.c.

TIME LOST IN WORKS

Will be Paid For, Says Minister

Time lost by Public Works employees in Northern Hawke's Bay camps through isolation will be paid for.

This decision has been announced from Station 2ZH, Napier. It was reported that a deputation had waited on the Minister of Public Works (the Hon. R. Semple) at Wellington yesterday.

Most of the grass seed sown in Britain is imported from New Zealand.

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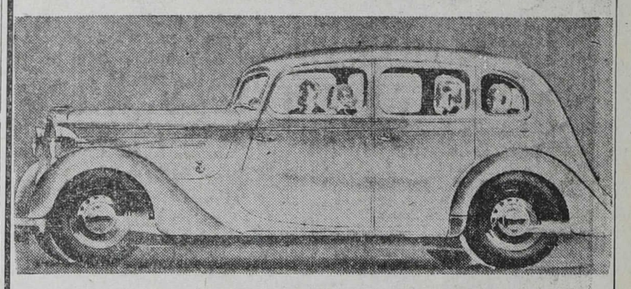
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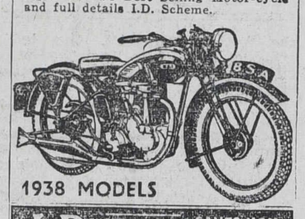
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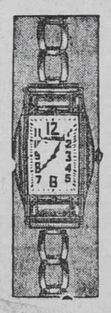
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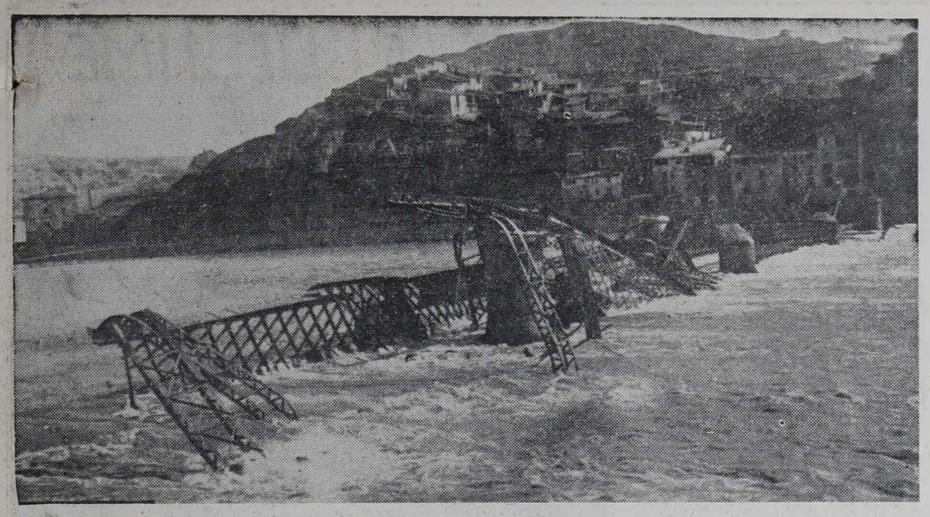
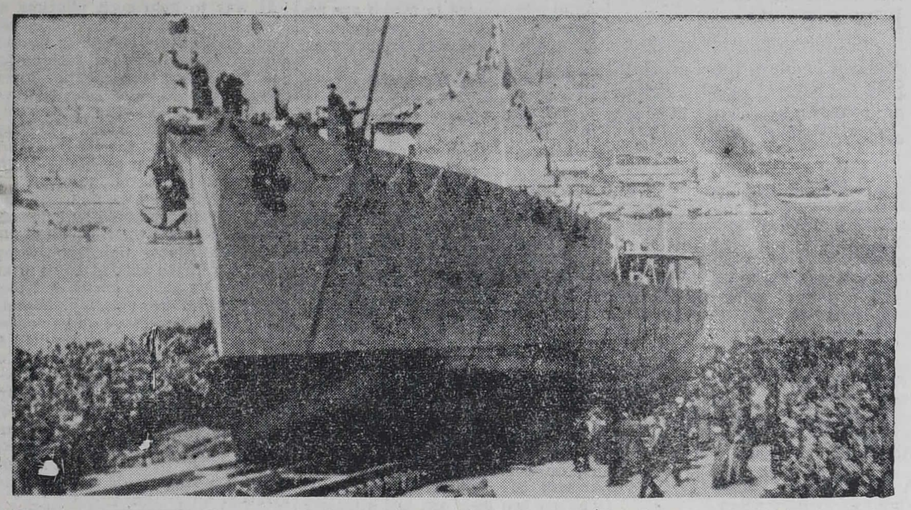


ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS ENGINEERING FEATS OF THE SPANISH WAR HAS BEEN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OF 350 METRES OVER THE CINCA AT FRAGA BY THE ATTACKING INSURGENT FORCES.—The former bridge was destroyed by the fleeing republican troops and a dam opened which caused the volume of water in the Cinca to swell considerably. The former bridge which was destroyed by the republican troops.

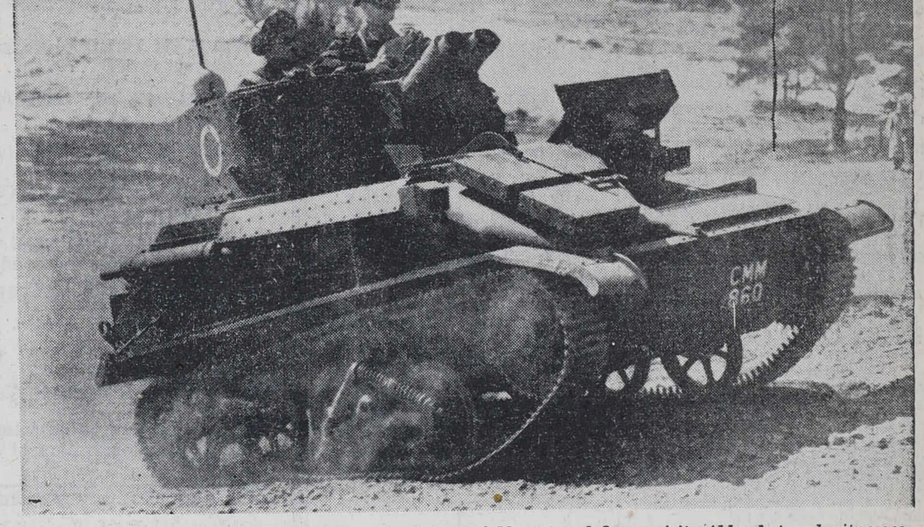
OVER THE ICY PYRENEES.—About two thousand civilians followed the six thousand loyal Spanish troops who escaped over the frozen ridges of the Pyrenees into France and safety. Three babies were born during the retreat. Two of the mothers and one of the babies died. The refugees climbed 6000ft. over the pass and trudged many miles in their flight.

HEARTRENDING SCENES AS SPANISH REFUGEES FLEE TO FRANCE.—Women and children, who have fled from Spain, photographed at Marignac, with their few possessions before being sent on to Tulles.

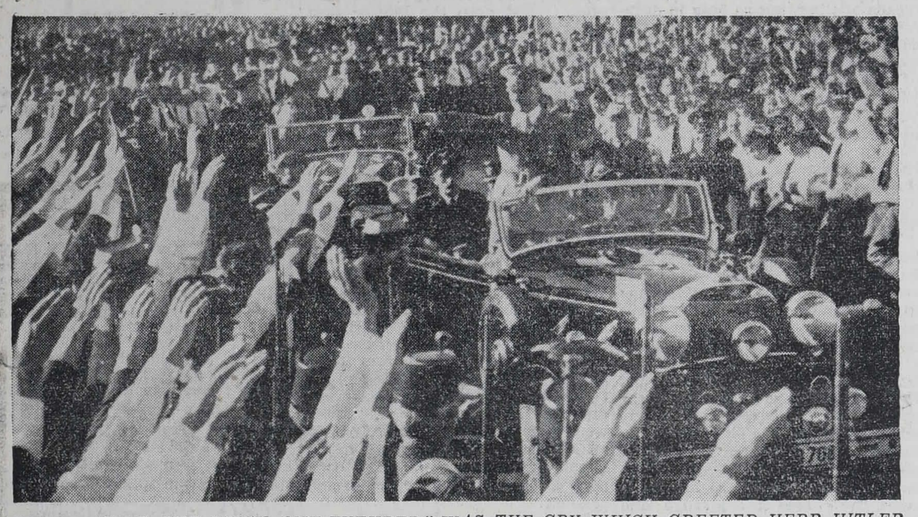


NEW YUGOSLAVIAN TORPEDO BOAT LAUNCHED AT SPLIT.—The Zagrob taking the water during the launching ceremony, which took place in the presence of M. and Mme. Stoyadinovitch, M. and Mme. Maritch, and many other prominent Ministers.

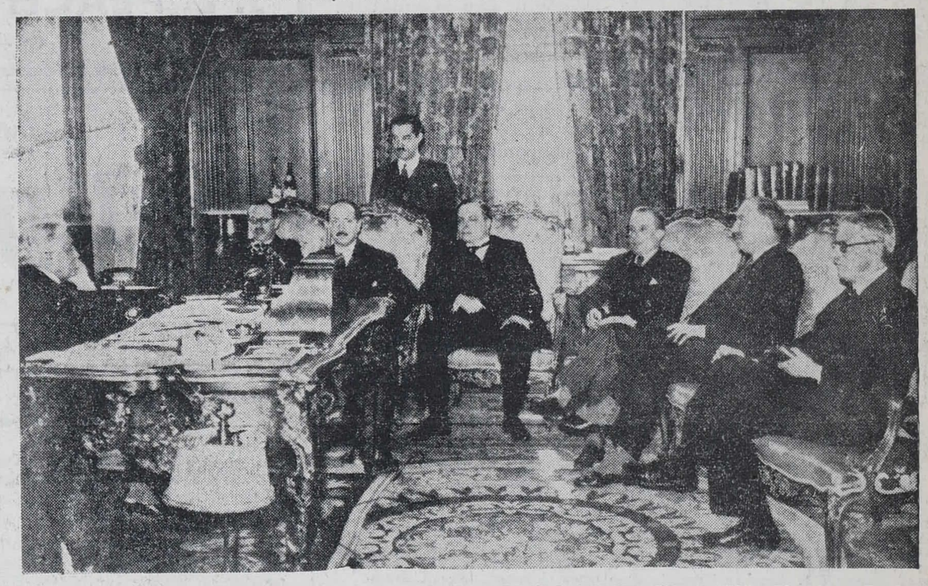
HITLER DOES SOME SPADE WORK IN AUSTRIA.—Hitler did some work with a spade when he inaugurated Austria's new motor road. Herr Hitler seen after turning the first sod.



THE SULTAN WITHOUT HIS CAMEL.—The Sultan of Muscat and Oman visits Aldershot and witnesses a tank demonstration from Miles Hill. The Sultan riding in a light tank.



"ONE PEOPLE, ONE REICH, ONE FUEHRER," WAS THE CRY WHICH GREETED HERR HITLER DURING HIS ELECTION TOUR OF THE AUSTRIAN PROVINCES, WHERE HE RECEIVED A GREAT OVATION.—Herr Hitler being greeted by thousands, including members of the Austrian Youth movement, during his tour of Klagenfurt.



FRENCH AMBASSADORS MEET IN PARIS.—Monsieur Paul Boncour, French Foreign Minister, held a conference of the French Ambassadors in Central and Eastern Europe. The chief topic of discussion was the European situation created by the annexation of Austria by Germany.

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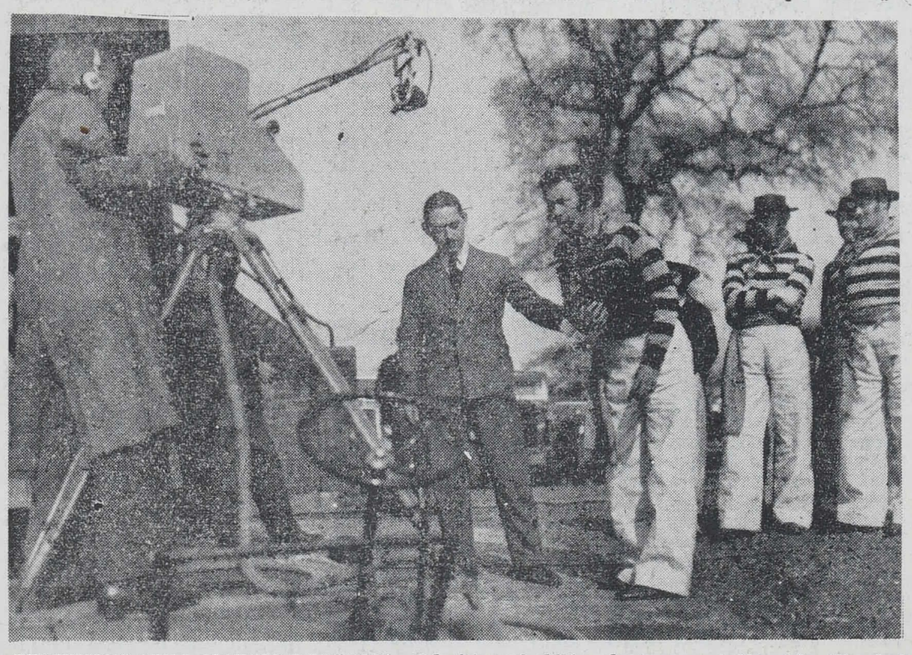

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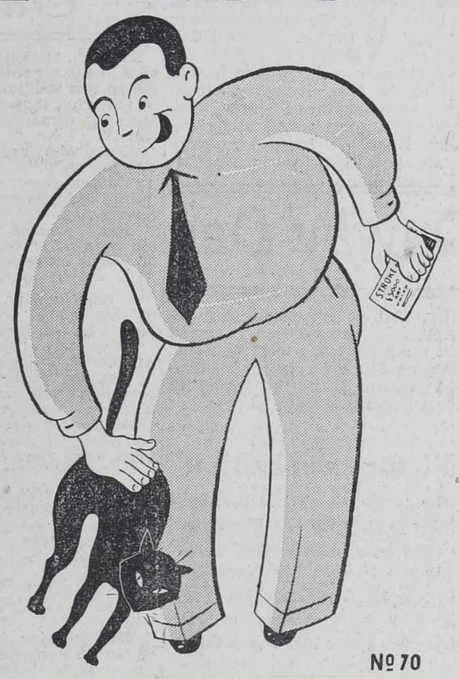

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Australian States, South Africa and the East per Wanganella from Auckland.—Mails close at Hastings 4 p.m., Napier 3.20 p.m.

Japan, per Kozan Maru, from Auckland.—Mails close 4 p.m.

Great Britain, Ireland and Europe, specially addressed correspondence only, via Cape Horn per Port Chalmers from Wellington. Mails due London, May 31.—Mails close at Hastings 6 p.m., Napier 5.30 p.m.

Great Britain, Ireland and Europe, specially addressed correspondence only, also all States of South America via Monte Video per Port Dunedin from Wellington. Mails due London, June 6.—Mails close at Hastings 6 p.m., Napier 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30.

Great Britain, Ireland, Europe, Canada, United States of America, via San Pedro, Fiji, Apia, Pago Pago, Tahiti and Hawaiian Islands, per Mariposa from Auckland. Mails due London May 29.—Mails close at Hastings 4 p.m., Napier 3.20 p.m.

Correspondence will be accepted for dispatch by air mail services in North South and Central America, also West Indies.

Australian States, South Africa and the East per Aorangi from Auckland. —Mails close at Hastings 4 p.m., Napier 3.20 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

Tonga, Samoa and Fiji per Matua from Auckland.—Mails close at Hastings 4 p.m., Napier 3.20 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 6.

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Air mails which left Wellington on April 5 via Australia-Singapore-England arrived at London, April 19.

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April 28.—M.V. Wanganella, from Sydney. Australian mail.
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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1938.

IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS

It needs no genius to recognise that communications are the life-blood of civilisation, and no more striking illustration of the truth of this postulate could be found than the present position in the Hawke's Bay and Poverty Bay areas.

The interruptions to road and rail access following the widespread damage to bridges and the blocking caused by scores of minor landslides are not only a source of great inconvenience, but they will cost the community enormous sums through transport delays, and for necessary and probably expensive replacements.

The daily life of the community is based on swift and efficient means of communication and transport. When these are destroyed, the whole routine and life in the area concerned is upset. Food supplies may run short, essential services may be curtailed or even disrupted, and generally the people may be forced to suffer severe privations and hardship.

In areas subject to flooding and consequent unexpected and drastic interruptions in its communications, the importance of alternative services is realised to the utmost. During the present floods the operations of air services and radio stations at Napier and Wairoa proved invaluable in the transportation of food and necessary supplies, and the handling of essential messages throughout the whole area affected.

This experience would undoubtedly suggest that in New Zealand, where communications are peculiarly subject to interruptions, greater attention should be paid to the encouragement of air services, and also to auxiliary radio stations.

As the Government intends to make a survey of general conditions following the flood, it should not be beyond the bounds of the commission to consider such aspects as these. It may be suggested that at the moment the outstanding problems appear to be the necessity for reasonably flood-free aerodromes at Napier and Wairoa, and possibly in Central Hawke's Bay, and auxiliary radio stations in Central and Southern Hawke's Bay, in addition to the existing facilities at Napier, Wairoa and Gisborne.

Although the lesson of the flood may be used as a text for stressing the need for facilities such as these, the "Daily Mail" believes that they should be considered as normal amenities in such a progressive area as Hawke's Bay and the East Coast. This is one of the most productive and valuable parts of New Zealand from a national point of view, and should be served accordingly.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET

It is interesting to note that the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir John Simon) has succeeded in providing for the huge increase in expenditure on armaments and defence without drastic increases in taxation or by recourse to the raising of loans.

The principle of capitalising on the incomes of posterity was succinctly criticised by the Chancellor. "We must take some proportion of the increased expenditure on our shoulders now, by increasing taxation," he said. "By doing so we will reduce our difficulties hereafter, and we shall show the world that the country does not quail when it faces the burden of expenditure."

Comment at the moment on Great Britain appears to appreciate this viewpoint. General satisfaction has been expressed that courses have been followed which can at all times be controlled, and the effects of which can be clearly envisaged. The Budget should be regarded as a model of conservation of the financial resources of a nation in the face of necessity.

The rate of income taxation, namely, 5/6 in the £1, may seem unusually severe to many people. It should be remembered that, unlike New Zealand, direct income taxation in Britain contributes a much higher proportion to Treasury income than indirect taxation, such as Customs duty, sales tax, and the like. The principal difference lies in the fact that in Britain most wage-earners see and realise what they pay. Here, it is concealed in the general cost of living. Taxation in New Zealand, per capita, is much higher.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Synod Session Postponed

The special session of the Synod of the Diocese of Waiapu called for Wednesday, May 4, to nominate a Bishop for the Diocese has been postponed indefinitely. Members of the Synod will be advised later of the date to be fixed for the meeting.

Flood Relief

A relief depot has been established at Napier to assist those persons in the borough who have suffered losses in the floods. The Mayor of Napier (Mr C. O. Morse) told the "Daily Mail" yesterday) that applications for relief should be made through Mr W. Trude, Vigor Brown Street.

Coal Used by Railways

With the near approach of winter, when householders are beginning to budget for weekly supplies of fuel, it is interesting to know that last year the New Zealand railways consumed close on 434,000 tons of coal, every particle of which was from New Zealand mines. In addition, nearly 100,000 tons of coke were used in various railway activities. Wherever possible the Railways Department gives preference to New Zealand products.

Plates For New Drivers

A suggestion that new drivers of cars should for a short time after receiving their licence be issued with special "L" plates, to indicate a learner, has been put to the council of the Automobile Association, Canterbury, in a letter from Mr J. Roy Smith. He also suggested that veteran drivers without an endorsement against them might also be indicated by a special letter "V" on their cars. Deciding that the proposal was one for careful and long discussion, the council at its meeting recently decided to refer the suggestion to the roads committee for consideration.

Copies of Rare Prints

Further copies of rare prints depicting personalities and events closely associated with the early history of New Zealand have been offered to New Plymouth by Mr C. J. O'Keefe, Auckland, who recently presented steel engravings of Plymouth to the town. In a letter to the Mayor, Mr E. R. C. Gilmour, Mr O'Keefe states that he has a collection of old prints, including one of a painting of Lady Grey, wife of Sir George Grey, one of Captain James Cook and one of the first war memorial erected in memory of men to fall in New Zealand. The memorial, erected at Hobart, commemorates men who fell in the North Auckland district.

Church to Ale House

Woodwork which once formed part of the first Scottish church at Wellington has been reclaimed by St. Andrew's Church from the wreckage of the Central Hotel, which is in the last stages of demolition at the Lambton Quay site. The church, which was built in 1840, originally stood on the site now occupied by the Commercial Bank opposite. When a new church was erected, the older one was moved to the beach on the other side of the road. Later it was incorporated in a building which became successively Captain G. Thomas' auction room, the Nelson Ale House and the Central Hotel. The salvaged parts include a heart of rimu moulding and a door of kauri. They are in splendid condition.

Pitcairn Islanders

The Pitcairn Islanders who arrived at Wellington some months ago had their numbers reinforced when the Arawa arrived from England last week. The dozen or so families of Christians on the island, descendants of Fletcher Christian of Bounty fame, were represented this time by Mr and Mrs Raymond Christian and their son Welme. Mrs Christian is to undergo an operation at Auckland. The three were accompanied by two members of another numerous Pitcairn family, the Youngs. Like most of the people on the island, Mr Christian cultivates his plot of land and grows oranges for sale. He is anxious to obtain work during his stay in New Zealand.

PILGRIMS FOR A LIFETIME

AMAZING FEATS OF ENDURANCE

Epic Stories of World's Penitents

Some of the world's most amazing feats of courage and endurance are carried out, not in the name of science or exploration, but in that of religion, which inspires mankind to superhuman efforts.

An African pilgrim has just reached Jeddah, the Red Sea port for ancient and holy city of Mohammedanism, Mecca, after travelling for 90 years.

He began his journey from Kano, in Nigeria. It took him 50 years to reach Khartoum, which he claims to have reached before the death of General Gordon. Now, 120 years old, after his visit to the sacred city, he hopes to return home—by air. As a matter of fact, aircraft are now being used to convey pilgrims to Mecca.

This is the Odyssey which the famous explorer of Arabia's vast "Empty Quarter," Mr H. St. John Philby (he and Mr Thomas are the only white men to have crossed that forbidden land) recently told the Royal African Society.

A MODERN EXODUS

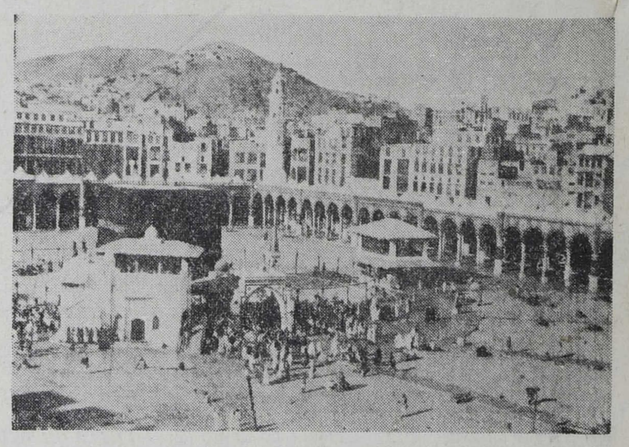
Coming from such a source, the story of this amazing journey can be taken as absolutely authentic. It recalls another, not so long in duration, it must be admitted, but equally as remarkable in other ways, reminding one of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. A year or two back a traveller in the Sudan was surprised to see a group of men approaching, wearing the flowing gowns of the Hausa of Northern Nigeria. He learned that they came from the ancient walled city of Kano, which he had left a few months earlier.

The leader, a dignified grey-bearded man of nearly 70, told how he had left Kano 21 years before to embark on the 3000 mile pilgrimage to Mecca, accompanied by his wives and children and a few friends, 25 of them in all. They reached Mecca after three years, paying their way by hunting, trading and bartering. Soon after passing Khartoum on the return journey sickness and poverty made them decide to pitch camp in a fertile spot to recuperate their strength and replenish their flocks. A village was built, and for many years they toiled in a strange land among foreigners.

Great was the rejoicing when they had gathered sufficient food to start off again, and so they progressed, but very slowly, on account of the women, children and young people. By the time they reached their native Kano once more, probably a quarter of a century would have elapsed from the time of setting out.

VAST CARAVANS

Frequently astonishing scenes have been witnessed on the great pilgrim routes to Mecca, those leading from Egypt, Palestine and Syria especially. Often there would be between 25,000 and 30,000 camels in the caravans, and the journey was usually accomplished by marches in the cool of the night. The pace was terribly slow, for many of the pilgrims were aged, and little more than two miles could be covered in an hour. Often the companies were attacked and robbed. Whole tribes used to earn enough by robbing pilgrim caravans to keep them for the rest of the year. Hundreds, thousands even, perished of thirst, sickness and fatigue. All along the route heaps of hastily gathered stones mark the graves of pilgrims.



MECCA, THE FIRST AND MOST HOLY PLACE OF THE MOSLEMS.

In some years one-third of a Hajj (caravan) succumbed.

The pilgrimages to Mecca are nothing so fanatical as some carried out in India and even further east.

CRAWLING PILGRIMAGE

One of the most astounding of these fanatical pilgrimages was reported from India in October last year. In August a man set out from the village of Manosa, in the Sirmur State, with two sons, on a "crawling" pilgrimage to Hardwar, 300 miles distant, and he reached it, thus fulfilling the vow he made as thanksgiving for the recovery of his sons from typhoid. The fact that he finished his pilgrimage alone, the two sons for whom it was begun having died en route, was a minor detail.

Regardless of the entreaties of relatives and friends and a doctor's warning, the three pilgrims set out to cover the journey to Hardwar in 68 daily stages of five miles, crawling on hands and knees. On the seventh day the strength of the younger son gave out, but his death was ascribed to the will of God and the others went on. Day after day they crawled, unshaken in their purpose. Not even the intense heat could deter them. Only at intervals, when their swollen legs and arms could carry them no further, did they rest.

On the 58th day of the pilgrimage, when they were only ten miles from Hardwar, the second son collapsed with fatigue and died. Resolved to fulfil his vow the father attended the funeral rites of his son and crawled on alone to Hardwar.

IN THE HIMALAYAS

Even the mighty barrier of the Hamalayas has no terror for the pilgrims of the vast area of Central Asia. This year a party of 100 Mohammedans from the Chinese province of Sinkiang toiled from Kashgar up over the snowfields and between the great peaks of the world's greatest mountain range. They were on foot and they crossed passes as high as 17,000 feet. Then the dauntless hundred went on to complete their pilgrimage by train and steamer.

Some years ago five Cantonese nuns accomplished an almost incredible pilgrimage of thousands of miles, across frozen steppes, climbing mountains and fording icy mountain torrents. Led by Numi Hsu, a 62-year-old abbess, the party left Peiping for Lhasa, with no money and no food. They begged their way along as they marched through Dhihli and Shansi, across the famine districts of Shensi, Kansu and Szechwan. They ended their pilgrimage at Lhasa, where the late Dalai Lama granted them an audience.

It was to help such pilgrims as these that a party of heroic monks from St. Bernard left their hospice among the Alpine snows, looking for new spheres of labour. They found one on the borders of Tibet and Szechwan, in the Si-la Pass, at an altitude of nearly 11,000 feet. This pass is trodden every year by thousands of pilgrims, beaten by howling blizzards and terrific snowstorms. It took them weeks to find the site. They travelled guarded by brigands, who respected their courage and fortitude. Every time they camped they ran the risk of being overwhelmed by an avalanche, but they struggled on through fog, blizzard and snow, sleeping in sodden clothes. At once time they had to cut their way through a forest of bamboo half burried in snow.

In the end their gallantry triumphed. Now a hospice has been established, and the great dogs are carrying on their work of rescue just as they have done in Europe for over 900 years.—E. R. YARHAM, F.R.G.S.

Personal

Mr Barney Walsh, Hastings, left for Christchurch on Tuesday on a holiday visit.

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Mr Don Max, of Nelson, ex-New Zealand Rugby representative, who has been on a tour in Australia, returned to New Zealand by the Awatea on Tuesday.

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Messrs J. B. Campbell and H. V. Hoadley, both present members of the Napier Hospital Board, have been nominated to contest seats on the board as representatives of the Hawke's Bay County.

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Mr R. E. Talbot has been nominated to contest a seat on the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board at the elections next month. Mr Talbot was nominated by Messrs W. J. Kirkham and H. J. McKeesick.

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Mr M. B. Miller, assistant general manager of the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand, Limited, and Mr A. M. Taylor, the company's naval architect, have left for Sydney.

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The Very Rev. Father D. H. Hurley, S.M., provincial of the Society of Mary in New Zealand, and the Rev. Father J. Spillane, of the Marist mission staff, Wellington, have returned to Wellington from a visit to Australia.

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Dr. Woerman, who has been Counsellor and Charge d'Affaires at the German Embassy in London for the past two years, has left London for Berlin to take up his new appointment as head of the political department in the German Foreign Office.

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Mr G. A. Maddison (Mayor of Hastings) was re-elected chairman of the Hastings Fire Board at the annual meeting of the board yesterday. Appreciation of Mr Maddison's services as chairman of the board over a number of years was expressed by members.

Mr L. M. Bentley, manager of the South West Co-operative Dairy Farmers' Company, Bunbury, West Australia, was a passenger by the Awatea, which arrived at Wellington from Sydney on Tuesday. He is visiting New Zealand principally to study dairy conditions.

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M. A. J. Williamson, a director of Gaumont British Dominion Films Proprietary, Ltd., Sydney, is visiting Wellington. His stay in New Zealand is to be only a short one, as he is to leave Wellington to-morrow to connect with the Aorangi at Auckland for Sydney.

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Mr Lucien Roux, managing director of a well-known French firm, is on a business visit to New Zealand. Mr Roux, who visited both islands five years ago, referred to the good trade between New Zealand and France, and the possibility of greater reciprocity in the future. He will leave Auckland on May 13.

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Mr B. Wood-hill, who recently retired from the position of headmaster of King's College Junior School, Wimbledon Common, England, after 25 years' service, is visiting the Dominion in the course of a world tour. Mr Wood-hill intends to go as far south as Invercargill before visiting Taupo and Rotorua. He will leave Wellington on May 20 by the Arawa.

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Mr David Miller, of the Cawthron Institute, Nelson, who has been studying insect infestation of hard woods in New South Wales on behalf of the New Zealand Government, has returned to the Dominion. Dr. Miller's visit to New South Wales arose from the discovery of insect infestation in South Island Main Trunk railway sleepers, and in the course of his investigations he covered about 500 miles north and south of Sydney on the coast.

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Mr A. M. Ongley, of Palmerston North, will become president of the New Zealand Rugby Union for the 1938 season. Mr Ongley's nomination was the only one for the position of president. The new president is a well-known sporting personality, being prominent in both cricket and Rugby administration in New Zealand. He still takes an active part in cricket, and as a boy of 17 played for the West Coast against Lord Hawke's English cricket team.

The World Day by Day

Tennis in Tibet

Tennis has been played at Lhasa, on the roof of the world as we are picturesquely informed. It is to be hoped there is plenty of stop-netting round the court, for retrieving stray balls which roll off the roof of the world may otherwise involve rather more exercise than the average tennis player cares for.

The game was introduced last month, it appears, by Rai Bahdur Norbhu Dhondup, trade agent and official British bearer of the white man's burdent in Tibet. But while even elderly Tibetan officials tried their hands at the game, the ladies preferred badminton "which they seem to like very much." It is certainly a less exhausting game, and for the women of a polyandrous country is probably much more suitable. No doubt, however, both tennis and badminton will be reshaped into something more approaching Tibetan taste than are these two games as played in the great outside world.

The Tibetans have never been as slow to adopt Occidental gifts as is sometimes made out to be the case, though generally the gift is assimilated rather than adopted. It is very many years ago since a well-known explorer was astonished to find, perched under the eaves of the roof of the world, a baby grand-piano.

He discovered, after patient inquiry, that nobody could play the instrument, but everybody agreed that it made a much more imposing chopping block for newly slaughtered lambs than the primitive wooden slab previously in use.

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"Victory Exposition"

The "Osaka Asahi" is holding a "China Affair Victory Exposition" on the Nishinomiya baseball ground along the Hankyu line from April 1 to May 30. The Exposition is supported by the War and Navy Departments, states the "Japan Chronicle."

The Exposition will include various articles related with the "affair" such as a ladder used by Japanese soldiers in scaling one of the walls of Nanking, a telephone receiver used by General Chiang Kai-shek, a Chinese regimental flag, an E-16 aeroplane and a Chinese gun. Orders of Merit and various other mementoes which various countries presented to Iinuma and Tsukagoshi, of Kamikaze fame, will also be exhibited. On the baseball diamond, a large-scale relief map showing the war situation in the whole of China will be on view.

A miniature shrine will also be erected in the compounds of the Exposition ground with the idea of causing the visitors to pay their respects to the spirits of the war dead.

Breakfast Table

An M.P., anxious to see a procession in his constituency, and thinking he was well known to the people of that city, tapped a native on the shoulder, demanding: "Make way there."

"Garn, who are yer pushing?" was the reply.

"Do you know who I am?" inquired the indignant M.P. "I am a representative of the people!"

"Hah," grunted the native, standing unmoved, "but we're the bloomin' people ourselves."

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A schoolmaster was giving back to his class some examination papers he had been marking.

"Does any boy want to ask a question?" he inquired.

"Yes, sir," replied a boy; "I can't read what you have written at the bottom of my paper."

The master glanced at the paper, and said: "I have written: 'You must write more clearly.'"

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Is it too early in the morning, or can you get this one?

"Have we got any 4-volt 2-watt bulbs, George?"

"For what?"

"No—two."

"Two what?"

"Yes."

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Condescension is the buttermilk of human kindness.

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From the mouthings of potentates and the fulminations of hysterical orators, what a relief it is to turn to the calm words of the British Prime Minister: "I cannot believe that with a little good-will and determination it is not possible to remove genuine grievances and clear away suspicions which may be entirely unfounded."

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And then there is the old definition of metaphysics: "If you hear a man on a platform saying something that you don't understand, and if you have a rough suspicion that he doesn't understand himself, that's metaphysics."

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Winter must be here again, for the last week-end saw some of our well dressed "men about town" sporting those smart, "tailored looking" overcoats, and beautiful cashmere scarves —only obtainable at that exclusive shop, "Parkers."*

ACCELERATED REARMING

THE CHANCELLOR EXPLAINS

CLOSING GAP

Original Estimate of Cost Exceeded

British Official Wireless.
RUGBY, April 26.

Sir John Simon prefaced his proposals to increase taxation by putting before the House arguments for and against borrowing to fill the gap of £30,000,000 which remained between the revenue and expenditure.

After he had estimated a yield in the coming year of the existing taxes at £914,000,000, he pointed out that the prospective deficit was due to rearmament as originally estimated, the cost of which, at £1,500,000, was going to be substantially exceeded.

Though it had been decided from the beginning that the rearmament should not be financed entirely from taxation and borrowing, up to £400,000,000 over five years had been authorised. There were three things to be borne in mind in forming a proper judgment at the present moment. The first was that in the defence estimates for the current year, they had already provided for taking £700,000,000 from outside sources. Therefore, the gap to be filled was really £120,000,000, of which they had already decided that £90,000,000 should not be got by additional taxation.

Accelerated Programme.

Secondly, the Government had announced, and were already in the course of carrying out, an acceleration of the rearmament programme. The whole country realised the necessity of and approved that decision, but it meant substantial supplementary estimates later in the year and not included in the total of expenditure for which he was budgeting. He intended that those supplementary estimates should be met out of loan moneys under the Defence Loans Act.

The third consideration was the most serious and important of all. They had to look beyond the present year. The peak of the defence expenditure would not be reached until next year, perhaps even the year after. Moreover, the huge outlay on war material also involved a higher annual maintenance.

Goodwill Needed.

After observing that nothing would contribute so much to the ultimate reduction of the burden as increased international goodwill and reduction of armaments, which would follow from it, and which was the aim of the foreign policy which the Government was pursuing and of which the Anglo-Italian agreement was a striking instance, the Chancellor said that he had come to the conclusion that he would not be doing his duty if he followed the easier course by borrowing.

In the course of a review of the estimated expenditure, the Chancellor surprised the House by a statement on the subject of food shortage against emergency. He said that the Government decided early this year that at the right moment they would buy sufficient supplies of wheat, whale oil and sugar to ensure that the stocks in the country should be maintained at a level sufficient for the civil population during the early months of emergency. These purchases had now been made.

STRATOSPHERE 'PLANE CRASHES AT BRUSSELS A FEW MOMENTS AFTER TAKING OFF ON ITS FIRST FLIGHT, AND ITS PILOT KILLED.—The Renard stratosphere 'plane was designed by M. Alfred Renard. He was a witness of the crash. Wreckage of the 'plane after the crash, in which the pilot, M. Van Damme, was killed. M. Alfred Renard, the inventor, talking to the pilot, M. Van Damme.

"THE SMILE ON THE FACE OF THE TIGER"

Don Bradman's Speeches "Lull" England: Australians are Popular

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"To do the Australian cricketers justice, they have not tried to create an inferiority complex in our mind," says Mr Howard Marshall, writing in the "Daily Telegraph."

"Bradman, who speaks in public almost as well as he plays cricket, has lulled us with fair words, stating that the visitors are determined to enjoy their matches. Their approach is not grim and purposeful, but friendly and co-operative.

"Bradman's admirable speeches have struck a happy note. No Australian side has ever won its way more swiftly or more surely in our esteem. There is such a thing, however, as a smile on the face of the tiger. Bradman at the luncheon table and Bradman at the wicket are rather different propositions."

With to-day's practice optional the Australian cricketers have only four full dress practices before the Worcester match, says the special correspondent of the Australian Associated Press with the team.

Despite nine days in London, the captain (D. G. Bradman) apparently does not attach much importance to net form, relying on the relatively comfortable matches against Worcester, Oxford, Leicester and Cambridge to prepare for the more serious trial against the M.C.C.

Chipperfield's Form

A. G. Chipperfield, who flourishes under English conditions, made an excellent impression when batting.

W. J. O'Reilly's bowling form is encouraging, his leg breaks lifting and turning sharply. Later he practised bowling at a single stump without a batsman.

The "Daily Mail" says that L. O'B. Fleetwood-Smith appeared to bowl with a lower trajectory and with more accuracy than he did when last in England. Ward spun the ball with great violence, something like Mitchell, of Derbyshire, and kept an ir proved length.

The "Daily Mail's" sporting gossip writer suggests that, if the Australians are really hard up for a player to replace S. G. Barnes, who fractured a bone in his left wrist on the voyage to England, their S.O.S. need not travel farther than England's cricket Press boxes, where W. M. Woodfull and W. A. Oldfield, members of former Australian teams, are both sitting, or, if neither of these old campaigners is fancied, suggests that the Oxonian, Kimpton, could be asked to lend a hand. Kimpton is a first-rate, stylish batsman, a good bowler and a useful wicketkeeper, played for Gentlemen against Players last summer, and is up to test standard.

The writer adds: "However, nobody will blame Bradman and Mr Jeanes for trying to protect themselves against a possible emergency."

In proposing a toast to the Australian cricketers at a banquet which he gave the team, the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Harry Twyford) recalled that he had played cricket in Hong Kong, Cochin, China, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. If international negotiations were conducted in the spirit of British cricket they would be more successful. If Australia won the cheers would be as loud in Britain as at Sydney or Melbourne.

The Australian captain (D. G. Bradman) responding said: "I am still hoping to meet the man who wants autographs for himself, not for his nieces or nephews."

Referring to the request for an additional player and the presence of the aviator Mr H. F. Broadbent at the banquet, Bradman suggested that Mr Broadbent might be usefully employed in the next few weeks in flying backwards and forwards, bringing the team up to strength.

"It would be an economic disaster if international cricket stopped," said the Australian. "Think of the employment it gives, think of the benefit to the Anglo-Australian tourist trade."

The manager (Mr Jeanes) referring to the menu, containing a sweet "Bombe Bradman", congratulated the chef on the appropriateness of the title considering Bradman's explosive properties.

Sir Stanley Jackson said he did not think the good health of cricket depended on the welfare of first-class cricket.

Sympathising with Barnes he reminded him that patience and fortitude were among the lessons to be learnt from cricket. "Maybe I am old fashioned," he added, "but I do not like limitless cricket and I wish you would get rid of it in Australia. It would be good for the game."

NAPIER BOROUGH ELECTIONS

LAST-MINUTE RUSH INEVITABLE

MORE NOMINATIONS

Close at Noon To-morrow

With nominations closing at noon to-morrow in all local body elections a last-minute rush among candidates seems certain. Yesterday six nominations were received by the Borough Returning Officer (Mr W. E. Cooper)—the nomination of the present Mayor (Mr C. O. Morse), for the Mayoralty, three council nominations and one each for the council's representative on the Napier Hospital Board and the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board.

Several more nominations are expected for the 11 seats on the council and Mr Cooper believes that there will be the inevitable last-minute rush.

Three representatives are required for the Napier Harbour Board, three for the Hospital Board, and two for the Power Board.

The nominations received yesterday were as follows:—

Mayoralty

C. O. Morse. Nominated by G. B. Young, R. W. Wallace, W. Fearle, A. E. Bedford, H. R. Dockery, P. W. Peters, E. H. T. Dunn and A. Wills.

Borough Council

C. D. Cox. Nominated by A. E. Bedford and T. F. Higgins.

K. R. O'Halloran. Nominated by J. Harris, J. W. Callaghan and J. C. Bryant.

R. W. Goodyer. Nominated by F. N. Fussell and J. W. Norrie.

Hospital Board

R. W. Wallace. Nominated by H. E. Edgeley and M. S. Spence.

Power Board

C. D. Cox. Nominated by A. D. Bedford and P. F. Higgins.

Napier-Hastings Line

Although no passenger trains travelled between Napier and Hastings yesterday because of washouts on the railway line a small engine which left Napier about 6.30 in the morning carrying ballast and materials to effect repairs negotiated the line across the Tutaekuri railway bridge. No estimate is yet available as to when the line will again be open.

The stationmaster at Napier (Mr G. Lawson) told the "Daily Mail" yesterday that no passengers would be booked through on the journey north past Hastings, nor would any luggage be carried through to Napier.

The railway department would not be able to effect repairs to the track until the water across the line had cleared, he said. The chief damage to the line was the washout of two chains of the embankment near the Tutaekuri River and the twisting of the new railway bridge. The centre of this bridge had been moved about three inches down stream.

MAIN ORDERS FOR BRITISH AIR ARMAMENT NOW PLACED

Commission Arrives in U.S.A. to Negotiate Purchase of Aeroplanes

British Official Wireless.
(Received April 27, 9 p.m.).
RUGBY, April 26.

"The investigations to be conducted by this mission are part of the review referred to by Mr Chamberlain on March 14 and are supplementary to the arrangements for production in this country," said Lord Winterton in the House of Commons, replying to a question by Mr F. Montague (Lab.) concerning the British Air Mission, which has arrived in New York.

"As soon as the Government decided that circumstances had made it necessary to accelerate and extend the programme for air expansion, a comprehensive review was made on the maximum production that would be possible in this country, with additional labour by all firms capable of producing the types of aircraft suitable for use in the Royal Air Force.

"Acceleration and further expansion imply as to requirements: Firstly, an increased output of appropriate types now in production; secondly, the introduction at the earliest possible date of the latest improved types which are on order.

"It is the intention and determination of the Government that all British firms suitable for the production of aircraft to the requirements of the expanded programme shall be in a position to give the maximum output possible during the next two years. The bulk of orders for production on a large scale have been placed and further orders necessary to secure the maximum accelerated output will be given without delay.

"The scale on which the factories have been planned and the orders given make it possible to secure greatly increased production if additional labour is available."

Mr Montague asked whether orders for military aeroplanes were to be placed with firms in Canada.

Lord Winterton said the visit of the British commission was concerned solely with exploratory inquiries.

The party would investigate whether the types of aircraft which might be suitable for certain Royal Air Force purposes were available for early delivery. Members would also examine the capacity and potentialities of aircraft production in Canada.

On the motion for the adjournment after the Budget resolutions had been passed, Mr G. le M. Mander (Labour) said he wished to call attention to the dispatch to the United States of the Air Ministry mission, about which he said there was a great deal of misgiving, doubt and mystification, but after he had been speaking for a few minutes he was counted out.

BRITAIN SHOULDERS BURDEN

Higher Taxation To Pay For Rearmament

Income, Petrol, Tea

Borrowing Avoided: Small Surplus Expected

British Official Wireless.
(Received April 27, 7 p.m.).
RUGBY, April 26.

The wide interest taken in Great Britain's Budget was illustrated when a crowded House of Commons heard the statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir John Simon) reviewing the nation's finances.

The effects of Great Britain's colossal rearmament programme and of the preparations made to meet any emergency were shown in the announcement of an increase of 6d in the standard rate of income tax—which is now 5/6 in the £1—and of Government purchases of wheat, whale oil, and sugar.

The Chancellor, who spoke for an hour and 38 minutes, also announced an increase of the petrol tax by a penny to ninepence a gallon and of the duty on tea by twopence a pound.

From the increase in income tax Sir John expected £22,250,000 this year and £26,500,000 in the full year.

The increase in petrol tax and the tax on heavy oils would yield £5,350,000 in the current year.

The higher duty on tea, which would maintain intact the existing margin of preference, he anticipated would give him £2,750,000 and £3,250,000 in the full year.

The Chancellor estimated revenue on the existing basis of taxation at £914,400,000, of which £336,000,000 was to come from Customs and Excise and £514,250,000 from inland revenue. The corresponding estimates for last year were £863,100,000, £333,000,000, and £467,650,000 respectively.

Income tax he estimated to yield £319,000,000, or £21,000,000 more than last year.

With additional taxation the proposed total estimated revenue came to £944,750,000, giving him a surplus of £352,000.

Sir John said that in his judgment the extra revenue needed should be met partly by direct and partly by indirect taxation. The major contribution should come from direct taxation. However, he had accompanied the increase in the standard rate of income tax to 5/6 in the £1 by concessions to smaller incomes.

The deduction from profits under The deduction from profits under the schedule for wear and tear would be increased by 20 per cent. This concession would cover many important basic trades, giving a great deal of employment, and aimed at avoiding any decrease in industrial development.

The concession to individual taxpayers, which the Chancellor estimated would offset the increase in the standard rate for about 2,000,000 of them with smaller incomes, would have the effect that there would be no increase in the tax on earned income in the case of a single person earning up to £290 per annum, and in the case of a married man with one child up to £460 per annum, or with two children up to £540 per annum.

Showing the World.

"We must take some proportion of our increased expenditure on our shoulders by increasing taxation now. By so doing, we shall reduce our difficulties hereafter, and we shall show the world that the country does not quail when it faces the burden of expenditure."

Describing the result of the last financial year, the Chancellor said the revenue amounted to £872,580,000, an increase over the Budget estimate of nearly £9,500,000 and an increase of nearly £48,000,000 over the financial year of 1936-37.

In a further interesting comparison, he said the total of £872,500,000 of revenue receipts in a single year, was five times greater than the corresponding figure of a quarter of a century ago.

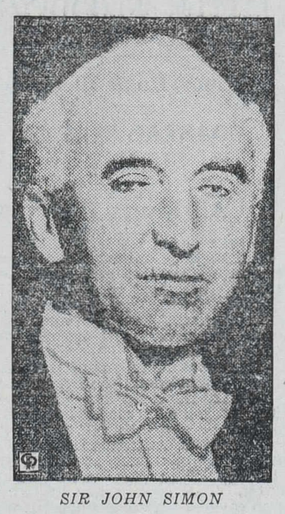
In general, last year's figures bore witness to an improvement in trade and industry, though it would not be right to regard them as proving that the year was one of progressive and continued improvement throughout.

It would appear that the first six months were more prosperous than the second, although the latter were still good.

Revenue Up.

On the whole, Customs and excise revenue had more than justified the optimistic view taken by Mr Chamberlain a year ago.

Inland revenue yielded £471,346,000—£3,750,000 more than the estimate which was the net result of the remarkable surplus on the yield of income tax of nearly £10,000,000, which was offset by short falls of £5,000,000 on stamp duties, £1,000,000 on surtax, and £50,000 on the National Defence Contribution.



SIR JOHN SIMON

The Chancellor stated that allowing for an application of £10,500,000 to contract a national fund, the net increase in the national debt was £257,750,000 nominal, of which £203,000,000 was covered by assets in the Exchange Equalisation Account.

In connection with the increase in the petrol tax of a penny a gallon it may be noted that the last occasion the tax was increased was in September, 1931, when there was an increase of twopence a gallon, while earlier in the same year there had also been an increase of twopence, bringing the tax to sixpence a gallon.

Aerodrome Still Under Water

NAPIER GROUND

Level Has Dropped Several Inches

Although the level of the water had dropped at least nine inches there was still 12 inches to 18 inches of water on the Beacons Aerodrome, Napier, yesterday.

It was estimated that it will be two or three days before the ground can be used.

"Death Valley" Cleared

DEADLY FOGS

Experiment By Professor

AIR RAID VALUE?

Deadly fogs which for years have threatened the Meuse Valley (Belgium) and in three days in 1930 killed 63 people—can now be prevented.

After years of experiment scientists of the Belgian Health Department have proved that the fogs which have made "Death Valley" notorious can be "fired," literally and figuratively.

Not only that, but they have shown that "firing" is a defence against gas used in warfare.

In charge of the work is Professor L. Dautrebande, of Liege University, who for two years worked under Professor J. S. Haldane at Oxford.

Post-mortem examinations on those who died in 1930 revealed the cause of death to be sulphurous fumes from nearby factories.

Haldane's Advice.

Professor Haldane wrote to his former pupil telling him that, although London fog was thicker and heavier than any in the "Death Valley," yet there had never been a case of fog poisoning.

He attributed this to the ground heat developed in large cities, which caused a permanent upward draught.

Working on this suggestion, Professor Dautrebande devised a scheme to fire the fog.

Meteorological experts having forecast a dense fog for yesterday the professor had a number of timber piles lit in the valley—small ones in the villages of Engis and Hermalle; larger ones circling the factories.

The fires burned all night. This morning it was found that while the environs were shrouded in a thick mist "Death Valley" was clear.

Two military 'planes flew over the area. They reported that the fog was being drained upward to 450ft. and that the fumes from the 200ft. tall factory chimneys were unable to descend.

Two more tests were carried out. Soldiers fired gas bullets towards the burning piles. The gas was carried up.

A factory discharged towards the fires a dense cloud of noxious fumes. When they reached the draught area they were wafted up and out of the valley.

Professor Dautrebande was delighted. "We can now fight any return of fog to the valley," he said. "Piles of timber will be kept ready, and at the first forecast of fog the inhabitants will light the beacons."

The experiments are not to stop here. The Health Department is to continue them with a view to protecting civilian populations against gas warfare.

U.S.A. Inch is Longer

FIFTH DECIMALS

Give an American a good old English inch and he will take .00009 more, says the "News-Chronicle."

The British inch is 25.39996 millimetres when the stick of gold-studded brass called the Standard Imperial Yard is at an even temperature of 62 deg. F. at a barometric pressure of 30 inches; while the American inch, based on a platinum composition stick measuring a metre, is 25.40005 millimetres.

Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, Director of the Washington Bureau of Standards, says that this difference is "intolerable" and he has introduced a Bill to shorten the American inch by .0005 millimetres to 25.4 millimetres.

The story of the two inches goes back to Anglo-Saxon times, when the British inch was known as the "ynce," derived from the Latin "uncia," meaning a twelfth part. In the time of Edward II. the inch was by statute prescribed as measuring "two barley corns round and dry."

Sore-throat colds are colds to dread,
In neglect grave symptoms spread;
Treat first signs when they arise,
Aid delayed is most unwise.
Sore-throat colds need prompt relief,
And when checked are mild and brief.
Best of all to that assure—
Soothing Woods' Great Peppermint Cure

THE SOUNDLESS SIREN

INVESTIGATION AT WAIPUKURAU

FIRE DANGER

Immediate Action to be Taken

WAIPUKURAU.

The condition of the fire siren and the reason for its failure to operate when required on Sunday morning last were questions under discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Waipukurau Fire Board, and it was decided to have improvements put in hand immediately.

Mr J. A. Chambers, brigade superintendent, said that the siren had given continual trouble recently. On several Monday mornings it had failed to sound when put to its usual test. The trouble on Sunday morning had resulted in time being lost, although on this occasion little harm had resulted from this cause.

The Central H.B. Power Board reported that several replacements to conduits on the siren were required, at an estimated cost of £10. The secretary was authorised to have the work put in hand immediately.

Payment of Firemen.

A request by the firemen for an increase in the rate of payment for attendance at dances, where they were required to be present until 2 a.m., as compared with meetings and concerts concluding at 10.30 p.m. was received. As the board had no power to grant this, it was referred to the Borough Council.

Correspondence concerning fire brigades and unionism was read, the chairman remarking that the Arbitration Court had since decided that only permanent workers on fire brigades were required to join a union, so that for a time at least the matter was settled.

Those present were Messrs. W. S. Bryce (chairman), J. L. Brathwaite, I. W. N. Mackie, H. B. Smart (secretary) and J. A. Chambers (brigade superintendent).

Modern Cargo Vessel

THE WANAKA

New Union Company Ship

DIESEL ENGINES

The new motor vessel Wanaka, which was built by Messrs Alex Stephens and Sons, Glasgow, for the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand for the New South Wales-Tasmanian trade, is an extremely modern ship with a cruiser stern. The bows are sheered.

The Wanaka was launched at Glasgow on December 3, 1937, by Mrs A. E. Heath, wife of the Agent-General for New South Wales. She left Glasgow for Antwerp on February 26, 1938, and loaded basic slag for New Zealand at the latter port. The vessel arrived at Wellington on April 18.

The length of the ship is 286 feet, the breadth 45 feet, and the gross tonnage 2259 tons. She is equipped with Sulzer diesel engines.

Captain A. T. Adam will be in command of the Wanaka, and his officers will be: Chief A. W. Rabbitts, second N. E. Farrell, third A. F. McIntyre, chief engineer A. A. McIntyre.

LATE SPORTING

Dismissal of Protest

U. SCOTT INCIDENT

Championship Heat Win at Addington

By Telegraph—Press Association.
CHRISTCHURCH, April 27.

The protest entered against U. Scott after the third heat of the third qualifying event for the inter Dominion championship at Addington on Tuesday has been dismissed, and the dividend will be paid on the horses as they passed the post: U. Scott 1, Pot Luck 2, Supertax 3.

21 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr J. B. Pickering

WORK AS SECRETARY OF FIRE BOARD

Recognition of the services given to the Hastings Fire Board by the secretary (Mr J. B. Pickering) for the last 21 years was made at the board's annual meeting yesterday when Mr Pickering received a presentation from the members.

Mr Pickering has resigned from the office and Mr N. Harding was yesterday appointed in his place.

Tributes to Mr Pickering's capabilities and regret at his decision to resign were expressed by the chairman (Mr G. A. Maddison).

Practically from the inception of the board Mr Pickering had been associated with its progress, he said. His general work, and the reports in particular, reflected great credit on Mr Pickering's ability.

Mr Maddison presented Mr Pickering with an electric radiator on behalf of the board.

In thanking the members for the gift Mr Pickering referred to his happy association with the board.

Handicaps for Franklin

MEETING NEXT WEEK

Erination Tops List in Steeplechase

The following handicaps for the Franklin Racing Club's winter meeting at Pukekohe on May 7 have been declared by Mr F. J. McManemin:—

PUKEKAWA HACK HANDICAP, of £150; seven furlongs and 22 yards.—Aero King, Gay Rebel 9.4, Lady Meath 9.2, Prival 8.8, Forest Acre 8.7, Royal Vaals, Abbey Lass, Du Maurier 8.2, Pirate King 8.1, Highland Queen 7.12, Barrister 7.9, Golden Sceptre 7.7, Racelne, Chief Lap 7.2, Dragon Moth, School Song, Mundane, Paint, Inquisitor, Mia Fratollo 7.1, Silver Eagle, Trevace, Mal de Mer, Mia Acrea, General Riske, Love in Idleness 7.0.

PAPAKURA HACK HURDLES, of £170; one mile and five furlongs.—Knight of Australia 11.7, All Irish 11.4, Celtic Lad 10.13, Shy 10.9, Rua King 10.4, Hunting Star, Innes Lad, Lady England 9.12, High Star 9.8, Saint Musk, Gay Broney 9.6, Count Roussillion 9.2, Golden Spahi 9.1, Jan Ridd, Tane Mahutu, Swift Spear, Queen Lu, Latour's Last, Floodlight, Salesman, Sirrom, Siwell, Topstar, Full of Scotch, My Money, Slam, Bass, Mana, The Trimmer 9.0.

OTAUA HANDICAP, of £130; six furlongs.—Bright Idea 9.0, Ngawiri 8.12, Senacre, General Riske, Rajanya 8.11, Lapidarian 8.8, Australian Star, Rackle, Marnui, Miss Clipper, Smoky, Torakiki, The Trimmer, Camelia, Summary, Wild Acre, Electric Spear, Strathearn, Master Appellant, Bonnybelle, Silver Glow, Lighter, Love Parade, Cintrace, Pasture, Nichavo 8.7.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, of £300: one mile and a quarter.—Engel 9.0, Knight of Australia 8.12, Paso Robles 8.8, Grateful 8.5, Rona Bay, Tybalt 8.4, Valmint 8.3, Miss Lu 8.2, Shy 8.0, Airam 7.9, Te Hai, Bonny Gay, High Tea, Tradesman, Chevalde Volee, Sinking Fund, Light Comedy, Palmint 7.0.

ONEWHERO STEEPLECHASE, of £350; about two miles and a half.—Erination 11.8, Windsor Lad 11.7, Collision 11.2, Neil 10.10, Englishman 10.4, Sand-drift 10.2, Bryce Street 10.0, Saint Musk, Mio Lume, Lucidus 9.12, Kinkle, London, Grantham, Count Roussillion, Golden England, My Money 9.0.

HARRISVILLE HACK CUP, of £200; nine furlongs.—Aero King 9.0, Loombination 8.9, Gay Streak, Ringshot 8.7, Fleetwind 7.13, Abbey Lass 7.12, Alyth 7.11, Barrister 7.5, Golden Sceptre, Racette 7.3, Maxown 7.2, All Irish, Silver Eagle, Tutor, Siegal, Mal de Mer, Vaalso, Palmint, Lady Defoe 7.0.

PAERATA HANDICAP, of £200; six furlongs.—Rollicker 9.0, Tosh 8.13, Sir Abb 8.9, Rona Bay 8.2, Miss Lu 7.11, Crooning, Lornacre 7.10, Johnny Walls, Tradesman 7.6, Palustre 7.5, Maori Song 7.4, Te Hai 7.3, May Song, Rerepai, Tonnerre, Solomon, Galilee, Pirate King, Teak, Land Girl 7.0.

On Easter Sunday New York has a big fashion parade, which is really a relic of an old English custom whereby all wore at least one new garment on Easter Day. In 1937, for the first time, many of the dresses were made from shimmering textile glass.

BUSINESS LEADERS PROMISE SUPPORT

Written Pledge of Co-operation With Mr. Roosevelt in Recovery Plans

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WASHINGTON, April 27.

On the eve of the conference between the President (Mr F. D. Roosevelt) and Mr Henry Ford, a group of 16 prominent business men, including Mr Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of General Electric, Ltd., have sent Mr Roosevelt a written pledge assuring him of their fullest co-operation in the Government's efforts towards recovery.

The group represents more than 130 companies. Their action has increased the importance that observers are attaching to Mr Ford's visit to White House.

DAMAGE DONE TO FARMS

DESOLATION IN ESK VALLEY

INDIVIDUAL CASES

Many May Walk Off Properties

Many settlers in the valley on the South side of the Esk river were visited by a "Daily Mail" reporter yesterday and an inspection made of the damage in each case.

One of the heaviest losers, proportionately, is Mr J. Fortune, a bachelor, and, until Monday, the owner of a farm and orchard property at the mouth of the valley. He was forced out of his home on Sunday night when the river began to flood, and he returned on Monday night to find his fruit crop destroyed and his orchard, house and outbuildings partly buried in silt, five to six feet deep.

The silt had invaded his house and all his clothes and other personal belongings are buried deep in the mud. He estimates his loss at £1500 and says that he will be forced to abandon the property.

Farm Now a Ruin.

The formerly first-class farm, owned by Mr A. King, a short distance further up the valley, has been changed into a desolate ruin. Great channels have been scoured out here and there by the flood waters and where the current was less swift, silt has buried the pastures many feet deep. The fences of 14 paddocks have been swept away.

A farm building containing a separator and engine was taken in its entirety by the current and the machinery now lies covered by mud, and a new touring car is partly buried in its garage.

Mr King also lost 30 sheep, seven cows, a horse and 25 fowls.

"My farm has been turned into a river-bed," he said, "and I am too old a man to make a fresh start. I will not be able to carry on here."

Mr King estimates his loss at £2000.

The next farm up the valley is owned by Mr Cowper Smith. There, too, no pasture remains visible anywhere on the 152 acres comprising the holding. Mr Smith lost none of his stock, but he is without food for them.

Fine flower and vegetable gardens have gone, and the flood carried away a large shed and buried the farm implements contained in it. Mr Smith said the flood had cost him £2000 and he saw no chance of being able to carry on.

Silt 12ft. Deep

On the same property is a house formerly occupied by Mrs R. Tait and her eight-year-old daughter. They were rescued by Mr Smith just in time as the flood waters rose early on Monday morning. This house came off as badly as any in the valley and was left with little more than the roof showing out of a bed of silt 12ft. deep.

The silt entered most of the rooms and the water subsided, leaving everything that would float resting on the mud close to the ceiling.

Even if dug out, the house will be untenable unless it can be raised to the new level of the valley floor.

The 35-acre farm occupied by Mr B. Williams in the centre of the valley, together with a model pig run owned by his son, has also been overwhelmed by the tide of silt. The men on the farm worked hard on Tuesday digging out horses and cattle that had become held fast in the silt, but many of them died afterwards. Pigs were lost, fences were destroyed, and gardens were carried away on the property.

Unable to Carry On.

Mr Williams estimates his loss at £1800, and says he will be unable to carry on.

The damage to Mr Frank Wilson's farm and home and the heavy stock loss suffered by him was described in Tuesday's issue of the "Daily Mail." He values the damage done at £3000.

The five occupants of Mr J. P. Swain's house further up the valley, well out of the flats, spent a terrifying 16 hours on top of the hay in the barn until the water subsided sufficiently to allow them to escape to a neighbour's house at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon. Mr Swain, Miss I. Harvey, Mrs B. J. Kerswell (a visitor from Stratford, Taranaki), Mrs W. Brodie (Clive), and Mr J. Watson were in the house on Sunday night when the rapid rise of the flood warned them of their danger. At 11 p.m. they made a last-minute escape to the nearby barn where they took refuge on top of the hay. The water rose to the top of the windows of the house and was only about a foot below the isolated group.

House Buried.

The house has been buried to within two feet of the top of the windows. The farm suffered damage similar to that of other exposed properties. Mr Swain also lost a horse, two heifers, and five pigs. He estimates his loss at £180. The visitors returned to the house yesterday to find their bedrooms filled with silt under which all their clothes and luggage lie buried six feet deep.

Further up the valley, Mr S. Bennett owns a property of 420 acres, from which he has lost fences valued at £300. He also manages a property, belonging to Mr F. Paine, who is in India, and damage estimated at £500 has been done there.

A visit was also made to the France home. The boys and staff have all come through the storm unharmed, but the home is surrounded by a bog of silt, and a well-stocked and extensive vegetable garden has gone.

Stock losses have been heavy, and in many cases where the animals have been saved, they are standing desolately on muddy wastes several feet thick. Many haystacks went with the flood, but even where they are intact they can keep stock alive only for a short period, and the need for further supplies of food is already urgent.

Fences throughout the valley have been swept away or covered level with the tops of the posts with silt, and farmers anticipate difficulty when the animals begin to wander about searching for food.

Many houses built on the flats have been left almost buried in silt, which in most cases is as deep inside as it is outside.

Their former occupants were attempting yesterday to salvage furniture, clothes and other personal belongings, but the contents of most flooded homes have been ruined.

Useless for Twelve Months.

Although the tremendous deposit of silt, which varies in thickness from a few inches to many feet, may eventually turn into first-class farming land, no growth of grass can be expected during the coming winter, and it will be at least 12 months before the greater part of the damaged area will once more be able to carry stock.

Many farmers are faced with the sudden cessation of their earning powers as well as damage to their homes and personal belongings, and several stated yesterday that they would have to walk off their farms.

It was not until the subsidence of the flood waters yesterday and the hardening of the silt sufficiently to permit people to cross it on foot that a first-hand survey of the havoc wrought by the disaster could be made.

Heavy Loss Estimated.

A representative of the "Daily Mail" crossed the area on foot from the mouth of the valley as far as the France home. The majority of the settlers in the valley were visited, and asked to make an estimate of the loss they had suffered. The total will run into many thousands of pounds and unless Government assistance is obtained, the position of many landowners will be hopeless.

Up to last night, no vehicular traffic was possible anywhere in the valley and even people on foot had to exercise the greatest care. In many places the silt is 9ft. to 10ft. deep, and in spots it was too soft to bear the weight of a man. There were several instances of men sinking to the waist in these soft places and having to be rescued by companions.

This was usually a difficult task, because of the impossibility of approaching close to the trapped person without being caught in the morass.

Terrifying Experiences.

Many residents of the valley had terrifying experiences during the height of the flood and last-minute escapes were common-place. One family with two visitors spent Sunnight night and part of Monday on top of the hay in a barn and when the water was at its highest, it was only about a foot below them.

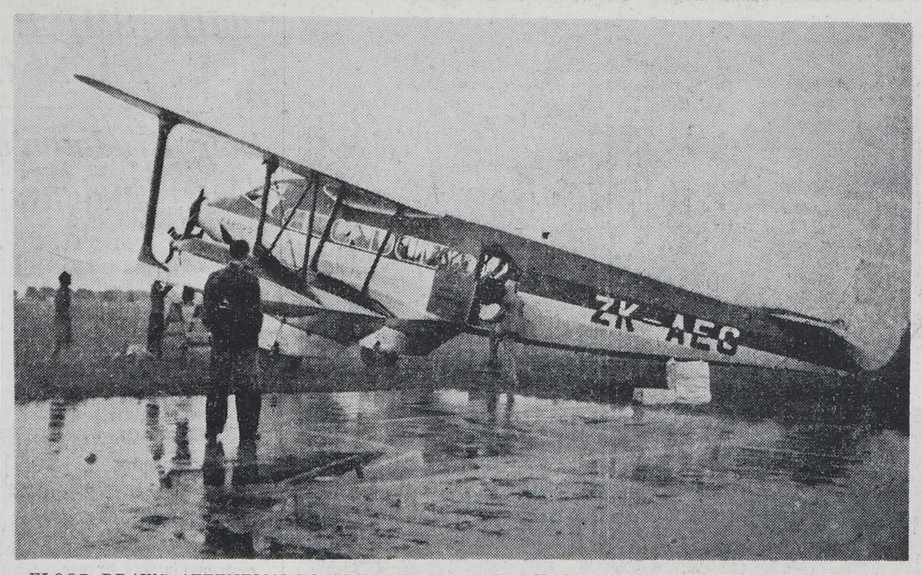
Damage of lesser importance includes the destruction of fruit trees and vegetable gardens, the drowning of fowls and domestic pets and damage to cow bails, huts, dairies and other farm buildings. The telephone service was partially restored yesterday and the supply of power was resumed to some of the houses at the lower end of the valley.

A sheet of paper dated April 1, 1924, and purporting to bear, in Herr Hitler's handwriting, the nomination of Captain Rohm as military leader of the Kampfbund (Union of Combat) was sold for 18,000 francs (£120) at the Hotel Drouot in Paris recently. Another piece of paper bearing 13 lines of a manuscript by Signor Mussolini on the conquest of the State by Fascism fetched 4500 francs (£30).

Gisborne Water Supply Now Restored

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
GISBORNE, April 27.

The Gisborne borough water supply, which has been cut off for two days following the breaking of the pipeline in the storm, was turned on at 5.30 p.m.



FLOOD DRAWS ATTENTION TO GREAT UTILITARIAN VALUE OF AIR TRAVEL.—The "Daily Mail" maintains its East Coast services by aeroplane. On the left the well-known Union Airways machine, Karoro, which is running at present on East Coast Airways service from Hastings to Gisborne. This carries the newspapers in addition to passengers. On the right the aeroplane and crew which is delivering the "Daily Mail" to Wairoa.

VALLEY A DESOLATE WASTE

Vast Bed of Silt Now Covers Farms

Road Obliterated

Havoc in the Picturesque Esk Countryside

The greater part of 20,000 acres in the Esk Valley, which, until Sunday night, contained one of the most picturesque and valuable farming districts in New Zealand, has been turned into a desolate waste by the disastrous Anzac Day flood.

A great bed of silt has been spread over the valley floor, raising it by from two to ten feet and obliterating fields and fences.

Long sections of the Napier-Wairoa railway through the valley, together with the embankment, have vanished and the greater part of the highway through the valley has disappeared.

Only One Outlet for Gisborne

ROADS BLOCKED

Single Telephone Line Operating

AIR SERVICE BUSY

By Telegraph—Press Association.
GISBORNE, April 27.

The road from Gisborne to Ruatoria was opened to-day for experienced drivers, but other roads throughout the district remain closed. On the inland road to the south it is hoped to effect a clearance as far as Te Reinga to-morrow night, but it is not known when it will be possible to reach Wairoa.

On the Morere route it is still expected that the road will be closed until the end of the week.

It is reported that serious damage has been done between Wairoa and Napier and the opening of this section is still uncertain.

In the meantime, Gisborne is dependent on the northern outlet for all road transport, but the position is being met to some extent by the running of special aeroplanes to Hastings. All first class mail has been carried by air.

Telegraphic and telephonic communication outside the district is dependent upon one uncertain line to Auckland via Opotiki, but emergency radio sets are playing an important part relieving congestion on the landline.

The most serious problem in Gisborne itself is the absence of a water supply. The emergency reservoir was emptied yesterday, but an auxiliary supply is being introduced into the mains with a strict warning that it is for flushing purposes only and not for human consumption.

The Cook County Council meeting to-day received a letter from the Minister of Public Works (the Hon. R. Semple) stating that the request for assistance following the February floods was receiving consideration.

It was decided immediately to repeat the request and to point out that the damage on the present occasion is as serious as in February.

LONG WALK FROM TANGOIO

Men Reach Napier

JOURNEY THROUGH MUD AND SLUSH

Trip from Wairoa

Limping into Petane at 5.15 p.m. yesterday, after walking from Tangoio, three men, Messrs W. J. Wilkie, W. J. Chapman and C. Daniels showed signs of the hardships they had endured on their way through the area probably most affected by the flood.

The men set out from Gisborne on Sunday morning by motor-car, and reached Wairoa at mid-day. They continued on their journey and reached the Tangoio Ford at 4 o'clock. This was found to be impassable, so the men attempted to reach the Tangoio Settlement, but as there was doubt whether the bridge was down or not, they backed the car out of danger and spent the night at Mr Collins' home.

While there they saw a plantation planted to hold the land, slip away.

They stayed with Mr Collins until Tuesday morning and then, with two heavy suit cases in sacks, set off on their long journey to Napier.

Eskdale Reached.

Wading through slush and water, in places up to their waists, they eventually reached Eskdale. They tried to reach the Eskdale bridge, but as the water was too deep they turned towards the beach. After walking some distance along the beach, they met a son of Mr C. C. Smith, who took them to his father's house, where they spent Tuesday night.

At 7.30 a.m. yesterday, they started off again on their journey, walkiing across the hills to the Waipunga bridge, thinking they could get across it.

Finding this down, the men attempted to swim the river but could not get across. Later they saw some Power Board men on the opposite side of the river. The power board men threw a rope across the river and the others managed to get across the river with the assistance of the rope.

On reaching Bay View, the men were brought through to Napier by a Napier-Wairoa-Gisborne transport bus.

Boots Worn Out.

All the men were very much fatigued, and their feet were badly blistered. One of the men used three pairs of boots on the journey and another wore out two pairs.

They all expressed appreciation of the help they had received from settlers, particularly Messrs C. C. Smith and F. Collins. Some of the settlers, who were themselves short of food, had given meals to them. Others had given boots and other clothing.

All settlers between Eskdale and Wairoa were short of food the men said. Mr C. C. Smith, at Eskdale, told them that if food were dropped on the tennis court near his house, it would be distributed.

Many messages were given the men by settlers whto wished to let friends and relatives know that they were safe.

Lady Linlithgow's appeal for the King-Emperor's Anti-Tuberculosis Fund in India has brought contributions exceeding 22 laks of rupees (approximately £165,000).

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has awarded a pension and a certificate of service to Coxswain John Foley, of Youghal, County Cork, who is retiring after serving for over 20 years as coxswain and nearly 10 years as second coxswain of the lifeboat. It has also awarded a certificate of service to second coxswain David Ellis, who is retiring after serving in that post for 20 years.

DIFFICULTIES IN THE NORTH

CLEARING ROADS NEAR WAIROA

MANY MAROONED

Tuai Isolated by New Slip

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIROA, April 27.

The Public Works Department at Wairoa reports that a gang of men is working south towards Wairoa from Tuai clearing slips. Tuai has been isolated by an additional slip at Te Rapatiki. It is not known how Tuai is situated with regard to bread supplies.

Gisborne traffic via Tiniroto is at present being transported across a wash-out on the roadway near the Olivers' homestead, but it is hoped to have a temporary bridge across by to-day to give through service.

The District Public Works Engineer (Mr A. G. Harris) reports that if the weather improves, a track may be cleared through slips on the main highway south from Waitua to Raupunga by Thursday evening.

Between Raupunga and Napier the Waikare and Waikoau bridges have been washed away.

The Morere Hotel was a refuge from the storm, when travellers from Palmerston North, Gisborne, Napier, and Hastings, were marooned. These people had the unenviable experience of leaving their cars logged in the mud and trudging several miles to the hotel, which also became a haven for campers, who had to evacuate the Morere camping grounds on Sunday night.

During the storm the hotel water supply was cut off and the pipes washed away. Plumbers among the sudden influx of guests came to the rescue and effected a temporary supply.

A service car on Wednesday took several stranded travellers, who had important business, back to Gisborne. The others will wait until their cars can be released from the mud.

LITTLE FLOODING AT DANNEVIRKE

Minor Road Blocks

COASTAL TOWNS SUFFER

All Rivers High

Although it rained almost continuously from Saturday until yesterday, there has been very little flooding in or near Dannevirke. Coastal towns have suffered, however, Pongaroa being isolated for close on two days.

There was no means of travelling from Wimbledon to Porangahau yesterday morning, large slips having blocked the roads in several places.

Late in the afternoon water was still lying on farms at Oringi and Toi Flat. There has been no loss of stock. The railway line at Oringi was covered for some time, but was passable.

Conoor was isolated for a short time on Tuesday, when a slip brought several trees to the road. However, these were soon removed and the slip cleared.

All rivers and streams in the district have been exceptionally high, and an old wooden bridge spanning Dories' Stream on the Raumati-Tiratu road was washed away yesterday morning.

NEARLY 30,000 PAPERS SOLD IN TWO DAYS

"Daily Mail" Maintains Service and Sets Probable Record Outside Four Centres

Almost every known means of communication has been used by the "Daily Mail" during the past three days to ensure the widest possible deliveries of the morning newspaper to its many thousands of subscribers. Interruptions, in view of the conditions encountered, were inevitable, but strenuous organisation and determined efforts to "get through" produced most satisfactory results.

Air services to Gisborne and the East Coast, and to Wairoa are being utilised, special 'planes being chartered for the latter run. It is hoped that normal communications will be restored within the next few days, but in the meantime the "Daily Mail" is being delivered as close to schedule as possible by air, road, rail, and even by boats.

To the writers of letters of appreciation of this service, and to those who have telephoned, the "Daily Mail" expresses its thanks. It is carrying out its conception of one of the duties of a newspaper—to be of service to the community.

Sales of the "Daily Mail" during the last two days (approximately 30,000) have reached such proportions as to justify the claim that a record has been created for New Zealand newspapers outside the four main cities. Several extra "runs" had to be made, and even then the demand from all parts of the province could not be fully met.

SURFACE WATER IN NAPIER

Subsiding Rapidly

LITTLE LEFT IN STREETS

Work Begun

Every effort is at present being made by the borough engineer's department to relieve the surface water lying in Napier south, according to the Mayor (Mr C. O. Morse).

To a representative of the "Daily Mail" yesterday, Mr Morse said that the banking up of water in the Ahuriri Lagoon had caused outlets to be blocked. Until the water had subsided in the Inner Harbour the outlets could not be cleared.

The Borough Engineer (Mr W. D. Corbett) said yesterday that the surface water in the streets was clearing very quickly and there was now very little left. The water in the Inner Harbour would have to subside before the level of the rivers would fall.

The work of clearing the large slip at the corner of the Taradale and Hyderabad roads would be begun to-day, he said. The mechanical excavator which had been engaged on the State housing settlement at Marewa was now in position at the slip.

CHINESE IRON RESOURCES

JAPANESE AID IN DEVELOPMENT

DETAILS OF PLAN

Plans are reported to be under contemplation by the Provisional Government at Peking to establish a new Sino-Japanese joint mining concern for the exploitation of iron ore resources in Tsinghai, Hopeh, Shansi and Shantung.

The plans are understood to be formulated under a unified scope along the lines of the Japanese-Manchoukuo programme for an increase of iron ore production.

Since it will require a considerable time to complete the planned iron manufacturing enterprise in North China, efforts are expected to be made as a preliminary step to resume operation of the Lungyen iron works located 12 kilometres to the West of Peking.

Emphasis will also be laid by the Government on the export of iron ore to Japan to accelerate the latter's heavy industrial activities.

Details of Plan

The outline of the proposed iron ore excavation programme is learned to be as follows:—

1. Exploitation of iron ore resources will be carried out in a modern scale. Stress is understood to be made on the development of the promising Lungyen and Suanhwa iron mines. As for those at Yangchuan and other points, the Government will take them up later.

2. In view of the fact that 77 per cent. of Japan's iron-ores are shipped from abroad, those produced at Lungyen and Suanhwa will be shipped to Japan for exportation.

3. Large iron works each capable of turning out one million tons of iron manufactures a year will be built at Tientsin or its neighbourhood and at Taiyuan, in consideration of communications facilities at Tsinsing.

'PLANE'S RECORD FLIGHT

408 MILES PER HOUR IN DARKNESS

SERVICE TESTS

Official Comment on Performance

Flashing through the darkness at an average speed of 408.75 miles an hour, an R.A.F. aeroplane recently

Flew from Edinburgh to London —325 miles—in 48 minutes;

Set up a new speed record for land 'planes at nearly seven miles a minute;

Became the first machine to travel at over 400 m.p.h. at night.

The 'plane, piloted by 31-year-old Squadron-Leader John Woodburn Gillan, was one of the new Hawker Hurricane defence fighters recently delivered to the R.A.F. It has a Rolls Royce Merlin engine capable of developing 1,050 horse power.

Squadron-Leader Gillan took off from Turnhouse aerodrome, landing at Northolt (Middlesex), and the flight was carried out under normal service conditions.

An Air Ministry official describing the flight, said: "The flight was made for the greater part of the distance in darkness at a height of 17,000ft. The course was 179 degrees, magnetic, and 167 degrees, true bearing (compass course).

Windows of Cabin Frozen Over.

"There was a wind velocity of 50 m.p.h. at his maximum height. It was not a complete following wind, being partly helpful.

"He passed over Leeds, Sheffield and Nottingham, but could not see them because the windows of his cabin were frozen over. He was flying blind most of the way.

"Despite the cold weather he had not the advantage of oxygen and electrical heating equipment. He stated, however, that his flight was carried out in comfort despite the keen temperature.

Just An Ordinary Service Test.

"When he discerned Bedford he was dead on his course. The engine was not running full out and there was plenty of reserve in hand.

"The flight was entirely unrehearsed, although one of three 'planes in formation from the same unit made a similar trip a few days ago in approximately 60 minutes.

"They were carrying out service tests in the ordinary way. Gillan also was doing that."

The previous record for land 'planes was set up by Captain Wurster, who travelled at 379.17 miles an hour at Munich last November.

The world record for seaplanes stands at 440.67 m.p.h., set up by Warrant Officer Francesco Agello, of the Italian Air Force, in October, 1934.

Gillan, who was born in India, was educated at the Imperial Services College, Windsor, and entered the R.A.F. Cadet College, Cranwell, in 1925.

On passing out two years later he won a prize as the best all-round pilot of his year.

STATE OF ROADS IN HAWKE'S BAY

The following is the most up-to-date survey of Hawke's Bay roads that could be made last evening by the "Daily Mail." Information was supplied by Mr R. Pufflett, engineer to the Hawke's Bay County Council, and by Mr M. Locke, No. 1 Patrol of the Hawke's Bay Automobile Association.

Napier - Hastings via Fernhill—Road open; all slips cleared.

Napier - Hastings—Main road closed; Waitangi bridge unsafe.

Pakowhai—Road closed through floods.

Napier-Hastings via Taradale and Pakowhai—Road closed through floods.

Napier-Taupo—Road closed; Munns bridge down.

Napier-Wairoa—Many slips between Bay View and Mohaka.

No communication between Napier and Mohaka.

Napier-Puketitiri via Whararangi—Road closed; two bridges down; road almost one continuous slip.

Taradale-Puketapu — Opened yesterday.

Whararangi-Puketapu - Hakawai—Closed; Dartmoor bridge down, one span left on western bank.

Main Taihape road—Cleared yesterday afternoon as far as Willowford.

Main South Road—Clear; care needed in water at Paki Paki.

Hastings - Haumoana - Clifton — Clear.

Eskdale—Special road via Seafield and Hedgely to be opened this morning.

Hastings-Waimarama—Cleared all the way yesterday.

Middle road to Patangata—Clear.

Fernhill-Takapau—Closed for approximately four days.

Hastings-Kereru—Clear as far as F. B. Logan's property.

Matapiro-Whana Whana—Will be open by to-night.

Crownthorpe Settlement road—Closed for a fortnight.

Flag Range road—Blocked at far end; will be open in about a week.

Otamauri road—Open; occasional slips.

Tuki Tuki-Elsthorpe—Opened yesterday afternoon.

COUNTY YARDS INUNDATED

MACHINERY IS SUBMERGED

SEVERE HANDICAP

Average of Three Feet of Water

The backing up of water has partially submerged two houses, and machinery and implements valued at about £2000, at the St. George's depot, the main yards of the Hawke's Bay County Council, in St. George's Road, between Havelock North and Hastings.

The yards, which occupy an area of about three acres, are buried to an average depth of three feet, although there are probably sixteen feet of water in one place which was formerly a shingle pit. Paddocks to the rear of the yards are covered for acres with flood water, and the houses in the yards are submerged to the windows.

The flooding of the yards is proving a serious handicap to the County Council, whose men are deprived of valuable machinery for use in repair work and clearing operations.

Three graders, winch tractors, rollers, benzine supply tank, and motor lorries, are lying in various depths of water. One lorry is almost out of sight under about 8 feet of water. The implements are locked within sheds and stores, also under water.

In the meantime, the county is commissioning other lorries to help with necessary work while their stock of machinery is reduced by the flooded state of the yards.

Officials say that they have never seen the yards in anything like the present state.

The county council chairman (Mr F. B. Logan) who is at present staying with the engineer (Mr R. Puflett) will accompany the engineer to-day on inspections of the yards and areas affected by flooding.

Beaten By Own Tactics

REBEL ADMIRAL

Pupils Turn The Tables

BATTLE OFF SPAIN

Admiral Moreno Fernandez, Commander-in-Chief of General Franco's fleet, must view the result of the battle off Cape Palos last month with mixed feelings.

Four years ago he was a professor in the Naval College at El Ferrol. Manoeuvres were held in the Mediterranean, and a mock battle was fought off Cartagena, in which the professor's theories of naval tactics were put to the test. They were eminently successful.

But many of the professors of that time are now loyal officers in the Republican Navy, and, it is revealed that the tactics which they employed so effectively in Sunday's battle were the very ones which the professor demonstrated in the mock battle four years ago.

Whether Admiral Fernandez is consoled for the loss of the Baleares by the reflection that his old pupils have remained faithful to his teaching is a secret he will assuredly keep to himself.

'A REMORSEFUL' EDITOR

Mother-in-law Joke

SPECIAL DAY IN TEXAS

Mrs Roosevelt's Speech

Founded on the remorse of a local newspaper editor, whose version of the mother-in-law joke made a friend's wife's mother cry, Texas recently celebrated its Mother-in-law Festival.

The day was thus designated by proclamation of Governor James Allred.

Cheered by huge crowds, 500 mothers-in-law drove through the streets of Amarillo.

Mrs Roosevelt, first lady in the United States, and herself a mother-in-law, was among the spectators of the five-mile-long parade.

Later the wife of the President made a speech extolling mothers-in-law and pleading on their behalf for greater sympathy.

Amarillo describes itself as the "centre of the mother-in-law belt."

The contrite, sentimental editor started the idea; it then swept the whole State, and this year 50,000 visitors were attracted to the town for the "biggest ever" celebration of the festival.

J. C. Bryant (of Bryant and Co., Ltd.), desires to notify the public of Napier and surrounding districts that he has disposed of his grocery business in Hastings Street, Napier, to the Self Help Co., who have now entered into possession.

In thanking clients for their esteemed patronage over a great number of years, Mr Bryant wishes to place on record his hearty appreciation of such valued support, and asks that the same liberal support be extended to his successors.

Mr Bryant, however, wishes it known that the sale does not include the Napier South grocery store, Waipawa branch store or the Trocadero. These three businesses will be still under Mr Bryant's personal control.

The same excellent service will be available and strict attention will be extended to all cients who entrust their favours to these stores.*

BRITISH BROADCASTS TO SOUTH AMERICA

Countering Fascist and Nazi Propaganda in the Latin Countries

NEW SERVICES COMMENCED

The official inauguration of British competition in vernacular radiocasts to South America began last month.

The Latins, sensitive of the honours conferred upon them through the ether, believe that the United States will also officially join in soon. Unofficial private broadcasts have been going on for some months.

They are following the moves in Washington, where many high officials are concerned about the success attending European propaganda and hear with interest the suggestions in Congressional circles that a Government transmitting station be prepared for South America.

Great Britain, transmitting through the British Broadcasting Corporation in Spanish and Portuguese, was forced into the South American sphere by a parliamentary and commercial outcry against the anti-British propaganda.

The chief objection appears to be against the cumulative effect of news presented according to authoritarian viewpoints, resulting in a misrepresentation of ultimate British aims and policies.

As Great Britain leads all powers including the United States, in South American investments, the radio challenge had to be accepted.

For Political Purposes.

The Fascist states do not disguise the fact that they are using the radio for political purposes. The achievements of their regimes are lauded, obviously to impress South Americans and make them sympathetic to that system of rule.

Great Britain emphasizes the cultural side of its mission and makes clear that the British viewpoint will be expounded in its radio news and talks.

All offer plenty of music for the entertainment of the South Americans and appeal to their artistic tastes. But, no matter how much all the competitors—German, Italian, British and Americans, if the United States participates—emphasize that they intend to explain and simultaneously entertain, the South Americans see themselves rapidly being drawn against their desire, into the great radio contest between Fascism and Democracy.

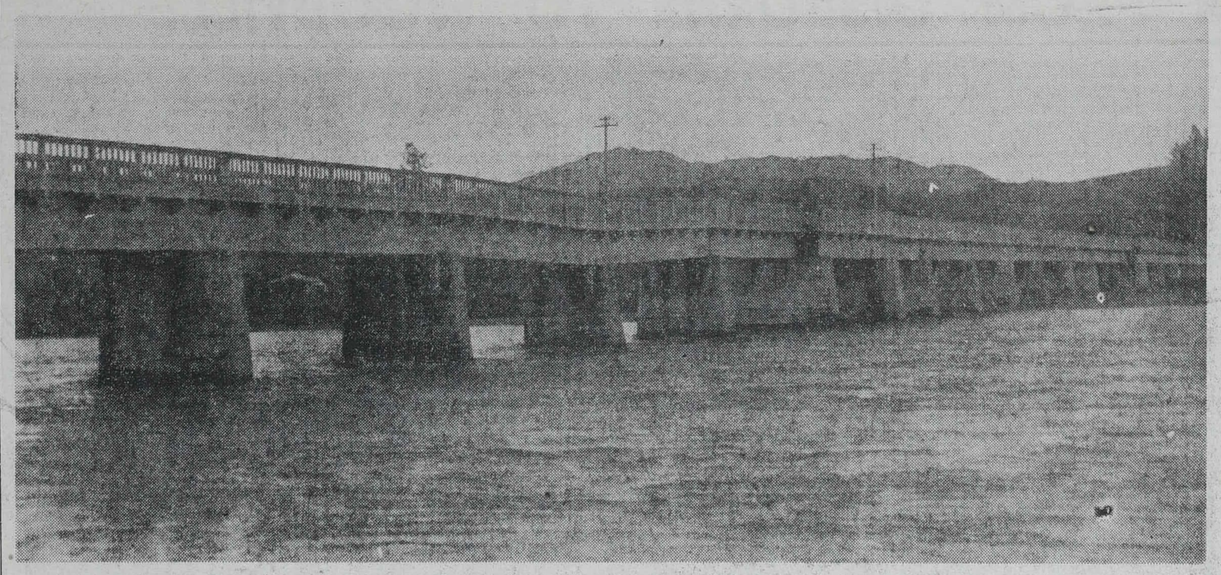
On the one hand, Latin Americans are proud to think they are getting so much world attention, but on the other hand, they resent not being able to control incoming propaganda—news, viewpoints, or whatever it is called—through the ether.

The Middle Road

With one notable exception—for the tendency in Brazil has yet to be accurately determined—South American states are, at least in their official tendencies, bent on getting into the middle of the doctrinal road, away from the side paths of fascism and communism. Their internal and external policies, even where the governing authority is dictatorial, are shaped towards this end.

If the United States officially joins in the competition, it will have considerable advantage over European rivals because its geographical position works for better South American reception.

English language broadcasts from the United States have already proved this. This is not to say that reception from Europe is poor. There are seasonal variations in the clarity of reception though generally this is satisfactory.



THE DAMAGED PATANGATA BRIDGE.

GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN

Unity of Parties

TREND TOWARDS MODERATION

Constitutional Methods Favoured

The recent meeting of the Cortes, states the "Economist," was a significant demonstration of unity among the Popular Front parties which constitute the Government.

There was no illusion among members that the war would end in less than two or three years, but they were confident of success. Spanish pride is deeply wounded by the tendency of foreign countries to make arrangements about Spanish affairs without regard to the sovereignty of Spain's legitimate Government.

The Republican Constitution has never been suspended during the war. The Central Government has been given complete powers over public order, food supply, and the regulation of trade and banking, and all conflicting and regional organisations for these purposes have been abolished. No dictatorship is, however, being set up. The Government depends upon the support of the Popular Front parties, and were they to lose that support, the President, Senor Azana, would have to form another Cabinet with popular favour.

Strictly Constitutional

Indeed, Senor Azana, one of the principal brains behind the Government, is insistent that the Government should be strictly constitutional in all their actions. Within the Government, three Ministers, all Socialists, are outstanding. They are Dr. Negrin, the Prime Minister, Senor Prieto, Minister of Defence, and Senor Zugazagoitia, Home Secretary. These men have been largely responsible for the restoration of order. Citizens are almost as safe in Republican territory as in law-abiding England; and many extremists, guilty of acts of violence during the period of chaos, are now in prison.

In general, the Government are pursuing a progressively more moderate policy. They have moved so far from the extremists, that, within the framework of the Constitution, they may almost be regarded as Conservatives. The Anarcho-Syndicalists, who were never members of the Popular Front and were removed last May from the temporary revolutionary administration, have ceased to count. The Government are giving facilities for the private celebration of Catholic religious services in Barcelona, and hope to extend this protection to other parts of Spain when circumstances permit. To re-establish public worship might be interpreted by some as giving aid to the Republic's enemies. The chapel of the Church of England is still closed, though it has never been molested, and one wonders why the large British colony does not resume regular services.

Dr. Max Wien, the physicist and wireless pioneer, whose death was lately reported at Jena, in his 71st year, became known between 1904 and 1911 as the inventor of the Losch (interrupter) spark transmitter. He also invented the variometer and other technical devices used in wireless telegraphy. He played a leading part in the German wireless service during the war.

Foot and Mouth Disease

ENGLISH PRECAUTION

Movements of Stock Restricted

1000 VETERINARIANS

The most strenuous efforts are being made in England and on the Continent to limit the spread of foot and mouth disease, one of the most dreaded complaints of cattle, which spreads with great rapidity.

An almost nation-wide "standstill" order has been imposed by the Ministry of Agriculture, greatly hampering the marketing of cattle, pigs, and sheep. In some centres the markets have had to be closed.

This "standstill" order is the most drastic which has been issued since 1922, and restricts the movements of cattle in all but six counties of England. Nearly 1,000 surgeons of the 78 new centres of the State Veterinary Service, it is reported, are attempting to stamp out the disease before it gains too great a hold.

In England, infected cattle are immediately slaughtered, and the owners compensated by the State.

At the various markets the animals arrive under police supervision, and the farmers' licences to move the stock are closely scrutinised. Each is branded with the letter "M" to indicate that it has been allowed to be moved.

Increase in Europe.

Roads and footpaths leading to infecting farms have been closed to the general public, and only a few authorised persons are allowed to use them. On leaving they have to dip their boots in strong disinfectant under police supervision to prevent any spread of the infection. Similarly, vehicles leaving infected farms are sprayed with disinfectant.

In the House of Lords about a month ago the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry for Agriculture, Lord Faversham, during a discussion, said that the further series of outbreaks was a great disappointment. It was, however, hoped that the spread of infection would not prove so serious as was first anticipated. If within the next few days this view was confirmed, and the Ministry was satisfied that the spread of the disease had been checked, it was anticipated that a substantial restriction of the control area would be possible.

The disease has also broken out in various parts of Europe. It greatly increased during March in Prussia and Bavaria, affecting 3,669 parishes and 22,079 farms, although previously it had appeared to be declining.

The Netherlands Shipbuilding Company, of Amsterdam, recently received an order from Russia for two ships of 8600 tons each for the carrying of cargo and with accommodation for 518 passengers. The ships will be used on the northern sea routes, will be reinforced for passing through thick ice, and will ensure the comfort of passengers and crews in 30 degrees of frost.

Destructiveness of Hedgehogs

GAME BIRD LOSSES

Complaint By A Sportsman

Depredations by hedgehogs among quail and game birds is causing some concern to sportsmen in Hawke's Bay, though the extent of the damage being done is, it is claimed, not generally known. According to a statement to the "Daily Mail" last evening, the wholesale destruction of hedgehogs is an urgent matter which should receive the consideration of acclimatisation societies.

The statement is made by Mr R. J. D. Sharpe, sports master at Te Aute College, and manager of the farm at the college. Mr Sharpe is well-known as a fishing and shooting enthusiast.

"In many parts of Hawke's Bay, even where few quail are shot, their numbers appear to be decreasing," said Mr Sharpe. "Few sportsmen realise the amount of the damage done by hedgehogs to the nests of game birds; but all of these nest on the ground, and eggs are the hedgehogs' favourite diet.

Numbers Increasing.

"While this prickly marauder is by no means the only enemy of the pheasant and the quail, it is the most numerous of its type, and its numbers continue to increase," Mr Sharpe added.

"As grey ducks usually nest in places not easily accessible to the hedgehog, the loss of duck eggs is probably not so great. In some seasons, however, many grey ducks build their nests well away from the nearest water.

"In the spring of 1935, on land farmed by me in Central Hawke's Bay, four wild ducks' nests were destroyed by vermin. On the land in question, thistle cutting operations had disturbed many hedgehogs, one of which was found curled up in a quail's nest, among the remains of about a dozen eggs. On this farm, where quail were once numerous, scarcely any have been shot for about five seasons, but these most attractive game birds are decreasing.

"This evidence is sufficient to show that the destruction of hedgehogs is a matter which merits the consideration of acclimatisation societies. If there is a known method of wholesale destruction, which is admittedly a difficult matter, it should be put into operation in areas frequented by game birds."

Foreign Loans Embargo

BRITISH RELAXATION

In 1929, Great Britain imposed an embargo on foreign loans because the Government considered that the country was not in a position to invest large sums at long term in foreign countries. Previous to the beginning of the present year, there had been a slight relaxation of the embargo in cases where lending would conduce to the expansion of British trade.

The further relaxation announced recently by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, followed on the lines of the Van Zeeland report, which suggested the usefulness of foreign lending in extending world trade. Greater latitude is to be allowed in raising new money in London on a long term basis on behalf of British borrowers for the purposes of acquiring assets or developing enterprise in foreign countries. The term British, includes borrowers in any part of the Empire.

In 1933, the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Neville Chamberlain, wrote to the chairman of the London Stock Exchange, asking members to discourage the finding of a market in Great Britain for large blocks of foreign securities by distributing them round a considerable number of buyers without actually making an intermediate purchase. To transactions of this kind, the relaxation of the embargo will also apply.

INVESTIGATION BY THE GOVERNMENT

Extent of Flood Damage

STATEMENT MADE BY PRIME MINISTER

Hon. P. C. Webb to Visit Province

By Telegraph—Press Association.

WELLINGTON, April 27.

Steps have been taken by the Government to ascertain the extent of the flood damage in Hawke's Bay.

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage) stated this evening that the Minister of Public Works (the Hon. R. Semple), who was unable to leave Wellington himself, had sent the chief inspecting engineer of the Public Works Department to Hawke's Bay to ascertain the extent of the damage and report to the Government as soon as possible.

The Minister of Mines (the Hon. P. C. Webb) was also leaving by aeroplane to-morrow morning for the district.

HAIFA AS PORT OF CALL FOR THE ORIENT LINERS

Australia-England Passenger Ship at Palestine's Modern City

Palestine's modern port, Haifa, has, for the first time, attracted one of the big liners on the regular passenger and mail run from Australia to England. The Orient Liner Oronsay is putting in to Haifa after leaving Port Said on the voyage to England from Australia in the middle of June. The Orient Company's new departure in sending their ship to Haifa not only provides the first direct passenger transport from Australia to the Holy Land, but, for Australian and New Zealand travellers to England, adds a new and vital interest to the trip Home.

Haifa typifies the modern strides of Palestine. The last decade has shown greater changes there than have occurred since the beginning of the Christian era. Formerly the outpost of the East and the inspiration of the West, Palestine has become the meeting place of both.

Nowadays modern tractors, drawing a dozen ploughshares at once, are seen beside the camel and the ass, dragging the primitive nail plough of Biblical times.

The town of Haifa lies at the foot of Mount Carmel, on the southern shore of the Bay of Acre, the only natural bay along the coast of Palestine. It is the headquarters of the Northern Administrative District, stretching from the Syrian frontier to Jaffa and embracing part of ancient Phoenicia, Galilee, and Samaria. The Hejaz railway connects Haifa with Trans-Jordan, Syria, and Europe, and the Palestine railway links it with Jerusalem, Jaffa, and Egypt.

In a decade Haifa has expanded from a population of 24,000 to over 50,000. Shipping has largely increased and exports show a steady rise. In 1922 Sir Frederick Palmer, the celebrated engineer and harbour expert, after a careful survey, recommended Haifa as being the most suitable site for the construction of a much-needed harbour. Prior to its creation, sea-going vessels had to anchor nearly a mile from the shore. The roadstead lay open to the force of Mediterranean gales.

The dredged material has been used for reclaiming 90 acres of new land behind the quays, providing 50 acres for town development, in addition to that reserved for the working of the harbour, on which immense transit sheds for imports and fruit exports have been constructed.

Where Conquerors Marched

Along this stretch of New Palestine a magnificent boulevard has been laid out. It is aptly named "Kingsway." Up and down this coastal plain have marched all the conquerors from Alexander the Great to Allenby.

The view from the heights of Carmel above Haifa is one of the most beautiful port views of the world.

In the foreground stretches a forest of conical Mediterranean pines, their deep green contrasting pleasantly with the terracotta soil. Terracing down the mountain side are the flat-topped roofs of stone houses whose ochre walls add another touch of harmonious colour.

Below, in the narrow strip of land between mountain and sea, lies Haifa town. No glaring white buildings mar the picture. The main arm of the rough-hewn stone breakwater curves seaward in a generous sweep, sheltering a dozen ships from wave and swell. With every passing hour the colour of the sea changes from gray to mauve, from azure to lapis lazuli.

At the back of the town, beyond a grove of slender date palms, stretches the storied Plain of Esdraelon, broken by the River Kishon (Nahr el Muqatta) flowing out to the golden sands. The plain terminates in the translucent purple haze covering the northern hills.

White Crusader Town

Across the crescent bay gleams the white Crusader town of Acre, and beyond shine the white chalk cliffs where Syria begins. Turning westward, we look across the pine woods upon the broad bosom of the Mediterranean.

Before the harbour was officially opened it played its part in a memorable yet tragic event. In September it welcomed back to Arab lands the body of the outstanding Arab of recent centuries, King Feisal, of Iraq, accompanied by his elder brother, former King Ali of the Hejaz.

In the gray dawn a British man-of-war slipped into the harbour and the coffin of Iraq's first King was borne ashore by naval petty officers between the ranks of Scottish troops. All heads were bowed.

From the port it was transported on a military carriage to the aerodrome, and after a short religious ceremony was placed in a huge Victorian aeroplane, which flew direct across the desert to the King's final resting place in Bagdad, the City of the Caliphs.

A happier event later in that same month was the welcoming of her Majesty the Empress of Ethiopia. As the royal mate of the descendant of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, she was quite fittingly the first sovereign to tread Kingsway.

1200-Mile Pipe Line

Haifa has been chosen one of the two terminals of the 1200 mile Iraq pipe lines to bring crude mineral oil across the desert to Mediterranean shores, thence to be shipped, in its crude state or refined, to Europe. The other terminal is Tripoli, Syria. It has become an enormous parcel, 1200 miles of continuous wrapping!

No greater contrast exists in this land of diversity than in the method of making soap. In Haifa there is now established a modern factory with the most up-to-date machinery; yet 60 miles away, at Nablus, the industry is carried on under the same conditions and processes that have been in existence for the past four centuries.

FACIAL ECZEMA SCOURGE

HEAVY LOSSES AT KARAKA

DISEASE SPREADS

Difficult to Assess Total Damage

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

AUCKLAND, April 27.

In spite of cooler temperatures and heavy rains in the last few days large numbers of sheep in the Karaka district continue to fall victims to facial eczema. A draft of 1100 was taken by one exporting firm today to be destroyed and boiled down at an Auckland freezing works.

"If anything, the position is worse than it was last week," said Mr R. Urquhart, a farmer of the district. "I have lost another lot of 350 sheep which seemed to be recovering some days ago, but have suffered from fresh outbreaks. These include sheep which have been treated and which we hoped might be cured. There is only one thing that can now be done with them. They must be destroyed."

"The latest outbreak has swept through farms that have hitherto escaped very lightly," said Mr J. P. Kidd, of Karaka, whose occupation as stock buyer takes him round many farms. He said that many more sheep were now being affected, while the disease was extending still further among cows. Of his own flock of 1100, between half and three-quarters of the sheep have been affected.

Hard to Assess Losses.

"It will be hard to assess our losses from eczema until August or September," said Mr Kidd. "Some of the sheep show no external signs of trouble apart from growing thinner, but they cannot be expected to recover and it will be found that they will slowly die off. It is all a matter of science, in my opinion, and we must wait for science to overcome what it has caused."

Mr Kidd said he used about three-quarters of a ton of salts on his farm in drenching his sheep. The only advantage was that the meat, when the sheep were killed, did not show a jaundiced condition, and consequently a good percentage of this stock could be passed for consumption.

CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY RUGBY IS VERY STRONG

Waipukurau Team Beats Takapau: Some Brilliant First Matches

(By "Line-Umpire.")

The opening games in the Central Hawke's Bay senior competition resulted as follows:—

Waipukurau beat Takapau, 16—3.
Rangers beat Waipawa, 3—0.
Te Aute beat Omakere, 28—0.
Old Boys beat Otane, 6—3.

The decisive nature of Waipukurau's victory over Takapau, last year's senior champions, was rather surprising. In this match the Waipukurau team set the pace from start to finish, and half-way through the second spell the result of the game was clearly indicated.

Although the Takapau forwards are still a useful combination, their backs lack the finish shown by last year's line. When this season ends the Waipukurau team will be very close to the top of the competition ladder; on Saturday they gave a sound display of wet-weather Rugby, and there is not a weak link in their team.

Stern Forward Battles.

At Onga Onga and Otane, the local teams waged stern forward struggles with visitors from Waipukurau and Waipawa. The Otane Old Boys match was the better of the two; both these teams possess fast and heavy forwards and backs who are sound on defence, if not brilliant in attack.

The Old Boys new half-back, Rae, is probably the best in the district, and should be an asset to the sub-union team.

The Omakere-Te Aute fixture provided an easy win for the College boys, who had a marked advantage in weight. In the scrums the Te Aute forwards were not convincing, but in the loose play they had the advantage of superior condition.

Te Aute Half-back.

Kaanga, the College half-back, was one of the best players on the field, and the second of his two tries was a particularly good effort. The Omakere players battled hard until the end of the game, but as a team they were not impressive.

If Omakere and Waipawa combined to form one senior team, such an arrangement would be to the advantage of Central Hawke's Bay Rugby. The example has been set by the Tikokino and Onga Onga clubs, who have combined to form the Rangers' Club.

The inclusion of Porangahau in the local competitions has brought the number of senior teams up to nine, which is at least one too many. The fact that the Central Hawke's Bay Sub-union is in a position to consider the limitation of entries in its senior grade is an indication of the strength of this union; the total number of teams competing in the various grades is 22. Few other sub-unions are responsible for so many.

Women Will Make Wimbledon

Women will command most of the interest at Wimbledon this year, indications being that the men's singles will take a definitely second place to the women's. One notable absentee, however, will be Miss Dorothy Round (now Mrs Little).

The American team may be: Miss Alice Marble, Miss Helen Jacobs, Mrs Fabyan, Miss Dorothy Bundy, and, perhaps, Miss Gracyn Wheeler, and Mrs van Ryn.

Miss J. Hartigan is expected to make a good showing, but the British are not prepared to accept Miss Hartigan as a representative of Australia on the grounds that she will be at Wimbledon "on her own account."

Mrs Miller, by far the best player in South Africa, and formerly known as Miss E. L. Heine, will be at Wimbledon. In 1927 she reached the final of the doubles and the semi-final of the mixed championships, and in 1929, reached the same stage in the mixed doubles, having previously won the hard-court women's singles championship.

In 1870 Queen Victoria gave the Slough Fire Brigade its brass helmets, and the firemen have just replaced them with leather ones.

HASTINGS THEATRE REVIEWS

State.

EDMUND LOWE IN "THE SQUEAKER"

Thrilling Film Version of Wallace Play

Edmund Lowe is at the top of his form in "The Squeaker," a finely made Alexander Korda production which will be shown at the State Theatre, Hastings, again to-day.

The story is based on the popular Edgar Wallace play, one of the thrill-master's biggest successes.

Lowe has one of his best roles as ex-Inspector Barrabal, a former Scotland Yard detective with an over-fondness for drink but a decided flair for sleuthing. In an effort to get back into the force Barrabal undertakes to unmask the Squeaker, a sinister underworld character recognised as a master criminal, but whose real identity is unknown to the police.

It is the Squeaker's practice to use criminals to his own advantage and then "shop" them to the police.

This is the type of part in which Lowe revels. Opposite him in the chief feminine role is pretty Ann Todd, the taletnted young London Films player, who is rapidly becoming a star. She gives a delightfully natural performance.

William K. Howard directed "The Squaker" from a script by Bryan Wallace, son of Edgar, and Edward O. Berkman.

"VICTORIA THE GREAT."

"Victoria the Great," the brilliant portrayal of England's great lady monarch will open a season on Saturday at the State. Anna Neagle and Anton Walbrook play the leading roles. Patrons are advised to reserve their seats early.

Cosy.

MUSICAL COMEDY AND THRILLER

"Born Reckless" and "She Had to Eat"

The roaring motor and screaming tyres of a steel-armoured taxi hurtling with deadly force upon the enemies of law and order brings the shattering impact of a ruthless war against taxicab racketeers to the screen in "Born Reckless," thrilling Twentieth Century-Fox picture which will be shown again to-night at the Cosy, Hastings.

At the wheel of the impregnable juggernaut is Brian Donlevy, in a role in which he drives in his one-man crusade against crime. Taunting death for the fun of it, this devil-may-care thrill-demon likes life danger-spiked and he gets it in double doses when he meets Rochelle Hudson.

In a role radically different from anything she has attempted before, this lovely star flirts with the hazards that Donlevy courts.

Malcolm St. Clair directed the film at a fast exciting pace, sensationally punctuated by spectacular stunts in racing taxis.

"She Had To Eat" will be the associate feature. In a gay comedy full of music and exciting situations Rochelle Hudson is seen at her best. Arthur Treacher well maintains his reputation and Jack Haley also figures prominently.

With the two features excellent entertainment is offered.

Three orchids, originally from Switzerland and valued at £51, were flown from Croydon to Cologne.

Regent.

NEW CHARM TO THE THEATRE'S BEAUTY

"Madame X" is Well Produced

The screen demonstrates forcibly again that it can add new charm to the old beauty of the theatre. The time-honoured stage hit, "Madame X," by Alexandre Bisson, has been adapted by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer with Gladys George in the title role and proves heart-stabbing entertainment.

This picture is the current attraction at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

The remembered story of the woman who was drawn by circumstances into a life of degradation and was at the last defended by her son, who did not know her, has been one of the most dramatic stage vehicles in many years. It gains a greater quality of suspense in the adaptation. The producers have also brought the narrative closer into the present without detracting in any way from the original.

Gladys George has played the role on the stage. She brings to the screen characterisation a wealth of artistry and delicate understanding. John Beal is the son and Warren William plays the part of Fleuriot, the husband. They are accomplished actors who contribute precisely the right qualities to their characterisations.

The supporting cast is notably good, including Reginald Owen, William Henry, Henry Daniell, Phillip Reed, Lynne Carver and Emma Dunn.

"Madame X" remains on the screen the magnificent drama it was on the stage, an older generation remembers it with keen enthusiasm. Now it comes enhanced with the new power of the films.

Municipal

ENTERTAINMENT OF WIDE APPEAL

Romantic Comedy and Drama

Offering George Raft in a new kind of Raft role, that of a dance band leader, and presenting for the first time on the screen Frances Langford, famous personality of the American radio, Paramount's romantic comedy drama with music, "Every Night At Eight," is now showing at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings.

The story is a brisk, lively romantic yarn of three young harmony singers and a dance-band leader, who start as rank amateurs on an amateur radio hour, and soon become national favourites.

Drama of engrossing quality is shown in Paramount's "Woman Trap," to be featured on the same programme, with an excellent cast of players.

As its name implies, this thriller has for central idea the sinister use of an innocent woman to assist a gang of desperadoes, killers from the States, to blaze a way to freedom and elude the law. The story has swiftness of pace and a wealth of situations.

Gertrude Michael lends dash and fire to the role of the thrill-seeking girl who gets the front-page reporter into trouble. George Murphy plays the reporter who gets his tips from gangland. Akim Tamiroff, one of the best screen characters living, gives a grand, human performance as the federal agent. Others who further the action are Roscoe Karns, Samuel S. Hinds, Sidney Blackmer and Dean Jagger.

DISTRICT NEWS FROM GISBORNE TO WOODVILLE

WINTER SPORTS SEASON OPENS

Dannevirke Has A Good Start

ALL GAMES WELL PATRONISED DESPITE THE RAIN

Review of the Week's Events

Last Saturday saw the opening of the winter sports season in Dannevirke, and although it rained heavily during the day, there was no diminution of the number of those who turned out as spectators at the various events. There follows below a summary of form as it was revealed in football, hockey, cross country running, greyhound competitions, golf, and badminton, from which it will be seen that Dannevirke's interest in outdoor sports has been well maintained.

Owing to the ball being very greasy, there was very little back play in the two senior Rugby matches played on Saturday at Rugby Park. The forwards had control of the games from start to finish, the backs very seldom getting possession. When they did, they could do very little.

Though the Aotea-Weber match was the most spectacular, there were very few outstanding players. Hinioama and Thompson were, perhaps, the only two players who excelled. This game was a tight struggle all through.

On the day, Old Boys' forwards were by far superior to their opponents. However, the Excelsior pack was more efficient in the loose, whereas Old Boys obtained possession from practically every set scrum.

Of the forwards, Packer, Mercer and Graham were good, playing really solid games. O. Lino, playing his first senior game, showed that he will be a fine forward.

Brandon, Old Boys' half, revelled in the mud, the conditions suiting him. As a result of his good handling, his side's backs were able to do some good work. Old Boys were superior in the back line.

Miller, Excelsior, is undoubtedly an excellent full-back, and despite the conditions, he handled the ball cleanly. He will be a thorn in the side of opposing teams.

Hockey.

The hockey season was not opened last Saturday as was planned, the day being too wet. However, it is the association's decision that play will start on Saturday, when an 11-a-side tournament will be held for the Fraser Memorial Shield.

Harriers.

Despite the terrible conditions last Saturday, there was a good muster of starters and spectators at Mr F. Stuart's home at Mangatera to see the opening of the season. Two new members, F. Stark and L. Smith, ran well, and should do well later in the season. On the whole, the standard of running was very good. A run is to be held next Saturday from Mrs Harper's home.

Greyhounds.

Good progress has been made with the construction of the new circular track. This track will be the only circular one in New Zealand. A trial was held recently, everything proving satisfactory. The executive is doing everything possible to make sure that the club's opening, to be held on June 6, King's Birthday, will be a success.

Golf.

Some interesting golf should be witnessed on the Dannevirke links on Saturday, when the first round of the Knight Cup tournament will be played over 18 holes. The fairway is in perfect condition despite the heavy rain experienced.

Badminton.

This sport is now well under way, both the Territorial and Kia Ora clubs having held their openings during the past week.

Tennis.

A summary of the past tennis season in Dannevirke will be published in Saturday's "Daily Mail."

WAIPAWA LOCAL ELECTIONS

Nominations Coming in Slowly

WAIPAWA.

Nominations for the local body elections in the Waipawa district are coming in very slowly. The following have been received by Mr F. Holt, returning officer for the Waipawa County:—

Clinton Riding: Charles Thomsen, nominated by Messrs A. W. Cook and A. R. Cook.

Onga Onga Riding: Samuel John Alder, nominated by Messrs G. Wilson and K. R. McLeod.

Waipawa Riding: Thomas Butler, nominated by Messrs D. Campbell and L. Moorhead.

Hospital Board: Charles Thomsen, nominated by Messrs A. W. Cook and A. R. Cook; David Eddy, nominated by Messrs C. L. Haden and T. O'Rourke.

Power Board: Frederick John Witherow, nominated by Messrs A. E. Jull and C. L. Lewis.

Waipawa Borough

Mayoralty: Francis Eagle, nominated by Messrs C. G. E. Harker and H. T. Limbrick.

Council: Henry Thomas Limbrick, nominated by Messrs C. G. E. Harker and F. Eagle; John Robert Barker, nominated by Messrs F. Holt and T. W. Wills; William Murdoch Murray, nominated by Messrs F. M. Tickner and A. E. Jull.

WAIPAWA MEMBER FAREWELLED

PRESENTATION MADE BY FRIENDS

AN EXPLANATION

"Not a Government Trip"

WAIPUKURAU.

The presentation of a travelling case to Mr H. M. Christie, M.P., was made on Tuesday evening at a social and dance held in the Masonic Hall, Waipukurau. In spite of bad weather there was a large attendance to farewell Mr and Mrs Christie, and the dance floor made a bright picture.

Mr P. Bridgeman, president of the local branch of the Labour Party, making the presentation, referred to the esteem in which Mr and Mrs Christie were held, not only among supporters of the Labour movement, but among all sections of the community.

The Mayor, Mr I. W. N. Mackie, added his appreciation of the work Mr Christie had done for the district, and expressed the best wishes of the people that they should have an enjoyable trip.

Object of Journey

Mr Christie was greeted with applause on rising to reply. It was most encouraging, he said, to see a large number present on such a rough night.

His forthcoming journey to England had given rise to some misunderstandings, he continued. He was not on a Government trip, but was representing the Wool Producers' Board, which was elected by the sheep farmers of the country. He had had some doubts whether to agree to travel, but had conferred with the Prime Minister and Cabinet, who had given their unanimous approval. He regretted having to leave at the present time, when there had been such severe flood damage, but the Hon. W. E. Barnard would watch the affairs of the constituency in his absence.

"I have no intention of making a political speech," said Mr Christie, "but I will say that I have always tried to assist all who have sought my advice, whether they were Labour supporters or not." Nevertheless, many people had a greatly exaggerated idea of what a Member of Parliament could accomplish, and many of the requests made to him could not possibly be fulfilled.

Mr Christie expressed sincere thanks for the presentation, and said that although he was looking forward to the trip he had no doubt that he would be glad to come back to New Zealand and to Hawke's Bay.

THE ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION IN GISBORNE. THE RETURNED SOLDIERS IN THE PROCESSION.

Comradeship and Courage

ANZAC MESSAGE

Address at Otane by Mr H. M. Christie, M.P.

OTHERS WHO SERVED

OTANE.

In his address at the Otane Anzac service, Mr H. M. Christie, M.P., stated that Anzac Day should not be looked upon so much as a day of sorrowful memories, as a day of respect for those who had fought for their country, and as a reminder to the younger generation of the sacrifices which those men made in all sincerity, believing that the result of their actions meant peace for all time.

Anzac Day should arouse that spirit of comradeship so necessary to-day. The past war proved the value of that great spirit, and we should extend that same comradeship to other countries.

The returned men always remembered the service of those who worked so hard in their interests, although not able to go overseas, and the many women's committees which did so much good sending letters and parcels to the men on active service, and recalled how much these were appreciated by the recipients. Mention was also made of the good work being done by the war graves committees and war relief associations.

Need for Remembrance.

The speaker urged his hearers to stand firm in a resolve always to remember Anzac Day, to keep it for all time. "It is to the youth of to-day," said Mr Christie, "that we look for assistance needed for the returned men now becoming unfit as a direct result of active service, and to take up the torch where the men left off. It is for them to copy the spirit of comradeship and show that same spirit in every day life, and we have every confidence in them. Our children are now living in different conditions, and we should set them an example, and if a more tolerant view were to be taken of our neighbours, we would step forward to more satisfactory relations with the world in general."

Mr Christie stated that the problems of the returned men were being better understood at present, and that their handicaps as a result of war service were also much better understood now than formerly.

Mr R. D. Thompson, in the devotional address, paid a tribute to the wonderful achievements of the Anzacs, to all branches of the expeditionary forces, and to nurses, and naval and merchant men.

Little Interest Shown

NOMINATIONS SLOW

Local Body Elections in Waipukurau

WAIPUKURAU.

Little interest has so far been shown in the local body elections, and although nominations close to-day, only one, that of Mr C. Cassidy, has been received for the Borough Council. It is expected, however, that an election will be required for the council and that this, together with the half-holiday question, will be the only questions to be decided on May 11.

The nomination of Mr R. W. Carpenter for the Mayoralty has been received. Mr Carpenter has been a member of the Borough Council for some years, and consented to stand when it became known that the present Mayor, Mr I. W. N. Mackie, had decided to retire.

The two sitting members on the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board, Messrs W. A. Chambers and A. C. Holms, have again been nominated.

Complete Nominations

The total borough and county nominations at present are as follows:—

Waipukurau County Council.—Mt. Herbert riding (three vacancies): Messrs L. M. Monckton, M. Tansey and A. W. Elliott. Purimu riding (two vacancies): Messrs J. A. F. Swinburn and W. Matthews. Hatuma riding (three vacancies): Messrs A. C. Russell, P. F. Wall and H. T. Wright.

Waipukurau Borough Council.—Mayoralty: Mr R. W. Carpenter. Council: Mr C. Cassidy.

Waipawa Hospital Board: Mr T. P. Hunter (Patangata), Mr W. Matthews (Waipukurau) and Mr D. W. Neild (borough).

Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board.—Messrs A. W. S. Longley (Patangata), A. C. Holms and W. A. Chambers (Waipukurau borough) and A. C. Russell (Waipukurau county).

NOMINATIONS NOW CLOSED

DANNEVIRKE MAYOR UNOPPOSED

OTHER NOMINEES

Borough and County Seats

DANNEVIRKE.

Nominations for the Borough Council and the Dannevirke County Council closed at noon yesterday, when the following candidates had been nominated:

Borough.

The Mayor (Mr E. Gibbard) is unopposed.

Messrs L. Stein and P. C. Smith are unopposed for the two seats on the Dannevirke Hospital Board.

Messrs F. Craven, A. H. R. Gillespie, C. J. Hansard and J. E. Tyler are standing for the three Power Board seats.

Following are the nominees for the nine seats on the Borough Council: Messrs W. Anderson, A. N. Brighton, A. Calder, J. C. Carston, D. T. Glover, G. E. Graham, H. E. Hibbard, C. H. S. Jennings, E. J. Kiely, T. G. Nelson, J. E. Tyler, L. W. Ward, N. Webley.

County Council.

Messrs R. E. Bunny, A. England, H. Frederickson, A. H. Hanson, J. Miller and H. Stratford have been nominated for the four seats on the Hospital Board.

There are seven nominees for the four seats on the Power Board — Messrs C. F. Barker, A. England, H. Frederickson, W. Jenkins, J. Miller, W. L. Sattrup, and H. Stratford.

Messrs A. H. Hansen (Dannevirke riding), H. Frederickson (Mangatoro), G. A. Carmichael (Ngapaeruru), and H. Stratford (Norsewood) were returned unopposed.

The Ormondville riding is being contested by Messrs J. W. Ellingham and C. E. Williams, and Messrs W. L. Sattrup and A. C. E. Cammock are standing for the Matamau riding.

SATURDAY'S GOLF

Draw for Four-ball Bogey Match at Waipukurau

WAIPUKURAU.

A four-ball bogey match will be played on the Waipukurau Golf Club's links at Maharakeke on Saturday. The draw is as follows:

G. Stiles and E. S. Elliott v. J. Erwin and W. Vance, C. A. Rickey and C. Agar v. C. Riddell and J. Polhill, A. C. Webb and C. Dalby v. L. A. Reid and R. J. Harrison, J. Tarrant and W. J. Buchanan v. S. Peacock and D. Tareha, W. Rickey and A. M. White v. K. Tareha and H. Coats, Pura Logan and C. R. Watson v. W. T. Kuru and J. Rood, C. Cassidy and J. A. McLean v. V. Bradley and J. Byrne jun., E. Billington and T. Wallace v. A. Barnaby and W. Clark, J. Brathwaite and N. Bird v. H. Peacock and H. Butler, A. C. Webb and W. B. Fisher v. C. W. Browne and V. Parsons, S. Train and G. Grierson v. I. W. N. Mackie and H. S. Hooper, C. J. Hay and R. McLean v. C. Shroeder and I. H. Walker, A. Rathbone and L. Reynolds v. R. Haldane and E. C. Hurdsfield, Tipu Logan and N. Jameson v. L. Tollemache and F. Hewitt, J. Mehaffey and L. G. Harker v. F. A. G. Dunn and C. J. Williams, E. Haldane and G. Clarkson v. partners to be arranged.

BRIEF NEWS FROM ALL DISTRICTS

Sheep Disease at Porangahau.—Facial eczema amongst sheep has made its appearance in the Porangahau district, although not to any great extent. Many farmers report isolated cases amongst their flocks.

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Poppy Day Appeal.—The Porangahau school children last week sold all of the poppies allotted to that district, the result being that the sum of £6 will be forwarded to the Waipukurau Returned Soldiers' Association.

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Wimbledon Anzac Service.—Owing to very unpleasant weather conditions, the Anzac service at Wimbledon, which is usually held at the War Memorial, took place in the school room.

The Rev. A. M. Niblock conducted the service.

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Card Evening at Porangahau.—The Porangahau Women's Institute held a very enjoyable crib and 500 card evening in the supper room of the Masonic hall on Friday evening.

The winners of the competitions were as follow: Crib: Lady's prize, Mrs Tari; men's prize, Mr G. Oliver. 500: Lady's prize, Miss Treacy; men's prize, Mr Nia Nia.

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Transport Licences Granted.—A short sitting of the No. 2 Transport Licensing Authority was held in Waipukurau yesterday afternoon. W. Oliver, Waipawa, was granted a seasonal goods service licence and an area licence with the right to carry petrol between Waipukurau and Napier. An application was granted for the transfer of a general goods service licence from T. A. Ridge to J. T. Evans, Otane.

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Badminton Club for Norsewood.—A meeting was held recently in connection with the forming of a badminton club. There was a good attendance and it was decided to form a club. The election of officers was as follows:

President: Mr E. C. Stretton. Vice-president: Mr W. Dollymore. Captain: Mr A. Port. Secretary: Mr D. Strother.

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Anzac Day at Norsewood.—Commemoration of Anzac Day took place in the Town Hall. Although the weather conditions were not the best a large crowd from Norsewood and surrounding districts attended. The speaker was the Rev. Mr Waite, Methodist Minister of Dannevirke, assisted by Major Lamond and Captain Home of the Salvation Army. In addition to this the Dannevirke Municipal Band was in attendance.

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Ballot for Waipawa School Committee.—For the first time in many years there will be a ballot at the meeting for the election of a school committee for Waipawa next Monday evening, 12 candidates having been nominated for the nine vacancies. They are: Messrs S. W. Strang, V. A. Patterson, E. Dunkin, J. Ericksen, W. J. Harris, P. R. Harwood, R. W. Hooper, F. E. Limbrick, M. Martin, C. Mustchin, and Mesdames Adeane and Mason.

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An Adventurous Journey.—Mrs T. Cook, of McLean Street, Havelock North, returned from a ten days' holiday with her family in Wellington on Monday evening.

Mr Trevor Cook stated that they had had a very eventful trip, especially when crossing the Waipawa bridge.

At the approach to the bridge, they had to cross some loose shingle covered with water, and the shingle was subsiding under them as they moved.

Others, who had delayed their journey by only a few minutes did not arrive home until the next day.

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Porangahau Celebrates Anzac Day. — Despite the inclement weather and flooded roads, a very large gathering of people assembled in the Porangahau Hall for the Anzac Day service.

Prior to the service the returned soldiers gathered at the newly erected war memorial, and Mr J. R. Byrne, on behalf of the ex-servicemen, placed a large laurel wreath at the foot of the cross. Wreaths on behalf of the school children and others were also placed in position.

The Rev. A. M. Niblock, Vicar of Porangahau, conducted the service, lessons being read by Mr A. G. Lancaster and Mr J. A. Jones.

Car and Taxi Collide

WAIPUKURAU MISHAP

Both Vehicles Badly Damaged

DRIVERS ESCAPE

WAIPUKURAU.

A collision between a taxi driven by Mr J. Kuzmich and a car driven by Dr C. Raymond occurred on Tuesday evening at the intersection of Wallace Road and Holyrood Terrace, Waipukurau. Both vehicles were considerably damaged, the taxi being turned round to face the opposite direction to which it had been travelling, but the drivers escaped without injury.

SCHOOL ALTERATIONS AT ARGYLL EAST

Improvements to Grounds To Be Made

ARGYLL.

An afternoon meeting of the Argyll East School committee was held last week to enable members to view the grounds and to give consideration to improvements to be effected.

Removal of pine trees from beneath the telephone and power lines was decided upon, the ground to be trenched and a hedge planted later to replace the trees.

It was decided to proceed with the drainage scheme to take away spouting and tank overflow.

At the request of the teacher, shrubs are to be purchased.

The secretary reported the success of the committee's application for a special grant to cover the cost of removing trees and of laying drainage pipes.

In view of the teacher's report that the Automobile Association notices erected in the vicinity of the school were not sufficient or well enough placed to obviate certain danger, it was decided to write to the Association on the matter.

The teacher's report to the committee regarding swimming activities showed that, of the children at present attending, the number of swimmers over the 1937-38 season had increased from nil to forty-three per cent.

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PERSONAL

ARGYLL EAST.

Mrs Percy Hunter who has been the guest of Mrs Pattison, "The Brow," for the Bunny-McHardy wedding, has returned to her home at Porangahau.

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Mrs W. Clark has returned from Wellington.

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Miss E. Jull, Hastings, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs H. G. Carlson, "Tirohia", on her return from a holiday trip to Wellington.

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Dr. Angle, Gisborne, is staying at "Otuaruamia", the residence of Mrs Henry Carlson.

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NORSEWOOD.

Mr and Mrs Small and Miss Small, of the South Island, are the guests of Mr and Mrs H. Fredricksen, of Norsewood.

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Mrs C. Fiereband has returned after spending a holiday with relatives at Governor's Bay, South Island.

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Mrs H. Pritchard, of Onehiti, is spending a holiday with her mother, Mrs L. M. Olsen.

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Mr McMichael, of the Otawhao Block, is at present a patient in the Dannevirke Hospital.

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Mrs B. Bishop is also a patient in hospital undergoing treatment.

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Mr E. Mather and his father Mr A. Mather, motored to Tokanau for the week-end.

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Mr T. Olsen, of Kopaki, has been spending a short holiday with his mother, Mrs L. M. Olsen.

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Mrs Burke, of Taradale, is the guest of her mother, Mrs A. Swenson.

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Mrs Pomranz is at present in Dannevirke Hospital undergoing treatment.

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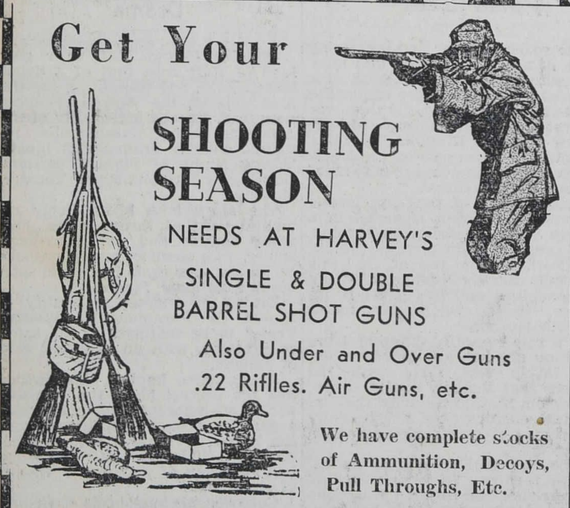
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AGRICULTURAL & COMMERCIAL

ALL SECTIONS SHORT AT STORTFORD SALE

Dragging Tone: Only 300 Store Sheep Penned: Store Cattle Absent

Despite almost a record low entry, stock sold draggingly at the weekly Stortford Lodge sale yesterday. Only 300 store sheep, 200 fat sheep, and 110 fat cattle were forward. Some of those present at the beginning of the sale anticipated that it might be postponed because, in addition to small entries, there was only a small attendance of both butchers and farmers. The sale was over at 12.30 p.m.

Only three pens of store sheep were forward, and these were from owners whose properties had been severly flooded. Ninety-nine five-year-old ewes sold on account of C. J. Parker (Karamu) made 21/9, while a pen of 91 forward wether hoggets sold at 17/- for the same vendor. One pen of 72 two-tooths made 20/1.

In the fat sheep section the sale was also unsatisfactory, prices receding on those of last week. Best ewes made to 22/-, while lighter sorts made from 15/4 to 18/1. Wethers made up to 25/6 and one lamb made 25/-.

Some of the sales were:—

On account of client, 31 ewes from 19/9 to 22/-; six Southdown ewes at 20/-, two wethers at 25/6, four wethers at 22/6, 10 wethers at 24/-, 29 ewes at from 19/- to 20/-; R. B. Murphy (Hastings), 8 ewes at 17/7; J. Bicknell, one lamb at 25/-; A. F. M. Symes, 20 ewes from 16/9 to 18/1; W. F. M. Burns, 25 ewes at from 15/4 to 16/4.

Ox Beef Difficult

Only about 15 people were present at the start of the fat cattle sale, and an outstanding line of bullocks were passed in without the auctioneer securing a bid. Several lines in the early part of the sale were passed at auction, but during the latter part bidding brightened up and prices were firm on those ruling last week. While a pen of four bullocks forward from R. Harding (Raukawa) sold for £13 to make the top price of the day, ox beef generally met with little demand and most of the lines were passed at auction. Heifers and cows met with a better demand after the initial slackness and sales up to £10 12/6 were made. Heifer beef was worth from 27/- to 28/- a hundred.

Some of the sales were:—

On account of Wairoa client, 27 cows from £7 6/- to £10 12/6; W. H. Sisson (Hastings), two cows at from £5 12/6 to £6 3/-; Hastings client, 10 cows and heifers from £8 2/6 to £9 12/6; client, 10 vealers at from 30/- to £2 15/-; W. F. M. Burns (Tomoana), three Jersey cows from £4 to £5; R. Harding (Raukawa), four bullocks at £13

INVESTIGATIONS MADE

Eczema Outbreak

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Field Staff Increased

By Telegraph—Press Association.

WELLINGTON, April 27.

The field staff of the Department of Agriculture has been considerably reinforced in order to intensify the investigations into facial eczema and the department is concentrating on checking the trouble.

The Minister of Agriculture (the Hon. W. Lee Martin) when interviewed, said that extensive investigation in 1935 by Dr. Hopkirk led to the pronounced opinion that the disease was due to dietetic conditions and resulted from a flush of grass following a dry summer.

The possibility of the present outbreak was anticipated by a departmental publication in February, and preventive and remedial measures were outlined. A number of articles have been published in the newspapers and broadcast talks have been given, and at present talks are being given nightly over the national stations.

Additional veterinarians have been drafted to South Auckland, and all possible advice and information is being given to farmers.

The executive committee of the World Jewish Congress has sent to the British, French and Swedish representatives on the League Committee of Three a protest against the reported decision of the Danzig Senate to expel Jewish doctors and nurses from Danzig hospitals and to refuse treatment to Jewish patients.

THE ADDINGTON MARKET

Overflow Entries

AN EASING IN PRICES

Fat Sheep and Cattle

By Telegraph—Press Association.

CHRISTCHURCH, April 27.

There were overflow entries in most sections of to-day's weekly Addington market. Values for fat sheep and cattle lost the advance recorded last week.

About 6000 store sheep were penned, Chatham Island ewes and wethers being included. The best of the wethers made to 22/2 and best ewes to 23/-. Ewes were not as well conditioned as usual. Local station wethers made to 21/- but most of the local ewes were old and failing mouthed, selling at from 7/6 to 12/6, with good sorts of two-tooths from 25/- to 28/-, and sound mouthed from 17/- to 19/- for good conditioned. Old ewes made extremely low prices.

A larger entry of about 2000 fat lambs was sold under active competition at export rates. There was a heavy penning of fully 7000 fat sheep. Good wethers showed little change on recent sales, but ewes lost the sharp advance recorded at last week's small market. Best wethers made from 28/- to 32/-, tops to 34/-, good medium weights 25/- to 27/-, and light down to 19/-. Prime ewes sold from 18/- to 22/-, a few tops to 30/-, medium 15/- to 17/-, and light down to 10/-.

A total of 640 fat cattle were penned but in spite of over-supply there was not a pronounced easing for quality sorts. Unfinished steers and backward cows and heifers were easier by about 15/- a head. Best beef made from 34/6 to 37/-, good to 33/-, medium to 29/6 and cow beef down to 23/-. The best price for steers was £16 to £17, with tops to £18 2/6, good steers £13 to £15, ordinary down to £9 10/-. Best heifers sold at from £10 to £11 10/-, with tops up to £13. Cows sold from £9 to £11 10/-, with tops to £12 12/6. Indifferently conditioned made from £5 to £6.

Porkers were easier, selling from 6½d to 6¾d. Baconers about maintained values, making from 6d to 6½d. Store pigs met with one of the poorest sales for years. Weaners sold at from 1/6 to 8/- for best.

WOOL FIRM IN SYDNEY

Sales Resumed

RISE OF 5 PER CENT. REGISTERED

Merino to 18 Pence

United Press Association—Copyright.

(Received April 27, 10.45 p.m.)

SYDNEY, April 27.

Sydney wool sales resumed to-day with an offering of 9249 bales, of which 7890 sold at auction and 1375 were sold privately. There was keen competition from Yorkshire and the Continent with good support from Japan.

Prices compared with those prevailing before Easter were from par to five per cent. higher. Greasy Merino made up to 18d.

An area of 750 acres was flooded, many houses were inundated, and pigs and poultry were drowned when the Albert Canal, which when completed will link the Meuse to the Scheldt, was breached at Viersel, Belgium, through the displacement of a concrete slab.

Yesterday on 'Change

Transaction List

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

DUNEDIN EXCHANGE

	£	s.	d.
Broken Hill Pty. ..... (3)	3	0	6
Taranaki Oil	0	8	0
Mt. Lyell ..... (2)	1	7	4
Sales Reported			
Rural Bonds, 1947	102	2	6
Bank of N.Z. (odd lot) ...	2	3	7
N.Z. Refrigerating (pd.) ..	0	18	4
D.I.C. (pref.)	1	4	3
Woolworths (Syd.)	1	2	4
Carlton Brewery	3	5	6

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE

Sales Late Tuesday			
Denhard Bread (ord.)	0	8	0
G. J. Coles	3	19	11
N.Z. Newspapers	1	17	4
Taranaki Oil ..... (3)	0	7	8
Sales Yesterday			
Stock, 4%, 1946	102	0	0
Ditto, 1949	102	0	0
Ditto, 1955	104	2	6
Bank of N.Z.	2	3	9
Union Bank (odd lot)	8	19	6
N.Z. Guarantee Corp.	0	4	6
Wgton. Investment T. & A.	0	9	0
Westport - Stockton Coal (pref.)	0	5	9½
British Tobacco ..... (2)	2	8	1
Colonial Sugar ..... (2)	48	0	0
G. J. Coles ..... (2)	3	19	8
Taranaki Oil ..... (6)	0	7	8
Ditto ..... (2)	0	7	9
Ditto ..... (2)	0	7	10
Ditto	0	7	11
Woolworths Ltd. (ord.) (3)	1	2	2
Overseas Listings (Late Tuesday).			
Woolworths Holdings .. (2)	0	15	3

AUCKLAND EXCHANGE

Stock, 3½%, 1938-52	103	7	6
Ditto, 4%, 1943-46 .. (2)	102	0	0
Comm. Bank of Aust. ...	0	16	4
Bank of N.Z. ..... (2)	2	3	9
South British Insurance (4)	2	4	3
Westport - Stockton Coal (pref.)	0	5	9
Auckland Gas (pd.)	0	19	6
Huddart-Parker (ord.)	2	5	6
P. and O. (deferred stock)	1	6	9
Australian Glass	4	11	0
Electrolytic Zinc (pref.) ..	2	6	9
N.Z. Paper Mills	1	4	9
Taranaki Oil	0	7	9
Wilson's Cement	0	17	3
Unofficial List			
Akld. Farmers' Freezing ..	1	1	0

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE

N.Z. Refrig. (10/- pd.) (3)	0	8	3
Auckland Gas	1	0	0
Australian Glass	4	11	3
Broken Hill Pty. (cum. div.) ..... (2)	3	0	9
Ditto	3	0	8
Ditto	3	0	7
Ditto ..... (2)	3	0	6
Ditto	3	0	3
Colonial Sugar	48	0	0
Dunlop Rubber	1	2	3
Electrolytic Zinc (ord.) (2)	2	2	6
Ditto ..... (2)	2	2	0
Ditto (pref.)	2	5	6
G. J. Coles	3	19	9
Ditto ..... (2)	3	19	6
Taranaki Oilfields	0	8	0
Ditto	0	6	3
Woolworths Ltd. (Syd., ord., ex rights)	1	2	3
Broken Hill South	1	10	4
Mt. Lyell ..... (3)	1	7	4
Mt. Morgan ..... (3)	0	9	2
North Broken Hill	2	9	6
Sales Reported			
N.Z. Govt. Rural Bonds, 5%, 1947	102	2	6
Comm. Bank of Aust. (pref.)	9	10	6
Nat. Bank of A/sia. (£5 pd.)	7	0	0
Bank of N.Z.	2	3	10
Union Bank	9	0	6
N.Z. Refrig. (10/- pd.) (2)	0	8	3
Westport - Stockton Coal (pref.)	0	5	9
Christchurch Gas (cont.) ..	0	13	6
N.Z. Breweries	2	4	3
N.Z. Drug	3	7	3
Martha (cum. div.) ... (2)	0	15	3

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

19 CANDIDATES FOR BOROUGH

HASTINGS COUNCIL

Nominations to Close To-day

Although nominations of candidates for seats on local bodies will close at noon to-day at the Hastings Borough Council offices, no official nominations have yet been received by the Town Clerk (Mr Noel C. Harding) for the Mayoralty.

Mr Harding said last evening that although the closing date was so close, it was expected that a considerable number of nominations would be received this morning.

Up till last evening 19 nominations had been received for the Borough Council, one for the Harbour Board, two for the Power Board, and three for the Hospital Board.

So far no nominations of Labour Party candidates have been officially received by the Returning Officer.

Peculiar Position.

A peculiar position has arisen over the nominations of members for the Hawke's Bay Rabbit Board. Nominations for this body closed yesterday, and there were only three candidates for the five seats, Messrs J. B. Campbell, E. Averill, and T. E. Crosse.

Interviewed yesterday, the secretary, Mr Bruce Kelly, said that the provisional part board would meet next Wednesday, and would probably make recommendations to the Governor-General-in-Council for the filling of the two vacant seats.

The following additional nominations for local bodies were received in Hastings yesterday:—

Borough Council.

Frederick Charles Rush-Munro; nominated by N. G. Roach, A. Dysart, E. A. Masterman and E. Matthews.

Timothy Edward O'Dowd, nominated by J. J. Faulkner, L. J. Harvey, C. Brook, and W. B. Hobbs.

Harbour Board.

William Richmond (sitting member) nominated by Cyril Brook and J. D. Donovan.

Hospital Board.

Henry Robert French; nominated by Ernest Edgar Bott and Robert Dunnet Sutherland.

Cheshire is spending £10,000 this year in painting white lines on the roads.

"TRAIN WAS NOT SPEEDING"

EVIDENCE GIVEN BY PASSENGER

RATANA INQUIRY

Did Not See Third Man Allegedly in Cab

By Telegraph—Press Association.

WELLINGTON, April 27.

Continuing his evidence at the inquiry into the derailment at Ratana, near Wanganui, on March 26, of a special excursion train from Wellington to New Plymouth, when seven lives were lost and a number of people injured, James C. Bell, of Wanganui, an engine-driver, said the fog on the Ratana flat was not so dense that in his opinion the driver of a train would not be able to see the radius board or the speed restriction board.

In reply to a question by the chairman (Sir Francis Frazer), the witness said that a driver would only see the notice boards at a distance of 15 to 20 yards off.

Sir Francis: If he saw the radius board at a distance of 15 yards and was not exceeding 35 miles an hour when he saw it, in what distance should he be able to get down to 25 miles an hour?—I should think in 100 yards to 150 yards, assuming he was travelling at 35 miles an hour and immediately applied the brakes when he saw the radius board.

Down To 25 M.P.H.

At what speed should he be travelling when he got to the point of the derailment, 170 yards away?—He would be down to round about 25 miles an hour.

Mr O'Leary: What sort of application of brakes?—A surface application.

Assuming he had on more than a surface application in what distance should he pull up to 20 miles an hour from 35 miles an hour?—I should say 80 yards or 90 yards. It all depends on the application of the brakes. If he had on more than a surface application he could bring the speed down to 20 miles an hour from 35 miles an hour in less than 107 yards.

A prepared statement was read as evidence by Alexander S. Wansbrough, designing engineer of the Chief Engineers' Branch of the New Zealand Railways, who stated that the reduction in speed called for by the notice board at the top of the Ratana grade was only moderate, even if the engine-driver failed to observe the speed restriction of 20 miles an hour as prescribed. The speed of the train should not at any time be more than 35 miles an hour, either for any part of the distance of the 6¾ miles before reaching the place where the accident occurred or for a further distance of 9¾ miles after passing it.

A passenger in the last car, Henry Arthur Hare, hotel porter, Wellington, who volunteered to give evidence, said the train was rocking just before the accident. Witness thought it was off the line and running over the sleepers, but he did not have time to switch on the lights. He heard the locomotive whistle three times, the last whistle being particularly long. This, said witness, might have been due to the whistle jamming. He had passed over the line three weeks previously and on the morning of March 26 did not consider the speed of the train to be any more than on previous occasions. He estimated it at between 25 and 30 miles an hour.

Assisted Injured.

Witness described assisting with the injured and telephoning the train control office at Wanganui from a track telephone. The night was dark but there was no fog.

Sir Francis: When was it you heard rumours of a third man being on the engine?—It was before the arrival of the doctors, about 3.45 a.m.

You did not see this alleged third man?—No, I did not. There was no sign of anybody in dungarees until the arrival of the relief train.

In reply to a question by Mr Foote witness said he felt the train rocking a few seconds before the accident.

To Mr Watson witness said he came forward to give evidence as a result of reading the evidence of Mr Winstone, given at the inquiry the previous day.

Mr Watson: The two main points in his evidence were alleged excessive speed and a third man being in the cab. Substantially you disagree with Mr Winstone's evidence?—Absolutely.

You do not agree that the train was travelling at an excessive speed five minutes before the accident?—Yes.

Was it Mr Winstone's statement regarding the speed of the train that made you come forward?—Yes.

Witness added that he did not see any man who resembled the man in dungarees. He spoke to practically every passenger in response to a request from train control at Wanganui asking him to ascertain whether the passengers desired to continue their journey or return to Wellington.

Evidence of the rolling stock involved in the accident being in good condition before "W4" left Wellington was given by Herbert Rigden Lepper Lifter, of Wellington, and Edward Samuel Creelman, train examiner, Wellington.

RUGBY FOOTBALL AT NAPIER

Saturday's Draw

The following is the draw for matches in all grades of the Hawke's Bay Rugby Union's competition to be played in Napier on Saturday:—

Senior grade: Napier H.S.O.B. v. M.A.C., McLean Park No. 1, 2.45 p.m. (Referee, Mr R. McGlashan). M.B.O.B. v. Pirates, McLean Park, No. 2, 2.45 p.m. (Mr. T. Latta).

Junior grade: H.S.O.B. v. Eskview, Bay View, 2.30 p.m. (Mr W. Forrest). Tech. O.B. v. Clive, Clive, 2.30 p.m. (Mr R. Marcroft). M.B.O.B. v. Pirates, Marewa No. 1, 2 p.m. (Mr L. Cleary). Taradale a bye.

Third grade: H.S.O.B. v. M.B.O.B., McLean Park, No. 1, 1.30 p.m. (Mr M. McMenamin). School v. Taradale, Marewa No. 2, 2 p.m. (Mr Neville). Tech. O.B. v. Pirates, McLean Park No. 2, 1.30 p.m. (Mr Hepburn).

Fourth grade: H.S.O.B. v. School B., School, 2.15 p.m. (Mr Lennon). Clive v. M.B.O.B., McLean Park No. 3, 2.45 p.m. (Mr Bird). School A. v. Pirates, McLean Park, No. 3, 1.30 p.m. (Mr E. Single). Tech. O.B. a bye.

Indian Hockey Tour

A LATE START

Clash With Winter and Rugby

The tour of the Indian Hockey team in New Zealand this winter will arouse great interest. But, according to prominent hockey officials, it is a pity that their date of arrival (June 8) is so late.

The New Zealand Association has asked repeatedly that they should be here by the middle of May for two main reasons. First of all, that they might avoid the worst of the winter, and secondly that they might avoid clashing with the interprovincial Rugby matches later in the saason.

Although the cabled advice of the tour gave no details, it seems obvious that there must have been obvious reasons for re-arranging the dates that the New Zealand Association suggested. As a result of this, the original idea of the itinerary had to be departed from, and it was impossible to commence the tour in the South Island as originally wished.

Itinerary

The following is the itinerary for the tour:—

Saturday, June 11, Wairarapa, at Masterton.
Monday, June 13, Bush Union, at Eketahuna.
Wednesday, June 15, Manawatu, at Palmerston North.
Saturday, June 18, Wanganui, at Wanganui.
Tuesday, June 21, Taranaki, at New Plymouth.
Thursday, June 23, Dannevirke.
Saturday, June 25, Wellington.
Monday, June 27, Nelson.
Wednesday, June 29, West Coast, at Greymouth.
Saturday, July 2, Canterbury, at Christchurch.
Tuesday, July 5, Ashburton.
Thursday, July 7, South Canterbury, at Timaru.
Saturday, July 9, Otago, at Dunedin.
Tuesday, July 12, North Otago, at Oamaru.
Thursday, July 14, Eastern, at Gore.
Saturday, July 16, Southland, at Invercargill.
Tuesday, July 19, to be arranged.
Saturday, July 23, first Test against New Zealand, at Christchurch.
Tuesday, July 26, to be arranged.
Saturday, July 30, second Test against New Zealand, at Wellington.
Tuesday, August 2, Fielding.
Thursday, August 4, Hawke's Bay, at Napier.
Saturday, August 6, Poverty Bay, at Gisborne.
Monday, August 8, Wairoa.
Thursday, August 11, Maoris at Rotorua.
Saturday, August 13, Auckland.
Wednesday, August 17, Whengarei.
Thursday, August 18, Warkworth, at Rodney.
Saturday, August 20, Waikato, at Hamilton.
Wednesday, August 24, Waipa, at Te Awamutu.
Saturday, August 27, third Test against New Zealand at Auckland.

Hastings Golf Club

BOGEY MATCH

The following is the draw for a bogey match to be played at the Hastings Golf Club's links on Saturday:—

E. A. Murley and J. P. Carde, H. J. Longstaff and T. Garrod, P. E. Clifton and D. G. Sutherland, I. Elliott and F. M. S. Budd, J. H. Jefferd and C. M. Campbell, C. H. Williams and G. M. S. Kelly, H. J. Kane and A. K. MacEwan, R. A. Lynch and H. E. Elliott, N. M. Campbell and D. H. Grieve, W. J. White and H. A. Fannin, E. D. Anderson and D. H. Newbigin, W. H. Wood and E. T. Gifford, W. S. Averill and R. Bridge, B. H. Appleby and A. S. Tonkin, J. Leggat and F. S. Budd, C. H. Slater and F. S. Candy, S. I. Jones and K. H. Bayliss, J. M. Blake and C. T. Taaffe, J. B. Wilson and V. Little, R. D. Brown and E. L. Commin, R. M. Egan and A. D. Murphy, G. Estaugh and F. P. Kelly, G. O. Craike and C. O. Carrell, L. Fisher and J. B. Redward, A. J. Nelson and G. Stephens, C. L. Vidal and T. M. Brennan, D. M. McIntosh and G. R. Salmon, M. R. G. Matheson and C. G. Wilkinson, W. B. Nicoll and H. de Denne, O. Clarkson and J. W. Palmer, A. E. Palmer and F. C. Wilkinson, A. D. Gillies and A. E. O'Meara, A. I. Rainbow and R. G. Guy, D. I. Lynch and J. Chamberlain, L. A. Denton and M. A. Hunter, E. J. Flynn and F. H. Goldfinch, W. T. Sturrock and A. W. Meikle, J. Maher and H. B. McLeod, D. Waters and A. W. Parkinson, R. T. Barron and A. R. Caro, T. C. Mitchell and J. W. Drury, N. E. Wilkins and H. G. Walker.

AUTUMN GOLF FOURSOMES

Misses Jefferd and Davies Still In

By Telegraph—Press Association.

PALMERSTON N., April 27.

The New Zealand Autumn foursomes golf tourney opened under the auspices of the Ladies' Golf Union. There were over 80 entries.

The following were left in at the conclusion of the second round:—

Mesdames Field and Speechley (Manawatu), Mesdames Welton and Hogg (Wellington) and Alan Park (Hutt), who eliminated Mesdames Guy, Williams and Shailer Weston (Wellington), Mesdames J. C. Brown and B. Harvery (Wanganui), Mesdames A. M. Fleming and G. A. Duncan (Hutt), Mesdames G. H. Clark (Manawatu) and L. R. Curtis (New Plymouth), Mesdames G. Trevor and H. E. Edmunds (Manawatu), Miss J. Duncan (Wanganui) and Mrs F. Rota (Hawera), Miss H. Griffin and Mrs L. Monkman (Hutt), Mesdames McElroy and Albertson (Miramar), Misses M. Jefferd (Hastings) and M. Davies (Napier), Mrs L. Blackley and Miss M. Ward (Wellington), Mesdames Mullaney and E. Simpson (Palmerston North), Mesdames A. G. Lawson and T. Buxton (Manawatu), Mrs A. E. Ekstedt and Miss I. Seifert (Manawatu), Mesdames Martin (Martinborough) and M. K. Pearce (Wairarapa), Mrs Gorton Brown and Miss M. Smillie (Manawatu).

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GOLF "SHAMATEURS" AND AMATEURS

Maze of Rules: How Rewards and Expenses May Affect Status

What liberty has a golfer wishing to retain his amateur status? American rules prevent him from claiming expense money, from accepting cash prizes, and from the acceptance of golf clubs, balls, or merchandise. The latest St. Andrews ruling prevents him from playing for a money prize in putting. No doubt the player who plays for sidebets hole by hole, or for other than pecuniary reward at the nineteenth, is also, under the strict interpretation, liable to forfeit his amateur status.

By the rules of one country or another, few golfers in New Zealand could claim to fulfil amateur conditions. Some will have accepted a ball or other reward for the winning of a club scramble; some will have putted for a cash prize; some will have accepted the clubhouse fruits after a triumph in a school of "split-sixes"; and some will have accepted travelling or other expenses, veiled though the "expenses" may have been.

Inconsistent Rules.

Golfers are apt to smile at the thought that such petty practices constitute a forfeiture of their amateur status, and to scoff at the maze of rules under which that status is defined and at the inconsistency of laws of different countries.

In the midst of decrying the custom of giving vouchers or offering cash prizes, the St. Andrew's ruling suggests that "some tangible and lasting memento of the occasion," preferably inexpensive, should be given. Contrasted with this is the American Golf Association's ruling that the acceptance without payment of clubs, balls, or other merchandise will render a player ineligible to compete in the amateur championship.

Could any New Zealander look on himself as a professional because he accepted 1/- from each of his acquaintances in a putting school, or because he accepted refreshment for a win at "split-sixes"? Yet these are common throughout the Dominion.

Reply to "Shamateurism"

It is perhaps in the treatment of "expenses" that the American association has shown a precision of judgment lacking in the associations of other countries. Through the association's handling of the delicate question of amateurism, amateur golf is probably the clearest sport in the United States to-day.

The United States association has taken a stand on the expenses question which should serve as a model to contemporaries, and which certainly makes the association stand out from its fellows.

"Payment of expense money to amateur sportsmen—notably to tennis, track, and hockey stars—is generally regarded as the sorest spot in the rash of 'shamateurism' which has swept American sport during the last 20 years," states the American "Sports Illustrated."

American Policy.

"The United States Golf Association has resolved to prevent any such abuses in golf, and states its policy thus:—

"'It has long been, and is now the settled policy of the association not to allow the expenses of an amateur golfer to be paid or contributed to in connection with competitions of any kind save only in four instances, which are: (1) the contribution which the association makes toward the expenses of the Curtis Cup team; (2) of the Walker Cup team; (3) a stipulated allowance for expenses of contestants in the Public Links championship; and (4) the payment of expenses of regularly organised college golf teams in competitions conducted under the auspices of properly organised college athletic associations.'

"There are three distinct classes of golfers in the United States,'" the article continues, "amateurs, public links golfers, and professionals. Every golfer falls into one of the three classes and knows just where he stands.

"The result is that golf is almost entirely free from the furtive hypocrisy which tinges a sport like amateur tennis.

"Because there is such a clear-cut definition of the various types of golfers, and because there is no stigma attached to any of them, the United States Golf Association has no objection to amateurs and professionals competing against one another provided that each tends to his knitting. Not only may an amateur enter an open championship, but he may take part in an exhibition match for which admission is charged provided that the net proceeds go to an organised charity.

"On only one point dealing with amateurism does the United States Golf Association seem open to any severe criticism. That is in connection with its rule interpretation which permits competitors in a tournament to report the event for a newspaper—whether or not they are recognised journalists. During the past year two prominent golfers (one male, and one female) have helped defray tournament expenses by means of running accounts of their activities for the newspapers. The past history of the association would seem to indicate a reversal of policy on this point in the near future, and an interpretation more in keeping with its strict general attitude."

INCIDENTS IN LAST SATURDAY'S SENIOR RUGBY MATCHES

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ON THE GOLF COURSE

"Knitting, Bridge-Playing and Footling About" Attacked: An English View

"Nothing irritates me more than to see women in groups knitting, or playing bridge, in rooms which should be reserved exclusively for men. Equally irritating is the experience of being held up on the course by a party of women players whose degree of skill and rate of progress are such as to make one wonder whether they are playing golf at all.

"We pay our subscriptions the same as the men and we are entitled to have our money's worth,' say the women. But when 36 handicap players, heedless of the consequences to others, exercise their playing rights at the week-ends they are getting as their money's worth far more than can be reasonably expected."

This outspoken statement is made by a special correspondent writing to an English newspaper. While many golfers will feel that the writer has taken the words out of their own mouths, it must be admitted that many New Zealand, and consequently local, clubs remedy the position by restricting the play of women to week-days or by some other prohibitions.

"I know times have changed since days when women golfers, looked upon as a nuisance, were allowed to play only on sufferance, and in the matter of clubhouse accommodation were segregated," states the correspondent. "In certain circumstances, such as long handicap players footling about at the week-ends and having a more or less complete run of the clubhouse, I still regard women as a nuisance."

"In certain quarters, these sentiments will, no doubt, be extremely unpopular, but I feel sure that the majority of golfers will agree with them.

"I gather that, for financial reasons, women members are necessary to some golf clubs. This may be so, but I should have thought their activities, both on the course and in the clubhouse, could be so arranged as to give the week-end men members absolute priority and complete freedom.

"Restricted starting-times for the course, and strictly limited accommodation in the men's clubhouse, are measures calculated to meet a situation where a mixed membership is unavoidable. This is the practice followed in many clubs, and, generally speaking, it works satisfactorily. Some of the biggest memberships are claimed by clubs where except on very special occasions, women are not permitted to play on the course, and never in any circumstances allowed in the clubhouse. But not every club is in a position to adopt so exclusive an attitude; and for the good of the game, and the pleasure it gives to countless families, it is, perhaps, as well that clubs are not in such a position.

"Women golfers have recently been occupying a good deal of public attention. Against an attack on their "rights" as members of a certain London golf club, the women have gained what they are pleased to call a victory. The description may be accurate, but I am not so sure that in the end they will not have cause to regret having pushed their case too far.

"Being, perhaps, an old-fashioned golfer—there are many like me—I wish to play, which is mostly at the week-ends, without the presence of women, either on the course or in the clubhouse. Such an attitude may appear selfish, but it is my view that the charge can be laid with far greater justification against the women, who have golf courses practically to themselves for five days of the week. A demand to play on the other two days is not only selfish but suggests an outlook regrettably insular."

CONTROVERSY OVER DAVIS CUP TOURNEY

Biennial Suggestion Has Made American Authorities Emphatic

The United States have always been bitterly opposed to any scheme for the alteration of the present Davis Cup system, but in spite of this, South Africa's scheme for biennial tournaments instead of the present annual ones has not caused American officials any worry until this year.

South Africa's scheme, however, is now gaining a bigger measure of support, and this state of affairs has also brought forth severe criticism from eminent American tennis authorities.

The biennial scheme is now supported, among others, by England, Australia, and Germany.

America is most perturbed at the change in viewpoints of these leading countries, particularly England.

English support for the scheme has greatly shocked American tennis officials, and aroused some bitter comment.

Some American newspapers are most sardonic in their criticism of England. Some go so far as to suggest that, owing to the poor standard of her Davis Cup players, she is endeavouring to avoid overwhelming defeats each year.

Wimbledon Would Suffer.

England's change of viewpoint so soon after losing the Davis Cup leaves the way open for such criticism, but it is unwarranted just the same.

America is leaving no stone unturned to offset the strong support that will be accorded the biennial scheme at the Council of Davis Cup nations in London next June.

Naturally her delegates to the meeting have strict instructions to strongly oppose South Africa's two-yearly scheme.

In addition to this she has written directly to all the Davis Cup nations requesting their support in opposing the biennial plan.

Six reasons have been submitted why the yearly competition should continue. In summarised form they are as follow:—

(1) That annual play assures continuous public interest.
(2) That there is no reason why a nation not wishing to challenge in any year should preclude others from challenging.
(3) That the prestige of the Davis Cup contest would be lost if it was played every two years.
(4) That a contest every two years would seriously shorten the active years of Davis Cup players.
(5) That biennial play would encourage the growth of professional tennis.
(6) That Mr Dwight Davis, the donor of the Cup seriously opposes biennial play.

At first glance it appears that U.S.A. has concisely put very strong reasons before the various nations in opposition to the two-yearly scheme.

However, there are other angles worthy of consideration.

Take their first reason. It certainly is hard to imagine that interest in the Davis Cup would abate if the competition was held every two years.

Cricket Tests between England and Australia eventuate only every two years (alternately in the two countries), and these contests create an ever increasing interest.

Might Prevent Foregone Conclusions

Then again, once a nation wins the Davis Cup in the present circumstances it completely dominates the competition for some years.

It is quite likely that a two-yearly scheme would change this state of affairs. The longer break would create a greater atmosphere of speculation regarding prospects, as against the "foregone conclusion" feeling that now exists regarding the Davis Cup.

America's second reason is somewhat unsound, too. What would be the position if two or three of the strongest nations decided not to challenge in the same year?

This circumstance is a definite possibility, and the competition would be devoid of any interest at all.

A biennial scheme would almost surely ensure the participation of every nation in the competition.

The third reason is bound up with the first. Biennial cricket Tests do not cause a loss of prestige to these fixtures. Therefore, why should biennial Davis Cup contests affect the prestige of this competition.

America's fourth and fifth reasons can be considered in conjunction.

With the possible exception of ill health, the lure of professionalism is the biggest element in shortening the active years of Davis Cup stars.

International championship play brings the best players of the amateur world into this arena, where are displayed their tennis ability, sportsmanship, etc., together with their capacity for drawing big crowds.

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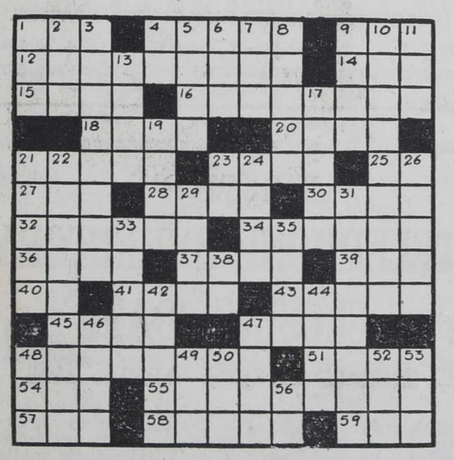

ACROSS

1 Islet in river.
4 Girls.
9 Astern.
12 What English statesmen became advisor to Charles I in 1641?
14 Also.
15 Feminine name.
16 Adapted for swimming.
18 Measure of distance.
20 Stout cord.
21 Garden implement.
23 On the ocean.
25 Prefix: twice.
27 Help.
28 On what island did Napoleon live during his first exile?
30 Celestial body.
32 What Hindu poet is a recipient of the Nobel Prize for literature?
34 Having a flat breastbone.
36 Dill.
37 Street urchin.
39 Number.
40 Symbol for nickel.
41 Rodent.
43 Cut off the final syllable.
45 Hastened.
47 Fish sauce.
48 Bird.
51 Tropical plant.
54 Through.
55 Vanished.
57 Peer Gynt's mother.
58 Swift.
59 Chopping tool.

DOWN

1 One spot.
2 Sick.
3 Who is the present governor of Georgia?
4 Myself.
5 During the reign of what English queen did the union with Scotland take place?
6 Feminine name.
7 Small point.
8 Trap.
9 On the summit.
10 Antedated.
11 Plaything.
13 Incursion.
17 Warm thoroughly.
19 Look at obliquely.
21 Who is the Prince of Darkness?
22 Female musicians.
23 Month in the Jewish calendar.
24 Biblical name.
26 Who was the Greek goddess of peace?
29 Shakespearian king.
31 What is the largest lake of South America?
33 Not the same.
35 Who was the second son of Adam and Eve?
38 Note of the scale.
42 Who established the New York Society for Ethical Culture?
44 Permits.
46 Cut the outer part from.
47 Vedic god of altar fire.
48 Mineral spring.
49 Yellow bugle.
50 Short sleep.
52 Masculine name.
53 Poem.
56 Masculine nickname.

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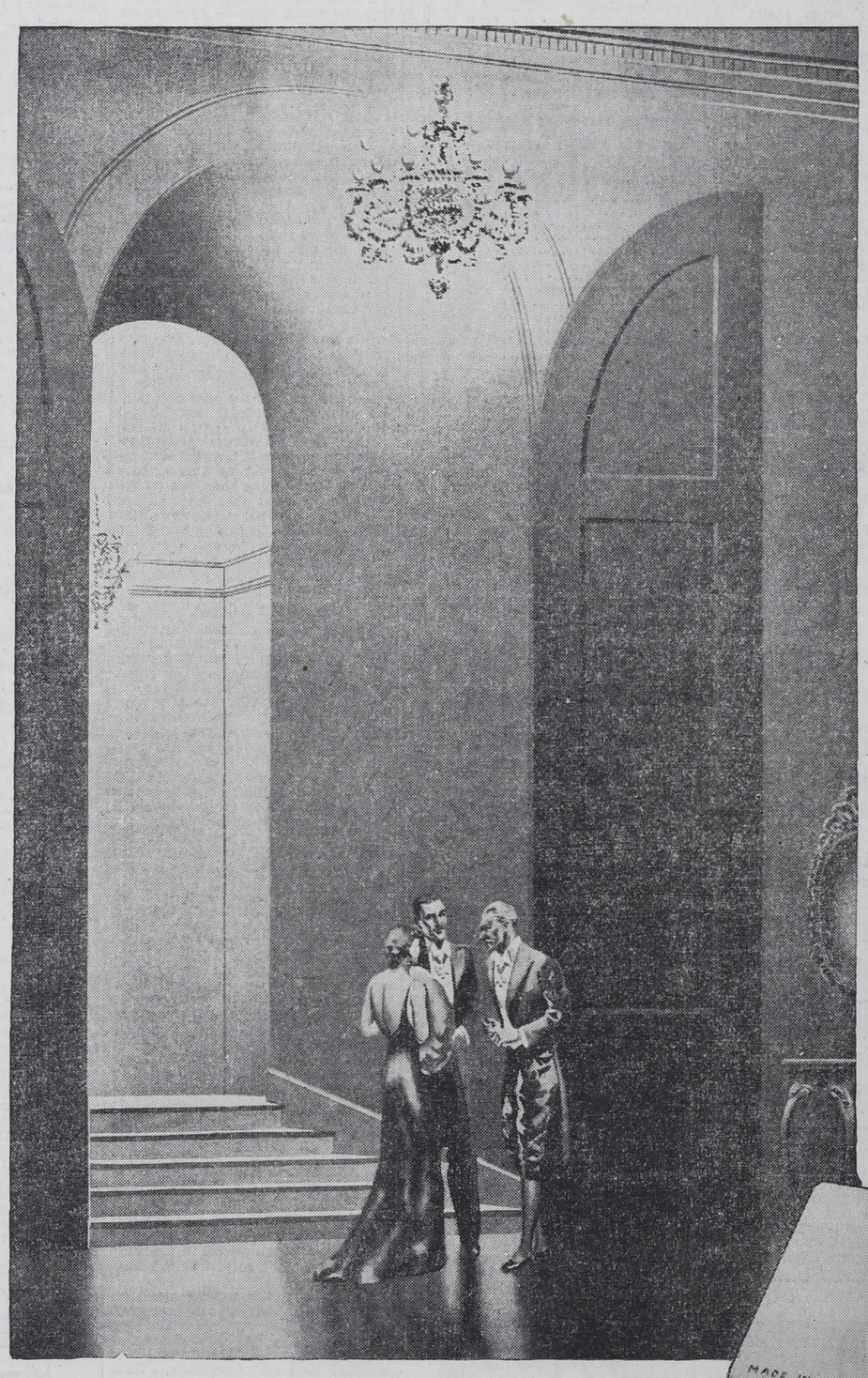

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ARCTIC KING STANDS OUT AT WOODVILLE

Excellent Race Likely in Dannevirke Cup

(By CHILDERS)

While the outstanding nomination list for the Dannevirke Cup thinned out considerably when the acceptances closed, there is still a very useful field engaged for to-morrow's race at Woodville, and it should be a most interesting contest.

Although the track will naturally be heavy after the recent floods, reports from Woodville indicate that the course is drying rapidly and will be in fairly good order for to-morrow's racing.

Topweight with 9.2, Arctic King is likely to touch a very short price after his first class form against strong company at Riccarton, where he ran fourth in the Sockburn Handicap and then won the Great Autumn Handicap. This is a vastly weaker field and with a heavy track also in his favour it is difficult to select one to beat the topweight. Trentham reports indicate that he has gone on the right way since returning from Riccarton.

Sergia shaped below expectations at the Hawke's Bay meeting but displayed considerably better form to win at Tauherenikau on Easter Monday. She has been a good winner this season and is another who handles a soft track well.

While he is sure to strip much improved by his racing at Wairarapa, Might has hardly had sufficient recent outings to bring him back to form and most will pass him over.

It was a bad lot Passion Fruit beat at Waipukurau, but he accomplished his task in a manner that indicated he is still far from a back number. It is on the cards that he is much better now than earlier in the season, and with his pull in the weights he may be the one to give Arctic King most trouble.

A mile and a quarter in the past has proved a trifle far for Mister Quex, and in spite of his success over a mile at Tauherenikau he makes little appeal here. His chance would seem to rest in a slow run race.

Neither Davistock nor Lady Siegfried have shown recent form to draw attention to their prospects here, and the best of the trio on the minimum should be the improving Conveyor. Several of his efforts in hack company have been decidedly useful.

There is little doubt that Arctic King will touch a very short price, for he is a class above the remainder. Passion Fruit, under his handy weight, should be well in the picture.

WANGANUI ENTRIES

Nominations for Meeting Next Month

Nominations for the first day of the Wanganui Jockey Club's meeting on May 12 and 14, and for the principal events on the second day of the meeting are as follows:

FIRST DAY.

PURUA HACK HURDLES, of £150; one mile 4½ furlongs.—Lone Raider, In Command, Even Money, Kentucky Song, Red Panther, Artful Dodger, Dancing Lady, Ambition, Southern Blood, Begorrah, Lady Callaghan, All Spirit, Lucrece, Merry Ruler, Mozeltove, Brioni, Alloa, Porotiti, Aurora's Love, Iddo, Taumau, Richfield, Master Hector.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, of £130; six furlongs.—Disturbed, Viracious, Reo Ra, Charmante, St. Cedric, Dainty Sheila, Aria, Trilitha, Cometarium, Ripple, Vestal Queen, Quexona, Supler, Royal Tinge, Lady Whetu, Flying Acre, Irish Orders, Tom Tom, Fafner, Sir Rabbi, Hastings West, Golden Enterprise, The Treble.

CENTURY HURDLES, of £400; two miles 194 yards.—In Command, Donegal, Silk Sox, Journet, Southern Blood, Charade, Booklaw, Riotous, Aurora's Love, Brigadore, Iddo, Roya' Limond, Beau Gallante.

BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP, of £175; 8½ furlongs.—Inas, Disturbed, Amatory, Trilitha, Collodion, Entheos, Cometarium, High Test, Mahutai, Glenthawn, Alyth, Galteemore, Sam's Choice, Spender, Otaki, Happy Hunting, Inheritance, Warehi, Koura Rua, Conveyor, Joe Louis, Thala, Hunting Mint, Sigurd, Gay Hunting, Bonny Glow, Amoroso.

GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE, of £350; about 2½ miles.—Sporting Song, Count Willonyx, Clarion Call, Arctic Star, Royal Banquet, Ruaform, Royal Fire, Don Erma, Forest Glow, Brigadore.

CONNOLLY HANDICAP, of £300; 1¼ miles.—Dutch Girl, Wotan, Gaily, Reipar, Passion Fruit, Master Norval, Tahurangi, Boomerang, Silver River, Brazen King, Catalogue, Happy Landing, Lady Kyra.

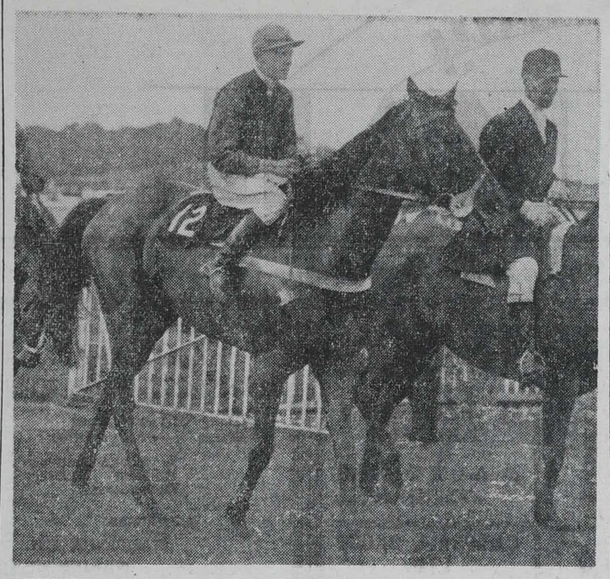
WINTER OATS, of £200; six furlongs.—Sir Abb, Davistock, Red Sand, Notium, Slippery, Winsome Lu, Great Hope, Passion Fruit, Orate, Johnny Walls, Alloa, Alunga, Bodyline, Aiwai, Mister Quex, Debham, Mittie, Aureus.

BOROUGH HACK HANDICAP, of £150; six furlongs.—Min Lu, Viracious, Aymon, Black Man, Conversion, Okawa, Clooneen, Perfect Idea, Realise, Erebus, High Test, Short Circuit, Golden Pam, Glenthawn, Gold Glare, Raceline, Quexona, Sam's Choice, Captain Treville, Haile Selassie, Ringapoto, Warehi, Rhodesian, Red Witch, Jacynth, Ilian, Sigurd, Huntino, Prince Mulla, Amoroso, Hastings West, Dainty Sue.

SECOND DAY

WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE, of £550; about three miles.—Sporting Song, Count Willonyx, Clarion Call, Arctic Star, Royal Banquet, Ruaform, Royal Fire, Forest Glow, Riotous, Brigadore, Royal Limond, Richfield.

MAY HURDLES, of £300; 1¾ miles.—Lone Raider, In Command, Donegal, Silk Sox, Artful Dodger, Journet, Ambition, Southern Blood, Charade, Begorrah, Booklaw, Aurora's Love, Brigadore, Iddo, Taumau, Beau Gallante.



KNIGHT OF AUSTRALIA is one of the latest to join the ranks of the hurdlers. A fine stayer, able to handle soft tracks, and built on jumping lines, he should make good in his new role.

AIRAM'S SURPRISE WIN AT AVONDALE

Remarkable Feat of Superior Guard

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

AUCKLAND, April 27.

A track that was cutting out but drying proved tricky for speculators at the second day of the Avondale Jockey Club's autumn meeting to-day. No favourite returned a dividend, and only one, Valamito, secured a third placing.

The racing was chiefly remarkable for the feat of the maiden performer Superior Guard, who after over two years of racing, won the Dominion Handicap, and with a 5lb rehandicap dead-heated in the next event.

All Irish in Hurdles.

All Irish made a successful return to hurdle racing after a long absence in the Hobsonville Hurdles. My Money and High Star made most of the running and crossing the top Kilberis passed High Star, My Money and All Irish being the only two others in the hunt after Golden Spahi had fallen at the second to last hurdle. High Star and All Irish were almost on terms at the final one, but All Irish won easily. Kilberis was a fair third, followed by My Money, London (who was tailed off to the straight) and Celtic Lad was favourite in a good betting race.

Superior Guard Easily.

When the Dominion Handicap field of 17 had settled down Broadway Bill, British Nation, Sen Acre, General Riske and Superior Guard were the leaders but the last-named had assumed charge before the half mile and thereafter the race was a stern chase, Superior Guard winning very easily and at exceptionally good odds, considering the class. Hesketoon, who reared repeatedly at the barrier but got away well, finished strongly to beat Cintrace for second. Then after a two lengths interval came King Silver, Broadway Bill, British Nation and Bright Idea.

Superiod Guard Again.

Again a hot favourite, Hunting Blood led out the Waitakere Handicap field from No. 1 position but once more his great speed was exhausted before the finishing line. Highland Queen was second after a quarter of a mile and next came Asset, Teak, Bronze Wing, Superior Guard, Windcress and Dragon Moth. The last-named ran up on the outside to be second into the straight, before Highland Queen, Bronze Wing and Superior Guard, who was carried out by Hunting Blood. Dragon Moth appeared to have the race in hand but Superior Guard came very fast wide out to divide honours right on the line. Hutana came from sixth at the straight entrance to be third, two lengths away and he was followed by Hunting Blood, Highland Queen, Bronze Wing, Windcress and Mal de Mer.

Decisive Win.

The three-year-old Airam had her first success at 10 furlongs in the Autumn Handicap and a decisive one it was against a field of seasoned gallopers. Llangollen, Day Wind, Airam and Knight of Australia took the field out of the straight, the first two being attended at seven furlongs by Tybalt and Prince Rangi, Gay Rose and Airam, Valamito and Knight of Australia, in pairs. Malagigi soon began a run on the outside from the rear position and at the home turn Day Wind, Prince Rangi, Airam, Malagigi, Llangollen and Knight of Australia were in the first division. Airam was clear at the distance and she won handsomely by a neck from Malagigi, with Valamito less than a length further away. Day Wind was fourth. Then came Gay Rose, Jonathan, Enge and Knight of Australia. Paso Robles manifested a cold after his preliminary and was withdrawn by permission.

At Opposite Ends.

The bracketed pair, Milanion and Brazilian, finished at opposite ends of the Nursery Handicap, Milanion enabling a return of over a long "limit." The early leaders were Pocket Venus, Noitaro and Philcourt, the last-named turning for home just ahead of Valimeen, with Eastern Heir handy and Gay Hussar, who was badly left at the start, putting in fine work, being a serious challenger at the distance, of Philcourt. Kaspian came into the picture a few yards further on. Milanion was next to enter calculations and he did the best of all to beat Philcourt by a long head. Kaspian was a good third, pursued by Vaalsstar, Gay Hussar, Vitement and Fidelis. Te Takina, first day's winner, was second to last and never flattered on the way.

Won By Short Head.

After a long delay, Silver Eagle was left at the start of the Mt. Roskill Handicap and Barrister was also slow to go. When they had settled down Maxown and Alyth were making the play from Fleetwind, Aero King, Forest Acre, Ring Shot and Mon Acre. The first six to turn for home were Maxown, Fleetwind, Ring Shot, Prival, Vaalso and Te Monowai, Barrister being at the rear. Te Monowai drew away but had to answer strong challenges from Vaalso, Fleetwind, Barrister (on the rail) and Prival before winning by a short head from Vaalso. Barrister added a third to his unlucky record. Then came Prival, Ring Shot, Palmint, Ivy Willonyx, and Forest Acre. Mon Acre finished well back.

Favourite Eighth.

Prince Acre was a strong favourite in an otherwise even betting race for the Mt. Eden Handicap, and he was first away but finished eighth. Erndale and Galilee attended him crossing the top, but at the straight bottom Tonnerre and Palustre showed the way for Race Call, Galilee, Prince Acre, Anion and Surella. The last-named drew up to beat Rulette and Tonnerre, who, in turn, had looked likely from the distance with heads between them. Palustre was a good fourth, Rerepai was fifth and then came Tosh and Race Call.

Easy Victory.

Gold Vaals had had none the best of the running when he narrowly beat Valamito on the first day, nor in the Morningside Handicap, with which the meeting concluded, was he favoured. Yet he won with ridiculous ease, by about half a dozen lengths, making his run from well back in the field. After passing the half-mile, Day Wind and Kena headed the rest. Then came Merial, who was in the lead with Te Hai and Cheval de Volee at the straight entrance, King Musk, Crooning and High Tea. The winner will go a long way. He is by Vaals, whose progeny have been very successful lately in the northern province, from Gold Dart, a daughter of Gold Bud and a grand-daughter of Fraulein, a well-known pony mare of last century.

Results in Detail

By Telegraph—Press Association.

For the final day of the Avondale Jockey Club's autumn meeting there was a large attendance and the totalisator handled £30,811 10/-, compared with £27,028 10/- last year, an increase of £3783. The figures for the meeting were £65,275 compared with £64,865 10/- last year, an increase of £409 10/-.

Results are:—

HOBSONVILLE HURDLES
Of £225; 1¾ miles.

3—ALL IRISH, 11.4 (J. H. McRae) 1
4—High Star, 9.8 (L. Dulieu) .. 2
6—Kilberis, 9.11 (P. McIlroy) .. 3

Also started: 1 Celtic Lad, 10.13; 8 Englishman, 10.11; 9 Valpai, 10.10; 2 Golden Spahi, 9.1; 7 Swift Spear, 9.0, car. 9.4; 5 My Money, 9.0, car. 9.2; 10 London, 9.0.

Three lengths; two and a half. Time, 3.19 2-5.

Before the race, Mr H. R. Clarke, who was absent on Saturday, was invited to make an explanation of the running of his horse, Celtic Lad, his statement being accepted as satisfactory.

DOMINION HANDICAP
Of £200; 6 furlongs.

4—SUPERIOR GUARD, 9.0 (H. Stokes) 1
11—Hesketoon, 7.12 (R. W. McTavish) 2
2—Cintrace, 7.12 (C. G. Goulsbro) 3

Also started: 1 British Nation, 9.0 (bracketed with Fleur d'Or, 7.12); 6 King Silver, 8.8; 12 Bright Idea, 8.5; 3 Sen Acre, 8.2; 9 General Riske, 8.2, car. 7.9; 8 Broadway Bill, 7.12, car. 7.5; 13 Australian Star, 7.12; 5 Bonny Belle, 7.12; 15 Strathearn, 7.12; 7 Love Parade, 7.12; 14 Master Appellant, 7.12; 16 Carmelia, 7.12; 10 Devon, 7.12.

Three lengths; short neck. Time, 1.14 4-5.

WAIATAKERI HANDICAP
Of £200; 6 furlongs.

6—DRAGON MOTH, 7.1 (N. Vaughan) ..... †
3—SUPERIOR GUARD, 7.5 (J. McInally) ..... †
2—Hutana, 8.11 (R. W. McTavish) 3

†Dead heat for first.

Also started: 5 Highland Queen, 7.12; 9 Teak, 7.2, car. 7.9; 4 Bronze Wing, 7.2; 1 Hunting Blood, 7.1, car. 7.8½; 8 Windcress, 7.1, car. 7.10; 7 Mal de Mer, 7.0, car. 7.8; 10 Asset, 7.0, car. 7.13½ (bracketed with Wykemist, 7.0).

Dead heat; two lengths. Time, 1.15 2-5.

AUTUMN HANDICAP
Of £400; 1¼ miles.

10—AIRAM, 7.2, car. 7.5 (S. Tremain) 1
2—Malagigi, 7.13 (H. N. Wiggins) 2
1—Valamito, 7.13 (R. W. McTavish) 3

Also started: 9 Gay Rose, 9.1; 7 Jonathan, 9.0; 4 Enge, 8.7; 3 Llangollen, 8.6; 8 Knight of Australia, 8.5; 5 Tybalt, 7.11; 6 Day Wind, 7.2; 11 Prince Rangi, 7.1.

Neck; three-quarters of a length. Time, 2.10 2-5.

NURSERY HANDICAP
Of £200; 6 furlongs.

9—MILANION, 7.0 (N. Vaughan) 1
6—Philcourt, 8.6 (R. W. McTavish) 2
4—Kaspian, 7.4 (O. Evans) 3

Also started: 3 Royevrus, 8.10 (bracketed with Pocket Venus, 8.8), 2 Noitaro, 8.9; 8 Vitement, 8.2; 10 Eastern Heir, 8.1; 1 Valimeen, 7.13; 11 Fidelis, 7.9; 7 Te Takina, 7.8 5 Vaalsstar, 7.1, car. 1.9½; 17 Silver Quex, 7.0; 18 Boy Lu, 7.0, car. 7.1½; 14 Bronze Emerald, 7.0, car. 7.1½; 15 Spinning Wheel, 7.0, car. 7.8; 9 Brazilian, 7.0, car. 7.10 (bracketed with Milanion); 12 Maioro, 7.0, car. 7.1; 16 Avail, 7.0, car. 7.1; 13 Gay Hussar, 7.0, car. 7.6.

Long head; length and a half. Time, 1.16 1-5.

MOUNT ROSKILL HANDICAP
Of £200; 7 furlongs.

3—TE MONOWAI, 9.7, car. 9.0 (L. Pratt) 1
11—Vaalso, 7.0, car. 7.6 (J. McInally) 2
5—Barrister, 7.4 (S. Tremaine) 3

Also started: 6 Aero King, 8.13; 13 Loombination, 8.8, car. 8.1; 17 Ring Shot, 8.6, car. 7.13; 1 Mon Acre, 8.6; 8 Prival, 8.3, car. .10; 7 Forest Acre, 8.2; 4 Fleetwind, 7.12; 2 Alyth, 7.10; 10 Ivy Willonyx, 7.7; 14 Maxown, 7.1, car. 7.2; 9 Silver Eagle, 7.0, car. 7.2; 12 General Ruse, 7.0; 16 Palmint, 7.0, car. 7.9½; 15 Siega, 7.0.

Short head; one length. Time, 1.28 4-5.

MOUNT EDEN HANDICAP
Of £270; 6 furlongs.

3—SURELLA, 7.0, car. 7.2 (H. N. Wiggins) 1
6—Rulette, 7.7, car. 7.9 (P. Atkins) 2
13—Tonnerre, 7.0 (H. Long) .. 3

Also started: 8 Golden Sheila, 9.0; 5 Race Call 8.13; 7 Tosh, 8.10; 2 Anion, 7.7, car. 7.10½; 1 Prince Acre, 7.5, car. 7.7; 4 Erndale, 7.3, car. 7.8; 9 Johnny Walls, 7.3; 10 Palustre, 7.2; 12 Galilee, 7.0, car. 7.2; 11 Rerepai, 7.0.

Head; head. Time, 1.15 2-5.

MORNINGSIDE HANDICAP
Of £225; 1 mile.

4—GOLD VAALS, 8.1 (N. Vaughan) 1
6—Day Wind, 8.0 (R. N. McKenzie) 2
7—Kena, 7.11 (R. W. McTavish) 3

Also started: 10 Shy, 8.1; 5 Crooning, 8.1, car. 7.11; 13 Horowhenua, 7.13; 9 Te Hai, 7.11, car. 7.4; 3 High Tea, 7.7; 1 Cheval de Volee, 7.6; 2 Merial, 7.2, car. 7.7; 12 Whakapara, 7.0; 8 Land Girl, 7.0, car. 7.2; 11 King Musk, 7.0, car. 7.9½.

Four lengths; half length. Time, 1.41 3-5.

ALL IRISH IN EARLY WINNING FORM

Airam Has Had Hard Season

SPELL FOR TIGER GAIN UNTIL SPRING

(By CHILDERS).

Confirming the track reports that he was in splendid fettle to resume racing, All Irish won in very pleasing fashion at Avondale yesterday. Apparently his connections intend to race him sparingly over country before tackling the Great Northern Steeplechase, for he is entered for the hurdles and not the steeplechase at Franklin next week. All Irish appears still more solid now than he was last winter, and he should be one of the early favourites for the Great Northern Steeplechase.

Superior Guard.

Superior Guard, who won a double in rather unusual circumstances at Avondale yesterday, is a six-year-old gelding by Speardance from Wee Rose, owned and trained by Mr W. Alexander. He is a full brother to Alunga.

Been Done Before.

The feat of Superior Guard in winning the maiden event at Avondale yesterday, and then deadheating with Dragon Moth when produced in the next race, although most unusual is by no means unprecedented. Little Artist won a double in this manner at an Auckland provincial meeting the season before last, while the Taranaki mare, Awaken, ridden by Keith Voitre, won both the main handicap and the open sprint at an Egmont meeting a few years back, when these races were run in succession.

Hastings Jockeys.

R. Marsh will ride Passion Fruit, Okawa, Mahutai and Valiant Lady at Woodville to-morrow. J. Forsythe will be on Inheritance, and C. P. Sheild will ride Sardius and Rolling Home (second day).

Lovelilt To Jump.

Lovelilt has been placed in work with H. Griffiths at Hastings, as it is intended to try the Mimetic mare over the battens. A likely cut of a jumper, Lovelilt has shown sufficient promise on the flat to suggest that she will do well in her new role.

Richfield Reappears.

The veteran, Richfield, ran a surprisingly good race in the hurdle event at Waverley on Saturday. This was his first race for over three years, and despite his years he may yet return to the winning list. He was a useful handicap performer at his best.

Hard Racing

When Airam won the main event at Avondale yesterday it was her twenty-eighth start for the season, but was her first success. However, she had been five times second and third on four occasions. Although only a three-year-old, she has started no fewer than 53 times.

Will Improve.

Looking very much above himself, Don Erma was running an excellent race until six furlongs from home in the Waverley Steeplechase when he hit a fence hard, knocking all the steam out of him. This consistent 'chaser comes to hand very rapidly, and he should be capable of a much better effort next week in the Egmont Steeplechase, a race which he won last year.

Surprise Winner.

Had he not been bracketed with Brazilian, it is probable that the dividend paid by Milanion at Avondale would have been the largest of a meeting productive of many surprises. His previous form was negligible except for a moderate third at Paeroa last week. Owned by Dr. W. Ring and trained by D. J. Burgess at Takanini, he is an Australian-bred colt by Baralong from Imperial Own.

Cuddle's Mating.

According to a southern report, Cuddle, who is spelling at Nelson at present, will be mated with Croupier next year.

Scored Convincingly.

Golden Pam outclassed the opposition in the maiden event at Waverley on Saturday, winning with ridiculous ease. Still improving, this half sister to Aga Khan should be a winner in hack company over the Egmont-Wanganui circuit.

Addition To Team.

J. Olsen is at present handling a three-year-old chestnut gelding by Commandant from High Degree, the latter being a daughter of Elevation and Aranui.

Tiger Gain Spells

Tiger Gain has been set aside for a couple of months spell, after which he will be taken in hand again for racing next season. Although getting on in years the Gainscourt chestnut has raced recently in keeping with his best previous form. In 14 starts he won the Feilding J.C. Manchester Handicap and Manawatu Cup; was second in the Wanganui J.C. Ear' Stakes and Hawke's Bay Cup; and was third in the Wellington Cup. Sparingly raced he nevertheless won £940 in stakes.

Entered For Hurdles.

Interesting entrants for the hurdles at Franklin next week are Knight of Australia and Shy, neither of whom has yet raced over hurdles. The good form of the pair on the flat will ensure them attracting more than ordinary attention if they should fulfill their engagements.

AUSTRALIAN SALES

Gay Chou Purchased by New Zealander

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SYDNEY, April 27.

At the auction sale of racing and breeding stock to-day stallions were in demand. Heroic's son, The Marne, brought 825 guineas and Oro 425 guineas. Both were bought by Mr R. Stewart.

Among racehoses offered was Gay Chou, which was acquired by the New Zealander, Mr W. Devon, for 425 guineas. Prittle Prattle was sold for 350 guineas, Impetus for 210 guineas, and Acinon for 310 guineas.

GRAND FINAL FIELD

Twelve Horses Selected

To decide the inter-Dominion championship, the handicapping committee has selected the following field to contest the grand final, which will be run on Saturday:—

INTER-DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIP
Grand Final.

Of £2250; second £450; third £200; fourth £100. One mile and five furlongs. A special lap prize of £100 shall be awarded to the horse in the lead the second time past the winning post (about seven furlongs).

Blair Athol ..	scr	Pot Luck	12
Nervie's Last .	scr	Parisienne .	12
U. Scott	12	Cloudy Range	24
Evicus	12	Supertax ...	24
King's Play ..	12	King's Warrior	24
Plutus	12	Lucky Jack ..	36

Preparations for Woodville

AWAPUNI TRIALS

Conveyor Gallops Smartly Over Six

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

The semi-final gallops of the Woodville engaged contingent took place this morning at Awapuni on a track that was sodden after 36 hours' soaking rain. The going was cutting up considerably and as all fast work took place on the outside of the course proper, where the flags were out 45 feet. However, Great Legion and Brazil galloped very smartly over half a mile and Conveyor drew attention to his prospects in the big event at Woodville.

The Laughing Prince fillies from Bellina and Sigma hit out well in covering their three furlongs in 40 3-5, while Gay Molly, with a big weight up and under a good hold, ran her three in 41 2-5. She is in great heart for Woodville.

Great Legion just shaded Brazil over half a mile in 54 2-5, a good effort for two-year-olds. Great Legion is improved by his race at Feilding.

Dainty Sue, who is nearly ready to show her best form, headed Sporting Gift in the last furlong of their four in 55.

Similar time was recorded by Old Bill, who finished nicely beside Selkirk. Old Bill was not shaken up.

La Premiere and the Thracian-Pythia colt who will race as Thracose, took 57 for their half mile.

Rolling Home, with a big weight up, ran an easy five in 1.9 2-5, while Merryman, working under restraint, ran the last five of his six furlongs in 1.10 3-5. Tattersall will ride him on Friday.

Conveyor finished just a little better and Taumau over six furlongs in 1.23, the first half mile in 55. It was a good gallop and the best effort on the flat Taumau has recorded for some time. He will be ridden at Woodville by B. Kowhai.

Skyful and Fair Day worked out well over seven furlongs, the last six in 1.25 1-5, while Tiger Bill and Power Chief finished on terms at the end of six in 1.28.

Puroto again showed her liking for the soft going by just beating Hirangi (Tattersall) over seven furlongs in 1.36 2-5. Hirangi looks well for Woodville where he will be ridden by W. J. McDowell.

Entheos led in the early stages of his gallop with Warehi and Aurora's Love, but Aurora's Love finished well on the outside to just shade the pacemaker in the last furlong and register 1.39 for the full distance. If the going improves Aurora's Love will contest the hurdles on Friday in which event she will be ridden by C. Thomson, who has been engaged for Red Sun in the steeplechase the second day.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

DEATHS

McDONALD—At Hastings, on April 26th, 1938, Peter McDonald, late of Maraekakaho. Aged 74 years.

The funeral will leave St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to-morrow, Thursday, at 3 p.m. (Service at 2.45 p.m.) for the Hastings Cemetery.

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IN MEMORIAM

CONLIN—In loving memory of Blanche Conlin, who passed away at Hastings, April 28, 1936.

Not just to-day, but every day
In silence I remember.

—Inserted by her loving husband.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

POSTPONEMENT OF CLEARING SALE.

OWING to flood damage the Sale which was to have been held on account of Mr F. W. Berry, Puketapu, on Monday, May 2, has been postponed until further notice.
NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO. LTD.,
(Incorporated in England).
AUCTIONEERS.

POPPY DAY

THE Committee of the Hastings Returned Soldiers' Association desire to thank sincerely all those who assisted in the recent Poppy Sales, also the public of Hastings, Havelock North, and surrounding districts for their generous response. The gross proceeds so far amount to £233.

V. A. THOMSON,
Secretary.

H.B. FOOTBALL CLUB.

OWING to the fact that Nelson Park is unusable for the present week the above Club will hold a practise for all grades at the rear portion of the Drill Hall TO-NIGHT at 7.30 p.m. Players are requested to bring gym shoes.

J. D. SCOTT,
Hon. Secretary.

SHERENDEN RABBIT TRUST.

ON account of the extensive road damage the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SHERENDEN RABBIT TRUST is POSTPONED until further notice.

M. C. CONNOR,
Secretary.

TOWN DISTRICT OF HAVELOCK NORTH.

PURSUANT to Section 7 of "The Local Elections and Polls Act 1925" I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that an Election will be held on WEDNESDAY the 11th day of May, 1938, for the purpose of electing SEVEN MEMBERS for the Havelock North Town Board.

And I hereby appoint the Town Board Office, Middle Road, Havelock North, as the place, and FRIDAY, the 29th day of April, 1938 (before noon) as the day for the NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES for such office. Nomination forms may be obtained on application at the Board's Office.

Dated at Havelock North this 14th day of April, 1938.

W. H. ANDERSON,
Returning Officer.

HAWKE'S BAY RABBIT BOARD.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

(Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1928; Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925; and amendments thereof).

AT the hour appointed for the closing of Nominations this day, the following nominations had been received:—

Edward AVERILL,
James Baird CAMPBELL
Thomas Ezekiel CROSSE.

As five members are required, I hereby declare the said

Edward AVERILL,
James Baird CAMPBELL and
Thomas Ezekiel CROSSE

to be duly elected to the office of members of the Hawke's Bay Rabbit Board.

Application will be made in due course to the Governor-General to fill the remaining vacancies in accordance with Section 50 of the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1928.

DATED at Hastings, this 27th day of April, 1938.

BRUCE KELLY,
Returning Officer,
H.B. Rabbit Board.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NEW ZEALAND LABOUR PARTY.
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(Parliamentary Under-Secretary)
Will address a
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ASSEMBLY HALL, HASTINGS
ASSEMBLY HALL, HASTINGS
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1938,
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1938,
At 8 p.m.

HASTINGS BADMINTON CLUB
(Incorporated).

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of members will be held at the Drill Hall, Southampton Street, Hastings, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, May 4 at 8 p.m.

J. B. WILSON,
Hon. Secretary.

HASTINGS WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING ADJOURNED on account of the weather and will be held on SATURDAY, at 3 p.m.
BUSINESS: Annual Report and Balance Sheet; Election of Officers and Committee; General.
New members invited to attend.

R. M. LOVELL-SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE OF CUT-OFF

CONSUMERS in this Board's area South of Pukeora (excluding Marakeke and Hatuma) are advised that power will be cut off on FRIDAY, April 29, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. to enable necessary repairs to be made.

G. E. FOWLER,
Secretary-Manager,
Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board,
Waipukurau.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1933
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE DYNITE BATTERY AND ELECTRICAL COMPANY LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO PROVE

THE LIQUIDATOR of the Dynite Battery and Electrical Company Limited which is being wound up voluntarily doth hereby fix the 27th day of May, 1938, as the day on or before which the Creditors of the Company are to prove their debts or claims and to establish any title they may have to priority under Section 258 of the Act, or to be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved, or as the case may be from objecting to such distribution.

DATED at Hastings this 27th day of April, 1938.

A. E. PALMER,
Liquidator.

P.O. Box 105,
Queen Street, Hastings.

TOWN DISTRICT OF HAVELOCK NORTH.

HAWKE'S BAY ELECTRIC POWER BOARD.

ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE TOWN DISTRICT OF HAVELOCK NORTH.

PURSUANT to Section 7 of "The Local Elections and Polls Act 1925" and Section 13 of "The Electric Power Board Act 1925" I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that an Election will be held on WEDNESDAY the 11th day of May, 1938, for the purpose of electing ONE REPRESENTATIVE of the Town District of Havelock North on the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board; and I hereby appoint the Town Board Office, Middle Road, Havelock North, as the place, and FRIDAY, the 29th day of April, 1938 (before noon) as the day for the nomination of Candidates for such Office.

A deposit of Three Pounds must accompany each nomination.

Nomination forms may be obtained on application at the Board's Office.

Dated at Havelock North this 14th day of April, 1938.

W. H. ANDERSON,
Returning Officer.

FOOTWEAR

MEN'S English Grain Golf Shoes, Black and Brown 17/6. Wray's Footwear Store, Emerson Street, Napier. Hastings Branch (late Horton's).

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21 Shakespeare Rd., Napier.
'Phone 1576.
WANTED: General; Daily Help; Waitress; Housemaid Waitress.
WAITING: Second and Third Cook; Hotel General; Chef.

Further classified advertisements appear on page 13.

HASTINGS LABOUR BUREAU Wants.—Married Couples; Cook-generals (10); Parlourmaids; Girls; Nursery-housemaid; experienced Gardener; Cowboys; Cowman-gardener; Waitresses, Generals, etc. (hotels and institutions). Waiting.—Experienced Ploughman; Fencer.

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A JOBBING CARPENTER and his mate, a Painter, prepared to go anywhere. Prices reasonable. "60", Daily Mail.

MISCELLANEOUS

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MONDAY, MAY 2, 1938

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TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1938.

The sale will commence at 10.30 a.m. with cattle, followed by fat and store sheep. Sale of sheep will commence not later than 12 noon.

Stock will not be received for sale arriving into the yards after 10 a.m. on morning of sale.

48 Empty Cows and Heifers.
24 Weaner Steers (P.A.)
24 Weaner Heifers (P.A.)

STORTFORD LODGE YARDS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1938.

The sale will commence at 10 a.m. with fat cattle.

No stock to be yarded before 6 a.m. until further notice.

The times for commencing selling will be as follows:—Beef cattle 10 a.m., store sheep 12 noon, fat sheep at 10 minutes after completion of fat cattle or at 12 noon if fat cattle are finished before that hour.

SALES FOR MAY.
Onga Onga, 2.
Waipukurau, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.
Stortford Lodge, 4, 11, 18, 25.
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