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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

Rain, with some heavy falls; cool temperatures.

Flood Damage Total Will Reach A Tremendous Figure

GREAT TRAIL OF RUIN IN ESK VALLEY

"Will Exceed £300,000"

MINISTER'S COMMENT AFTER INSPECTION FROM AIR

"Worse Than 1931 Earthquake"

"It will require at least £300,000 to repair the damage done in the hill country. The flood has wrought more havoc there than the 1931 earthquake did," said the Minister of Mines (the Hon. P. C. Webb) yesterday afternoon, when he returned to the Hastings aerodrome after making an aerial inspection of the affected area.

The Minister was requested by the Government, in response to representations made by the Hon. W. E. Barnard, M.P., and Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P., to visit Hawke's Bay and report on the damage. He arrived from Wellington in an aeroplane piloted by Squadron-Leader E. A. Gibson, Public Works Department aerodrome engineer, and landed for a few minutes at Hastings after flying for nearly two hours over the northern end of the province.

Farms Buried.

"To examine the district from the air is the only way in which any adequate idea of the enormous damage done can be gained," said Mr Webb. "Thousands of acres of hillside grassland have been carried away by slips, and farms in the Esk Valley have been buried under a huge deposit of silt.

"Road and rail bridges have been destroyed everywhere and tremendous damage has been done to highways by slips and washouts. The Napier-Wairoa railway has suffered similarly and months of work lie ahead before road and rail communication can be fully restored. It would not surprise me to be told by the engineers that it will be a year before the railway can be used again."

Report to Cabinet.

The Minister said that he would make a report based on his observations to a special meeting of Cabinet to be held last night.

A description of the route followed by the Minister's 'plane and of the principal damage observed was given at the aerodrome by Squadron-Leader Gibson.

The Minister was flown from Hastings via Fernhill, Taradale, Greenmeadows, the Ahuriri Lagoon and Eskdale, he said, thence via the railway to the Matahoura viaduct, then over Tutira following the main highway to the junction of the Tangoio settlement road, thence down this road to Tangoio village, back down the main highway to the Tangoio Post Office and along the coast via Clive back to Hastings.

Damage by Slips.

Squadron-Leader Gibson said that the damage to the hill country north-west of Taradale resulting from slips was very extensive.

The damage on either side of the Esk River was almost indescribable. Virtually whole hillsides had slipped away.

The Esk railway bridge and the main highway bridge had gone and various big fillings on the Esk railway between Eskdale and the top of Dillon's Hill were completely washed out. Many railway cuttings in that section were half filled with slips.

The highway bridge under the Matahoura viaduct was intact but damaged, and between Matahoura and Dillon's Hall much of the highway was all right except for occasional washouts.

Highway Obliterated.

Halfway from Tutira to the junction of the Tangoio settlement road the highway was obliterated in many places for lengths of up to half a mile. The bridge crossing the Arapawanui River was out and the bridge at the Devil's Elbow had also gone. The highway on the face of the Devil's Elbow was obliterated by slips.

The section of highway from the top of the hill to Tangoio was in reasonable order except for small slips and except for a section of three miles north of the Tangoio Post Office where damage to the road in the valley and along the hill was very extensive.

The hilltop road through Tangoio settlement to the junction of the main highway at the Devil's Elbow to the Tangoio Post Office was little damaged on the hilltops except for small slips, but the section into the valley approaching Tangoio was very badly blocked by slips, and the section in the valley for three miles north of Tangoio was very blocked.

The road from the Devil's Elbow to Arapawanui was in reasonable order except for small slips but the road from Arapawanui to the Tangoio settlement road was almost obliterated by slips where it descends into the Waipatiki valley.

Damage to Railway.

The damage to the railway appeared to be worst in the Esk Valley and the damage to the highway was worst between Tangoio and Lake Tutira.

In both cases the damage was so extensive that it would be impossible to assess it properly without an aerial photographic survey which was being arranged for immediately.

A TOWNSHIP MAROONED

SEVENTY PERSONS CUT OFF

FOOD NEEDED

Settlement Hemmed In By Slips

The township of Te Haroto, with a population of 70, has been marooned and completely out of touch with the outside world since the beginning of the flood. Telephonic communication with Napier, after a break of five days, was restored yesterday afternoon. Telephone conversation with the Postmaster of the township last evening disclosed the fact that the town was short of provisions.

Hemmed in by slips, the township, which is close to Tarawera and about 50 miles from Napier on the Taupo Road, is at last beginning to get in touch with outside districts. The town has no shop and depends for its food on surrounding towns. It has been short of supplies for most of the last week and bread, butter and meat are urgently needed.

In conversation with the "Daily Mail" last evening the Postmaster said that the road to Taupo would probably be open in the next three days. In the meantime food was urgently required. A suggestion by a reporter that food could be dropped by aeroplane was strongly supported.

During this period of forced isolation, several cases of sickness have been reported in the town, the Postmaster said. Fortunately none of these had been serious.

To Contest the Final

HAWKE'S BAY PAIR

Ladies' Golf Foursomes

PALMERSTON GAME

By Telegraph—Press Association.

PALMERSTON N., April 28.

The semi-finals of the N.Z.L.G.U. foursomes resulted:—

Mesdames Field and Speechley (Manawatu) beat Miss Griffen and Mrs Monkman (Hutt).

Misses Jefferd and Davies (Hawke's Bay) beat Mrs Martin and Miss Plaice (Wairarapa).

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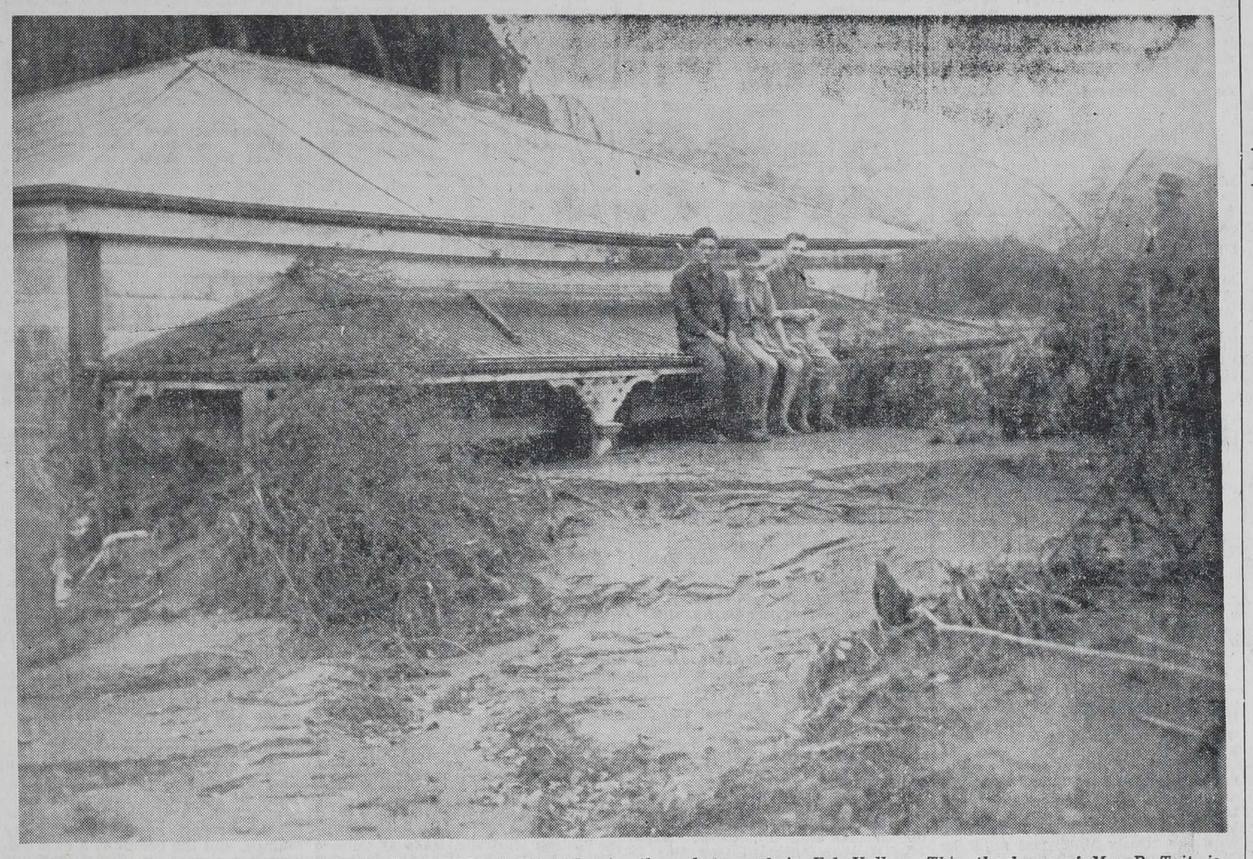

ALMOST INCREDIBLE SILT DEPOSIT SMOTHERS A HOUSE.—Another photograph in Esk Valley. This, the home of Mrs R. Tait, is covered to a depth of up to ten feet. Mrs Tait and her daughter were rescued in the nick of time.

"GOVERNMENT SHOULD GET OUT OF WAY OF BUSINESS"

Mr. Henry Ford Pleads for Freedom for American Enterprise

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(Received April 28, 11 p.m.).

WASHINGTON, April 27.

Mr Henry Ford, after a two-hour luncheon conference with the President (Mr F. D. Roosevelt) reiterated that he did not give the President any advice. Apart from this, Mr Ford did not indicate the subject of their conversations.

"Everything was extremely pleasant," said Mr Ford. "I am convinced that the country is all right and will continue to remain so. People have nothing to fear as long as they continue to think.

"If finance would get away from the Government and the Government away from business, everything would go again. If the Government would just get out of the way and give natural American enterprise a free swing, it will do the job."

Ford Through Esk River

WORK BEGUN

Men Employed on Public Works

CLEARING SLIPS

The construction of a ramp leading down to the Esk River to provide a ford for lorries engaged on the work of clearing slips on the road between Petane and Eskdale is at present being carried out by the Public Works Department. The ford is necessary to replace the highway bridge on the Wairoa-Napier road over the Esk River which was washed away by the flood.

About 50 men are engaged on this section of the road in building the ramp and clearing away the heavy deposit of silt, in places some 3ft in depth.

An Tangoio 20 men are employed in cutting tracks through the slips and in repairing washous.

Mail Services from Napier

SOUTH RUN NORMAL

Wairoa Delivery By Sea

With the resumption of the express train from Napier south yesterday, mails were sent south according to the normal schedule.

Mails from Gisborne arrived in Napier yesterday by the Kaimai.

The Koau, which is leaving Napier to-morrow morning for Wairoa will take mails. Up to the present all mails from Wairoa have to be taken by road to Gisborne, and then sent by air from there south.

On the Puketapu-Rissington-Patoka-Puketitiri delivery mails can only be delivered as far as Puketapu.

DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD BY AIR

BOMBING 'PLANES MAY BE USED

SUGGESTION MADE

Telegram Forwarded to Prime Minister

New Zealand Air Force bombing machines will be used to distribute food to isolated settlers north of Napier if a request made to the Prime Minister by telegraph yesterday by the Hon. W. E. Barnard and Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P.'s, is agreed to.

The following telegram was dispatched to Mr Savage by Mr Barnard: "In view of the continued need of supply food to isolated people in which work Hawke's Bay and East Coast Aero Club has finely co-operated Mr Cullen and I suggest one or more bombing 'planes be used for the purpose as Aero Club has been operating at club's expense."

It is understood that the Minister of Mines (the Hon. P. C. Webb) who inspected the stricken district from the air yesterday is in sympathy with the request.

FLOOD RELIEF TO BE DISCUSSED

MEETING CONVENED FOR MONDAY

HELP FOR SETTLERS

Messrs Barnard and Cullen Act

An inspection of portion of the flood damaged area was made yesterday by the Hon. W. E. Barnard, M.P., and Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P. They inspected damaged market gardens at Bay View and also viewed the devastated Esk Valley from the top of the hills.

At Bay View they met some Pakuratahi settlers who had, after some hours on the way, reached Bay View to procure food for themselves and their families.

"We agreed to set them to work clearing the Pakuratahi Road into their own properties," said Mr Barnard, in an interview with the "Daily Mail" last night, "and our action has since been confirmed by the Hon. P. C. Webb.

Meeting With Minister.

"Later in the day we met the Minister at the Hastings aerodrome and discussed the position with him. Following that Mr Cullen and I decided to convene a meeting on Monday morning next at the County Council Chambers, Napier, to which it is proposed to invite the Mayors of Napier and Hastings and the chairmen of the Hawke's Bay County Council and the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board, together with the Public Works Department District Engineer and other departmental heads.

"The meeting is for the purpose of considering the position and discussing a policy designed to give the settlers needed assistance."

Minister Thanked.

The two Members of Parliament expressed their thanks and gratitude to the Minister of Mines for the prompt action on the part of the Government in despatching him here to look into the position.

"The situation at Bay View and Esk Valley is much worse than it was as a result of the 1931 earthquake," said Mr Cullen. "It will be three or four years before the farms in the valley are habitable again."

Several nominations were received yesterday from candidates for seats on the various wards of the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board by the Board's returning officer (Mr A. G. Pallot). These close before noon to-day, the elections being held on May 11.

Nominations received yesterday were as follows:—Messrs J. H. Sheath (Ward 1), W. H. Campbell (Ward 4), L. E. Harris and F. E. Evans (Ward 3), H. M. Thompson (Ward 2).

Jurors' Fees Higher

NOW 13/4 DAILY

Announcement in Gazette

By Telegraph—Press Association.

WELLINGTON, April 28.

An increase in jurors' fees as from May 1 from 10/6 to 13/4 for the daily rate and from 5/- to 6/8 for the half day is officially announced in regulations issued with to-night's Gazette.

"DAMAGE BEYOND ANTICIPATION"

Hon. R. Semple's Comment

Cabinet Meeting Decision

Immediately after a special meeting of Cabinet last night had considered the report on the flood damage in Hawke's Bay prepared by the Minister of Mines (the Hon. P. C. Webb) a telegram was dispatched by the Minister of Public Works (the Hon. R. Semple) to the Hon. W. E. Barnard, M.P., and Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P.

After his aerial tour yesterday, Mr Webb arrived back in Wellington at 4.30 p.m. Cabinet met at five o'clock and at 6.55 p.m. the message was despatched.

Mr Cullen stated last evening that a meeting of representatives of local bodies had been called for Monday morning.

Mr Semple's telegram was as follows:—

"I have sent the following telegram to Mr W. L. Newnham, Chief Inspecting Engineer of the Public Works Department:—

"'Mr Webb and Mr Gibson have just returned from an inspection of Hawke's Bay by air. The magnitude of the damage was beyond anticipation.

"'I suggest that you get in touch with the Hon. Mr Barnard and Mr Cullen, M.P., and local body representatives at once and advise them to form a relief committee whose job it will be to investigate all cases of hardship, with a view to giving immediate relief, and that you take charge of the committee on behalf of the Government.

"'I also suggest that you get into communication at once with the Air Mapping Company, Hastings, and instruct them to make an aerial survey of the damaged area and forward all necessary information to this office as soon as possible.

"'The Government will stand the cost.

"'Those people whose homes are affected are to be employed to clean up the surroundings to give access. The cost is to be met by the Government.

"'Please co-operate with Mr Dinnie in giving temporary access where possible as soon as possible.

"'I have arranged for a Baffin plane to proceed to Hastings the first thing to-morrow morning, which will be at your disposal for the delivery of foodstuffs, etc.'"

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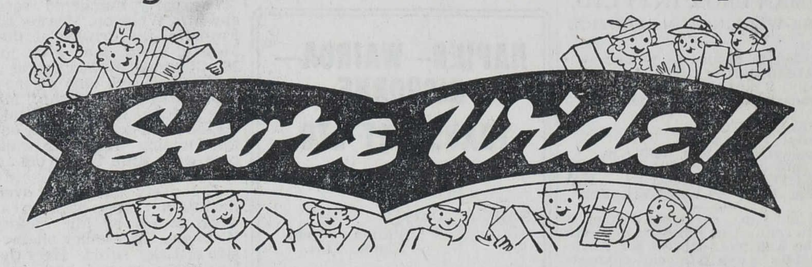

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PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR

Selected Recordings by Mr D'Arcy Cresswell from 1YA

Readings by Mr D'Arcy Cresswell from Livy's "History of Rome," with music from Bach's Concerto in C Major, will be one of the features of to-night's radio programme. The item will be given from 1YA Auckland, at 8 o'clock.

The detailed arrangement for to-day's programme is:

6.50 A.M. TO NOON

6.50—2YA—Weather for aviators.
7.00—Breakfast session from all main stations.
10.00—1YA—Devotional service.
2YA—Devotional service and weather for aviators.
3YA and 4YA—Recordings.
10.15—1YA—Recordings.
4YA—Devotional service.
10.30—3YA—Devotional service.
11.00—2YA—Time signals.
3YA—Time signals. Recordings
11.30—3YA—Recordings.
12.00—Lunch music from all stations.

1 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

1.00—2YA—Weather for aviators.
2.00—1YA, 3YA and 4YA—Recordings.
2YA—Classical hour.
2.30—1YA—Classical hour.
3.00—2YA—Talk by A.C.E., "Good Food Combinations and Why?" Sports results.
3YA—Classical hour.
3.15—1YA—Sports results.
4YA—Talk by A.C.E., "Making the Most of Winter." Sports results. Classical music.
3.30—1YA—Light music.
2YA—Time signals and weather
4.00—1YA—Weather for farmers.
2YA—Sports results.
3YA—Weather. Light music.
4YA—Frost forecast.
4.30—1YA and 3YA—Sports results.
4YA—Light music.
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—3YA—Time signals.

8 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

8.00—1YA — Concert programme. Readings by Mr D'Arcy Cresswell, from Livy's "History of Rome," with music from Bach's Concerto in C Major for three pianos.
2YA—Chimes. Programme of recordings. Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, Slavonic Dance No. 16 in A Flat Major (Dvorak). Paul Robeson (bass), "The Wanderer" (arr. Palmgren); (a) "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" (arr. Brown), (b) "Poem" ("Minstrel Man") (Hughes).
3YA—Chimes. (R) Sir Henry J. Wood, conducting London Symphony Orchestra, "A Children's Overture" (Quilter).
4YA—Chimes. Variety concert. (R) Sydney Kyte and Piccadilly Hotel Band, "Stars Over Broadway" Selection. Humorous serial feature, "Dad and Dave from Snake Gully."
8.14—2YA—Reginald Foort (at BBC Theatre organ), "Cloister Shadows" (Hope); "The Lost Chord" (Sullivan).
3YA—Mrs Tristram Willcox (contralto recital), (a) "Maureen" (Hugh Roberton); (b) "Lullaby" (Cyril Scott); (c) "Brittany" (Bullock); (d) "When Rooks Fly Homeward" (Alex Rowley).
8.20—2YA—Joseph Schmidt (tenor), with Orchestra, conducted by Richard Tauber, "You Mean the World to Me" (Marischka, Tauber); "My Beautiful Dream" (Rotter, Tauber).
4YA—"An Appeal to the Spirits" (Japanese houseboy).
8.25—3YA—(R) Yehudi Menuhin (violin recital), (a) "Perpetuum Mobile" (Novacek); (b) "The Girl With the Flaxen Hair" (Debussy); (c) "Songs My Mother Taught Me" (Dvorak); (d) "Guitarre" (Moszkowski).
8.26—2YA—Roy Smeck and Serenaders, "Moonlight on the Highway" (Leslie, Burke, Sherman); "Remember Me" (Warren, Dubin).
8.32—2YA—Hildegarde (light vocal), "It's the Natural Thing to Do" (Burke, Johnston). Daios Bela Dance Orchestra, "Brigitte" Waltz (Moretti).
4YA—Dora Lindsay, Scottish character artist.
8.36—3YA—Ernest Rogers (tenor recital), (a) "Awake, My Heart"; (b) "Sweet and Low" (C. I. Cook); (c) "You Shall Not Go A-Maying" (Michael Head); (d) "London Girl" (Snodgrass).
8.40—2YA—Talk, Rev. W. S. Rollings, "Czechoslovakia: An Ancient Home of Freedom."
8.42—1YA—Erin Power (piano), "Wiener Tanze" (Friedman, Gartner); "Arabeske," Op. 18 (Schumann); Fantasie Impromptu, Op. 66 (Chopin). (R) Robert Couzinou (baritone), with choir, piano and organ, "Charity" (Faure).
8.45—4YA—Reserved.
8.49—3YA—(R) Vladimir Horowitz (pianoforte recital), (a) "Traumes" "Dream Visions") (Schumann); (b) Mazurka in C Sharp Minor; (c) Mazurka in E Minor (Chopin); (b) Variations on Theme from "Carmen" (Bizet).
9.00—News and weather from all stations.
9.5—1YA—Reserved.
2YA—"Eb and Zeb."
3YA—Recorded talk, Leon Gotz, "Leaves From a Planter's Notebook," No. 2.
4YA—Chamber music concert by Max Scherek Trio. The Trio, Trio in C Minor (Beethoven).
9.15—2YA—Programme by Garde Republicaine Band of France. (R) Garde Republicaine Band of France, "Tannhauser" Grand March (Wagner); "Fidelio" Overture (Beethoven).
9.20—1YA—Dawn Harding (mezzo-soprano), "Gipsy Songs" (Brahms).
2YA—Jeanette Briggs (soprano), "The Enchanted Garden" (Katherine Berry); "Carmena" (Lane Wilson). (R) The Band, Clarinet Concerto (Weber); "Lohengrin" Prelude to Act 3 (Wagner).
9.28—3YA—(R) Doris Vane (soprano), "The Kerry Dance" (Molloy). 3YA Orchestra, "Heart's Desire" Selection (Clutsam).
9.32—1YA—(R) Orchestra Pasdeloup, Symphony Drama, "A Poet's Life" (Charpentier).
9.34—4YA—(R) Rauta Waara (soprano), "The First Kiss"; "The Maiden Coming from the Rendezvous" (Sibelius); "Solveig's Song (from "Peer Gynt"); "Solveig's Cradle Song" (Grieg)
9.39—3YA—(R) Paul Robeson (bass), (a) "Mighty Lak' a Rose" (Nevin); (b) "Just Keepin' On" (Phillips).
9.42—2YA — Jeanette Briggs (soprano), "Oh That It Were So" (Frank Bridge); "Sing Sweet Bird" (Ganz). (R) The Band, Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt).
3YA—3YA Orchestra, "London Again" Suite: (a) Oxford Street; (b) Langham Place; (c) Mayfair (Coates).
9.48—4YA—The Trio, "Humoreske"; "Tempo di Marcia" (Schumann).

10 P.M. TO 11 P.M.

10.00—1YA and 3YA—Music, mirth and melody.
2YA—Dance programme of new recordings with swing session, compered by Arthur Pearce.
4YA—Dance music by Savoy Dance Band (at Savoy Restaurant).
11.00—All stations close down.

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR MORE RAIN.

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

Winds.—Moderate to strong northerly, changing later to southwesterlies or southerlies.

Weather.—Cloudy to overcast, and rain probable, with some heavy falls.

Temperatures.—Mild at first, but cooler following change of wind.

Seas.—Moderate.

Hastings Weather

Rain held off at Hastings yesterday though conditions were threatening and skies were overcast for the most part. The maximum temperature was 70 degrees and there was a light breeze from the east.

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

Dry bulb	64 deg.
Wet bulb	61 deg.
Max. temp.	70 deg.
Min. temp.	59 deg.
Wind	E2
Cloud (0-10)	8
Temp. 1ft. underground ..	62 deg.

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	61.0 deg.
Dry bulb	66.0 deg.
Max. in shade	67.5 deg.
Min. in shade	50.0 deg.
Min. on grass	47.0 deg.
Wind	N.E., 4½ m.p.h.
Cloud (0-10) ..	10, low cloud, 1000ft.
Sunshine	2 hrs.
Visibility	6
Humidity	73 p.c.

HAZARDOUS TRIP FROM WAIROA

NIGHT SPENT IN DEVIL'S ELBOW

"ONE LONG SLIP"

"All through the night the noise of slips falling on the road was like the roar of thunder and earthquakes. When daylight broke it was a scene of desolation."

A graphic picture of Sunday night and on the Devil's Elbow by a party sleeping in two motor-cars and a transport truck at the height of the storm was given in an interview with the "Daily Mail" last night by Mr J. Whincop, of Napier.

Mr Whincop and his wife left Wairoa by car about 4.30 on Sunday afternoon, and until they reached the Waikare Gorge their trip was not eventful. At this gorge they set to work to clear a slip across the road; further on another slip was cleared through the Matahoura Gorge.

Stream Running High

The stream at the Waikare bridge, although not flooded, was running very high.

Another slip was cleared at the entrance of the Devil's Elbow, and still further on about 300 yards from a culvert at the bottom they were held up by another slip.

"There was no sense attempting the journey," said Mr Whincop. "The road was impassable, so we spent Sunday night sleeping in the cars."

The party numbered seven, Mr and Mrs Whincop, Messrs. E. and J. Franklin, the drivers of the truck, Messrs. Field, sen. and jun., and Mr Gilbert of Kopuawhara.

"The opposite side of the Devil's Elbow was one long slip," Mr Whincop added. In the morning the transport truck was buried up to the running boards in mud. The cars were little better off and they were abandoned.

The party proceeded over many mountain ridges back to a homestead owned by Mr McIntyre, at Waikoua, three miles on the Napier side of Lake Tutiri. Here they were hospitably treated and spent the night.

Four of the men decided on Tuesday morning to set out on a 25 mile walk to Napier, and Mrs Whincop and Messrs. Field, sen., and Gilbert were left at the homestead.

They again attempted to cross the Devil's Elbow, but after proceeding about a third of the distance through a succession of wet slips, they found that the road was impassable. They then decided to strike up the face to Mr R. White's homestead at the top of the hill.

Shipping at the Port of Napier

SUN.

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. a.m.	H.W. p.m.	L.W. a.m.	L.W. p.m.
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 AT BREAKWATER

Kaimai, ex Westport and Greymouth, Apr. 28.
Pakura, ex Wellington, to-day.
Waiana, ex Auckland, to-day.

VESSELS AT INNER HARBOUR

Kiritona, at moorings.
Koau, for Wairoa, early to-day.
Tu Atu, at moorings.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS

Roadstead.

Rangitane, ex Auckland, Apr. 30.
Port Denison, ex Auckland, May 2.
Coptic, ex Wellington, May 3.
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.

Waipahi, this week.
Pukeko, ex Portland, Apr. 30.
Awahou, ex Lyttelton, May 2.
Kauri, ex Australian ports, May 10.
Kakapo, ex Australia, May 16.
Paua, ex Wellington, May 24.
Wairuna, ex Los Angeles, early July.

Inner Harbour.

Koau, ex Wairoa, late to-night.
Koutunui, ex Waikokopu, late to-night.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES

Roadstead.

Rangitane, for Wellington, May 3.
Port Denison, for Wellington, May 4.
Coptic, for Auckland, May 6.
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, to-night.
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, this morning.

VESSELS FOR PORT OF NAPIER.

Awahou, 410 tons, Capt. M. Petley (Richardson and Co.), left Gisborne Apr. 27 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.), after loading wool and casks at Napier, sailed for Wellington late last 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 yesterday from New Plymouth for Nelson, thence Wellington (due Apr. 29), thence Napier (due May 3), Auckland (due May 7). 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.), after discharging general cargo at Napier, sailed for Wellington late last night to continue discharging to the Federal Co., thence 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.

Kaimai, 1435 tons (U.S.S. Co.), left Greymouth at midnight on Tuesday for Gisborne and Napier. Arrived Napier early yesterday morning to discharge coal, thence Westport.

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

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

Koutunui, m.v., 167 tons (Richardson and Co.), sailed from Napier about 10 p.m. last night for Waikokopu with coal ex the s.s. Kaimai at the breakwater.

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.), left Wellington midday yesterday for Napier and Gisborne (due here 10 a.m. to-day). Sails 6 p.m. to-night for Gisborne, thence Wellington.

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.), en route from Auckland and Portland to Napier, via East Coast bays and Gisborne (due here early Saturday), 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.), at moorings.

Waiana, 3363 tons (Union S.S. Co.), expected to leave Auckland on Apr. 27 for Napier to load for Wellington and Melbourne (due to-day).

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).

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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 to-day. 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 Apr. 27 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.

Kaipara, 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 to-day) 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), expected to clear Bluff yesterday for Lyttelton (due to-day), 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 yesterday 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. E. 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 Apr. 27 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).

Rangitata arrived at Panama on Apr. 25. Sailed from Colon Apr. 26.

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 yesterday. Due Auckland June 4, thence Dunedin (to discharge).

Ruahine, t.s., 10,370 tons, Capt. F. W. Robinsson (N.Z. Shipping Co.), expected at Lyttelton yesterday from Bluff, thence Wellington (due May 5). Expected to sail on May 9 to London, via Panama.

Swartenhondt, 5084 tons, Capt. Hellingman (K.P.M. Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), en route from Singapore and 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 yesterday. 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 Apr. 27 from Sydney, leaves to-day, 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).

RAILWAY THROUGH ESK VALLEY

Rebuilding Needed

NO SIGN OF LINES LEFT

New Route Needed

The section of the Napier-Wairoa railway passing through the Esk Valley will have to be virtually rebuilt from end to end. Where trains were running only a few days ago there is now no sign of rails or embankment, and no indication that they ever existed there.

It seems possible that an entirely new route will have to be found for the line through the valley.

The tiny Riverslea station was carried away by the current and left entangled in trees near the river mouth, and the Eskdale station, one of the largest in the area, is wrecked. The line has disappeared to within a short distance of the station yard, almost the whole of the platform has gone and a number of sheep trucks standing on a siding have been knocked over and partly buried.

The new penny stamps which New Zealand is to have will probably be placed on sale some time next month. The design is the same as the recently issued halfpenny stamps, and the colour is a rich red. The exact date of issue depends upon the depletion of the stocks of the present penny stamp with the kiwi design, but whatever the date of issue the new stamps will be on sale simultaneously at all post offices throughout the country.

SCARCITY OF STEEL

Auckland Position

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"Daily Mail" Special Service.
AUCKLAND, April 28.

Advice received by Auckland importers from English steel works is to the effect that manufacturers are now not only able to cater for the British domestic demand for steel, but are in a position to export steel rods, flats, plates and indeed practically all types of steel.

This means that the British steel industry, or a section of it, has substantially overtaken the extraordinary demand caused by the British rearmament, which caused a steel shortage on the world markets.

The Dominion will still draw on most classes of steel produced in Australia, it was explained by importers. They stated that British steel exporters, with a handicap of 25 per cent. exchange, were hardly likely to be in a position to compete with most classes of Australian steel on landed costs. Moreover, Australia enjoyed the advantage when ordering supplies, of close proximity to the Dominion.

Inquiry from Canada by importers reveals the fact that Canada is in a position to give prompt shipment of steel, but landed costs are close to £2 a ton more than for Australian supplies.

While the Kekerangu brought some hundreds of tons of steel from Australia, the acute shortage of steel reinforcing rods, chiefly in ½in. size, has not been relieved. It is further stated that the acute steel scarcity in Auckland is mostly in rods and flats, the latter being used in the engineering industry. The market is now fairly well supplied with girders in the various sizes required by the building industry.

The scarcity in steel has been in existence so long that requirements are now ordered fairly well ahead. Orders are bing supplied from Australia within 18 to 20 weeks for sections or girders, and within 40 weeks for reinforcing rods. The experience is that acute scarcities develop from time to time for different classes of steel, fairly close to periods in which such types are rolled at the mills.

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Missionaries in the Wilds of China

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"Daily Mail" Special Service.
AUCKLAND, April 28.

Adventure in the wild North-west of China, on the borders of Tibet and Mongolia, has been a regular part of the life of Mr and Mrs J. S. Muir, members of the China Inland Mission, who arrived from Sydney by the Wanganella after seven years in the Kansu province.

Mr Muir is a graduate of the New Zealand Bible Training Institute, Auckland. With his wife and their two children he intends to visit Canada, his wife's birthplace, before returning to China later in the year.

In a mission station set in a cold hilly region, Mr and Mrs Muir have worked among the Chinese for the past seven years, living in native fashion, dressing in long robes lined with sheepskin to keep out the intense cold and speaking to the Chinese in their own language.

The Muirs have won many friends among the people of this lonely country, but they have not been immune from attacks of bands of Communists, who until quite recently roamed the country.

"We had to leave our station on two occasions because of Communists, who used to capture missionaries and hold them to ransom," Mr Muir said. "Mr Mayman, from Auckland, is one of our missionaries and he was held captive for a long time. Now, however, the Communists have united with the Government troops against Japan."

Primitive Conditions.

Primitive conditions still prevail in the portion of China where the Muirs are stationed. Mr Muir suffered a grave illness earlier this year and it was for a time thought possible that an aeroplane would have to be chartered to fly him right across China. He was able, however, to make the journey by train.

Though he did not discuss details of the present conflict between China and Japan, Mr Muir said that from the latest reports they had received on their way to New Zealand China seemed to be holding her own. They were optimistic about the outcome of the war.

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MANAGERIAL

That "double-feature programmes" are continually becoming more and more popular throughout the picture-going world is an undisputed fact—but to maintain this popularity considerable forethought in the choosing and balancing of the programme is necessary. An example of what may be termed a perfect "double feature" is to be found in the programme selected to commence at the COSY to-morrow. Neither show is in any degree similar to the other, but both contain that punch, story, and situations which will hold you enthralled from first scene to final fade-out. FOR A NIGHT OF SHEER CARE-FREE ENTERTAINMENT, WE ADVISE YOU TO SEE

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Double Feature Bill of Merit

Packed with danger and excitement, RKO Radio's new thrill romance, "Danger Patrol," brings Sally Eilers and John Beal together with Harry Carey in an unusual type of screen offering. This film will be shown with "Under Suspicion" at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, to-night.

The lives of the men who make and transport the world's most treacherous explosive, nitroglycerine, form the background of the story, whose plot turns on the romance between the two young people. Miss Eilers plays the daughter of Carey, an old-timer at the perilous business of handling the dangerous liquid, and Beal a newcomer, who is taken in hand by Carey to learn the tricks of the profession.

"Under Suspicion," stars Jack Holt, and was adapted to the screen from Philip Wylie's widely read magazine story.

The story of "Under Suspicion" tells of a millionaire auto magnate, played by Holt, who decides to retire and turn over his plant to his employees. The move makes enemies of many of his friends, several of whom he believes would like to see him dead. To forestall any assassination he invites all the would-be culprits to his mountain lodge, and through a series of cleverly planned manoeuvres, traps the lurking killer.

Cosy.

TWO EXCELLENT FEATURES

"Return of Sophie Lang" and New Musical

With Gertrude Michael, Sir Guy Standing and Ray Milland heading the large cast of screen favourites "The Return of Sophie Lang" will open at the Cosy Theatre, Hasting, to-morrow.

It is a thrilling romance of a girl famed the world over for her light fingers and taking ways. Sophie Lang gets on the job as detective—and gets back the world's largest diamond from the man who thought he was the world's "smoothest crook!" And while she does it, she finds for herself the most thrilling, most glamorous romance that has come to the screen in a long time!

Colin Tapley, who appears as a purser in the picture is the son of the former mayor of Dunedin, New Zealand, and was a member of the English Royal Air Service at one time.

Life in a big theatre makes up the story of "This Way Please," Paramount's new musical to be screened on the same programmes.

In it is Charles "Buddy" Rogers as a famous band leader, Betty Grable as an usherette, Fibber McGee and Molly as trailer tourists, and Mary Livingstone (sometimes known as Mrs Jack Benny) as a captain of usherettes. Lee Bowman, Porter Hall, Ned Sparks, Jerry Bergen, Wally Vernon and Romo Vincent are also in the cast.

Current Attraction

The double feature programme, comprising "Born Reckless" and "She Had To Eat," will be shown finally to-night at the Cosy.

State.

THE LIFE OF QUEEN VICTORIA

Portrayed in Historical Drama

Epic in its sweep as an historical drama, "Victoria the Great," 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 will open a season of a week at the State Theatre, Hastings, to-morrow.

Of the tenderer side of Victoria's character the general public is now made aware. The picture—authentic in every detail, since it was filmed under official auspices—shows that she loved display. The romance of Victoria and Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha evokes reminiscences of heartache and ecstasy in the bosoms of the old, and tints in rose colour the dreams of the young. Considered merely as a beautifully impressive spectacle, "Victoria the Great" ranks high as entertainment. But the crux of the story lies in its heart-magnetism.

There follow the idyll of Victoria and Prince Albert, during which the Queen exercises a royal disdain for precedent by proposing to him their marriage; the magnificent Coronation ceremonies; and the happy wedded life, which culminates in one of the most affecting tear-producing episodes ever filmed—the death of the Prince, as his grief-stricken wife crouches beside him to hear his last words.

Besides Anna Neagle, as Victoria, and her co-star, Anton Walbrook, distinguished Continental actor, in the part of Prince Albert, such names as H. B. Warner, Walter Rilla and Mary Morris, Broadway favourite head a large and talented cast. Over 5000 extras were employed in the RKO Radio picture.

Current Programme

Edmund Lowe is at the top of his form in "The Squeaker," a finely made Alexander Korda production which will be shown finally to-night at the State. The story is based on the popular Edgar Wallace play, one of the thrill-master's biggest successes.

Regent.

"MAYTIME," MUSICAL TRIUMPH

Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy

Topping even their triumphs in "Naughty Marietta" and "Rose Marie," Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, America's favourite singing stars, are co-starred in "Maytime," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's lavish adaption of the Rida Johnson Young operetta which will open to-morrow at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

The famous song hit of the original play, "Sweetheart, Will You Remember?" was retained for the film version, with the remainder of the music divided between the sentimental and operatic. Miss MacDonald sings two complete operatic arias and portions of others. Eddy has three novelty songs, "Students' Drinking Song," "Vive L'Opera" and "Virginia Ham and Eggs."

Eighty sets were constructed. Most elaborate is the court of Louis Napoleon in 1865. There are opera houses, great parks, forests, streets of Paris, lavish hotel suites, an entire section of the Latin quarter of Paris, an apple orchard in full bloom and numerous other colourful sets. Six stages were turned over to the creation of these settings, among the most elaborate ever attempted in Hollywood.

The story, taken from Rida Johnson Young's original play and adapted by Noel Langley, opens in 1905 with Miss MacDonald appearing in old lady make-up for the first time, trying to solve the romantic problems of Lynne Carver and Tom Brown by telling the girl of her own life so she can choose between love and a career.

Current Attraction

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 will conclude to-night at the Regent Theatre.

Replicas of the Crown jewels of England are being displayed in Blythe's window, Emerson Street, Napier, while "Victoria the Great" is being shown at the State Theatre. Many of the originals of the replicas were worn by Queen Victoria.

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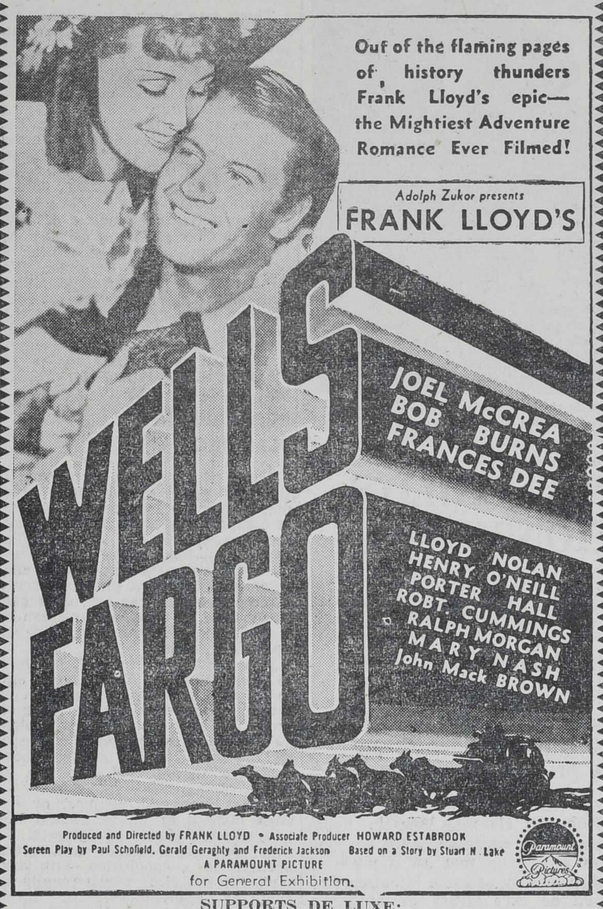

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Plaza.

STIRRING DAYS OF HISTORY

"Wells Fargo" Begins 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-day 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).

Gaiety-De Luxe.

LAST PERFORMANCES OF "MAYTIME"

"Topper" to Begin Season To-morrow

The magnificent musical film, "Maytime," has amazed, thrilled and delighted every beholder to a measure never before experienced in the annals of theatrical and cinema history. Splendid in every sense of the meaning, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's lavish musical offering "Maytime" has Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in the starring roles.

Patrons are reminded that the two farewell performances take place at the Gaiety this afternoon and evening at 2.15 and 7.45.

"TOPPER" TO-MORROW.

One colourful phase of the exceptionally fine physical mounting given the Hal Roach-M.G.M. feature comedy, "Topper," coming to the Gaiety Theatre, and commencing its season at the grand matinee, to-morrow, at 2.15, is the variety and number of famous night clubs and cafes.

One of the clubs, the "Rainbow Club," represents a luxurious New York establishment with the musicians dressed in Argentine costume and rendering the entrancing strains of a rhumba.

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Mayfair.

MYSTERY, DRAMA AND ROMANCE

Richard Arlen in "The Spy Ring"

The programme which will commence a three-day season this afternoon at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, with two sessions daily, is excellently varied entertainment.

The first attraction is episode eleven of the thrilling serial, "The Radio Patrol." The first full length feature is "The Spy Ring" starring Wm. Hall, Jane Wyman, Jane Carleton and Jack Mulhall. Telling the adventures of a group of clever international spies who seek to steal an anti-aircraft invention from a dashing army captain, "The Spy Ring" bristles with action, mystery, drama, and romance.

The second picture is the comedy "No Time to Marry" starring Richard Arlen, Mary Astor, Lionel Stander, Thurston Hall and Marjorie Gateson. For sheer nonsense of the gayest sort and for some of the most delightfully absurd situations the screen has so far thought up, "No Time to Marry" is the film to see. The plight of a star reporter who spends his wedding night on a goat hunt — under orders from his managing editor, provides the theme of this hilarious romantic comedy. Richard Arlen is the reporter and Mary Astor is the proposed bride.

State

"VICTORIA THE GREAT" IS BRILLIANT

Outstanding Film Begins To-morrow

"Victoria the Great," which will begin a season at the State Theatre, Napier, to-morrow is a dramatisation of the reign, and incidentally the romance, of the famous British Sovereign with Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. Anna Neagle, the popular English film actress, appears in the title role and Anton Walbrook, the international stage and screen star, plays opposite her. Walter Rilla and H. B. Warner also take leading parts in the film. The film stresses the intensely human side of the Queen.

The film shows that the Victorian social atmosphere is by no means as drab as some writers have seen fit to present it. Victoria loved to dance, to ride, liked horses and dogs, and was not averse to a flirtation when the right man came along, as he did in the person of Prince Albert. This may be a revelation to the average movie patron, who generally thinks of Victoria as a stern, black-clad widow, altogether submerged in the affairs of Empire.

Current Feature

"There Goes the Groom," "Fit for a King," and the film of the Braddock v. Farr boxing match will be shown finally at the State Theatre, Napier, to-day.

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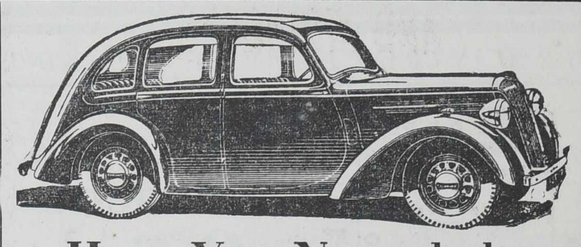

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The hair, too, is treated with oils —coconut oil imparting luster to the locks, sesame bringing curls, and mustard deepening the black colour. The Hindu woman loves jet-black hair; platinum, auburn or blonde, she knows, would not suit her swarthy skin. The modern type shortens her hair as her sister of the Western World does; the orthodox prefers her locks long and gathered in a knot, according to caste, above or behind her head or plaited into a tail. Whatever the coiffeur's shape, it is entwined with gay petals of rose, jasmine or screw-pine.

HENNA FOR THE NAILS

Miss America manicures her nails; Miss India uses henna after an ancient fashion. Once applied on fingers and toes, the dye leaves a reddish covering which lasts for two months, or until the nail have grown out. Instead of plucking eyebrows and lashes, the Hindu woman uses "soorma"—a black liquid polish prepared from the soot of a wick dipped in coconut oil. This gives a deep-set effect to the eyes—for Hindu eyes must be fathomless, like the sea.

The native lipstick is pan or betel leaf chewed with chunam lime, which leaves the tongue, teeth and lips as ruddy as a sunset. Most distinctive item in the Hindu woman's make-up is the wafer stamped between her brows. This is not a caste-mark. When black, the wafer is made of burnt, powdered sago, mixed with sandalwood oil; when pink, it comes from the dried and powdered "kumku" flower, common in the land.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER, the president of King's College Hospital, attends the "fashion contrast" (a display of period and modern costumes) at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane. The Duchess of Gloucester arriving with Lady Doverdale, chairman of the display.

DELINQUENCY THE UNHAPPY CHILD'S OUTLET FOR EMOTIONS

American Judge Analyses the Problems of Crime Among the Juveniles

In an interesting article in the "Christian Science Monitor," Judge Hatfield, of the Probate and Juvenile Courts of Michigan, sets down from the fund of his experience of child delinquents, the problems that beset them and the solutions as he sees them.

Nearly everyone has some theory as to the cause or chief causes of juvenile delinquency. Most frequently mentioned are those concerning neighbourhood conditions, lack of proper recreation, bad associates, and heredity. While most of these factors, as well as several others, play some role in causation, little thought is given to another and very important element in the situation, namely, the effect upon children of their relations with those nearest to them, their own parents. The effect of a very poor father upon his son is evident, but few people realise the important link between delinquency and the emotional relationships between the parent and the child in cases where the parent may be not only upright but well meaning.

The more obvious connection was noticed over a hundred years ago when a committee formed to investigate juvenile delinquency placed the neglect of parents at the head of the list of the chief causes for the condition of such children. It needed little observation to see in these cases the results of the neglect of all the duties of parenthood and of good citizenship, and to note the lack of education, the poor training and the absence of any guiding hand. But no one at that time troubled to inquire why boys coming from perfectly good homes, with all the advantages of such homes, still resorted to careers in crime. As time went on, this problem attracted the attention of students and research workers. And to-day answers have been found.

GOOD EXAMPLE NEEDED

Probably few parents realise the influence of their continued daily relationship with their offspring. They would be the last one to desire to bring any harm to them, and yet in some cases their ignorance has done so. They need to be helped to realise their importance to the child, and learn how to adjust themselves to their children.

They need also to be helped to realise that children do not forget as easily as they might sometimes like them to. Some of the first steps of a child toward juvenile delinquency have been traced to the fact that a parent has become concerned with the immediate situation and has not looked to the total development of the boy or girl.

For example, mother knows that Johnny will baulk about going to the dentist and she does not hesitate to promise him some desired gift if he will go with her, or to tell him that they are going to visit someone who has something very nice for him. She may argue that such statements cannot reasonably be taken as promises, and that the child does not regard them as such. Yet she is concerned about the untruths her children tell. Or—father administers beatings to Johnny who has only adopted clever ruses which he has heard father himself boast of using.

These are common occurrences. Here is another proven cause of juvenile crime. Everyone has also noticed the evident favouritism shown by some parents toward one of their children. He is praised and trotted forth upon every occasion to the neglect of the others.

The same is frequently true in cases where parents show preferences for boys or girls, and treat children of the other sex with coolness. Some of them seem to resent the matter of sex deeply and blame the children for being girls when what they really wanted was boys.

In the same way, they blame one of their children for not being as bright as another, and actually taunt him with this fact. Instead of helping the slower one, this usually makes him feel more hopeless. Evidently he is in need of more care than the clever child, and yet he gets less. The result may be that he will look elsewhere for that attention.

DISSATISFACTION THE REASON

And here we get to some of the fundamentals of the entire question of delinquency. No boy is bad because he wants to be mean and suddenly decides to be so. He turns to misbehaviour because he is dissatisfied in some way, and because he thinks that this new mode of acting will secure some of the things he is now missing.

Perhaps it is because he feels that he is not appreciated at home, is always being criticised, or made little of. He may see in delinquency an opportunity for showing his own gang that he is made of stuff worthy of some attention, and that he isn't afraid of anything. The important thing to realise is that he isn't doing it because he is a tough or is a "born crook." Something has made him turn to this way out, and usually that something is connected with his emotional reactions to his parents.

The latest study in this field set out to compare the growth of boys in the same family, one of whom had become delinquent while the other had not. Thus, the usual reasons urged as causes could not have been effective, for both boys were subjected to much the same influences outside the home.

It was discovered that the significant difference between the boys who did and those who did not become delinquent was that the former were blocked in their relations with their parents, and that as a result they felt deprived and thwarted.

This lack of satisfying human relations helped them on their road to delinquency and played a determining role in their conduct. There is now little doubt of the overwhelming importance of the parents in the life of the child, and of their role in the production or prevention of delinquency.

NEED FOR ENLIGHTENED TREATMENT

As late as the first quarter of the nineteenth century, children of twelve and thirteen were still being sentenced to death for petty pilfering. Others were subjected to public whippings and imprisonment with older thieves. In the face of the deeply underlying emotional background of most delinquency, whippings and beatings are now realised to be of as little use as threat of punishment and the straitjacket were in treating the insane. Just as has happened in the treatment of the mentally disturbed, we have come to realise that outward actions are only symptoms of the inner disturbance, and that really to help the patient or delinquent we must discover the reason for their behaviour and treat not their actions but the causes.

It is time that a definite programme for the education of parents in these important matters were organised by enlightened leaders in every community.

Parents as a whole should be helped to realise the possible effects of excesses of severity or of selfish love toward their children, and be taught to avoid these extremes. They should be helped to learn the necessity for treating each child as an individual, and for working out his problems with nim. They must be enabled to give up the easier method of ruling by force or threats and not only appear to be, but act the part of friend and counselor. The old trick of parents in trying to appear as infallible and as never making mistakes is eventually seen through by the child, and his distrust is heightened.

True companionship with children does not come easily, and must be carefully nurtured. Its achievement is one of the truly satisfying accomplishments in this world. It can be achieved only by regarding the child as a human being with feelings and rights of its own, and by looking at things from the child's point of view.

RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMUNITY

Factors other than the home play their role in the creation or prevention of juvenile delinquency. Any community which allows children to roam the streets without decent housing and training can ill afford to sit back and imagine that parents can do it all.

It must realise, too, that the education of parents is a definite responsibility which should be one of the first objectives of such a programme. It must seek to aid the parents before and not after the child has become delinquent. In that connection, the community must also organise its forces for more effective crime prevention, so that it may strike early and with increasing effect. Careful planning and the adaption of plans to the particular community are essential. The value in terms of lives to be saved, and in actual lowered costs in dealing with adult crime, will far outweigh any initial outlay.

If You Would Make the Dessert:

Let It Be Simple

There was never a time when the art of dessert making was more appreciated than it is to-day. It is recognised that this branch of cookery should include a thorough knowledge of meal planning; correct measuring and blending of materials; also perfect baking. This understanding is necessary in order to plan desserts which fit into the general plan of the meals as well as ones that are attractive, colourful and nutritive.

In no other department of cookery is refinement more quickly discerned than in the preparation of dainty and simple desserts. The climax of the family meal should express the essence of perfect cookery and simplicity. It is said that "Simplicity is one of man's greatest gifts." Simplicity and refinement are indeed potent factors in the planning of meals and the preparation of dainty desserts.

PROGRESS IN PLANNING

Much progress has been made in the past years in the planning of meals and the refining of cookery. If comparisons were made between the menus of to-day and those of years past, the change for the better would be quickly noticed, in that fewer puddings and pies are served while fruits and ices are more generally used. Fruits, either fresh or cooked, and refreshing ices are always acceptable.

It is commendable to know how to prepare many dishes well; and to know how to assemble them at the right moment is in itself a study. There are many things which may be prepared in advance, and desserts, which for the most part are served cold, are one of them.

One's likes and dislikes, or desires instead of needs, should not govern one's choice of desserts. If they do good meals are often brought to a conclusion with desserts far too rich, which results in lack of appreciation for these tempting dishes.

CARE IN THE MAKING

Yet, though simple, great care must be exercised in the making of desserts. Indeed, it would be quite impossible to prepare the appetising dainties which are served at the conclusion of a meal unless one understood something of the science of cookery.

Families, as well as countries, have a standard number of desserts which appear and reappear often without much thought being given to their composition. This is permissible if desserts are of a simple nature such as those served on the European Continent, which include: custards, creams and gateau au riz (rice cakes) served with caramel sauce, fruit sauce, or stewed fruit. These desserts, while they appear very frequently, one never seems to tire of, because they are so perfectly made and never too rich to be enjoyed after a heavy dinner. This illustrates the art of good cooking and flavouring, to be able to serve repeatedly these dishes and have them always welcome.

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hastings, was the scene of a pretty wedding recently when Marjorie Winifred, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Young, Beatty Street, Hastings, was married to Charles Thomas Roberts, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Hutson, Hataitai, Wellington.

Friends of the bride had decorated the church, and the Rev. R. B. Waugh performed the ceremony.

Entering with her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory embossed satin, cut on classical lines. The bodice was softly folded to form a V neck and was finished with hand rucking and the long court train fell from the shoulders. The sleeves were long and tight fitting and came to a point over the hands.

A fitting tulle veil, held with a halo of orange blossoms, was worn over the face while in the church. She carried a gorgeous trail bouquet of cream roses, waterlilies and maidenhair.

BRIDESMAID IN TAFFETAS

Eau-de-nil taffetas, made in Empire style frocked the only bridesmaid, Miss Margery Mitchell, Palmerston North. Shirring gathered the full skirt to the waist, and the heart-shaped neckline and full puff sleeves were further features. In her train she wore a wreath of wood pulp flowers and silver leaves, and she carried a trail bouquet in shades of cherry.

The dainty little flower girl was Louise Greig, Wellington, niece of the bridegroom. She also wore a green taffeta frock, made in Victorian style, with long full skirt and silver slippers and carried a Victorian posy. In her hair was a wreath of wood pulp flowers.

The duties of best man were carried out by Mr G. Ridley, Wellington.

The bride's mother wore a navy coat frock and a navy peach bloom velour hat. She wore a spray of scarlet flowers.

The bridegroom's mother wore a model gown of brown satin trimmed with kilting and her spray was in autumn tones.

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Hastings Bride of Yesterday

PRETTY WEDDING

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TRIO OF MAIDS

St. Andrew's Church, Hastings, was the scene yesterday of the wedding of Airine Maud, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T. S. Roulston, Lyndon Road, Hastings, and Edgar Ernest William, son of Mr and Mrs E. W. Clark, Morrinsville.

The Rev. W. Drake was the officiating clergyman and Mr C. Spinney presided at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a stately gown of ivory pony skin taffetas, cut on Empire lines, and finished down the front of the bodice with buttons and loops. The neckline was high, the sleeves pointed over the hands, and the skirt, panelled and slim-fitting, cut to form a long train. A cluster of orange blossom was worn at the throat, and another at the foot of the train. On her hair she wore a Juliet cap with a flowing tulle veil, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses, carnations, lilies and fern.

MAIDS IN OLD ROSE

A trio of bridesmaids was frocked alike in old rose taffetas. The Misses Janet Roulston (sister of the bride), Laurie Clark (sister of the bridegroom), and Frances Beck wore full-skirted gowns with bodices shirred to a heart-shaped neckline. The full, three-quarter sleeves were finely tucked, and the stitched belts had silver clasps. Lavender flowers adorned their hair, and they carried bouquets of roses, lavender flowers, and fern.

The duties of best man were carried out by Mr Ronald Clark, Morrinsville, brother of the bridegroom, and the groomsman were Messrs Gilbert Wright and Richard Vivian.

At a reception at the Oddfellows' Hall, Mr and Mrs T. S. Roulston received the guests. Mrs Roulston wore a smart suit of copper-beech silk marocain embroidered in gold, and worn with a matching hat. A bouquet in autumn-toned flowers was carried.

When Mr and Mrs E. E. Clark left for their tour of the North Island, Mrs Clark was wearing a frock of viking blue wool marocain, with clover pink cravat; and a viking blue coat and hat to match.

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Graduate in Home Science Visits Hawke's Bay

This article is the first of a series which will appear at intervals from the pen of Hazel Johnson, Sarah Anne Rhodes Fellow of Victoria University College, Wellington. Its value, as far as being a stimulus to local interest is concerned, speaks for itself; and it has many other points which any reader will appreciate.

During the latter part of 1937, a meeting was held in Napier and attended by representatives of the various Women's Organisations in the district. The purpose of the meeting was to arrange for a lecturing tour of your district by the Sarah Anne Rhodes Fellow of Victoria University College. Local arrangements were left in the capable hands of Mrs McHardy, Bay View, and the outcome of this organisation has been the tour arranged for the present period and extended till the end of May.

The Hastings Townswomen's Guild were visited before Easter and after the holidays I returned to the district to visit various branches of the Women's Institute.

After speaking at the Woodville Plunket Association on Tuesday last, I arrived at Napier, where I have been the guest of Mrs McHardy during the week.

On the Wednesday, Kotemaori was visited for an all-day session. In this far-back Institute, a full attendance was registered and, as it was a warm sunny day, classes were held in the garden. During the morning, a pattern for a "loose cover" was fitted and then cut out. Piping cords were covered and the chair cover was well on the way before the class terminated. In the afternoon, the subject under discussion was "Natural Food for Health" and, by means of charts and photographs, the principles of correct feeding were illustrated. After the talk many members took the opportunity of discussing difficulties, exchanging recipes and securing fresh ones. The following recipe was given by one of the Kotemaori members and I am passing it on as it was voted very good indeed:—

Monty Biscuits.

½lb butter.
¾ cup brown sugar.
1 egg.
Beat to a cream and add mixed:
2 cups rolled oats.
1 cup wheatmeal.
1½ cups minced raisins.
1 teaspoon baking powder.
½ teaspoon suet.
Milk (if necessary).

Roll out about ¼in. in thickness, cut with round glass and bake in moderate oven.

Other wheatmeal recipes which have proved popular are:—

Wheatmeal Nut Bread.

1½ cups flour.
1½ cups wheatmeal.
½ cup sugar or golden syrup.
6 teaspoons baking powder.
1½ cups milk.
1 egg.
1 to 3 tablespoons melted fat.
1 cup chopped nuts.

Sift dry ingredients. Beat egg and add to milk. Add melted butter and stir quickly into flour, etc., also adding nuts. Bake one hour at 375 deg. F.

Wheatmeal Family Cake.

½lb butter.
½lb sugar.
½ cup white flour.
1½ teaspoons cinnamon.
3 cups wholemeal.
1½ cups milk.
2 tablespoons cocoa.
1½ teaspoons soda.
½ cup dates.
½ cup nuts.
3 tablespoonfuls golden syrup.

Stir one cup milk, sugar, butter and golden syrup in a saucepan until butter melts. Dissolve soda in other half cup of milk. Mix dry ingredients and add the warm mixture, and nuts, dates and lastly soda. Bake half-hour and allow to cool before turning out.

CONCLUSION OF WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

On Thursday, Bay View Women's Institute met for a home-making class. As several members were interested in cushions and came provided with materials, all were busy. Cushions were boxed and finished with ruchings and piping cords. Another interesting piece of work was the making of a padded humpty from an old box. This was reinforced, webbing stretched on, springs inserted and the whole padded, to meet with the approval of all present. The final cover is to be made at a later class.

On Friday I visited Pakowhai where dressmaking classes were in progress all day. With a large membership, two groups were in progress and at the end of the day all members had cut out a foundation pattern, which was then fitted and altered to individual requirements. From this pattern, style adaptions will be made at a later period.

These classes concluded the week's activities.

The services of the Sarah Ann Rhodes Fellow are available to all women, irrespective of organisations, also to such voluntary organisations as Women's Institutes, Women's Divisions of the Farmers' Union and Townswomen's Guilds. If you personally wish to secure my services, kindly make your requests known to either Mrs McHardy, Bay View, who is acting as District Organiser, or direct to myself.

POPULAR YOUNG BRIDE-TO-BE

Two Hostesses at Party for Miss Ormond

Mrs A. S. Wilder's home at Wallingford saw a happy gathering on Wednesday afternoon of friends, who came to wish Miss Audrey Ormond luck and happiness in her married life. The hostesses, Mrs A. S. Wilder and Mrs R. P. Wilder, entertained their guests in the billard room, which was beautiful with huge bowls of blue hydrangeas and scarlet zinnias.

A competition which tested the memorising powers of the guests, who had to name, from small coloured pictures pinned to the walls, the names of the songs they represented, was won by Mrs J. Williams, Atua.

Vases of warm orange African sunflowers, zinnias and hydrangeas decorated the dining room, where tea was served.

Mrs A. S. Wilder had chosen a frock of dull blue material, with a narrow turned-down collar; while Mrs R. P. Wilder was very smart in black and white, with a black halo hat. A frock in misty blue, worn with a blue halo hat and a fox fur made a becoming turn-out for the guest of honour.

Among the guests were:—

Mrs A. H. Hope, Mrs J. Acland (Christchurch), Mrs A. M. Niblock, Mrs I. W. N. Mackie, Mrs C. N. B. Williams and Miss P. Williams, Mrs Peter Canning, Mrs M. Pattison, Mrs S. A. Robinson, Miss Margaret Robinson and a friend from Blenheim, Mrs J. Canning, Mrs St. Hill-Warren, Miss M. Johnstone, Miss L. Johnstone, Miss A. Wilder, Miss Prue Wilder and Miss D. Ormond.

Discussion of Business

PLUNKET SOCIETY

Arrangements Made For Jumble Sale

The monthly meeting of the Hastings branch of the Plunket Society was held on Wednesday, there being present Miss Williams, president, who was in the chair, Mesdames F. J. Hull, C. G. R. Wright, C. Stubbs, T. A. Hill, S. F. N. Waymouth, E. D. Anderson, E. M. Nelson, S. A. Vyner, J. B. Pickering, R. Campbell MacNiven, E. C. Bates, Miss Wellwood, Mrs A. R. Greenwood (honorary secretary).

The nurses' report submitted to the meeting read as follows:—New cases: Town 17, country 8. Babies under care: 434, older children 219. Visitors to the office, 1390. Visits to homes: Town 184, country 176. Advice over telephone: 98. Letters received: 8; written 5.

Mrs Wellwood's resignation from the committee was received with regret.

As the secretary is shortly leaving for a visit to England, Mrs E. D. Anderson was appointed corresponding secretary, and Mrs R. Campbell MacNiven organising secretary.

Arrangements for the jumble sale to be held in the Oddfellows' Hall on April 30 were discussed. It has come to the knowledge of the committee that second-hand dealers are in the habit of coming to these sales. This is entirely contrary to the purpose of the committee to hold sales which are intended to benefit both the Plunket funds and those people in need of the clothes.

Mrs Vyner and Miss Wellwood were appointed visiting committee for the month.

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TARADALE WEDDING

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GRAHAM—HARPHAM

Considerable local interest centred round the wedding at Taradale on Wednesday afternoon of Miss Frances Winifred Harpham and Mr Cleland Nathan Graham.

The bride's parents, the late Mr and Mrs A. E. Harpham, Pakowhai, were well-known settlers of that district and were one of the pioneer families of Taradale. The bridegroom is the elder son of Mr and Mrs S. N. Graham, Frederick Street, Hastings.

All Saints' Anglican Church, Taradale, had been chosen for the wedding, and the Rev. Canon A. Hodge officiated at the service. Mr Arthur Hunt escorted the bride to the chancel steps.

An extremely chic tailored suit of saxe blue wool boucle was chosen by the bride. It was worn with a soft white georgette blouse, which was finely faggotted. Her smart Glengarry hat was of saxe felt, her shoes toned and her lovely bouquet was an arm-sheaf of pink dahlias, nerines and delphiniums.

FAWN COSTUME FOR MAID

Miss Zelma Hunt, Korokipo, a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid. She was dressed in a tailored fawn costume strikingly darted, arrow-wise, in brown. Her blouse was of lace, and her smart velour hat and accessories were brown. She carried a posy of autumn-tinted flowers.

The bridal party's bouquets were made and presented by Miss M. Anderson, Taradale, a close friend of the bride.

The reception which was of a quiet nature, was to have been held at "Hillcrest", the home of the bride's uncle, Mr Arthur Hunt, Korokipo; but owing to the flood, it was held at All Saints' parish hall, Taradale. The tables were artistically arranged with golden-shaded chrysanthemums and autumn leaves.

The hostess, Mrs Arthur Hunt, received the guests wearing a navy costume, with navy hat and shoes to tone. Her bouquet was of red and cream roses with maidenhair fern. Mrs Graham, the bridegroom's mother, was attired in a navy costume, with fur stole and navy accessories. Her bouquet was of African marigolds.

The bride and bridegroom left on a motor-tour of the South.

Mr and Mrs Graham's future home will be at Pakowhai.

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A visitor from Wellington, who has planned to holiday a while in Hastings and Napier is Mrs Haskell Anderson, Kelburn.

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The influx to Waipukurau of Maling—Ormond wedding guests continues. Recent arrivals from Christchurch are Mrs J. Orford, Miss Orford and Miss McLowetary.

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Gone on a visit to Wanganui is Mrs Walter Nash, Thompson Road, Napier.

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Come to Havelock North to see her niece, Miss Helen Waugh become Mrs Neil Appleby next week is Mrs David McGregor, Woodville. She is staying with Mrs R. B. Waugh, The Manse.

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Another guest at The Manse, Havelock North, for the Appleby—Waugh wedding is Miss Jessie McKenzie. She is to be one of the bridesmaids, and arrived yesterday from Dannevirke.

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Napier folk just returned from holidays spent at Taupo are Mr and Mrs H. Bradley, Thompson Road; Mr and Mrs I. Logan, Gladstone Road; and Mr and Mrs F. Sherning and Miss R. Sherning, Seapoint Road.

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Wellingtonians on holiday at Napier recently were Mr and Mrs Rollo Warburton, who have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs F. W. Triggs. They returned to their home at Day's Bay yesterday, and with them went Mrs Triggs, who intends doing a little holidaying now on her own account.

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A Cambridge visitor to these parts is Miss E. Simmons, who has planned an extended holiday here.

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Mr and Mrs Trevor Hintley are Wellingtonians enjoying a holiday at Havelock North.

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Back to their home in Elizabeth Road, Napier, after thoroughly "doing" Auckland, are Mr and Mrs Walter Humphries and Miss O. Humphries.

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Mrs Cole is an Aucklander returned home after several weeks spent holidaying at Napier.

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On the return journey to Christchurch is Miss Ellen Oliver, who has said farewell to the hostess of her recent Hawke's Bay holiday, Mrs Hugh Lynch, Lighthouse Road, Napier.

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Miss E. Rennie, accompanied by her brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs R. Rennie, Waipawa, has been making a fortnight's tour of the North Island. Gisborne, Tauranga, and the Waikato are now behind her, and she plans to reach New Plymouth at the end of this week.

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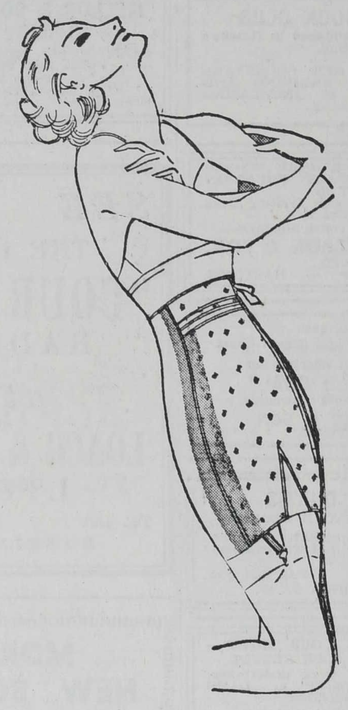

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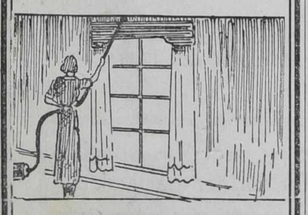

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Facial Eczema in Sheep

Sir,—I was visiting a farm in Bunnythorpe and saw a farmer treat a hogget for facial eczema. He was told by a farmer on Lee's Line, Feilding, to bleed the sheep, by making a small incision in each ear and squeeze out the yellow fluid. He then cut the animal across the nose almost to the bone so that it would bleed freely. The farmer on Lee's Line stated that he had saved every animal treated in this manner. I am, etc.,

J. E. HALL,

Hastings.

The above was referred to Mr A. D. M. G. Laing, veterinarian, Department of Agriculture, Hastings. Mr Laing states that it is most important that the liver damage, which is considered to be the root of the trouble, should be treated on the lines suggested by the Department of Agriculture. Those lines are (1) removal from soft rich pasture (2) purgatives in the form of Epsom salts and (3) the provision of fibre in the form of ensilage, hay, etc.. The use of a soothing antiseptic, blackened ointment such as lard, boracic (one pound to one ounce) and lampblack, together with shelter from light will give much the best results in treatment of the external lesions. It should be emphasised that these last are considered to be the outward evidence and result of the serious condition of the liver, i.e. in themselves they are only a part of the trouble.

Concrete v. Wood

(To The Editor.)

Sir,—Your correspondent is in happy vein in assuming the form and character of the Fernhill bridge, writing in parables and exulting over the survival of the old type of construction, when the modern type has failed. It has to be remembered, however, that old-type wooden bridges have failed, as witness, by way of one illustration, the Wairau bridge (eight miles from Blenheim), of which three spans collapsed during the recent floods in the Marlborough province. The survival of any structure, when subjected to the titanic forces of Nature, is often fortuitious, and a failure is the matter of degree to which it has been assailed. The Fernhill bridge represents a type of design very sound in principle and highly favoured by engineers who designed wood bridges many years ago. It is resilient to a greater degree than is, probably, the modern type of reinforced concrete bridge, as exemplified by the Waitangi bridge, but the principles involved in the design of the Fernhill bridge have found expression in the bow-string type of reinforced concrete bridge. Technique in bridge construction, as in other forms of construction, has changed, but the modern type of reinforced concrete bridge construction can, and does, survive. The reason for the failure of large structures like the Waitangi and Patanga bridges can be explained. A bridge, be it of concrete, steel or wood, is a noble structure, and extreme regret must be felt when it fails to respond to the calls made upon it.—I am, etc.,

VENCAM.

Napier, April 28, 1938.

Flood Sufferers' Thanks

Sir,—May I be permitted through your columns to thank those who were so willing to do the many things urgently required on such an occasion as the recent floods. In particular, the Waipatu Progressive Club is grateful to the Mayor of Hastings, Mr G. A. Maddison and his helpers for their efforts in supplying food, clothing, and bedding.

The Maoris in some cases suffered some terrible experiences. In an effort to save their stock, sheep, cattle, pigs, fowls and other animals were brought into their homes, which in many instances comprised merely one room. Despite these efforts, much stock was lost when the homes were abandoned, inflicting a crushing blow to the sufferers.

It is interesting to note that the historic old canoe known as "Pae's Canoe" was once more pressed into service for conveying many Maori families to places of safety. This link with the past going back to the year 1857, carried its precious freight of human cargo with complete safety and success. Thus is youth served by age.

Once again expressing gratitude for the help given.—I am, etc.,

BUNNY OTENE.

Chairman Waipatu Progressive Club.

MORE FIRES AT HASTINGS

ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD

ANNUAL MEETING

Fifty-One Alarms in Year

Fifty-one alarms to fires in Hastings, nine more than the previous year were received by the Hastings Fire Brigade during the 1937-38 year. The alarms were buildings (19), motor lorry (1), chimneys (7), grass and rubbish (15), false alarms (9), and one during the 1937 period.

This information was submitted to the annual meeting of the Hastings Fire Board by the superintendent (Mr R. Henderson).

Details of the financial position in relation to fires are:—

Estimated value of buildings and contents in which fires occurred £16,785; insurances on property on which fires occurred, buildings, £6,480, contents, £3,430, total, £9,910; loss covered by insurance, buildings, £1,255, contents, £1,241, total, £2,496; loss of property not covered by insurance, £28.

Strength of Brigade

The present strength of the Brigade was 25, made up as follows:—Superintendent, deputy-superintendent, three foremen, seventeen firemen and station keeper.

Drills had been carried out regularly, and the men had carried out their duties in quite an efficient manner, it was stated.

The estimated expenditure for the year, submitted to and approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs, in compliance with the provisions of the "Fire Brigades Act, 1926," amounted to £2,375, and contributions were received as under:—Hastings Borough Council, £1,150; insurance companies, £1,150; Government subsidy, £75, a total of £2,375

The income and expenditure account shows a surplus for the year of £157 8/3.

The Board placed on record appreciation of the continued efficiency of the officers and members of the Brigade. Thanks were expressed to the police for their co-operation and assistance in connection with the work of the Brigade, and of the Press.

With a view to ascertaining the efficiency of the alarm it was decided to sound the alarm at 7 o'clock on every practice night.

There were present Messrs. G. A. Maddison (chairman, elected by the Hastings Borough Council), G. W. B. McCormick (Borough Council), W. G. Hay, and G. Mitford-Taylor (insurance companies), W. Keith (appointed by the Government), R. Henderson (superintendent), J. B. Pickering, and N. Harding.

Boxing and Wrestling

TO-NIGHT'S DISPLAY

Hastings Gymnastic Club

GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

A good night's entertainment is assured patrons of boxing and wrestling attending the Hastings' Gymnastic Club's 1938 opening tournament, which will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in the Favourite Hall, Warren Street.

An energetic and enterprising committee has been hard at work. Excellent seating accommodation has been arranged. There will be seven boxing bouts, and six wrestling encounters, comprising the best amateur talent in the district.

There will also be a number of exhibition bouts by principals who have just entered the professional ranks. Among the latter are Jack Davis (recently turned "pro.") conqueror, last year of D. Heeney, welter champion of New Zealand. He will be matched with A. Kitt, a prominent amateur, who is to meet Heeney in Wairoa next month.

Brian McKay, the clever featherweight, who has just joined the paid ranks, and who defeated Moran, the New Zealand champion and Games representative last year, will meet J. McIvor, Hawke's Bay featherweight champion.

Wrestling fans will see among other bouts, that between Peter Razos, a New Zealand championship finalist last year, and Jack Stewart, the Hawke's Bay champion.

Altogether a good night's entertainment is assured.

The programme is:—

Boxing: T. Growcott v. D. Price; B. Sparling v. Rex McIvor; B. Growcott v. Ray Davis; C. Beale v. E. Yorke. N. McIvor (H.B. lightweight champion) v. C. Walker (runner-up).

Special exhibition bouts: A. Kitt v. Jack Davis; B. McKay v. J. McIvor.

Wrestling: Dudley Hunter (Wellington Bantam champion) v. Jun. Boyd (H.B. Bantam champion); "Smiler" Pattersen v. M. Lord; Vern. Hogan v. Tom Cooper; A. Frampton v. "Tiger" Smith; Peter Razos v. Jack Stewart.

HEAVY RAINFALL IN ESK VALLEY

More Than 10 Inches on Monday

The Esk Valley itself shared in the phenomenal rainfall that was general throughout the district during the week-end. The following readings were obtained from the rain gauge maintained by Mr T. P. Clark:—Sunday 1.72 inches; Monday 10.30 inches; Tuesday 3.90 inches; Wednesday .66 inches.

Elections Will Be Necessary

HASTINGS SCHOOLS

List of Candidates Announced

COUNTRY POSITION

Elections will be necessary for at least three school committees in Hastings, there being an excess of candidates for the nine positions on each. Nominations have closed, and it is understood that in some of the country districts insufficient nominations have been received.

This has been caused as the result of intending candidates not being able to get into communication with the chairmen of the committees concerned.

The householders' meeting of the Parkvale school will be held on Monday night.

Candidates are:—

Hastings Central: Messrs. W. S. Bennett, A. Kirkpatrick, J. Geenty, J. Scott, E. F. Taine, E. W. Mitchell, R. Gilbert, E. Jenkinson, A. Tilley, —. McFarlane. Election necessary.

Parkvale: Messrs. R. E. Barley, C. H. Bennett, H. Cameron, K. J. Davidson, A. D. Henderson, J. H. Philpott, D. Parkhill, G. P. J. Scott, J. Sleeman, H. L. Spence and J. Stickland. Election necessary.

Hastings West: Messrs. G. B. Britten, L. A. Miller, R. W. Treacher, E. J. Harvey, M. F. Leete, A. G. Graham, A. Lowe, F. S. Howard, L. J. Mackersey. No election necessary.

Mahora School: Messrs. T. C. Carrell, J. E. Hall, J. Wise, J. W. Brown, J. Arrell, J. Highway, A. Wilkie, C. Lassen, H. Elliott, G. Duncan, W. J. Roberts, and A. E. Morgan. An election will be necessary.

Large Italian Contingent

1940 OLYMPICS

More Than 400 Athletes to Attend

JAPANESE INTEREST

More than 400 Italian athletes will participate in the 1940 Olympics at Tokyo, Dr. Puccio Pucci, a member of the Italian mission to Japan and a member of the Italian Olympic Committee, told Domei, the Japanese News Agency, recently. Dr Pucci is one of the 100 personal guards of Premier Benito Mussolini.

Dr Pucci, an athlete himself, competed in the Paris Olympic Games and is familiar with the sports situation. He is here to make the Italian arrangements for the international event in 1940.

As a prelude to the Games, Dr Pucci is anxious to bring some Italian athletes to Japan next year. Those whom he has in mind are Luigi Becalli, 1932 Olympic champion in the 1,500 and 5,000-metre races who placed third at Berlin; Oberweger Giorgio, discus thrower, who also placed third with a toss of 50.1 metres at Berlin; Mario Lanzi, who can cover the 800 metres in one minute, 50.5 seconds; a four-man 10,000-metre relay team composed of S. Mariani, Ragui Gonnelli, Caldana Bevelaqua and Lanzi; and a broad jumper, Maffei Arturo, who can clear 7.73 metres.

Miss Valla Ondina and Miss Tertoni Claudia, 80-metre runner and broad jumper, respectively, may also join the athletic group.

Only one woman will swim at the Olympic Games he stated. Aquatic events for women in Italy are not popular yet. The lone woman competitor will attend to observe aquatic sports in order to popularise them in Italy.

Dr Pucci will prepare a report for the Italian Olympic committee before he returns. Sports in Italy, he says, are controlled by the Olympic Committee, which directs 25 sports organisations throughout the country. The main object of the committee is to develop the physique of national youth.

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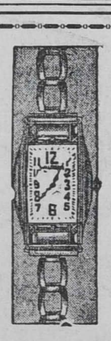

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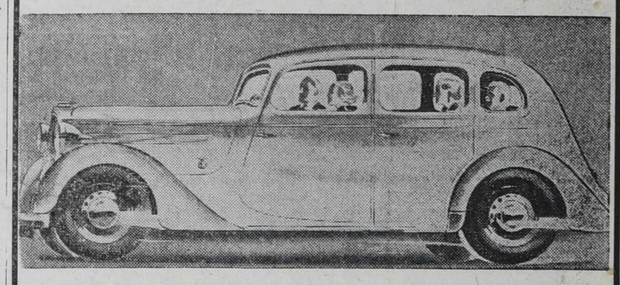

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Great Britain, Ireland and Europe, specially addressed correspondence only, also all States of South America via Monte Video per Port Dunedin from Wellington. Mails due London, June 6.—Mails close at Hastings 6 p.m., Napier 5.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

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

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S PROBLEMS

Once more Europe is shivering apprehensively as it awaits developments which may appear, on the surface, to lead to grave international complications. The situation in Czechoslovakia to-day bears a remarkable resemblance to the trend of events in Austria prior to Hitler's dramatic coup, and it is feared that he may be tempted by the success of his last effort to embark upon another "putsch."

Looking at the position dispassionately, it seems improbable that any such denouement is likely, at least for some considerable time. Despite the fact that "autonomy" in the German-inhabited areas of Czechoslovakia, particularly in the rich provinces of Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, would be welcomed by Herr Hitler as a prelude to another "anschluss," or envelopment by Germany, it is doubtful if he will embark upon any other form of activity than that of intensive propaganda in all its forms.

The question may be asked why Czechoslovakia does not rid itself of an unwilling and a troublesome encumbrance by allowing Sudeten autonomy. The position does not resolve itself into such simple terms as these. The territory involved not only embraces the richest industrial and agricultural areas of the country, but it also includes a very large section of Czechs who are absolutely opposed to the partition of the State. Added to this, the autonomous State would be situated inside the mountain ramparts between Czechoslovakia and Germany, which is considered at the present time as its greatest natural defence. Autonomy, and the inevitable Nazification of the Sudeten, would place a possible enemy right at Czechoslovakia's front door.

The grievances of Herr Henlein's party are, at the present time, based more on sentiment and racial ties than they are on realities. On February 18 last year the Czech Government granted certain concessions which met the then principal demands of the German minority. They have been allowed to have their own schools, use their own language, and develop their own culture. Added to this, they were given proportional representation both in the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. They have 66 deputies in a Chamber of 300 members, fairly representing their 22 per cent. of the population.

Probably the greatest difficulty outstanding is the inability of the German-speaking members of the community to play a very great part in the administration of the country, as the language question obviously bars them from executive positions. In addition, there exists a certain antipathy between the Czechs and the Germans, due to their traditional enmity over the last three centuries, when the Czechs were the oppressed race. When the positions were reversed, some expression of this feeling became manifest.

At the same time, Masaryk and Benes, former and present Presidents of Czechoslovakia, always followed the course of appeasement and equality of rights. Their liberal and democratic ideas were actively practiced in the treatment of all minorities.

It seems fairly obvious that the congress of the Sudeten Party held this week was inspired more by the success of Hitler's Austrian coup and the possibility of its repetition in Bohemia and Silesia, than it was by minority grievances. Konrad Henlein, would-be Fuehrer of the Sudeten, blatantly declared that German regions in Czechoslovakia must be granted full sovereign rights. "We do not want war," he said, "but we will not allow the present situation to continue."

His demands were fully backed by the officially-inspired German Press, which did not hesitate to hint that the Reich is prepared to support the autonomy demands "with its entire influence." However, influence and action are two entirely different matters. Weak, half-acquiescent Austria was one thing. But determined, well-armed Czechoslovakia would be a tougher nut to crack, especially as it would involve most serious breaches with Great Britain and France. It is probable that Herr Hitler will be content to wage the war on the propaganda front only.

The attitude of the Czech Government is a model of forbearance and tolerant understanding. It is prepared to negotiate to the limit in order to come to a satisfactory and lasting agreement. It may adjust grievances and meet many demands. But one thing is perfectly clear. The Premier, Dr. Milan Hodza, has stated unequivocally that the Czechoslovak Government will defend its independence with all the attributes of the State, and with all the forces at its command.

Compromise may avert an open breach, and it is improbable that Herr Henlein's truculence will lead him to the lengths of downright defiance. He could only do so with the assurance of the full military support of Germany, which, as has been pointed out, is unlikely. It is undoubtedly an awkward situation for Czechoslovakia, but at the moment no grave threat to European peace appears to be involved.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Hastings Youth Injured

Concussion and abrasions were suffered by Basil Garnett, a Hastings youth, when the bicycle he was riding was involved in a collision with a car drive by Mr A. Tong, Hastings. Garnett was admitted to a private hospital and his condition is satisfactory.

Waipawa Rainfall

The Waipawa district escaped very lightly from the effects of the flood visitation over the week-end. The rainfall over five days was 6.36 inches, of which 3.23 inches fell on Sunday and 1.10 inches on Monday. Practically no damage was done in the borough. The most serious damage in the county was the washout at the Kopua bridge and a large number of slips on the Lookout Road.

Music Examinations

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, London, advise that the Practical Examinations will be conducted by Mr Felix Swinstead and by a second Examiner, probably by Mr Eric Grant F.R.A.M. B.Mus., London. Entries for the written Examinations close on June 1 next and for the Practical Examinations on July 1. The Written Examination will be held on Saturday, July 2 next.

Two Hastings Boroughs

The presentation of two framed photographs of the borough of Hastings, New Zealand, to the Lord Mayor, aldermen and citizens of Hastings, England, has been undertaken by the commander of the R.M.M.V. Rangitata (Captain E. Holland) in a letter received by the council at the meeting last evening. Captain Holland advised that it would give him much pleasure to make the presentation and that he would notify the mayor when the presentation had been made.

Hastings Buildings

The standard of Hastings buildings, compared with those of Dunedin, was the subject of an interesting comment in the monthly report of the Building and Health Inspector to the Hastings Borough Council (Mr C. O. R. Carrell). In referring to a recent visit to Dunedin Mr Carrell said he had taken the opportunity of inspecting several of the large buildings under construction and some completed within the year. From observations, he was quite satisfied that the class of building being erected in Hastings more than favourably compared with those erected in Dunedin.

No Ice Cream

There was general disappointment in the territorial camp at Papakura recently when it was found that an accident had befallen the week-end supply of ice-cream in the canteen. Customers arrived early and the attendant, on dipping a ladle into a can, found that the whole stock, consisting of 18 gallons, was in a perfectly liquid state. Inquiry showed that the electric refrigerator in which it was housed had ceased to operate when the camp lights were switched off the night before. The camp personnel, however, made good the deficiency by patronising shops in the township, which did a large business in ice cream all day.

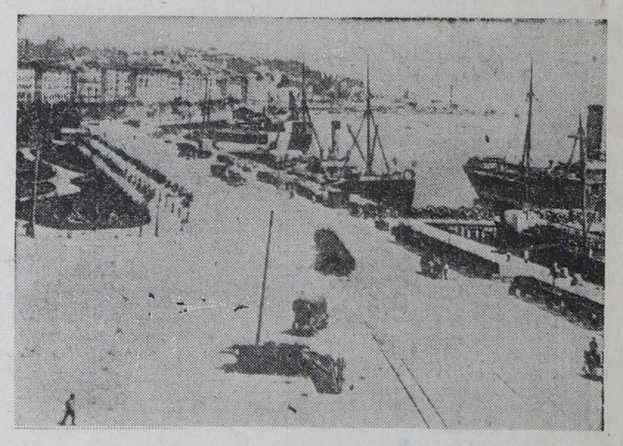
Bird Collecting

Owing to Government action, the bird-collector has ceased to be a law unto himself alone, but the New Zealand Forest and Bird Protection Society is of the opinion that the law is still broken, though not so openly as of yore. The society's annual report states:—"Although undoubtedly much illegal collecting still goes on, the issuing of legal permits has been drastically reduced, much to the advantage of native birds. With the establishment of a wireless station on Sunday Island the opportunity of acquiring the only small area of privately-owned land on this island and making a start with the re-establishment of the natural fauna and flora occurred to the Government. Goats and rats in large numbers are at present the main enemies, and the department in charge is initially taking steps to destroy these trespassers."

GOODBYE TO OLD SANTANDER

VANISHED POMPS OF YESTERDAY

Memories Of Royal Spain



A VIEW OF SANTANDER.

An azure sky matched by a sea so blue that it sets you dreaming of coral strands in the Pacific. A harbour so girdled by dark-green mountains that you could imagine for a moment that you were in the bosom of a lake.

A crescent of dazzlingly white houses with red roofs and blue and green turrets. Palms and eucalyptus trees. Just a first impression of Santander, the city now menaced by the tide of civil war in Spain.

In normal times a popular holiday resort, its beaches at Sardiniero are generally crowded during summer months with folk who have fled from the hot breath of the inland towns. A virile, noisy city, where crowds pour out of the theatres and into the cafes at two o'clock in the morning—that's Santander. Its people like excitement—you can gamble for ice-cream cones, if you don't want to buy them, or take your chance in a £500,000 lottery.

ROYAL RESIDENCE

Most visitors are familiar with such spectacles as the trawlers tied up along the Puerto Chica, and the smart shops in the Puente de Vargas y la Riberto; but there is one place usually barred to strangers, the former "Sandringham" of Spain's exiled Royal Family. This is the Palace of Magdalena, which takes its name from the rocky peninsular on which it is situated. On the eve of the Revolution I visited the palace—a building of grey stone, with towers, turrets, and gables rather like a modern French chateau.

Compared with the Royal residence in Madrid it is a homely building, simplicity being the keynote of everything within. In each room one finds the same severity of style —light painted walls, oak panelling, and silver wall candelabra. The waxed parqueted floors are like mirrors, reflecting the plain but elegant furniture. The palace lounge reminds one of an English country house, the old-time touch being provided by a Tudor fireplace filled with logs, and the family photographs on the walls. In the music room there is a pianola and gramophone, which used to provide diversion for Royalty before the "rude eyes of rebellion" glared forth.

THE KING'S TASTES

Italian operas were conspicuous among the records, but I also noticed such titles as "My Cosy Corner Girl," "The Earl and the Girl," "Nancy Lee," "Annie Laurie," "Hands Across the Sea," "The Honeysuckle and the Bee," "Soldiers in the Park," "I Know a Blonde," and King George the Fifth's Empire Day message.

Above the mantelpiece in the ballroom is a marble bust of ex-Queen Ena, which was presented to her in 1905 by the women of Britain. There is also a fine portrait of the Queen depicting her as a golden-haired bride. Prominently displayed in the Royal suite are many photographs of family reunions at Windsor Castle and Osborne in Edwardian days.

Before the downfall of the monarchy, twelve cooks were employed in the spacious kitchen beneath the palace when the family was in residence.
sion with his Queen on the eve of the Revolution. It all seemed unreal and artificial, or, to quote Charles Dickens apropos Louis XVI, "as if life was one perpetual fancy-dress ball." Now the pomp and glory have passed like a dream—for there is no armour against fate—and the Palace of Magdalena stands silent and shuttered. Only the footsteps of the watchman and caretakers are heard.

"BIRTHPLACE" OF A HERO

Not many miles from Santander is the village of Santillana del Mar, celebrated paradoxically enough as the "birthplace" of a hero who was never born, except in the imagination of an author.

Santillana! Though the name is not as poetical as Roncesvalles or Fuenterabia, it is like music in the ears of admirers of the novels of Alain le Sage. Gil Blas, that incomparably versatile shuttlecock of fortune, had enabled me to while away many a dull hour, and now I had the opportunity of seeing his "authentic birthplace." I recalled again the familiar passage with which this worldly wise young man opens his eventful history. "My father, Blas of Santillana, after having borne arms for a long time in the Spanish service, retired to his native place There he married a chambermaid, who was not exactly in her 'teens, and I made my debut on the stage ten months after marriage."

A characteristic beginning of adventures which—even during these sophisticated days—stir the imagination, and impel enthusiastic readers of Gil Blas to insert thanksgiving notices in the personal column of "The Times."

Following directions given at the Biblioteca (library) of Santander, I found myself at noon one Sunday entering the main street of Santillana. The arrival of a visitor created a stir. The township seemed to shake off for a moment the gentle somnolence which pervaded it. As I grumbled at the atrocious cobblestones, a little donkey, pannier-laden, with an untamed slip of a girl seated on its back (like a painting by Greuze) turned, and looked at me with mild surprise.

WEALTHY TOURISTS

In the distance a clock struck twelve with long intervals between the notes, as though time was too precious a commodity to be measured out hastily. The speculative glances of blue-jacketed loungers met my eye from the door of the local tavern, while I was conscious of faces scrutinising me from behind French windows.

The Sacristan showed me over the fifth-century collegiate church, the pride and glory of Santillana. I was really enjoying my visit to the home of a purely imaginary character. A little wistfully my guide agreed that it was a pity that the village could not boast of a real Gul Blas, for the place had thus lost the patronage of many "wealthy Ingleses and Americanos, who could have come here—just as they do to your Stratford-on-Avon, senor."

Cheated as it is of a real Gil Blas, the village can still point with pride to the house of Don Inigo Lopez de Mendoza, Marquis of Santillana. This versatile writer who was born in 1398, appeared at the head of a brilliant society of poets who adorned the court of John II. He was noted for his allegorical inventiveness and ornate descriptions. The Marquis died in 1448, and the spirit of his own time still lingers in romantic Santillana.

PREHISTORIC ART

Before leaving the province of Santander, I visited the cave of Altimira, where relics of men who lived 30,000 years B.C. can be seen. Carrying a torch I passed through an iron gate, down a step, and into a low-roofed cavity, pervaded by the cold dead atmosphere of a charnel house. On the rocky wall near the entrance are a number of fine polychrome paintings of horses, hinds, wild boar, and bison. The cave-man artist, with a surprising degree of skill, had depicted some of the animals which once roamed Europe, on the natural curves and bosses of the roof, producing a remarkably life-like effect.

Despite the passage of many thousands of years the pictures are admirably preserved. According to one authority they were first engraved and afterwards filled in with colour in brown and red ochre, and black oxide of manganese.—

EDWARD J. LAVELL.

The World Day by Day

Miners' Friend

Millions of pit workers throughout the world owe a debt of gratitude to Sir Josiah Court, surgeon and miners' friend, who died recently, a fortnight after his 97th birthday.

His pioneer research into the cause of miners' nystagmus, dreaded blindness which attacks men after years in the pits, is the basis of modern attempts to find a cure.

In the late nineteenth century, when the country village of Staveley was becoming the industrial centre it is to-day, Sir Josiah, then plain Dr. Court, focussed his attention on nystagmus.

He visited pit after pit in Derbyshire, Durham and other coalfields, examining conditions of work underground.

Surgeons of his time said nystagmus was caused by the contorted position in which miners worked at the coalface.

In a paper on the subject written to the Derbyshire Miners' Association in 1891, however, Sin Josiah declared that defective lighting was the chief factor.

Sir Josiah became the champion of miners claiming compensation for men incapacitated by nystagmus. Now hundreds of thousands of pounds compensation are paid yearly.

Younger research workers are meanwhile evolving new systems of pit lighting which may eventually eradicate nystagmus.

Dinner Jackets

At the annual dinner of the Local Government Engineers' Association at Sydney one of the guests, Alderman P. L. Nolan, Mayor of Manly, reproved his hosts for not appearing in dinner jackets.

With all respect to his hosts, he said, he deprecated the fact that few of them, although they were professional men, wore evening dress as he did.

"Clothes count," said Alderman Nolan. "They stamp the professional man as such, and I am surprised and disappointed that so few of you apparently realised this."

To prove his argument, Alderman Nolan told of his experience when he became Mayor last year.

"The Mayor of Manly used to wear a beautiful black silk Geneva gown with purple velvet facings," he said, "but I thought that an extra touch was needed."

A voice: A touch of lipstick (Laughter.)

Alderman Nolan: No; what was needed was some ornamentation for the neck, so I had a jabot designed, and now the Mayoral uniform is completed with 6 or 7 cascades of lace foaming down in front of the neck.

A voice: We will have to speak to Mr Spooner about this. (Laughter.)

Nevertheless, Mr Nolan added, he believed in dress for the occasion, and he expressed the hope. "In all humility," that next year the engineers would dress for their conference dinner.

Breakfast Table

Here is a notice for English-speaking motorists, posted in the Central Police Station, Tokyo:—

(1) At the rise of the hands, policemen stop rapidly.

(2) Do not pass him by or otherwise disrespect him.

(3) When a passenger of the foot hove in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet at him. Melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage tootle him with vigour, and express by mouth the warning—Hi! Hi!

(4) Beware the wandering horse that he shall not take fright. Do not explode the exhaust box at him. Go soothingly by.

(5) Give big space to the festive dog.

(6) Go smoothingly in the grease mud, as there lurks the skid demon.

(7) Avoid entanglement of dog with your wheel spokes.

(8) Press the brakes of the foot as you roll around the corner to save collapse and tie up.

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If you don't push your own barrow no one will push it for you. Here is a good sample of the journalistic "never-say-die" style that has caused many to ride on the high tide to fortune.

"Next month we shall publish a fascinating article on stomach ulcers."

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An organisation in Missouri calling itself the Women's Faculty Club may be strong in membership, but it is weak in grammar. Thus: "Come with your knitting and sewing at eight o'clock on Friday. We'll meet quite informally. Won't you bring an antidote or two or have a short story to tell?"

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A sage counsellor says that some things are better left undone. It is presumed that among other things he is referring to the bottom button of the waistcoat.

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Everything should be done in moderation—even the taking of advice. Think of the awful example of the woman who told young Johnny to go upstairs two at a time to save his boots. He went up three at a time and split his trousers.

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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."*

Personal

Mr T. H. Lowry, Okawa, accompanied by Mrs Lowry and a niece, Miss I. Coleman, will leave Hawke's Bay to-morrow for Great Britain, via America. Mrs Lowry will represent the Dominion at the International Red Cross conference to be held in London in June. Their Majesties will receive delegates at Buckingham Palace during the conference. Mr and Mrs Lowry expect to return to New Zealand about September of this year.

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Senior Sergeant G. Sivyer (Hastings) returned last evening from a holiday in Wellington.

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Mr L. Patrick, Te Mata, Havelock North, has had to enter the Memorial Hospital, Hastings.

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Mr R. H. Parton, of the British and Dominion Traders Co., Ltd., Wellington, has been on a brief visit to Hastings.

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Sir Cyril Ward, Christchurch, left yesterday for England from Auckland on a business tour. He was accompanied by Lady Ward.

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Mr J. W. Norrie was re-elected chairman of the Napier Fire Board at the board's annual meeting in Napier on Wednesday evening.

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Mr G. A. Maddison, Hastings, is a nominee for the council of the New Zealand Rugby Union. Mr W. A. Fletcher is an East Coast nominee for the council executive.

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A motion of sympathy with Councillor Cohr in his illness was passed at the Hastings Borough Council meeting last evening on the motion of the mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison).

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Mr K. R. Johnston, pilot instructor to the Wairarapa and Ruahine Aero Club, has resigned his position with the club and has accepted an appointment with Cook Strait Airways, Ltd.

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The Rev. T. C. Hammond, principal of the Moore Anglican Theological College, Sydney, will visit New Zealand in June in the interests of the University Fellowship of Evangelical Unions.

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Mr G. H. Saunders, managing director of Taranaki Amusements Ltd., who has been visiting Sydney as one of the New Zealand delegates to the inter-State conference of motion picture exhibitors, has returned to the Dominion.

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The Rt. Rev. H. St. Barbe Holland, Bishop of Wellington, who met with a motor accident near Longburn on Anzac Day, suffering only minor injuries, has returned to Wellington. His doctor ordered him to bed and to remain in complete quiet and rest for 10 days.

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Mr G. Henderson, who has been manager of Smith and Smith, Ltd., Hastings, for nine years, has received notice of his appointment as manager of the firm's branches at Hutt and Petone. Mr Henderson will leave Hastings at the end of next week.

LARGE LOAN FOR DEFENCE

Extensive Plans For Reorganisation In Australia

British Air Expert To Report

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SYDNEY, April 28.

Legislation now before the Australian Parliament provides for the raising of a defence loan of £10,000,000, of which £4,000,000 is being raised immediately.

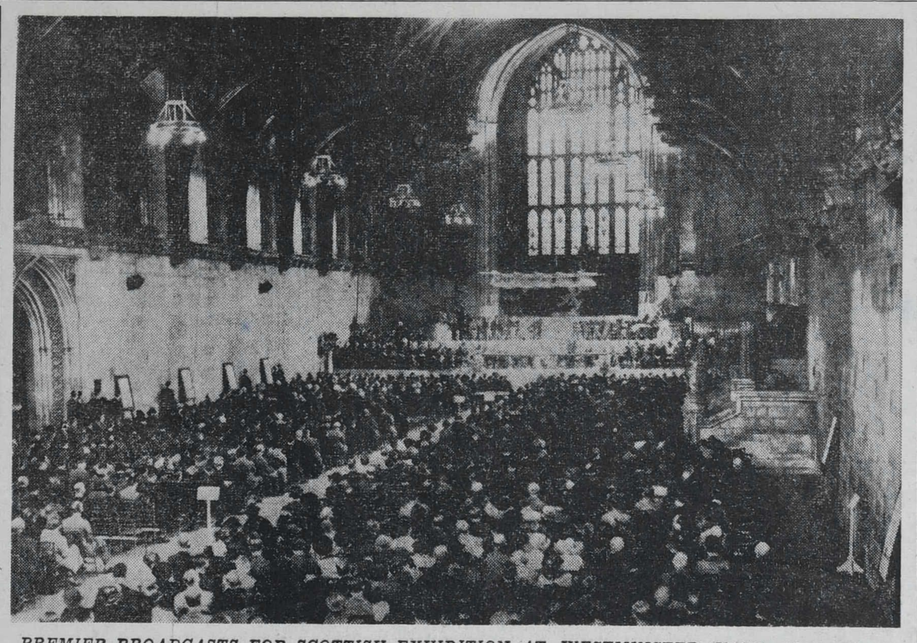
An additional £1,000,000 will be provided towards the cost of organising civil industry for national defence.

Coastal defences round Australia will be modernised, mechanised and greatly strengthened and equipped with wireless.

An anti-submarine school is being established at Sydney and large ammunition dumps are being laid down at suitable locations.

British Expert to Report

Air-Marshal Sir Edward Ellington, who has been invited by the Commonwealth Government to visit Australia and report on air force organisation, will also visit New Zealand and Canada after his inspection of Australian Air Force stations.



PREMIER BROADCASTS FOR SCOTTISH EXHIBITION AT WESTMINSTER HALL, LONDON.—A general vie wof the scene in Westminster Hall during the meeting in support of the Empire Exhibition, Glasgow. Speeches by the leaders of the three political parties were broadcast to the Empire.

GRAVE ANXIETY FELT

COTTON FIRMS IN LANCASHIRE

EGYPT'S TARIFF

Representations by Government

British Official Wireless.
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RUGBY, April 27.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade (Capt. D. E. Wallace) received a deputation from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce regarding the recent increases in Egyptian Customs duties on cotton yarns and cotton piece goods.

The deputation included representatives of spinning, manufacturing, finishing and exporting interests. It expressed the grave anxiety felt in Lancashire at the unexpected increases in the Egyptian cotton duties and urged the Government to make urgent representations on the matter.

Emphasis was laid on the feeling in Lancashire circles that the result of the tariff changes would be only to effect a further reduction in the volume of exports of British textiles to the Egyptian market.

The deputation urged the comparative advantages to Egypt, as well as to the Lancashire trade, of the quota system.

Capt. Wallace, in reply, expressed his complete sympathy with the case laid before him. The British Government, he said, was prepared to make further strong representations to the Egyptian Government.

NO CHANGE IN STATUS

British Somaliland

QUESTION IN COMMONS

African Protectorate

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RUGBY, April 27.

Asked in the House of Commons if he would take the necessary steps to bring British Somaliland into the status of a British colony and its people as British citizens, in accordance with their desires, the Colonial Secretary (Mr W. Ormsby-Gore) replied:—

"The answer is in the negative. I am not aware of any widespread desire on the part of the inhabitants of British Somaliland for a change in status."

British Somaliland is a protectorate, declared so in 1884. It occupies the north-eastern horn of Africa, jutting out into the Gulf of Aden. Its boundaries are defined by treaties with France and Italy.

Request is Refused

EXTRA BATSMAN

Australian Cricket Team

REPLACING BARNES

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SYDNEY, April 28.

The "Sun" states that D. G. Bradman's request to the Board of Cricket Control for another batsman to replace S. G. Barnes, an injured member of the Australian team, now in England, has been refused, but an official announcement is not being made for a day or two.

General Smuts Gives "Friendly Warning"

South Africa Will Defend Herself Vigorously

Not "Tall Talk"

Reference to Naval Base is Made By Minister

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CAPE TOWN, April 28.

The Minister of Justice (General Smuts), in a speech, said that if any hostile Power ever fired a shot at Simonstown (the South African naval base) it would get 10 back.

"If Simonstown or any other part of South Africa is attacked we will defend it with the valour and tenacity for which South Africa is famed," he said.

"This is not meant to be tall talk, but just a friendly warning to all."

"IGNORANCE OF SURVEY"

MAYOR EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT

WORDS RESENTED

Statement at Farmers' Union Meeting

Disappointment at the lack of knowledge about the Land Utilisation Survey, as shown by reports of comments, was expressed by the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) at the meeting of the Hastings Borough Council last evening.

Mr Maddison's remarks were made after Cr. T. Falconer had taken exception to reported statements of Mr R. E. Talbot, at a meeting of the Hawke's Bay provincial executive of the New Zealand Farmers' Union. Mr Talbot's statement was that the utilisation survey was the first step in the taking over of the farm lands of the province.

Mr Falconer explained that he was not concerned with Mr Talbot's personal viewpoint, but he did think that there was cause to be concerned lest the attitude of the farmers should be affected by Mr Talbot's words. He thought the council should record its disapproval of the words and that this disapproval should be conveyed to members of the Farmers' Union.

"I think we should at least make a protest," Mr Falconer added. "I suggest that the earliest opportunity should be taken to correct this impression."

Comment by Mayor

"I feel sure that Mr Talbot's opinion is Mr Talbot's own opinion and not the opinion of any other farmer in Hawke's Bay," was Mr Maddison's comment.

He was keenly disappointed, he added, at the lack of knowledge as shown in opinions expressed, and he was disappointed at certain local body opinion.

It was the most important work of its nature that had ever been carried out in Hawke's Bay and one of the most intensive surveys in the Southern Hemisphere. There could be no question of the value of the survey, its help to farmers and its guidance to many sections of the community, Mr Maddison said.

The mildest form of "common cold,"
If left untreated gains firm hold;
But checked aright without delay
It soon subsides and fades away.
Waste not an hour in careless doubt,
One steaming dose will drive it out—
The dose with such unfailing force
Means Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, of course.

ENGINE DRIVERS' EVIDENCE

RATANA DISASTER INQUIRY

EXPERT VIEWS

Procedure Outlined to Board

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, April 28.

The procedure followed when locomotive crews are not familiar with any section of the track was outlined to-day before the Board of Inquiry set up to investigate the cause of the Ratana railway disaster on March 26.

Three senior drivers attached to the locomotive depot at Wellington and Mr S. E. Gamby, who was acting assistant locomotive foreman at Wellington at the time of the disaster, said a pilot was provided in the event of the driver not being familiar with any part of the road he was required to traverse.

The inquiry concerns the derailment of a special week-end excursion train from Wellington to New Plymouth. The accident occurred on a six-chain curve in a cutting near Ratana. Seven lives were lost and several people were injured.

The inquiry was opened at Wanganui on March 13 and resumed at Wellington last Tuesday.

The greater portion of to-day's evidence was given by members of the locomotive branch. It concerned the speed of trains, visibility of speed restriction boards and technical details. It was disclosed that a number of senior drivers at Wellington, including Mr E. Percival, driver of the excursion train drove trains on the Marton-Wanganui section for a short time in 1930, when the night express service operated between Wellington and New Plymouth.

JACKIE COOGAN'S EARNINGS

Receiver's Report

THE COMPANY'S ASSETS

Former Star's Claim

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HOLLYWOOD, April 27.

The receiver placed the assets of Jackie Coogan Productions Inc. at £139,200 and its liabilities at £16,187.

The largest single item on the inventory is real estate (£99,600). The Bernsteins, Coogan's parents, owe the concern £13,208, and claim from the company £4345.

Coogan said the report showed that virtually all his earnings had been dissipated. "My mother must not be blamed for this terrible condition," he said.

Coogan is sueing his parents for past earnings, alleged to be over £800,000.

HUGE AMOUNTS INVOLVED

Whitney's Failure

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

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WASHINGTON, April 27.

Securities Exchange Commission accountants announced that the Richard Whitney Company failure involved £531,000. Whitney's personal indebtedness was £601,400 of which £579,400 was owing to George Whitney.

Richard Whitney is at present serving a sentence of imprisonment in Sing Sing.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES

Levels Maintained

COMPETITION GOOD

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SYDNEY, April 28.

At the wool sales to-day competition was well sustained at yesterday's improved levels. Chief support came from the Continent, Yorkshire and Japan.

Greasy Merino made 22¼d.

The offering amounted to 8492 bales, of which 7510 were sold, 2300 privately.

"ANGLO-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP IS IMPERATIVE FOR WORLD"

Plea By British Ambassador "Not to Talk or Think About War"

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BERLIN, April 28.

"A good British-German understanding is not only imperative in the interests of both countries, but also for the world and civilisation," declared the British Ambassador at Berlin (Sir Neville Henderson), addressing the Anglo-German Society at Hamburg.

Sir Neville added that nothing could be more disastrous than a war between Britain and Germany.

"Let us not think of it and not talk of it," he said. "Let us rather think and talk of the inevitability of a good understanding."

Bondholders in Australia

PERPETUAL FORESTS

Prime Minister's Inquiries

COMMISSION'S WORK

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CANBERRA, April 28.

The Federal Prime Minister (Mr J. A. Lyons) told the House of Representatives that the position of Australian bondholders in New Zealand Perpetual Forests Limited was still the subject of correspondence with the Prime Minister of New Zealand (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage), who had intimated that the Bondholders' Incorporation Commission was satisfied that the directors of the Bondholders' Company were earnestly using their best endeavours to protect bondholders, but the chairman of the commission had suggested that if any group of bondholders was dissatisfied it should make application to be heard when the compound agreement was before the commission.

The commission would welcome, indeed facilitate, any such representations.

Australian Party

ANZAC DAY, 1940

New Zealand Visit

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SYDNEY, April 27.

The Returned Soldiers' League State Council has accepted an invitation from the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association to send a delegation to New Zealand for Anzac Day, 1940. "Probably the greatest contingent of men to leave Australia since the war will make the trip," declared the State president, Mr L. Robb.

Members of the New Zealand contingent of returned soldiers, who sail to-night for home, are delighted over the decision of the Australian Soldiers' League to send a contingent of war veterans to New Zealand in 1940. The hope was expressed by South Islanders that the men will visit both Christchurch and Dunedin, as well as Wellington and Auckland.

The majority of visiting New Zealanders had a splendid time in Sydney and declare that they will fully repay the hospitality. The weather during the whole of their stay here has been charming.

THE "COURTESY COPS": THE NEW IDEA IN BRITISH TRAFFIC CONTROL.—Fourteen of the new metropolitan police motor-cycle patrols (courtesy squads) took the road last month from Hampton Police Station for duty on Kingston-by-Pass and elsewhere. A patrol hands a motorist an information slip for his driving guidance.

QUEEN'S MOTHER ILL

CONDITION CAUSES CONCERN

ROYAL VISITS

The Countess of Strathmore

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LONDON, April 28.

The "Daily Mail" says that the Queen's mother, the Countess of Strathmore, is seriously ill at her London home.

The Queen visited her twice yesterday.

Embargo on Arms

U.S.A. PETITION

Help for Loyalists Urged

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WASHINGTON, April 27.

A group of publicists and 15 members of the National Academy of Sciences presented a petition to the President (Mr F. D. Roosevelt) urging him to lift the embargo on the shipment of arms to the Spanish Government.

Two Nobel prize winners were among the petitioners.

The State Department informed the petitioners that the embargo action depended on Congress.

To Recommission Tees

AN OFFER MADE

Final Trip to the Chathams

By Telegraph—Press Association.
CHRISTCHURCH, April 28.

An offer to recommission the Tees for a final trip to the Chatham Islands has been made by Mr J. S. Robertson, managing director of the Westland Shipping Co., following negotiations yesterday with Mr T. H. McCombs, M.P. The offer is conditional on the Seamen's Union at Wellington supplying a new crew.

Mr T. Walsh, president of the union, is expected at Lyttelton tomorrow. Mr McCombs said that he expected the Tees would sail about the end of the week.

New Zealanders at Wimbledon

BROWN AND COOMBE

Trip in a Private Capacity

By Telegraph—Press Association.
AUCKLAND, April 28.

Although New Zealand has not entered for the Davis Cup, the Dominion will be represented at Wimbledon by A. D. Brown and D. C. Coombe, who are making the trip in a private capacity. They have secured the nomination of the National Association for the Wimbledon tourney.

Brown will leave Auckland to-night to join Coombe in Wellington, from where they sail to-morrow by the Port Chalmers for Britain. It is their intention to play in the Beckenham and Queen's Club tournaments before competing in the British events. After Wimbledon the New Zealanders will make a round of the United Kingdom tournaments before leaving in September for home.

GOVERNMENT AID SOUGHT

DEPUTATION FROM RIVERS BOARD

DAMAGE BY FLOOD

Government assistance for the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board in view of the unforseen expense that the board will be put to as a result of the flood was sought by Mr C. Lassen (chairman) and Mr G. Rochfort (engineer) in an interview with the Minister of Mines (the Hon. P. C. Webb) during the short visit which the Minister paid to Hastings yesterday.

Mr Lassen explained to Mr Webb that this was the third flood that had occurred since February and that the cost of repairing damage to the board's works could not be met from the amount which had been allowed for contingencies of this nature.

The Minister was also asked if the Public Works Department had any machinery which could be placed at the disposal of the board for reconstruction of the bases of the Ngaruroro stop banks which were washed out on both sides of the river.

Telegram from Minister.

Interviewed by the "Daily Mail" last night Mr Lassen said that he had just received from the Minister of Public Works (the Hon. R. Semple) a telegram stating that Mr Webb had made representations to him as requested and that he would be prepared to assist the board in any way possible. Mr Semple asked for a statement setting out the board's requirements.

A special meeting of the board has been called for Monday morning next.

SOVIET DEMANDS A "FINAL ANSWER"

Strong Words Used at Tokyo

JAPAN ASKED IF SHE IS READY TO TALK

Unsettled Differences

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MOSCOW, April 28.

Acting on instructions from Moscow, the Soviet Ambassador at Tokyo (M. Slavutsky) has demanded a "final answer" from the Japanese Foreign Minister (Mr K. Hirota) whether Japan is ready to discuss a settlement of outstanding Russo-Japanese differences.

The chief issue is the suspension of payment for the Chinese Eastern Railway, purchased by the Japanese from Russia.

ROADS BEING OPENED

IMPROVEMENT IN NORTH

WAY TO WAIROA

Water Supply in Gisborne

By Telegraph—Press Association.
GISBORNE, April 28.

Conditions on roads throughout the district showed a considerable improvement to-day and with the continuance of good weather a restoration of the main overland communications is possible by the end of the week.

On the East Coast communication with Te Araroa is expected to be restored to-night but considerable work is necessary between Te Araroa and Hick's Bay. On southern roads all obstacles are now negotiable as far as Wairoa, with the exception of one creek. In each case the difficulty on the route is a washed out culvert at Te Reinga and on the Morere Road the destruction of a bridge near Muriwai effectively prevents through traffic.

Car services, however, are now operating on both roads, passengers being transferred at the impassable points.

Communication between Wairoa and Napier is still closed and the date of re-opening is uncertain. The road from Wairoa to Waikaremoana is reported to be seriously damaged in many places and a number of tourists are marooned at the Lake House.

Gisborne is still without a water supply, the auxiliary supplies so far only having reached some sections of the town. The mains are gradually being filled, however, and it is expected that by to-night a trickle of water at least will have reached most parts of the reticulated area.

Telegraphic communication with outside centres is still uncertain. It has been found possible to clear traffic each night but the only landline available gives trouble during the day when the department is largely dependent upon emergency radio sets, whose capacity is limited.

BOAT SERVICE TO WAIROA

Sixty Passengers

KOAU TO LEAVE TO-DAY

Approximately 60 passengers will be taken to Wairoa to-day by Messrs Richardson and Company's vessel Koau, which is to leave Napier at 9.30 o'clock this morning.

An application for a permit to take passengers to Gisborne on the Pakura to-night has been made to the Marine Department, but so far permission has been withheld. It is hoped to obtain a permit, however, in which case there are about 20 or 30 passengers who will travel north on the boat.

The Koutunui left Napier last night with passengers for Waikokopu. If required passengers will be brought from Gisborne by the Pukeko, which is due at Napier tomorrow morning.

"We have been unable to spare the Koau previously as she has been required for lightering work in the bay," said Mr K. McLeay, principal of Richardson and Co. "The Koau will be kept going regularly between the two centres with the exception of the early part of next week, when she will be sent to Tokomaru Bay to do lightering work.

"While the Koau is absent next week we may have to put the Tu Atu on the passenger run to Wairoa," said Mr McLeay.

TIME LOST ON PUBLIC WORKS

Will It Be Paid For?

REPRESENTATIONS BY WORKERS' UNION

"Negotiations were made between the head office of the New Zealand Workers' Union and the Public Works Department. I had no knowledge that a deputation had met the Minister of Public Works (the Hon. R. Semple), in Wellington," said Mr W. G. Park, agent in Napier for the New Zealand Workers' Union to the "Daily Mail" in Napier yesterday.

Mr Park expressed surprise at a statement in the "Daily Mail" yesterday that time lost by Public Works employees in northern Hawke's Bay camps through isolation would be paid for. The report stated that this decision had been announced from station 2ZH Napier after a deputation had waited on the Minister in Wellington on Wednesday.

It would be a fortnight before the men could get back to the camps Mr Park added. "It seems highly improbable that the Public Works Department would pay for all that time.

"All Public Works employees who reported for work during the last two days have been found employment on the roads," he said.

"The position is that Public Works employees after the holidays had to report back on Tuesday morning unless special leave had been given," said Mr Park. "If they failed to report they would lose the statutory holiday pay and by a continued absence would break their service and so lose their annual holidays.

"In view of this, representations were made to Wellington to safeguard the men's interests and it was agreed by the Public Works Department that the men concerned would not be affected by the failure to report."

STATE HOUSES OPENING

FIRST TWO READY FOR TENANTS

ON SATURDAY

Mr J. A. Lee Will Officiate

The first of the Government houses in Hastings are now ready for occupation, and will be officially opened by the Under-Secretary in Charge of Housing Construction (Mr J. A. Lee) on Saturday afternoon. The selection of tenants will be announced to-day.

The first two houses built under rental system of the Government scheme were completed and waiting to be occupied, Mr Lee told a reporter of the "Daily Mail" last evening. The houses were in Akina Street.

Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P., has taken the opportunity of Mr Lee's visit to ask him to represent the Government officially in the opening of the housing scheme in Hastings and in extending a welcome to the first tenants. It is anticipated that both Mr Cullen and the Hon. W. E. Barnard will be present. The function is to start at 2.30 o'clock. All persons interested are invited to be present.

Dog Trials At Porangahau

ANNUAL FIXTURE

Short Head and Yard Event

Keen competition was in evidence at the second day of the dog trials at Porangahau held on the properties of Messrs W. Thomas and S. J. H. Board. The weather was clear and the programme is being put through expeditiously. Sheep are being lent from one of the Native Trust properties and the judge is Mr R. McDonald.

Results of the short head and yard event are as follows:—

P. Wiffen's Star (56½)	1
J. Turley's Lad (56)	2
W. E. Nelmes's Sambo (55)	3
W. Neilson's Cloud (53)	4
Maiden.	
W. E. Nelmes's Sambo (55)	1
G. Kuru's Joe (49½)	2
E. Forrest's Lad (48½)	3
J. D. Ormond's Scott (47½)	4
Maiden Men and Dogs.	
E. Forrest's Lad (48½)	1
J. D. Ormond's Scott (47½)	2
D. Cochrane's Trim (44½)	3

LARGE YARDINGS OF CATTLE

Prices Maintained

WEEKLY SALE AT DANNEVIRKE

At least 1200 head of cattle were yarded at the weekly stock sale held at Dannevirke yesterday, when prices were on a par with outside markets. Most of the cattle went north, very few going to Feilding whose buyers were not operating.

There was a small yarding of sheep.

Prices were:—

Fat P.A. cows and heifers made from £6 10/- to £8 5/-; fat P.A. bullocks £13 10/-; fat dairy cows and heifers £4 to £6 7/6; P.A. weaner steers £4 5/- to £5 7/-; 18 months steers £5 10/- to £7 12/6; 2½-yr-old steers £7 10/- to £8 7/6; weaner heifers £2 10/- to £3 15/-; P.A. cows R.W.B. £4 to £5; empty P.A. cows £4 to £5 5/-; 20 months Hereford steers £6 7/-; store cows £2 to £3 15/-.

Sheep: Fat ewes made from 18/- to 21/1; fat two-tooth wethers 24/2; wether lambs 15/- to 17/-; store ewes 11/1; fat and forward two-tooth wethers 24/6; ewe lambs 17/- to 22/-.

"ODDS 2 TO 1 AGAINST THE N.Z. POLO TEAM"

Mr. J. N. Lowry Returns: "Hawke's Bay Can Be Proud of Mackenzie"

"Odds were laid two to one against the New Zealand polo team in their match against the Hunter River, the Gold Cup holders," said Mr J. N. Lowry, an interested spectator at the recent Australian championship tourney held at Kyeemagh, six miles outside Sydney.

Mr. Lowry, who returned by the Awatea on Tuesday and arrived in Hawke's Bay yesterday, explained, in an interview, that these odds were offered after the New Zealanders' first match against the Victorian Hunt Club. In that game, only the New Zealand riding and the ponies impressed the Australian critics.

This match was played, he said, at a speed never before seen in the Commonwealth. 'The New Zealand players themselves said that the couch turf absolutely suited their ponies and style of play, and despite rain there was a perfect foothold.

"The Munro brothers, of the Hunter River team, told me at dinner after the match that they were not only surprised, but deeply impressed with the New Zealand ponies and with the players themselves," said Mr Lowry. "They thought that our players' attack, defence and stick work were all excellent."

The final match against a New South Wales side was a thrilling repetition of the Hunter River game, Mr Lowry said. Playing for the other team were the famous J. and R. Ashton, but the Dominion side won by 9 to 4.

"Hawke's Bay can be very proud of the New Zealand skipper, Bob Mackenzie, a worthy son of a great sporting family," he concluded.

NAPIER BOROUGH ELECTIONS

MORE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

CLOSING TO-DAY

Mayoral Contest Likely

Six nominations in the Napier Borough elections were received yesterday by the returning officer for the borough, Mr W. E. Cooper. These comprised two for the Borough Council, three for the Harbour Board, and one for the Hospital Board.

It is understood that a Mayoral election will be necessary, as a candidate for that office has come forward to oppose the present Mayor (Mr C. O. Morse). This nomination will not be divulged until nominations close at noon to-day.

The following further nominations have been received:—

Napier Borough Council

M. S. Spence—nominated by J. M. Runciman and A. J. McGlashan.

A. E. Bedford—nominated by E. Hyde, J. Mason and A. J. McGlashan.

Napier Harbour Board

T. M. Geddis—nominated by M. L. Gleeson, T. H. Ringland and A. J. McGlashan.

E. Williams—nominated by J. Mason and T. C. Barry.

P. F. Higgins—nominated by P. J. Sweetapple and J. M. Runciman.

Hospital Board

A. E. Bedford—nominated by J. Mason, M. L. Gleeson and P. Ashcroft.

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

Further Nominations

CLOSE AT NOON TO-DAY

Hawke's Bay County

Candidates' nominations for seats on the different ridings of the Hawke's Bay County Council and for the county representatives on the Hospital Board, the Harbour Board and the Electric Power Board have been coming in steadily during the last two weeks. These close to-day at noon with the returning officer for the county (Mr W. J. O'Connell).

The following nominations were received yesterday:

Napier Harbour Board: Messrs T. L. Gordon and L. E. Harris.

Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board: Mr T. E. Crosse.

Napier Hospital Board: Mr John Williamson.

Okawa Riding: Mr G. E. H. Beamish.

Five thousand stickers, and 100 posters, designed to emphasise the importance of care by motorists on the roads in keeping a watch-out at intersections will be purchased by the Hastings Borough Council from the Transport Department. On the recommendation of the works committee, this decision was reached at last night's meeting of the council.

Narrow Escape From Death

CAUGHT BY FLOOD

Man Unable to Swim Floats 800 Yards

ESK VALLEY ESCAPE

An extraordinary tale of escape from Monday's flood is told by Mr Roy McGlashan, who works in the Esk Valley.

Realising that the flood was becoming dangerous on Sunday night, he set off down the railway line in an attempt to reach Mr A. J. Fortune's house at the mouth of the valley, but finding that he could not reach there he returned to the Riverslea railway station building, where he decided to spend the night.

"I was awakened early in the morning by bangs and crashes on the wall of the station," he said, "and on looking outside was amazed to find that I was completely surrounded by a sea of water and that pumpkins and logs coming down with the current had caused the bumping noise when they hit the building.

"As I wanted to be where I could have a look at the flood, I climbed out on to the post of the gate leading to the station platform. While I was there the other post gave way and the gate was torn away. I then took hold of the station sign, but that was carried away, leaving me only two small posts on which to sit. I decided that there was only one thing for it, and so took to the water. I finished up 800 yards downstream on the Wairoa side of the river, where I finally managed to grab a willow tree as I was swept down with the current."

The extraordinary feature of Mr McGlashan's escape is that he is unable to swim a stroke. However, he found that he was able to float fairly easily on the silt-laden and abnormally buoyant water so long as he kept his legs and arms moving slowly.

Mr A. King, who lives opposite the station and about half a mile distant, watched Mr McGlashan through field glasses and was quite certain he would drown when he was seen to dive into the flood.

A Gathering of Returned Men

ANNUAL FIXTURE

Wellington Infantry Regiment, N.Z.E.F.

REUNION ON MAY 14

Every year since the war the Wellington Infantry Regiment, N.Z.E.F. has held a reunion and this year the fixture is to be held in Palmerston North on May 14. Returned men from all over the Dominion travel to take part and it is always a very successful gathering.

A later date than usual has been set down this year to enable the returned soldiers' contingent in Australia to be back in time to take part and it is likely that more than usual will attend.

WEDDING WAS DELAYED

BRIDEGROOM'S LONG JOURNEY

WAIROA TO NAPIER

Through Stricken Countryside

A wedding that was to have taken place in Napier on Wednesday had to be postponed for 24 hours while the bridegroom, who lives at Wairoa, made his way through the flood-stricken area to Waipunga on foot and on horseback.

With extreme difficulty he reached Waikare on Tuesday night and, setting out at daylight on Wednesday, he walked nearly twenty-five miles over very difficult country to Waipunga, where motor transport was available.

The two young people concerned were Miss Jean Lambie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. M. Lambie, Bay View Road, Napier, and Mr Eric Le C. Powdrell, second son of Mr and Mrs T. Le C. Powdrell, Wairoa.

At St. John's Cathedral.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral at 7 p.m. and was performed by the Rev. Canon Vield.

The bride wore a smart tailored costume of grey, with a navy satin blouse, chic grey fur felt hat, and a grey Russian squirrel fur. To the lapel of her coat was pinned a spray of flowers.

Because of the upset caused by the flood, the wedding was much smaller than was originally intended, and in consequence there were no attendants.

It was a great disappointment to the bride and bridegroom that the bridegroom's parents and other relatives could not be present.

A quiet reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr and Mrs Powdrell will leave for their home in Wairoa when roads are clear.

Good Effort at Hastings

POPPY DAY APPEAL

Expected to approach very closely last year's record figures of £243, the annual Poppy Day appeal in Hastings last week has so far realised the sum of £234. It is understood there is about £8 still to be submitted from country districts.

Concern at the shortage of helpers, which seemed to be becoming increasingly acute year by year, was advanced by Mr G. Roach at last night's annual meeting of the Hastings branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association.

"It is too much to expect the women of our committee to cover all the district without supplementary assistance," commented Mr Roach. He suggested that wives of members of the Association should be asked to help in an endeavour to alleviate the problem.

The matter will be the subject of consideration by the executive.

Appreciation of the services of the secretary (Mr V. A. Thomson) and men and women helpers in relation to the Poppy Day appeal was expressed by members. They had made a great effort, said the president (Mr P. J. Priest).

MR. J. A. LEE, M.P., Under-Secretary in Charge of Housing Construction, on the left, photographed outside the "Daily Mail" during his visit to the office yesterday.

TRIBUTES PAID TO MAYOR

CONGRATULATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

MR G. A. MADDISON

Hastings Council Meeting

Many tributes to the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) as a leader and a guide in council affairs were paid by councillors at the final meeting of the present Hastings Borough Council last evening. A special tribute was paid to the report prepared by the Mayor on the progress of the borough, and on the suggestion of the Deputy-Mayor (Mr A. I. Rainbow) it was agreed that the report should be placed on permanent record with other council reports.

Mr Rainbow said he would like to congratulate the Mayor heartily on the report he had prepared. He expressed his appreciation of the helpfulness and guidance of Mr Maddison during the council's three-year term.

Crs. T. Falconer, P. E. Loach and S. J. McKee also paid warm tributes to the ability and helpfulness of the Mayor.

A £500 grant to the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board was made by the Hastings Borough Council at its meeting last night.

Messrs Jack Beale, Gordon Robinson and Allan Chapman, who have been appointed to the New Zealand Air Force, will leave Napier early next week for Trentham Camp, where they are due to report for duty on Wednesday, May 4.

A Year of Much Activity

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Members of Association at Hastings

ANNUAL MEETING

With a profit of £31 1/6 and a surplus of assets over liabilities of £166 1/6, the financial position of the Hastings branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association is particularly sound. Moreover, the membership of 428 constitutes a record.

A year of activity and success was reviewed in the report placed before the annual meeting of the branch at Hastings.

The president (Mr P. J. Priest) presided and there was an attendance of about 60.

Steps will be taken by the executive to establish some form of memorial on the graves of the returned soldiers at Hastings, it was decided.

Reference to the successful commemoration ceremonies at Hastings on Anzac Day, notwithstanding the bad weather, was made by members. Thanks were extended to those who assisted in the proceedings, particularly the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) and borough councillors for entertaining returned men and members of other units at afternoon tea.

Election of Officers

Officers elected were: President, Mr P. J. Priest; vice-president, Mr P. J. S. George; secretary, Mr V. A. Thomson; auditor, Mr R. D. Brown; committee, Messrs. F. H. Goldfinch, R. E. Hunt, C. Prebble, L. J. Mackersey, S. I. Jones, F. R. Field, C. G. Wilkinson, D. S. McLeod, G. H. Roach and L. J. B. Hammond.

Sympathy was expressed with those returned men on soldiers' settlements who had suffered as the result of the flood this week.

A letter of thanks will be sent to the retiring member of the committee (Mr McIntyre) in recognition of his services to the branch over a number of years.

HAVELOCK NORTH TOWN BOARD

Further Nominations

The following are additional nominations for seats on the Havelock North Town Board:—

Harold Edward Toulmin. Nominated by W. A. Meads, W. S. Davidson and G. E. G. Rogers.

Herbert Eric Phillips. Nominated by J. Duncan and W. A. Nimon.

Percy Alexander McHardy. Nominated by Mrs M. J. Sanders and T. M. Chambers.

JOEL McCREA, FRANCES DEE and BOB BURNS play the starring roles in Frank Lloyd's Paramount epic "Wells Fargo," a powerful drama which will commence a season of one week at the Plaza, Napier, on Saturday.

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—Closed.

Whararangi-Puketapu - Hakawai—Open two miles past Hakawai; Dartmoor bridge down; one span left on western bank.

Napier-Taihape road—Open as far as Willowford.

Main South Road—Clear.

Hastings - Haumoana - Clifton — Clear.

Eskdale—Open to Bay View.

Hastings-Waimarama—Open.

Middle road to Patangata—Clear.

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

Crownthorpe Settlement road—Closed for a fortnight.

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

Tuki Tuki-Elsthorpe—Opened yesterday afternoon.

START MADE WITH RECONSTRUCTION

REBUILDING ROADS AND RAILWAY

WAITANGI BRIDGE

"Main Roads May Be Closed for Months"

"An immediate start has been made with the restoration of damaged road and rail communications in the flooded area, but it is impossible at the moment to give any reasonably accurate forecast of how long it will be before the Napier-Wairoa and Napier-Taupo highways will be open to through traffic," said Mr W. L. Newnham, Chief Inspecting Engineer, of the Public Works Department, in an interview with the "Daily Mail" last night.

"Every main bridge bar one on the Wairoa highway has gone out," he added, "and the road round the Devil's Elbow has been completely destroyed. It will be a matter of months before that road is opened.

Bridge Deck To Be Raised

"Temporary repairs to the Waitangi wash-out bridge on the main road between Napier and Hastings will be undertaken immediately," he said. "The work will take two or three weeks and it will be necessary to keep the bridge closed during that time."

Mr Newnham explained that temporary repairs would be carried out by driving groups of wooden piles on either side of the sunken pier and joining them from either side of the sunken pier and joining them from either side of the pier by steel joists, from which the fallen deck of the bridge would be jacked into place. It would probably be necessary later on to cut holes through the decking in order to drive piles for the permanent reconstruction of the bridge. Permanent repairs would take several months to complete, and would cost £3000 or £4000.

The extraordinary scouring that had taken place could not possibly have been foreseen when the bridge was first built, Mr Newnham said. The piles were originally driven 35 feet into the bed of the stream.

Crossing the Esk River

Consideration was also given yesterday to the problem of replacing the bridge over the Esk River on the Napier-Wairoa main highway. The flood has cut a channel nearly 450ft. wide and the new bridge, which will be a ferro-concrete structure, will have to be nearly twice as long as the former wooden structure, which was 250ft. in length. Mr Newnham said that the new bridge would cost from £8000 to £10,000.

To allow traffic to cross the river meanwhile, a temporary low level bridge will be built at once and should be completed within a fortnight at the outside.

Mr Newnham will remain in the district for some time and will probably on Saturday inspect the flooded area from an aeroplane. He explained that the department was still without details of the damage done to long sections of the two main highways north of Napier. A foreman had been sent out to make a preliminary investigation of requirements on the Napier-Wairoa section. He had been away two days and had not yet returned.

"Everything is Disputed"

AIRPORT BOARD

Dissatisfaction With Borough Council

CHAIRMAN'S VIEW

"Everything we suggest to the Napier Borough Council is disputed or returned to us for further information," said Mr T. W. Hercock, chairman, at a meeting of the Napier Airport Board last night.

He made this remark after a request had been received from the council for the board's reasons for suggesting that representatives from the Harbour Board and the Hawke's Bay County Council should be included in the personnel of the board, also whether the two bodies concerned had consented.

"I am disappointed with the reply," said Mr Hercock. "We are acting in the capacity of a committee of the council, such as other council committees, whose recommendations are accepted without dispute. Everything the board suggests is held up for some reason."

URGENT NEED TO AVERT DISASTERS

Two Tribunals to Discuss Floods? — Mayor's Statement

The disastrous nature of the floods, the need for measures to avoid such devastation in the future and for people to put aside parochial interests were emphasised by the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) at the final meeting of the present Hastings Borough Council last evening.

The visitation was perhaps more devastating to property than the earthquake, said Mr Maddison, and great losses had been suffered in many districts. He felt that any move for the rehabilitation of the sufferers would be heartily supported, though this was unquestionably a national matter.

He had been in telephone conversation with the Minister of Mines (the Hon. P. C. Webb), who had visited Hawke's Bay during the day, and it had been suggested that two tribunals might be set up, the first to enable the amount of the damage to be assessed, and the second to have the problem of averting such disasters examined.

Mr Maddison also suggested that members of local bodies from all parts of the province and Public Works Department authorities should consider and report on what measures should be taken to prevent the recurrence of such disasters.

On behalf of himself and the council, Mr Maddison expressed sincere sympathy with the sufferers.

To the police, he paid a high tribute for the unostentatious and effective work so typical of the whole of the police force of New Zealand.

A Motion Carried.

"That the borough engineer be instructed to prepare a comprehensive report for presentation to the council, surveying the conditions obtaining during the recent storm, and setting out what cost and what measures are necessary to be undertaken to satisfactorily deal with such storm waters, so as to avert a recurrence of flooding in the different parts of the borough."

This motion, introduced by the Mayor, was passed after discussion among the councillors.

The urgency of preparing this report was unanimously emphasised.

The construction of roads and footpaths would have to be left in abeyance, and the work of surveying and draining the borough to avert such disasters in the future must take precedence, Mr Maddison said.

The danger of the Ngarururo River backing up the Karamu Stream was that it backed water in main drains and prevented surface water from leaving the borough. It had been recommended in one section of the Land Utilisation report that the Karamu Stream should not run into the Ngarururo, but that a channel should be cut straight to the sea. It was essential that this recommendation should be carried out.

The pioneers on the council had decided that the Makiriri Stream should be filled in. This was the most disastrous decision. If the stream had been left it would have taken all the surface water from the borough, Mr Maddison added.

He suggested that the council should not wait for the whole report on the borough to be prepared; but that each section should be dealt with as soon as the report on that section was obtained.

SEWERAGE SCHEME DEFENDED

MAYOR'S REPLY TO CRITICS

DOUBT DISPELLED

Misrepresentations Are Alleged

A reply to doubts which, he said, had been cast on the sewerage extension scheme of the Hastings Borough Council, was made by the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) at the last meeting of the present council last evening.

He felt compelled to refute the misrepresentations which existed regarding the sewerage scheme, said Mr Maddison. He had been asked by citizens whether there would be an outfall for the scheme which would prove satisfactory, or whether it would be necessary to install pumps.

There was a fall of 15 feet to the outlet, he said, and the engineer to the Christchurch Drainage Board, Mr Cullens, had inspected the scheme and had not amended the Hastings borough engineer's plans in any detail. The plan was a 100 per cent. success.

He felt it was his duty to protect the engineer against any unfounded doubts against the scheme. Although it was expected that the scheme would be finished last December, unfortunately an underground river had been struck, and this had caused considerable delay.

The scheme would now have been nearly completed if it had not been for the flood early in the week.

"COUNCIL MIGHT NOT OWN AERODROME"

Possible Assumption From Letter

"From the tone of the letter it could be assumed that the council is of opinion that it might yet not be the owner of the airport in which case we could appreciate the reply," was the text of a resolution carried by the Napier Airport Board last night ,after the council had advised that it could not consider installing a two and a half-inch pipe for water supply at the Beacons Aerodrome until arrangements for the new aerodrome were completed.

"We would ask the council to note that as certain conveniences have been put on the Beacons Aerodrome by the borough we can see no reason why the water supply should not also be placed there," the resolution also said. "We would ask for further consideration for filling the wants of the Airport Board in this connection."

SHARP WORDS AT MEETING

MAYOR REBUKES COUNCILLOR

POINT OF ORDER

"I Just Hate Being Made The Butt"

"I just hate being made the butt, that's all," said Cr. G. W. McCormick, at the meeting of the Hastings Borough Council last evening. Cr McCormick's protest was made against a reminder from the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) that he should stand up when he addressed the chair, and his retort drew a sharp rebuke from the Mayor.

He did not like being the butt for the remark when it was not the custom at the council meetings to retain any insistence on such formality, Mr McCormick explained.

The Mayor: I object.

Mr Maddison said he had always conducted his meetings properly. It had always been the practice for the speaker to stand when he addressed the chair, and he denied that there had ever been any laxity.

"POCKET-IN-BOOK" SYSTEM

Hastings Proposal

COUNCIL ADOPTS SUGGESTION

Advantages Outlined

In future, the distribution and issuing of books from the Hastings Public Library will be on the "pocket-in-book" system. This step was decided on at the meeting of the Hastings Borough Council last evening on the recommendation of the library committee.

The chairman (Cr. T. Falconer) reported that as a result of the increased subscribers the matter of handling the distribution and issuing of books to subscribers was becoming more and more difficult under the present system.

Particulars of the "pocket-in-book" system, which is now adopted by all important libraries, had been obtained, which system would enable books to be returned and new books issued in at least half the time required under the present system.

The initial cost of installing the system would be approximately £30 to £40. He asked that authority be given for the installation of the system.

Councillor Loach referred to the fine work which Cr. Falconer had done for the library during the term of office of the council. It was advisable that the council should adopt the suggestion, as Cr. Falconer understood his work so well. Other councillors supported Cr. Loach's remarks. The motion was passed unanimously.

GRANT TOWARDS COST OF MUSEUM

Hastings Borough Council Approached

A grant towards the maintenance and development of the Hawke's Bay Art Gallery and Museum from the Hastings Borough Council is being sought by the Hawke's Bay Art Society.

At last night's meeting of the council the finance commmittee reported that a letter had been received from the secretary of the Hawke's Bay Art Society, asking if the council would consider assisting the society by way of a grant towards the maintenance and development of the Hawke's Bay Art Gallery and Museum.

The society had suggested that they might send a deputation to wait on the finance committee of the council, when the matter could be more fully explained.

After discussion, it was decided to leave the proposal to the incoming council for consideration.

STACK OF WOOD COLLAPSES

Man Breaks Right Leg

An elderly man, named Daniel Watt, was admitted to the Napier Hospital this afternoon with a broken right leg. The accident happened while he was stacking wood, part of the stack falling on him.

His condition last evening was reported to be satisfactory.

L. W. Kirkby, estate agent, Inglewood, advertises in this issue sale of complete printing establishment in good Taranaki town.

SOUND FINANCIAL YEAR IN HASTINGS REVIEWED

Annual Report Submitted to Council

"Gratifying Position"

Heavy Call On Borough's Revenue

"The financial position of the Hastings Borough as set out in the financial statement reveals a particularly gratifying position, and it is satisfying to report that, in the light of increased costs of goods and services and the continuation of the progressive development of borough amenities, the accounts are in a healthy condition. Closer settlement and the erection of additional residences and business premises has accounted for a considerable call on borough moneys in the extension of roads, footpaths, sewers, water, rubbish collection and other matters. Nevertheless, the year has been completed with a satisfactory credit balance."

This statement was made by the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) in his report to the Hastings Borough Council meeting last evening on the financial operations and the administration of the affairs of the borough for the year ending March 31, 1938.

"The general account completed the year with a credit balance of £7,108 5s 10d, against a credit balance at March 31, 1937, of £8,046 6s 0d." Mr Maddison's report stated.

The district fund account, which is the account covering all the operations of the borough, completed the year with a credit balance of £12,055 15/-.

"It must be remembered that no special rate is levied or special charge made for rubbish collection or for sanitary service; and further, the borough was called upon to pay during the past financial year interest amounting to £1736 16s 6d on the new sewerage work."

Rate Collection

For 1937-38 rates amounted to: Current, £16,685 4/2; and arrears, £562 14/9; making a total of £17,247 18/11. In 1936-37 the current rates amounted to £16,532 13/6 and arrears to £904 11/-, making a total of £17,437 4/6.

The small increase in the current rates is due to a greater rate collection. The collection this year was 96.81 per cent., against 96.28 per cent. last year. In 1937 the borough collected in arrears of rates £1217 11/9, as against £932 6/8 this year. The amount of the general rate outstanding at March 31, 1938, is £924 8/4, and the total arrears for all years is £2381 11/4, against £2413 14/10 for 1937.

The number of ratepayers called upon to pay over £100 in rates was 68. Two paid over £500; four between £400 and £500; 10 between £300 and £400; 14 between £200 and £300; and 38 between £100 and £200.

Total Rate Levied

The total rate levied this year on behalf of the Hastings Borough Council, the Hospital Board, the Harbour Board and the Rivers Board was £44,157 10/11 against £42,374 19/4 for the previous year. This amount was contributed by the respective local bodies as follows (the figures in parentheses representing the previous year's figures):

Hastings Borough Council, £36,350 0/9 (£36,256 5/2). Rivers Board £699 19/8 (£805 1/10). Harbour Board, £753 16/7 (——). Hospital Board, £6,353 13/11 (£5,313 12/4).

The total rate on behalf of these local bodies amounted to £7,807 10/2 for 1937-38, against £6118 14/2 for the previous year, an increase of £1688 16/-.

The Borough Council figures show an increase of £93 15/7. There was practically no increase in the amount of the rate levied by the borough for borough purposes, although increased costs had to be met. A comprehensive programme of capital works was carried out out of revenue, and a full year's charges on the sewerage loan had to be met.

Additional Income

The following items constitute additional income, the previous year's expenditure in parentheses: Government subsidy, £450 (£450); licences, £2649 6/6 (£2490 15/6); heavy traffic fees, £1601 1/2 (£1329 2/1). Cattle impounding and dog registration, £415 11/- (£408 4/2); parks and reserves, £744 14/11 (£697 19/-); sales of materials, etc., £312 11/11 (£324 11/6); sales of land, etc., £435 (£643 10/-); sundry refunds and reimbursements, £826 14/5 (£832 7/6); Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board, £4420 15/2 (£4420 15/2); collecting commissions, £292 11/3 (£184 3/7).

The total revenue was £30,875 4/7, compared with £32,640 17/2.

Heavy Expenditure

The principal items of expenditure in the general account in comparison with the corresponding items of the previous year are as follows: Salaries, office expenses, honoraria and general administration expenses, £4682 19/4 (£4382); insurances, £131 16/6 (£181 4/3); fire board levy, £1150 (£1200); elections, £5 10/4 (——); unauthorised, £126 3/8 (£142); band subsidies, £150 (£200); donation to King George Memorial Fund, £52 10/- (——); street maintenance, £4603 6/2 (£5502 14/6; street lighting, £723 17/3 (£713 7/11); sewer maintenance, £706 6/2 (£521 7/3); sewer connections and extensions, £393 4/10 (£535 13/3); cleaning drains, £295 16/3 (£310 15/-); traffic control, £215 19/4 (£210 5/7); parks and reserves £5586 10/- (£4168 14/5); civic square, £664 5/4 (£16 3/3); afforestation, £266 9/11 (£305 4/11); rubbish collection, £1913 12/8 (£1945 11/4); interest on bank overdraft, £630 0/9 (£136 15/8); construction of new streets £1138 13/- (£1513 2/1); Coronation expenses, £414 9/8 (——); standard survey, £125 (£125).

Street maintenance shows a reduction of £900, although wages increased by £500. Savings under other headings, however, total approximately £1400. The total ordinary expenditure in the general account was: £22,513 12/8, compared with £20,937 the previous year, an increase of £1576.

The position of the public debt of the borough at March 31 was as follows: Public debt at beginning of year, £345,586 15/4; raised during year (being balance of £34,000 Sewer Loan), £18,000: total—£363,586 15/4; redeemed and paid off during year, £14,214 12/9; debt at close of year, £349,372 2/7.

This indicates the ample provision made by the Hastings Borough Council for redemption of its public debt," says the report, "and there is no doubt that the finances of this borough are in an extremely sound position. The sum of approximately £134,000 is self-supporting, and no rate is levied for it.

Credit Carried Out

Works of a capital nature carried out during the year totalled £9311 14/6, the principal item being road sealing (£4209 10/4).

The credit balance at the end of this year is £7108 5/10, compared with £8046 6/- in 1936-37, a decrease of £938 0/2. The sum of £1941 was spent on works not provided for on the estimates.

In addition to the credit of £7108 5/10, the power board instalment of £4420 15/2 will as usual be available for expenditure during the current year. The total of these two items is £11,529 1/-.

Borough Accounts

The following round figures show the revenue and expenditure on the borough accounts (totals for 1936-37 being given in parentheses): Library account, revenue, £1667 (£1574); expenditure, £1640 (£1514). Water supply account, £5650 (£5647); £5683 (£5805). Theatre account, credit balance, £884. Municipal buildings, revenue, £925 (£1013); expenditure, £1015 (£842). Cemetery account, £537 (£430); £522 (£607). Interest account, credit balance, £346.

HIGH PRAISE OF HASTINGS

PRIVILEGES ARE OUTLINED

MAYOR'S REPORT

"Compares Favourably With Others"

"I consider, with all the privileges and amenities that Hastings possesses, that it compares most favourably with any other borough of a similar size in this Dominion, said the Mayor of Hastings (Mr G. A. Maddison), in his annual report to the last meeting of the council last evening.

"Next to national government, local body administration takes it place, and consequently the well-being of our people and the development and progress of the district depends very materially upon the administration of borough affairs.

"In this respect I can say, in the position that I occupy, that the people of this town have every reason to be gratified with the administration of borough affairs by councillors during the past three years.

"The prices of admission to pictures in the Municipal Theatre are as low as any in New Zealand.

"The theatre has never been a charge on the ratepayers.

"The Council was one of the first local bodies in the Dominion to restore the wages of the outside staff.

"This council was the first in Hawke's Bay to grant an annual holiday on full pay, and to pay the workers for statutory holidays.

"The Council is the only council in Hawke's Bay to have in operation a sick benefit fund for the outside workers."

USE OF HASTINGS SPORTS GROUNDS

Borough Council Gives Approval

Applications from sports bodies for the use of the borough grounds for the present season were dealt with by the Hastings Borough Council at its meeting last evening. The Hastings Rugby Football Sub-Union was granted the use of Nelson Park for the season, subject to the payment of certain fees.

The Hastings Hockey Sub-Association was granted the use of two grounds at Cornwall Park, but it was resolved that the association be advised that the goal nets to be used must be constructed with the approval of the council.

THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE HASTINGS BOROUGH

Interesting Statistics are Prepared by the Mayor

The rapid growth of the borough of Hastings during the last 50 years is shown in interesting statistics in the annual report of the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison). The statistics were presented to the last meeting of the present council last evening.

Hastings was first constituted a town board in 1884 and two years later was incorporated a borough.

The population at the 1936 census was 12,754 in the borough and 5205 in the urban districts, making a total of 17,959.

"I am of the opinion from the enrolments for the municipal elections, numbering 8976, compared with previous years, that the population of the borough is in the vicinity of 14,000, and the total population of the urban area must be in the vicinity of 20,000," said the Mayor's report.

The number of rateable properties in the borough is 3675 and the number of ratepayers 2930. The unimproved value of the borough is assessed at £1,381,927; value of improvements is £2,500,115; and capital value is £3,882,042.

Length of Streets.

The total number of streets (excluding boundary roads, which are vested in the Hawke's Bay County Council, but for which the borough is called upon from time to time to pay half the cost for moneys expended upon them), is 45.3 miles. The miles of bitumenised streets total 31.3 miles and miles of macadam roads total 14. The total miles of footpaths is 90.

The number of dwellings in the borough in 1922 was 2212, and in 1938 the figure had reached 3418.

The water pumped during 1928-29 totalled 289,000,000 gallons, and during the year 1937-38, 507,352,000 gallons were pumped.

In 1913-14 the number of vehicles licensed was 139; in 1928-29 2900 and in 1937-38 5178.

Work for New Council.

"During the year special legislation was passed making Nelson Park a charge park, and a further property of two and a half acres was acquired at a cost of £1262, for inclusion in a comprehensive scheme for the extension of Nelson Park," said the report.

"This is a work that should receive the consideration of the new council, and when completed should provide adequate facilities for all recreational needs.

"At the present time it is doubtful if there will be any substantial balance in the Sewerage Loan Account when this work is completed. Nevertheless, it is essential in the interests of health that the sewerage and water systems should be extended where necessary.

"It is also desirable that the council should continue with the formation of further bitumen roads and concrete footpaths; and provide for improved ventilation of the Assembly Hall. Another matter that should engage the attention of councillors is the survey of the whole of the street lighting system of the borough; and traffic control and provision of parking areas."

LOAN ALMOST REDEEMED

HASTINGS SEWER EXTENSION

MAYOR'S REPORT

Scheme Not Yet Completed

Although the work on the Hastings Sewer Extension has not yet been completed, an amount almost equivalent to the amount of the loan raised for the work has been redeemed. This was revealed in the annual report of the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) to the last meeting of the present Borough Council last evening.

The loan raised in October of 1936 amounted to £34,000. Repayments of the public debt since March, 1937, totalled £30,146 12/9. The principal redeemed at April 1, 1938, was £3400, making a total of £33,546 12/9.

The full amount of this loan has now been raised, stated the report, and the position of the account is as follows: Loan moneys, £34,000; subsidy from Labour Department, £9650 7/4; refund half cost of easements, £11 5/-; total—£43,661 12/4.

No Reductions Possible

MAINS CONNECTION

Complaint From Director of Housing

HASTINGS REPLIES IN NEGATIVE

The Hastings Borough Council cannot see its way to make any reduction in the charges for connection of water and sewerage mains in the borough.

This decision of the works committee of the council, in answer to a request from the Director of Housing Construction (Mr Tyndall) that these charges be lowered, was endorsed by the council at its meeting last night.

A letter had been received by the committee asking that as contracts for the erection of 62 houses had now been let at Hastings and further contracts were pending, the charges made by the council for connection to sewer and water mains be reduced, as these charges were somewhat in excess of the fees charged by other local bodies.

The committee also recommended that a letter be sent to the department pointing out that the costs of subdividing in this town were considerably lower than in other places; and also that it is known that the charges referred to in some instances are higher in other towns.

The present charges fixed by the council, which are less than the ordinary charges are: Sewer connections, £5; water connections, £2 10/-.

TAXI SERVICES UNDER THE TRANSPORT ACT

Minister Announces That Draft Legislation is Being Prepared

Draft legislation to bring the taxi services under the provisions of the Transport Act is being prepared, according to an announcement made by the Minister of Transport (the Hon. R. Semple) in a letter to the Hastings Borough Council. The letter, which was received and noted at the council meeting last evening, stated that the legislation was to be considered by Parliament when more important items of the Government's legislative programme had been dealt with.

The letter from the Minister also stated that representations had recently been made to him that the numbers of taxi licences were being increased in many towns to a level which made it impossible for those engaged in the business to secure a reasonable standard of living.

"The Government is anxious that the number of taxis should be kept at a level that will give the public a satisfactory service," says the report to the council, "and ensure reasonable working conditions for the proprietors, and asks that the council co-operate by refraining from granting further licences except in cases where an increase is justified to meet a genuine expansion in business."

Borough News in Brief

Eight sewer connections and seven water connections were laid during the month according to the report of the borough engineer, Mr C. Evans, to the council last night, making a total of 3601 water connections. The water pumped and the rainfall for the month compared with the figures for the corresponding month last year was March, 1937, (pumping) 47,085,000 gallons, (rainfall) .86 inches; March, 1938, 46,472,000 gallons, .89 inches. The Havelock North Town Board pumped 12,000 gallons in excess of their own requirements.

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A total of 1550 seedlings were planted out in Cornwall Park and the town gardens, for a winter and early spring display.

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"I also took the opportunity of inspecting several of the large buildings under construction and some completed within the year, one being the new Post Office. From observations, I am quite satisfied that the class of building being erected in Hastings more than favourably compares with those erected in Dunedin." This is said by the Hastings Borough Council Health Inspector (Mr C. O. R. Carroll) in a report on the Royal Sanitary Institute Conference at Dunedin recently.

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Stolen matter from the Hastings Public Library during last month included seven newspapers and one magazine, states the report of the Hastings librarian (Mrs O. Skipper). During the month 54 new subscribers joined the library, 91 renewed their subscriptions, and 27 left, the total now being 1528 subscribers and 1750 subscriptions.

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A letter was received from the Hastings and District Scots Society, asking that the council give consideration to improving the ventilation in the Assembly Hall. A reply has been forwarded by the mayor, advising that the matter had been given consideration by the council, its officers, and architects, but a satisfactory solution had not yet been arrived at and the matter is still being pursued. The committee recommended that this matter be referred to the incoming council for consideration.

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"A total of 254 residences were inspected for leaky taps, noxious weeds, and unregistered dogs," stated the report of the ranger and assistant traffic inspector (Mr H. H. Green). "One hundred and forty-eight dogs were registered during the month (fees £53/13/6) which brings the number of registered dogs for 1938 up to 548 (fees £201 15/-)."

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Prices for the maintenance of clocks submitted to the council were:—

Winding, supervision, regulation, of seven clocks in the municipal buildings, £7 a year.

Setting, regulations, and further necessary attention to the town clock, including electrical mechanism to cover all services including alterations for summer-time, £13 a year. Total £20.

The committee recommended that this tender be accepted.

WOMEN'S REST SHOWS SOUND FINANCES

Further Grant This Year Improbable

"It is pleasing to note that the Women's Rest account during the past year more than held its own, and it does not appear necessary to make any further grant during the coming year."

The Town Clerk (Mr Noel C. Harding) makes this comment in a report to the final meeting of the present Hastings Borough Council last evening.

"The present credit bank balance of £50 2/6 will be easily enough to work on for all purposes," the report adds.

The statement of the accounts showed receipts at £227 4/8, expenditure at £226 1/11. A £40 grant was made by the borough council, and a previous balance of £9 18/- brought the present credit balance at March 31 to £51.

The attendance reported from the Women's Rest for March was: Patrons 4479, visitors 75, plunket rooms 1221, total 5775.

Attendances for the year (with the previousyear's figures in parentheses) were: Women's Rest, 52,947 (49,593), Plunket rooms, 13,977; total 66,924.

Cash receipts, according to a report from the Women's Rest, are the highest they have been since 1931-32.

REMAND GRANTED AT NAPIER

Charged in the Magistrate's Court at Napier yesterday with being intoxicated when in charge of a motor car, Mason McCormick, aged 28, of Hastings, was remanded to appear on May 2. Bail was allowed in his own recognisance of £25 with one surety of £25.

Messrs A. E. Bedford and F. J. Annan, J's.P., were on the Bench.

Applying for the remand Senior-Sergeant W. Pender said that another charge would be preferred against accused.

Centenary in Auckland

BANK SUPPORT

Donation Is Promised

TRUSTEES' VIEW

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

AUCKLAND, April 28.

The intention of the Auckland Savings Bank to give financial support to Auckland's part in the Centenary celebrations in two years' time was referred to the chairman of trustees (Mr A. Harris), at the 90th annual meeting of trustees.

This year it is making grants of £250 each to the Door of Hope Association, St. Mary's Homes Trust Board, and the Sailors' Home at Auckland, making a total of £750 out of the year's profits.

"For many years," said Mr Harris, "the bank has made substantial donations to assist worthy public objects. This policy was of necessity curtailed when for the first time income tax was levied on our annual profits. A number of applications for donations have again been received, but in view of the above, and also the previous announcement of the trustees to give practical support to Auckland's part in the Centenary celebrations in two years' time, a number of the requests must be declined.

Intoxication Charge

FINE OF £15

Licence Cancelled for 12 Months

NAPIER MOTORIST

A fine of £15 was imposed on Trayton Lyall Wickens, aged 40, a Napier steel-worker, and his licence was cancelled for twelve months, when he appeared in the Magistrate's Court at Napier on a charge of being intoxicated in charge of a motor-car.

Mr J. Miller, S.M., was on the bench.

Wickens, who pleaded not guilty, was represented by Mr J. M. Runciman.

The police case was conducted by Sergeant M. Brady.

Wickens was also ordered to pay expenses amounting to £2 16/-. He was given two months in which to pay.

DISTRICT NEWS FROM GISBORNE TO WOODVILLE

WILLOWS IN THE BED OF THE TUKI TUKI

Serious Problem for Waipukurau

POTENTIAL FLOOD DANGER IS POINTED OUT

Public Works Minister Approached

WAIPUKURAU.

The potential danger of allowing willows to grow in the bed of the Tuki Tuki River was pointed out by members of the Waipukurau Borough Council at its meeting on Wednesday night. The danger of serious flooding in the town earlier in the week was said to be partly a result of the obstructions to the flow of the river.

The matter was raised when a letter was received from Mr H. M. Christie, M.P., stating that he had brought the problem of the willows before the attention of the Hon. R. Semple, Minister of Public Works, and suggesting that the Minister might be influenced in arriving at a favourable decision if the Council were to make some contribution towards the cost of the work.

Cr. J. McCarthy moved that a sum of £25 should be guaranteed. There was almost a forest of willows beneath the traffic bridge, he said, and by raising the river bed they threatened to make the new stop-banks useless.

Another member considered that river control was a national scheme and should be carried out by the Government on that basis.

"It would be money well spent," said the Mayor, Mr I. W. N. Mackie. "We would be contributing only a portion of the cost, and in the event of another flood we would probably be saved many times that amount."

On being put to the Council the motion was carried.

LOCAL ELECTIONS AT GISBORNE

MANY CANDIDATES NOMINATED

COUNCIL CONTEST

Eighteen Candidates for Nine Seats

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

GISBORNE, April 28.

Nominations for local bodies closed to-day with two candidates for the mayoralty, 18 for nine seats on the Borough Council, six for the four Borough seats on the Harbour Board, eight for the five seats on the Cook Hospital Board, and ten for the five seats on the Electric Power Board.

Nominations were as follows:—

Mayor.—

D. W. Coleman (M.P.) present Mayor;
N. H. Bull.

Borough Council:—

H. H. De Costa, F. Forshaw, J. H. Hall, E. Harris, J. A. Hudson, T. M. Jamieson, A. Kirk, J. J. MacDonald, H. E. Maude, R. Morse, G. D. Muirhead, R. Murray, F. A. Neill, Dr. A. L. Singer, G. B. Smith, F. Tolerton, J. Webb, Mrs E. Wise.

Harbour Board:—

J. B. Broadhurst, G. R. Hillyard, A. J. Nicol, J. J. MacDonald, I. J. Quigley, E. Tucker.

Hospital Board:—

Mrs A. Beer, O. G. Burt, D. W. Coleman, Dr. J. C. Collins, G. D. Muirhead, Mrs E. Scott, A. Whitehead, Mrs E. Wise.

Power Board:—

F. R. Ball, H. H. De Costa, J. H. Hall, C. V. Harre, E. Harris, J. A. Hudson, C. C. W. Izod, G. D. Muirhead, S. H. Phillips, A. B. Scott.

The Efficiency of Dannevirke's Fire Brigade

Remarkably Low Figure in Regard to Property Damage

Splendid Record

Performance at United Demonstration is Well Spoken of

DANNEVIRKE.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Dannevirke Fire Board, held yesterday morning, Mr J. W. Norrie said that the brigade should be congratulated on its efficiency. It was shown in the report of the Superintendent (Mr C. H. Scott) that the total loss by fire in the town during the past year amounted to £789 10/-, a very low figure.

Mr E. Gibbard was re-elected chairman.

The brigade members were also congratulated on their fine performance in the United District demonstration held over Easter.

Estimates for the coming year made allowance for increased costs. A firemen's award is at present pending.

It was shown on the report that the brigade had had sixteen calls to fires in the past year. These had occurred in buildings valued at £11,760. The total loss was £789 10/-.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr G. I. Anderson spoke of the good work done by the Board's secretary, Mr W. Dobson.

PERSONAL

ORMONDVILLE.

Mr and Mrs C. Harris, who have been the guests of Mr and Mrs W. A. Trask, of Ormondville, have returned to their home in Hawera.

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DANNEVIRKE.

Mr W. H. Bassett, left by yesterday's express on a round tour of the North Island.

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Mr and Mrs F. J. Tomblyn who have been the guests of Mr and Mrs J. J. Anderson, returned to their home at Christchurch yesterday.

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WAIPUKURAU.

Mr and Mrs C. R. Edgecombe will leave Waipukurau on Saturday for Auckland, where they will join the Mariposa for Honolulu. They expect to be away about two months.

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Mr H. M. Christie, M.P., left this week for Wellington. Mrs Christie is to leave on Saturday, and they will travel by the Mariposa from Auckland on Monday for the United States, en route to England.

THE FRANCE BOYS' HOME, ESK VALLEY, WAS CAUGHT BY THE FLOOD.—The boys, with the master, Mr N. L. Shaw, and Mrs Shaw, appear cheerful enough after a terrible experience.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION: A WAIPUKURAU QUERY

Should Taxis Be Allowed To Stand In The Main Street?

WAIPUKURAU.

Whether taxis should be allowed to stand in the main street of Waipukurau was debated by the Borough Council at its annual meeting held on Wednesday evening. Eventually it was decided, on the motion of Cr. J. L. Brathwaite, to refer the matter to the next meeting for the consideration of the incoming council.

Those present were the Mayor, Mr I. W. N. Mackie, Councillors G. J. Bromell, J. Windle, and the Town penter, J. McCarthy, H. A. Martin, and J. L. Brathwaite, and the Town Clerk and Engineer, Mr H. B. Smart.

Mr M. Ujdur wrote protesting against the sign at his taxi stand in Ruataniwha Street being obliterated. He had used the stand for a number of years, and no objection had ever been raised. A car had recently been parked on this stand for two hours, although the by-laws limited parking to 45 minutes.

"I know of no other town in which parking of taxis in the main street is permitted," said the Mayor. "Traffic everywhere is becoming more congested, and these problems will have to be faced."

"It would be idle to compare Waipukurau with the cities, or to quote Hastings and Napier," said another councillor.

If the service buses were to be granted two large stands on either side of the road they could not very well refuse a request for a taxi stand, said Cr. J. McCarthy. The buses used their stand only a few times a day, and paid no rates or local body taxation, yet they were allowed to cause a great deal of traffic congestion.

Cr. Brathwaite: It is a benefit to the town to let the buses stand in the main street. What would be done if more taxis began business in the town?

A member: We would not grant them a licence.

After considerable discussion on these lines the decision mentioned above was reached.

Overbridge Schemes

The Public Works Department forwarded details of three alternative schemes for the erection of an overbridge to avoid the need for stock to use the level crossing on the main street. It was explained that the proposal was only tentative, and that there was no immediate intention of proceeding with the work. The bridge would be primarily for the use of stock, as the level crossing was not considered a danger to traffic.

It was decided to reply that the council was unanimously in favour of the Montgomery Street position, connecting this street with Cook Street.

BRIEF NEWS FROM ALL DISTRICTS

Woodville Man's Success.—Mr A. F. Curry, of Woodville, has again been busy at the dog trials. He secured fourth place at the Pahiatua trials with two and a half points below the winner. There were 45 entries.

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Popular Schoolmaster Transferred.—The Papatawa district is losing its popular schoolmaster, Mr Munro, after 10 years' residence there. A social evening will be tendered Mr and Mrs Munro and family on May 4. They are being transferred to Wellington.

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Otane Football Team.—The following players will represent Otane in the match against Waipukurau at Otane on Saturday, April 30, at 2.30 p.m.: Pearce, A. Smith, Higgs, A. Williams, Riach, J. Scrimgeour, T. Williams, Greene, Beale, Le Quesne, Burgess, Kane, R. Scrimgeour, Stephens, Hudson. Reserves: Osborne, Phillips.

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Takapau Football Club Dance.—The Takapau Football Club held its first ball of the season, when there was a good assembly of dancers. The hall was decorated with the club colours. The supper room was under the supervision of Mrs J. Murphy and a ladies' committee.

The music was supplied by Lew Munro's orchestra.

Messrs H. Dunn and L. Thompson acted as M.C.'s.

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Voluntary Work Appreciated.—Appreciation of the work of two residents of Waipukurau at the time of the recent flood was expressed by the Town Clerk and Engineer, Mr H. B. Smart, at a meeting of the Borough Council. These men had voluntarily assisted the borough staff to reinforce the stop-bank when the position was becoming critical, he said, and their efforts were of great value.

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Euchre Evening at Dannevirke.—The usual weekly euchre and dance evening was held by the Co-operative social committee on Wednesday night. Mr B. Rossiter, Mr A. Blackford and Mrs D. Ericksen were the euchre winners. Mrs C. Brown won the hidden number competition. A competition was won by Mr J. Monk, with Mr Blackford second. After presentation of prizes, dancing was held, Mrs J. Briskie and partner winning the Monte Carlo.

OTANE EDUCATION

Final Meeting of School Committee Before Election

OTANE.

On Wednesday night the Otane School Committee held their final meeting before the householders' meeting on Monday evening next, Mr Black presiding over Messrs Williams, Page, Oram and Thompson (headmaster).

During the month the school doctor and Nurse McLean visited the school and examined the children. Comment was made by the doctor concerning the non-nutritious lunches brought by the children, these mostly comprising white bread sandwiches, bought biscuits and pies.

The committee were very gratified to receive leters from both the children and the teachers expressing their appreciation of the work of the out-going committee.

It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Miss Wylie, infant mistress, who had to depart hurriedly for Oamaru owing to the death of her mother.

A relieving teacher has been appointed for the remainder of the term.

The secretary, Mr F. Williams was congratulated by the committee for his work in connection with the balance sheet, no audit tag being necessary.

NATIONAL PARTY DEFENDED

A CALL TO YOUTH IN NEW ZEALAND

PLEA FOR HELP

Organiser's Speech at Dannevirke

DANNEVIRKE.

"I have no hesitation in stating that if the National Party does not already exceed in efficiency, it is at least equal to the Labour organisation, which has taken over thirty years to build, compared with the eighteen months, during which the National Party has been in existence," said Mr J. Power, Wellington divisional secretary and organiser of the National Party, when he addressed a meeting convened by the Junior Branch of the National Party.

"Never before in New Zealand's history has the political situation called more urgently for the help and assistance of the young people," he said, "and never before has any call to the youth failed in its purpose."

To-day democracy was more in need of assistance than ever before.

"Powers of Dictator."

"I describe such bills as the Reserve Bank Amendment Bill, the Marketing Bill, the Railways, Industries and Commerce, and Transport Bills, as measures giving powers of a real dictator," Mr Power continued. "The Government, which is socialistic, intends to take over the whole of the farming industry."

Concluding Mr Power quoted Mr C. M. Williams (Government member for Kaiapoi) as having said that "The small farmer was doomed to gradual extinction."

Retirement of Mayor

MR. MACKIE THANKED

Tributes By Waipukurau Councillors

FINANCES SOUND

WAIPUKURAU.

Reference was made at the annual meeting of the Borough Council on Wednesday to the good work done by the Mayor, Mr I. W. N. Mackie, during his term of office. Mr Mackie will not be a candidate at the coming elections.

Cr. J. McCarthy paid a tribute to Mr Mackie's abilities, and said that he had always been a most fair and impartial Mayor. They regretted his retirement exceedingly. These remarks were endorsed by other members of the council.

Mr Mackie thanked the councillors for their good wishes, and said that his period as Mayor of Waipukurau had been a very pleasant one. He regretted that for private reasons he could not stand again. It was pleasing to note the excellent state of the borough finances, which reflected great credit on the Town Clerk, Mr H. B. Smart, and his staff. It was also gratifying that this had been accomplished while keeping the rates at a moderate level.

Well-Known Resident

MRS. E. A. ENGLISH

Death Occurs at Gisborne

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

GISBORNE, April 28.

The death has occurred of a highly-respected resident of Gisborne, Mrs Eliza Ann English, at the age of 84.

Born in Manchester, and married in Scotland Mrs English and her husband came to New Zealand twenty-seven years ago, and settled in Gisborne.

Mrs English leaves her husband and two daughters, Mrs Robert Houghton and Miss Eliza English, and one son, Mr John English, all of Gisborne.

MR W. H. BRETT.

After being a patient in the Cook Hospital for three years, Mr William Henry Brett, a well-known resident, of Patutahi and Gisborne, has died at the age of 57. Mr Brett was born in Sydney, and came to New Zealand about 32 years ago.

He married Miss Blanch Lynch in Patutahi, and they lived in that district until thirteen years ago, when they removed to Gisborne, and Mr Brett entered the employ of the Harbour Board.

Mr Brett was a prominent member of Holy Trinity Church.

Mrs Brett, two daughters and a son died previously. Mr Brett leaves four sisters and one brother, all resident in New South Wales.

HAVELOCK GOLF CLUB

Draw for First Round of Championship

HAVELOCK NORTH.

Following is the draw for the first round of the Club Championship (match play) on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m.:—

A. Scott v. H. L. Benjamen; M. von Dadelszen v. H. Tonkinson; J. K. Agnew v. J. von Dadelszen; F. J. Hawley v. A. McKenzie; H. Holderness v. F. C. Twigg; E. F. Rush v. F. J. Green; H. G. Carr v. L. R. Hill; G. Smith v. S. Waymouth; F. W. Plant v. S. Dixon; K. Joblin v. S. Chaplin; A. Hawley v. R. H. Inder; A. Fulford v. W. J. Carberry; E. Riley v. P. McHardy; F. Hawley v. H. B. Player; H. Norwell v. S. Estaugh; J. M. Joll v. W. H. Maitland.

Local Election Candidates

WAIPUKURAU AREA

Complete List of the Nominations

POLL FOR BOROUGH

WAIPUKURAU.

An election will be required for the Waipukurau Borough, as eight candidates have been nominated for six vacancies.

The new candidates are Messrs C. Cassidy, A. H. Chote, E. G. Dowrick, L. R. Grant, and M. A. McRae.

For the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board an election will also be required, but for other local bodies only the requisite number has been nominated, and those concerned will be declared elected.

Nominations.

Details of the nominations, which closed at noon yesterday, are as follows:—

Waipukurau Borough Council.—Mayoralty: Mr R. W. Carpenter. Council: Messrs G. J. Bromell, C. Cassidy, A. H. Chote, E. G. Dowrick, L. R. Grant, H. A. Martin, J. McCarthy and M. A. McRae.

Patangata County Council.—Eparaima Riding: Messrs H. Parsons and J. D. Ormond. Porangahau Riding: Messrs A. W. Longley and C. K. Edgecombe. Oero Riding: Messrs B. E. O. Nilsson and A. McGaffin. Patangata Riding: Mr R. H. White. Tamumu Riding: Mr W. T. Kittow. Pourerere Riding: Mr G. F. McHardy. Mangatarata Riding: Mr C. Pattison.

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

Central Hawke's Bay Power Board—Messrs A. C. Russell, W. A. Chambers, A. C. Holms, J. McCarthy, C. Pattison, A. W. S. Longley, and M. Ryan.

Waipawa Hospital Board.—Messrs W. Matthews, D. W. Neild, N. G. Hawthorn and T. P. Hunter.

Napier Harbour Board.—Messrs R. McLean and H. R. Peacock.

PROPOSAL REJECTED

Hatuma Farmers' Union Will Retain its Independence

WAIPUKURAU.

The annual meeting of the Hatuma branch of the Farmers' Union was held in the Hatuma hall on Wednesday evening, the chairman, Mr C. R. Edgecombe presiding over a fair attendance of members. The Wellington organiser of the union, who had expected to be present to address the meeting, was unable to attend.

A proposal that in view of the small attendances they would amalgamate with the Waipukurau branch was discussed, but it was unanimously decided to continue as at present.

The chairman reviewed the year's activities, stating that the membership had increased and that the balance sheet showed a healthy financial position.

The lection of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr C. R. Edgecombe; vice-presidents, Messrs V. Stratford and G. F. Kennedy; secretary and treasurer, Mr W. I. Matthews; delegate to executive, Mr R. Stratford; committee, Messrs A. H. Bayliss, J. Grant, H. P. Hole, C. Schroder and officers ex-officio; auditor, Mr G. F. Kennedy.

June 8 was fixed provisionally as the date of the next meeting, when it is hoped to arrange for a lecturer to be present.

Farewell Dance at Makotuku.—A farewell dance to Miss V. Smith and Mr P. Mildon, who are shortly being married and leaving the district, was held in the Makotuku Hall.

Mr J. Lang, head shepherd at "Rakaiatai," where the young couple had worked for a considerable time, called on them to accept a dinner service from the employees of the estate.

Mr P. W. Gasson also presented them with a chiming clock from the residents of Makotuku.

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STANDARDISATION OF FRUIT

DOUBTFUL POINTS CLEARED UP

NEW REGULATIONS

Address to Meeanee Young Farmers

MEEANEE.

Although bad weather conditions kept many away, quite a fair attendance was present at the monthly meeting of the Meeanee Young Farmers' Club held in the Pakowhai hall.

With the help of rfuit specimens, Mr N. J. Adamson, orchard instructor, Hastings, gave a beneficial address on local standardisation of apples, pears, and lemons. The speaker detailed the various clauses of the new regulations, the main ones being, standard sizes of cases, more strictness in uniformity of grading, the percentage of black spot permissible under the different grades and finally the wrapping regulations governing local and outside sales of fruit.

At the conclusion of the address Mr Adamson answered numerous questions and during this period a very good point was brought forward. To save the growers the extra time and expense of affixing the stamps to case-labels, the Federation is to be asked to print stamped labels, with sufficient space left for the grower's number.

A balloon which broke away from its moorings at Cardington in Bedfordshire, reached a height of 10,000 feet before it crashed in Gloucestershire.

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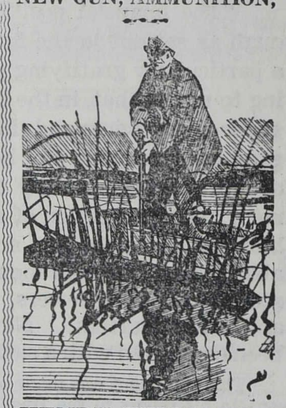

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INCREASED TAXI FARES FOR HASTINGS BOROUGH

Council Approves New Schedule: Taxi Proprietors Were Unanimous

A new scale of increased taxi-hire charges has been approved by the Hastings Borough Council, following the receipt of an application, signed by all taxi proprietors of Hastings, asking the council to agree to an increase in the minimum fare of 3d a mile. The application also asked for other alterations.

"The proposed schedule had been submitted to and approved by the traffic inspector, and had been agreed to unanimously by the taxi proprietors," stated a report before the council at its meeting last evening, "and the committee therefore recommends that in accordance with the authority contained in clause 6 of by-law No. 3 the schedule of fares . . . . be repealed and the following substituted:—

Distance to be counted by road from the Post Office one way only.

For a distance not exceeding one mile for one or two passengers 1/3.

For every additional one-fifth of a mile or portion thereof 3d.

For each and every additional passenger over two, for the whole or part of a journey, an extra charge of 3d.

Return fare irrespective of the number of passengers 6d per mile.

Weddings: The charge for vehicles shall be:—For the first hour 15/-. For every additional 15 minutes 3/-.

Funerals: The charge for vehicles shall be:—For the first hour 12/6. For every additional 15 minutes 2/6.

Night work: All work performed between mid-night and 7 a.m. shall be deemed to be night work and the charges during such hours shall be:—For the first mile, irrespective of the number of passengers 2/6; thereafter ordinary rates.

Waiting time shall be charged for at the rate of 6d for every complete five minutes.

Luggage: All luggage of the hirer exceeding 28 pounds in weight, carried anywhere in the vehicle, shall be charged for at the rate of 6d for the journey. Bicycles shall be an additional 6d.

Children: A child under five years of age is not counted as a passenger, provided it is accompanied by an adult, but a child unaccompanied shall be charged full rate.

Offences: It shall be an offence for the owner or driver of any licensed passenger vehicle to demand or accept a greater or less fare than that prescribed in this schedule.

Rain Does Not Hinder Golf

HASTINGS CLUB PLAY

Best of Yesterday's Match

GOOD CONDITIONS

J. B. Fletcher and F. Nutter were the winners of a Canadian foursome match played on the Hastings Golf Club's links yesterday afternoon.

Unlike most other links in Hawke's Bay those of the Hastings Club are in excellent condition, notwithstanding the torrential rain.

The best scores for yesterday's match were:—

J. B. Fletcher and F. Nutter 79-12-67; F. Cole and J. Crerar 79-9½-69½; A. F. Redgrave and J. Vesty, 86-14½-71½; R. Vesty and W. Grieve, 83-11½-73½; H. J. Fannin and J. L. Paterson, 83-9-74; H. Blackmore and A. Tong, 87-12-75; J. F. Jones and H. Harvey, 86-10½-75½; G. Murfitt and W. Matthews, 85-9½-75½.

COUNCIL IS THE FIRST TENANT

STATE HOUSE IN HASTINGS

ONE DAY'S HIRE

By taking the two-unit house at the corner of Willowpark Road and the Massey Street extension as a polling booth for a day, the Hastings Borough Council has become the first official tenant of a State house in the borough.

This advice was received by the "Daily Mail" from the Under-Secretary in Charge of Housing Construction (Mr J. A. Lee) who passed through Hastings yesterday morning.

In hiring the house for the day, the council has been obliged to sign an agreement acknowledging the customary liabilities of tenants.

The house which has been taken, as was explained by the town clerk (Mr Noel C. Harding) is number 8 in Hanrahan's block. It is a two-unit house set crosswise to the corner.

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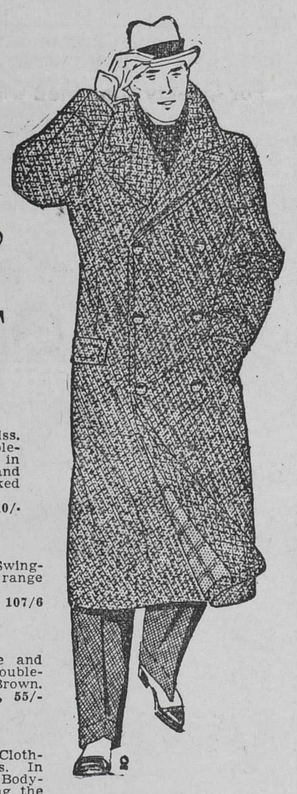

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23 CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

NOMINATIONS NOW CLOSED

SEVERAL ISSUES

Four Unopposed Elections

Twenty-three nominations had been received for the nine seats on the Hastings Borough Council by the Returning Officer (Mr N. Harding) when nominations closed at mid-day yesterday. Two nominations have been received for the Mayoralty, and four have been received for two seats on the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board.

When Hastings voters go to the polls on Wednesday, May 11, there will be three election—the Mayoralty, the Borough Council, and for the Hastings representatives on the Hospital Board. In addition the half-holiday issue is to be decided. Nominees for the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board and for the seats as Hastings representatives on the Napier Harbour Board have been elected unopposed.

Nominations received yesterday were as follows:—

Borough Council.
Ralph Ewart Barley.
Arthur Jones.
Archibald Lowe.
Edward Frank Taine.

Hospital Board.
Sarah Elizabeth Jones.

The complete list of candidates is as follows:—

The Mayoralty.
*G. A. Maddison.
J. A. Miller.

Borough Council.
(Nine seats).
*S. Ashcroft.
R. Baker.
R. E. Barley.
E. H. Dalley.
*T. S. Dobson.
A. Dysart.
*T. Falconer.
J. S. Hannah.
A. Jones.
B. M. Kessell.
*P. E. Loach.
A. Lowe.
*G. W. B. McCormick.
*S. J. McKee.
F. C. Newrick.
T. E. O'Dowd.
*A. I. Rainbow.
A. D. Ross.
F. C. Rush-Munro.
*C. H. Slater.
J. Stickland.
E. F. Taine.
A. E. Toothill.
(*Sitting member).

Hospital Board.
(Two seats from Hastings).
H. E. Bate.
H. R. French.
Sarah E. Jones.
*S. J. McKee.
(*Sitting member).

Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board.
(Two seats from Hastings).
*S. Ashcroft.
*L. J. Harvey.
(*Sitting member).

Napier Harbour Board.
(Two seats from Hastings).
*R. D. Brown.
*W. Richmond.
(*Sitting member)

FIRST STATE HOUSE

COMPLETED THIS WEEK

HASTINGS WORK

Statement by Mr J. A. Lee

The first State House in Hastings will be completed before the end of this week. This statement was made yesterday by the Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Mr J. A. Lee, in an interview with the "Daily Mail" yesterday. During the next week or two a further 20 houses will be completed.

The State Advances Corporation was at present making the selections of the tenants for the houses, and it was anticipated that an early announcement would be made of these selections.

Mr Lee stated that he was aware of the acute shortage of housing facilities in Hastings, and he was sure that the residents of such a prosperous town would agree that the Government's Housing scheme had improved the appearance of the town.

An Inspection.

With Mr E. L. Cullen M.P. and his private secretary, Mr F. G. J. Temm, Mr Lee made an inspection of the houses being built in Hastings, and expressed himself as well satisfied with the progress made.

Mr Lee arrived from Wellington on Wednesday. It was his intention to proceed to Wairoa, but because of the flood damage this visit has been postponed. He will address a public meeting at Hastings in the Assembly Hall this evening and another meeting at Napier tomorrow. He will leave Napier on Sunday on his return to Wellington.

Yesterday on 'Change

Transaction List

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

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE

Sales Late Wednesday.

	£	s.	d.
Stock, 3½%, 1938-52	103	7	6
Taranaki Oil ..... (2)	0	7	11
Ditto	0	8	1

Sales Yesterday

Stock, 4%, 1946	102	5	0
Ditto, 1946	102	6	3
Comm. Bank of Aust. (pref.)	9	11	0
South British Insce. Invest.	2	4	4
Wellington T. and A.	0	9	0
N.Z. Breweries	2	4	4
Dental and Medical	0	14	6
Electrolytic Zinc (ord.) ...	2	2	0
G. J. Coles ..... (3)	4	0	0
McKenzie's Dept. Stores ..	3	9	6
Taranaki Oil	0	8	0
Woolworths Ltd. (ord.)	1	2	3
Woolworths Ltd. (rts.) (7)	0	3	6
Ditto ..... (2)	0	3	9
Ditto	0	3	3
Skippers Ltd.	0	0	0½
Bank of N.S.W. ..... (2)	31	19	0

AUCKLAND EXCHANGE

Stock, 4%, 1946-49	102	0	0
Commonwealth Bonds, 4%, 1947	102	10	0
Comm. Bank of Aust.	0	16	4
Ditto (pref.)	9	10	6
Nat. Bank of N.Z.	2	14	4
Bank of N.Z.	2	3	9
Nat. Insurance	0	17	10
N.Z. Insurance ..... (2)	2	19	0
South British Insurance (2)	2	4	3
Traders' Finance (cont.) ..	0	4	7
Auckland Gas	0	19	6
Dominion Breweries ... (2)	1	17	5
N.Z. Breweries ..... (2)	2	4	3
Electrolytic Zinc (pref.) ..	2	6	0
Farmers' Trading .... (2)	1	0	3
Morts Dock	0	11	0
Dtito	0	11	2

Unofficial List

British Neon	0	4	0

DUNEDIN EXCHANGE

N.Z. Refrigerating (cont.)	0	8	3
Taranaki Oil	0	7	9
Woolworths (rights)	0	2	6

Sales Reported

Stock, 4%, 1946-49	102	5	0
Ditto	102	2	6
Ditto, 1952-55	104	2	6
Ditto	104	0	0
South British Insurance ..	2	4	3
National Mortgage	2	2	3
D.I.C. (pref.)	1	4	3
Broken Hill Pty.	3	0	5
Hume Pipe	0	18	6
Dominion Brewery	1	17	6
Broken Hill South .... (3)	1	10	4

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE

N.Z. Refrig. (10/- pd.) (2)	0	8	4
British Tobacco	2	8	3
Broken Hill Pty. ..... (2)	3	0	2
Electrolytic Zinc (pref.) ..	2	5	0
Ditto	2	5	7
G. J. Coles ..... (3)	3	19	6
Taranaki Oilfields ..... (3)	0	7	9
Woolworths (Syd., ord., ex rights) ..... (2)	1	2	3
Skippers Ltd. ..... (3)	0	0	0½
Broken Hill South .... (2)	1	10	3
Mt. Morgan	0	9	0½

Sales Reported

Comm Bank of Aust. (pref.)	9	10	6
N.Z. Guarantee Corp.	0	4	6
N.Z. Refrig. (£1 pd.) (late sale Wednesday)	0	18	6
Broken Hill Pty. ..... (2)	3	0	3
McKenzie's Dept. Stores (2)	3	9	6
Shillings Ltd.	0	16	9
Taranaki Oilfields (late sale Wednesday)	0	7	8

RAIL SERVICES RESUMED

EXPRESS LEAVES NAPIER

REPAIRS MADE

"50 to 60 Men at Work on Track"

Normal rail services were resumed on the Hastings-Napier line yesterday. The Napier-Wellington express left Napier at the usual time at 8.28 a.m. and the remaining services were carried out as before the floods.

"Between fifty and sixty men have been employed repairing the washouts at Clive and between Tomoana and Whakatu," said Mr J. Cassidy, stationmaster at Hastings, yesterday. "Trains have to travel slowly over these pieces of the line at present but in another two or three days everything will be back to normal again."

The first work train travelled between Napier and Hastings on Wednesday morning but it was not until 7.30 yesterday morning that regular services were begun.

Timetable Now Normal

RAILWAY SERVICE

Waitangi Service in Use Again

SPEED RESTRICTED

Normal train services from Napier south were resumed yesterday from 6.15 a.m. Ballast trains were run over the Waitangi bridge from both ends, and officials who watched their progress could not see any movement in the structure. No risks were taken, however, and all trains crossed the bridge at a slow speed.

Through the flooded areas also trains were restricted in speed, and a ganger piloted the first three trains through.

Engineers were considering what work would be necessary to strength the bridge, said Mr G. T. Lawson, stationmaster at Napier, when interviewed yesterday.

SLIP IN SPENCER ROAD

Temporary arrangements to carry away any surplus water in the event of further rain have been made in Spencer Road, Napier, where the footpath and part of the road slipped away during the heavy rains.

The Napier Borough Council is making concrete blocks which will be used to re-erect the retaining wall which gave way.

CLUB TRAMPERS RETURN

MAROONED AT PUKETITIRI

32-MILE WALK

Plans Made for Search Party

The nine missing members of the Heretaunga Tramping Club arrived in Hastings on Wednesday, after being marooned in Puketitiri. Abandoning their cars the five men and the four girls left Puketitiri at 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday morning on foot and, in spite of a road covered with slips, reached Puketapu in eight hours. From there Mr L. Holt went ahead and receiving a lift from a passing motorist, arrived in Hastings at 5.30 on Wednesday. He returned to Puketapu by car, picked up the remaining members of the party, and all were safe in Hastings by 8.30 p.m.

The party left Hastings by car on Saturday afternoon, and were expected to return on Monday after tramping in the Kaweka Ranges. When the party had not returned by Wednesday morning relatives were beginning to be concerned, and Mr A. Toop, senr., made plans to organise a search party into Puketitiri.

The members of the party were Misses Beryl Stack, Peggy Marven, Liecester (Palmerston North), and Helen Bligh; Messrs. A. Toop (leader), D. Cook, Harold Cooper, L. Holt, and D. Williams.

None of the party are any worse for the enforced stay, though all were tired after their strenuous 32-mile walk. Fifty-five slips were counted on the road down.

Because of continuous rain no attempt to go tramping in the ranges was made, and the whole party stayed indoors first at a comfortable shearers' whare, and later in Mr Holt's cottage. They had plenty of food and played cards to pass the time. There was not at any stage any cause for anxiety.

EXPENDITURE OF £4910

Napier Fire Board

ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR

Taradale Road Main

An estimated expenditure of £4910 was budgeted for by the Napier Fire Board for the coming year at the annual meeting in Napier. Of this amount the Government will find £100 and the Borough Council and the insurance companies each £2405. Mr J. W. Norri, chairman of the board presided.

It was decided that a main should be laid on the Taradale Road to provide protection for the houses opposite League Park. Members stated that at the present time water was obtainable only from the old Tutaekuri river bed in the event of a fire in these houses.

Votes of thanks were passed to Superintendent W. J. Gilberd and the members of the brigade for their work during the year.

Electric Power for Eskdale

STILL CUT OFF

"Will Be Connected Next Week"

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

"It will not be until next week that residents in the Eskdale district will have electric power connected," said Mr H. H. Wylie, secretary-manager of the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board, when interviewed yesterday.

Mr Wylie explained that it was quite impossible to do anything in the area until a lorry could be taken in to the parts of the line needing repairing. In addition, at present the ground was so wet that holes would rapidly fill up as soon as they were dug.

"Bay View and Eskdale were the only two districts where the electrical equipment suffered serious damage in the flood," said Mr Wylie. In other localities an uninterrupted supply of power was available, even in the worst of the rain. He stated that, of course, lines in Hawke's Bay were designed to withstand the effects of the periodic heavy falls of rain encountered.

Communication By Radio

FLOOD SERVICE

Napier and Wairoa Stations

BREAKDOWN RELIEVED

Temporary communication between Napier and Wairoa during the breakdown of the ordinary telephone and telegraph lines in northern Hawke's Bay was provided by the two B class radio stations, 2ZH, Napier, and 2ZP, Wairoa. The service was much appreciated by the people of both towns.

Besides providing a personal communication service allowing people stranded in the flooded districts to communicate with relatives the stations conducted a news service, broadcasting information concerning the state of flooded roads. Much of this news was gained from the "Daily Mail" and from the police and the Automobile Association.

In all, about 100 personal messages were broadcast from each station, almost 90 per cent. of these being acknowledged. In some instances the messages were broadcast and a reply received within 10 minutes.

Many Schools Closed

FLOOD DAMAGE

Teachers and Pupils Marooned

SMALL LOSS

Many schools are closed in the flooded districts of Northern Hawke's Bay because of flood damage, others because of lack of pupils, and a few because teachers have been marooned in outlying districts.

The secretary of the Hawke's Bay Education Board (Mr W. L. Dunn) told the "Daily Mail" yesterday that generally the damage suffered by schools had not been heavy. From many of the schools no reports had been received, he said, but "so far we have had nothing to complain about." The chief damage had been caused through heavy deposits of silt following flooding.

Quite a number of teachers taking advantage of the long week-end with Anzac Day had gone away from their districts for a short holiday, he said. Some of these had been held up by slips on the road; their schools were thus forced to close down till their return.

Apart from the Clive and Mangateretere schools the only other school which was known to be severely flooded was at Tokomaru Bay. This school had also suffered in the floods last February and had then had to be closed.

Schools were usually built on high dry ground, he remarked, and as a result had escaped lightly.

Hyderabad Road Slip

SIX DAYS' WORK

Clearing Commenced at Napier

It is estimated that it will be at least six days before the slip on the Hyderabad Road at Napier is cleared away. One estimate of the quantity of material in the slip was 5000 yards.

The Napier Borough Council began work on the slip yesterday, using a mechanical excavator and a fleet of eight trucks.

The spoil is being taken to the south pond at the Port Ahuriri end of Hyderabad Road.

Until the slip is cleared traffic is using the temporary road built round the end of the slip.

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CLASS II—Open Short Head, drive and yard. Distance, 500 yards. Time, 15 minutes. First prize £6, second £4, third £2, fourth £1.

CLASS IIA—Run in connection with Class II., for man who has never won an open heading event, and maiden dog. First prize £3, second £2, third £1.

CLASS III—Open Huntaway, between three sets of flags. Distance, 400 yards. Time, 10 minutes. First prize £6, second £4, third £2, fourth £1.

CLASS IIIA—Run in connection with Class III., for man who has never won an open huntaway event, and maiden dog. First prize £3, second £2, third £1.

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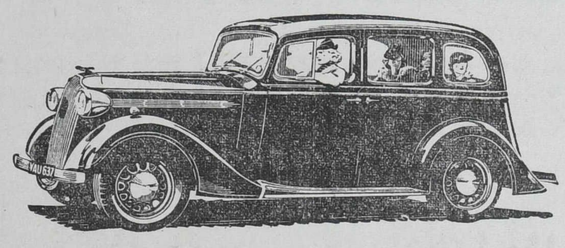

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COME ON THE TELEPHONE

THE AMAZING CAREER OF HERR HITLER

The Man Who Rose From Obscurity To Take A Dominant Position In The European Scene

Few careers in history have been more dramatic than that of Adolf Hitler. A little more than five years ago people talked of him as a starry-eyed fanatic who would soon pass from the scene. To-day he is the dominant figure in Europe, a dictator whose every move stirs the world.

Twenty years ago Adolf Hitler was unknown. Fifteen years ago he was the leader of a "putsch" that landed him in prison, where he wrote his famous book "Mein Kampf." Ten years ago he was regarded as a mere rabble-rouser, who would never amount to much. To-day he is the supreme head of a nation of 70,000,000 people occupying a central position on the world stage. This story of a remarkable career was written by Emil Lengyel, once a follower of Hitler's, for the New York "Times." It is reprinted here because of the new light it sheds on the development of one of the strongest movements seen in the modern world.

As a young man—a bricklayer's helper—he left his native Austria with forty guldens in a leather satchel slung around his neck and with bitterness in his heart. Now, at the age of 49, he has returned, a conqueror. Austria and Germany are united. Where emperors and kings, Habsburgs, Hohenzollerns and Bonapartes had failed, the common labourer succeeded. To one looking down from the pinnacle into the depths from which Hitler made his start, the climb must appear all the more startling.

In a night asylum for men, behind the Southern Station of the Meidling district of Vienna, "Hilfsarbeiter" Adolf Hitler, bricklayer's helper and free-lance painter of picture postcards, shared a room with Reinhold Hainisch, a companion in misfortune, for which the two paid a rent of two guldens, about 75 cents a week. In his early twenties, Hitler had frenzied eyes and a mordant bitterness against a social order which had reduced him to such a status.

YOUTHFUL STRUGGLES

At the age of 20 he had gone to the imperial city, seeking an artist's fame. His father, Alois Schicklgruber-Hitler, a minor customs official of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, had dreamed bold dreams for his son. Adolf was to become a civil servant in Vienna, a real gentleman. But the son rebelled against school discipline and bookish learning. Now he was an unskilled hand on Vienna construction jobs, cast into a hostile world of labourers whom, in spite of his own misfortune, he persisted in regarding as socially inferior.

"Aside from them I drank my bottle of milk and ate my piece of bread during mealtime," he wrote in his autobiography, "contemplating my environment and brooding over my bitter lot." In a frantic effort to explain his failure, he poured vitriolic scorn on Vienna, which he despised as a city of the effete Habsburgs, unpatriotic Socialists, parasitic Jews and an un-Teutonic racial mixture. Early in 1913 he decided to seek his fortune in the Bavarian capital, Munich, and his leather satchel was now empty.

The World War was drawing to its close. Lance Corporal Adolf Hitler of the Sixteenth Bavarian Reserve Infantry Regiment had served for four years, mostly as an orderly, carrying messages between front-line and hinterland commands. He had few friends, wrote and received few letters, loved war, and had strong opinions about its conduct. What would he do if a division were under his command? His comrades laughed at him and called him "ein Spinner," Bavarian dialect for one who is cracked. If an enemy grenade had killed him, his name on the casualty list would have meant nothing to the world.

On Oct. 14, 1918, he was taken to the small Pomeranian town of Pasewalk, far in the rear of the lines, a victim of a gas attack. Lying on his hospital cot, an unknown soldier, he heard about the downfall of the imperial regime, the retreat of Hindenburg's once victorious army and the establishment of the republic. He could not read the papers—he was blind.

DREAM OF SPLENDOUR

From one hospital to another he was carried, and it took the doctors three months to restore his sight. To a room-mate he told a strange dream: At the head of the imperial army he turned the tide of battle and carried German arms to victory. Although gas was blamed for the temporary loss of his eyesight, a prominent psychologist of pre-Hitler Germany ascribed the trouble to an extreme nervous condition. The patient took refuge in sickness—"Flucht in die Krankheit"—in a hysterical attempt not to see the German shame. Such nervous disorders are said to be not uncommon.

A few months later Hitler, in his shabby military overcoat, watched Bavaria go on a rampage, as Socialists, Communists and reactionaries took their turn at the helm in Munich. Driven onward by a frenzied desire to make his mark, he joined the mass of people wishing to save the Fatherland by means of the soap-box. After having tasted the thrill of daily gamble with life, was he to become again a bricklayer's helper? Was common labour to be the reward of a hero's sacrifice? The uniform meant glory and a protection from everyday monotony. At 30 he was a member of the grand army of despair, a human cipher.

The Munich military authorities commissioned him to report to them about the mushrooming political groups. One evening he was assigned to what was advertised as a mass meeting of the German Labour party. It was attended by about two dozen people in a tap room of the Sterneckerbraeu, where he heard Gottfried Feder, his mentor in later years, expound the difference between constructive and destructive capital: the former industrial and "Aryan," the latter banking and Jewish. In this idea he saw the nucleus of a vast programme. He joined the party and received a membership card, which carried the number seven. To-day it is the party of the Nazis—National Socialist German Workers Party, through which he rules over united Austria and Germany.

It was on the night of Nov. 8, 1923, that he first appeared in world history. In the preceding four years he had skyrocketed to Bavarian fame, a "Trommler"—drummer—as he called himself, whose mission it was to awaken Germany to a revolt against the Treaty of Versailles, left-wing parties, pacifists, liberals and Jews.

In Berlin a Socialist President and a non-Socialist Chancellor strained every nerve to pull the Reich out of chaos. The French were in the Ruhr to punish the Germans for their alleged default on lumber shipments; the national currency reached stratospheric heights of inflation so that money became worthless and the middle class was wiped out; the Communists made an attempt to seize power, and the reactionaries countered with a reign of terror; secret societies carried out their nocturnal death sentences.

In Munich Hitler made preparations to depose the Berlin government. He obtained the co-operation of the legendary war lord, General von Ludendorff. On the fifth anniversary of the proclamation of the hated republic in Munich, Hitler was to stage his coup. In a beer hall he proclaimed a government of his own making. On the following day—it was Nov. 9—he was to march against "Red" Berlin at the head of his stalwarts. "To-morrow finds either a National Government in Germany or us dead."

He was at the head of some 2000 Nazis as they swung into the square in front of Munich's historic Feldherrenhalle. A volley from the local police, who were reinforced by army units, rang out and fourteen of Hitler's followers were dead. The Beer Hall Putsch ended in bloodshed and fiasco. Hitler escaped to the Bavarian Alps (later he was arrested); but the Nazis had their first martyrs.

In the prison of Lansberg am Lech Hitler began to write his book, "Mein Kampf," an autobiography, philosophical dissertation, and programme for the future. He had been tried for high treason because of his part in the Beer Hall Putsch. The judges were lenient and gave him the minimum sentence of five years. But he was kept in prison for only six months. When he was released he was accompanied to the gate by the prison governor, who whispered: "Herr Hitler, you have made a Nazi out of me."

DAWN OF VICTORY

After the Putsch streams of gold began to flow into Germany from Britain and the United States. Germany set to work, recovering her strength with remarkable rapidity, and the beer-hall adventure was remembered merely as an episode, more ridiculous than tragic. "An ageing political prima-donna" Hitler was called in an opposition paper—"a pitiful sight." He appeared on his way back to obscurity.

Six years passed. The speed of factories slackened, and the line of the unemployed grew ominously large. The stream of gold from overseas thinned to a mere trickle, and an economic tornado wrought world-wide havoc. Empty stomachs reminded millions of Germans of the prophet of an aggressive political creed. Adolf Hitler would see to it that Jewish wealth was distributed among the "Aryans" and that the national shame was obliterated. Some magnates of the industrial West of Germany gave him encouragement, fearful that the despairing millions might embrace a left-wing faith.

On Sept. 14, 1930, Germany went to the polls for the election of the Reichstag. The result made the world gasp. Instead of the twelve deputies whom Hitler had had in the previous national Legislature, the electorate gave him 107 and made the Nazis the second largest party in the land. But the victorious leader of the Brown Shirts was not among the elected. He was still a man without a country, deprived of his Austrian citizenship but not yet legally a German.

A little more than two years later Hitler received power from the reluctant hands of President von Hindenburg. A short time before, he had become a German citizen—through ruse, his foes asserted. On the night of Jan. 30, 1933, ecstatic thousands goose-stepped into Berlin's street of government, the Wilmhelmstrasse, in a vast torchlight parade, and their frenzied cheers were for the former lance corporal, now Chancellor of the German Reich, and not for Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

THE IRON HAND AT WORK

On Feb. 27 the Reichstag burned. The fire was followed by the outlawing of the opposition parties. The concentrated camp, the jail and the execution block were called into service in the complete "Gleichschaltung" — co-ordination. The Third Reich began its relentless work.

The blood-purge of June 30, 1934, got rid of alleged plotters, principally Nazis with their own ideas about the Hitler revolution. On March 16, 1935, Hitler tore up the disarmament clauses of the Versailles treaty and proclaimed Germany's freedom to rearm. On March 7, 1936, his troops marched into the Rhineland, until then demilitarised by allied command. Watching these rapid-fire strokes, idolatrous followers broke into delirious cheers, but the world at large grew apprehensive. The wild armament race began. A few weeks ago Hitler annexed Austria.

Is it Hitler's personality, his remarkable gift of oratory or his programme that has invested him with such a seemingly irresistible force? Let us observe him in his element, addressing half a million Nazis in Nuremberg at the annual party congress.

The audience is representative of all social classes and ages, men and women. The air is charged with expectation—all are looking for a revelation. A master mind of stage management gives the cues to perfection. Martial brass blares forth the favourite marches of Hitler and Frederick the Great. Flag-waving, goose-stepping, more music—this time Wagner's—help to create the proper atmosphere. From time to time the loudspeakers announce the movements of the Fuehrer. Now he has left his hotel; he is on his way; he will arrive in a moment.

SWAYING THE MASSES

At the strategical second Hitler appears on the vast field, greeted by a sea of upraised arms. He marches down the broad aisle, mounts the platform. His body is rigid, his right hand crumples a white handkerchief with which he will mop his brow. In the days when he talked extemporaneously he appeared to be in a trance, able to hold his audience spellbound for hours.

He begins to speak, and words come in torrents. At first his voice is high-pitched; it remains intense, incisive, and breaks with a sob, as he enumerates Germany's woes. In his earlier days he spoke with an Austrian accent. Now he has lost it; his speech sounds more Prussian than Austrian.

His words sweep away resistance, leave the audience breathless. From time to time he pauses significantly, to allow his words to sink in and the audience to applaud. Sometimes his emotions run away with him; his voice turns harsh. His sentences are heavy, full of parentheses, and at one time they were grammatically loose. Formerly he was extremely repetitious, developing the same theme by successive variations.

VIEWS AND IDEALS

It was thus that he transmitted his fanatical belief in his godlike mission to the masses, who are carried away by his elementary force, his stupendous vitality. His burning intensity is seared into the words he utters, although the same words look unimpressive on paper. In private life he looks indifferent, except when he is anxious to please. He is known to be subject to spells of despondency, which interfere with his ability to work. His appeal is more emotional than logical.

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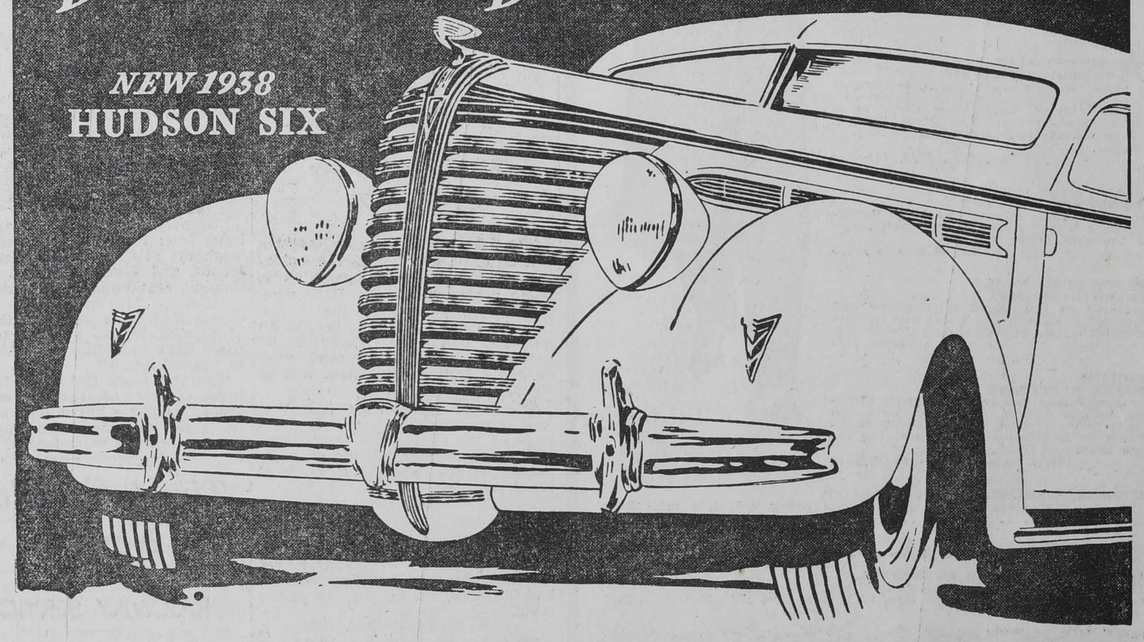

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LARGE DANNEVIRKE FIELDS AT WOODVILLE

Track Will Be Heavy To-day

GOOD PROSPECTS OF HAWKE'S BAY TEAMS

(By CHILDERS).

Particularly strong fields are engaged for the opening day of the Dannevirke Racing Club's meeting, which will be held at Woodville to-day and to-morrow. All events have filled exceptionally well, and indications point to the majority of those which accepted fulfilling their engagements. Naturally the fields are made up mostly of Hawke's Bay horses.

While the going will be heavy after the recent floods, latest advice from Woodville states that the track is drying fast as the result of fine weather during the past couple of days.

The day's racing will be given a splendid start with the Mangatera Hurdles, in which numerous good class performers are engaged. Iddo has been racing most consistently, and although he has his full share of weight he should be the pick of the top division. Aurora's Love is sure to have benefited by her outings at Feilding, but on the form at that meeting, the improving Taumau may be a better prospect. He won very well on Easter Monday.

Southern Blood scored impressively at Awapuni last month, taking the eye as a vastly improved young jumper. Hirangi also shaped well at Awapuni, and is now jumping much better. Tres Sec, Fair Day and Master Hector may do best of the remainder.

Moderate Maidens.

In common with similar classes at meetings in this part of the North Island recently, the maidens in the Rakaiatai Stakes are a moderate lot. Reay Bridge (formerly Fitzjames) is improving steadily at his last start beating all but Sunder at Tauherenikau. Consistent Allmetic is overdue. In a minor place on numerous occasions of late, he can be relied on to run his usual good race. Royal Tinge has shown promise at times, while Waterproof shaped well at Pahiatua in the summer. Red Cockade appears much improved and with Tom Tom may do best of the others.

Arctic King Dominates.

On Riccarton form, Arctic King dominates the position in the Dannevirke Cup as his Great Autumn Handicap success was a most convincing effort. He represents much better class that the others engaged and it is difficult to see him suffering defeat.

A winner at Tauherenikau, Sergia must always be respected in a race of this type. While she failed at the Hawke's Bay and Wanganui meetings, her previous form was smart. Might should strip all the better for his outings at Tauherenikau but may be in need of further racing to bring him to his best.

Passion Fruit beat a weak field in convincing style at Waipukurau. A return to still better form is by no means unlikely for he is a fine galloper at his best. The distance may be a trifle far for Mister Quex while neither Davistock nor Lady Siegfried make much appeal. The pick of the lightweights should be the improving Conveyor.

Few will look past Arctic King who will probably be sent out at cramped odds. With his pull in the handicaps, Passion Fruit should make a bold bid against the topweight.

Large Juvenile Field.

Her defeat of Rakahanga at Tauherenikau combined with exceptionally good track work should find Hunter's Eve in strong demand for the Makirikiri Juvenile, although the field is a large one. Footloose is a smart youngster who will appreciate the soft track but it is difficult to see him concede 3lbs to Hunter's Eve. At her only start White Lady won impressively at Carterton, but she will find this company stronger. The highly thought of Coronation is stated to have improved considerably since Hastings where he ran very greenly. Great Legion shaped well at Feilding and should have improved since then. Fiddledine, Old Bill and Brazil are all possibilities.

Topweight's Task.

Lady Montana is set a solid task with 9.6 in the Akitio Handicap, but she won so convincingly each day at Tauherenikau that she must again appeal, for she is a very smart hack. Sardius may find seven furlongs a trifle far and Ilias should be a better prospect over this distance.

Improving all the while, Hunting Mint will be fancied on a holding track, for she is now racing very solidly. Earl Colossus, Okawa and State Bank can all run a useful seven. Okawa may be the best of the trio for she has not experienced the best of luck in recent races. Haile Selassie might surprise.

Mea Mea is a smart hack and won well at Tauherenikau, but Bold Step, who was second on that occasion, and now comes in on 9lbs. better terms may be the better of the pair. Son and Heir also raced pleasingly at Tauherenikau, but is not very consistent. Sardius seems better placed here than in the previous event. Both Conversion and Quake have useful recent form to their credit.

Red Witch gave more than ordinary promise at Hastings when she ran a first and second. She has gone on the right way since, and handily weighted at 7.13, will be a popular fancy. Another lightweight who gives more than ordinary promise is Lucullus Boy, who scored attractively at Waipukurau. Gay Molly and Noisy Night are possibilities.

Concluding Event.

Naughty Marietta and Puroto are the form pair for the last race of the day, the Oringi Handicap. Naughty Marietta pleased by running third in the Waverley Cup on Saturday, and in this company appears very well placed. While the success of Puroto at Feilding was an overdue win, she scored with great ease, handling the soft heavy track in splendid style. Mahutai, Lord Quick and Warehi may be the best of the remainder, who are hardly a formidable lot. If caught in the right mood Inheritance would keep those above him very busy.

Acceptances and Selections

Mangatera Hurdles: Southern Blood, Iddo, Taumau.

Rakaiatai Maiden: Reay Bridge, Allmetic, Royal Tinge.

Dannevirke Cup: Arctic King, Passion Fruit.

Makirikiri Juvenile: Hunter's Eve, Footloose, Coronation.

Akitio Handicap: Lady Montana, Ilias, Hunting Mint.

Tahoraite Handicap: Red Witch, Bold Step, Lucullus Boy.

Oringi Handicap: Naughty Marietta, Puroto, Mahutai.

Following are the acceptors:—

12.15—MANGATERA HURDLES
Of £120; 1½ miles.

Iddo	10	10	Greek Armour	9	0
Aurora's Love	10	8	Vestal Queen	9	0
Silver Jubilee	10	8	Power Chief	9	0
Southern Blood	10	0	Fair Day	9	0
			Master Hector	9	0
Hirangi	9	10			
Tres Sec	9	2	Primak	9	0
Paonos	9	0	Lustral	9	0

12.55—RAKAIATAI MAIDEN
Of £90; 6 furlongs! all 8.11.

Realise	Hastings West
Fitzjames	Brilliant Acre
Allmetic	Tom Tom
Ma Cheri	Dame Flora
Golden Enterprise	The Treble
Royal Tinge	Red Cockade
Waterproof	

1.35—DANNEVIRKE CUP
Of £200; 1¼ miles.

Arctic King	9	2	Mister Quex	7	2
Sergia	8	1	Davistock	7	0
Might	7	10	Conveyor	7	0
Passion Fruit	7	7	Lady Siegfried	7	0

2.15—MAKIRIKIRI JUVENILE
Of £100; 5 furlongs.

Footloose	8	13	Coronation	7	5
Hunter's Eve	8	8	Lady Melfort	7	2
White Lady	7	13			
Sports Coat	7	11	Valiant Lady	7	2
Great Legion	7	11	Floral Robe	7	2
Brazil	7	9	Richelieu Pearl	7	2
Barabbas	7	7			
Old Bill	7	5	Colfort	7	0
Fiddledine	7	5	Ruling Lady	7	0
Dorak	7	5			

2.55—AKITIO HACK
Of £100; 7 furlongs.

Lady Montana	9	6	Haile Selassie	7	7
Sardius	8	10	Otaki	7	7
Ilias	8	4	Merryman	7	3
Earl Colossus	8	4	Rowana	7	2
Hunting Mint	7	10	Perfect Idea	7	0
Windsoreen	7	10	Clavercourt	7	0
Okawa	7	10	Dr. Defoe	7	0
Shangri La	7	9	Laggard	7	0
State Bank	7	7	Mystery Boy	7	0

3.35—TAHORAITE HACK
Of £100; 6 furlongs.

Mea Mea	9	3	Bold Step	7	12
Happy Landing	8	13	Capt Treville	7	5
			Gay Molly	7	5
Sardius	8	11	Ilion	7	5
Son and Heir	8	1	Noisy Night	7	5
Conversion	8	5	Lucullus Boy	7	5
Quake	8	5	Prince Mulla	7	3
Dainty Sue	8	1	Rowana	7	3
Okawa	7	13	Blab	7	0
Red Witch	7	13			

4.20—ORINGI HACK
Of £100; 1 mile and a distance.

Naughty Marietta	8	6	Aurora's Love	7	3
Entheos	8	5	Inheritance	7	0
Lord Quick	7	12	Skyful	7	0
Puroto	7	9	Warehi	7	0
Mahutai	7	3	Ngaitahu	7	0

Concluding Day's Fields

CHAMPIONSHIP TROTS

All Twelve Accept in Grand Final

CONSOLATION EVENTS

By Telegraph—Press Association.
CHRISTCHURCH, April 27.

Acceptances for the concluding day of the inter-Dominion trotting championships on Saturday are as follows:—

11.30—OTAGO HANDICAP
Of £325; 1¼ miles.

Guy Hugo	scr	Survivor	scr	
Honeymoon	scr	Parrish Guide	12	
Indolent	scr	Lady Sonoma	24	
Listowel	scr	Sister Mary	24	
Prince Harvester	scr	Pilot Peter	36	
Reward	scr	Kippagh	48	
		Aristotle	84	

12.10—WESTLAND HANDICAP
Of £350; 1¼ miles.

Bing Crosby	scr	Sky Wink	scr	
Fremont	scr	Starwyn	scr	
Heather Queen	scr	Twenty Grand	scr	
Ivy Peterson	scr	Vologda	scr	
Lone Derby	scr	Whippet	scr	
Moana Tama	scr	Red Ranger	12	
Our Peggy	scr	Silver Guy	12	
Racketeer	scr	Zincall	24	
Red Flyer	scr	Aircraft	36	
Repeal	scr	Morewa	36	
Sage King	scr			

12.55—CANTERBURY HANDICAP
Of £400; 2 miles.

Elva	scr	Ironside	24	
Frisco Lady	scr	Lady Fame	24	
Navy Blue	scr	Southern Smile	24	
Iraq	12	Renown's Best	48	
Ginger Jack	24			

1.40—AUCKLAND HANDICAP
Of £500; 2 miles.

Aristotle	scr	Norman Fox	scr	
Bittersweet	scr	Writer	scr	
Captain Bolt	scr	King's Guard	12	
Discord	scr	Wahnooka	12	
Golden Eagle	scr	Waikato Prince	24	
Great Admiral	scr	Sea Gift	96	

2.20—GRAND FINAL
INTER-DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIP.
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	

3.0—WELLINGTON HANDICAP
Of £350; 2 miles.

Belle Grattan	scr	Colonel Grattan	12	
Crocus	scr			
Golden Direct	scr	Golden Cross	12	
Ivy Peterson	scr	Harlequin	12	
Lynwood	scr	Mystery Yet	24	
Silver Guy	scr	Cantata	36	
Waipahi	scr	Play On Carver Doone	36 48	

3.40—CONSOLATION No. 1
Of £450; 1 mile and 5 furlongs.

Joy's John	scr	Kolect	12	
Big Author	scr	Worthy Light	12	
Aide de Camp	scr	Tempest	24	
Glenrossie	12	Grand Mogul	36	
Rocks Ahead	12	Roi l'Or	48	

4.20—CONSOLATION No. 2
Of £450; 1 mile and 5 furlongs.

Our Walla	scr	Graham Direct	12	
Kernel Lu	scr	Lady Childewood	12	
Frisco Boy	scr			
Double Great	scr	Willow Wave	48	
Bonny Azure	12	Indianapolis	60	
Reporter	12			

STRONG TEAM FOR WOODVILLE

Coronation's Progress

IMPROVEMENT OF TAUMAU

Engagements for To-day

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

PALMERSTON N., April 28.

The Manawatu district will have a strong representation at the Dannevirke meeting to be held at Woodville to-morrow and on Saturday, and indications are that visiting horses will find it difficult to keep the locals out of the money.

Pleasing His Trainer.

Coronation was very backward as the result of a succession of colds when he was given his first racing experience at Hastings last month, but those races brought the brother to Sir John on considerably and, if he can manage the easier track conditions this week, F. Davis's charge promises to make the two-year-old events very interesting. Davis is very satisfied with the progress Coronation has made and has high hopes that he will develop into a high class three-year-old.

Will Not be Neglected.

Waterproof, a fine three-year-old by Tidal from Thornproof (a sister to Brambletorn), caught the eye at Pahiatua when he made his debut in January to finish close up to the placed horses. He has not raced since, but most of the Tidal stock handle the easy going and Waterproof may be in demand this week-end.

Golden Ridge at Awapuni.

The Cape Horn mare Lady Ina has been turned out for a well earned spell and in her place E. W. Watson has taken over the Lackham gelding Golden Ridge, who was formerly trained at Woodville by C. McGovern. Golden Ridge is fairly well forward and may be seen out at the coming meetings in the district.

Spell for Wildflower.

The Chief Ruler-Lilimond filly Wildflower, who wound up a strenuous season with a very easy win in the Patea County Cup on Saturday, has been sent to her onwer's farm at Marton to begin a well-earned spell. Wildflower ran over all distances this season from five furlongs to a mile and three-quarters, her 25 starts yielding five wins, six seconds, and three thirds. She won the Ashhurst and Patea Cups and was runner-up in the Oaks and St. Leger to Icing and Francis Drake respectively.

Must be Respected.

While Taumau has been somewhat a disappointment as a flat-racing proposition, A. McDonald has made the big Royal Divorce gelding into a very promising hurdler and his success at Feilding on Easter Monday is likely to be the precursor of many more. Taumau has been galloping particularly well at Awapuni since, and he will have to be respected at Woodville to-morrow.

CORONATION is reported to have benefited considerably by his racing at Hastings and should shape better at Woodville. A fine looking colt, he may be a first-class three-year-old.

AMBERLEY WEIGHTS

Meeting to be Held Next Week

By Telegraph—Press Association.
CHRISTCHURCH, April 28.

Following are the handicaps for the Amberley Racing Club's meeting on May 7:

AMBERLEY HANDICAP, of £120; nine furlongs.—Davolo 9.6, Linguist 8.3, Mungatoon 7.9, Glenogil, Rabble 7.7.

BRACKENFIELD HIGHWEIGHT, of £100; seven furlongs.—Paper Note 10.10, Darecourt 10.6, Acceptable 10.3, Courtyard 10.0, Drinkup 9.13, Supreme Court 9.8, Grampian, Dropped Catch 9.6, Owlsgleam 9.5, Bright Prospect 9.2, Settlement, William Rufus 9.0.

STARKY MEMORIAL, of £130; one mile and a quarter.—Happy Night 9.0, Rousseau 8.11, Rabble 8.4, Drink Up 8.1, Maroha 7.13, Shirred Ribbon 7.8, Gas Mask, Gillie, Gold Coat 7.7.

SEADOWN HANDICAP, of £100; six furlongs.—Cocksure 9.1, Financiere 8.13, Nightcalm 8.11, Delium 8.7, Nolana 8.2, Great Bramble, Lady Leigh 7.10, Grampian 7.8, Owlsgleam Flame Queen, Passenger, Papernilla, Merry March, Glenacre, Lady Middleham, Gay Lyric, Knight Commander 7.7.

GLASNEVIN HANDICAP, of £100; seven furlongs.—Rebel Chief 9.0, Pelmet 8.11, Swordstick 8.5, The Masquerader 8.5, Wine Card 8.4, Acceptable 7.13, Great Star 7.7, Golden Chest 7.7.

Real Mud-Lark.

Puroto appears to be many removes from the class of her younger full brother Martara but she has a decided penchant for muddy tracks and, as the going will be holding at Woodville it is likely that she will get more than expenses out of the meeting.

Lightweight Hope.

Conveyor has been racing very consistently, but without much luck and there is no doubt the Tractor gelding should have won at least one race at Feilding at Easter. In the ten furlongs hack race the second day he was wide out all the way and must have covered a dozen lengths more than anything else in the field. Even then he was fourth with heads between the first four horses. It was a gallant effort under the circumstances and a similar race would find him troublesome even in the Dannevirke Cup.

Has Confidence Now.

Lack of confidence in his few starts to date over hurdles has cost Hirangi a win over hurdles ere now, but he jumped in much improved fashion at the Manawatu autumn meeting when he chased Count Willonyx home and there is every indication that this half-brother to Pahu and Pango will be found a much better horse at Woodville this week. Hirangi possesses more pace on the flat than most jumpers and a successful season appears likely to be ahead of him.

Riders at Woodville.

Among the riding engagements made for Woodville are:—

S. Anderson: Brazil, Prince Mulla, Power Chief.

G. R. Tattersall: Puroto and Great Legion.

J. Chaplin: Lady Montana, Noisy Night, Aurora's Love.

B. Kowhai: Taumau.

L. Dulieu: Dainty Sue.

C. Thomson: Fair Day.

W. Broughton: Old Bill.

S. Tremain: Conveyor.

K. Brewer: Conveyor.

WANGANUI MAY BRING BACK CLASSICS

Smoke Screen Unlikely to Race Again This Season

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

Smoke Screen's enforced spell, consequent on the mishap that kept him out of the St. Leger at Ellerslie, has removed outward signs of injury. He now appears to be quite sound. It is, however, unlikely that Smoke Screen will be raced again during the current season. Like many other Limonds, he does not show to advantage in soft going. He should be one of the Dominion's best middle-distance performers next season.

Substantial increases in stakes were a feature of the Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn programme, and the success of that fixture has encouraged the adoption of a progressive policy in regard to future meetings. An attempt to recover the former status of the more important events is being made, and with that end in view £60 has been added to the stake for the Wanganui Guineas of 1940. In addition to the stake of £450 there will be the usual sweepstake of £5 for starters.

Although a definite decision has not been made, there is a possibility of the N.Z. Eclipse Stakes being re-installed on the Wanganui Jockey Club's spring programme. A hack race was substituted for the event during the slump years, but it failed to hold much public interest. A feature of the Eclipse Stakes contests was the unique success of Laughing Prince, who scored four times in successive years. The revival of another once well-known weight-for-age event, the Jackson Stakes, has also been the subject of discussion, but intentions regarding the 1939 autumn meeting are as yet very much in the air.

The filly by Posterity from Burnish, purchased for 160 guineas at the National sales by the Koatanui stud-groom, J. Low, will not be raced early. Being a first foal, she is light-framed and far from robust, and will be given a chance to build up before being broken-in. A substantial recent offer, made on behalf of an Australian owner, who races Epigram, a brother to Burnish, was declined for this filly. She will race as Mahaina, and is likely to be trained by O. Cox at Hawera.

A recent arrival at Mr M. Grogan's agistment farm at Westmere was the Auckland Cup winner, The Buzzer. He will be treated to a fairly lengthy spell. Mr H. Bayly, who owns The Buzzer, will also send a yearling by The Buzzard to the Grange Stud, where it will receive its early education. Other yearlings at the same locality include the half-brother, by Foxbridge, to Ammon Ra; a colt by Beau Pere from Silver Rule, which will carry the well-known colours of Mr W. H. Gaisford; a filly by Beau Pere from Joy Bird, owned by Mr W. Higgins; and a colt by Kincardine—Blue Jay owned by Mr A. Meban, of Gisborne.

The high-priced sire, Lo Zingaro, whose first crop of yearlings reached four figures, has been returned to Mr Sol. Green's Bacchus Marsh Stud, Victoria.

Ilias has freshened up since racing at Awapuni, and at the moment of writing the intention is to start her at Woodville next Saturday. She is a useful hack, but is too small to carry more than medium weights. However, 8.4 is not beyond her range, and she is expected to be in the picture.

Judged on his shown at Waverley, Captain Treville will need to improve to have a chance at Woodville. He was eased up before Waverley, however, and that probably explains his failure to run his usual good race. Captain Treville has started 15 times this season, and though he has won only one race, has been placed on eight occasions.

Amigo has resumed work again. He has put on plenty of solid condition and looks robust and healthy. His work will be restricted to trotting and cantering for a couple of months, after which his preparation for next season's classics will commence in earnest.

AUSTRALIAN RACING

Acceptors for City Tatts Cup To-morrow

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SYDNEY, April 28.

Acceptors for the City Tattersall's Club Cup on Saturday are: Allunga 9.8, Silver Standard 8.10, Buzalong 8.10, El Senorita 8.3, Royal Step 8.3, Bristol 8.1, Sidcup 7.13, Gay Knight 7.11, Billy Boy 7.10, Bourbon 7.9, Shakespeare 7.9, Sal Volatile 7.7, Improvement 7.3, Highborn 7.3, Head Check 7.3, Barak 6.13, Rossjoy 6.11, Troy 6.10, Spearbine 6.10.

Solid Youngster.

Having his second race when he paraded at Feilding on Easter Monday, Great Legion showed to what extent his outing at Awapuni had sharpened him up by beginning more smartly than the seasoned two-year-olds, and it was only in the last furlong that he weakened and Footloose gathered him in. Great Legion is growing into a fine stamp of horse who should do good service for G. New next season.

May Need a Race.

Although the Drake-Masked Battery mare Dainty Sue has improved considerably of late and has been attracting attention to her immediate prospects with good work-outs at Awapuni, it appears probable that she will be all the better for a race or two. Dainty Sue qualifies for hack company only by a few pounds, but when she strikes form she should be capable of holding her own even in open events. Next season she will probably be tried as a jumper.

New Jumper.

Mr J. Kelly's big Colossus-Rough Sea gelding Whistle Pinkie, who is improved by his recent races, is the latest to be schooled at Awapuni and with B. Kowhai in the saddle, he has been shaping really well.

A Bargain.

Deputy Ruler, who was a winner against strong sprint company at Randwick last week has been a bargain for his present owner, who purchased him two years ago for 170 guineas. When he left New Zealand in 1933, Deputy Ruler showed considerable promise by running second in the A.J.C. Derby, being sold immediately afterwards for 2000 guineas. However, he raced most disappointingly before again being passed on to his present owner, Mr H. E. Rudd. Now a seven-year-old, the Chief Ruler horse had two seasons at the stud before recommencing racing early this season.

Racing Fixtures

April—
29, 30.—Dannevirke R.C. (at Woodville).
28, 30.—Reefton J.C.

May—
5, 7.—Egmont R.C.
7.—Amberley R.C.
7.—Franklin R.C.
7, 9.—Nelson J.C.
12, 14.—Wanganui J.C.
14.—Ashburton County R.C.
14.—Southland R.C.
14, 16.—Marlborough R.C.
21.—Manawatu R.C.
21, 23.—Waikato R.C.
26, 28.—South Canterbury J.C.
28.—Foxton R.C.
28.—Wairoa R.C.

June—
4, 6, 8.—Auckland R.C.
4, 6.—Dunedin J.C.
4, 6.—Napier Park R.C.
4, 6.—Otaki Maori R.C.
11.—Dunedin J.C.
11.—Hawke's Bay J.C.
18.—Hawke's Bay J.C.
18.—Bay of Plenty J.C.
18.—Greymouth J.C.
25.—Waipa R.C.
25.—Ashburton County R.C.
25.—Dannevirke Hunt C.

PAIR BRACKETED IN FINAL

Parisienne—Lucky Jack

BERRY WILL DRIVE PARISIENNE

By Telegraph—Press Association.
CHRISTCHURCH, April 28.

In the final of the inter Dominion championship, Lucky Jack and Parisienne from R. B. Berry's stable will be bracketed. Berry has elected to drive Parisienne, and L. Frost will handle Lucky Jack.

Related to Cuddle.

Much interest was taken in the first appearance on the tracks at Awapuni of the three-year-old colt by Tidal from Squeeze, an own sister to the Martian mare Caress, the dam of Cuddle. Owned by Mr S. Andrews this new comer is a nicely moulded young horse who should do well later on. He is fairly well forward and may be raced before the end of the season.

Quadroon Improved.

While it is unlikely Quadroon will be sufficiently improved to be raced at Woodville, it may yet be possible for L. Wilson to get him to the post again before the winter months are over. He is still under treatment for his bad leg. Wilson is also more than satisfied with Florence Mills, whose leg is healing rapidly, but she is not to race again until the spring.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY OWNER

J. R. McKenzie's Viewpoint

PERFORMANCE OF U. SCOTT

Previous Failures

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, April 28.

The following announcement has been made to the Press by Mr J. R. McKenzie, owner of U. Scott, whose success in the third heat of the inter-Dominion trotting championship brought about a protest and inquiry into his form:—

"Owing to the erratic running of my horse, U. Scott, I feel I owe an explanation to the public who were so unfortunate in backing him in the mile and a half race on the second day. My sympathies are with them, as if I were in their place I probably would have felt similar to them. U. Scott was left at the barrier at the start of the first day's race, and when he struck his hobbles, was about 72 yards behind the field in a hopeless position from which to win the race. Yet his driver sent him after the field and he showed a wonderful burst of speed to catch the field, though he was then unable to finish on in the straight.

"Naturally the public, after this performance, selected him to win at his second start. Owing to an injury we were unable to work U. Scott for four months. As he was unable to receive the necessary work in the short time, U. Scott, who is a stallion, was very fresh and above himself. On the second day Free Holmes, my driver, tucked U. Scott in behind another horse. U. Scott pulled so hard that it was necessary for Holmes to lay back to hold him, and he had difficulty in keeping him off the sulky in front of him. He took the first opportunity of getting out and letting U. Scott go to the front, but although in front, the horse still continued to pull, as he could see the field behind him.

"The horse had partly choked himself through his pulling tactics, and although the driver used his whip going up the straight, the horse was unable to respond.

"My sympathies are with my driver, who had a difficult horse to drive on the day, and I am sure that he did what he considered would give him his best chance of winning. Had he understood the horse as we have all learnt from this meeting, Holmes would no doubt have driven him differently. My trainer and I discussed this horse for an hour after his poor showing on the second day, and decided we would run him in a closed bridle on the next occasion, the one reason being so that he would not see the field chasing him. Also, we suggested to the driver that he should let him run two or three lengths in front of the field so he would not hear the horses after him. U. Scott will be driven in the final in a closed bridle, the same as he used when he won the two-miles event. I am of the opinion that now this horse has had three races into him he will probably go a more generous race in the final. May the best horse win."

Mr C. W. Boyd's Tidal-Ballymoy II gelding Tidewaiter, who showed good winning form last winter, but subsequently disappointed, has resumed work after his long spell and has built up appreciably. Tidewaiter is at present still on road work, but will be on the tracks again at an early date.

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