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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

Moderate Winds Weather Fair with Scattered Rain Probable

OUTSPOKEN ATTACK ON THE NAZIS

American Statesman's Charges

PROMINENT MEN'S ACCEPTANCE OF DECORATIONS DEPLORED

Jews "Victimised And Degraded"

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CLEVELAND, Dec. 19.

Specifically mentioning Mr Henry Ford and Colonel Charles Lindbergh, the Secretary for the Interior (Mr Harold L. Ickes) criticised the American acceptance of decorations from Germans.

He commented: "How can they pretend, in accepting their shabby baubles from a brutal dictator, that they are honouring a great people whom a dictator has victimised and degraded?"

In the most outspoken attack on the Nazis ever made by an American statesman, Mr Ickes declared that the persecution of the Jews has carried Germany back to a period of history when man was unlettered, benighted, and bestial.

He added: "The Jews are regarded as political eunuchs and social outcasts, to be dragged down like mad dogs."

Mr Ickes made a charge that a dictator was forced to manufacture dangers in order to strengthen his hold on the people.

HASTINGS FIRE BRIGADE PLAYS FATHER CHRISTMAS.—The attractive tree which was the central feature at the children's party given by the Hastings Fire Brigade last evening.

Federation Of West Indies

DOMINION STATUS?

Probable Outcome Of The Royal Commission

STUDY OF CONDITIONS

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NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

The San Juan (Porto Rico) correspondent of the "New York Times" states that a federation of the British West Indies, grouping far-flung islands with collective Dominion status, is the most likely outcome of the West Indies Royal Commission which is at present studying conditions in the Empire's oldest colonies.

Lord Mayne expects to report to the Colonial Office by midsummer.

Gloomy Festival For Germans

CHRISTMAS DECREES

Anxiety Over Foreign Reactions

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LONDON, Dec. 18.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Berlin correspondent says: "The country is facing the gloomiest Christmas since Herr Hitler assumed power."

Anxiety over home and foreign affairs is overshadowing the festival. It is increasingly clear that the anti-Jewish outrages and savage decrees have shaken the confidence of the average German more than anything.

The purge of June, 1934, was forgotten comparatively rapidly, but the pogroms have left an overpowering feeling of shame, which is turning to bitter resentment.

Catholics Next?

The word has flown around the country that the next campaigns will be against the Catholics and against the landed aristocracy. The fear is also growing that the Foreign Affairs drive in the spring will bring the country close to war.

ENGINEER DIES IN ENGLAND

Had Worked For Dominion Government

By Telegraph—Press Association.

WELLINGTON, Dec. 19.

News was received to-day of the death in England of Mr Evan Parry, M.I.E.E., who was known for his record of engineering service in many parts of the world.

From 1911 to 1919 Mr Parry was chief electrical engineer to the New Zealand Government, and during those years formulated the scheme from which the hydro-electric system of New Zealand has been built.

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RAIN PREVENTS OFFENSIVE

TROUBLE IN FRANCO'S FORCES

PLOTS DISCOVERED

An Unofficial Truce Among Troops

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LISBON, Dec. 19.

It is revealed that a large-scale Franco offensive on the Catalonian front, scheduled for to-day, was postponed owing to floods immobilising eight divisions, over a hundred mile front.

It is reported that thousands have been arrested and 200 shot after the discovery of a Franco conspiracy to stage a garrison revolt at Segre simultaneously with the offensive.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Paris correspondent reports that an unofficial truce is at present existing. Soldiers are fraternising and playing football in no-man's land. An official truce for the holidays is not likely.

There are numerous reports referring to discontent and mutinies in National Spain, in which connection the Paris correspondent of the "News-Chronicle" states that six colonels and other high officials have been arrested at Segovia.

SYMPATHY FOR DOMINION

EXCHANGE CONTROL POSITION

AUSTRALIAN VIEW

A Bad Tradition Should End

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(Received December 19, 11.55 p.m.)

SYDNEY, Dec. 19.

The "Sydney Morning Herald," in an editorial says that the New Zealand Government's troubles with external finance should not meet with any lack of sympathy in the Commonwealth, and recalls that Australia faced a similar position and that Mr Savage is now doing what Mr Scullin did in 1932.

"The steps taken on that occasion amounted to actual prohibition of some imports and quota fixing in others, and were applauded by all who were able to forget party," says the "Herald."

"They were effective. They stopped the drift."

There is naturally some interest for Australians in British industries unsympathetic reaction to New Zealand's troubles, as the Commonwealth's own London funds are in process of depletion. The cure is either to discourage over-importing or allow British manufacturers to bring Australia to a point whereat she is willing to accept a British loan in order to finance her imports and to pay the interest on goods she has imported—a position the Australian public is unlikely to accept.

"Not even to please Manchester is it likely that the Commonwealth or New Zealand will carry on that bad tradition."

GOERING TO MEET MR CHAMBERLAIN

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LONDON, Dec. 19.

The "Daily Herald" says that General Goering is meeting Mr Neville Chamberlain in Rome as a result of an arrangement made by Dr. Schacht while in London.

Air-Mail From Damaged Flying-Boat

Salvaged Letters And Parcels Arrive At Auckland

A Hard Task

Addresses Deciphered By Post Office Officials

By Telegraph—Press Association.

AUCKLAND, Dec. 19.

A portion of the damaged Christmas air mail from the Imperial Airways flying-boat Calpurnia, which made a forced landing on a lake near Bagdad, with the loss of three lives, on November 27, arrived at Auckland from Sydney by the Awatea.

Although it was reported by cable that the salvaged mail had been dried out in readiness for forwarding, postal officials found that further drying was required, and this was commenced in a large room at the Chief Post Office, where the letters and packets were spread out on tables.

Examination showed that the addresses typewritten or written in ordinary ink on white paper were nearly all perfectly legible, but that some coloured inks had washed out.

Sprouting Seeds.

Packets wrapped in brown paper had suffered more than letters. Some had burst open, revealing such contents as silk handkerchiefs, women's stockings, small leather articles, and in one instance seeds that had begun to sprout.

Many addresses written in ink on brown paper wrappings could not be read.

The mail was disinfected as a precautionary measure, and all but a fraction of it will be delivered with comparatively little delay. However, it is certain that some letters and packets will have to go to the Dead Letter Office.

An official remarked that one or two instances showed the wisdom of attaching addressed tie-on tags to packages in addition to addresses on the wrappers.

Although many stamps are missing no postage will be surcharged unless the covers have been marked in London as underpaid. As far as practicable the mail is being rubber stamped in Auckland "Damaged by water in transit from London."

Australian Mail.

A number of letters for various Australian destinations were found in the consignment. It is believed that they were accidentally mixed in with the New Zealand letters during the preliminary drying, or that possibly they were among the loose mail which according to the cable message was found floating on the surface of the lake and was recovered by men of the Royal Air Force in boats.

The task of handling the damaged mail has come at a very awkward time for the Auckland postal staff, for both men and space are needed for other purposes.

The Awatea from Sydney brought altogether 865 bags of mail, including 152 of air mail, and this year the Christmas rush has begun unusually early, making it necessary to engage considerable auxiliary staff.

MUSSOLINI SPEAKS IN A RESTRAINED TONE

Address At Sardinia Makes No Reference To Trouble In Africa

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LONDON, Dec. 18.

Signor Mussolini, in a brief speech to 30,000 Fascist miners in the main square of Carbonia, the new city which has been built in Sardinia, made no reference to Tunis, Corsica, or Jibuti, only giving praise for Fascism and self-sufficiency and for the bravery of Sardinian soldiers.

Signor Mussolini spent only a few hours in Sardinia. He spoke in a restrained tone. It is believed that he did this purposely to avoid increasing the anti-French spirit prevailing among Italians and so that Mr Chamberlain's visit will not be jeopardised.

Thereafter he boarded the cruiser San Antioco, presumably returning to Gaeta.

Ray Steele Has A Win

JONATHAN BEATEN

Decision Only On Points

A BRIGHT CONTEST

By Telegraph—Press Association.

AUCKLAND, Dec. 19.

Ray Steele, the American professional wrestler who recently defeated Lofty Blomfield in a match for the Championship of Australia and New Zealand, maintained his excellent record when he won the decision over Brother Jonathan at the Town Hall to-night.

Each man obtained a fall, and Steele won on points.

Jonathan won the first fall in the fourth round. He held his opponent by the hair and felled him several times with jolts before picking him up bodily and slamming him to the mat for a body press.

Steele's fall was secured in the sixth round. He feigned grogginess after a succession of jolts and then suddenly applied his step-over toehold, to which Jonathan submitted.

There was plenty of action in the contest, both men exhibiting remarkable speed, and Steele being particularly agile.

Loyalty To Britain

ARABS DEMONSTRATE

Authorities Thanked For Dispersing Gangs

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JERUSALEM, Dec. 19.

Amid handclapping as the Union Jack was unfurled, 3000 Behronite Arabs demonstrated loyalty to Britain in the presence of British political and military dignitaries.

A sheik representing 60,000 Arabs thanked the military authorities for dispersing the criminal gangs.

BOMBER'S CREW THOUGHT WELL

FORCED LANDING IN AUSTRALIA

RESCUE PARTY

Machine May Have To Be Abandoned

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DARWIN, Dec. 19.

No concern is felt for the safety of the crew of one of the three British record-breaking Vickers Wellesley bombers, which was damaged in a forced landing in mountainous country near Collier Bay, Western Australia.

The men were sighted from the air and a rescue party from the Walcott Inlet mission station is expected to reach them to-day after a trek through 54 miles of difficult country.

The 'plane will probably have to be abandoned.

More food has been dropped to the crew, and they have plenty of water in the nearby creeks.

NEW LEADER OF FASHION

South American Woman

LEADS DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

Duchess Of Kent Third

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PARIS, Dec. 18.

The annual vote of fashion houses selected Madame Patino, who is partial to strong colours, as the world's leader of fashion.

She is the daughter-in-law of a South American millionaire and supplants as fashion queen the Duchess of Windsor, who is placed second. The Duchess of Kent is third.

Jews Subsidised To Emigrate

BUCHAREST REPORT

Reduction In Commercial Influence Is Aim

TAX ON INCOMES

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LONDON, Dec. 19.

The "News-Chronicle's" Bucharest correspondent states that the Government is subsidising a fund of £1,000,000, mostly from a tax on Jewish incomes, in order to finance Jewish colonisation in Palestine and elsewhere, giving each migrant £20, a free passport and free transport to any Mediterranean port. Another £1,000,000 is to be devoted to buying Jewish estates.

Voluntary migrants are estimated to number 20,000 a year, but the Government wants the number increased to 30,000. Thousands of trading licences have been withdrawn from Jews in order to reduce their commercial influence. Apparently 250,000 Rumanian Jews will be deprived of their means of livelihood early in 1939.

BROADCAST NEWS TO BE CONTROLLED

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PARIS, Dec. 19.

A decree gives the Prime Minister (M. Daladier) complete control of all broadcast news, whether from Government or private stations.

LONDON RESENTMENT OF CRITICISM OF DOMINION

British Annoyance At Success Of Socialist Policy Of Government

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LONDON, Dec. 18.

Commenting on the threat of the British Federation of Industries to urge the British Government to abrogate the Ottawa Pact with New Zealand in retaliation for the New Zealand exchange control measures, "Reynold's News" says: "Britain's financial Francos resent the spectacular success of New Zealand's Socialist Government.

"This campaign of sabotage is an unwarrantable interference with democratic rights and Dominion progress. It is a crude revelation of the fact that in high places the Empire is still regarded as a preserve for private monopoly-mongers. It is a campaign which the British public and Government must repudiate."

NAVAL BOOM IN PROGRESS

LARGEST ACTIVITY SINCE GREAT WAR

JAPAN'S PLANS

Extensive Construction In British Yards

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LONDON, Dec. 18.

In a foreword to Jane's "Fighting Ships" for 1938 it is stated that shipbuilders have never been so busy with naval work since the Great War. Capital ships under construction throughout the world number at least 25, most of them of 35,000 tons.

Five battleships and five aircraft-carriers are being built for the British Navy, the other ships being built consist of 18 cruisers, 32 destroyers, 15 submarines, 17 escort patrol vessels and minesweepers, two depot ships, four river gunboats, 15 motor torpedo-boats, six motor and 22 boom working vessels.

In addition, three battleships, four cruisers, three minelayers, three depot ships, one torpedo-boat and two motor vessels have been authorised but not yet ordered.

France's Programme.

France's programme includes four battleships, two aircraft-carriers, three cruisers, 22 destroyers, four torpedo-boats and 24 submarines.

Japan has four new battleships projected, two of which are reported to have been laid down in 1938. They are believed to be over 40,000 tons, with eight or nine 16-inch guns. Their speed is approximately the same as Britain's five battleships now being built—namely, in the region of 30 knots.

Japan is reported to have evolved a very tiny experimental submarine for harbour defence. It is believed that it does not exceed 100 tons.

German Plans.

Germany is constructing three battleships carrying eight 15-inch guns. Two aircraft-carriers and three heavy cruisers are also being built.

Italy is building four battleships, 12 cruisers, ten destroyers, ten torpedo-boats and at least 30 submarines.

Information from Russia is scarce, but reports from Japanese sources indicate that the Soviet Fleet includes 70 submarines and 50 motor torpedo-boats.

MR W. S. W. AVERILL, a very well known Hastings solicitor, whose death occurred at Auckland yesterday (see article page 10).

An Expensive Posy Of Flowers At 30/-

Mean Type Of Theft Detected At New Plymouth

Graves Violated

Intruder Traced By The Number Of His Car

By Telegraph—Press Association.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Dec. 19.

Caught stealing flowers from graves in the New Plymouth cemetery, Lloyd Whale, a farmhand at Omata, refused to give his name, jumped into a car and drove off, disregarding an attempt to stop him as he left the cemetery.

From the car number, however, he was traced, and appeared in the police court to-day.

He was fined 30/-.

"The stealing of flowers is reaching enormous proportions," said Mr. R. Day, Chief Borough Inspector.

"People steal flowers from public reserves and along the streets, and a determined endeavour is being made to stop it."

'Plane Found On Ocean Bed

MAY BE ULM'S

Fisherman's Discovery Near Honolulu

PLANS FOR SALVAGE

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(Received December 19, 8.30 p.m.)

HONOLULU, Dec. 18.

A Filipino fisherman, diving to recover nets, found the wreckage of an aeroplane partly buried in the ocean sand 20 feet below the surface, 38 miles north-west of Honolulu.

The machine has been identified by the navy as a commercial 'plane of old type.

It will be salvaged to-morrow. It is believed that possibly it may be Flight-Lieutenant Ulm's, or one of the three 'planes that disappeared in the 1927 Dole race.

ILL-TREATMENT OF STEP-CHILD

Auckland Woman Fined

"AN UNMERCIFUL BEATING"

By Telegraph—Press Association.

AUCKLAND, Dec. 19.

A charge of wilfully ill-treating a step-child was admitted in the Otahuhu Police Court by Ethel May Buckeride, who appeared before Mr W. R. McKean, S.M.

Sergeant Daly said that the child, aged 11, arrived at school on December 15 and her condition was brought to the staff's attention by her playmates. The Child Welfare Department was advised and the child was examined by a doctor. His examination showed that the girl had received an unmerciful beating.

Defendant had admitted chastising the child, whom she accused of thieving. She said she must have lost her temper. The father was working away from him at the time. About eight months ago the defendant had thrashed another child and had made the same excuse then.

In reply to the Magistrate, the defendant said she could say a good deal but preferred to say nothing.

Mr McKean: I do not know what you can say to justify the beating you gave the child.

He said that the defendant had previously been warned. It was difficult to know what to do with a woman in this position. He entered a fine of £5 with costs.

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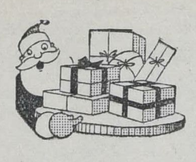

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PHASES OF THE MOON.
New moon, 6.17 a.m., December 22.
First quarter, 11.03 a.m., December 30.

TIDES.

		H.W. a.m.	H.W. p.m.	L.W. a.m.	L.W. p.m.
Dec. 20,	Tue.	4.00	4.21	10.36	10.46
Dec. 21,	Wed.	4.50	5.12	11.27	11.37
Dec. 22,	Thu.	5.42	6.01	0.17	0.27
Dec. 23,	Fri.	6.37	7.02	0.30	1.07
Dec. 24,	Sat.	7.30	7.54	1.14	1.53
Dec. 25,	Sun.	8.18	8.42	2.00	2.36

All times N.Z. Summer Time.

VESSELS AT BREAKWATER.
Kopara, ex Waikokopu.
Poolta, ex West Coast.

VESSELS AT INNER HARBOUR.
Kiritona, at moorings.
Koau, ex Tolaga Bay.
Koutunui, at moorings.
Tu Atu, ex Wairoa.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS.
Roadstead.
Port Huon, ex Auckland, to-morrow.
Kaipara, ex Auckland, December 23.
Waimarama, ex Dunedin, December 23.
Akaroa, ex Wellington, December 27.
Tongariro, ex New York, December 31.
Port Saint John, ex Montreal, January 2.
Rangitane, ex Tokomaru Bay, January 6.
Gera, ex Wellington, middle January.
Sultan Star, ex Wellington, January 22.
Port Hunter, ex London, early February.
Opawa, ex Liverpool, end February.
Port Gisborne, ex London, end March.
Breakwater.
Pukeko, ex Lyttelton and Wellington, to-morrow.
Awahou, ex Auckland, December 23.
Kopara, ex Auckland, December 24.
Kaimai, ex Dunedin, January 17.
Cape Horn, ex Los Angeles, January 26.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.
Roadstead.
Kaipara, for Wellington, December 24.
Waimarama, for Wellington, December 23.
Port Huon, for Wellington, December 24.
Akaroa, for Lyttelton, December 28.
Tongariro, for Wellington, January 3.
Port Saint John, for Wellington, January 4.
Rangitane, for Wellington, January 7.
Gera, for Auckland, middle January.
Sultan Star, for London, January 28.
Port Hunter, for Wellington, early February.
Opawa, for Lyttelton, end February.
Port Gisborne, for Nelson, end March.
Breakwater.
Kopara, for Auckland, this afternoon.
Pukeko, December 21.
Awahou, December 23.
Poolta, for Gisborne, December 22.
Kaimai, for Wellington, January 18.
Cape Horn, for Wellington, January 27.

VESSELS FOR PORT OF NAPIER.

Akaroa, 15,128 tons, Commodore W. G. Summers, ex London (Shaw Savill) (Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Napier, agents), left Wellington on Thursday night to commence homeward loading at New Plymouth, returning to Wellington to-morrow, thence on December 26 for NAPIER Dec. 27-28, and Lyttelton December 29-30. Expected to clear Lyttelton on December 30 for Southampton and London, via Panama. (Due London February 1.)

Awahou, 410 tons, Capt. G. A. Nairn (Richardson and Co.), en route to Auckland to load to-day for East Coast bays, Gisborne and Napier. Due here on Friday, December 23.

Cape Horn, 5643 tons (Cape York Motorship Co. Ltd.), under charter to the Union Steam Ship Co, Ltd., expected to leave Los Angeles on December 27. Due Auckland January 22, thence NAPIER, Wellington, New Plymouth, Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge). Due here January 26.

Gera (Hamburg Amerika Line) (F. G. Smith and Co., Napier agents), ex Australia, due Wellington middle January, thence Napier to load sale wool, thence Auckland and Lyttelton. Expected to leave Lyttelton on February 13 for Continental ports.

Kaimai, 1435 tons (Union S.S. Co.) (replacing the Wainui), is expected to load at Dunedin on January 10 for Gisborne and Napier, via Oamaru, Timaru, Lyttelton and Wellington. Due here on January 17.

Kaimiro, 2562 tons (Union S.S. Co.), is expected to load coal at Newcastle on December 22 for Napier and Gisborne; due here end next week.

Kaipara, 3800 tons (M.A.N.Z. Line, Ltd.), Capt. Hay (Federal Co., agents), ex Montreal. Due Auckland to-day from Dunedin to commence homeward loading, thence on December 22 for NAPIER (due Dec. 23), thence Wellington 27-28 and Lyttelton 29-31. Expected to clear Lyttelton on December 31 for New York, Boston, Saint John and Halifax.

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

Koau, 144 tons (Richardson and Co.), due here this morning with wool from Tolaga Bay.

Kopara, 850 tons, Capt. F. S. Bates (Richardson and Co.), discharging wool at the Glasgow wharf, due to sail at 3 p.m. to-day for Auckland.

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

Naumburg, Capt. Baumgarten (Hamburg Amerika Line), left here at 6.30 a.m. on Saturday for Wellington, thence Lyttelton for final loading and dispatch. Expected to clear Lyttelton to-morrow for Dunkirk, Antwerp, Bremen and Hamburg, via U.S.A. ports (Hawke's Bay wool aboard).

Opawa, t.s.m.s., 10,354 tons, Capt. F. S. Hamilton (N.Z. Shipping Co.), loading to the agency of the Federal Co., is expected to leave Liverpool on January 14. Due Auckland February 17, thence Wellington, Napier, Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Pakura, 719 tons, Capt. C. W. Coldicutt (Richardson and Co.), is due at Wellington this morning with wool for southern coast. After discharging will go on the patent slip for annual overhaul.

Poolta, 1675 tons (Union S.S. Co.), left Westport at 6 p.m. on Saturday for Napier, due here this morning, thence Gisborne.

Port Gisborne, 11,060 tons, Capt. W. G. Higgs (Port Line Ltd.) is expected to leave London on February 15. Due Lyttelton March 22, thence Dunedin, Napier and Nelson (to discharge).

Port Hunter, t.s., 8430 tons, Capt. J. J. Hudson (Port Line Ltd.), was expected to leave London on Dec. 15, via Suva. Due Lyttelton January 28, thence Dunedin, Bluff, Napier and Wellington (to discharge).

Port Huon, 7850 tons, Capt. G. W. Hearn (Port Line, Ltd.) (Williams and Kettle, Napier agents), was due to leave Auckland last night for NAPIER (due here to-morrow morning), thence on Dec. 24 for Wellington Dec. 25-31. Expected to clear Wellington on December 31 for London, via Cape Horn. Due London on February 5.

Port Saint John (M.A.N.Z. Line), (Port Line Ltd., agents), left Montreal on November 23. Due Auckland December 28, thence NAPIER (due January 2), thence on January 4 for Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin to discharge.

Pukeko, 736 tons, Capt. S. M. Petley (Richardson and Co.), loaded at Lyttelton on Friday, and at Wellington yesterday for Napier, Gisborne and Waikokopu. Due here to-morrow.

Rangitane, r.m.m.v., 16,712 tons, Capt. H. L. Upton, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.D., R.N.R. (N.Z. Shipping Co.), left London on November 10, arrived Wellington at 1.15 p.m. on Friday, December 16, thence to-morrow for Auckland (due Dec. 23) to discharge. Tentative loading as follows: Auckland December 29-January 3, Tokomaru Bay January 4-5, NAPIER January 6-7, and Wellington January 9-12. Expected to clear Wellington on January 12 for London, via Panama.

Sultan Star, 12,306 tons (Blue Star Line), left London on November 19 and Laurenco Marques at 4 p.m. on December 15, with basic slag. Due Auckland January 5. Tentative loading as follows: Auckland January 5-11, Lyttelton January 13-17, Wellington January 18-21, and NAPIER January 22-28. Expected to clear Napier on January 28 for London, where she is due on February 28.

Tongariro, 8179 tons, Capt. P. B. Clarke (N.Z. Shipping Co.), left New York November 24, due Auckland December 27, thence Napier, Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin. Due NAPIER December 31, and will discharge to the A. and A. Line.

Tu Atu, 42 tons, Capt. W. J. Martin, (Richardson and Co.), due from Wairoa at 10 a.m. to-day with wool.

Waimarama, m.v., 11,200 tons, Capt. J. Avern (Shaw Savill) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), left Wellington at 4.56 p.m. on December 17 for Auckland, due yesterday, thence to-morrow for NAPIER December 23 and Lyttelton December 24-31. Expected to clear Lyttelton on December 31 for London, via Cape Horn and Las Palmas, where she is due on February 1.

Wainui, 1633 tons, Capt. R. Duncan (Union S.S. Co.), en route for Dunedin to undergo annual overhaul and survey. Her running will be taken up by the Kaimai, which is scheduled to leave Dunedin on January 10.

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS.

Aorangi, m.v., 17,491 tons (C.A. Line, Ltd.), Capt. T. V. Hill, leaves Sydney December 22, arrives Auckland December 26, leaves Auckland December 27, arrives Suva December 30, Honolulu January 6 and Vancouver January 13.

Arawa, 14,150 tons (Capt. T. V. Roberts, R.N.R. (Shaw Savill), is expected to leave London on Jan. 26, via Suva. Due Lyttelton March 10, thence Dunedin, Bluff and Timaru (to discharge).

Awatea, 13,482 tons, Captain Davey (Union S.S. Co.), due to leave Auckland to-day at 5 p.m., arrives Sydney December 23, leaves Sydney the same night, arrives Wellington December 26.

Cornwall, t.s., 10,603 tons, Capt. F. C. Pretty (Federal Co.), is expected to leave Liverpool on January 28. Due Auckland March 8, thence Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Cumberland, t.s., 10,938 tons, Capt. E. A. Burton (Federal Co.), ex Liverpool, arrived Dunedin at 6.30 a.m. on December 15 from Lyttelton to complete discharge and commence homeward loading, thence Wanganui Dec. 21-23, New Plymouth Dec. 24-31, Opua January 3-4, Auckland January 5-14 and Wellington January 16-21. Expected to clear Wellington on January 21 for London, Avonmouth, Liverpool and Glasgow, via Panama.

Dominion Monarch, 29,000 tons (Shaw Savill), is expected to leave London on February 16. Due Wellington March 25, thence Auckland (to discharge).

Dunedin Star, 11,168 tons (Blue Star Line), is expected to leave London on January 8, due Wellington February 8, thence Dunedin and New Plymouth (to discharge).

Durham, 10,895 tons, Capt. C. R. Pilcher (Federal Co.), left Liverpool on November 19. Due Auckland December 22, thence Wellington (due January 4), thence Lyttelton, Dunedin and New Plymouth (to discharge).

Empire Star, 11,093 tons (Blue Star Line), expected to leave Liverpool on December 31. Due Auckland February 2, thence Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Fordsdale, 9948 tons, Capt. D. Christie (Shaw Savill), is expected to leave Liverpool on February 11. Due Auckland March 19, thence Wellington, Lyttelton, Dunedin and Bluff (to discharge).

Huntingdon, t.s., 10,938 tons, Capt. E. A. Burton (Federal Co.), left Liverpool on November 5, arrived Auckland late December 15, thence to-morrow for Wellington, thence Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Kent, s.s., 8694 tons, Capt. J. V. Williams (Federal Co.), was expected to leave Liverpool on Saturday night. Due Auckland January 26, thence Wellington, Littelton, Dunedin and Bluff (to discharge).

Maetsuycker, m.s., 5120 tons, Capt. Staal (K.P.M. Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), was expected to leave Singapore last Saturday, via the usual Eastern ports, due Auckland January 11 and Wellington January 14.

Mariposa (Pacific Mail) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), left Auckland at 6 p.m. on December 12 for San Francisco, where she is due December 27; leaves Los Angeles January 4, due Auckland February 23, thence mbs Auckland January 20.

Mataroa, 12,351 tons, Capt. W. H. Hartman (Shaw Savill), is expected to leave London on January 19. Due Auckland February 23, thence Wellington (to discharge).

Monterey (Matson Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), left Los Angeles on December 7, arrives Auckland December 23, thence Australia.

Napier Star, 10,116 tons, Capt. R. D. Miller (Blue Star Line), left London on November 25. Due Wellington December 30, thence Lyttelton (to discharge for the Shaw, Savill and Albion Co.).

Niagara, 13,415 tons (C.A. Line Ltd.), Capt. A. T. Taten, leaves Vancouver December 21, due Auckland January 9, thence the following day for Sydney.

Norfolk, 10,940 tons, Capt. R. H. L. McNish, D.S.O., R.N.R. (Federal Co.), left Falmouth on November 16 (in ballast), due Auckland January 2.

Orari, t.s.m.s., 10,350 tons, Capt. J. G. Almond (N.Z. Shipping Co.), left London on November 3, arrived Lyttelton at 8.30 a.m. on December 17, thence Dunedin, Bluff, Timaru and New Plymouth, to discharge. Tentative loading as follows: New Plymouth January 11-12, Wanganui January 13-14 and Picton January 15-16. The balance of her itinerary has not yet been allotted.

Port Auckland, 11,520 tons, Capt. C. A. Robinson, from New York, Philadelphia and Newport News, arrived Dunedin on Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. from Lyttelton to complete discharge. Tentative loading as follows: Gisborne Dec. 20-24, Auckland December 26-31, Wellington January 2-6, Bluff January 9-11 and Dunedin January 12-14. Expected to clear Dunedin on January 14 for London and Newcastle-on-Tyne, via Panama.

Port Sydney, 12,400 tons d.w., Capt. R. Needham (Port Line Ltd.), left Sydney on Tuesday, due to load at Timaru on December 22, thence Opua, Auckland and Waikokopu. The balance of her itinerary has not yet been allotted.

Rangitata, r.m.m.v., 16,737 tons, Capt. E. Holland (N.Z. Shipping Co.), is expected to leave London on February 2. Due Auckland March 9, thence Wellington (to discharge).

Rangitiki, t.s.m.s., 16,698 tons, Captain H. Barnett (N.Z. Shipping Co.), is expected to leave London on January 5. Due Auckland February 9, thence Lyttelton (to discharge).

Rimutaka, 17,000 tons, Capt. C. B. Lamb (N.Z. Shipping Co.), left London on December 8 (maiden voyage), due Auckland January 12, thence on January 17 for Wellington (to discharge).

Ruahine, t.s., 10,870 tons, Capt. G. Kinnell (N.Z. Shipping Co.), left Immingham on December 13. Due Auckland January 24.

Tainui, Capt. J. V. Jinks (Shaw Savill), left Southampton on November 25. Due Auckland January 5, thence Dunedin (to discharge).

Tamaroa (Shaw Savill), Capt. W. Dawson), is expected to leave London on December 22. Due Wellington January 25, thence Auckland (to discharge).

Tasman, 4994 tons, Capt. Kramers (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), left Wellington at 12.17 p.m. on December 17 for Sydney, thence Port Moresby, Java, Singapore and Saigon.

Tekoa, s.s., 9775 tons (F.S.N. Co.), was due at Auckland on Sunday from Tokomaru Bay. Expected to clear Auckland on December 31 for London, Avonmouth, Cardiff, Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow, via Panama (Hawke's Bay produce aboard).

Waipawa, Capt J. W. Johnson (Shaw Savill), left Liverpool on December 3. Due Auckland January 3, thence on January 7 for Wellington, Lyttelton and Dunedin (to discharge).

Zealandic, 8281 tons, Capt. C. N. Andrews (Shaw Savill), was due to leave Wanganui yesterday for New Plymouth, thence on December 23 for Wellington December 24-29, Timaru December 30-January 2, and Dunedin January 3-4. Expected to clear Dunedin on January 4 for London, via Cape Horn.

Work was resumed in the Lyons building trade after a strike of 12 weeks. More than 2000 men, however, failed to find work, many timber yards having been closed and not a few firms being still deterred by high costs.

MANY CHRISTMAS MARRIAGES

HASTINGS LICENCES INCREASE

18 THIS MONTH

Five Issued Yesterday By Registrar

Hastings is experiencing a boom time for marriages. Indications are that the number this Christmas will be one of the largest on record, and that the figures for the whole of 1938 will also be a considerable increase on last year.

The Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages at Hastings has been kept busy during the last few weeks issuing marriage licences and as Christmas approaches the demand is increasing.

No fewer than five licences were issued in Hastings yesterday and during the week-end five marriages were solemnised at one church in the town. So far this month 18 certificates have been issued, the office being open on only 12 working days.

Last year there were 205 marriages in Hastings but already the number for 1938 is 244 and it is expected to show an increase before the year ends.

Christmas weddings are popular and many of the certificates issued are for marriages which will take place the day before or the day after Christmas Day.

Effect on Jewellers.

The effect of the increased marriages is being felt by jewellers in the town. They report that there is a great demand for wedding rings. It appears that there will also be many people becoming engaged over the festive season too, because jewellers said yesterday that they were enjoying good sales of engagement rings.

A marriage affects more than the bride and the bridegroom. In addition to the two principal parties, weddings help to make this a merry Christmas for a large number of people.

Marriages help the money to circulate by providing employment for caterers, dressmakers, tailors and others. Shop assistants, too, have cause to know that marriages are frequent at present. Hundreds of people are buying gifts and thus assisting trade.

Parking Notices Erected

FIRST IN HASTINGS

Restriction At Power Board Building

DOORWAY KEPT CLEAR

The first of the Transport Department's new traffic-control signs have made their appearance in the streets of Hastings. They have been erected at the back entrance to the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board's building to show motorists that cars must not be parked in front of the emergency doorways.

The attention of members of the board to the danger of motor-cars parking in front of these doorways was drawn at the last meeting of the board. It was pointed out that if it was found necessary to get one of the board's repair vans out while a car was parked in the way, it might be necessary to damage the car. It was decided to erect suitable signs showing that parking was not allowed.

The signs have been approved by the Transport Department and are in use all over New Zealand. They are painted a bright yellow and bear black lettering. The ones at the power board building bear the letters: P. NP.

The first letter draws the attention of the motorist to the fact that the notice refers to parking. The second letters give the nature of the restriction, in this case, no parking. Where the signs are in use in other centres, the second letters may refer to the length of time a motorist may leave his car.

The notices, one on each side of the doorway, have been erected on steel supports embedded in the footpath and will be conspicuous at all times.

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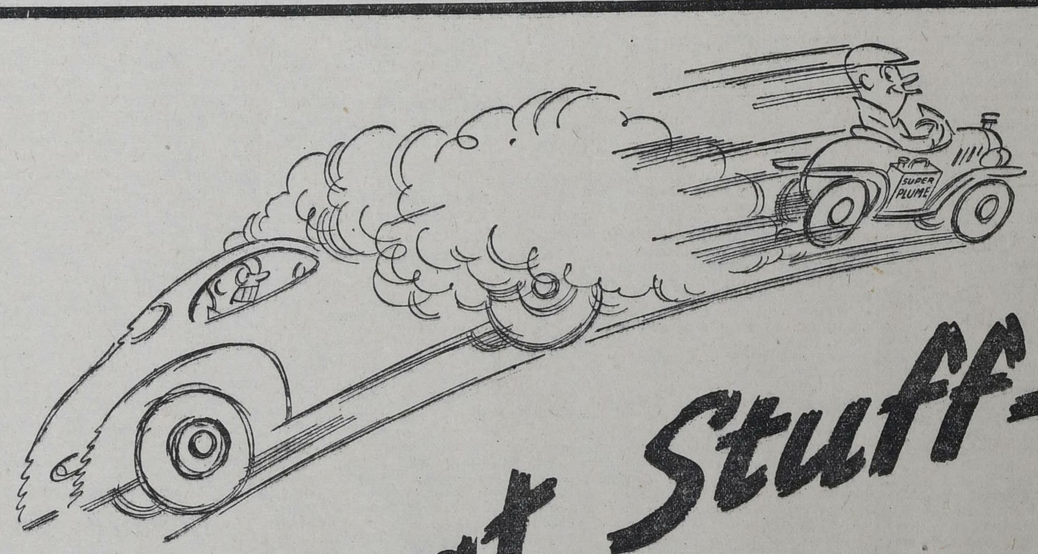

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THE PROSPECTS FOR YEAR 501,938

Big Round Heads

PILLS FOR DINNER PREDICTED

Vanishing Little Toe

In the brave new world of A.D. 501,938 men will have big round heads and eat pills for dinner.

They will also be bald, have small jaws, big brains, no little toes, and a lot of intelligence.

These predictions were made by Dr Ian Hogben, lecturer in Anthropology at the University of Sydney, in a wireless talk.

"I'm pretty safe because I won't be here in half a million years to listen to anyone telling me I was wrong," he said.

Because the people in half a million years would eat concentrated foods, their jaws and stomachs would atrophy and become smaller.

A pill, about the size of an aspirin tablet, would contain all the nourishment of a good dinner.

In support of this he pointed out that the teeth of people nowadays were not as good as those of previous generations. Many people now did not even cut wisdom teeth.

Municipal

"HERE COMES TROUBLE"

With "You May Be Next!"

Exciting entertainment is "You May Be Next!" featuring Ann Sothern and Lloyd Nolan. The exciting drama develops out of a most unusual and unique situation.

Briefly, the story concerns a master-plotter's attempt to jam a nation's radio channels with a mysterious and secret interfering wave. He is thus able to extort fabulous sums from the radio companies, while successfully evading justice.

Heading the cast is Ann Sothern in the role of a cafe and radio entertainer, Douglass Dumbrille is featured as the super-racketeer who discovers and puts into practice the novel method of hi-jacking the big broadcasting stations, while Lloyd Nolan appears as a young radio engineer, in love with Miss Sothern, who is suspected of ruining his former employer's broacasts.

The associate feature to-night will be "Here Comes Trouble," a rollicking comedy of cultured crooks on the high seas, in which Paul Kelly, Arline Judge and Mona Barrie have the leading roles.

State

GAY COMEDY AND WESTERN

"Sweet Devil," With "Border G-Man"

Bobby Howes, the famous musical comedy star, and Jean Gillie, the beautiful young English film actress are the madcap stars of "Sweet Devil," opening at the State Theatre Hastings, to-day.

The story concerns the calf-love of a pretty typist (Jean Gillie) for her rather pompous employer (William Kendall), and the dilemma into which she gets when his harum-scarum partner (Bobby Howes) comes along and captures her heart. The partner himself has a vixenish fiancee with prior claims to him (Glen Alyn), the fiancee has an awe-inspiring mother (Ellis Jeffreys), and the consequent mix-up is colossal!

It reaches its climax when Jean Gillie, rescued from a fake love-suicide in a river, is taken to "dry out" at Bobby's engagement party and secreted in his pyjamas in his bedroom, all unbeknown to the legitimate guests downstairs.

Jean decides, after a diet to champagne and caviare, that she too would like to join in the fun—and, to the general consternation, does so. It involves Bobby in numerous entanglements, including a rupture with his partner, a row with his fiancee and her mother, and the disapproval of his butler (Syd. Walker)

The recently passed American Neutrality Act, forbidding the export of arms and ammunition to a warring nation without Government sanction, provides a basis for the plot to "Border G-Man," George O'Brien's current outdoor action film.

The husky star is cast as a Government agent assigned to track down a group of smugglers operating from a ranch on the gulf coast of Texas, who are violating the United States neutrality laws.

The manner in which he succeeds forms the basis of a thrilling story.

David Howard directed this fine production, and the supporting cast includes Laraine Johnson, Ray Whitley, John Milian and Rita La Roy.

Cosy

BORIS KARLOFF IN A NEW MYSTERY

"Invisible Menace" With "Personal Secretary"

Minus any of the usual horrors of make-up, Boris Karloff heads the cast of "The Invisible Menace," a thrilling and unusual mystery now showing at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

The story opens on an island occupied by the United States Army as an arsenal. A young private, played by Eddie Craven, smuggles on to this place his bride of the afternoon—Marie Wilson, whom he has married while on a short furlough.

Seeking a place to hide her, he stumbles across the body of an ordnance officer, who has been tortured and killed. An investigation begins, and between this and the young bridegroom's desperate efforts to hide his bride, there's a whole lot of tension and suspense, liberally mixed with laughs.

Karloff is a civilian engineer employed at the arsenal. He is suspected of the killing, because at one time, on the island of Hawaii, he has had difficulties with the slain officer. Up until the very last moment of the picture the real killer is free and generally unsuspected.

Filmed from the original screenplay by Betty Laidlaw, "Personal Secretary" contains far more than the usual amount of surprising twists.

There is a solid, ingenious plot. The poisoned man's widow is on trial and obviously guilty of murder. It is here that two rival newspaper columnists, Joy Hodges and William Gargan take on the case.

Through intrigue, skullduggery and counterplotting, the innocent widow is saved from execution and the real killer brought to justice; but only after Joy and Bill lose their hearts.

"The First 100 Years."

Heading the cast of "The First 100 Years" are Virginia Bruce and Robert Montgomery. The two turn in fine performances in this gay comedy, opening to-morrow at the Cosy.

Regent

BRILLIANT ROMANCE CONCLUDES

Franchot Tone, Myrna Loy In "Man Proof"

An ultra-modern story of a four-sided romance, "Man-Proof" concludes to-day at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, with a stellar cast headed by Myrna Loy, Franchot Tone, Rosalind Russell and Walter Pidgeon.

Famous for her portrayals as the ideal American wife, Miss Loy now deviates from her usual roles to play a single woman whose man is stolen by a rival.

"Man-Proof" is the amusing story of a modern marital mix-up, with the Misses Loy and Russell ably abetted by Tone and Walter Pidgeon.

Miss Loy is the lovely newspaper artist who is madly in love with towering Walter Pidgeon, but ambitious Pidgeon marries Rosalind Russell, whose father rolls in wealth. Miss Loy is determined to win Pidgeon back and compel him to get a divorce, but while the honeymooners are away she diverts her interests to her art and to the companionship of Franchot Tone, a cartoonist.

At a homecoming party for the honeymooners Miss Loy attends, to prove that she no longer loves Pidgeon. He is so charming at the reunion that her love for him is rekindled and they soon see each other clandestinely. Meanwhile, Tone tolerates the romance, fully understanding the futility of it.

The wife, one evening, discovers her husband in Miss Loy's rooms. Miss Russell offers a divorce to her husband. Pidgeon does not want to lose his comfortable position in life and decides against a divorce. Miss Loy finally understands the foolishness of her romance with Pidgeon. On a sunny morning, she and Tone are having breakfast in her mother's cottage. Over the boiled eggs they pledge to continue as "pals"—but the mother knows it is love.

There is, in addition, a splendid first half, with grand short features worthy of the fine main feature.

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"I have been looking over these papers, and there seems to me a strange suggestion of telepathy about the way in which, after a lapse of six weeks, one lawyer suddenly decides to write to another, and does in fact write, on a certain subject, when at that very moment there is a letter in the post for him from the other lawyer on the same subject," remarked Mr Justice Callan in the course of argument before him in the Auckland Supreme Court, commenting on an explanation why an application to the Court had been delayed. "It seems like telepathy or television to me." One of the counsel in Court suggested that the explanation really was telephony; that the writer of the letter then in the post, suddenly informed by a third interested party of delay, had at first communicated by telephone his intention to prosecute the matter and then had written the letter, and that the other lawyer, on receiving the message by 'phone, had hastened to turn the information into a written reply. "Ah, that seems a plausible explanation," remarked his Honour. One of the barristers engaged on the other side in the case admitted that his learned friend's explanation accorded with fact, and his Honour smiled.

An exhibition organised by the German Huguenot Society has been opened in Berlin in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the death of Friedrich Wilhelm, the "Grosser Kurfurst" and protector of the French Protestants. The exhibition illustrates the economic progress and cultural influence of the Huguenots in Brandenburg and Berlin.

CHINESE UNIFORMS FOR JAPANESE

An Eastern Irony

THOUSANDS SUPPLIED TO ENEMY

Cheap Labour Used

One of many Far East ironies was bared in Shanghai through disclosure by the vernacular Press that Chinese workers are busy turning out uniforms for Japanese soldiers (says the "Christian Science Monitor").

Labour is cheaper, of course, than even in Japan. Accordingly, a factory headed by one Chen, a native of Ningpo, who was associated with the staff of the Japan-sponsored "Pootung government"—functioning on the other side of the Whangpoo from foreign Shanghai—was given an order for 30,000 Japanese army uniforms. Several hundred women were employed in the work. The factory is also said to be making more than 10,000 uniforms for the Pootung police, newly organised under Japanese auspices.

Hardly "Fortunate."

This situation has drawn some barbed comments to the effect that while poor Chinese workers must get their rice somehow, the fabrication of uniforms to be worn by aggressors in China is hardly to be regarded as a fortunate type of employment.

Similar "realism," however, has been displayed by the other side in the past. During the "Shanghai war" of 1932, a Kobe shipyard finished a modern vessel for the Chinese Navy and, in accordance with the best ethics, proceeded to make prompt delivery.

Contract Carried Out.

When the vessel steamed into the Whangpoo River on its way to Shanghai, the Japanese warcraft engaged in bombardment of the Woosung forts at the mouth of the river obligingly suspended fire so that Japanese might carry out their contract.

The Chinese Navy has not at any stage of the hostilities played any real part in combating the Japanese but there seems an excellent prospect that the Japanese uniforms now under process of fabrication will see plenty of service at an early date in interior China.

Mayfair

"GUARD THAT GIRL" SHOWING

With "The Mine With The Iron Door"

Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, is a "Guest Season" day and admission prices are all stalls 9d, all circle 1/-. This week's Guest Programme is, "The Mine with the Iron Door" and "Guard That Girl."

An important cast of notable players in "Guard That Girl" brings to life the story of a desperate murderer who uses big-game arrows as his lethal weapons. It is an impossible task to select the guilty person from among such players as Robert Allen, Arthur Hohl, Ward Bond and Elizabeth Risdon. The shadow of suspicion also plays upon Florence Rice, who disguises herself as the heiress unknown criminals seek to kill; upon Barbara Kent and Bert Roach, who provide many of the picture's laughs. No matter what your worries, you will forget them as you find yourself joining the three detectives who face a maze of clues while endeavouring to find a brilliantly fiendish murderer.

When Harold Bell Wright wrote his fascinating novel, "The Mine With the Iron Door," from which the picture of the same name was adapted, he contributed an outstanding role of adventure. The modern story, based upon one of the most romantic legends of the early West, tells of a young American who is victimised into buying some worthless Arizona property. With the aid of a dumb detective, he learns that the legendary "Mine With the Iron Door" supposedly is located on that property. The two set out in quest of the buried treasure. Adventures, both thrilling and humorous, befall them as they follow one clue after another in their search for the mine. But eventually they locate it in the picturesque Canada de Oro (Canyon of Gold). The leading roles are filled by Richard Arlen, Cecilia Parker, Henry B. Walthall and Stanley Fields.

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LAUREL AND HARDY'S GAYEST YET

Mirthful Musical, "Swiss Miss"

Laurel and Hardy reach a new peak of comedy in an Alpine setting, climbing to dizzy heights of mirth in "Swiss Miss," their new musical film which opened at the Gaiety, Napier, on Saturday before capacity houses. Their new picture has been given a highly entertaining plot and a sumptuous production. Settings are of unusual beauty and scenes in and about the inn where most of the action takes place rank high in pictorial quality.

Singers, dancers and musicians, garbed in the quaint costumes of the region, give a glamorous impression of a Swiss fete. Many customs of the district, such as yodelling, Alpen-horning, bell-ringing and flag-throwing, are introduced and afford an interesting and colourful background without obscuring in the least the hearty and mirth-provoking antics.

Their efforts to sell mouse-traps to the cheese producers, including demonstrations of the devices, are sequences as hilarious as have ever come to the screen. In success or in despair, their reactions never fail to hit the bell of pure and unadulterated comedy.

Romance enters the picture in the persons of Della Lind and Walter Woolf King. Their vocal numbers are well above the average and the music written especially for this production by Phil Charig possesses warmth and melodic appeal. Miss Lind, dainty and blonde, is a Viennese star of stage and screen who is making her American debut in "Swiss Miss." Another favourite in the cast is Eric Blore, who as King's gentleman's gentleman garners a full quota of laughs.

The outstanding supports include "Metrotone News" and "Australian News," a delightful musical novelty, "It's in the Stars," also the interesting historical number, "Strange Glory," the Gang kiddies, "That Awful Tooth" and a wonderful Pete Smith novelty, "Ski Champions." Reserves at Gaiety Theatre, 'phone 1060. No booking fee.

State

CHARLES BOYER IN FINE ROLE

With Hedy Lamarr In "Algiers"

Handsome Charles Boyer has his most romantic role as a lovable fugitive in Walter Wanger's "Algiers," the colourful adventurous romance that stars him opposite Hollywood's two most glamorous newcomers, Sigrid Gurie and Hedy Lamarr, which is now showing at the State Theatre, Napier. "Algiers" casts the dark-eyed screen lover as Pepe le Moko, devil-may-care international jewel thief, who takes refuge from the French police by living in the Casbah, the mysterious native quarter of Algiers where the law dare not intrude.

Here Pepe le Moko rules as king, idol of the strange exotic women of the quarter, commander of the men, and beloved by everyone for his handsome, smiling face and high, adventurous heart. Sigrid Gurie, who made a triumphant film debut in "The Adventures of Marco Polo," is seen as Ines, his beautiful and wildly jealous native sweetheart. Then one day there strolls into the Casbah, a beautiful Parisian tourist named Gaby—played by the alluring Viennese actress, Hedy Lamarr.

This is the day for which Slimane, suave provincial detective, has been patiently waiting. For he knows that if nothing else can lure the great lover out of the Casbah and into the hands of the law, perhaps a woman can. Pepe and Gaby fall madly in love, and after a series of exciting and romantic adventures, in the course of which the jealous native sweetheart betrays Pepe to the police, the story ends on a breath-taking surprise climax.

Joseph Calleia plays the detective Slimane, while others prominently featured in the cast are Alan Hale, Gene Lockhart, and Mme. Nina Koshetz. Additional supporting roles are taken by Joan Woodbury, Claudia Dell, Robert Craig.

There is a fine supporting programme, which includes a Popular Science feature, a Pictorial, a Travelogue and other attractions.

Plaza

"BULLDOG DRUMMOND IN AFRICA"

With Thrilling Zane Grey Western

Right in line with the present difficulties over international spy rings is the latest "Bulldog Drummond" mystery film "Bulldog Drummond in Africa," which opens to-morrow at the Plaza Theatre, Napier. With the theft of military secrets as its central theme, the picture shows the length to which determined spies will go to carry out their plans. They include the kidnapping of "Colonel Nielson," the head of Scotland Yard, and his removal from his English country estate to the Moroccan hill country, the posing of one spy as a British diplomatic official, the bombing of an aeroplane attempting to rescue "Nielson," and, finally, the use of medieval tortures to extract secrets from unwilling victims.

John Howard, appearing as "Bulldog Drummond" for the fourth time, will be seen in the title role. Newcomers to the "Drummond" cast include lovely Heather Angel, the English star, who has the role of "Phyllis Clavering," H. B. Warner, cast as the head of Scotland Yard, and J. Carroll Naish, who plays the leader of the spy ring.

The second feature, "Mysterious Rider," is a thrilling picturisation of one of Zane Grey's most thrilling Western stories; it is charged with adventure loved by old and young alike. Douglas Dumbrille, Russell Hayden and Charlotte Fields have the leading roles. The plans are at Lockyer's ('phone 526).

Current Programme.

To-night sees the final screening of Universal's great emotional triumph, "Wives Under Suspicion." Brilliant work by Warren William and Gail Patrick heighten its thrilling qualities, while its romance is of a nature that cannot fail to appeal to even the most blase.

Three officers of the Portuguese Air Force have been nominated to attend a course at the R.A.F. Central Flying School at Upavon.

Frank Dale, an Anglo-Burman, was sentenced in Rangoon to one year's rigorous imprisonment for robbing Indians during the riots of last July.

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SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL BREAK-UP CEREMONY

Rev. Dr. Casey, S.M., Addresses The Girls In Napier

At the annual breaking-up ceremony of the Sacred Heart High School, Napier, recently, the Rev. Dr. Casey, S.M., and the Rev. L. Spring, S.M., presided over the distribution of awards.

Previous to the distribution, the pupils sang "There's a Song Down Every Roadway," and at the end a Christmas carol, "Bright Angels We Have Heard on High."

After presenting the various medals and trophies to the fortunate winners, the Rev. Dr. Casey addressed the girls, recalling to them the necessity for remembering the training they had received at school, and their obligation of acting at all times in a manner worthy of that training, so as to reflect credit on their school. He reminded those who were finally leaving school that life would be a series of lessons, of which they were only at the beginning.

The following is the list of awards:—

Dux of School (Gold Medal): Patricia Kassler.

Christian Doctrine Secondary Division (Gold Cross presented by the Rev. Dr. Casey, S.M.): Leonie Cheriton.

Christian Doctrine Primary Division (Gold): Shirley Ryan.

Highest Marks in Form II (Silver Medal): Shirley Ryan.

Special Prize for Excellence in Commercial Division: Leonie Cheriton.

Highest Marks Music (Gold Medal): Betty Candy.

Highest Marks Music (Silver Medal): Joan McNeece.

Special Prizes Music: Joan O'Connor, Mary McNeece, Gloria Wilson.

Special Prizes Theory: Marjorie McGlashan, Mary Horgan.

Special Prize Literature: Maureen Ryan.

Special Prize Science: Joan O'Connor.

Special Prize for Progress in First Aid (presented by the Red Cross Executive): Audrey Hill.

Mr. F. O'Keefe's Prize for Essay: Mary McNeece.

Highest Marks Form 1: Judy Lamberg.

Highest Marks Standard 4: Veronica Murphy.

Highest Marks Standard 3: Marie Foley.

Certificates for Public Service Shorthand-Typists' Entrance.—Senior: Leonie Cheriton (first place in Napier), Marie Vilars. Junior: Annie Lascelles (first place in Napier), Joyce Ryan (credit), Mary Colbert, Marie Villars, Marie Beach, Brenda Grainger.

Shorthand Pitman's Certificate for 130 words per minute: Leonie Cheriton.

Primary School Certificates: Shirley Ryan, Prudence Gregory, Leonore Reilly.

Honour Certificates, Secondary Division.

Form Va: Patricia Kassler, Honours in English, Literature, Essay, Music; Patricia Reade, Honours in Christian Doctrine, English, Essay, Literature, French; Mary Donovan, Honours in English, Essay, Literature; Tansey Murphy, Honours in Literature, Essay, Arithmetic; Judith Spencer, Honours in English, Essay, Literature.

Form Vb: Leonie Cheriton, Honours in Christian Doctrine, Essay, English, Literature, Shorthand, Typewriting, Dressmaking, Music, First Aid; June Fairbrother, Honours in English, Essays, Shorthand, Typewriting; Marie Villars, Honours in English, Essay, Shorthand, Typewriting; Marie Beach, Honours in English, Essay, Shorthand, Typewriting; Brenda Grainger, Honours in Shorthand, Typewriting; Annie Lascelles, Honours in Christian Doctrine, English, Essay, Shorthand, Typewriting; Joyce Ryan, Honours in English, Essay, Shorthand, Typewriting.

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Form IIIb: Geraldine Daniell, Honours in Typewriting; Margaret Gibson, honours in typewriting, First Aid; Colleen Greaney, Honours in Music; Patricia Hogan, Honours in Christian Doctrine, Music, Shorthand, Typewriting; Mary Horgan, Honours in Music, Dressmaking; Eileen Jeffares, Honours in Essay; Dorothy Johnson, Honours in Shorthand, Typewriting; Margaret Manning, Honours in Typewriting; Suzanne Marcel, Honours in Typewriting; Joan Miles, Honours in History, Typewriting, Music; Betty Ryan, Honours in French, Book-keeping, First Aid; Joy Tyne, Honours in History, Shorthand.

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Form Va: Patricia Kassler, Credit in Christian Doctrine, French, Mathematics, Science; Patricia Reade, Credit in Arithmetic, Mathematics, Science; Mary Donovan, Credit in Christian Doctrine, French, Science; Tansey Murphy, Credit in Christian Doctrine, English, French, Science; Judith Spencer, Credit in French, Mathematics, Science.

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Standard 3: Marie Foley, Honours in English, Essay, Reading, Science, Elocution, Art; Patricia Bartlett, Honours in Writing, Art, Music; Bernadette Minio, Honours in English, Reading, Elocution, Art, Needlework; Nola Horgan, Honours in Art, Needlework; Joan McNeece, Honours in Essay, Reading, Elocution, Science, Music; Nancy Ryan, Honours in Essay, Reading, Elocution, Writing, Art; Patricia Sands, Honours in Reading, Elocution, Writing, Art, Needlework, Music; Vernice Wilson, Honours in Essay, Science, Art, Spelling, Music.

Standard 2: Margaret Brophy, Honours in Christian Doctrine, Handwork; Maureen Costello, Honours in Christian Doctrine, English, Reading, Elocution, Spelling, Arithmetic, Nature Study, Handwork; Clare Lawton, Honours in Christian Doctrine, English, Spelling, History, Nature Study, Drawing, Handwork; Beth Sweetapple, Honours in Christian Doctrine, Reading, Elocution, Nature Study, Drawing, Handwork, Music; Vincent Wilson, Honours in Spelling, Arithmetic, Music.

Standard 1: Betty Coldicutt, Honours in English, Reading, Elocution, Spelling, Arithmetic, Drawing; Helen Desha, Honours in Essay, Reading, Elocution, Spelling, Handwork, Music; Madeline Foley, Honours in Christian Doctrine, English, Essay, Reading, Elocution, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Drawing, Handwork; Pauline Russell, Honours in Christian Doctrine, Essay, Reading, Elocution, Writing; Bernice Wilson, Honours in Christian Doctrine, English, Reading, Elocution, Spelling, Writing; Nance Wilson, Honours in Christian Doctrine, English, Essay, Reading, Elocution, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Drawing, Handwork.

Grade 4: Stavely Yeo, Honours in Christian Doctrine, Reading, Elocution, Music, Drawing, Handwork; Theresa Wrenn, Honours in Christian Doctrine, Reading, Elocution, Spelling, Writing, Drawing, Handwork.

Credit Certificates, Primary Division.

Form II: Shirley Ryan, Credit in History, Geography, Cooking, Needlework; Prudence Gregory, Credit in English, French, Science, History, Cooking; Joy McHary, Credit in Essay, French, History, Cooking; Gloria Wilson, Credit in Essay, French, History, Cooking, Needlework; Leonore Reilly, Credit in Christian Doctrine, Essay, History.

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Certificates For First Aid.

Leonie Cheriton (Hons.), Barbara Cranko (Hons.), Clare Fox (Hons.), Audrey Hill (Hons.), Marjorie McGlashan (Hons.), Maureen McLeary (Hons.), Betty Ryan (Hons.), Maureen Ryan (Hons.), Joan Sandes (Hons.), Dorothy Barry, Denise Begley, Bernice Berry, Josephine Burke, Beverley Burrows, Betty Candy, Geraldine Daniell, Teresa Dooney, Joan Greaney, Colleen Greaney, Patricia Hertz, Patricia Hogan, Mary Horgan, Maureen Kassler, Shirley Madigan, Joan Miles, Mary Reading, Margaret Manning, Patricia Scoble, Nola Simmonds, Joy Tyne.

Certificates Trinity College Practical Examination.

Patricia Kassler (Advanced Senior), Betty Candy (Senior Merit), Joan O'Connor (Senior), Mary McNeece (Advanced Prep. Honours), Clare Fox (Advanced Prep. Merit), Phyllis Paul (Advanced Prep. Merit), Elaine Sweetapple (Advanced Prep.), Margaret O'Neill (Prep. Merit), Joan McNeece (First Steps Honours), Gloria Wilson (First Steps Honours), Margaret Downing (First Steps Merit), Patricia Bartlett (First Steps Merit), Patricia Sands (First Steps Merit), Helen Desha (Initial Honours), Vincent Wilson (Initial Honours), Vernice Wilson (Initial Merit), Stavely Yeo (Initial).

Certificates Trinity College Theoretical Examination.

Marjorie McGlashan (Hons.), Mary Horgan (Hons.), Maureen McLeary (Hons.), Donna Kelly (Hons.), Phyllis Paul (Hons.), Clare Fox (Hons.).

Tennis Tournament.

Winner of Silver Cup for Senior Championship Singles: Patricia Hogan.

Winner of Silver Cup for Junior Championship Singles: Joy McHardy.

Winner of Silver Cup for St. Patrick's Tennis Club: Betty Candy.

Winner of Colbert Cup for Inter-House Sports: Black House.

Basketball Tournament (Shield).

Napier Basketball Association School Grade won by Sacred Heart "A" team.

Needlework Competition.

Clark and Co. Embroidery Shield won by Barbara Cranko.

When washing place small articles such as handkerchiefs, soft collars, serviettes, o'oyleys, etc., in a pillow-case, before putting them into the copper to boil.

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If there is no help handy when moving a heavy piece of furniture fold a thick duster under the end to be dragged, and the linoleum will not be scratched.

FOR COOL DAYS IN SUMMER.—This lovely fleecy-white lamb's wool coat is ideal for wear in summertime on a coolish day. It is chosen by Dorothy Moore, RKO Radio player, who ears it over a black silk dress accented with a lace yoke. The black and white scheme is continued in the suede glove, bag and shoes and off the face hat.

The Arrangement Of Flowers

WHY NOT TRY THESE MODERN WAYS

Every woman has her own ideas about the arrangement of flowers. It is as important and all-absorbing a subject as the choice of her new season's hat.

But just as some women select hats which do not suit them, despite the variety of their ideas, so there are many women who fail to extract the maximum degree of effect out of their floral arrangements, because they fail to appreciate important fundamentals, which make the compiling of a bowl of flowers almost traditional.

These fundamentals can be traced back through the centuries to the traditions of the East, where flower masters have, for generations, instructed young girls in the art of arranging flowers, says Kay Carson, an Australian writer.

THE ORIENTAL WAY

The Orientals base the technique of flower arrangements upon three essential points, the Leading Principle (Heaven), the Subordinate Principle (Earth) and the Reconciling Principle (man).

They consider that any flower arrangement which does not embrace these three principles, whether formal, semi-formal or informal, is barren and dead.

Translated into present-day language, heaven is represented by colour, earth by the choice of flowers, while man is the hand which arranges them.

The choice of flowers to-day is practically unlimited now that blooms, which cannot be grown locally, are imported from countries far afield.

Some of the loveliest flowers which are imported into Australia are exotic orchids, which are flown by Imperial Airways and Quantas Empire flying-boats regularly from Singapore.

From Singapore to England, too, fly these cherished tropical blooms, while Londoners are supplied daily with air-borne orchids, which are flown by Imperial Airways from Brussels.

Conversely, England herself plays a large part in the export of flowers abroad. Fragrant roses travel by air almost every day to Paris, while lilies, carnations and gladioli find their way to other capital cities in Europe, where they subsequently adorn salons and reception rooms for notable parties.

THE STARTING POINT

The correct starting point of the arrangement of any bowl of flowers centres round the one bloom which is to reflect the predominating colours. A good example of what I mean can be gained by taking a lilium auratum, which is cream, striped with gold and pointed on the stamens with dull red pollen. With the lilium you could play up two entirely different colour themes, one rather insipid and the other very strong.

Taking the insipid theme first, you would arrange golden roses and apricot gladioli and carnations with your lilium. The effect of this could be greatly heightened with clever lighting behind the bowl. The stronger arrangement, by contrast, would be to build up the liliums with crimson dahlias, scarlet gladioli and red nerines.

HAVE MIXED BOWLS

Take pink as your next colour theme. There are some roses which have a definite tendency to bluish tones. On no account must you introduce anything faintly resembling salmon-pink into the vase. "Laddie" pink roses are ideal and immediately cry out for a combination of mauve, purple, and blue. With these roses you can have pink chrysanthemums and gladioli, while a mauve or purple note can be introduced with scabiosa, violets, gentians and anemones.

Mixed bowls, because of their adaptability to almost any room, are always popular.

The most effective mixed bowls are those based on the oil paintings of such well-known Dutch flower painters as Van Huysen or Van de Hecke.

These bowls are composed by selecting one sample of any perennial or annual you can obtain, the whole making a glorious splash of colour.

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A Twenty-First Birthday

MISS IDA HENEY

Guests Entertained At A Jolly Party

The United Hall, Lyndon Road, Hastings, was the scene of much gaiety recently when Mr and Mrs H. Heney entertained about 100 guests at a coming-of-age party in honour of their daughter, Ida.

The evening passed quickly with dancing and items. The excellent music was played by McKay's orchestra. The following items were greatly enjoyed by all: Elocutionary numbers by the Misses Naida Cameron, Valerie McCoombe and Valmai John; Highland Fling and Irish Jig by Miss June Knuckey; violin solos by Mr Nolan McKay.

A dainty buffet supper was served during which the beautifully iced birthday cake, which had been made and presented by Mr and Mrs R. Mardon, was cut by the guest of honour. Mr R. Mardon proposed the toast to Miss Ida Heney and after this had been honoured Mr Heney presented his daughter with a gold key. Later Miss Heney thanked everyone for their good wishes.

A musical parcels game was won by Mr Les Rollander and Mr L. Davidson, the Monte Carlo waltz by Mr and Mrs G. Heaps and the Spot dance by Mr and Mrs Mardon.

Mrs Heney wore a gown of black silk figured marocain trimmed with red buttons down the back, a black velvet belt and diamante buckle. The guest-of-honour was very daintily gowned in shell pink georgette made on very fitting lines falling into a full skirt and having full puffed sleeves. The front of the bodice was ruched and finished with a heart shaped neckline and silver buttons trimmed the back. She wore a silver head band and silver sandals.

The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr Eric Heney.

The guests were as follows:—

Mr and Mrs G. Heaps, Mr and Mrs J. W. Martin, Mr and Mrs R. Cameron, Mr and Mrs J. Davidson, Mr and Mrs W. Lincoln, Mr and Mrs J. Gibb, Mr and Mrs R. Mardon, Mr and Mrs P. O'Connor, Mr and Mrs N. Robson, Mr and Mrs J. McCue, Mr and Mrs C. McCoombe, Mr and Mrs T. Davidson, Mr and Mrs E. John, Mr and Mrs A. Farmery, Mr and Mrs R. Hunter.

Mesdames J. Appleby, J. Bell, L. Elmes, Duthie, Davidson, G. Ritchie, J. Knuckey, C. Wrightson.

Misses Nancy Heney, T. Downing, M. Boyd, M. Davidson, H. Gibb, J. Gibb, S. Lincoln, J. Knuckey, Valerie McCoombe, V. John, V. Harris, M. Mardon, R. Sunley, J. McCue, J. Woon, G. Cockburn, Fay Davidson, Elaine Martin.

Messrs A. Clow, L. Davidson, R. Davidson, J. Kite, A. Cash, R. Brace, N. Byers, K. Gibb, J. Walker, C. Pidgeon, L. Elms, T. Wrightson, C. Wrightson, K. Wrightson, J. Baird, J. McDonald, Gordon Martin, D. Britten, C. Britten, Des Smith.

GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN

INSTITUTE PARTY AT ORMONDVILLE

SUPPER SERVED

Absent Children Not Forgotten

The Ormondville Women's Institute gave an enjoyable Christmas party to the members' children on Thursday evening in place of the usual monthly meeting.

A sumptuous supper was served to the young folk in the supper room of the Peace Memorial Hall. Games were then played until it was dark, when they were all admitted to the main hall, where a large Christmas tree stood on the stage gaily decorated with candles, balloons and toys. Each Institute child received a gift from two little attendant fairies, Zilpah Carnie and Iris Williams.

Several children were absent through sickness, but these were not forgotten, their parcels being sent to them.

Mrs. D. Munro acted as pianist for the musical games.

Mrs. H. A. Benbow wished members and the children the season's greetings, hearty cheers being given by the children.

LADY HERDMAN ONCE LIVED IN NAPIER

Taught At The Port Ahuriri School

Lady Herdman, who died in London recently, was formerly a Napier resident. Her maiden name was Miss Alice Mahon.

As Miss Mahon, Lady Herdman was a teacher at the Port Ahuriri School for many years.

Lady Herdman went Home on the retirement of her husband from the Bench in 1936.

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Solway College Old Girls

MEET IN NAPIER

Jolly Dinner And Picture Party

YEAR'S MEETINGS END

A very happy atmosphere prevailed when members of the Napier-Hastings branch of the Solway College Old Girls' Association met at the Hotel Central, Napier, on Wednesday for their annual dinner party. Afterwards a pleasant evening was spent at the pictures.

This evening brought to a close a year of enjoyable meetings held each month in the homes of old girls, who find much joy in their school friendships and a continued keen interest in Solway.

Those present were:

Miss Edith Jarvis (president), Mesdames Kitt (Elaine Quigley), Burkitt (Airini Collison), Wright (Nonie Winter), Harvey (Bessie Shaw), Misses Cecily George, Bessie Northe, Mollie Hull, Anne Lane and Dorothy Reeves.

A dressy Chanel coat in dark blue wool is printed all over with a design in gold metal.

NEW GADGETS FOR THE KITCHEN

Glass Knives Are Sharp And Impervious To Acid Stains

There is usually a crowd of shoppers around the white aproned man who demonstrates new kitchen gadgets in the housewares department of one department store in New York. He is so expert, that his corner takes on the atmosphere of a country fair. His current wares include a little tool with sharp wheels, which he runs over sliced vegetables, rapidly reducing them to a pulp. In this form, they can be used in drinks or as an all-pervading subtle flavour in salads. Then there is a slicer that works like a crank and slices radishes, potatoes, what one will, in spiral form. One vertical cut of a knife through a spiral-cut vegetable results in smooth, even slices. For cutting cake and soft vegetables such as tomatoes with the greatest of ease, he has a surprisingly sharp glass knife. One advantage of the glass knife is that it is impervious to acid stains.

To prevent whipped cream from becoming watery after standing a short time, dissolve a little gelatine in two teaspoonfuls of water and whip into the cream. It can then stand for hours and still remain firm.

TRIMMINGS OF PERSIAN LAMB.—This suit of black broadcloth, worn by Lucille Ball, RKO Radio player, has black Persian lamb trimming the high neckline. The corselet belt, drawn together with lacings, is fashioned from gold lame, stitched in many parallel rows. The Russian influence is continued in the sophisticated fez, its high crown of black crepe interwoven with metal cloth of gold. Black suede accessories complete the striking ensemble.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr and Mrs J. W. Cato, of Hastings, are spending the Christmas holidays in Gisborne and Wellington.

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Mrs A. J. Faulkner, Wairakaia, Muriwai, Gisborne, who has been visiting Hawke's Bay will return home to-day.

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Mr and Mrs H. C. Nolan, "Otipi," Gisborne, who were visitors to Havelock North for the School break-ups, have returned home.

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Miss Ursula Nelson, who has been a member of the teaching staff of the Te Hapara School this year, is now visiting Hastings.

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Mr and Mrs J. Common, Hastings, were the guests of Mr and Mrs J. H. Handyside, during a recent visit to Masterton.

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Hawke's Bay visitors to Wanganui for the Collegiate School breakup included Mrs Romaine Wright and Miss Barbara Wright, Mrs C. Haldane, Mr and Mrs Harold Davies, Mr and Mrs W. Harrison, Misses Jean and Barbara Hallett, Mrs Ernest Groome, Miss Jean Marshall, of Hastings; Mrs H. N. Stewart, Mrs A. R. Greenwood and Miss Greenwood, of Havelock North; Rev. and Mrs W. S. G. Cameron, Mrs C. E. Maney and Miss C. Maney, of Napier, Mrs W. J. Henderson, Mr and Mrs E. Nuttall, of Otane; Mrs F. D. Herrick and Miss M. Herrick, of Herbertville.

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Recent Wedding At Dannevirke

REEVES—ROGERS

Pearl-Tinted Satin For Bride's Gown

A very attractive wedding gown of pearl-tinted French embossed satin was worn by the bride, Eleanor Constance Buxton, elder daughter of Mrs Rogers, and the late Mr V. F. B. Rogers, of Dannevirke, at her marriage to Harry Archibald, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Reeves, which took place at St. John's Church, Dannevirke, on Saturday afternoon.

The church had been beautifully decorated with bowls of blue hydrangeas, Christmas lilies, and scarlet rambler roses. Rev. G. B. Stevenson officiated, and Mr E. Watts was organist.

The bride was escorted by her uncle, Mr A. Whiteford, of Auckland. Her gown of embossed satin was fashioned with a V shaped neckline and high pointed waistline, the front being softly shirred. The back of the frock was finished with tiny buttons and the skirt ended in an oval train which had a beautiful leaf design in lace appliqued with silver thread. The veil, which was worn over the face, was held in place with a coronet of orange blossom and she carried a bouquet of white regale lilies, orange blossoms and sprays of white heather.

GARLANDS OF NATURAL FLOWERS

The bride was attended by Miss Shirley Rogers, a sister, and Miss Audrey Harding, of Hawera, who were hydrangea blue lace over blue satin with sashes of lavender and pink velvet. Garlands of natural flowers were worn on the hair and their bouquets were of delphiniums and carnations in shades of pink.

Mr Frank Tucker, of Auckland, was the best man and Mr W. Ellingham, of Takapau, was groomsman.

At the reception, which was held at the Criterion Hotel, the bride's mother received the guests and was assisted by Mr and Mrs A. H. Reeves. Mrs Rogers was wearing a handsome model frock of georgette over satin in a fuchsia shade. Lace godets were inset at the hem, neckline and sleeves, while pin tucks radiated from the waist line. Her wide picture hat was of the same shade with velvet flowers and she carried a bouquet in fuchsia tones.

Mrs Reeves wore a handsome frock of black georgette with a black hat and her bouquet was in tones of pink and mauve.

LOVELY FLOWERS IN RECEPTION ROOM

In the reception room and at the home, where the guests later assembled to farewell the bridal couple, bowls of roses and hydrangeas were used in profusion for decoration.

When Mr and Mrs Reeves left for their wedding trip the bride travelled in tailored ensemble in navy satin-backed crepe with bolero coatee opening over a zingari striped blouse. A smart hat of navy straw was worn and a light coat of wool georgette to match was carried.

MAKES DISH-WASHING LESS BOTHER

A New Invention In America

Washing dishes is an awful bother any time and is particularly annoying in the summer. Thus a new gadget seen in America that ought to take a lot of drudgery out of dish washing should be welcome. It consists of a small container in which one drops shavings of left over soap. This is permanently attached to the wall over the sink. A hose with a nozzle, which is screwed onto the water tap, runs through an attachment on the soap container. Thus soapy water can be sprayed on dishes, doing away with the need of a dishpan. Clear water for rinsing can be run through the same hose. It is easy to detach the hose from the top when water is wanted for cooking.

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Ruffs, Dyed Pearls, Flower Prints, Featured Abroad

PARISIAN DESIGNERS HAVE NEW IDEAS

An evening novelty by Paquin is a Canterbury pilgrim coif that frames the face and forms a waist length cape. Some dinner dance dresses have scant bodices and tremendously full skirts. Others cover up the neck with boarding school shoulder capes and have long sleeves. The backs of some frocks are emphasised by deep super-full gathered flounces or butterfly bows. One vampish dinner dress is banded with sparkling jewels. Metal firecrackers are splashed over a black broadcloth model. A filmy tulle is sprinkled with confetti paillettes in a gay carnival spirit. Demure white organdie or gold-flecked satin ruchings encircle the neck, hem and sleeves of some dresses. Ruffs are revived in novel forms.

Count de Beaumont has designed jewellry exclusively for Paquin. Especially interesting are white sapphire earrings that curl around the ears ornamenting both tops and lobes. This jeweller also dyes real pearl necklaces, clips and rings blue. Paquin colours are blue, which replaces black for evening; leaf green, maypole stripes, creamy tints, shown in tweeds and browns, which seems to be heading toward a strong revival.

Robert Piguet is continuing variations on the 1900 theme. One pretty and youthful silhouette has a widely flared brief gored skirt, a shirtwaist top and a fitted jacket finished off with a pert straw sailor. Another achieves an old-fashioned straight-front, busty Grecian bend figure. This is shown for evening. Piguet uses Venetian lace to trim wool or black satin afternoon frocks; he appliques big roses on wool day and evening costumes. Stormy weather revers on the smart contrasting jackets of tweed tailleurs are being revived by this designer.

Flower garden prints for summer afternoon and evening frocks are favourites everywhere. Maggy Rouff's flowered challis ensembles are particularly charming.

AN ARTIST DESIGNS DINNER CHINA

Midnight Blue Combined With Persian Green

Bowls and service plates turned out by an artist and suitable for a formal dinner are among the most beautiful china seen in years of shopping, says a New York writer. To be sure, the china is expensive, but it might make a gift for a bride to treasure all her years. Since the plates are all hand-painted, each one in a set is a little different from its fellows. The newest plates made by this artist have a feathery design in midnight blue on a mottled Persian green ground, an unusual colour in which the maker excels. A fruit series, with fruit painted on a black ground surrounded by a Persian green margin; a flower series, with the delicate design on a gold or silver glaze, are also among the possibilities. Beautiful hollow pottery heads in odd colour combinations—bronze hair with a soft green face, for instance—fit in with the current vogue for this type of flower vase.

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

An Old Story From Palestine

Many stories have been told of the original of the Christmas tree. A popular belief is that it had its beginning with St. Winfrid, the German saint. He was about to hew down a great oak tree as a Druidical worship. But it crashed, prematurely blown by a strong wind, and everything in its path was destroyed. Only one slender fir tree remained upright, pointing significantly to the sky. Thereafter it was called the "Christ tree."

In Palestine the tale is told of how Adam's son, acquiring a branch of the tree, planted it on his father's grave. It withstood the Flood and was used in the construction of the Temple. Eventually it was cut down to make the Cross.

Death After Long Illness

MISS KIORE KING

Successful Stage Career

INTEREST IN DRAMA

After three or four years of serious illness, Miss Kiore King, the only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs G. R. King, died in Hastings, on Sunday morning, and her passing gives great sadness to the many friends who had interests in common, mainly in dramatic work, and who were privileged to enjoy her keen, bright nature, her wonderful sense of humour and her high intellect.

Miss King was for ten years a pupil at Woodford House, Havelock North, and was the first head prefect when the school was moved out to the Havelock North hills in 1911. Her wonderful friendship and admiration for her headmistress, the late Miss A. M. Hodge, continued through her life, and until her death only two months ago Miss Hodge was a frequent visitor to her former pupil.

After leaving Woodford House Miss King studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, in England, and returned to New Zealand in 1915, when she became the dramatic mistress at Woodford House, a position which she held for three years.

Later she received a cable from Mr Allan Wilkie, of the Shakespearean Company, asking her to continue her stage work. This she did, and her first appearance on the Australian stage was made at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Adelaide, when she played "Puck" in "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream". Her work became most strenuous for a time, as she rehearsed every morning, studied every afternoon and appeared in a new part twice each week.

Miss King stayed with this company for two years and played in all the big, and many of the small towns of Australia, and also in Tasmania. Twenty-two parts were played in that time by this versatile actress.

Feeling the need for modern studies Miss King joined the Muriel Starr—Frank Harvey Company, and played in "Secrets" in Adelaide and Sydney, and also in "The Silver King" and "Monsieur Beaucaire". She also played in New Zealand with the Maurice Moscovitch Company and toured in England.

In 1930 Miss King became the producer for the Canterbury Repertory Theatre Society, this entailing the production of four or five big plays and a number of one act plays each year. Unfortunately her health made it impossible for her to continue this work and in 1933 she resigned her position.

Though the last few years were spent in a Rest Home in Hastings, Miss King never lost interest in dramatic work and during the last year she read over 40 plays. By means of her wireless and her many friends she retained also a great interest in all current events and knowing her great love for flowers her friends brought their choicest blooms and first flowers of the season to her and her little room was always gay and fragrant.

Miss King leaves one brother, Mr Eyare King, of Kaitaia, and her aunt, Miss Florence Fulton, of Havelock North. A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's Church, Havelock North, at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, the same time as the cremation in Wellington.

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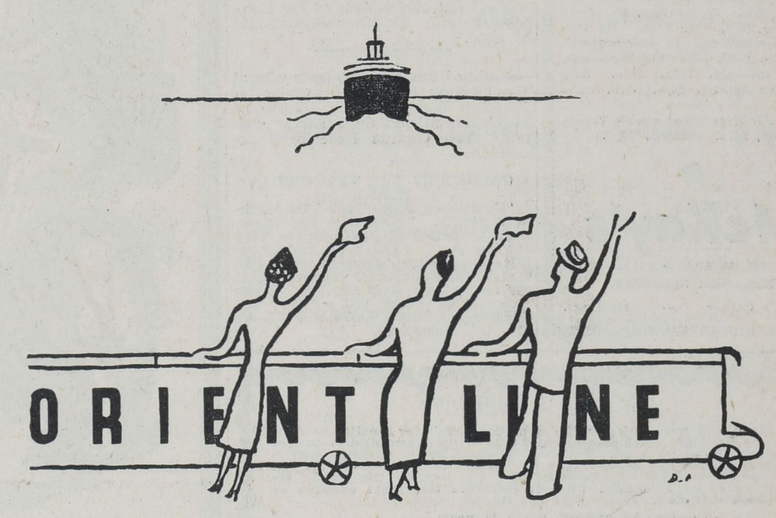

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Solution of Australia's railway gauge problem is the claim for an invention being investigated by the Commonwealth Government. The device, a special truck or "bogie," adaptable to any of a number of different rail gauges, is intended to overcome the long halts in cross-country train service which occur at the junctions of Australia's different gauges.

A working model of the device, exhibited by the inventor, J. C. T. Boock, at Canberra in the presence of Government Ministers, revealed simplicity of design, and caused Government officials to call for an expert appraisal of it by the Chief Mechanical Engineer and staff of New South Wales Railways (says the "Christian Science Monitor").

The truck consists primarily of three frames, the topmost one being rigid, and the two lower ones adjustable in a lateral motion. Four wheels are attached to the sides of the rigid frame. To each of the movable frames is attached a pair of main tracking wheels and a smaller guide wheel. The main tracking wheels are mounted on separate axles, which, in turn, are mounted in roller bearing housings, free to move in a vertical line.

Automatic Change.

As the trucks approach a border station where the gauge is changed, the rigid frame wheels roll up a rising section of sloped track outside the main rails. This elevation reduces the pressure on the main tracking wheels, and automatically unlocks their respective frames from the rigid chassis—to which they are attached by toothed racks—leaving them free to contract or spread to fit the new gauge.

The main tracking wheels, converging or diverging, as the case may be, into the new rail span, are guided and partly supported by the smaller wheels which run on a parallel section of tracking inside the main rails. When the conversion is made, the ramp tracks let the rigid frame down to normal position, and the main tracking wheels are automatically locked into the adjusted position. Once locked, the truck is said to be operable at all reasonable speeds.

Although the rail gauges vary from two feet in Queensland to four feet eight and a half inches in New South Wales, and five feet three inches in Victoria, the report of the New South Wales Railway engineer states that the new trucks could operate successfully on gauges between three feet six inches and five feet and three inches. The report indicates that the truck would be rather heavier, cost rather more to construct than those in use. It would require a slight change in the design of the waggon which it was supporting, to give sufficient clearance between truck and waggon.

Saving Detours.

But these disadvantages of production would be largely over-balanced, proponents of the plan assert, by such economic advantages as abolishing the present practice of detouring services over considerably longer routes to assure a continuous gauge, and decisive cutting of time losses during the change-over. These complications have cost the Dominion-owned and State-owned railways about £15,000,000 each year, it is estimated.

It is further pointed out that installation of the system would not involve much more expense than the present maintenance service if the new trucks were substituted during the usual replacements. Other alterations required in the present system would be the laying of about 50 feet of special tracking at the gauge break.

The plan, it is further said, would help solve one of Australia's main defence problems. The Defence Ministry has for some time been seeking ways and means of unifying the railway gauge so that troops could move from one section of the Commonwealth to the other without loss of time.

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This amazing increase in safety is claimed by Capt. A. F. Horden, Chief Constable of Lancashire, to be one of the direct results of the "courtesy cops" scheme, instituted experimentally in April.

Successful Experiment.

Lancashire is one of three areas to be patrolled by experimental squads of these new mobile police, whose duty it is to teach safety by word and by example. Captain Horden's report is the first made on the working of the scheme, but it is understood that the experiment has proved a success in both London and Essex, the two other test areas.

In his report, Captain Horden states that accidents involving children were cut during the six months by 45 per cent and that prosecutions were reduced by 58 per cent.

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PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR

Clement Q. Williams (Baritone) In Studio Recital From 1YA

A studio recital by Clement Q. Williams, Australian baritone, will be given from 1YA at 8.15 p.m.

Classical songs sung by Robert Simmers, baritone, will be heard from 2YA at 9.5 p.m.

To-day's programmes are:

6.50 A.M. TO NOON.

6.50—2YA—Weather for aviators.
7.00—Breakfast session from all stations.
9.00—All stations close down, except 4YA, which will relay the first Dunedin wool sale of the 1938-39 season.
10.00—1YA—Devotional service.
2YA—Devotional service.
Weather for aviators.
10.15—4YA—Devotional service.
10.28—2YA—Time signals.
10.30—3YA—Devotional service.
10.45—2YA—Talk to women (Margaret).
10.50—4YA—Talk to women (Margaret).
11.00—1YA, 3YA—Talk to women (Margaret).
11.10—1YA—(R) "A Back-Blocks Woman" (Mrs. Mary Scott).
3YA—"Fashions."
11.30—2YA—Talk, "Health Hints."
12.00—Lunch music from all stations.

1 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

1.00—2YA—Weather for aviators.
Lunch music.
2.00—2YA—Classical music.
2.30—1YA—Classical music.
3.00—3YA—Classical music.
3.15—1YA—Sports results.
3.28—1YA—Time signals. Weather
4.00—1YA—Weather.
2YA—Sports results.
3YA, 4YA—Weather.
4.30—1YA—Sports results.
4YA—Light music.
5.00—Children's sessions from all stations.

6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

6.00—Dinner music from all stations.
7.00—Government and overseas. news
7.10—News and reports.
7.28—2YA—Time signals.
7.30—1YA—Gardening Talk.
4YA—"Holiday Hiking."
7.35—3YA—Book Review.
7.40—2YA—"Motoring Hints."

8 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

8.00—1YA—(R) "A Difficult Patient." (Japanese Houseboy).
2YA—Chimes. (R) The Queen's Hall Orchestra, "Berenice" Overture (Handel).
3YA—"Singapore Spy."
4YA—Chimes. Jack Hylton, Lew Stone, Roy Fox, Ambrose (orch. medley): "The Bands That Matter."
8.09—2YA—(R) John McCormack (tenor), "Caro Amore" (Handel).
8.10—4YA—(R) Fernando Orlandis (tenor), "Signorinella Mia" (Mendes).
8.13—2YA—Cynthia Herbert-Smith (piano), Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, Invention No. 11, Allegro and Adagio (from Toccata in G Major) (Bach).
4YA—(R) Raymonde and his Band o' Banjos, "On with the March" (Sousa).
8.15—1YA—Clement Q. Williams (Australian baritone): "I Heard a Forest Praying" (De Rose), "You are My Song Divine" (Nicholls), "The Joss-Pidgin Cat" (Eugene Dryssen), (R) Patricia Rossborough (piano), "To a Wild Rose" (MacDowell). Clement Q. Williams, "The Hills of Home" (Oscar J. Fox), "To My Lady" (Vera Buck), "Serenity" (Vera Buck), "The Black Cat" (R. F. Browne).
8.19—4YA—(R) Ivor Novello, "My Earlier Songs."
8.23—2YA—(R) Berlin Philharmonic Choir, "Du Lirte" (from Cantata No. 104 (Bach).
8.26—3YA—(R) John Johnson and his International Orchestra, "The Voice of the Bells" (Thurban).
8.27—2YA—The Adolf Busch Chamber Players, Suite No. 3 in D Major (Bach).
4YA—(R) Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra, "Soft Lights" (Meisel).
8.30—4YA—Carson Robison and Buckaroos.
8.34—3YA—"Songs of Ould Ireland," by Jack Feeney (Irish Tenor).
8.35—1YA—"Eb and Zeb."
8.40—2YA—(R) Talk: Miss Doreen Berry, "Highways and Hotdogs."
8.43—4YA—(R) Talk: Major F. H. Lampen, "A Soldier's Christmases."
8.44—1YA—(R) Melodies by the Buccaneers of the Pirate Ship Vulture.
8.47—3YA—"Here's A Queer Thing."

9 P.M. TO 11 P.M.

9.00—Weather reports and station notices.
9.05—1YA—"World Affairs."
2YA—A recital of classical songs by Robert Simmers (baritone): "Silent Worship" (Handel), "Dedication" (Franz), "Devotion," "The Wanderer's Song" (Schumann).
3YA—Talk: Lola Maries, "The Feast of Lights—A Glimpse of the London Ghetto."
4YA—Foden's Motor Works Band: "Pageantry March" (Windsor), "The Severn Suite" (Elgar).
9.14—4YA—(R) Sir Harry Lauder (comedian): "I Like My Old Home Town," "The Boss of the Hoose" (Lauder).
9.17—2YA—(R) Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, Symphony No. 4 in D Minor, Op. 120 (Schumann).
9.20—1YA—Dance Music.
3YA—Music at Your Fireside."
4YA—(R) Massed Bands of the Leicester Brass Band Festival, Once Upon A Time," 9.28 (R) "Eb and Zeb."
9.24—3YA—(R) "An Old Campaigner." (A Japanese Houseboy).
9.37—4YA—(R) Massed Brass Bands: "May Day Revels," "A Sailor's Life" (Cope).
9.41—2YA—Ethel Friend (contralto): "Ah, My Son" (Meyerbeer), "Ye Powers that Dwell Below" (Gluck), "Forgetfulness" (Hildach).
9.46—4YA—(R) Charlie Kunz (piano), Charlie Kunz Piano Medley (D12).
9.48—3YA—(R) "The Nigger Minstrels."
9.52—4YA—(R) Massed Brass Bands: "Sweet and Low" (Barnby), "Messiah—Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel).
9.53—2YA—Slavonic Dances.
10.00—2YA, 4YA—Music, mirth and melody.
3YA—Dance music.
11.00—All stations close down.

BBC PROGRAMME.

8.00 p.m.—Big Ben. "In Town Tonight."
8.30—BBC Empire Symphony Concerts—5.
9.50—The news and announcements.

2YH NAPIER.

7 a.m.—9 a.m.—Breakfast session.
11 a.m.—12 noon—Light musical programme.
12 noon—2 p.m.—Luncheon music.
5 p.m.—Light music.
5 30 p.m.—For the Children, featuring at 5.48 "Richard the Lion Heart."
6 p.m.—The Buccaneers of the Pirate Ship "Vulture."
6.15 p.m.—Light music.
6.45 p.m.—"Great Expectations."
7 p.m.—After-dinner music.
8 p.m.—Coronets of England.
8.30 p.m.—Classical music.
9 p.m.—Programme of light variety.
10 p.m.—Close down.

"Americanisms" Deplored

JAPANESE MEETING

Cafe Proprietors Agree On Reform

WAITRESSES' FAULTS

A resolution to eliminate or at least to restrict "petty Americanisms" was a feature of the deliberations of a gathering of the cafe proprietors of Japan which was held at Nagoya.

Responding to the constant prodding of the police on these points, the cafe owners agreed to restrict gaudy neon advertising signs, to observe earlier closing hours, and to place some limitations on the incessant phonograph playing which is characteristic of the Japanese cafe (says the "Observer").

It was also recommended that such advertising promotion methods as the free distribution of matches and trinkets be discontinued.

The assembled cafe proprietors agreed that such innovations as the phonograph, the short skirt, and the neon sign could not be abolished altogether.

Some of the delegates, however, denounced in strong terms the smoking of cigarettes by cafe waitresses and the tendency of some of the latter to "imitate Hollywood cinema actresses in such a manner as to cause violent physical nausea."

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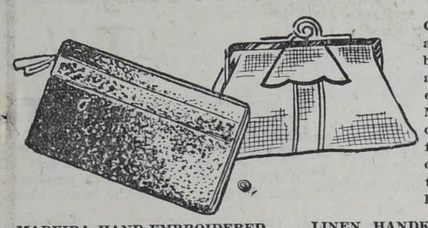

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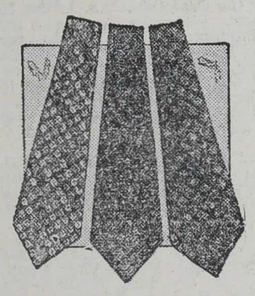

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OUTWARD OVERSEAS MAILS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Great Britain and Ireland (letters only), due London January 5, Australian States, South Africa and the East per Wanganella from Wellington. —Mails close at Hastings 6 p.m., Napier 5.30 p.m.

Nauru and Ocean Islands per Torresbank from Dunedin.—Mails close at Hastings 8.5 a.m., Napier 7.15 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.

United States of America, Canada, Mexico, West Indies, Argentine, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Falkland Islands, also letters only for Continent of Europe via Vancouver, Fiji, Fanning Island and Hawaiian Islands per R.M.S. Aorangi from Auckland.—Mails close at Hastings 4 p.m., late fee 4.15 p.m., Napier 3.20 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Great Britain and Ireland, second class matter and parcels only, also letters, etc., for Continent of Europe, Central America, Jamaica and South American Western States, via Cristobal per Akaroa from Lyttelton. Due London February 1.—Mails close at Hastings 4 p.m., Napier 3.20 p.m.

Great Britain and Ireland, second class matter and parcels only, also letters, etc., for Continent of Europe, Central America, Jamaica, Chile, Bolivia and South American Western States via Cristobal per Port Huon from Wellington.—Mails due London, February 3.—Mails close at Hastings 6 p.m., Napier 5.30 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2.

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December 24—S.S. Monterey, from San Pedro. English second-class matter, Canadian and American mail.

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The Rev. Colin Mackenzie is to be inducted on February 9 to the charge of St. David's Church, Petone. Mr Mackenzie received his university education at Auckland University College. He took his theology course at Knox College, Dunedin, was licensed by the Auckland Presbytery in 1934, and was ordained and inducted to the Clutha Valley charge in the same year.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1938.

TESTED BY EXAMINATION

It is interesting to those whose schooldays are more or less remote to observe the attention that is being given by the teachers of the present day to the whole question of the value of examinations.

At the annual prize-giving ceremony at the Wanganui Collegiate School the headmaster (Mr F. W. Gilligan) made some striking remarks. He contended in general terms that for examination purposes the answer to any question should be regarded not as being right or wrong, but as being better or worse.

He cited the instance of the question, "In what year did the Great War break out?" to which, of course, there is only one correct answer. Mr Gilligan went on to ask: "What good does it do the candidate to know that fact alone?"

It is just here that the thought-provoking process begins, and a preliminary further question may be asked: "What good does it do the examiner to ask such a question?" Nothing can reasonably be expected as an answer but the plain identification of the year 1914.

Tested by examination so far as school standards go, there are many pupils who have emerged with flying colours because of their propensity for remembering such things as the date of the Battle of Hastings. And sometimes they would make a poor showing at expounding the causes and effects of that ancient and famous quarrel.

The headmaster referred to gave it as his view that the average business man in search of a likely employee still swears by the matriculation certificate as the hallmark of a sound elementary training. It may be questioned, however, if the certificate can be so regarded in all cases.

Certainly "paper qualifications" may be a sign of a degree of mental acumen and of an ability to absorb instruction, but, tested by the examination standards of the actual life of business, some different results may often occur.

Many of the laymen who have left school after some years of expert tuition must often have thought that for the most part the written examinations made it possible to discover what the candidate did not know rather than what he knew. It has likewise crossed the minds of many that five minutes of conversation with any individual is a surer guide to the extent of his knowledge on any subject than five hours of his wrestling with a written paper.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the brilliant school student is not always successful in after life.

Those who can score good marks in written examinations have, in addition to their knowledge of the subject, a facility for expressing themselves on paper: but there are others, with just as much knowledge and perhaps more, who have not that facility or who may be the victims of "examination nerves."

The time limit for written examinations comes into the question as an added cause of distress to the nervously inclined. It might be possible to answer a given question in the ordinary way, but not to answer it within the rigid limits of a set number of minutes.

It is acknowledged that there are scientific subjects which cannot be handled in any other way than on paper; and in the working out of calculations speed may be reckoned as an integral part of ability.

Even from the business man's point of view, it may be agreed that a personal recommendation from a schoolmaster, based on his all-round knowledge of the pupil's habits, character, and ability, should carry heavier weight than that of a certificate vouching for the fact that the pupil could answer a certain number of carefully chosen questions within a given time.

An investigation some time ago in New Zealand brought out the curious and interesting fact that the same examiners, asked a year later to mark the same papers which had gone through their hands previously, failed in each instance to give the same marks to the same answers.

The examiners are not at fault, but the system is.

The present Minister of Education has said that he is out to produce in New Zealand an all-round training for our youth that will equip them adequately for the important work that lies ahead of them.

There are few who will hesitate to assist in that good work, and it is in the spirit of helpfulness that the suggestion is now made for an expert consideration of the examination system as we know it, in relation to the future life-work of the scholars.

LONDON'S VAST RESERVOIRS

SUPPLYING A BIG CITY WITH WATER IS NO SMALL TASK

Water should be free, and water rates are a racket. Or so I always thought until recently, when I discovered what a vast amount of trouble it gives to a great many people to supply me with it.

Consider the problems set the unhappy London experts. Daily the average Londoner uses up twice his own weight of water—how, heaven knows. Eight million citizens—the population of Belgium—empty an imaginary tank the size of Trafalgar Square and nearly three times the height of Nelson Column. And every drop of this daily ocean must be filtered, sterilised and pumped through a total of 7000 miles of mains (writes A. P. Luscombe Whyte in the "News Chronicle.")

Where does it all come from? From rain originally, of course. And then from the rivers and deep-level wells into which it percolates. Three-fifths of London's supply is taken from the hard-working Thames; perhaps one-quarter from the River Lea; and the rest from deep artesian wells sunk far below the surface of the city itself.

Incidentally, these wells are rapidly drying up, their level sinking each year as the great natural reservoir far underground becomes exhausted.

Where is it stored? Perhaps you have flown over the flat countryside around Hampton, Sunbury and Staines. If so, you will have looked down with surprise on a series of great blue lakes, the existence of which you never guessed at when you motored through the same district. For you can live for months in Reservoir-Land without suspecting that the grassy banks beside the road support London's water.

GREATEST IN THE WORLD

Greatest of all reservoirs of its kind in the world is the Queen Mary Reservoir at Littleton. From the roadway it is invisible. But climb the embankment and you will find yourself at the edge of a miniature sea, nearly one-and-a-half miles wide, where in windy weather sizeable waves wash the edges. Forty feet deep, it holds nearly 7,000,000,000 gallons, your guide will tell you, or enough to fill London's baths and clean its teeth for three weeks.

Not far away lie the twin Staines reservoirs (what skating rinks they'd make, I used to think as a nearby schoolboy), and a 2,500,000,000 gallon youngster at Molesey. All these three reservoirs are linked together in a complex web of pipes, canals, filter and pumping stations.

These reservoirs draw all their supplies from the Thames—sometimes taxing it badly. A canal, nearly a mile long, links the river and the Queen Mary and draws off about 100,000,000 gallons a day, which, in drought time, may be a quarter of the river's entire flow.

First catch your water . . . If the Water Board just pumped their reservoir water to your homes London's population would sink rapidly. The Thames is not a clean river. Riverside towns dump their sewage there. Factories use it as a waste-paper basket. It abounds in bacteria and vegetable organisms. So the water has to be purified.

THE PURIFICATION PROCESS

Near Hampton you may have noticed what appear to be small shallow reservoirs alongside the road. These are the filter beds. From the Queen Mary Reservoir comes natural Thames water. Into the filter bed it goes, to sink fairly quickly through a three-feet floor of gravel and sand. It emerges into tiled canals minus much of its impurity. But not enough.

Next come the fine filters—layers of sand as delicate as face powder, which take much longer on the job. Still not enough. Ninety per cent. pure the water is led to the sterilisation building where its remaining bacteria are poison-gassed. How? With infinitesimal quantities of chlorine.

All this is quite a lot of bother. But now the real work begins. Many cities are lucky enough to own natural reservoirs in nearby hills from which the water flows by gravity into the mains and homes. But every gallon of London's water has to be pumped, often to districts hundreds of feet above the original reservoirs.

Probably you've glanced into the pumping station near Hampton, seen the great steel piston rods, high as houses, on their endless rise and fall. From this station alone 50,000,000 gallons are persuaded on their way every day.

"DON'T WASTE WATER"

The pumps are the "middle men." The "retailers" you have never seen, but all over London are hundreds of small sub-reservoirs, invariably covered over and invisible and holding up to 50,000,000 gallons each. It is from these that you actually draw your water. During the day they are nearly exhausted. Each night the ever-patient pumps miles away refill them.

Despite the large resources and organisation of the M.W.B. a summer seldom goes by without a "Don't Waste Water!" campaign. So more reservoirs are now building and planned. Some experts say that even they are not enough.

Some time ago the Earl of Mayo proposed a scheme which would end drought for London and also the necessity for fitting rudders to Thames-side bungalows. He asked for the construction of six natural lakes in the Thames Valley.

With a capacity of 40,000,000,000 gallons—or nearly six times that of the Queen Mary reservoir — they would normally be kept empty. When floods threatened, they would be opened to relieve the Thames, and then cautiously emptied when the danger was passed. In spring they would again be filled as an infallible insurance against drought.

Last line of defence against London tummyache is the big new testing laboratory which the M.W.B. has just opened in Clerkenwell. Here 42 men—bacteriologists, biologists, and chemists—work daily, testing over 100 samples of water taken from reservoirs and filter beds.

TROUBLE FOR BACTERIA

Bacteria are deliberately cultivated in beef jelly and subjected to most unpleasant ordeals. Vegetable organisms are magnified a thousand times and photographed. Chalk and minerals in the water are analysed, and any faults discovered are instantly reported to reservoir or filter bed chiefs.

The Board even maintains a permanent water-taster who samples around 30 different batches of water a day and reports Normal, Earthy, Musty or Chemical on each.

I wonder what he does when he's thirsty.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Napier Harbour Board Finance

An increase of £404 over that for the corresponding period of last year is shown in the Napier Harbour Board's revenue account for the two months ended November 30.

Mark of Respect

As a tribute to Mr W. Selwyn Averill, of Hastings, whose death occurred at Auckland, the Magistrate's Court observed a short silence at Napier yesterday.

Unlicensed Driver Fined

Driving a motor vehicle without being possessed of the requisite licence was the charge preferred against Dan Karetu, of Tangoio, before Mr J. Miller, S.M., at the Magistrate's Court, Napier, yesterday. Karetu was convicted and fined £5 with court costs amounting to 17/-.

Displaying Christmas

In order to cloak Napier with the atmosphere of Christmas, a request is being made by the Napier Retailers' Committee asking all retailers and others possessing flags and bunting to display them in the streets. If the appeal meets with success Napier should be unusually gay at Christmas.

Sealing of Streets

Good progress is being made by the Hastings Borough Council with its programme of road sealing work. Much of the actual sealing has been completed, and workmen were engaged yesterday in sweeping up the surplus metal which is sprinkled over the wet bitumen. Many of the main streets in the business area have been surfaced for the heavy Christmas traffic.

Bravery Recognised

A Maori boy, Wharepiki Turunui, was presented with an engraved watch at the annual prize-giving ceremony of the Mohaka Native School in recognition of his bravery in rescuing three children from a burning house on September 23. Making the presentation on behalf of Mohaka residents, Mr. W. A. B. Goodwin said that the boy's bravery was undoubtedly responsible for saving the children's lives, as their parents were away at the time of the fire.

By-Laws Adopted

By-laws giving effect to the Napier Harbour Board's decision at its last meeting to increase shipping dues by 10 per cent. and to impose a charge of 2/- per ton on all cargo going through the "E" shed were adopted by the board yesterday at its meeting for December. An amendment moved by Mr. L. Stephenson and seconded by Mr. E. Williams that the proposal to impose a 2/- per ton charge on "E" shed cargo should be withdrawn and the rates increased to meet the amount was lost. The new provisions come into force on December 23.

Boy Scouts Farewelled

The Hastings party of seven Boy Scouts who left yesterday morning for Auckland en route to the Scout jamboree to be held at Sydney were farewelled at the railway station by a number of Hastings citizens. The Mayor (Mr. G. A. Maddison) and others who have taken part in the administrative side of scouting affairs were present. The first contingent is to sail from Auckland, and another, to leave from Wellington next week, will include a second party of Hastings boys.

Lawn Tennis Matches

Many entries are coming to hand for the thirty-fourth championship and the open handicap tournament of the Hastings Lawn Tennis Club. Entries close to-morrow.

Air Mail Stamps

Advice has been received at Hastings that the Post Office intends to withdraw on December 31, the one penny air mail stamp now in use. It is not intended to re-issue this, and the three penny and six penny denominations are not to be replaced when existing stocks are exhausted.

Skidding Danger Removed

All danger of motor cars skidding on the roadway at the western end of Heretaunga Street, Hastings, has been removed. During the winter months many motorists had their cars turn round on a slippery patch of the roadway. This has been treated and given a rough coating of bitumen so that tyres will get a good grip.

Deepening Napier's Harbour

The Napier Harbour Board's dredge Whakarire has scooped 1,234,900 tons of spoil from the bottom of the Napier harbour since its arrival. From November 10 to December 7 the vessel removed 23,075 tons of spoil from the harbour. The grab dredger J.D.O. removed 7210 tons from the inner harbour and breakwater harbour during the period.

Eskview School to Close?

Consolidation of schools and the conveyance of children to larger schools has developed rapidly in recent years. The Education Board is now considering the closing of the Eskview School and the establishment of a permanent conveyance service to the Westshore School for all pupils in the Eskdale and Bay View districts. In order that parents may obtain full particulars of the board's proposals, they are invited to attend a meeting at the Eskview School on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m., when representatives of the Education Board will be present.

A Carrot's Find

Greenstone rings have frequently been sold at auction, no doubt, but seldom thrown in with a parcel of carrots. At a Wellington mart two parcels of carrots were sold to a Khandallah greengrocer. On examining his purchase, and knocking off a clod of earth on one of the roots, a greenstone ring was found threaded on it. The root bulged above and below the ring, securely holding it. The district in which the carrots were grown has not yet been ascertained definitely, but it is thought likely that they came from the Manawatu. The ring is at present being retained at the auction rooms.

Shortage of Poultry

Despite good prices offering, poultry will be in short supply in Hastings this Christmas, said a dealer yesterday. He stated that there were even fewer birds offering for sale this season than last, and that there was not much prospect of any great quantities of poultry being consigned to Hawke's Bay from other centres. "I think the prices poultry farmers would get in Hawke's Bay would be better than those in the main centres," said the dealer, but none of the outside dealers seem to bother about exploiting the market. The demand was greater than the supply last Christmas, and now we are experiencing a more pronounced shortage."

Personal

Mr. W. Stockton, Hastings, left for the south yesterday.

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Professor Stuart McDonald, who recently retired from the Durham chair of pathology and the deanship of the Medical School at Newcastle-on-Tyne, is to pay an informal visit to New Zealand during the medical examinations.

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Mr. E. L. Cullen, M.P. for Hawke's Bay, left Hastings for Wellington yesterday morning. He expects to return to-morrow.

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Dr. Bruce Grieve, of Hastings, who is on the staff of the Auckland Hospital, has been awarded the obstetrical scholarship for New Zealand for 1938. This scholarship entitles the holder to six months' special study at the obstetrical hospital in Melbourne and 18 months' further study in London.

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Mr. Bryan Bown, of the Hastings railway staff, who has been on a month's holiday at Tauranga, is to return to Hastings to-day.

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Lieutenant J. R. Griffin, 1st Cadet Battalion, Wellington Regiment, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

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Mr R. Sheen, relieving Chief Postmaster at Napier, will leave on his return to Wellington to-day.

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Mr G. G. Chisholm, clerk of the Court at Napier, who for the past few months has been filling vacancies at Auckland and Christchurch as a temporary stipendiary magistrate, again resumed duties at the Napier Court yesterday.

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Pilot Officer W. Gair, who is undergoing training in the New Zealand Royal Air Force at Wigram Aerodrome, Christchurch, is on a visit to his parents, Mr and Mrs C. Gair, of Napier. Pilot Officer Gair will leave New Zealand by the Tainui in February for England, to continue his training in the Royal Air Force.

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Mr G. M. Warren, of Liverpool, assistant passenger manager of Cunard-White Star, Ltd., who has completed a tour of the South Island, has left Wellington for the north. Accompanied by Mrs Warren he will spend Christmas in Rotorua and will leave Auckland by the Aorangi on December 27 on his return to England.

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Mr H. A. Munn, Chief Postmaster at Napier in succession to Mr A. Pellow, who has transferred to Wanganui on promotion, took up his duties yesterday.

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Dr K. Macgregor, of Waipawa, who has just completed his medical course at the Otago Medical School, left last week for Hamilton, where he has received an appointment at the Waikato Hospital.

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Mr Oliver Duff, formerly editor of the "Press," Christchurch, has been appointed editor of the weekly radio journal which is to be published by the Government, according to a report. When the question of the appointment was referred to the Acting-Minister in Charge of Broadcasting (the Hon. F. Jones) he refused either to confirm or deny it, but there are grounds for believing that this is the appointment that has been made.

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Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. T. Price (Wellington), Mr. Johnson (Wanganui), Mr. Blake (Auckland), Mr. Ballock (Oamaru) are at the Albert Hotel, Hastings.

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Dr. and Mrs. Rae and Miss Rae (Christchurch), Mr. R. Blair (Taranaki), Mr. and Mrs. McCrae, Mr. and Mrs. K. Angus (Wairoa), Mr. G. E. Madgwisk (New Plymouth), Mr. P. F. Barker (Gisborne), Mr. J. Hannah, Mr. A. H. Cunningham (Wellington), Mrs. H. Kemp, Miss B. Kemp (Gisborne) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

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Miss S. Glendining (Auckland), Messrs V. M. Pike (Wellington), H. Guthrie-Smith (Tutira), H. A. Barker, H. Allen, F. Calcott, R. Barker, C. J. Hyland (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs Mordaunt, Miss Courteney-Hood, Col. G. Andain (London) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

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

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

Winds: Moderate west to north-west winds, freshening at times.

Weather: Mainly fair but scattered rains probable, more especially in the high country.

Temperatures: Warm.

Seas: Slight to moderate.

Hastings Weather

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

Dry bulb temp.	64.0deg.
Wet bulb temp.	58.0deg.
Maximum temp.	70.5deg.
Minimum temp.	49.5deg.
Cloud (0-10)	4
1ft underground	67.0deg.
Wind	N.E., 1
Rain	Nil
Grass	33.0deg.

Napier Weather

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

Dry bulb temp.	62.0deg.
Wet bulb temp.	56.0deg.
Maximum temp.	64.1deg.
Minimum temp.	52.5deg.
Grass minimum	42.2deg.
1ft underground	65.0deg.
3ft underground	65.0deg.
Cloud (0-10)	7
Wind	N.E., 7½ m.p.h.
Sun	12.1hrs.
Visibility	7
Rain	Nil
Humidity	66 p.c.

Dominion Forecast

General situation: Pressure is relatively high over and north of New Zealand, but low near Chatham Island, while a fresh depression is advancing across the Tasman.

Forecast.—Winds: South-westerly at first in a few places, but moderate to strong west to north-west soon prevailing.

Seas (N.Z. waters): Slight to moderate, but rising about Cook Strait and on the west coast.

Eastern Tasman: Moderate to strong west to north-west winds, but a change to southerlies advancing from the west to-morrow.

Seas: Rather rough to rough at times.

Weather: Mainly cloudy to overcast with rain at times in most districts, but more especially from Taranaki and Wellington southwards. Some thunder probable.

Temperatures: Mild.

To-Day's Diary

Hurry! Only 4½ shopping days before Christmas.

Napier.

The Theatres:
"Guard That Girl" and "The Mine With the Iron Door," Mayfair, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"Swiss Miss," Gaiety De Luxe, 7.45 p.m.
"Algiers," State, 8 p.m.
"Wives Under Suspicion," Plaza, 8 p.m.

Hastings.

The Theatres:
"Lady of Secrets" and "You May Be Next," Municipal, 8 p.m.
"Man-Proof", Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"Border G-Man," and "Sweet Devil," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"Personal Secretary" and "The Invisible Menace," Cosy, 8 p.m.

The Breakfast Table

There is nothing much wrong with the tonsils of the average Englishman, according to a doctor. Take a look round for yourself at a football match when a goal has just been scored by the home team.

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"Nobody will ever know the real truth about Russia," declares a novelist. This is a direct challenge to the numbers of other writers who have already revealed it.

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It is claimed for a new drug that it inspires courage. One injection enables a man who has dropped a sticky strawberry eclair on the drawing-room carpet of his hostess to pass off the incident with a nonchalant laugh and summon the butler with a lift of the eyebrow to clear up the debris.

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Tompkins was just going out for a stroll when his wife asked him if he would post a letter for her while he was out.

"Certainly, dear," said Tompkins, and leaned over her shoulder as she finished the letter and addressed the envelope. Then he looked surprised. "Why on earth," he said, "have you dated that letter on the 15th? It's only the 3rd to-day."

Mrs Tompkins smiled as she stuck it up. "Because I'm giving it to you to post, darling," she said sweetly.

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Asked by a young hopeful when certain slips were evident on the roadside in a winding place where the neighbouring hills are cleft by a flowing stream:

"Dad, is this the Manawathree Gorge?"

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At this time of the year the usual question arises: What to give for "Xmas". Parkers are showing a host of novelties for both women and men, and a visit to this fascinating shop would solve your problems.*

ROAD HOGS AND TRAFFIC SNAILS—MENACES TO LIFE

Traffic Inspectors Increased To Enforce Safe Driving During Holidays

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 19.

The policy that will be followed by traffic inspectors on the main highways during the holiday period was outlined by the Minister of Transport (the Hon. R. Semple) in an interview this evening.

He said the present indications were that traffic during the Christmas and New Year week-ends would be the heaviest ever experienced on the roads of New Zealand.

"The staff of traffic inspectors has recently been increased specially to deal with the holiday traffic," said Mr Semple. "There will be an all-night patrol of certain main highways during the peak periods, and all inspectors have definite instructions to look out for drivers whose conduct endangers the safety of other road-users.

"The inspectors will treat everybody with courtesy and consideration," continued Mr. Semple. "They will aim to control the heavy streams of traffic so that they flow smoothly and safely.

"They will seek to safeguard the sensible, law-abiding motorist from the bad-mannered, irresponsible driver who attempts to cut in and out of a procession to gain a few car lengths at the expense of someone else's safety.

"Most important of all, they will encourage road users to do the right thing, not only because the law says so, but also because their co-operation will help to reduce the toll of accidents and make motoring more pleasant for everybody.

"During the holidays the inspectors will be on the lookout for two types of road users.

No Closed Season.

"One type is characterised by his irresponsible impulse to get in front of anything ahead, by his noisiness when any other road users happen to be in his way, and by his complete lack of motoring manners. He is a 'road-hog,' and he will not be protected by any closed season during the holidays.

"At the other end of the scale is the "traffic snail," the very slow driver who frequently clings tenaciously to the centre of the road and whose crawling pace causes other traffic to pile up behind. In congested traffic other cars cannot pass safely because of bends and vehicles approaching from the opposite direction. At last, someone becomes impatient, pulls out of the line, and a serious accident results.

The Nervous Driver.

"If a car is older and a much slower model than the one behind, or the driver is nervous, it is his or her duty to keep as far as is practicable to the left and allow faster vehicles to get past. It is no more courteous to block traffic than to block a busy shop doorway."

Mr. Semple said that the fact that accidents were preventable had been shown by the experience of the last nine days. Only one period of more than six days free from a fatal road accident had previously been recorded. Nine days had now passed without a fatality on the roads, and this record was still unbroken.

Portable Radio Sets Used On Survey

Geodetic Triangulation Work Is Greatly Facilitated

First In World

New Zealand Observers Find Method To Be A Great Time-Saver

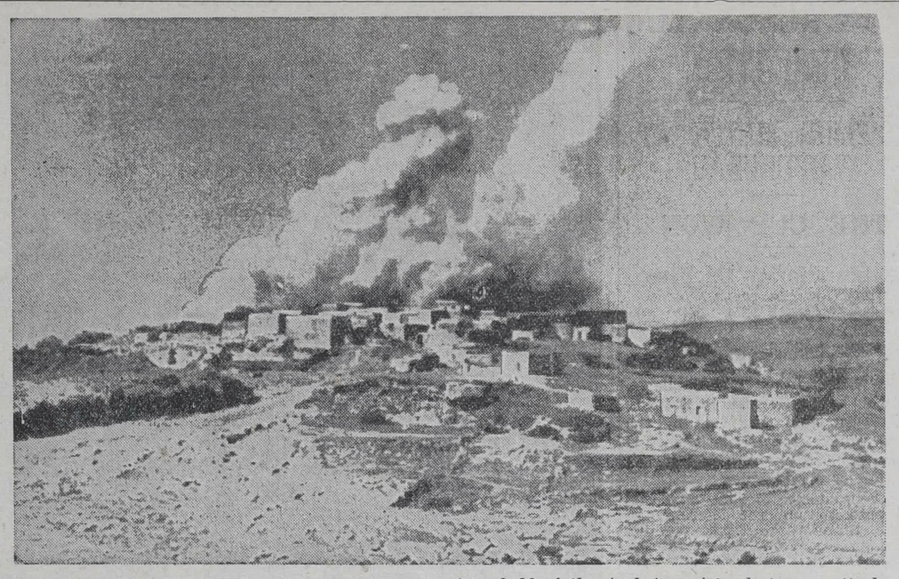
By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 19.

Portable transmitting wireless sets are now being used for the first time in the world for geodetic triangulation work by field officers of the Lands and Survey Department. A triangulation survey is the basis of land survey in the Dominion.

The present geodetic triangulation takes into account the curvature of the earth, and will eventually replace the numerous triangulation circuits now in use. The work is carried out at night with small lights, and as most of the stations from which the observations are made are high and remote from any means of communication observers are finding radio of tremendous assistance. The lightkeepers are equipped with receivers, and by this means are given instructions as to the orientation of the light and their future movements.

The saving in time as compared with the old method is stated to be considerable.

The wireless sets, which have a range of about 150 miles, are being used by parties in the Marlborough, Nelson and North Canterbury districts. The results are regarded as very satisfactory.



WARFARE IN PALESTINE.—The scene at Miar, a stronghold of the Arab terrorists, during an attack by British troops.

Art Union Draw Results

£2000 TO DUNEDIN

Third Prize Of £200 To Napier

LIST OF £5 AWARDS

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 19.

The drawing of "It's on the Cards" Art Union took place at the Masonic Hall, The Terrace, Wellington, to-day.

Following are the prize-winners:

First prize, £2000.—173602, "Last Hope," 48 Selwyn Street, North East Valley, Dunedin.

Second prize, £500.—75460, "L.J.," Inglewood.

Third prize, £200. — 47122, "Steamo," Napier.

Fourth prize, £100.—176857, "Still a Tryer," Shannon.

Fifth prize, £75.—46596, Fagan J. Cleary, Cosmopolitan Club, Gisborne.

£10 prizes—135406, "Arrow Bang," Waihoroa; 179797, "G.M.," Wellington; 143919, "Dux and I," Hastings; 10080, Miss I. Moreland, Box 247, Hamilton; 115339, Lining L. Ritchie, 7 Glenfell road, Auckland butt; 50059, "Rita and Bill," Rita Greaney, 161 The Terrace, Wellington; 106979, "My Lucky Card," Dunedin; 146000, "Xmas Gift," 13 Knights Road, Lower Hutt; 160723, "Chimney Sweep," East Tamaki, Auckland; 6081, "Visitor," Lower Hutt; 19657, "Dinelli," Mayfair Flats, Rotorua; 31923, "Button," Christchurch butt; 176419, Margaret Colyton, Feilding; 104,434, "Woolefgrnirts," Avondale; 7884, "Chinese," Christchurch; 67693, "Again Hoping," Box 29, Oamaru; 83836, "The Family," Upper Hutt; 83076, "Lady of the Train," Wellington butt; 113,192, "J.W.H.W.O.," 341 The Terrace, Wellington; 6090, Wellington butt; 148563, "Siftua," Wellington; 210221, "Babs and Dad," Christchurch; 173382, "Just for Luck," 197 Moray Place, Dunedin; 35077, Mrs Z. Warmington, Te Kooru; 191867, Mrs A. Macfarlane, Lanes Cost, Parnassus; 43302, "One of the Mugs," Morrinsville; 56977, "Us," 5 Owen's Road, Epsom; 1368, "No Luck," R.D., Patoetoe; 86963, "Whaka," Toringaringa, Rotorua; 188250, "Ace High," New Plymouth.

Hawke's Bay £5 prizes.—215414, "Here Goes," Napier; 144565, "Business," A Craven, 2 Byron Street, Napier; 45244, "Myself," Hastings; 64632, "Milton," Hastings butt; 62715 "Last Try," Syd A. R. Kent, Bag 1, Wairoa; 52242, "Brother and Sister," Waipukurau; 171213, "Lucky 13," Napier; 45818, "Just Luck," Waipukurau; 63369, "Europa," Railway Esplanade, Waipukurau; 108290, "Shangri-La," Mrs E. M. Regan, P.W.D., Wairoa; 46445, "Xmas Box," Hastings; 45,402, R.D., Hastings.

REBATE TO BE DROPPED

ELECTRICITY CHARGE AT WAIROA

LONG DEBATE HELD

Council Discusses Water Meters Costs

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIROA.

"That a motion carried on September 23 to the effect that a rebate equal to the amount by which the electricity charges at Wairoa were increased by resolution passed on April 28, 1938, be allowed on all accounts for electricity consumed from August 1, 1938, to March 31, 1939, be rescinded," was a motion adopted at the monthly meeting of the Wairoa Borough Council.

Opinion was sharply divided whether it would be advisable to put the project into effect or not and the motion was carried only on the casting vote of the Mayor (Mr H. L. Harker).

With a view to getting additional revenue from the consumers the Council decided some time ago to go ahead with installing water meters in houses not yet metered, explained the Mayor in moving the motion. On the basis of a charge of £1 a house the council would obtain something like £500 annually.

High Costs.

The cost of installing the meters was fairly substantial and there would not be a great deal left out of £2000. Everyone who used electricity used water, he said, and if electricity charges were increased to what they were before the rebate was granted the council would be collecting the amount which it hoped to collect by way of a water rate without having to go to the expense of about £2000 to install the meters. The average increase in the electricity charges was about 1/8 a month, which would be about equal to £1 a year the council was considering asking for water.

He was strongly of the opinion that if the position could be met by cutting out the rebate the council should seriously consider doing so.

Despite the pessimism which was displayed when electricity charges were increased there was no perceptible decrease in the consumption.

The council was not making an increase on the cost of the units on which economy could be practised, added the Mayor.

In the event of the proposal being adopted he still held that the council should go on gradually installing meters, but his suggestion would save the council a large capital outlay.

Strong Opposition.

Cr F. Berry was strongly opposed to the move. The present electricity undertaking had shown a handsome profit in the past and there was no need for the Mayor's proposal. It actually meant asking a man to pay his rates twice and he disapproved of this.

What was more, it was not, in his opinion, a correct business step to adopt.

"I think you will find that instead of getting the revenue we expect we will lose it," commented Cr. Berry.

Cr. Berry: If the project is carried into effect will you guarantee that a reduction will be made in the general rate.

The Mayor: "No. I will certainly not give such an undertaking." Nevertheless he hoped that the council would be able to make a decrease.

The Mayor also said that there was no suggestion that a man was even asked to pay his rates twice.

In view of the electricity department apparently showing a good profit Cr. L. E. Galbraith maintained that it would be wrong to increase the rate.

Cr J. B. Cook said he was in sympathy with the view advanced by Cr. Berry. It would, he believed, be a step in the right direction. Since he had been on the council he observed a steady increase in consumption and the outgoings had been increased to the same extent.

After the motion had been carried Cr. Berry gave notice to move at the next meeting of the council that the resolution passed on April 28 raising the rates be rescinded and that the council revert to the charges made before the last reduction.

Were Premises A Factory?

NEW PLYMOUTH CASE

Nature Of Milk-Bottling In Dispute

DECISION RESERVED

By Telegraph—Press Association.
NEW PLYMOUTH, Dec. 16.

Whether premises for the bottling of milk for delivery constitute a factory under the Factories Act was a point at issue in the New Plymouth Court to-day.

It was stated during the hearing that the point had not before been raised in New Zealand.

Mr W. H. Woodward, S.M., reserved his decision.

The City Dairy Ltd., was charged that, being the occupier of a factory within the meaning of the Factories Act, it employed a boy under 16 without having obtained a permit, and that it employed a boy under 16 before 8 a.m.

A further charge was that, being the occupier of a shop within the meaning of the Shops and Offices Act, the firm employed a boy under 16 as a shop assistant before 7 a.m.

Definition Given.

For the Labour Department Mr F. Wilson submitted that a factory was any place in which one or more persons were employed directly or indirectly in any handcraft or in preparing or manufacturing goods for trade or sale. He claimed that measurement of milk into bottles was a necessary part of preparation for sale.

Mr F. S. Grayling, for the defence, claimed that bottling was not to make delivery easier, but for health reasons. Preparing or manufacturing goods meant, he contended, the treatment of goods that altered their character or condition so as to render them better for trade or sale.

COUNSEL DISSATISFIED WITH ACTIONS OF BENCH

Justices Criticised During Hearing Of Auckland Charge

By Telegraph—Press Association.
AUCKLAND, Dec. 19.

Several dramatic interludes between the Bench and counsel, who complained of the practice of permitting Justices to hear cases involving fine points of the law, developed during the hearing of a prosecution against Margaret Wilson, widow, aged 53, on three charges of unlawfully using instruments on two girls between November 19 and 25.

Messrs S. Leah and C. E. Phillips, J.P.'s, were on the Bench, and Mr Goldstine represented the accused. Detective-Sergeant McHugh prosecuted.

Evidence was given by ten witnesses called by the police. They included one of the girls and a young man, three doctors and a nurse, and two detectives.

A young man, a friend of one girl, said that he took her to the accused's home on November 19 as the result of an arrangement he had made with the accused to perform an illegal operation for £20.

He paid the accused £15 and later accompanied the girl and the accused's daughter in a taxi to another house.

A single girl aged 20 testified as to what happened at the accused's home and how she later went to a second house on November 19. Three days later she again visited the accused, she said, and a certain operation was performed upon her by the accused, after which she returned to the other house, where she was found a few days later by the police, who took her to the Auckland Hospital.

While medical evidence was being given as to the result of the examinations made on the girl at the hospital Detective-Sergeant McHugh was called to the bench. The words of the conversation were inaudible and Mr Goldstine objected on the grounds that any private conversation between the Bench and the prosecutor should be heard.

"You are too suspicious, Mr Goldstine," said Detective-Sergeant McHugh. "I was asked where the second girl came into the case and I was giving the information."

Exception Taken

"One cannot help but take exception to private conversations," replied Mr Goldstine. "The sooner we have Magistrates to take these cases the better. I am going to ask that this case be not proceeded with unless before a Magistrate. I make that application as an officer of this Court."

Further assurances were given by the Justices and Detective-Sergeant McHugh that there had been no private discussions, and Mr Goldstine accepted them, allowing the case to continue.

Detectives then detailed their investigations of the case. While the second detective was giving corroborative account of a conversation with the accused Mr Goldstine objected to any attempt being made to question the witness until he had finished his account.

Witness said that he had notes which he had written at the time of the interview, and asked permission to refer to them to refresh his memory. Detective-Sergeant McHugh told him to produce them and witness proceeded with his evidence, Mr Goldstine asking for his objection to the use of the notes to be recorded.

Further Objection.

A few minutes later Mr Goldstine objected to the evidence of the same witness, on the grounds that he was reading from his notes, which he was not entitled to do. Mr Goldstine added that he had been watching the Bench and that the Justices had not been watching the witness.

Mr Leah contradicted counsel's statement, saying that he had watched the witness, who glanced at his notes out of the corner of his eye but had not read them.

Mr. Phillips said that counsel had raised no objection when doctors referred to their notes earlier in the case.

"With all due respect to the Bench I say that you gentlemen cannot appreciate the difference between relevant and irrelevant evidence," said Mr. Goldstine. "Expert witnesses, such as doctors, are permitted to read from notes, but ordinary witnesses can only refresh their memory from them and cannot read from them. The detective is now reading his notes while I am talking.

"It is unfortunate that I must repeat my earlier objection, but this is a case of a serious type, and I say advisedly that such hearings should be taken before Magistrates who are trained to appreciate the law," counsel continued. "It is very difficult for counsel to make an objection to men who cannot appreciate the difference between relevant and irrelevant evidence."

Surprising Attitude.

Detective-Sergeant McHugh said that he was astounded by Mr. Goldstine's attitude. The police had sifted the evidence carefully, and only that which was admissible would be presented.

"I have simply asked for my objections to be noted," said Mr. Goldstine. "If I cannot get a ruling from this Bench I will get it from another, and I will not proceed without it. I have a duty to my client and I intend to perform it. I will take the consequences. It is a great pity that justices should take cases of this nature."

"I think that that is a remark that should not be allowed to pass without challenge," said Mr. Leah. "Some justices have had a longer association with the Bench than counsel has had with the legal profession, and it is surprising to hear him pass remarks of such a nature."

Sense of Responsibility.

"I made my statement advisedly and with a full sense of responsibility and understanding of the dignity of the Bench's office," said Mr. Goldstine. "I hope that what I have said may have some effect in the future."

When the objection by counsel had been noted in the Court records the detective completed his evidence.

Detective-Sergeant McHugh said that the case could be carried no further at present. The second girl involved in the case would be called as a witness, but she would be physically unable to do so for some time, and a further remand would be required. A remand for a month by consent was granted, but bail, which was opposed by Detective-Sergeant McHugh, was refused.

Taxi Industry In Dominion

PROPOSED CONTROL

Recent Developments Surveyed

CIRCULAR LETTER

The taxi industry in New Zealand was the subject of a comprehensive review last year, when it was proposed to introduce legislation governing the industry.

Following are extracts from a circular letter which has been sent by the New Zealand Taxi Proprietors' Federation (Inc.), Wellington, to every member of the federation, and which surveys matters of interest to the industry generally:

The Minister of Transport has advised that in view of the delay in the legislation to control the industry, he will immediately institute transport licensing control in places where agreement on such action is reached between the operators and the local body concerned.

Where such agreement is reached the Minister will bring the locality concerned under the Transport Licensing Act by declaration, as was done in the case of Christchurch, and, more recently, in Hamilton and Thames, where steps have been taken to secure agreement of the local body concerned as a preliminary to licensing under the Transport Licensing Act.

The legislation expected last session will not be passed until next year, with the result that comprehensive national control by the Transport Department cannot eventuate for some time yet. The federation is concerned at the amount of competition which may arise in the interim and the harm which will thus be done to those already in the industry.

"The Only Method."

It is evident that transport licensing is the only method in such cases, not only of rationalising the legitimate industry, but of dealing with the under-cover illegitimate operations going on in so many instances.

It is vitally important, therefore, that in places where no limit is placed on licences by local authorities, or the position is otherwise unsatisfactory, operators should take the matter up locally and make strong representations to their local council in an attempt to secure its agreement to the Transport Department taking over control. Members are urged to give this avenue of securing improvement their attention and in their own interests to take action wherever the position warrants.

Drivers' Award.

The Drivers' Union have now filed their claims for a Taxi-drivers' Award, and Conciliation Council proceedings have been tentatively set down for February 8, 9, and 10. In view of the importance of this matter to all engaged in the industry, both employers and owner-operators, on account of the standard of working conditions which an award will set, all members will be advised of the preliminary meeting of the council of the federation prior to conciliation, at which the union's claims will be considered, counter-claims prepared, and our assessors appointed and instructed.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB FORMED

Mr J. W. Palmer's Efforts

MEETING HELD AT HASTINGS

Sub-Committee Set Up

In opening a meeting of young farmers in Hastings last night Mr J. W. Palmer, instructor in agriculture, outlined the aims and objects of the Young Farmers' Club movement throughout New Zealand, and stated that there are 170 clubs with a total of 5000 members.

The movement is directed primarily to agricultural education and the advancement of farming in general The movement is democratic, the control of the individual clubs being vested in the members themselves.

The organisation in general is controlled by delegates from clubs, and district committees.

Mr Palmer explained that membership is open to young men between the ages of 14 and 30 years, who are actively engaged or interested in farming pursuits.

On account of the success that has been attained by the clubs throughout Hawke's Bay, it was thought that the time was opportune for Hastings to be represented.

Keen Interest Shown.

Although the meeting was not largely attended, those who were present were keenly interested in the movement, and many were conversant with the various competitions held elsewhere in New Zealand. For instance, the national shearing competition, held at the recent Palmerston North Show, attracted over 94 entries from over New Zealand. The young farmers' committee organising this competition was able to offer £61 in prize money.

This attraction at the show attracted wide interest, and was one of the most interesting that has been staged at any show.

Mr Palmer said that such competitions created club interest and, furthermore, brought together distant members and mutual ideas can be exchanged.

It was hoped that at the next meeting there would be a bigger representation of young farmers for it was felt that such a fertile and closely settled area should provide one of the strongest clubs in New Zealand.

Election of Officers.

It was decided to form a branch of the New Zealand Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs and to call it the Hastings Young Farmers' Club. (Inc.). On the motion of Mr D. Agnew and Mr H. Campbell, Mr J. R. Trotter was elected president. The secretary is Mr H. Campbell, with Mr D. Agnew treasurer.

The election of a general committee was held over until the next meeting, when a more representative gathering should be present. The election of an advisory committee and president was also held over.

Mr Palmer as secretary-treasurer of the Southern Hawke's Bay Committee, was given power at their last meeting to elect a sub-committee to co-operate with the Northern district sub-committee, and to meet and confer on the educational week to be held in Hastings in May 1939.

Those present elected the following sub-committee: Messrs J. R. Trotter, H. Campbell, D. Agnew, Ken Campbell, and R. McGowen. These delegates will attend a meeting to be held in the Department of Agriculture Office on Wednesday, December 21.

It was decided to hold the next general meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 1939, at 7 p.m.

At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks was extended to Mr Palmer by Mr Trotter on behalf of those present, for his help in forming the club. This was carried by acclamation. Mr Palmer in response thanked the members and said that the Department of Agriculture was behind the movement and would do all in its power to foster its welfare.

"A MENACE TO OTHER TRAFFIC"

Cyclist Fined In The Napier Court

Charged with riding a cycle at night which was not equipped in accordance with the road regulations, John Augustus Jeanes, a fish shop proprietor of Napier, was fined 15/-, with court costs of £1, by Mr. J. Miller, S.M., at the Magistrate's Court in Napier yesterday.

The Magistrate remarked that anyone guilty of riding a cycle as poorly equipped as that ridden by defendant on the night in question was a menace to the other traffic on the road.

The cycle had been without light, bell or white mudguard.

Judge Dismisses Action

SUPREME COURT ECHO

Team Drivers v. Hawke's Bay Rivers Board

BOARD NOT LIABLE

It is announced that Mr Justice Blair has dismissed the action taken by seven team drivers against the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board, a claim for overtime and country allowance.

The claim was heard at the last sitting of the Supreme Court in Napier, when His Honour reserved his decision.

The Judge held that there was no contractual relationships between the board and the various members of the co-operative party with the contractor, and that the relationship between the board and the contractor was that towards an independent contractor, not master and servant.

Plaintiffs had contended that they were in the employment of the board and so were entitled to the amounts claimed.

Defendant was allowed costs on the lowest scale.

Greyhounds At Napier

SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Fast Track Responsible For Good Times

TEN-RACE PROGRAMME

Keen racing was witnessed at the League Park Stadium, Napier, last night when the Northern Hawke's Bay Greyhound Racing Association conducted a successful meeting. The track was in good order and fast times were returned.

Results were:—

Electric Stake, Limit (first division): Mrs. B. McDonald's Amber Valani 1, Mrs. H. S. McClelland's Rod's Mistake 2, L. McCutcheon's Black Spy 3. Time, 24 4-5.

Maiden Stake (first division): Mrs. U. Seal's Laes 1, D. Smith's Boston Glow 2, T. E. Long's Boston Prince 3. Time, 25 1-5.

Novice Hurdles (first division): S. Simkins sen's Black Tracker 1, S. Scullin's Jungle Gold 2, S. Andrew's Lucky Lou 3. Time, 29.

Open Hurdles: H. Northe's Black Comedy 1, A. G. Wood's Master Chang 2, S. A. May's Duke 3. Time, 28 4-5.

Progressive Stake (junior class, 18 months and under): Mrs. U. Seal's Gay Paphian 1, Mrs. T. E. McDonald's Lochiel 2, S. Murley's Boston Knight 3.

I.X.L. Cup, Novice Class (first division): J. Dooney's Erin's Flight 1, H. McDonald's Jeanette 2, Mrs. C. A. Rouse's Master Failsworth 3.

President's Stake (open): R. H. Taylor's Paper Slipper 1, S. Simkins sen's Black Tracker 2, G. A. Thompson's Paper Rule 3. Time, 24½.

Maiden Stake (second division): H. A. Lanning's Harold Logan 1, T. E. Lang's Boston Prince 2, E. Bauckham's Passion Flower 3. Time, 25 1-5.

Novice Hurdles (second division): S. Andrew's Lucky Lou 1, S. Scullin's Jungle Gold 2, S. Simkins sen's Black Tracker 3. Time, 30.

Electric Stake, Limit Class (second division): L. McCutcheon's Black Spy 1, Mrs. H. S. McClelland's Rod's Mistake 2, J. Wells's Lady Failsworth 3. Time, 24 3-5.

INJURED WORKS EMPLOYEE

No Improvement In Condition

No improvement has occurred in the condition of Luigi Donghi, aged 28, who suffered serious head injury when he slipped and fell on a concrete floor at the Tomoana Works on Saturday. He was admitted to the Memorial Hospital, Hastings.

BISCUIT FACTORY ABLAZE

Brigade's Good Save

HUNDREDS OF TINS DAMAGED

By Telegraph—Press Association.
TIMARU, Dec. 19.

A good save was made by the Timaru Fire Brigade when a fire occurred in the store of J. R. Bruce's biscuit factory at 8.45 a.m. to-day. The first started in a gas-heated chocolate coating machine, which was in a separate department within the store.

The flames had a good hold in the department and had extended to the ceiling when the discovery was made. The brigade did excellent work in confining the fire to a small area as adjoining buildings were threatened by the flames.

Most damage was done to several hundred biscuit tins by smoke and water. Fortunately, Christmas orders had been executed.

The insurances are unknown.

SUPERANNUATION AND SALARY CUTS

Case Decided In Favour Of Plaintiff

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 19.

Judgment in favour of George Potticary Holland, of Petone, retired railway servant, in his claim against the Government Railways Superannuation Fund Board was given by the chief justice (Sir Michael Myers) in the Supreme Court of Wellington to-day.

Holland claimed that he was entitled to a superannuation allowance based on his rate of pay at the date of his retirement, July 3, 1937, this rate of allowance being £253 7/- a year.

The defence was that he was entitled to superannuation based on his average salary during the last three years of his service. For the first two of those three years, the plaintiff's salary was subject to statutory reductions.

YOUTH CHARGED WITH THEFT

An Unfortunate Case At Wairoa

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIROA.

Described as a "victim of circumstances" Douglas Rodgers, aged 19, appeared in the Wairoa Police Court yesterday charged with stealing £10 in money, a purse valued at 5/-, a blanket valued at 5/-, and a fountain pen valued at 15/-. Messrs V. E. Winter and O. A. Jonson, J.P.'s were on the bench.

Rodgers was convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called on within six months, a condition being that he gets out of the town and finds work.

The money and the goods stolen were the property of Frederick Arthur Hitchener, of Kihitu.

Accused pleaded guilty.

Wairoa Labourer Sentenced

SEVEN DAYS' GAOL

Had 51 Previous Convictions

BAD LANGUAGE

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIROA.

Adding to his long list of convictions, Jimmy Tahi, alias "The Sailor," a farm labourer, aged 52, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment when he appeared in the Wairoa Court yesterday on a charge of using obscene language. He was convicted and discharged for drunkenness, and the hearing of a charge concerning a breach of his prohibition order was adjourned till January 26.

Messrs. V. E. Winter and O. A. Jonson, J.P's, presided.

"By the look of his list beer is all he thinks about," said Sergeant D. Clark. Accused got drunk on Saturday and went into a Chinese shop and would not leave, using bad language.

"This is a terrible list," Mr. Winter told the accused. "You have 51 previous convictions."

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS IN FRANCE

Millions Of Francs For Defence Purposes

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(Independent Cable Service)
(Received December 19, 10.45 p.m.)
PARIS, Dec. 18.

The Chamber of Deputies, discussing the Budget, approved allocations to the War Ministry of 5,795,227,415 francs, to the Air Ministry of 2,674,772,567 francs, and to the Naval Ministry of 2,321,648,649 francs.

FIGHTING STRENGTH IS NOW 8597

Increase In Territorial Forces

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 19.

Since the campaign for recruits to the New Zealand territorial forces was initiated on June 1 last, the personnel has increased by 1600.

The net fighting strength is now 8597.

These figures were made available by Army Headquarters to-day.

THE NAPIER MARDI GRAS

A SUGGESTION BY RETAILERS

TURNED DOWN

Amusements To Start At 9 p.m.

The suggestion by the Napier Retailers' Association that the commencement of the amusements connected with the Mardi Gras Festival on the night of December 23, at 9 p.m., would affect trade in the town, was over-ruled by a motion passed at the meeting of the Napier Borough Council last night.

It was pointed out that there was little fear of lost trade on this occasion, since, though there would doubtless be large numbers of people about the streets on this evening, these would be aimless sightseers and not potential customers.

The public would have completed their Christmas shopping by this time, it was felt, and it would be advantageous rather than otherwise for the amusements to commence at 9 p.m.

THE PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE

Review Of November Figures

Estates of a value of £422,167 were reported and accepted for administration by the Public Trustee during the month of November, 1938. The total value of the estates and funds under administration by the Public Trustee on March 31, 1938, was £60,815,306, and the new business for the eight months ended November 30, 1938, was £4,367,663.

Grants of administration made by the Court in favour of the Public Trustee numbered 180 for the month.

During the month 416 new wills appointing the Public Trustee executor were prepared on behalf of testators and lodged for safe custody, and 309 existing wills were revised to provide for changes desired by testators. The total number of wills now held in the Public Trust Office on behalf of living persons is 92,034.

Late Sporting

Summer Meeting At Taranaki

MONDAY'S FIELDS

By Telegraph—Press Association.
NEW PLYMOUTH, Dec. 19.

The acceptances for the first day of the Taranaki Jockey Club's Christmas meeting, at which win-and-place betting will be used, are as follows:—

RAHOTU HURDLES, of £150; about 1¾ miles.—Bing Boy 10.8, Glenvane 10.6, Bryce Street 10.5, Airam 9.12, Student Prince 9.10, Booklaw 9.0, Green Label 9.0.

HAUTOKI PLATE, of £125; 6 furlongs (all 8.5).—Bronze Step, Irish Belle, Te Morehu, Kareenui, Curato, Kaspian, Jean Quex, Carmody, Le Marquis, Baron Bold, Valtour, Gwenland, Colonel Bunsby, Fiancee, Swift Sand, Desert Column, Miss Pallmond, Pleuron, Gold Tray, Prime Quality, Resinguard, Gold Petal, Hukemai, Kernel Mint.

BOROUGH JUVENILE, of £125; 5 furlongs.—Noitaro 9.13, Brabilian 8.8, Pretty Lass 8.4, Sang Bleu 7.12, Kokako 7.12, Bronze Step 7.7, Jean Quex 7.7, Lady Boden 7.7, Chief Lord 7.5, Kilometre 7.5, Noble Fox 7.3, White Mark 7.0.

FLYING HANDICAP, of £175; 6 furlongs.—Orate 9.7, Gay Seton 8.9, Clessamor 8.7, Tosh 8.6, Maori Song 8.4, Triune 8.2, Hunting Blood 7.12, Airing 7.7, Lifeguard 7.7, Chief Lap 7.7, Alyth 7.7, Dutch Girl 7.7.

ATIAWA HACK HANDICAP, of £200; 9 furlongs.—Chat 9.0, Gay Sister 8.8, Screen Star 8.5, Naughty Marietta 8.3, Namara 8.2, War Lap 7.10, Philemup 7.10, Gold Band 7.7, All Bunsby 7.7, Windsor Chief 7.7, Cuisinier 7.5, Prime Quality 7.5, Brilliancy 7.5.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, of £275; 1¼ miles.—Sergia 8.8, Lady Kyra 7.12, Aussie Ra 7.12, Lickem 7.10, Glen Abb 7.5, High Sea 7.2, Sylvanus 7.2, Autosweep 7.0, Red Sand 7.0, Tahurangi 7.0, Chief Lap 7.0.

TIKORANGI HACK STAKES, of £125; 5 furlongs.—Bronze Step, Irish Belle, Lexden, Sir Col, Highball, Corato, Little Ruse, Kokako, Fiancee, Noitaro, Amoroso, Footloose, Slam.

STEWARDS' HACK HANDICAP, of £150; 6 furlongs.—Sir Tommy 9.0, Screen Star 8.9, Gay Sister 8.9, Guiding Light 8.6, Amoroso 8.2, Gold Glare 8.2, Eastern Heir 8.0, Golden Orchid 8.0, Brazilian 7.13, British Nation 7.13, Silver Gift 7.11, Ramleh 7.10, Shangri La 7.9, Friskland 7.7, Wynardo 7.7, Ruling Lady 7.7, Racecamp 7.7.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS

Minister Gives Assurance Of Exemptions To Companies In Certain Cases

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Dec. 19.

"It has been brought to my notice that many companies are apprehensive of their position in regard to exemption from the social security charge of 1/- in the pound on that portion of their income which is contributed to staff superannuation funds," said the Minister of Social Security (the Hon. W. Nash) in an interview to-day.

"Many companies have established funds to which they have a contractual obligation to contribute irrespective of whether or not a profit or a loss has been made, whereas other companies have established funds their contribution to which is solely dependent upon the profit being made or upon the making of an annual grant by the company.

"Where the superannuation fund has been approved by the Commissioner of Taxes the company is entitled to have its taxable income reduced by the amount of the contribution made by it to the fund, whether or not the contribution is made under contract or voluntarily.

"I find, however, that in the case of companies making voluntary contributions to such a fund there is some doubt whether the amount of the contribution will be deductible when computing the amount of income liable for the social security charge.

"It is desirable that the same exemption in respect of these contributions should obtain in respect of the social security charge as in respect of income tax, and I wish to assure companies that where their superannuation funds have been approved by the Commissioner of Taxes, whatever is necessary, to secure exemption, whether it be by regulation or by legislation, will be carried out at the appropriate time."

CHRISTMAS FARE SHOOTING

ANNUAL EVENT IN NAPIER

GOOD STANDARDS

Unfavourable Weather Conditions

The Napier and East Coast Gun Club held their annual Christmas fare shoots on the club's grounds, Monte Carlo, last Saturday afternoon.

This year the J. G. Parker Challenge Memorial Cup presented by Mrs Parker was also shot for. The weather conditions were showery and, with a gusty wind, were not conducive to good shooting.

Twenty competitors from all over Hawke's Bay took part.

A feature of the shoot was how well some of the younger shooters shaped in spite of the unfavourable climatic conditions.

The Parker Challenge Memorial Cup was won by the well-known shot, Mr J. Mills, with 14 breaks out of the possible 15. Mr H. Ellis, in presenting the cup, with miniature, congratulated Mr Mills on his popular win, and very feelingly referred to the late Mr J. G. Parker and the respect and esteem in which he was held by all members of the club.

Mr Mills, in replying, endorsed Mr Ellis's remarks and said how very pleased he was at having his name inscribed on this handsome cup, particularly as he held the late Mr Parker as one of his best friends.

Parker Memorial Shoot (15 Birds).

Hdcp. Yds.		Breaks
19	J. Mills	14
15	D. Fraser	13
18	F. D. Casey	13
14	H. Gardner	13
12	R. K. Campbell	13
16	C. Holt	12
18	H. Howlett	12
18	T. Parker	11
16	S. Morrin	11
11	B. Franklin	11
18	D. Campbell	10

First Christmas Fare Shoot (Nine Birds).

The best scores were:—

Hdcp. Yds.		Breaks
19	J. Mills	9
15	D. Fraser	9
16	S. Morrin	9
18	D. Campbell	8
15	R. A. Fraser	8
14	H. Gardner	8
12	R. K. Campbell	8

Howlett, Holt, Van Asch and Ellis took the remainder of the prizes.

Second Christmas Fare Shoot (Nine Birds).

The best scores were:—

Hdcp. Yds.		Breaks
16	D. Mackie	9
15	D. Fraser	8
16	S. Morrin	8
14	H. Gardner	8

Casey, Mills, Van Asch, and Ellis took the remainder of the prizes.

Third Christmas Shoot (Nine Birds).

The best scores were:—

Hdcp. Yds.		Breaks
15	D. Fraser	9
16	C. Holt	8
18	H. Howlett	8
18	D. Macdonald	8
14	H. Gardner	8

D. Campbell, S. Morrin, H. Ellis, R. K. Campbell, and J. Macfarlane took the remainder of the prizes.

The president (Mr T. Parker) presented the prizes and wished all present a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Three hearty cheers and appropriate gifts were accorded the women for their good services rendered the club. The thanks of the club were also extended to Messrs Kingsland (referee) and O'Shannassey (puller) for their excellent work.

"Going Home For Christmas?"

TOPICAL QUESTION

More Travellers Than In Past Years

INCREASED REVENUE

"What are you doing at Christmas?"—On every hand this question is heard; in shops, offices, factories, and in the streets. From many the answer will be: "Going home, of course."

In Hastings and Napier there are hundreds of young people—and older ones, too—whose homes are in other parts of the Dominion. With Christmas drawing near thoughts turn to mothers, fathers and families perhaps ten miles away, maybe hundreds.

At no time in the year is there the same number of travellers as at Christmas. Immediately after Christmas Eve and before the New Year many visit homes or friends in distant places. Early in January the great pilgrimage of motor campers to popular holiday resorts begins, continuing until late in March. From figures it is apparent that there will be more travellers this Christmas than in past years.

In the fortnight ending on December 17 in last year 1026 people travelled by rail from Hastings, compared with 1564 for the same period this year. Revenue for this fortnight this year has amounted to £1174, as against £664 last year. Bookings which are greatly in advance of those of other years are keeping railway staffs working at top pressure.

Road services are experiencing the same increase in business, and additional cars will be run from Napier and Hastings to cater for the many passengers.

A slight increase in the number of rail passengers was apparent yesterday. As the week advances, so will there be more travellers until Friday night, when law offices will release employees for a lengthy vacation. Shop assistants and employers will be free at noon on Saturday.

Week-End Bowls Played

SOME CLOSE FINISHES

National Service Club Games

CHAMPION PAIRS

Playing on a keen green, the National Service Bowling Club had a very busy week-end. Following are the results:—

Champion singles: McKain 14, Naisbett 18. Bishop 18, Bennison 17. Allisom 9, Richardson 8. H. Bainbridge 19, Coe 14. Rudman 15, Wilmer 14. Toothill 16 Gray 17. Rivers 24, McKay 19.

Champion pairs: McKain and Richardson 15, Guerin and Bennison 13. McKain and Bennison 20, Bishop and Richardson 19. Snell and Elder 16, Goe and Brown 20. Allison and Clarke 19, H. Bainbridge and McKay 21. Gray and Rivers 22, Tuohy and Cassidy 11.

Ordinary games: Voake, Bishop, Cassidy and Elder 19, Gallagher, Allison, Clarke and Snell 20. Dean, Voake, Hazleman and Tuohy 21, Richardson, Gallagher, Toothill and Rivers 27. Voake, List, Tuohy and Snell 19, Allison, Coe, Gallagher and Brown 16. Snell, McKay and Clarke 9, McKain, Rivers and List 8. Cassidy and McKay 14, Clarke and Rivers 13.

HERETAUNGA CLUB DEFEATED

BOWLING MATCH AT WAIPUKURAU

THE CUP WON

A Superiority Of Five Out Of Eight

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIPUKURAU.

At Waipukurau the challenge cup held by the Heretaunga Bowling Club (Hastings) was won by the local club's representatives, the home players proving superior in five out of eight games.

In consequence of rain, play was not possible on the Heretaunga green, therefore the issue was decided on the Waipukurau contests. In similar circumstances, but with the games played at Hastings, the first match of this season was determined.

Detailed results are as follows, Waipukurau players being mentioned first:—

Beachen, Keir, Bradley, White, 24; Low, Ward, Ellis, Harvey, 14.

Taylor, Moore, Mackie, Townsend, 14; Grey, Paynter, Burfield, Danvers, 16.

Carlson, Horn, Richards, Cook, 11; Dunn, Powdrell, Evison, Collinge, 22.

Reckin, Browne, Clark, Phillips, 19; Daines, Hounsell, Senr., Newton, Rowlands, 17.

Jones, Bennett, Barnes, Clarkson, 24; Frude, Baillie, Preston-Thomas, Drury, 17.

Collier, Chambers, Burfield, Haldane, 23; Osborne, Hounsell, Junr., Giles, Jenkinson, 10.

Skidmore, Stapleton, McLean, Butler, 18; Mills, Mills, Maulder, McBride, 20.

Hitchens, Gibson, Given, Lourie, 20; Yortt, Webber, Martin, Maher, 11.

Waipukurau 5, Heretaunga 3.

Club Matches.

In a match for the Waipukurau Club Championship Barnes and Richards defeated Skidmore and Ewen.

Two Waipukurau rinks are to compete in the New Year tourney at Napier, viz:—Barnes, Clarkson, Richards, Haldane (s); Taylor, Lourie, Phillips, White (s).

Work At High Pressure

HASTINGS POST OFFICE

Extra Staff To Handle The Rush

EARLY POSTINGS

The public has apparently realised that by posting Christmas letters and parcels early they help not only themselves but also the Post Office. The Hastings Postmaster (Mr W. J. Minogue) said yesterday that the Post Office was working at very high pressure at present and he believed this was partly due to the fact that people had taken heed of the appeals made and were posting early.

There was a possibility that the increased amount of business handled by the office was only the natural increase, and that there would be the usual great rush when Christmas eve approached, Mr Minogue said. He was inclined to believe that this was not the case, however.

All branches of the Post Office are working at great pressure. Extra men have been called in to assist. Extra assistants have been placed at the counters so that there will be a minimum of delay to customers.

The sorting rooms and other branches of the office are also very busy. Postmen, too, have cause to regret that Christmas is approaching as they leave the building with heavy packs.

Harbour Board's Best Wishes

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Completion Of Wharf Next Year?

"I would like to take this opportunity to extend towards members of the board, the staff, and other local bodies best wishes for the festive season," said the chairman of the Napier Harbour Board (Mr. T. M. Geddis) yesterday at the monthly meeting.

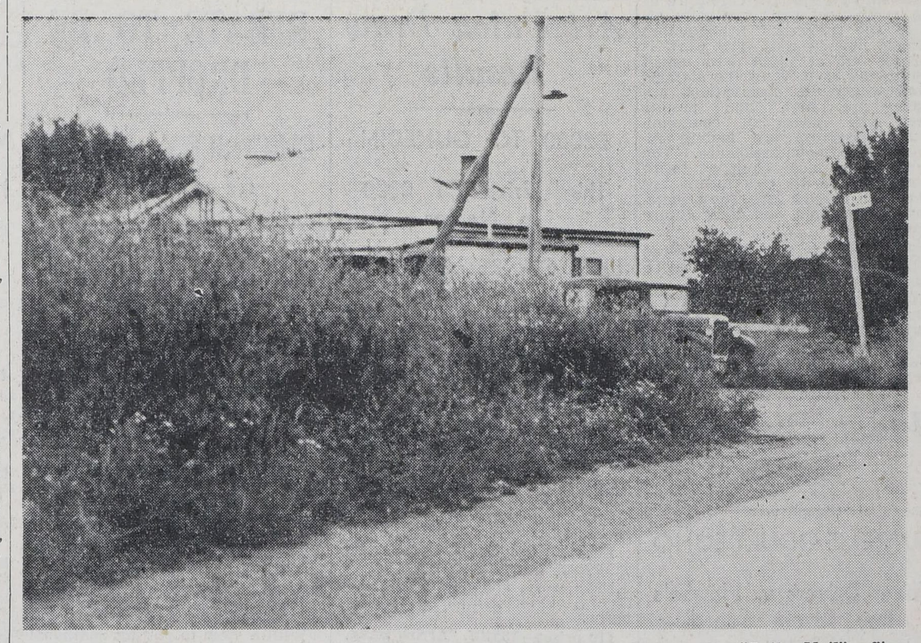
"The last 12 months have been exacting and it has been a year full of concentration and detail," he continued.

"We look forward to the coming year and we trust that it will bring us all prosperity.

"We anticipate that before the end of the year we will open our new wharf," Mr. Geddis concluded.

Mr. A. E. Jull, M.P., reciprocated Mr. Geddis's good wishes.

"I wish you all good health and prosperity for the coming year," he said. "We will need it all."



THE PROBLEM OF ROADSIDE WEEDS.—An Auckland motorist called at the "Daily Mail" office yesterday to lodge a complaint against the height of the weeds, and particularly of long fescue, along the main Napier-Hastings highway. In some cases, he pointed out, the grass, well over five feet high, obscures the traffic signs, thus constituting a danger to drivers. These photographs, taken yesterday, illustrate the great growth of weeds, which in one case partly screen a motor-car emerging from a side road.

TRUE TESTS OF KNOWLEDGE

WHERE EXAMINATIONS FAIL

UNRELATED FACTS

Minds Not Really Being Trained

"It is only too easy to tilt at an examination that nobody wants, but if it is one of a schoolmaster's chief functions to aim at the training of the mind, then the important thing is the extent to which the mind is being worked on a subject," said Mr F. W. Gilligan, headmaster of the Wanganui Collegiate School, referring to the matriculation examination in his annual report at the prize giving ceremony.

"One of the difficulties is that some of those who set the examination papers tend to forget that for educational purposes an answer should not be right or wrong, but better or worse. A candidate may be asked:—

"'In what year did the Great War break out?—1914.'

"Right. But what good does it do the candidate to know that fact alone or even to know 1066 and all that? The date is only the beginning of the whole matter.

"What has to be tested in an examination? The number of facts that can be recalled or the way in which certain groups of facts are related in the candidate's mind? Obviously the latter.

"Any substituting examination, therefore, has to test the amount of knowledge for its own sake. Practical ability, enterprise and character, to say nothing of originality, tend to be stunted by the present system.

"With the abolition of matriculation there will have to be a complete reorganisation of our curriculum, perhaps, on Parents' National Educational Union lines, and this school, being free to try out educational experiments, will, it is hoped, be found in the van of true progress.

"The school certificate examination has much to commend it," said Mr Gilligan, "but for some reason or other it has not achieved the purpose for which it was instituted insofar as it has failed to capture the imagination of employers and others who still demand matriculation as the sine qua non."

The Health Camp Appeal

A BETTER RESPONSE

Nearing Objective In Hastings

SALES OF STAMPS

If the response to the appeal in Hastings for funds for the Children's Health Camp continues as it has in the last few weeks, the objects of the committee striving to raise £200 for the purpose will be realised. The treasurer (Mr W. J. Minogue) said yesterday that the response during the last few days had been more encouraging than previously, but there was still some leeway to be made up.

As the result of a concert given by the Hawke's Bay Highland Pipe Band on Friday night, the fund will benefit by £15 10/-, and Mr Minogue said that an appeal made at the Stortford Lodge saleyards last week had realised £5.

The sales of health stamps were also encouraging, he said. The people were entering into the spirit of the appeal and were assisting a worthy object by using health stamps on their Christmas postings. Business houses have also been cooperating, he said, and many of them have made large purchases of stamps.

Provided the response does not slacken off, Mr Minogue felt confident that the required amount would be raised before Christmas.

JUDGMENT GRANTED IN CIVIL CASES

Magistrate's Court At Napier

Judgment by default was granted in the following undefended civil cases heard before Mr. J. Miller, S.M., at the Magistrate's Court, Napier, yesterday:—

Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board v. J. Cotterill, £7/14/9, costs £1/10/6; M. C. Barker v. J. O'Connor, £4/10/-, costs £1/7/6; M. Goddard v. Hai Hares, £12, costs £2/15/-; Hallenstein Bros. v. D. McDonald, £1/19/7, costs 8/-; W. Kemsley v. H. McIvor, £2/9/5, costs £1 3/6; C. B. A. Dillon v. Andrew Rukupo, £11/1/7, costs £3/2/-; H. R. Wilson v. R. Humphreys, £6/10/4, costs £1/10/6.

AN AMBITIOUS PLAY

NAPIER REPERTORY PRODUCTION

DRESS REHEARSAL

"Child In Flanders" Is Reviewed

The play at the Municipal Theatre, Napier, this week, "The Child in Flanders," is one which should appeal to all who can appreciate its simplicity and charm.

It is essentially a Christmas play, and the Napier Repertory Society is to be congratulated on its departure from repertory rules in producing a play which is in keeping with the atmosphere of the season.

A preview of a dress rehearsal last night disclosed that it is one of the most interesting performances given in Napier for some time.

In many ways the play is ambitious, and calls for choreographic-like mime, but with a few minor points brushed up after the final rehearsal it should, if the public responds, be an outstanding achievement in the annals of Napier dramatics.

The Story of the Play.

The story of the play—it is not a plot—is of the simplest. It concerns three soldiers walking down to Ypres who stay the night at a peasant's cottage, where, as they sleep, they see a miraculous vision. From this it will be seen that the play is primarily a vehicle to dramatise the adoration of the Infant Jesus.

The play is produced by Luis May McDonald, who, although she has undertaken a difficult task, carries it through with great success.

The Madonna of the tableau is played with grace and skill by Valerie Lewes, who has captured in her mime a Mona Lisa-like quality, which at once gives the five groups unusual dignity.

Elizabeth Harvey is the golden Angel Gabriel.

The three soldiers walking down to Ypres are played by Derek Waldegrave (an Australian), John Rosieur (an Englishman) and Gordon Johansen (an Indian trooper). The French peasant is played by Ulric Williams.

Incidental to the piece is Theodore Flint's arrangement of messianic music, which is executed by the St. John's Church choir under the directorship of Mr. Percy W. Tombs.

In conjunction with "Child in Flanders," the society has produced "The Maker of Dreams," and it is safe to say that this well-known little play does not suffer at all by revival. May McDonald, Joyce Annan and Gordon Johansen do it justice.

DECISION IN CIVIL CASE

Magistrate Announces His Reserved Judgment

An action heard at the last sitting of the Magistrate's Court in Napier, between William Harvey, of Napier, and Gifford and Robinson, solicitors, for the possession of a solicitor's lien, was decided yesterday, when Mr. J. Miller, S.M., announced his reserved decision.

Judgment was entered on behalf of defendants, who were represented by Mr. L. W. Willis, Mr. J. M. Runciman appearing for plaintiff.

PICKPOCKETS REPAIR TO AUCKLAND FOR CHRISTMAS

Rich Harvest Obtained In Crowded Trams, Buses And Trains

By Telegraph—Press Association.
AUCKLAND, Dec. 19.

Pickpockets have come to Auckland for Christmas after working successfully among race crowds in the south. Already those operating in the city in crowded tramcars, buses, and trains have reaped a rich harvest, the amounts stolen ranging from quite small sums up to £9 in banknotes in one instance.

Hidden in busy shopping crowds, or in vehicles in which there is only standing room, the pickpockets have so far evaded detection. In most cases their victims have not been aware of their losses for some time afterwards.

The man who lost £9 was a passenger in a tramcar bound from the city to Remuera. The car was crowded and he had to stand on the back platform, on which there were several other men, some of whom were forced against him each time the tram stopped and people alighted.

Father Christmas Visits Brigade Children

Fifteenth Hastings Treat Is A Happy Gathering

Awards Presented

Entry Of Santa Claus Was Highlight Of The Evening

The Hastings Fire Brigade hall presented an animated scene last night when the 15th annual treat for firemen's children was held. In the first part of the evening a programme of elocutionary items, dancing and song numbers was contributed by the children.

The highlight of the evening was the entry of Father Christmas, who distributed toys and gifts from the imposing Christmas tree, resplendent with coloured lights and spangled silver. The venerable gentleman arrayed with flowing beard and scarlet cloak, made an impressive entry through a window.

Toy aeroplanes raced about the floor of the hall, dolls were fondly nursed by their youthful owners and the lives of adults were threatened by youthful G-men with menacing pistols, which exploded with nerve-shattering effect.

A dance for adults concluded the evening.

Among those present were:—

Mr and Mrs G. A. Maddison, Mr and Mrs G. McCormick, Mr and Mrs Harding and Miss Harding, Mr and Mrs R. Henderson, Mr and Mrs N. O'Neil, Mr and Mrs A. Richmond, Mr and Mrs W. Davies, Mr and Mrs F. Ellis, Mr and Mrs S. Ellis, Mr and Mrs E. Munson, Mr and Mrs W. Lane, Mr and Mrs Culver, Mr and Mrs C. Bennett, Mr and Mrs J. Langley, Mr and Mrs Horton, Mr and Mrs Mervyn Tong; Mrs W. Keith, Mrs H. Price, Mrs S. Nesbitt, Mrs N. Muir, Mrs R. Ferguson, Miss N. Keith.

Awards Presented.

Brigadesmen were presented with awards by the Mayor of Hastings (Mr G. A. Maddison). Bars and certificates were awarded as follows:—

Foreman R. Colwill: Bar (11 years' service).

Fireman S. Nesbitt: Bar (17 years' service).

Fireman F. Horton: Bar (11 years' service).

Fireman S. Ellis: Bar (11 years' service).

Fireman R. Price: Bar (nine years' service).

Fireman E. J. Munson: Certificate (three years' service).

Fireman W. Walker: Certificate (three years' service).

"The gathering this evening is typical of the good fellowship which has always been displayed by this brigade since its inception 60 or 70 years ago," said Mr Maddison. "The honours board is a true record of the service the brigade has given Hastings in those years."

Mr Maddison commended the children on the excellence of their items, referring to them as "chips off the old block." He extended seasonal greetings to the brigade.

Competition Drawn.

Mr Maddison drew the Christmas competition, conducted by the brigade. Results were: No. 1054 1; No. 1678 2; No. 1572 3.

Motorist Charged At Napier

INTOXICATION CASE

Magistrate's Warning To Drivers

FINE IMPOSED

A charge of intoxication while in charge of a car was preferred against Ian Morris Herbert, aged 23, before Mr. J. Miller, S.M., at the Magistrate's Court, Napier, yesterday.

The incident occurred on December 14 in Shakespeare Road, when the defendant was arrested by Constables Ansell and Sharp.

For the defence it was stated that Herbert had an unblemished character and was a member of a highly-respected family in the district. He had not driven the car for more than a few yards before being stopped.

In imposing a fine of £20, with £1 5/- costs, the Magistrate said that in view of the circumstances as presented by the defence he did not feel that the case merited a term of imprisonment.

He would like to emphasise the seriousness of the offence, however, and impress on the motoring public that the court had little sympathy with this class of offence.

DEATH OF MR W. S. AVERILL

POPULAR SOLICITOR OF HASTINGS

SON OF PRIMATE

Young Man Of Wide Interests

After an illness which lasted a little over two months, the death occurred in a private hospital at Auckland on Sunday night of Mr Wilfred Selwyn Weir Averill, an eminent citizen of Hastings.

Born in Staffordshire, in 1900, Mr Averill was the third son of the Primate of New Zealand (the Most Rev. A. W. Averill) and Mrs Averill. He was brought to New Zealand in infancy.

Receiving his early education at Auckland, and later at Christ's College, Christchurch, Mr Averill came to Hawke's Bay 15 years ago and entered into partnership in law with the late Mr C. Duff. His partner died a little over a year ago.

Social welfare organisations were favoured by his interest and support, particularly the Red Cross Society, of the Hastings sub-centre of which he was chairman for a number of years. His flair for organisation was reflected in the several successful "drives" which the society initiated in Hastings.

Keen Sportsman

A keen sportsman, Mr Averill was formerly treasurer of the Hastings Golf Club and more recently an executive member. He was also a member of the Hastings Tennis Club.

In Hawke's Bay, where he was particularly well known, Mr Averill enjoyed a wide circle of friendship. He was a popular member of the Hastings Rotary Club.

Complications occurred after he had been indisposed for some six weeks and he was advised to undergo special medical treatment at Auckland. Following encouraging reports concerning his condition, his relapse and subsequent death early yesterday morning came as a shock to all who knew him.

Mr Averill married Miss M. Lusk, daughter of Mr H. B. Lusk, Crown Prosecutor at Napier, and was the father of two daughters, Elizabeth and Antoinette. He leaves a widow, three brothers, Canon Walter Averill (Auckland), Dr. Leslie Averill (Christchurch) and Mr Lloyd Averill (England), a sister, Mrs L. E. Cartridge (Auckland) and his parents.

The funeral will take place at Auckland at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Napier Tributes.

Tributes to Mr Averill were paid in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday morning by Mr M. R. Grant, on behalf of the Law Society, and Mr J. Miller, S.M. Regret was expressed that his career had come to so sudden an end. As a mark of respect the Court stood in silence.

A motion of sympathy with the relatives of Mr Averill was passed at yesterday's luncheon of the Napier Rotary Club.

"NIPPER" AVERILL: AN APPRECIATION

Brilliant And Popular Hastings Figure

(Contributed).

One of the brightest and keenest young intellects in the legal circles of Hawke's Bay was extinguished by the death of the popular solicitor who was known intimately to all his friends as "Nipper" Averill.

Hastings in particular experienced a grave sense of shock when the news arrived that he had succumbed in an Auckland hospital, and genuine sympathy will be extended to his widow, his children, and to the distinguished circle of his surviving relatives.

This brilliant son of the Primate of New Zealand made rapid progress in his chosen profession, and his competent work in many important cases called forth praise from high quarters.

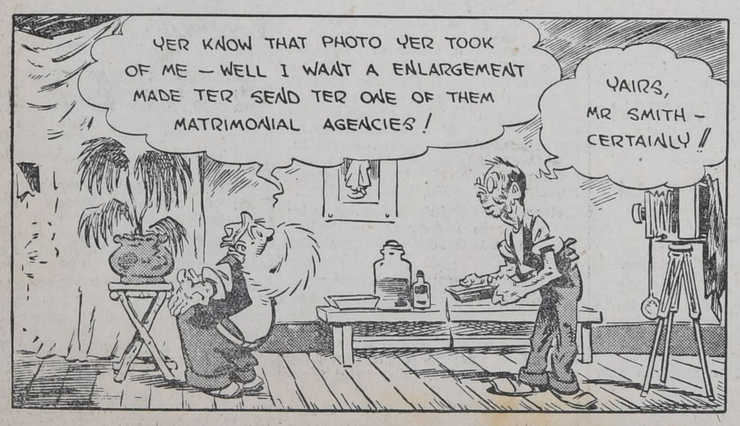
The highlight of his forensic career was the famous Price murder trial in Napier, where his splendid pleading was the subject of a eulogy from the Bar.

As a sportsman he was well known and well liked on the golf course and at the tennis courts, and he was an expert at badminton.

His personality was rich in humour, and he had all the qualities that go to make a successful and popular exponent of the law.

A series of brief interviews with his colleagues in the profession has revealed the fact that all alike are filled with sorrow at the early completion of a promising career.

A request for details regarding the life and habits of the kiwi has recently been received by the Minister in Charge of Tourist and Publicity (the Hon. F. Langstone) from a Hollywood film company. Full information, photographs and coloured drawings have been forwarded and will be included in the studio's research library so that authentic reference may be made when occasion arises.



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WAIPUKURAU CLUB

Rifleman McVicar Tops The List

DETAILS OF SCORES

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIPUKURAU.

The Waipukurau Defence Rifle Club held its weekly shoot at the Mt. Vernon range on Saturday afternoon, the practice being two rounds of ten shots at 500 yards. A trophy was donated by the Waipukurau Machine-gun Troop.

Conditions for shooting were very unpleasant, there being heavy rain and wind. This, no doubt, spoilt what would have been a record shoot, judging by the scores registered.

Again Rifleman R. McVicar topped the list, with 96, 95 of these being off the rifle. The club members heartily congratulated this promising shot. Rifleman F. Wilson was runner-up, with the fine score of 94. Rifleman Mason and Rifleman Ellis (of Takapau, a visitor) also registered 94.

The following are the details (handicap, 500 yards, 500 yards, total): R. McVicar, 1 47, 48, 96; R. Ellis (visitor), 0, 46, 48, 94; F. Wilson, 8, 44, 42, 94; R. Mason, 7, 45, 42, 94; E. T. Haldane, scr., 46, 47, 93; P. Monckton, 2, 48, 42, 92; L. Earl, 13, 36, 42, 91; W. G. Bryce, 2, 48, 41, 91; J. Green, 14, 37, 40, 91; F. N. McVicar, scr., 45, 43, 88; W. Bird, 10, 43, 33, 86; K. M. Gollan, 13, 37, 42, 82; A. S. Anstead, 8, 40, 33, 81.

Winner of the Ham.—The ham that was given for competition to the Takapau Plunket Society by Mr. W. R. Fletcher, Hastings, was won by Miss McKenzie, Waipukurau, the winning number being 4369.

A CHRISTMAS FETE HELD FOR PUKEORA PATIENTS

Competitions And Afternoon Tea Bring Enjoyment To Many

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIPUKURAU.

Organised by the Red Cross members in Central Hawke's Bay, a highly successful Christmas fete was held at the Pukeora Sanatorium on Saturday afternoon, when the patients were entertained. In this annual fixture the Waipukurau, Waipawa, Takapau, Otane, Onga Onga, Pukehou, Porangahau, and Hatuma branches of the society take part.

Special credit is due to Miss H. Hunter, president of the Waipukurau branch, and Mrs E. Broad, honorary secretary, for their leadership.

The visitors included Mrs T. H. Lowry (Dominion president of the Red Cross movement), Captain M. Galloway (secretary of the Wellington branch), Miss E. M. King (vice-president of the Napier branch), Mrs A. E. Bedford and Miss Stevens (Napier), and Miss Shaw (Hastings). An apology came from Mr W. H. Rathbone (chairman of the Waipawa Hospital Board) and Dr. J. O'Dea (medical superintendent) and Miss C. J. Cameron (matron) welcomed the many visitors. A fine programme of music was provided by the Waipukurau band under Bandmaster T. W. Walker.

Varied competitions were a feature of the afternoon's enjoyment, and a dainty afternoon tea completed the pleasure of all participants.

An interesting address was delivered by Mrs T. H. Lowry on her recent visit to London as the Dominion's representative at the Red Cross conference.

Due largely to the efforts of the former matron, Miss A. C. Ingles, M.B.E., stated Mrs Lowry, there is a library at Pukeora, but it was her hope that every hospital in New Zealand would have a similar boon. "That is my wish for next year," said Mrs Lowry.

Captain Galloway supplemented the congratulatory remarks of the president in respect of the work of the Society and paid a special tribute to the local women.

Dr O'Dea also spoke, thanking the district workers for their interest in the patients.

The prizes were then presented by Mrs Lowry.

At the close Canon C. Mortimer-Jones thanked the Dominion president for her presence, and hearty cheers from the patients followed.

School Picnic At Pakowhai

SPORTS EVENTS HELD

Happy Time Spent By Parents And Pupils

A VISIT BY "SANTA"

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
PAKOWHAI.

The Pakowhai school held its annual picnic in the school grounds last Wednesday.

There was a large gathering of residents, who were much impressed by the beauty of the school grounds, and its suitability for such an occasion.

During the morning the parents and children indulged in tennis and other games. At midday parents and children assembled for lunch, which was provided by the committee, and served under the cooling shade of the willow trees.

Ice-cream and soft drinks were served to the children at intervals throughout the day.

After lunch a lengthy sports programme was conducted by the teachers with the assistance of the committee. First and second in the events won prizes, and consolation prizes were also awarded to all who competed.

Details are as follows:—

Sprint, senior girls.—Gwen Whittington. Junior boys, N. Pearce. Junior girls, Thelma Pearce. Junior boys, N. Haftka. Primers race, T. Pearce. Married women's race, Mrs Gallaher. Boys' pick-a-back, M. Lissette, L. Billington. Sack race, primers, Joan Billington; women, Miss J. Gabrielsen; men, T. Noonan. Primers egg and spoon race, N. Haftka. Hop, step and jump, boys, C. Pearce; girls, Gwen Whittington; men, D. Patrick; women, Miss Stranbeck. Wheelbarrow race, M. Lissette, B. Lowe. Primers three legged race, J. Billington, I. Haftka. Sack race, girls, Ruth Dinnan; boys, Bob. Eagle. Long distance, girls, M. Ramsay; boys, M. Lissette.

Display of Work.

After afternoon tea had been served, parents adjourned to the school where a display of the children's work was on view. This was the subject of much favourable comment by the parents and visitors.

Later the pupils were marched into the school, which was suitably decorated in keeping with the festive season. There was also a large Christmas tree loaded with presents. To the surprise of all, Father Christmas was in attendance. In a short speech the chairman of the school committee extended a welcome to Santa Claus, thanking him for his attendance, and explaining that the school felt honoured by his visit.

Miss Stranbeck (assistant teacher) cut the presents from the tree, which were handed to Father Christmas for presentation to the children.

The chairman at this stage expressed on behalf of the committee, the pleasure at seeing such a large gathering of residents, and thanked them for their assistance.

The chairman then said that Miss Stranbeck had been appointed permanent teacher, the news being received with enthusiasm. Pleasure was expressed at the progress made by the children under the guidance of the head-teacher, Mr Cowan.

Special Awards.

Special prizes were presented by Mrs Gabrielsen, to the following pupils:—

Tennis championship, Max Lissette. Mr Whittington's prize for best home garden, Charles Pearce. Improvement in writing (senior), E. Kendall. Neatness in written work (senior), Ruth Dinnan. Improvement in writing (junior), Noeleen Thompson. Neatness in written work (junior), Daphne Lowe. Special progress prize (primers), Noel Haftka. Drawing and handwork, Ray Harris.

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TENNIS MATCH AT DANNEVIRKE

A CONTEST WITH PAHIATUA

RAIN INTERFERES

A Draw On The Games Played

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
DANNEVIRKE.

An inter-club tennis match between Dannevirke and Pahiatua on Sunday was abandoned after singles matches had been played.

Until rain stopped play the result of matches was a draw.

Following are detailed results—Dannevirke names mentioned first:

Men singles: B. Guise beat J. G. Swainson 11-9, D. Beauchamp beat T. V. Johansen 9-6, J. Franklin beat J. McSherry 9-7, F. Garner beat F. Hamilton 9-3, G. Cross lost to G. Callender 9-3, I. Apperley beat R. J. Carruthers 9-7, F. Williams lost to K. Bamford 10-8, T. Morrison lost to L. Thompson 9-7, K. O'Connor beat I. Lovelock 9-6, A. Palairet lost to W. Harvey 9-7.

Women's singles: Miss T. McNicol lost to Miss J. Rutherford 10-8, Mrs G. Cross beat Miss G. Bissett 7-3, Miss B. France lost to Miss B. Boyd 9-7, Biss M. Mules lost to Miss C. Boyd 7-3, Miss M. Brown lost to Miss M. Raleigh 7-2, Miss M. Riddell lost to Mrs Taylor 7-3, Miss B. Webley lost to Mrs Carruthers 7-0, Mrs Garner lost to Mrs Holmes 7-1, Miss Mules beat Miss D. Mahoney 9-7.

Athletic Meeting Arranged

DANNEVIRKE CLUB

Handicaps For The Events

EVENING RACES

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
DANNEVIRKE.

A further athletic meeting will be held before the holidays by the Dannevirke Amateur Athletic Club on the Domain on Wednesday evening at 6.30 p.m.

Handicaps are as follows:—

Men's 220 yards handicap: R. Ross 12yds, E. Davidson 14, R. Longley 16, A. Schaare 17, L. Alding 19, J. McIntyre 19, A. Coombs 20, L. Hansen 21, H. Appleton 21, J. Meacheam 23, B. Thompson 30, K. Cassidy 34, D. McKeown 34, B. Manley 45.

Three-quarter mile handicap: R. Longley 25yds, J. McIntyre 65, D. MacDonald 75, F. Stark 150, A. Coombs 160, J. Meacheam 180, D. McKeown 200, B. Manley 300.

One mile walk: D. Hingston scr, A. Beatty 130yds, P. McIntosh 300, L. Swan 380.

100 yards women's handicap, short limit: B. McGrath scr, M. Donaldson scr, P. Ayres 5yds.

120 yards women's handicap: B. McGrath 6yds, M. Donaldson 7, P. Ayres 11.

Half mile cycle, scratch, rolling start: F. Wilson, W. Hansen, E. Redward, N. Heginbotham, M. Tarr, L. Clark, G. Mangos, P. McIntosh.

One mile cycle, short limit: F. Wilson scr, W. Hansen 20yds, E. Redward 45yds, N. Heginbotham 70, M. Tarr 80, G. Mangos 80, L. Clark 80, P. McIntosh 100.

GUIDES HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

Takapau Gathering

CAMP COOKING ENJOYED

A Visitor Present

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
TAKAPAU.

The Central Hawke's Bay Girl Guides held their annual picnic at Mr W. G. Morton's property, Takapau, near the river, when there was a good assembly of Guides from Woodville to Waipawa.

The girls applied themselves to their camp instructions, cooking damper and sausages and doing themselves well.

Commissioner Lawton, of Oldham, England, and Ranger of the Lancashire Company, was present with the officers of Central Hawke's Bay, Com. M. de Stacpoole (Takapau), Capt. Poulton (Takapau), Lieut. R. Oliver (Waipawa), Lieut. A. E. Hobson (Waipukurau), and Lieut. L. White (Takapau).

The weather was somewhat showery but Mr Morton placed his woolshed at the disposal of the Guides and a very enjoyable day was spent.

PERSONAL

ORMONDVILLE.

Miss E. Coleman is spending the school vacation with her parents at Masterton.

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Mr. Nielsen, Makotuku, is spending a holiday at Havelock North.

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NORSEWOOD.

Mrs. George Forbes, accompanied by her family, left yesterday for Waitara to spend the school vacation.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stretton and family have left by car for Auckland and district for the school holidays.

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Mr. D. Strother is spending the school holidays with his parents at Tiratu.

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WAIPUKURAU.

Mr and Mrs V. Parsons, of Waipukurau, accompanied by their son and daughter, will leave to-day on an extended motor tour of the North Island.

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Miss B. Hutchison, daughter of the Rev. W. R. and Mrs Hutchison, Waipukurau, is spending the summer vacation with her parents.

TAXI MATTERS AT WAIPUKURAU

Debate By Council

A FIXED FARE IS ASKED FOR

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIPUKURAU.

A letter received from T. Jenkins asking that a concrete crossing access be constructed to the taxi stand in Ruataniwha Street was dealt with at the meeting of the Waipukurau Borough Council last night. Mr. Jenkins asked whether the council would object to a temporary crossing.

J. Kuzmich, taxi proprietor, also wrote, stating that he would like the proposal he had submitted as to a fixed fare to be arranged. He had written to the Hon. R. Semple, who advised that the Borough Council had sole control of taxi licences.

Cr. McCarthy reported that an agreement between the parties as to a fares schedule, to avoid undercutting, had not yet been agreed to.

Cr. Cassidy pointed out that the council had power to fix prices.

The Mayor considered that the council should agree to the desired transfer of a licence, subject to the parties agreeing to the terms put forward by Cr. McCarthy. The uniform charge for the borough was proposed as 1/- and outside 1/- a mile.

It was decided on Cr. Dowrick's motion that Mr. Jenkins be advised that it could not recognise him as a taxi licensee, therefore his application could not be granted.

The Mayor proposed that the other party to the matter, Mr. M. Ujdur, be advised that a transfer of the licence could not be granted unless the terms put forward by Cr. McCarthy were agreed to.

This was seconded by Cr. Dowrick and carried.

The District Engineer of the N.Z. Railways wrote as to the construction of a footpath in Jellicoe Street, also James Street, offering to contribute £40 towards the cost.—It was decided on the motion of Cr. McCarthy, seconded by Cr. Dowrick, that the offer be accepted with thanks. The total cost of the work is estimated at £82.

There were present: His Worship the Mayor (Mr. R. W. Carpenter), Councillors J. McCarthy (Deputy-Mayor), E. G. Dowrick, C. Cassidy and L. R. Grant. Leave of absence was granted to Cr. M. A. McRae.

Christmas Cheer.—The Waipawa Hospital Board has received a donation of £20 and 3000 cigarettes from Mr G. Husheer, Napier, towards the hospital Christmas cheer fund.

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Among the visitors to Waipukurau for the holiday period is Miss Betty Keir, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. M. Keir, who is a student in the Wellington Training College.

PARENTS' DAY AT CLIVE

Year's Work Reviewed

DUX MEDAL WON BY THELMA LISTER

A Farewell Said

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
CLIVE.

On Parents' Day at the Clive School last Wednesday an entertainment was given by the pupils, including singing, drill, rhythm and choral speaking.

Mr. Hollyman, chairman of the school committee, addressed the parents, giving a brief resume of the committee's activities during the year. He spoke of the proposed swimming baths and the need for a new school, stressing the necessity for the co-operation of the parents.

The headmaster (Mr. Mudgway) thanked the staff and the committee for their assistance during the year and extended the season's greetings to the parents.

Mr. Hollyman called upon Mrs. J. Hellyer to present the Dux medal, donated by Mr. Hellyer, a former pupil and an ex-committee man, to Thelma Lister. Cheers were given by the pupils.

Afternoon tea was served, after which the people inspected the children's work.

On Friday afternoon the pupils of Standards 3-4 and the staff said farewell to Miss Mollgaard, who has completed her term at the school. The headmaster thanked Miss Mollgaard for her assistance and complimented her upon her work, at the same time wishing her every success in the future.

Nancy Kennerley, of Standard 4, presented the departing teacher with a book of one-act plays as a mark of appreciation from her classes and from the staff.

Homing Pigeon Race.—In a race from Dunedin, an air-line distance of 510 miles, held by the Waipukurau Homing Pigeon Club, Messrs Denne and Sons, with their entry, r.c.c. WPK 356, won the event, the time being 13hrs 30mins. A cup goes to the successful owners. Their other two entries, 295 and 263, were second and third respectively. Mr T. Spencer's birds filled 4th and 5th places and Mr C. G. Wood, 6th, 7th and 8th.

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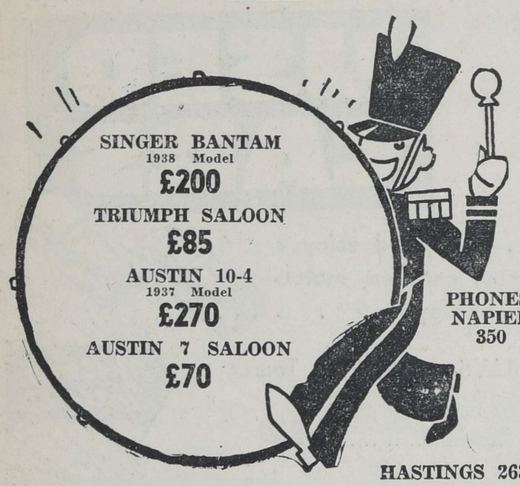

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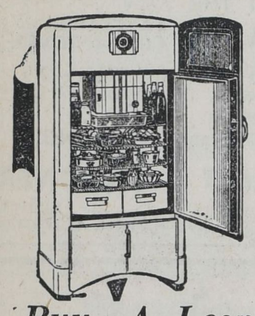

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HIGHER PRICES GIVEN FOR IMPORTED LAMB

The Dominions Prove The Value Of Advertising Their Meat

Butchers are puzzled and farmers are alarmed at the depressed state of prices for British beef, mutton and lamb.

Imported frozen lamb is now making more money than lamb from the Scotch hills (comments the "News Chronicle").

New Zealand lamb is quoted in the current number of the "Meat Trades Journal," at the wholesaler-to-retailer price of 5s 1d per 8lb, Australian lamb is quoted at 5s, but Scotch lamb is fetching only 4s 8d.

These wholesale prices are reflected in the retail market, where all but the tip-top English lamb is cheaper than the imported.

A year ago Scotch lamb at this time of the year was 10d per 8lb dearer than imported.

Nor can the roast beef of old England do much more than hold its own with the chilled product of the Argentine frigorificos. English sides are quoted at 4/4 per 8lb, Argentine at 3/9½—a difference of 6½d, or under 1d per lb.

One Advantage.

A year ago the English enjoyed a premium of 1/-, and this difference of 1½d per lb was always accepted as representing the intrinsic advantage of English beef, because less is lost in shrinkage when it is cooked compared with chilled beef.

Argentine hindquarters are quoted above English sides at 3/6½ compared with 4/4 per 8lb.

Many explanations can be given, and probably all contribute to the result. Less prosperity has decreased buying power, affecting both beef and mutton and lamb.

Value of Advertising.

The Dominions and the Argentine have also this year gone in for intensive advertisement of their meat, while homekilled meat has had none.

It is significant that while Dominion lamb, which has been given particularly strong publicity, has practically maintained its 1937 price of 5/4 per 8lb, British lamb has fallen by nearly 40 per cent.

Beef has probably been affected by the arrival of many more fat cattle from Ireland since the Eire Treaty of last May. Irish hinds have been sold from Birkenhead at as low as 6½d per lb., compared with 7d for Argentine hinds.

Increased Imports.

Another factor that has hit beef prices is the heavy fall in the prices of hides and offals, due to increased imports. The butcher looks to these for his gross profit, selling the rest of the carcase at cost price. If they leave him too little profit he bids the farmer less for his beef cattle.

Sheep prices have been affected by increased mutton and lamb imports; by a very good lambing season in this country, accompanied by a drought that caused forced sales from lack of keep; and by a heavy drop in wool prices.

The farmer is getting about 15/- per head less for his lambs this year and 20/- per head less for his beef cattle.

Record Entry Of Poultry

A GOOD DEMAND

Harvey, Fulton And Hill's Report

WHOLE ENTRY CLEARED

Messrs Harvey Fulton and Hill report having held their first Christmas poultry sale in their mart, Russell Street, Hastings on Friday before a large attendance.

The entry of poultry was the largest the firm had ever handled. Besides the large pen accommodation they sold a number of birds in crates and cases.

The demand for all classes was exceptionally firm except in the case of young light White Leghorn cockerels. The whole of the large entry was sold.

Besides disposing of a large entry of valuable machinery and tools they also quitted two motor cars and a considerable amount of furniture and sundries.

Prices may be quoted:—

B.O. hens 3/- to 3/8, W.L. hens 2/5 to 2/9, B.O. cockerels 2/6 to 3/3, lighter sorts 1/3 to 2/-, W.L. cockerels 2/- to 2/8, lighter sorts 1/5 to 1/9, B.O. chick cockerels 8d to 1/-, W.L. chick cockerels 4d to 6d. Ducks 8/6 to 10/6 pair; Sussex hens 3/- to 3/6, gobblers 14/- to 15/-. Turkey hens 8/- to 9/6, Muscovy ducks 8/- to 9/- pair, B.O. pullets 5/6 to 6/6, W.L. pullets 5/- to 5/3.

Also one Ford motor car £16 10/-, Earl motor car £10, taps and dies £4 10/-, emery grinders 15/-, chain drill 10/-, pipe die £1 5/-, lawnmower £1 5/-, valve grinder 6/6, soldering iron 12/, 38 posts at 1/-, pormanteau 12/6, cash register £5, stretcher £1, endless chain £1 5/-, chest drawers £3, suite furniture £17 10/-.

SATURDAY'S AUCTION MART

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Special Christmas Sale

Messrs Gordon Walker Ltd., report holding their special Christmas sale of live and dead stock at their Russell Street saleyards, Hastings, on Saturday, when they offered a full yarding in all sections to a large attendance.

The bidding was spirited and good prime Christmas poultry were in strong demand. Prime turkeys were eagerly sought after, and there were not sufficient birds available to supply the demand.

Pigs sold on a par with late rates, but there were some very poor quality weaners penned and these made only a price in keeping with their condition.

The dairy stock market was quiet there being practically no inquiry.

Fruit, produce and sundries sold at satisfactory prices to vendors.

The following prices were realised:—

Poultry: Table birds 2/6 to 21/-, W.L. hens 2/3 to 3/9, W.L. cockerels 2/3 to 5/8, B.O. hens 2/9 to 5/2, B.O. cockerels 3/1 to 7/3, W.L. chick cockerels 6d to 1/5, B.O. chick cockerels 10d to 2/4, I.R. ducks 2/8 to 3/5, Muscovy ducks 3/3 to 3/11, geese 5/- to 5/10, Turkeys 6/- to 21/-, bantams 1/- to 1/5, pigeons 9d to 1/-, duck and ducklings 10/6.

Pigs: Weaners 17/- to 22/6, small weaners 11/- to 16/-, slips 25/- to 30/6, stores 31/6 to 39/-, porkers £2 0/6 to £3 14/-, baconers to £4 12/-, choppers 35/- to £2 18/-.

Dairy stock: One Jersey cow at £4, 1 at £4 15/-, 1 Jersey heifer at £2 10/-.

A large entry of sundries sold at very satisfactory prices to vendors.

Drawing for their requirements on Northland flocks, which practically escaped the ravages of facial eczema, buyers from the Small Farms Board purchased, early in November, between 2000 and 3000 sheep for distribution in the King Country. Mostly four and six-tooth wethers off the shears, the sheep were procured from clean country, the majority coming from Kaikohe, Broadwood, Whangarei and Kirikopuni. Although prices paid were below expectations, vendors in most cases effected sales. Two-tooth wethers were acquired round the 17/- mark, while four and six-tooth wethers changed hands at from 17/6 to 18/-.

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Yesterday on 'Change

Transaction List

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

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Rural Bonds, 15/9/47, 4% ..	98	0	0
Stock, 15/2/43-46, 4%	98	5	0
Commonwealth Bonds, 4%, 15/10/44	105	0	0
Nat. Bank of N.Z.	2	9	9
Tooth's Breweries	2	16	0
Kauri Timber	1	2	7
Australian Steel (pref.)	1	9	0
Auckland Gas	0	18	1
Broken Hill Pty.	2	18	3
Colonial Sugar	48	0	0
Farmers' Trading	0	18	6
Taranaki Oil	0	10	3
Ditto	0	10	0
Woolworths (Syd.)	1	2	0
Mt. Lyell (cum. div.)	1	9	9
Mt. Morgan	0	10	0
Unofficial List.			
Whakatane Paper Mills (ord.)	0	3	4

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE

Sales Late Saturday.			
Wellington Gas	1	10	0
Mount Lyell	1	9	9
Sales Yesterday.			
3½% Stock, 1953-57	91	0	0
Ditto, 1949-52	97	0	0
E.S. and A. Bank	5	10	0
Dominion Breweries	1	10	7½
N.Z. Breweries	1	18	0
Wilson's Cement	0	15	9
Woolworths Ltd. ..... (5)	1	1	11
Woolworths (N.Z.)	0	18	11
South British Insurance	2	1	6

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE

E.S. and A. Bank	5	11	0
National Bank of N.Z.	2	10	0
Bank of N.Z.	1	19	11
N.Z. Refrigerating (10/- pd.) (2)	0	7	10
Christchurch Gas	1	4	0
Broken Hill Pty.	2	18	0
Ditto	2	18	2
Ditto	2	18	3
Sales Reported.			
N.Z. Govt. 4% Inscribed Stock, 1949-52	96	13	0
Bank of N.Z.	2	0	0
Grey River	0	15	9
Christchurch Gas	1	4	0
Unlisted Stocks.			
Blackball Creek	0	1	2

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PLAYERS' SALARIES

Canada's biggest business in sports, ice hockey, put hundreds of players to work in late October, when training started for the 1938-39 season, that in the National League alone is expected to earn more than 2,000,000 dollars in gate receipts.

The National League, which advertises its hockey as "the fastest sport on earth," is the major professional league. Its seven teams are Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal, Canadians Boston Bruins, New York Americans, New York Rangers, Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks. The players earn salaries up to 7000 dollars a six-month season.

15,000 Registered.

More than 100 outstanding Canadian amateurs play for teams in England, perhaps 200 more with United States teams, but most of the thousands who learn to skate and follow a puck on the natural ice of ponds and corner lots stay in Canada. More than 15,000 were registered by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association last year in junior, intermediate and senior divisions.

Almost every town and village in the Dominion with the exception of British Columbia, where the climate is temperate, has an enclosed and covered hockey rink. The season lasts from December until March and two months longer in the larger cities where artificial ice is available.

Big Business.

Professional hockey is big business because it attracts upward of 2,000,000 spectators a season in the National League, whose gate receipts amount to more than 2,000,000 dollars. For several years hockey has provided the famous Madison Square Gardens in New York, the home of championship boxing, with its biggest source of revenue. Boxing runs a poor second.

Quebec, Ontario and the prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, where winter is cold, produce most of the good hockey players. But the leading scorer in the National League last season was Gordon Drillon, of Moncton, New Brunswick, who plays for Toronto. The east coast provinces have given professional hockey several fine players.

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STABLE-MATES' CREDENTIALS ARE GOOD

Market May Change At Last Hour

(By MOTUROA)

The acceptances for the big handicaps at Ellerslie and Awapuni caused no upsets for early speculators, for it became known shortly after the appearance of the weights for the Auckland Cup that all was not well with Francis Drake, and his non-acceptance indicates that Fred Davis was unsuccessful in the attempt to patch up last year's St. Leger winner.

The most recent meetings have shed no further light on the big races at either meeting, but the prominent candidates who have raced have not lost favour by their performances and recent gallops have had a tendency to cause the early favourites to firm in the ante-post market.

The Buzzer continues to be the Auckland Cup favourite and is quoted at a shorter price than Padishah, while Willie Win, Quadroon, Wotan, Mazir, and Kelly have advanced a little in favour.

Disdain is a clear-cut favourite for the Railway Handicap, but Stretto is still claiming a big following, and there is support for Paper Slipper, Smoke Screen, Llangollen, Whirling, Royevrus, and Te Monowai. Indeed, the big Auckland sprint would be regarded as the most open race for many years were Disdain not in the field.

THE BUZZER has every right to his position as the public's prime fancy for the Auckland Cup, for backers have not forgotten how easily he disposed of the opposition over the last half mile of the race twleve months ago.

Since then The Buzzer has developed into a fine stamp of a horse and to-day he is more solid in every direction than he was on the occasion of his first triumph at Ellerslie. A certainty beaten in the New Zealand Cup, The Buzzer has definitely improved since racing at Riccarton, and he impresses the writer as being as fit as hands can make him.

With Bert Morris (who will also ride Stretto) in the saddle The Buzzer will lack nothing on the score of horsemanship, for he understands the gelding perfectly.

Provided the going remains fast The Buzzer will hold his position to close of the machine on Monday and what beats him should win.

Field Will Trouble Him.

PADISHAH'S main difficulty will be to get through the big field, for it is probable that nearly all the 20 acceptors will stand their ground. He has not the early pace to secure a good position in the running, and, unless he covers a lot of ground, he will not be able to make his run at until two furlongs from home.

Willie Win is a genuine stayer, with a second in the Melbourne Cup to his credit. He was fourth in both the New Zealand Cup and the Metropolitan and he has done particularly well since.

Argentic has been placed in the past two Auckland Cups, he has shown no signs of his old form, and his connections will more than likely decide to stay at Awapuni. Nevertheless, he will not be entirely neglected if he takes his place in the Auckland Cup field, for he is a remarkable horse with a penchant for certain races.

Well Prepared.

THE N.Z. Cup winner Arctic King must be respected and his running at Te Rapa on Saturday can be overlooked. Still, he will need to have everything in his favour to again beat The Buzzer.

Round Up does not appeal as much as Mazir, who has come through a sound preparation for the race.

Mazir ran fourth two years ago and he impresses one as being a vastly improved horse since then. He likes the track—a big thing in his favour—and his form this season has been first rate.

Trench Fight, who will be bracketed with Wild Chase, does not make as much appeal as Quadroon, who has undergone a special preparation for this year's Auckland Cup.

Quadroon is in form and he is bred to stay, but, to be able to reveal his true form, this Awapuni-trained gelding must have the sting out of the going. If further rain is experienced this week he will come into more favour—in fact, he should be the hardest to beat in those conditions.

Real Stayer.

WOTAN failed in the New Zealand Cup, but he had to be an outstanding stayer to win the Melbourne Cup as he did, and it would not be good policy to damn him for his Riccarton failure. He has won since and there is every reason to believe that he will come back to his old form again.

Master Brierly has done little to recommend him this year and, except that he is a good stayer, he will not count many supporters. He should be held safe by Knight of Australia, who ran second last year and reveals surprising form on occasion.

Dictate does not appeal as much as Kelly, a former St. Leger winner who has been galloping brilliantly.

An easy track would give Gay Rose a chance, but Birthday Boy would need to improve on his win-would need to improve on his running on Saturday and, if there is any value in that form at all Cheval de Volee, a Cornwall Handicap winner, should be the pick of the lightweights.

Unless the final gallops reveal unexpected qualities, the favourites should be

THE BUZZER
MAZIR
QUADROON
WILLIE WIN

The Sprinters.

STRETTO has 31lb. more than she won with twelve months ago, but since then she has beaten the best in New Zealand and in Australia, and, despite her big burden, she must be respected.

On Woodville running Courtcraft would be held safe by Paper Slipper, but Smoke Screen, who comes to hand quickly, may beat the pair of them at a difference of 5lb.

Llangollen has been winning under big weights in the past few months, and there is no doubt she is an exceptionally fine sprinter. Here she has the chance to prove her quality, and she will certainly appreciate the drop in the weights.

The Whirling-Rollicker bracket will not be overlooked, with the former being the pick of the pair. However, they will find Marie's Acre a snag, and this horse is likely to prove more solid than Te Hero and Philcourt.

Golden Sheila has not struck form this season, and she would need to be at her best to be considered here.

The Favourite.

ROYEVRUS has been performing well in good class races this season and is undoubtedly a smart galloper, but he does not appear to possess the brilliance of the former Christchurch filly Disdain, who is now domiciled at Awapuni.

Disdain has been beaten only once—in the Oaks. The distance found her out, but, in her other three races, she has displayed brilliance of a very high order. Her trials before going north to Auckland were exceptional, and they dispelled any doubts about her progress since the Oaks.

Disdain is at the peak of her form and, with 9lb. under w.f.a., she should win.

Anion is speedy and Bachelor King came back to form to win well at Te Rapa on Saturday, but he should be held safe by Te Monowai, who now meets him on 7lb. better terms.

Galilee and Lornacre will not be absolutely friendless, but it is hard to look much further than

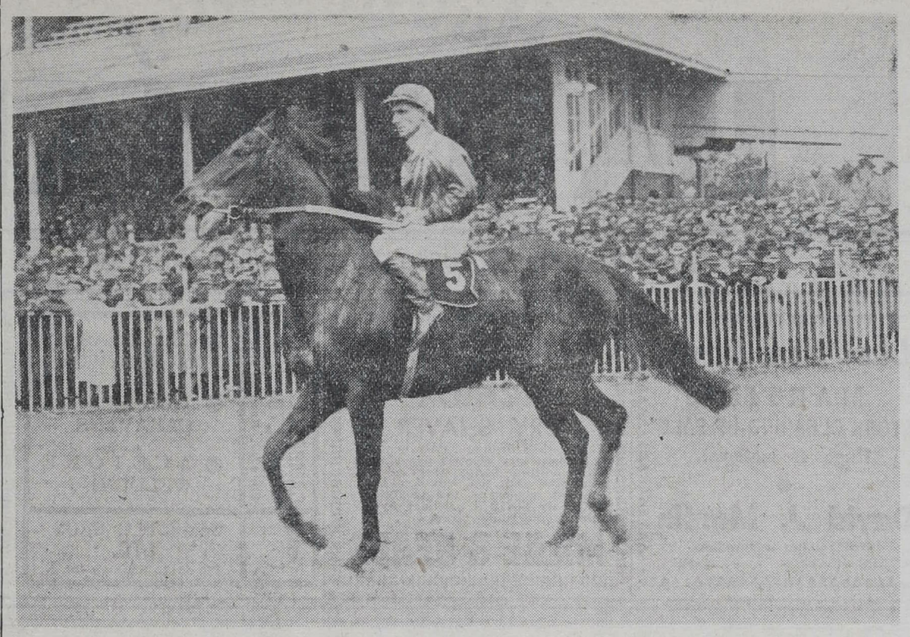
DISDAIN
STRETTO
LLANGOLLEN
SMOKE SCREEN.

'BAY ACCEPTANCES

CONSIDERABLE interest is being evinced in the handicaps for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's summer meeting at Hastings on January 2 and 3, and indications are that the club will enjoy a very successful meeting. Owners and trainers are reminded that acceptances for all first day's events close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Wishart, Hastings, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 22.

HOLIDAY RIDERS

L. J. ELLIS will ride Beaupartir in the Queen's Plate on Monday, but he has to be on Defaulter in the Derby, so his brother will ride the Awapuni colt in that classic. W. J. Broughton will be kept busy during the holiday period, for he will ride Yours Truly, Rustem, Black Thread, Mendelssohn, Serenata and Royal Pageant at Awapuni on Saturday; Arctic King, Smoke Screen, Beau Repaire and Paddy the Rip at Ellerslie on Monday; and will return for the third day at Awapuni on Tuesday before going back to Auckland.



DISDAIN is the ruling favourite for the A.R.C. Railway Handicap, and her final trials at Awapuni before leaving for Ellerslie showed that she is at the top of her form. She is particularly well treated in this rich sprint race with 7.4.

ACCEPTANCES FOR DUNEDIN

GOOD FIELDS

By Telegraph—Press Association.

DUNEDIN, Dec. 19.

The following acceptances have been made for the first day of the Dunedin Jockey Club's summer meeting on Boxing Day:—

OTOKIA HURDLES, Of £150; 1½ miles.

McHeath	10	1	Sir Rosenor	9	0
Superex	9	7	Camerino	9	0
Song Boy	9	7	Gold Don	9	0
Toreador	9	3	Darian	9	0
Recollection	9	3	Sir Admiral	9	0
Manetho	9	0	King Willow	9	0
Slayer	9	0			

TRIAL HANDICAP, Of £120; 7 furlongs.

Turaki	9	0	Happy Memory	8	3
Remembo	8	12	Swingtime	8	3
Sunny Jean	8	8	Spear Thrust	8	3
Our Pal	8	5	Lord Buck	8	3
Bilboa	8	4	Green Boa	8	3
Great Baby	8	4	Atua Rere	8	3
Disband	8	3	Kippen	8	3
Jedburgh	8	3	Neptune	8	3
Astral Light	8	3	Lord Hawke	8	3

DUNEDIN HANDICAP, Of £150; 5 furlongs.

Aranui	8	12	Asia	7	9
Gold Salute	8	11	Fancy Phil	7	9
Moneymore	8	2	Montessa	7	9
Knight Pal	8	0	Miss Otis	7	9
Night Prince	8	0	Prudent Prince	7	6
Brandon	7	10	Mondello	7	6
Janefield	7	10	Blissful Lady	7	6
Princess Minerva	7	9			

FEDERAL HANDICAP, Of £200; 6 furlongs.

Araboa	8	11	Janet Gaynor	7	11
Top Row	9	0	Valmarch	7	13
Ponty	8	9	Wild Career	7	10
Rodeur	8	7	Moneyless	7	7
Lady Leigh	8	0			

OTAGO HANDICAP, Of £500; 1 mile 2½ furlongs.

Sovereign Lady	9	0	Valantua	7	13
Milford	8	13	Ardchoille	7	6
Queen of Song	8	9	Cape Gabo	7	5
Alma	8	3	Mona's Song	7	2
Petersham	8	2	Night Wings	7	1
			Ardmayle	7	0

MILBURN HANDICAP, Of £150; 7 furlongs.

Ilythia	9	0	Chirp	8	3
New Note	8	13	Withdrawal	8	2
Waitoru	8	13	Astral Flash	8	1
Spanish Lad	8	12	Gusto	8	1
Peacock	8	11	Sunny Jean	8	0
Adina	8	10	Aravane	8	0

BURNSIDE HANDICAP, Of £170; 1 mile.

Travenna	9	8	Norseman	8	5
Cocksure	9	4	Swordstick	8	5
Valantua	9	2	Hanlon	8	0
Pink Robe	8	11	Foxlove	8	0
Cape Gabo	8	8	Night Dress	7	13
Second Innings	8	8	Thermidor	7	13

SALISBURY HANDICAP, Of £150; 1 mile.

Toro Koura	9	4	Master Dingle	7	7
Passaform	8	12	Great Bramble	7	7
Thermidor	8	9	Miss Bluff	7	7
Natty	8	9	Gay Vixen	7	7
Straightdel	8	5	Great Baby	7	7
Counterflight	7	13	Our Pal	7	7
Astral Flash	7	8	Tupai	7	7
Doubleack	7	8			

WILD CHASE FOR THE MANAWATU CUP

Counterblast Will Also Race At Awapuni

By Telegraph—Press Association.

AUCKLAND, Dec. 19.

The Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap candidates Wild Chase and Counterblast were scratched for all engagements at Auckland at 3.35 p.m. to-day.

Royal Bachelor was scratched for the Christmas Handicap at 1.25 p.m. to-day.

Wairarapa Acceptances

Hawke's Bay owners with horses engaged at the Wairarapa Racing Club's summer meeting at Tauherenikau on December 31 and January 2 are reminded that acceptances for all first day's events close with the secretary, Mr. N. C. C. Shepherd, Featherston, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 22.

RECORD CATALOGUE

THE National Yearling Sales catalogue, to hand by favour of Messrs. Wright Stephenson and Co., Wellington, for the thirteenth annual sales on January 18, is the most comprehensive yet compiled, and there is a record entry of yearlings. This year 210 lots are carded, compared with the previous record of 188 in 1931. Forty-six sires are represented.

DERBY TRIAL

PEERLESS is reported to have done well since she won the N.Z. Oaks so decisively, and her Derby trial will be performed in the Manawatu Cup on Saturday, and the handicapper has been particularly lenient with this Beau Pere filly, who is in with only 11lb. above w.f.a. Peerless should win the Manawatu Cup if she is to make a race of the Ellerslie classic with Defaulter and Beaupartir.

RACING FIXTURES

Dec. 24, 26, 27—Manawatu R.C.
Dec. 26, 27—Dunedin J.C.
Dec. 26, 27—Taranaki J.C.
Dec. 26—Waipukurau J.C.
Dec. 26, 28, Jan. 2, 3—Auckland R.C.
Dec. 28—Westland R.C.
Dec. 31, Jan. 2—Wairarapa R.C.
Dec. 31, Jan. 2—Greymouth J.C.
Jan. 2, 3—Hawke's Bay J.C.
Jan. 2—Waikouaiti R.C.
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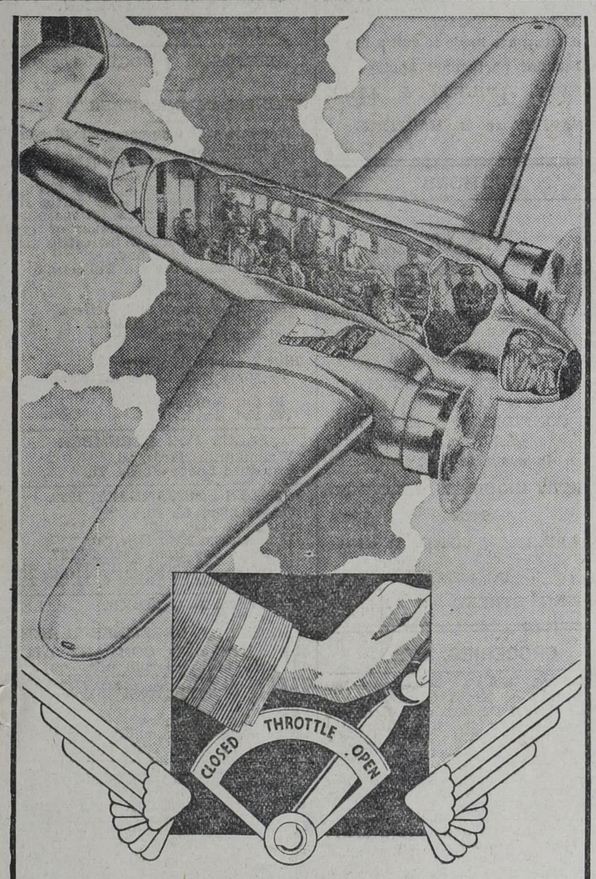

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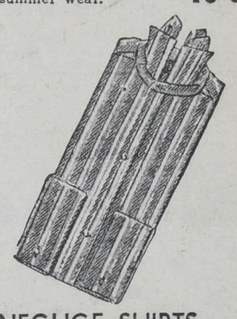

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V. E. SANDERS,
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W. L. DUNN,
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Napier,
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CHRISTMAS VACATION.
THE OFFICES OF SOLICITORS in this District will be closed for the Vacation from SATURDAY, December 24, 1938, in Napier, Hastings and Wairoa until TUESDAY, January 10, and elsewhere until SATURDAY, January 14, 1939, all dates inclusive.
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