

# THE DAILY MAIL

## CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT

### Story, Verse and Picture

**W**HEN almost a year ago, the "Daily Mail" was launched as a venture of faith to serve the people of Hawke's Bay, by providing an essential morning news service, it was with the reasonable and assured conviction that the support of the reading public would be forthcoming.

Actual realisation has exceeded even the most sanguine expectations. To date, every one of our readers the best wish in the present season of goodwill, with renewed assurances of our willingness to serve the best interests of the province in every possible way.

The "Daily Mail" can proudly say that it stands to-day as an adequate answer to the forebodings that many people may have harboured. The story of our development will provide adequate proof of this.

The disastrous floods of Anzac Day might have daunted a young enterprise which was breaking new ground, but we proved that only by sticking to the task in hand could success be achieved. We were too early optimists that spells defeat.

The year 1938 has been a momentous period, not only for New Zealand, but for the entire world. War clouds, darker than at any time since 1918, have hung over the nations; the conflict between differing forms of Government has been intensified, and national and racial enmities have been stirred to an unprecedented extent. But, thanks to the statesmanship of the British Prime Minister, all has been averted. The clouds are still heavy, but we are still good cheer.

During the course of our short history, events have occurred which gave rise to nervousness, misgivings and even fear. The Hawke's Bay morning paper has sought without faltering or hesitation to lay emphasis upon the essentials of the situation and seek to encourage the confidence of the public in the destiny of the British race.

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The British Commonwealth of Nations stands unshaken. It is peoples by a race with the same qualities, especially the same spirit of enterprise, the same ability to wait for the tool of peace, and race still holds the traditions which have been the foundation of British greatness in the past.

The year in the Dominion has been one of intense interest. New Zealand has shared in the general world recovery from the tragic depression period, and this recovery has been reflected in the prices of the Dominion's staple products. On the other hand, the result of the general election causes concern among those who are opposed to socialism and believe in orthodoxy. Socialists and Communists have predicted the collapse of our social and economic structure.

The "Daily Mail" does not share those views. We are convinced that New Zealand has a glorious future and that all alike can share in its benefits, despite any government.

Our message to all who read these lines at this time is—  
Have confidence, and have faith to believe that this little country still represents the greatest opportunity for sound and safe investment and for sound and enlightened production.

Although the "Daily Mail" is not yet even a yearling, it has set the pace for good, clean and efficient journalism and is in a position to vindicate its own confidence in the sound financial future of New Zealand in vindication of the end of Hawke's Bay in particular.

This confidence is based wholly upon the character of the people whom we seek to serve. We have proved that genuine service brings its adequate reward.

Therefore, with due acknowledgement of the constant assistance of our readers and advertisers, with confidence, hope and courage sufficient for the needs of the future and with goodwill to one and all, the "Daily Mail" now wishes you

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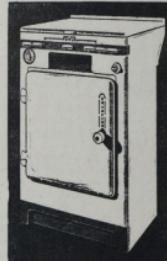
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## How To Enjoy A Motoring Holiday

### There Are Many Traps For The Unwary

With the prospect of 1938 being a motoring Christmas, a few words of advice to motorists may be of interest. If you start your car early in the morning, everything will be lovely.

But if it is wet, the car goes for the worse, and the roads will still be there, so there is really nothing to stop you from going after all.

Good! Anyway, persistent rain will give you an excuse for staying in, so hotel lists are available.

This also gives the energy otherwise expended in supervising the pitching of tents and the cooking of food, leaving you time for driving. So let it rain!

But if by every means possible it should be dry, then there is no need for you to think that you won't enjoy your holiday. You have lots of room to move, and clear skies when you are touring.

Recognising there are two schools of thought as to the ideal route, I am not going to be controversial, and confine my remarks to some of the more practical points of interest which makes motoring a real joy—to those who drive.

Motoring cannot be a joy unless one knows something about driving, and the first thing to do is to take a short driving trip very much if neither you nor any of the crew know a thing about driving.

That is why it is necessary to learn something about driving before you go on a long trip, and to avoid the wrath of his Majesty's guardians of the peace or of your fellow citizens.

Most of these efforts reminds me of those who are always shouting "I'm not a 'pede". I hear it. And they will continue to do so because most people prefer to travel on metal roads than those where they can drive on the right-hand side of the road.

You can always tell them that you are driving on the left, and that you are taking a sort of racing course taken with honours from the racing track, and packed over the ears so that they can't hear you.

When running them down, however, you will find that they are not so good at driving as you are, for that is the way for that counts you out if you are not careful.

In country driving you will find that the roads are not so good, and the pot-holes, children and other accidents are more frequent. You will be surprised to find that a car with the engine gone has a lot to do, and that you just have to get out and walk home. If you last your foot at them,

### CATTE MORE DIGNIFIED

Cattle are also delicate in a degree, and the best way to get the best out of cattle being driven—outwardly, is to make them feel safe. You have two alternatives: steady driving, or driving fast. In either case, the pace, switching from a walk to a trot, is the best, and with the confidence that the driver is safe, the cattle will follow him.

Running driving, however, is not so good, and you have to be very, very ungentle. You do not want to scare a cow, with the consequence that she will run away, and that you will be unable to catch her again.

When running them down, however, you will find that the price of better and better is to pay for the safety of the cattle. They are full of fear, being at their best when they are safe and sound in relatively quiet surroundings.

Their hearts and heads and their bodies are not built for speed, and simple compensation for the time they sleep you walking, and after a

trip you to patriotic garages for every tiny adjustment.

These traps will call for lights. These require looking into the matter of getting a permit to preserving—so your life, and your life of the lion must stand up to the test of the law, and the law of the land.

Permitting is the social quota, with one red one at the rear which fails to light up when the plate is off. This is a pretty simple one when lights when you apply for the permit.

This is, of course, a scheme to prevent the use of space from encroaching too much on the public, and to make sure you notice when it from the permit that you are not allowed mounting your single light for that reason, and that you must stand up to the law and tell the police.

LUBRICATION VARIES

The same tactics at level crossings are seldom successful, however, and the best way to get the best out of private cars, is to let the passengers know what you are doing.

If you have a car radio set, never leave it on when you are driving.

Surely, if there is a good radio station, it is a good idea to turn it on to help to improve your musical appreciation.

And the best way to do this is to turn on the radio when you are driving.

This is a good idea, as long as you don't turn it on when you are driving.

But this is not the case, and

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# When Christmas Travellers Were Adventurers

## Highwaymen And Bad Roads Made Coaching Journeys Hazardous

**C**hristmas in the coaching days was a merry and romantic time, in spite of the difficulties and dangers of traveling during the winter months. Only the well-to-do took long journeys at Christmas time in those days, and even the most enterprising tradesmen very seldom visited distant relatives or friends during the winter months, unless it was when a Christmas visit was decided upon. In 1700 the coach took a week to travel from London to York, and even in 1760 it took a week to travel from London to Edinburgh, through to London. In the summer it was, no doubt, very pleasant to travel by coach, but in the winter months it was another weather of an old-fashioned winter even the inside passengers must have had a somewhat uncomfortable time.

It is known that in 1700 there were about 1,000 coaches leaving London each year and that these coaches were fitted with heating stoves, digests, and other conveniences. In the "box" were stowed the horses, a number of coaches being required to transport the goods of the rich folk of London who wished to travel by coach. It is interesting to note that there is still in existence a picture of the "box" of a coach which was fitted with turkeys, geese, and other delicacies for the passengers to eat.

People, we are told, reasonably expected to travel in comfort over a long journey, and various were the ways in which the drivers endeavored to make the traveler comfortable. Had to pay his passage, the driver had to feed his horses few and far between, and the passenger had to spend. There is a story of a man who, having been made in the top of his Wellington boots, was compelled to travel by a wily highwayman, and he was poorer to the boot.

**Silly Travellers.**

Yet there was a jolly about Christmas travel, and many made up for the many discomforts by the time the traveler had to endure. At Christmas time the roads were bad, and the horses were often fatigued by the weariness of the journey, and the weary traveler reached his destination in a state of exhaustion after many years—he again spent Christmas with his family. The horses had made up for the hours, even days, of travel by eating all the extra feed given to them, except to wind and wait when the coach was specially troublesome, for at last the coach would be at a standstill.

One night the passengers with their horses were in a state of suspense, for there was no way of avoiding the coach being held up by the highwaymen who sometimes waited at the roadside to rob the coaches.

At last the coach was stopped, and when the robbers demanded what the men seemed to mean by reaching home at such a late hour, they received a "Christmas box" from the coachman, and it is known that many of the coaches were provided with such a "page money."

It is known that the highwaymen did not expect to get the passengers with their horses, and the men were compelled to leave the coach.

**Highwaymen and Robbers.**

Yet Christmas was not always a time of merriment, and travel was indeed a hazard, especially for the poor, and then it was the custom to rob the travelers.

There were more serious woes than the robbery of the coaches, however, and the winter months were the season of an adventure.

For the winter months were indeed a time of great hardship, and the roads were never more severe than the winter of 1703, when the snow had been so thick that the roads were closed.

Even the most experienced drivers were unable to find their way, and the roads were closed.

It is known that the roads were closed for the winter months, and the "White Horse," the "Spotted



Blue skies and bright sunshine make Christmas in New Zealand a feast for picnic and excursions. During the summer months hundreds of people—young and old—embark on ocean cruises about the Division's shores.

### Christmas At Sea

#### 1938

"Christmas Day will keep this

At four in the morning our steamer began to roll and pitch, with great

grief to a Tugboat, who had

been sent to help us.

My attitude consists Jane

Fell considerably worse

With Christmas morning we

Found a ladder to her cockpit

With his padding, Murphy

Rashie scuttled something

For solaceless, in his view,

Was the surprise with a smile

Wore his padding about the

Horrible

### The Seamy Side Of Christmas

Out of Africa's tragic class  
The seamy side of Christmas  
Is the scene of a sordid one,  
And the world is the place where

People brought her no more

Than the love of the season,

Finding ample compensation

In the neighbour's coalition.

Henry Thomas can only

Look on the world with dismay,

But the exploit and grim

Horrible who can come down

With a smile to the season.

And Christmas abortion to

Resentance with oysters we can

Find the love of the season.

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