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CHEERFUL TRAINLOADS ARRIVE AT AUCKLAND AFTER 47 HOURS' TRIP

SAILORS PICKED MUSHROOMS AND COOKED THEM ON THE FIREBOX

IMPROMPTU CONCERTS WHILED AWAY TIME

By Telegraph—Press Association
 AUCKLAND, Feb. 26.
 Even though their journey had been wearisome and long, passengers arriving at Auckland to-day on the expresses from Wellington affected by the Main Trunk slips were in remarkably cheerful mood and few had complaints to make.
 Some said that they would not have missed the experience for anything.
 A long series of incidents, mainly with a humorous side, appears to have kept up the travellers' spirits. This was particularly the case with those on the two expresses which left Wellington on Saturday afternoon and which took approximately 47 hours each to complete the journey of 426 miles.
 Passengers on these two trains first learned of what was in store for them when they reached Taihape late on Saturday night and were told that they would have to spend the night there.
 Many of them immediately went in search of food. They found two restaurants, and within a short time had almost cleared all the stocks of bread, fish, meat, bacon and eggs.
 The two trains proceeded on their journey next morning, but got only a few miles up the line to Matauroa. The hungry people once more went in search of food, but Matauroa has only one store, and it was a mile away. Parties immediately set out and soon returned laden with all manner of provisions, including bread, tinned fruit, sardines and condensed milk. The store was almost cleared of foodstuffs. Meanwhile, a fire had been lighted at the station and community bilkies were being boiled. There were a number of babies among the passengers, and fresh milk was urgently needed for their breakfast.
 Obligingly, two railway porters went and milked some cows that the local settlers had placed at the disposal of the travellers.
 Mushrooms On The Menu
 Mushrooms were also on the morning menu, for parties of sailors had been active in nearby fields. For want of better equipment they borrowed a fireman's shovel and cooked the mushrooms in the firebox of the locomotive engine.
 After some hours at Matauroa, both trains proceeded to Ohakune, which was reached late on Sunday morning.
 Many availed themselves of hotel meals and again food supplies were at a premium.
 A picture theatre was opened early in the afternoon, and much fun was unearched to make up a programme.
 Rarely before had Ohakune been so thoroughly inspected by visitors, the centre of attraction being the golfing green, where play was in progress.
 From mothers with young children an Ohakune woman earned much praise. She transformed her home into a temporary canteen and provided nourishing food for the infants. Her action was greatly appreciated.
 The Cup What Cheers, Again
 Early in the evening the trains proceeded on to Kahaki, 40 miles away, beyond which a big slip blocked the track. It looked like another all-night wait, and tea was again made.
 As on earlier occasions, impromptu concerts were provided by the naval party who, armed with a piano accordion and wipers, volunteered to go from carriage to carriage giving items. It was here, also, that passengers on the second train were entertained by the south-bound troops.
 Just prior to being transported by taxis and motor-bories to Tauranui, items were given by the military band, and several of the soldiers went through amusing, if not very graceful, dance movements.
 Raunimu was the scene of an unusual entertainment provided by the passengers of the later expresses. Arriving there at 1 o'clock this morning and having many hours to wait, they obtained access to the local hall, where, to music provided by the Hamilton Band and a lady pianist, they conducted a dance until dawn.
 Prominent among those participating were the Divisional Signallers and Artillerymen of the last war, who were returning from reunions in Wellington.
 From Tauranui onward the journey was without incident.

HELIGOLAND BIGHT RAID

PLANE FIGHTS FIVE MESSERSCHMITTS

SAFE HOME

Dramatic Story Of Adventure

British Official Wireless
 RUGBY, Feb. 25.
 The Air Ministry announces that aircraft of the Royal Air Force on Saturday carried out reconnaissance flights over Heligoland Bight and North-West Germany. One of the British aircraft was attacked by five Messerschmitts. Having repulsed six separate attacks the R.A.F. aircraft returned home safely after completing their task.
 On the returning reconnaissance flight a German bomber was intercepted and attacked by five enemy fighters. Despite the superior speed of its opponents and the fact that one of its guns was virtually out of action during the engagement the British aircraft was able to evade its attackers and returned safely to its base with valuable photographs previously obtained over enemy territory.
 Hit Six Times
 During the course of the action the bomber was hit six times by machine-gun fire, but the crew escaped injury.
 The bomber, a Bristol Blenheim, first sighted the enemy while flying in a patch of clear sky at 2000 feet. Five fighters of the Messerschmitt 109 type were flying in V formation, and the Blenheim pilot at once dived towards sea level in order to restrict the manoeuvrability of the fighters and protect himself from attack from below. While he was descending the first Messerschmitt launched its attack from above and on the port quarter, being quickly followed by the remaining four fighters, three of which attacked from the port quarter and one from astern.
 Pressing their attack home, the fighters then broke away, and gaining height, delivered simultaneous attacks on both sides of the bomber. At first the Blenheim pilot evaded the attack by making a series of left and right-hand turns and bringing his aircraft head-on towards the enemy's machine-gun fire as each attacked.
 Safety in Clouds
 Then, three minutes after the action had started, the Blenheim came under a cloud bank and the pilot decided to try to gain its cover. As he made for the clouds 3000 feet above him in a series of steep right-hand climbing turns, one of the enemy fighters repeatedly attacked him from the beam, while another harassed him from below. Still turning towards the fighters at each attack the bomber pilot continued to climb between each attack and finally entered the cloud bank where the fighters at once lost contact and were forced to abandon the chase.
 A German communiqué states that there was slight reconnaissance, chaser and patrol activity over the German-French frontier and Heligoland Bight. One French and one British plane were shot down.
 It is learned from the Air Ministry that a British plane was shot down in untruce.
BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO RESUME
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 LONDON, Feb. 26.
 Parliament will resume to-day.

SCANDINAVIAN UNANIMITY

NEUTRALITY IS INVIOLE

PEACE WANTED

Finland Must Stay Independent

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 COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25.
 The Danish, Norwegian and Swedish Foreign Ministers in a statement after a conference here said: "It is the most profound and most serious desire of all the northern people that the Russo-Finnish conflict may as soon as possible be brought to a peaceful solution which will preserve Finland's full independence."
 "We have achieved unanimity in respect to our policy of neutrality and will reject all assertions to the effect that our neutrality is exercised under pressure from either side. We intend to continue this policy impartially and independently in our relations with all sides."
 "We have agreed to maintain the inviolability of our neutral territory in accordance with international law, and we agreed to raise serious violation of the principles of international law in the naval warfare, which inflicts considerable losses of human life and economic values on neutrals when they maintain their shipping in order to keep up legitimate and necessary trade."
 "Our Governments should support each other mutually and join in negotiations with the belligerents when necessary and gladly welcome any endeavour to initiate negotiations between the belligerents with a view to a just and permanent peace."

The Norwegian Minister (Dr Koht) revealed that the conference had discussed the Altmark case, which Norway is prepared to submit to any court of arbitration that Britain is willing to designate.
 The Swedish Prime Minister (M. Hansson) declares that the Swedes do not unreservedly favour entering the war on behalf of Finland. Sweden has a mission to fulfil not only in her own interest but also in larger connections. The Government will continue its policy despite attacks. Sweden is helping Finland as a sister nation while defending her own freedom.
 Forty-eight Swedish towns have adopted a Finnish municipality each, he stated, to which they are sending fire brigades, repairing crews and nurses. Norway and Denmark will be asked to follow suit. Sweden's Finland Fund is now £1,237,000.

Troops Leaving The Caucasus

AVOIDING FRICTION

Russia Agrees With Turkey

PEACE PREFERRED

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 LONDON, Feb. 25.
 Turkey and Russia have withdrawn their troops from the immediate vicinity of the Caucasus in order to avoid friction. It is believed that Turkey is maintaining 200,000 soldiers in the Caucasus.
 The Belgrade correspondent of "The Times" says the Russo-Turkish frontier incident led to an armed clash, after which the Turks offered to withdraw troops from the border if Russia did likewise. The Russians answer is not known.
 While the Istanbul correspondent of "The Times" describes the rumours arising from the telegraphic breakdown on Saturday as fantastic, the Belgrade correspondent of "The Times" says the Turkish assurances do not seem adequately to account for the complete absence of all political information from Turkey, except laconic denials of the more sensational reports. International official communications are apparently possible and a few carefully-censored Press dispatches are permitted to leave Turkey.
Military Moves
 There is little doubt that Russian soldiers crossed the Turkish frontier on Tuesday last. Certain military movements are occurring, although their location is secret.
 It is reported from Budapest that telephonic communications with Turkey have been resumed. The Turkish Press does not refer to the frontier incidents, but unanimously stress Turkey's determination to uphold her independence. Therefore she is well prepared for any emergency.
 It is reported from Constanta (Rumania) that the tanker Vavladon to capacity with oil for Britain was held up because the crew refused to sail for fear of being torpedoed in the Black Sea.

WHOLE MOUNTAINSIDE ON THE MOVE

Communications Severed By Taranaki Storm

BACKBLOCKS LACK FOOD

By Telegraph—Press Association
 NEW PLYMOUTH, Feb. 26.
 Tearing pastures from the hillside, sweeping stock away in raging torrents and severing road and rail connections, the week-end flood did damage in northern and eastern Taranaki which cannot yet be estimated. Repairing the damage to roads alone is beyond the means of the county councils, which have appealed to the Government for help.
 A Post and Telegraph Department linesman from Mahoe-nui, who reached Awakino to-day, reported that there were 72 major slips in 18 miles. At Taumatamare Junction the road has been washed out and the whole hillside is still on the move two miles north of Awakino. The gorge tunnel road has caved in badly and it appears that a bridge will be necessary across the gap.
 Even yet the full extent of the disaster in remote localities cannot be estimated, but there must be many back-country settlers cut off from civilisation and facing a staggering food problem.
 The situation is grave enough along the main highway, where marooned travellers and residents alike are running desperately short of supplies, their difficulties being increased by the damage done when the flood waters entered the country stores.
Supplies by Plane
 Plans are on foot to take supplies out by planes from the Royal New Zealand Air Force station, at Bell Block, near New Plymouth.
 The main highway from New Plymouth to Auckland was open as far as Uruti to-day, but it will be days, if not weeks, before the road is open through the really devastated area lying beyond Mount Messenger.
 In the meantime, hundreds of travellers are held up by hundreds of slips and wash-outs. It will probably be weeks before the Stratford-Okahukura railway line is open. Almost incredible damage has been done on the northern part of the line.
 Terrific damage was done in the area south of Tongaporutu, according to three men who made a reconnaissance to-day. They said that the scene beggared description. Pastures have been swept off the hillsides or covered in silt, and some farms have been practically obliterated. Whole hillsides have been denuded of growth. Between Awakino and Mokau there are 15 major slips, and at Tongaporutu travellers in 30 cars and a bus are marooned.
Camped on Roadsides
 Most of the 65 people are camped in their cars along the roadside, but they are meeting their troubles in a splendid spirit.
 One man has lent his caravan to the women, and a cookhouse has been rigged up from two tent flies.
 Mr F. Waddell has already killed three sheep and is supplying travellers with milk and cream.
 Rain was again falling at Awakino to-night, and it was feared that, if there was another heavy downpour, the slips would start to move again.

CRICKET ELEVENS PICKED

NEW SOUTH WALES V. THE REST

McCOOL'S DEBUT

Good Batsman And Slow Bowler

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 SYDNEY, Feb. 26.
 Teams for the cricket match beginning at Sydney on March 8 are as follows:
The Rest: Bradman (captain), Brown, Lee, Hassett, Johnson, Rogers, Waite, Ring, D. Tallon, Grimmett, Scott, 12th man, K. Ridings.
New South Wales: McCabe (captain), Cohen, Mudge, Barnes, Saggam, Soloman, McCool; 12th man, J. Chegwyn.
 Neither Chipperfield nor Fingleton is available for New South Wales. McCool, who will make a debut in first-class cricket, is a good batsman and slow bowler.

HAWKE CUP CRICKET

LOW SCORE BY THE CHALLENGERS

ALL OUT FOR 33

Wanganui's Poor Showing

By Telegraph—Press Association.
 PALMERSTON N., Feb. 26.
 The first day's play in the Hawke Cup cricket between Manawatu and Wanganui was remarkable for the low score made by the challengers, who were dismissed for 33.
 At one stage of the game, Wanganui had six down for eight runs. Manawatu replied with 223, and at stumps Wanganui in the second innings had scored eleven for the loss of two wickets.
Go-Ahead Signal For Roosevelt
THIRD-TERM QUESTION
Significant Move In Illinois
SUPPORTERS ELATED

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 NEW YORK, Feb. 25.
 The "New York Times" Washington correspondent says that the failure of President Roosevelt to withdraw his name from the Illinois preferential primary ballot by last night, which was the deadline, is being regarded here as the go-ahead signal for the movement to draft him for a third term as President.
 The leaders of this movement are elated and intend to proceed vigorously. Their plans had been held in abeyance in fear of a last-minute withdrawal.
 The fact that President Roosevelt has never publicly consented to the filing of his name has not detracted from the enthusiasm. Since Mr J. N. Garner has also entered it will test the relative strengths, also whether President Roosevelt's popularity has survived sufficiently to overcome the unwritten ban on third terms.
 It is considered most unlikely that Roosevelt will officially state whether or not he is seeking a third term until after the Illinois primary, some believing that he intends to base his decision on the result of that election.
GIFT TO PATRIOTIC COUNCIL
 By Telegraph—Press Association.
 DUNEDIN, Feb. 26.
 The president of the Dunedin Savings Bank (Mr D. C. Cameron) announced that the bank trustees have unanimously granted £1000 to the funds of the Otago Patriotic Council of which £750 is to be reserved for a fund for the purpose of assisting men on their return from active service or for their dependants.

WIIPURI RETAINED BY THE FINNS

STRUGGLE CONTINUING IN THAT SECTOR

Parachute Raiders Fail

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 HELSINGFOR, Feb. 26.
 The Finns have retained Wiipuri, but the extent of the Russian progress against the Finnish right flank is uncertain.
 The fighting to the extreme west of the Mannerheim area has developed into a struggle for the command of the frozen Wiipuri inlet.
Parachute Raid
 A Rome cable says that the "Gloria d'Italia" states that a motorised Russian detachment reached the suburbs of Wiipuri on Saturday. Twelve hundred parachutists simultaneously descended intending to take the town, but were dispersed before landing by a blizzard and all were taken prisoners. The motorised unit therefore was forced to retreat.
 The Finns captured two Russian airmen who are believed to have participated in the raid on the Swedish town of Pajala, near the Finnish border. Their plane was forced down in Finnish territory.
Death Roll
 The Finns estimate that 86,000 Russians have died since the beginning of the Russian west isthmus push, and a communique has recorded 3000 more killed elsewhere, including 1000 in a repulsed attack at Salmenkita, 1000 north-west of Lake Ladoga and others at Kuhmo, Taivela and Salla.

Forts To Defend Seaports

JAPAN'S PLANS

May Be Leaving The Interior

WORKS AT SHANGHAI

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 NEW YORK, Feb. 26.
 The Shanghai correspondent of the "New York Times" says it is revealed that the Japanese are rapidly constructing extensive concrete fortifications at Shanghai and Tsingtao.
 "As these are designed to protect seaports from land assaults, military observers believe that the Japanese envision a withdrawal from the interior, leaving the forces of General Wang Ching-wei, Japan's puppet Governor, to hold off Marshal Chiang-Kai-shek."
RADIOLOGIST FOR GIBBORNE
Dr. J. S. Tomb Of Norwich
 By Telegraph—Press Association.
 GIBBORNE, Feb. 26.
 Dr. John S. Tomb, of Norwich, England, has been appointed radiologist to Cook Hospital, Gisborne, from six applicants from Britain, Australia and New Zealand.
THREE DEAD, EIGHT HURT IN R.A.F. PLANE CRASH
Roof Ripped Off Building And Petrol Tank Explodes In Black-Out

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 LONDON, Feb. 26.
 A Royal Air Force pilot-officer, the sole occupant of a plane, was killed, Mrs R. Bridge and her daughter died in hospital, Mr Bridge was badly burnt and seven slightly injured as the result of a plane which took off from Croydon aerodrome during the black-out on Saturday losing height and striking the roof of the Bridges' house, taking the roof off the building.
 The petrol tank exploded when the aeroplane crashed in the road, demolished a motor-car and hurtled across into two garages, which a second explosion severely damaged.
 Firemen hastened to the scene and an armed guard placed a cordon round the area while the debris was examined under a searchlight.
 The police removed families from eight houses to hotels. Charred rubbish chokes the Bridges' house, of which only part of the ground floor and walls are standing. The houses on both sides of the garage were charred.

FRANCO'S DECISION

LAW APPROVED IN SPAIN

Civil War Sequel

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BONED FROZEN BEEF FOR EXPORT

Australian Experiment May Save Valuable Cargo Space

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 CANBERRA, Feb. 26.
 Experiments with the export of boned frozen beef are being conducted by the Federal Government as a wartime economy measure. It is estimated that by exporting beef without bone ships will carry at least 20 per cent. more consumable meat. This will be cut into 30 or 40lb pieces and packed tightly in the ship's refrigerators.
 The first experimental shipment has already been authorised.
 It is officially stated that the system of telescoping frozen lamb into mutton carcasses, which was introduced some months ago, is conserving nearly 30 per cent. of the mutton export space.

THE "BAD BOYS" WERE GOOD

VIVID STORY OF HEROISM

ACHILLES MEN

Missed The Ship But Got There

By Telegraph—Press Association.
 AUCKLAND, Feb. 26.
 The astonishing story of two New Zealand ratings from H.M.S. Achilles who found themselves by chance in the H.M.S. Exeter during the River Plate action against the Admiral Graf Spee and who covered themselves with glory was told to-night by Captain W. E. Parry, who is commanding the Achilles.
 He described the incident when replying to a toast at the Auckland Anniversary Regatta Committee's prize-night gathering.
 "After spending some time ashore at Rio de Janeiro," said Captain Parry, "I came down to the wharf to get my boat off to the ship. I found that it was not there, and after some time I managed to get another boat."
 "When I got to my ship I was told the reason why my boat had not been waiting for me."
 "It appears that two seamen whose leave had been 'jammed' had taken a fast motor-boat and gone ashore. They were not back at 8 a.m. when we sailed next day and we went without them."
Serious Offence
 "Of course, in the Navy desertion is a serious offence, and I found myself faced with the unpleasant possibility of having to call a court martial."
 "The men later made their own way to Montevideo and they finally picked up the Exeter, with whom we had a rendezvous, but they were still with her when the action started."
 "By jove, those two New Zealanders were perfectly splendid. They came up from the flooded magazine where they had done great work, and when they reached the mess-decks an 11-inch shell came inboard and burst, making a terrific shambles. Then these men formed themselves into a rescue party of two, cleared up the decks, carried away the wounded men and covered themselves with glory."
 "What can you do with men like that?" asked Captain Parry. "Court martial them? Anyway, I can say they were not court martialled. This shows you what my boys were like."
 "The whole ship's company were too wonderful for words."

Canadian Air Forces In Britain

FIRST SQUADRON TO CO-OPERATE WITH ARMY

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 LONDON, Feb. 26.
 The first squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force to undertake overseas service has arrived and is taking up army co-operation work.
 The Under-Secretary of Air (Captain H. H. Balfour) in welcoming them, said: "We are quite sure of mastery of the air the same as in the last war."
FREEMASONRY TO BE SUPPRESSED
Franco's Decision
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CAR FREIGHTS WERE HIGH

Traveller's Experience
ENGLISH CHANNEL SERVICE
 Comparison With N.Z.

It costs considerably less to transport a car by steamer ferry service between the North and South Islands of New Zealand than it does to have a car of similar size shipped between the Channel ports of England and France.

An interesting comparison of the steamer freights for motor cars was supplied by Mr L. W. Spencer, whose information is of particular note in view of recent discussions regarding the costs of transport for motor cars in New Zealand.

Mr and Mrs Spencer last year spent some months abroad, and in April when they crossed from Dover to Calais to travel for three weeks in France, Mr Spencer obtained a complete schedule of crossing channels rates from the Automobile Association in London.

Costs Compared
 The most comparable distance is from Southampton to St. Malo, a trip of 150 miles against the 175-mile journey by ferry steamer from Wellington to Lyttelton. For small cars (up to 8 ft. 6 in. wheelbase) the cost of return freight from Southampton to St. Malo is £7 from Dover as the cost for cars of approximately the same class from Wellington to Lyttelton is £4 2/6.

Classification of cars for freight purposes on the channel steamers is on the basis of wheelbase measurement, and on the nearest possible comparison the difference in cost of return freight for various sizes of cars between Southampton and St. Malo and between Wellington and Lyttelton is as follows:—

Up to 9 ft. wheelbase £9/10/- (£5 5/-); up to 9 ft. 6 in. wheelbase £12/6- (£6 15/-); over 9 ft. 6 in. £16/16- (£8 15/-).

From Folkestone to Boulogne is a distance of only 26 miles and from this trip the return freight on cars ranges from £7/10/- to £16 according to size; from Dover to Dunkerque (46 miles) it is from £4/11/- to £11/14/- and from Dover to Calais (only 22 miles) the cost by the autocarrier steamer service is also from £4/11/- to £11/14/-.

Passenger fares on the New Zealand Inter-island ferry also compare favourably with those charged for cross-channel passages. The 150-mile trip from Southampton to St. Malo costs £2/7/11 first-class single (14/3/3 return) and for second-class £1/13/7 (return) (£3/0/4 return). Fares on the Lyttelton-Wellington ferry are £1/7/6 first-class single (£2/15/- return) and £1 second class (£2 return). Furthermore on the Southampton-St. Malo service second-class passengers are provided with 40 berths in enclosed cabins, but can hire pillows and sheets for 2/.

Goods Service in France
 Accommodation for visitors, on the other hand, is pleasantly cheap in France, and particularly good, too, if one goes to the right places. Mr and Mrs Spencer travelled southwards from Calais, visiting many interesting and picturesque places, especially in the chateau country, and as a general rule the cost of really good dinner, bed and breakfast was not more than 6s/ each. At Bandol, a delightful little town on the Little Riviera, between Toulon and Marseilles, right on the sea coast, Mr and Mrs Spencer enjoyed an excellent accommodation at a cost of 8/4 per day including wine, afternoon teas and garage. This charge included the Government tax of 12s per cent, and the 10 per cent levy for which France replaces the English tipping system.

Tourists Encouraged
 France encourages tourists and does much to make their travelling easy and pleasant. Everyone arriving in the country is supplied with a booklet of some 200 pages issued by the French Government. Here, in the most convenient form, is given a complete list of all hotels, and accommodation houses in France, with the fixed prices for all services, and a great deal of concise and useful information for travellers.

Petrol, Mr Spencer said, cost about the same price in France as it did in England, but when one had been in France for a week one could obtain coupons entitling the bearer to a tourist concession on all petrol purchased on the remainder of his tour.

Roads and signposting, Mr Spencer considered, were very good, and a useful feature was the provision of kilometre stones at every kilometre, giving the exact distance from the last town to the next.

In the parts of France they had visited the attitude of everyone they dealt with was most helpful and courteous. It was most interesting to observe the mercenary outlook of which visitors who stay only in the big cities occasionally complain.

W.D.F.U. BRANCH AT FRASERTOWN

Monthly Meeting Held Recently

The monthly meeting of Frasers-town branch of the Women's Division of the Farmers' Union was held on Wednesday.

The competition of best Christmas cake was won by Mrs W. Beckett. A dainty afternoon tea was served by the hostesses, Mesdames Craig and W. Beckett.

Members stood in silence for Mrs Johnson, whose father recently died.

A very bright afternoon was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Tennis Tourney

At Waipawa
 RAIN SPOILS PLAY
 Championships And Handicaps
 DETAILED RESULTS

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
 WAIPAWA.

Owing to the heavy rain which fell throughout the whole of Saturday, the Waipawa Tennis Club's courts were not playable on Sunday until after lunch, so that it was not possible to complete the full programme arranged for the club championships. Notwithstanding this, excellent progress was made during the afternoon, the following games being completed:—

Women's Handicap Doubles.—First round: Mrs Fleet and Mrs Maitland beat Misses Carne and Limbrick, 9-3; Mrs Herrick and Miss Harwood beat Mesdames Woods and Knobloch, 9-7.

Combined Championship Doubles.—First round: Weedon and Mrs Maitland beat Davies and Miss Harwood, 6-1, 6-0. Second round: Allen and Mrs Herrick beat Weedon and Mrs Maitland, 6-2, 6-4.

Combined Handicap Doubles.—First round: Allen and Mrs Herrick lost to Maitland and Mrs Fleet, 8-6.

Men's Championship Singles.—First round: Watts beat Cutcliffe, 6-2, 6-1; Furlingher beat Campbell, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; Plummer beat McKay, 6-2.

Men's Handicap Singles.—First round: J. Knobloch beat Watts 9-7; Allen beat J. Meta 9-8; Weedon beat Furlingher 9-8.

Women's Championship Doubles.—First round: Mrs King and Miss d'Emden beat Misses Rathbone and Clark, 6-5, 6-4; Mrs Fleet and Mrs Maitland beat Miss Hall and Mrs Little, 6-3, 6-1.

Women's Handicap Singles.—First round: Miss McCartin beat Miss d'Emden 9-5; Miss Harwood beat Mrs Knobloch 9-5.

FIFTH SERIES SHOOT AT WAIROA

Defence Rifle Club
CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES
 Smith Cup Event

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
 WAIROA.

The week-end saw the opening in unsettled weather of the fifth series shoot conducted by the Waioara Defence Rifle Club on the Waioara range. Following are the scores:—

Championship
 J. Hart 300 yds, 35; 500 yds, 32; 600 yds, 35; 102 J. Sim 33-32-33-98; S. Clark 32-34-32-98; C. Stone 34-32-32-98; J. Duley 31-31-33-95; W. Sandford 28-32-34-94; W. Hart 30-34-30-94; M. P. Chapman 31-33-30-94; T. D. Stichebury 28-31-30-89; R. Smythe 25-23-29-77.

Smith Cup (Handicap)
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The next shoot of the series will be held on Saturday and next day the service matches will be held, commencing at 9 a.m. All members are requested to be present.

STOCK SALE HELD AT ONGOANGA

Brokers' Report On Values
 Brokers report as follows on the Ongoanga stock sale, held yesterday:—

29 2-h ewes 20/2, 7 at 13/1, 18 at 12/1, 151 at 27/6, 35 at 24/6, 44 at 24/9, 77 4th ewes 23/4, 190 5-pr ewes 17/, 170 at 15/, 130 at 15/0, 44 at 18/9, 32 at 18/9, 285 6-yr ewes 16/, 33 M.S. lambs 5/, 18 S.D. lambs 6/4, 47 ewe lambs 14/9, 46 wed lambs 12/4, 4 fat lambs 24/, 24 weds 17/3, 4 at 12/, 1 at 18/9, 4 S.D. weds 18/3; 3 2-sh Lincoln rams 11gns., 5 1-sh Romney rams 1gn., 2 Romney rams 1gn., 4 at 1gn., 1 at 1gn., 4 at 14/6, 3 at 18/6, 1 1-sh Romney ram 1gn., 3 at 41gns., 1 at 41gns., 1 1-sh Southdown ram 5gns., 2 at 21gns., 3 at 2 gns., 4 S.D. rams 11gns., 3 at 21 gns., 2 at 11gns., 1 at 11gns., 2 at 1gn., 1 at 11gns., 1 at 10/6, 1 at 5/-.

Yesterday On 'Change

Transaction List
 Following is a list of transactions on the New Zealand Stock Exchange:—

N.Z. Govt. 4% Stock 1934-58	101 15 0
Bank of N.Z. (W.A.V.) 2 1 3
Timaru Woollens (2) 9 0
Taranaki Oilfields 16 9
Woodwards (N.Z.) 10 10
Grey River 19 3

Sales Reported
 National Bank of N.Z. 2 6 0
 Timaru Woollens 9 0
 N.Z. Breweries 1 17 0
 Taranaki Oilfields 6 8

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GOOD ORGANISATION AT THE RUAKITURI SPORTS

Record Entries And Keen Competition Last Saturday

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
 WAIROA.

Steady rain in the surrounding districts did not deter a good number of spectators and competitors from attending the Ruakituri Sports Club's annual meeting on Smith brothers' property on Saturday.

Thanks to the excellent organisation, the president (Mr D. H. Evans) with the able help of the secretary (Mr A. H. Lane) and an energetic committee, successfully completed a varied programme lengthened by a record number of entries.

WAIROA'S FIRST WIN

ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT
GOOD PLAY
 Many Visiting Clubs Represented

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
 WAIROA.

Play that set a particularly high standard was witnessed at the Waioara Bowling Club's annual open tournament at the week-end. Drawing 64 competitors from the Fort Ahuriri, Kahutia, Gisborne, Poverty Bay, Waikaremoana and Waioara clubs the event was favoured by brilliant sunshine and the two greens were in excellent condition.

For the first time in the history of the club Waioara took the cup as the winners of the tournament. Skipped by Roberts, the rink had a decisive win over Hands's Kahutia rink by 13 points to 3 in the final.

A welcome was extended to the visitors by the president of the club (Mr W. A. Crarer).

On behalf of the visitors Mr A. Slight (Gisborne) president of the East Coast Centre, congratulated the Waioara Club on the success of its tournament and expressed appreciation of the hospitality accorded, especially of the work of the women helpers.

Creditable performances were displayed by the Port Ahuriri players who were unfortunate not to compete in the final.

The Results
 Detailed results with clubs denoted by P.A. (Port Ahuriri), G. (Gisborne), K. (Kahutia), W. (Waikaremoana), P.B. (Poverty Bay) and W. (Waioara) are as follows:—

SECTION A
First Round
 Galbraith (W) 15 v. Coleman (W) 7.
 Hands (K) 25 v. McGoldrick (W) 8.
 Moore (W) 14 v. Earney (P.A.) 14.
 Stephenson (G) 17 v. Osler (W) 10.

Second Round
 Hands 17 v. Coleman 6.
 Galbraith 15 v. McGoldrick 14.
 Moore 21 v. Osler 16.
 Earney 11 v. Stephenson 13.

Third Round
 Coleman 17 v. McGoldrick 12.
 Hands 12 v. Galbraith 6.
 Stephenson 19 v. Moore 10.
 Earney 17 v. Osler 12.

Fourth Round
 Coleman 20 v. Moore 10.
 Earney 27 v. Galbraith 9.
 McGoldrick 10 v. Stephenson 7.
 Hands 17 v. Osler 15.

Summary
 Hands 4 wins, Earney 3, Coleman, Galbraith and Stephenson 2 each, Moore 1, McGoldrick 1.

SECTION B
First Round
 Newton (K) 11 v. Bennett (W) 9.
 A. Slight (P.B.) 16 v. Prior (W.A.) 11.
 Roberts (W) 12 v. Tapper (W.A.) 10.
 Hedley (W) 15 v. Forster (W) 14.

Second Round
 Newton 13 v. Prior 11.
 Bennett 16 v. Slight 14.
 Tapper 21 v. Hedley 10.
 Roberts 22 v. Forster 2.

Third Round
 Newton 17 v. Slight 8.
 Bennett 22 v. Prior 7.
 Tapper 18 v. Forster 8.
 Roberts 12 v. Hedley 6.

Fourth Round
 Newton 16 v. Tapper 15.
 Roberts 14 v. Bennett 11.
 Hedley 19 v. Prior 12.
 Forster 14 v. Slight 13.

Summary
 Newton and Roberts 4 wins each, Roberts winning by 3 to 2 in the play off; Hedley, Bennett and Tapper 2 each; Forster and Slight 1 each.

From the start of the final Roberts maintained a good lead over Hands. The winning rink secured 5 points on the first head, 2 on the second, one each on the third and fifth and four on the seventh.

Hands scored one on the fourth and two on the sixth head.

Otane Bowling.—Further matches by members of the Otane Bowling Club for the Colquhoun Buttons resulted as follows: Page and Jude (holders) lost to Mills and Stafford 15-13. Mills and Stafford beat Britten and Burn 15-10.

PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR

IYA Auckland
 7.0 a.m.: Daventry news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 8.0: Daventry news. 10.0: Devotional service. 10.15: Recordings. 11.0: "Household Pets," by "Belinda." 11.10: Recordings. 12.0: Lunch music. 12.30 p.m.: Daventry news.

2.0: Recordings. 2.30: Classical hour. 3.15: Sports results. 3.30: Light music. 4.0: Daventry news. Followed by special weather report for farmers. 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

2YA Wellington
 7.0 a.m.: Daventry news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 8.0: Daventry news. 9.10: Recordings. 9.15: Correspondence School Educational Session. 10.0: Weather report. 10.10: Devotional service. 10.25: Recordings. 10.45: "Ships and Shoes and Sailing Wax"; By Miss Nello Scanlan. 11.0: Recordings. 11.30: Talk by a representative of the Wellington Cross Society. 12.0: Lunch music. 12.30 p.m.: Daventry news.

1.0 p.m.: Weather report. 2.0: Classical hour. 3.0: Sports results. Recordings. 3.30: Weather report for farmers. 4.0: Daventry news. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45 p.m.: Dinner session. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 7.30: The NBS String Orchestra (Conductor: Maurice Clere) "Suite" (Bach). 8.3: The Bach Cantata Club, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (Bach). 8.12: Jessie Shaw (contralto) and Marcel Moyse (piano), "Le Rossignol en Amour" (Couperin). 8.27: The NBS String Orchestra, "Song of Vermont" (Handy). 8.34: Thomas West (tenor), S.44: St. Thomas's Choir, "Lepzig" (Johann Sebastian Bach). 8.47: The NBS String Orchestra, "Charterhouse Suite" (Vaughan Williams). 9.0: Daventry news. 9.20: Progress reports on Little River ewe fair.

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HASTINGS THEATRES

DEAF AIDS THEATRES LTD. Amalgamated Theatres Ltd. (Throughout N.Z.) Hastings' Leading Theatre. LAST DAY - At 2.15 and 8 p.m. SCUTTLE OF THE GRAF SPEE MARCH OF TIME. Elsa Maxwell's "HOTEL FOR WOMEN" (Recommended by the Censor for Adults.) TO-MORROW WILL HAY GRAHAM MOFFATT MOORE MARIOTT in EDGAR WALLACE'S OLD BONES OF THE RIVER. I KILLED THE COUNT Syd. Walker - Ben Lyon Barbara Blair Antoinette Cellier (Recommended by the Censor for Adults.)

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Regent Hawke's Bay's Pre-eminent Theatre. Extensive Circuit Booking does not allow of an extension of season. METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER'S "TARZAN FINDS A SON" Excellent All-Metro First Half (Approved for Universal Exhibition) TO-MORROW Darling Drama of this Modern Age - WOMAN DOCTOR Featuring FRIEDA INESCORT - HENRY WILCOXON - SYBIL JASON CLAIRE DODD (Recommended by the Censor for Adults) Plans at Sutcliffe's, phone 2822

MUNICIPAL PICTURES TO-NIGHT 7.45 (THE FAMILY HOUSE FOR VALUE) TO-NIGHT 7.45 A new Western filmed against a perfect screen which makes it the most finished comedy in years! GORDON HARKER NED SPARKS Mary Brian Patrick Knowles in "WILD BRIAN KENT" TWO'S COMPANY TWO'S COMPANY (Both Approved for Universal Exhibition)

Regent "Woman Doctor" Is A Stirring Drama Should a woman doctor sacrifice her hard-earned laurels, her career, her place in a man's world that skill and courage have won her, to grace the kitchen, the nursery, the drawing room? Should she, after marriage, confine herself to the duties of wife and mother, or continue to use the skill that saves wrecked human bodies? This is a question asked and answered in "Woman Doctor," Republic's stirring human drama, which comes to the Regent Theatre, Hastings, to-morrow. Her medical skill constantly in demand, Dr. Judith Randall has little time to spend with her aviator husband, Alan Graeme and their daughter, Elsa. When an emergency operation prevents Dr. Randall from joining Alan in their twelfth wedding anniversary, he finds solace in the company of the glamorous Gail Patterson. Hospital duties again keep Judith from attending a musicale in which her little girl participates. Taking advantage of Dr. Randall's professional pre-occupation, Gail alienates Alan by evincing interest in Elsa. Domestic relations between Dr. Judith and Alan become strained and Alan moves to Rhode Island home, taking Elsa with him. When Judith drives down to see them the sensory, he finds solace in the sound of the car horn as she is thrown and badly injured. Alan decides to fly them to New York, but on the way the plane becomes entangled in fog. In the cabin of the plane little Elsa gasps for breath. Then comes the thrilling climax of "Woman Doctor" which you will long remember. Frieda Inescort plays Dr. Judith impeccably, her gracious presence enriching the production beyond measure. Henry Wilcoxon is the misunderstood husband and Sybil Jason realistically plays Elsa. The supporting cast includes Claire Dodd, Cora Witherspoon, Frank

State "OLD BONES OF THE RIVER"

"I Killed The Count" Is Also Showing" A typically hilarious Will Hay comedy, "Old Bones of the River" is the first attraction of to-morrow's programme at the State Theatre, Hastings. Called upon this time to play a well known Edgar Wallace character, the comedian with the inevitable handicaps to his activities, Moore Marriott and Graham Moffatt, is given a jungle setting for his brilliant comedy. Face to face with adventure, Will Hay is as diverting a figure of fun as ever, and his two co-partners in hilarity lend him able support. "Old Bones of the River," with its high comedy and adventure, has not a dull moment. Everybody knows the popular radio personality who asks listeners every week, "What would you do, chums? Send me a postcard. Syd Walker's name." Syd Walker co-stars with Ben Lyon in the G-B-D release, "I Killed the Count," which is the second feature. The picture is based on the very successful London stage play by Alec Coppel, and the author wishes to direct the next feature, this is not the time to tell the story. Sufficient to say that a man is murdered and the audience is as much in the dark as the detective sort of most ingeniously contrived mystery stories the screen has seen - and tells it to the accompaniment of constant chuckles of laughter - by reason of the discomfiting of the somewhat bumptious fortune of the somewhat bumptious detective inspector in charge of the case. As so much of the interest in the film must rest on the element of surprise being retained until the moment the author wishes to direct the next feature, this is not the time to tell the story. Sufficient to say that a man is murdered and the audience is as much in the dark as the detective sort of most ingeniously contrived mystery stories the screen has seen - and tells it to the accompaniment of constant chuckles of laughter - by reason of the discomfiting of the somewhat bumptious fortune of the somewhat bumptious detective inspector in charge of the case. As so much of the interest in the film must rest on the element of surprise being retained until the moment the author wishes to direct the next feature, this is not the time to tell the story. Sufficient to say that a man is murdered and the audience is as much in the dark as the detective sort of most ingeniously contrived mystery stories the screen has seen - and tells it to the accompaniment of constant chuckles of laughter - by reason of the discomfiting of the somewhat bumptious fortune of the somewhat bumptious detective inspector in charge of the case.

Current Programme A work of girls on their own, with a life of a million parties giving them a new slant on life - this is Elsa Maxwell's "Hotel for Women," which concludes to-night at the State Theatre, Hastings. In this cosmopolitan production, for 20th Century-Fox the world famous personality makes her film debut. Myrna Loy appears as a newspaper artist in love with a social climber, Walter Pidgeon. Pidgeon weds an heiress, Rosalind Russell, instead, and they leave on their honeymoon. Franchot Tone, a cartoonist, secretly loves Miss Loy but will not admit it to her. They remain "pals." Miss Loy temporarily forgets her defeat until the honeymooners return, when she renews her siege. The wife, Rosalind Russell, finds her husband in Miss Loy's rooms and offers him a divorce. As he will lose his soft job with his wife's rich father, he declines the divorce. Miss Loy at last realises the foolishness of her infatuation for the married man. She and Tone pledge to remain "pals," but her mother knows they are in love. Bumped on the polo field and on the path of true love provide Dennis O'Keefe with a strenuous, dashing romantic and highly comical role in "The Kid From Texas," second of the sports dramas in which Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is featuring the young actor, teamed with Florence Rice. This film is an excellent second feature.

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BLACK LIST OF SHIPS ALLIED VESSELS ARE WARNED WAR TRADERS Misrepresented As Combatants It is a favourite device of the German propaganda department to pretend that British ships, while claiming merchant ship status, actually are not entitled to it since they carry armaments, and are actively employed in offensive action against Germany (writes the naval correspondent of "The Times"). It points to the Rawalpindi - which, in fact, like many similar ships, was completely taken over by the Navy and commissioned as a warship - as proof of its allegations; and it has now issued a new edition of its "Black List" containing the names of 30 British and 10 French liners which Germany will regard as warships and will therefore sink at sight, warning intending passengers not to book by them. Typical Misrepresentation The whole complaint is, as usual, based upon misrepresentation. There is no connection, or confusion, between merchant ships armed for self-defence, which do not thereby lose their merchant status, and merchant ships taken over and commissioned as warships. But in any case the warning carries no weight; for it is well known that German warships will attack at sight any British merchant ships they can, without regard to their real status, and passengers are no safer on board ships not black-listed than on board those which are. It is the weakness of the apostle of "rightfulness" - which must be a bitter annoyance to him - that his threats carry no weight. He is already doing his worst at sea, and can do no more; whereas if he were to promise to refrain from what he calls "severity" against those who obey his behests, since nobody would trust his promise - having learnt by experience - there is no inducement to pay any attention to them.

State AN EPIC OF THE OLD WEST

Randolph Scott In "Frontier Marshal" In the dangerous West of old, one town was the wildest, wickedest and deadliest. This is Tombstone, Arizona, the scene of "Frontier Marshal," opening to-morrow at the State Theatre, Napier. This stirring 20th Century-Fox production tells the vivid story of the wickedest, wildest town of the dangerous old West, where life wasn't worth a lead nickel - until a gun-fighting marshal brought in the law at the shooting end of a six-gun. Scott is seen in the title role as Wyatt Earp, whose fabulous exploits tamed Tombstone and who stayed alive because nobody ever beat him to the draw, while Nancy Kelly is cast as a beautiful, brave, unflinching girl who followed the man she loved to this wide-open town in the hope of saving him from himself. Cesar Romero has the colourful role of Doc Holliday, elegant gambler and deadly killer, a man who, for reasons best known to himself, has given up a useful life in the East to come to this wild borderland town to wait for death. Loved by two women, he was feared by every man - until Wyatt Earp walked in. Binnie Barnes is seen as Jerry, volcanic dance hall queen. Irving Berlin's new songs, Sonja Henie's sunny brilliance, Tyrone Power's gay romancing, Rudy Vallee's singing and Edna May Oliver's fun - one of the greatest combinations of talent ever gathered for one show is making Irving Berlin's "Second Fiddle" the sensation of the year. It will open a return season to-morrow at the State Theatre, by popular request. It's something new in screen entertainment, and it's filled with romance, dazzling spectacle, fresh comedy, six new Berlin songs and surprises galore, including sensational tangos on ice, snow rhumbas, ice ballets, and the new ball-room dance craze, the "Back to Back." Current Attraction A poignant, dramatic story, based on one of the most stirring chapters of the World War, a brilliant star in her finest role, and a cast of forty distinguished players, briefly sums up the entertainment ingredients of "Nurse Edith Cavell," which is showing finally to-day at the State Theatre, Napier.

Regent "IN OLD CHICAGO," A GREAT SPECTACLE With The Jones Family In "A Trip To Paris" Superb screen spectacle, with all the elements that go to make a picture of great entertainment, is included in Darryl F. Zanuck's "In Old Chicago" opening to-morrow at the Regent Theatre, Napier. Up to now, Hollywood seemed to have made the most of all of the classic struggles between man and the elements, but not since the "Birth of a Nation" has such completely overwhelming grandeur graced a motion picture, and have the grandeur in this 20th Century-Fox production is derived from the relentless fury of an unrestrained Western metropolis of a rougher and tougher era in history, is only part of the film. The true beauty lies in the carefully manipulated love story, capably written, directed and acted in the foreground of what, for the want of words, will have to be called sheer stupendousness. Dramatic laurels most certainly are due to Alice Faye, Tyrone Power, Don Ameche, Alice Brady, Brian Donlevy and Andy Devine. The Jones Family, one of Hollywood's most human contributions to film entertainment is headed for Napier again. This time, this consistently laugh-provoking group appears at the Regent Theatre in "A Trip To Paris." Advance reviewers have declared this picture to be the funniest adventure America's favourite film folks ever have embarked upon. Ma and Dad Jones (and the children) by Spring Byington and Jed Prouty) have wanted to take this trip for years - and this time they do it by accident. Current Attraction An entirely novel twist to the theme of mistaken identity raises "Dead Man's Shoes," which is showing finally at the Regent Theatre, Napier, into a class of its own. The chief protagonists are Leslie Banks and Wilfrid Lawson, both of them players from the top flight.

Mayfair MYSTERY AND DRAMA IN "THE FROG" Edgar Wallace Thriller Comes To The Screen Gordon Harker forsakes the stern paths of duty and visits a notorious night-club in "The Frog," the Edgar Wallace thriller now screened by the Mayfair Theatre, Napier. Despite the congenial surroundings, however, the visit is "strictly business" and the sight of his dilapidated bowler hat, shabby raincoat and traditional umbrella, which never for one moment does he forsake, strikes fear into many hearts, not the least of them being Lola Bassano, the famous cabaret star, played by the lovely Carol. The film is set in Vienna, a brilliant comedy of matrimonial mix-ups. The final chapter of "The Oregon Trail" will be screened with this programme.

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FOR ALL OCCASIONS.—Irene Dunne, Columbia Pictures star, gives a lead into fashion news. From left to right a silver lame tunic ensemble with flared skirt effect over black broadcloth. The evening ensemble is luxurious. Under the beautiful coat of white fox fur is worn the blue sequin gown pictured alongside it. The black and white plaid swagger coat is handsomely bordered with white timber wolf. (A tip as to what is going to be a popular style this season). The dressmaker suit on the extreme right is of grey pebbly wool trimmed with silver fox. Note the prominent part furs are playing in these suits for all occasions.

LADIES' GUILD AT WESTSHORE

The first meeting of the Westshore Ladies' Guild for the present year was held in the Methodist Church at the seaside suburb recently. There was a fair attendance of women. The president, Mrs S. V. Martin, occupied the chair. An invitation was received from the Greenmeadows Ladies' Guild for the Westshore women to attend their garden party. This was accepted with thanks. The question of the renovation of the church building at Westshore was discussed, and it was agreed that painting, plumbing and carpentering work on same was to begin immediately. Any balance of money over the cost of this work is to be spent in providing new linoleum for the church vestry.

The president heartily thanked the members who had donated prizes to the previous guld picnic. During the afternoon a welcome was extended to the Rev. and Mrs J. S. Warren, Mr. Warren gave a very interesting address on guld functions and aims. He also highly commended the efforts of the ladies on raising funds for the renovation of the church, and expressed pleasure at the warm fellowship of the president and members. An amusing competition (drawing of an animal on a mirror) was held, the winner being Mrs Clothier, with Mrs Johnson second.

Mrs Bruce conveyed the greetings of Trinity Church Guild to the Westshore ladies and thanked them for the very pleasant afternoon. Afternoon tea was served by the ladies. A flower stall operated during the afternoon did excellent business. A most enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close with the pronouncing of the Benediction.

Recent Wedding At Hataitai

MORGAN—GURR

Both Former Residents Of Napier

The wedding took place recently at All Saints Church Hataitai, Wellington, of Enid Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Gurr, Napier, to Frederick J. C. Morgan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. Morgan, also of Napier. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr Langstone, and the church was beautifully decorated with gladioli and asters.

The bride, who was accompanied by Mr G. Turvey, Wellington, wore a navy costume with white georgette blouse, and navy and white Bedouin turban. She wore a shoulder spray of lemon roses, intermingled with thistlestrum. Her bridesmaid, Miss D. McLaren, Wellington, also wore a navy costume with a spray of pink roses. Miss Audrey Gurr, niece of the bride was a flower girl, in a frock of pink pinpout muslin and a pink silk hat. She carried a posy of pink and white carnations.

Mr T. Morgan, brother of the groom, was best man. Afterwards a reception was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Turvey, Island Bay. The guests were received by the bride's parents, assisted by Mr and Mrs Turvey. Mrs Gurr wore a navy ensemble with a natural spray of red roses. A frock in black and gold, with a shoulder spray of mauve and lemon flowers was worn by Mrs Turvey. Mrs Morgan was in a French model frock of navy blue, with a spray of tiger lilies. In future the bride's home will be in Wellington. Her husband is serving in the R.N.Z.A.F.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs Green, Frasertown, is spending a holiday with her mother in Gisborne.

Mrs Stacey, Frasertown, is at present spending her holiday in Hastings.

Miss Rene English has returned to Wellington after spending a few days holiday with her parents at Puketitiri.

Mr and Mrs J. G. Stevens, Otane, are on a holiday visit to their son in Gisborne.

Mr and Mrs E. C. Higgs, have gone to Wellington, where they will be the guests of Mr G. Higgs.

Mrs Sheriff, Clive, is on a visit to Auckland.

Miss S. Hodson, Hastings, left this morning on a holiday visit to Wanganui, and later to Wellington.

Mrs Michael Gordon, Hawke's Bay, who has been visiting her father, Mr A. L. Fratt, Christchurch, has returned home.

Mrs Peggy Forbes, who has been visiting Mrs J. McNutt and Mrs I. W. N. Mackie, Waipukurau, will return to her home in Dunedin tomorrow.

Mrs Paul Hunter's many friends throughout Hawke's Bay will be sorry to hear that, through a fall in her home in Waipukurau yesterday, she broke a leg, and is now an inmate at the Public Hospital.

Miss M. Carswell, who has been staying with her parents, Mr and Mrs D. Carswell, Puketitiri, left this morning for Waipukurau to take up nursing duties as sister at the Pukeora Sanatorium.

Mrs Franklin and Miss Franklin, Porangahau, are spending a few days at the Exhibition.

Mrs G. M. Winlow, Mrs John Buchanan and Miss J. Buchanan, Waipukurau, are guests at the Royal Oak Hotel, Wellington.

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MILITARY WEDDING AT DEVONPORT

Douglas—Lord

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Two Bridesmaids

A pretty military wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Devonport, recently, when Miss Dillian Lord, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. Lord, Devonport, was married to James Douglas, second echelon, Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs N. Douglas, Oamaru.

The Rev. R. B. Brierley officiated, and Mr D. R. Salmon was at the organ. The solo "My Prayer" was sung by Mrs Len Bowler, of Hamilton, while the register was being signed.

Pink and white dahlias made a charming setting for the bride who wore a fully flared picture frock of ivory taffeta pliss. The bodice was daintily scalloped up to the heart-shaped neckline which was outlined with graduated half circle ruche loops and finished on either side with orange blossom and forget-me-not. Tiny loops and buttons fastened the back of the frock from the neckline to the shape-sloped waistline, which was finished with a ruche belt caught in front with a bunch of orange blossoms and forget-me-not. The bride's embroidered tulle veil, which was worn over her face on entering the church, was caught with a head-dress of waxed orange blossom, and she carried a sheaf of white tiger lilies, cactus dahlias, carnations and gladioli with a touch of blue delphinium.

In attendance as bridesmaids were Mesdames Edna and Myrtle Lord (sisters of the bride), who were dressed alike in picture frocks of lotus blue taffeta pliss. The daintily ruche bodice and sleeves were caught with pink and blue forget-me-nots to form bows. The high straight neckline was finished on either side with tiny sprigs of the same flowers, and the fan-shaped back was fastened with tiny loops and buttons. A posy of pink and blue forget-me-not finished the waistline. Each bridesmaid wore a halo of pink zinnias and carried a sheaf of pale pink tiger lilies, cactus dahlias and zinnias.

The bridegroom was attended by Messrs Maurice Taylor, as best man, and Alan Bradbury, both of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Mr Fred Lord acted as usher at the church.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Cheltenham Kiosk, where Mr Lord received her guests wearing an ensemble of teal green muskelle with a straw touque of the same shade. Her accessories and bouquet were in milberry tonings.

The beautiful two-tiered cake made by Mrs G. Dixon, of Hastings, was a gift to the bride.

The bride travelled in a woven suit of melody blue with cherry hat and accessories.

A Jolly Tennis Dance Held

CLIVE CLUB Enjoyable Evening During Week-End

The Clive Tennis Club held an enjoyable dance in the Clive Hall last Saturday night. Phil Walder's orchestra supplied excellent music for dancing. Mr Lang ably carried out the duties of M.C.

The supper tables were daintily arranged with vases of carnations. Committee members present were—Mrs Lang wearing a navy blue ninnon frock with floral coatee to tone.

Mrs Ashcroft, navy blue sheer silk with diamond clasp. Miss N. Ashcroft, floral primrose moire satin. Among others present were:—Misses M. Griffiths, B. Gordine, Z. Kennerly, D. Mullerane, M. Millan, M. Weaver, M. Lister, A. Gregory, M. Jeffrey, K. Jeffrey.

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BAIRD'S HASTINGS

British Music Society WAIPUKURAU BRANCH

Election Of Officers: Concert Arranged

At the annual meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay branch of the British Music Society held in the Women's Rest, Waipukurau, recently, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs P. A. Riddle (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs J. L. Brathwaite; committee, Mesdames H. E. Coats, J. Dunne, V. Bradley, N. H. Tate, J. Huntly-Walker, F. V. Ward, W. J. Gray, Mesdames H. Johnstone, M. Robertson, the Rev. Mr Stevens, Messrs. H. Lunn and J. Windle; hon. secretary, Mrs H. Lunn (re-elected).

Mrs P. A. Riddle presided and extended a welcome to all present, mentioning it was gratifying to see so many present, which augured well for the success of the coming session.

Prior to the reports being presented all stood in silence when a vote of sympathy was tendered to Mrs Ward in her recent sad bereavement.

The report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £28 0/3. In speaking of the work done by the president (Mrs P. A. Riddle), and the secretary (Mrs H. Lunn), Mr V. Parsons paid a high tribute to both, Mrs F. R. McWilliam endorsing Mr Parsons' remarks.

A vote of thanks was passed to the auditor, Mr E. G. Stiles. It was decided that the annual concert be held in April.

Appointments Made The following were appointed group leaders: Children's group, Mrs H. Johnston and Mrs J. Brathwaite; vocal group, Mrs W. J. Gray and Mrs H. Coats; pianoforte group, Mrs G. Wilson; choral group, Mrs P. A. Riddle; string group, Mr J. Windle.

Following is the president's report:—"In presenting the report of the Central Hawke's Bay branch of the British Music Society for the year 1939-40, I am sure all members will agree that the society has more than justified its existence. A high standard of music has been maintained and we are in a sound position financially and our membership has steadily increased.

"During the year we held our annual concert in April and had nine monthly evenings; of these one programme was given by visitors from Hastings, one by Mr Temple White and Miss M. Sawyer, and another by Mr Paul Schramm.

"In June our members gave a performance at Hastings and in October one at Waipawa. The choral and several members also assisted at a Red Cross concert. At the October evening the programme was given by the children's group and was enjoyed by all present.

"Our thanks are due to Miss Johnstone for the splendid work she did in preparing the children. A pianoforte group evening was held at Mrs G. Wilson's home and a vocal group evening at Mrs Riddle's.

"Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs Lunn for the time and work she has put in as secretary and treasurer, also to Mrs Ward for her untiring services as accompanist. We deeply appreciate all she has done to help the society. I would also like to thank the rest-room committee for consideration shown, also the various members of the committee for their helpful co-operation and to Mr Windle for the loan of chairs."

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A Tale From Bohemia

THE WOOD LADY

Betty was the name of the little girl and she lived many years ago. Her mother was a widow and very poor, and owned only a tumble-down house and two goats. For all that, Betty was the cheeriest person in the world. From spring to autumn she pastured the goats in the birch wood. Every morning when she left home, her mother gave her a little basket in which was a slice of bread and a spindle.

"My child," she said, "work hard to-day and fill the spindle before you return."

And, as Betty had no distaff, she wound the flax around her head, took the basket and, with a skip and a jump, led her goats to the birch wood. There she was under a tree and drew fibres of the flax from her head with her left hand, and let down the spindle with her right, so that it just hummed over the ground. And all the while she sang merrily and the goats nibbled at the green grass.

When the sun showed that it was midday, she put aside her head, called her goats, and after giving them each a morsel of bread, hurried into the wood to look for strawberries. When she came back she ate her fruit and bread, then folded her hands and danced and sang. The goats, enjoying themselves in the green grass, thought: "What a merry shepherdess we have!" After she danced, she spun again—and at evening drove her goats home. Her mother never had to scold her for bringing the spindle back empty.

One lovely spring day, just as Betty sprang up to dance, a beautiful lady suddenly stood before her. She wore a white dress as thin as a gossamer, golden hair flowed to her waist and on her head was a garland of wood flowers. Betty was struck dumb with astonishment.

The maiden smiled at her and said in a very sweet voice: "Betty are you fond of dancing?"

When the lovely lady spoke so prettily, Betty's fears left her and she answered: "Oh! I should like to dance all day!"

"Come then, let us dance together. I will teach you." She took Betty by the waist and began to dance with her.

(To be continued.)

"Playtime Chatter"

"I went down to Wellington for some of my holidays and then to Hastings. The Exhibition was really wonderful and I mention especially the Crazy House. In one of the Courts there is a house about six feet high made of biscuits."

—Anne Goodwin, Mohaka.

"By the way, I suggest you have a competition on 'My Visit to the Centennial Exhibition.' I, myself, have not been, but many of my schoolmates have thoroughly enjoyed it. There are talks for school children being given from Station 2YA, so I expect I shall soon know as much as others about it." (I shan't mention the kittens yet, Shirley.—P.)

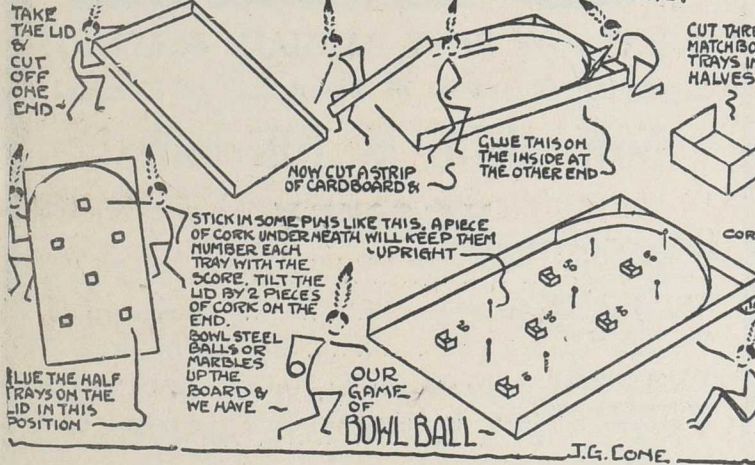
Empire Pen Friends.

Dowrick Williams, Maraekakaho, wants a pen-pal in India, Australia, Africa, Scotland and Sweden, aged 15-16. So would any member oblige. Dowrick is fond of horses, stamp-collecting and all outdoor sports, and says that all letters will be answered from either boy or girl. (I shall hold your stamped envelope in the meantime.—P.)

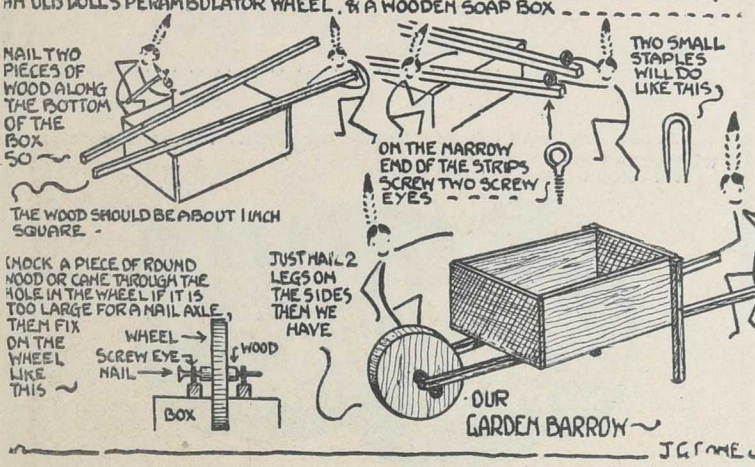
To-day's Quotation

Sweet memories fill our hearts to-day,
Of friends both near and far away.—Tennyson.

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PAM'S LETTER

Dear Boys and Girls,
Have you realised that Easter, that lovely word with a whole world of meaning, is almost upon us, and that so far we have done nothing about it?

Competitions 4 and 5 (for the juniors), and 6, 7 and 8 (for the seniors) are current interests for members, the closing date for these being February 29, the very last day of the month.

Easter, when one thinks of it, is really a state of mind—it is gay groups of holiday-makers, sunny skies, caressing breezes, happy throngs throwing confetti on newly-married couples, everything that spells fun and happiness—a time of the year second only to Christmas and a time to be enjoyed to the utmost.

So Easter is very special and we must make our Page a "Special" to mark the festive season.

Read the competitions to-day and let me see your entries rolling in "thick and fast." There will be tempting prizes, too.

Best Love till next week,

Pam.



SPECIAL EASTER COMPETITIONS

Entries for the above Special Competitions must reach this office NOT LATER THAN MARCH 20.

Junior Section.

- Comp. No. 9: The story of the Easter Egg.
- Comp. No. 10: Poem. The Merry season of Easter.
- Comp. No. 11: Drawing of an Easter Egg.

Senior Section

- Comp. No. 12: Story, My ideas about Easter.
- Comp. No. 13: Story or Poem, The Easter Egg.
- Comp. No. 14: Poem, The Easter Rabbit.
- Comp. No. 15: Drawing, The Easter Egg.

INFORMATION, PLEASE

Would ANNE GOODWIN, MOHAKA, let me have the exact date of her birthday, which is in the month of March.

Would BOB McCAY, NAPIER, (a new member) send information as to date and month of his birthday for record purposes.

Jokes

Two farmers who had just enough money entered a high class restaurant for a meal. They had not been eating long when one exclaimed "Hey, Jim, these oatakes are terrible."

"Oatakes!" said the other. "Them's no oatakes. Them's cork mats for ya' plate."

There was a young lady from Flint,
Who had a most horrible squint,
She could scan the whole sky,
With the uppermost eye,
While the other was reading small print.

Special Mention

Each of the following Playmates deserves special mention for recent very good work:—

Senior

- Judy Agar, Waipukurau; Dorothy Austin, Whakatu; Phyllis Bliss, Havelock North; Ray Clark, Napier; Lois Curstan, Matamau; Joan Douglas, Gisborne; Alice Farmer, Hastings; Nellie Germain, Otane; Shirley Hannah, Hastings; Barbara Hallgarth, Hastings; Wynne Muir, Hastings; Myra McGregor, Hastings; Mary Mackey, Putorino; Dorothy Patillo, Taradale; Thelma Parkinson, Tikokino; Lona Person, Havelock North; Loretta Renata, Hastings; Lena Steele, Napier; Rae Searle, Haumoana; Lillian Stanley, Hastings; Joyce Setter, Otane.

Junior

- Norah Austin, Whakatu; Thelma Baghurst, Otane; Neil Crerar, Hastings; Anne Goodwin, Mohaka; Bill Hargreaves, Dannevirke; Kay Johnstone, Dannevirke; Claire Knowles, Pakowhai; Helen McCaw, Hastings; Ngella Neilson, Sumnerlea; Nancy Paulsen, Takapau; Douglas Twigg, Havelock North; Dick Wolfe, Fort Ahuriri.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Members are invited to keep the date MARCH 30, free, as we will be holding a meeting in Hastings on that date.

Notice will be sent to each boy and girl later on, but will as many of you as are able, advise me early so that I can make arrangements.

—PAM.

BIG PRIZES FOR NEW COMPETITIONS

JUNIOR SECTION

(12 Years and Under)

Comp. No. 4 Best Written Letter to Pam.

Comp. No. 5 My Hobby or Hobbies at Home.

SENIOR SECTION

(13 Years and Over)

Comp. No. 6 Best Written Letter to Pam.

Comp. No. 7 My Hobby or Hobbies at Home.

Comp. No. 8 The Approach of Autumn.

Closing date for entries — February 29.

Welcome New Member

Bob McCay (9), Napier.

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO—

Donald Davidson, Porangahau, who was 12 on February 24.

Shirley Alexander, Hastings, who was 10 on February 25.

Norah Austin, Whakatu, who is 11 to-day.

Patty Loughnan, Waipawa, who is 10 to-day.

Charlie Mudgway, Hastings, who will be 11 to-day.

Shirley Davidson, Porangahau, who will be 14 on February 28.

Tony Austin, Whakatu, who will be 8 on March 2.

Blanche Anthony, Hastings, who will be 15 on March 2.

JOIN OUR CLUB



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"PLAYTIME" RULES

- Write or draw in ink (not in pencil) on one side of the paper only. Each entry must be on a separate sheet, with age, name and address underneath. Drawings must be done in BLACK ink.
- All entries must be your own idea and NOT COPIED, except such as catches and jokes.
- Ages must be under 18, that is, Seniors 16 to 18, Intermediate 12 to 15. Junior under 12.

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Besides winning the usual honours, members (again for special work done or competitions won) may win coveted titles, Lieutenant, Captain and Colonel (boy's section), and V.A.D., Lieutenant and Captain (girl's section). So that, altogether, good work submitted by members means something to one and all.

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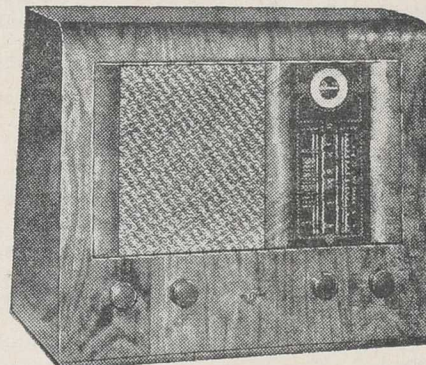
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 Feb. 27, Tue. 8.48 9.18 2.34 2.59
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 Feb. 29, Thu. 10.38 11.08 4.30 4.52
VESSELS AT BREAKWATER
 Kartiki, ex Westport?
 Pukeko, ex Wellington?
VESSELS AT INNER HARBOUR
 Kiritona, at moorings.
 Koutu, lightering.
 Koutu, at moorings.
 Tu Atu, at Jull Wharf.
EXPECTED ARRIVALS
Breakwater
 Pukeko ex Wellington and Gisborne to-day?
 Wainui, ex southern ports and Gisborne, to-morrow.
 Kopara, ex Portland and Auckland, March 1.
 Pakura, ex Portland, March 7.
PROJECTED DEPARTURES
Breakwater
 Pukeko, for Lyttelton, to-day?
 Kartiki, for Auckland, to-morrow.
 Wainui, for Wellington, Feb. 29.
 Kopara, for Auckland, March 1.
 Pakura, for Auckland, March 7.
COASTAL SHIPPING AT NAPIER
 Kartiki, s.s., 2347 tons (Union S.S. Co.), J. Ritchie, master, arrived Napier on Saturday night at 8 o'clock with coal from Westport. Will leave to-morrow night for Auckland.
 Kiritonia, s.s., 136 tons (Richardson and Co.), at moorings.
 Koutu, m.v., 144 tons (Richardson and Co.), lightering.
 Koutu, m.v., 173 tons (Richardson and Co.), at moorings.
 Kopara, m.v., 850 tons, F. S. Bates, master (Richardson and Co.) loaded cement at Portland yesterday and loads general cargo at Auckland to-day for East Coast Bays, Gisborne and Napier. Due here on Friday, March 1, returning to Auckland the same night.
 Pakura, m.v., 719 tons, G. W. Caldicott, master (Richardson and Co.) at Auckland. Loads cement at Portland on Monday, March 4 for Gisborne and Napier. Due here on Thursday, March 7.
 Pukeko, m.v., 730 tons, S. M. Petley, master (Richardson and Co.) with general cargo from Wellington. Was expected to leave here on Saturday for Gisborne (weather permitting). Due here this morning and leaves to-night for Lyttelton, thence Wellington.
 Tu Atu, s.s., 42 tons (Richardson and Co.) at Jull wharf.
 Wainui, s.s., 1833 tons, T. W. White, master (Union S.S. Co.), left Bluff on Monday, February 19 for Gisborne and Napier via Dunedin, Oamaru, Timaru, Lyttelton and Wellington, arrived Wellington Saturday (delayed by rain) left to-day and reaches to-morrow and leaves the following day for Wellington.
GENERAL
 Marlpoosa, o.e.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), at Matson's wharf.
 Monterey, o.e.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), at San Francisco, is expected at Auckland on March 31.
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 Gisborne District, 4 p.m.
 Wairoa, 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 Auckland, Main Trunk and Waikato Districts, 8.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 4 p.m. Saturday only, 1.15 p.m. (letters only).
 Manawatu, Wairarapa, Dannevirke and Tararua Districts, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m., and Monday to Friday, letters only, 5 p.m.
 Wellington, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. Monday to Friday (letters only) 6 p.m., Saturday only 1.15 p.m.
 Waipawa, Waipukurau and south of Waipukurau, 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 Pukeko, Paiki Paiki and Pukeko, 6.30 p.m.
 Opapa and Otane, 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
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A MINISTERIAL WARNING
 Better late than never, the Acting-Prime Minister (the Hon. P. Fraser) has come forward with a definite pronouncement on the subject of subversive speeches, meetings and propaganda in general. It is the kind of pronouncement which was legitimately expected on the outbreak of hostilities, and there are certain misunderstandings and clashes of opinion which would not have occurred, if the Government had declared its mind on the subject sooner.
 It is questionable, for instance, if responsible members of the Labour Party would have given their services even in a formal capacity to some types of speakers. In this column there has never been a moment's doubt or hesitation in taking up the attitude that freedom of speech, invaluable as it is, must always be accompanied and qualified by a series of "but's." Mr Fraser has enunciated the very principles set out here a few weeks ago, and it was with a start of delighted surprise that we found ourselves one hundred per cent. on-side with the Government.
 What has been known by many people, not only since the war broke out but for many years past, has now been referred to in direct terms by the Minister. There are foreign agents in this country whose whole design is to wreak mental sabotage on the carefully constructed system of British civilisation. The errand, vague rumours of which so much is heard and to which Mr Fraser referred, start from somewhere, and it is not common sense to suppose that they are started by loyal people in the Dominion.
 Even some of the meetings held that have been deliberate attempts to cause disturbance so that such disturbances might be reported to a far-away headquarters in due course and be made to add to so-called "proofs" of disaffection of the people of these islands. Such things, we are now told, will not be tolerated. That is good news.
 As Mr Fraser so rightly says, it is the duty of a Government to govern and that if it does not govern it should abdicate. He added, of course, that abdication does not come into the Labour programme as he sees it. Very well. If we may reply with another familiar saying, let there be more business in government and less government in business. Let the Government apply the same principles to the essential defence of the good name and probity of the Dominion as a business man would to the preservation of the honourable name of his own concern. If it does so, the Government will command the support of all who are really in earnest about the war and who see the dire consequences of any possible defeat.
 The Government is asking the people to make grievous sacrifices in all directions, and most people know and understand that in time of war such sacrifices are necessary. But the people themselves have a right to expect and to demand that the governing powers should so help in the organisation of war-time life and conduct that the responses to their appeals should be unhindered. When the people observe, for instance, that too lax an interpretation is put by the Government on what constitutes freedom of speech, it does not help to create the spirit of willing co-operation in the war effort that is asked for. However, that has now been put right, at least in words. We now wait for action when the occasion arises.
 The terms of the regulations are such that the police authorities are not given as much power as might have been expected. They are still responsible to the Government and must exercise their powers under various stipulations. But it is not the way of the present Government to leave anyone to carry out his own work in his own way, however skilled and experienced he may be. Officialdom must still have its finger in the pie.

Personal
 Mr A. S. Lee, Waipukurau, has been appointed to the clerical staff of the Hastings railway station.
 Mr W. B. Hobbs, Hastings, left by train yesterday morning for Wellington.
 Mr K. G. Wiggins, Hastings, has been appointed to the outside staff of the Hastings railway station. He took up his duties yesterday morning.
 The Hon. W. E. Barnard, M.P., who was the principal guest at the Levin School Jubilee, Levin, on Saturday last, has returned to Napier.
 Mr A. M. Isdale, secretary of the Hawke's Bay Historical Centennial Committee, who has been visiting Napier for the Centennial celebrations, returned to Wellington yesterday.
 Mr E. A. Christie was elected president and Mr H. S. Hart, Mr H. P. Wrigley and Mr S. Burnell Browne vice-presidents, at the annual meeting in Wellington of the council of the United Kingdom Manufacturers and New Zealand Representatives' Association.
 Mr James McCay, inspector for the Agricultural Department, was appointed manager of the Napier Borough Abattoirs at a meeting of the council last night.
 Flight-Lieutenant C. L. Monckton, Hobsonville Air Base, is spending a few days in Waipukurau.
 Mr H. Fletcher, Waipawa, is on a holiday visit to Wellington.
 Mr P. G. Bezar, a former Napier man who has been resident in Fiji for many years, is visiting New Zealand, and is at present in Napier.
 Mr C. W. Corner, the Napier Superintendent of Reserves, was granted a month's leave of absence at last night's meeting of the Napier Borough Council. The council expressed its sympathy with Mr Corner in his illness, and expressed the hope that he would soon be restored to health.

LETTERS to the EDITOR
Acknowledgment
 Sir,—My thanks are due to all friends and workers who helped to make the Finland Red Cross Day such a wonderful success—£280. Especially do I thank our Maori people, who graciously gave us all their contributions collected for their own Maori stall, and the two small schools who gave and worked magnificently. "Queenswood" and Otane "St. Hilda's Home" and I am still waiting the results of all other schools in Hawke's Bay, i.e. one egg each.
 It was like the days in Hawke's Bay in our last war and now I know that the old Red Cross spirit is still here and it will be needed for our well boys now, and then for our sick.
 We old workers are ready and only want to help you younger people to organise and then you to "carry on." In the words of the late Dr Pat Leahy of Napier, "Keep on!"
 —I am, etc.,
HELEN C. LOWRY.
 V. President N.Z. Red Cross.
 Okawa, H.B., February 25.

Poor Ratepayers
 Sir,—How very naive our Mayor is. He very confidently imparts the information that his council is in favour of his new loan.
 Silence may be golden, but in public bodies it is to be greatly deplored; how one longs for a few rebels in the council who would demand
 (Other letters on page 8.)
 more open meetings and fewer of these little confidential "yes-yessing" gatherings.
 This agreeable unanimity has rapidly become such a pernicious complaint that it is apparently incurable. Next election definitely calls for a real clean up; surely we have some straightly spoken men in our community.
 It is up to all ratepayers to vote a definite "No."—I am, etc.,
FED UP.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER
"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS STRONG WINDS, FINE WEATHER.
 Winds: Moderate to strong winds from a westerly quarter reaching gale force in some exposed positions.
 Weather: A few showers in the south and west by weather otherwise fair to fine and warm.
 Seas: Slight to moderate inshore.
Hastings Weather
 Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:—
 Dry bulb temp. 74.0 deg.
 Wet bulb temp. 61.0 deg.
 Maximum temp. 80.4 deg.
 Minimum temp. 49.0 deg.
 Grass 63.4 deg.
 1 ft. underground 68.0 deg.
 Cloud 5
 Rain Nil
 Rain for month 2.88 ins.

LOCAL AND GENERAL
Fire In Empty Section
 The Hastings Fire Brigade was summoned to Burnett Street shortly after 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon to an outbreak of fire in the grass in an empty section. The blaze was quickly subdued before it could spread to the properties on either side.
Rodeo At Easter
 The rodeo which was to have been held at the time of Napier's Centennial celebrations was postponed for a number of reasons, and at last night's meeting of the Napier Borough Council it was decided to hold it at McLean Park on Easter Saturday. The proceeds will be devoted to the Centennial fund.
Winter Garden Fund
 A cheque for £260 0/3, the proceeds of the queen carnival conducted by the Napier Thirty Thousand Club prior to the Mardi Gras, has been handed to the Napier Borough Council to augment the fund being raised for the purpose of constructing a Winter Garden on the Marine Parade.
"Runney" Marsh Sheep
 Referring to Kent, England, as the home of "Runney" Marsh sheep, the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom (Sir Harry Batterbee), at Hastings yesterday, said that in view of the fact that New Zealand he found "he had got it all wrong" so far as pronunciation was concerned. In the Dominion it was "Romney" Marsh.
Fruit From Hastings
 Illustrating the productivity of the Hastings district the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) presented Sir Harry Batterbee with a basket of choice fruit at yesterday morning's civic reception. The Member for Hawke's Bay (Mr E. L. Cullen) who also welcomed the High Commissioner suggested that the distinguished visitor would not find such delightful fruit in Kent, his home county. Replying Sir Harry lightly replied that he would not be drawn into a comparison of the relative merits of the districts, but he said that Hawke's Bay strongly reminded him of his beloved Kent.
Beekopers' Field Day
 Although no outside demonstration work was possible because of the rain on Saturday afternoon, beekeepers held a successful field day at the apiary of Mr W. J. C. Ashcroft, Havelock North. Instructive demonstrations included the removal of honey from the hive and the method of closing down hives for the winter. The apiary instructor for the district (Mr G. V. Westbrook) illustrated the testing of honey for ripeness, by the use of a hydrometer. Hawke's Bay honey, he reported, appeared to be as high as any in New Zealand in specific gravity, which was an indication that it was well ripened.
Visit of Archbishop
 Thirteen students were raised to major orders during the Ordination Mass celebrated by Archbishop T. O'Shea, Metropolitan of New Zealand, at St. St. Mary's Mission Station, Greenmeadows, on Sunday morning. Eleven students were raised to diaconate, two to subdiaconate and a large number were also raised to minor orders. Archbishop O'Shea, who is the guest of Father J. Riordan at the Catholic Presbytery, Meanee, will return to Wellington to-morrow.
Accidental Death
 A verdict that death was due to injuries accidentally received in a collision between a motor truck driven by Francis William Laredo and a bicycle ridden by Mr Person was returned by the district coroner, Mr G. Ebbett, at Hastings yesterday at an inquest into the death of August Person, 82. The accident occurred at about 9 p.m. on January 6, in the Omahu Road. Sergeant E. Straffon conducted the inquest, evidence being given by Mr Laredo, driver of the truck, Mr Laredo, Mr R. Deacon, a motorist passing at the time of the accident and Constable J. King.
 The work of an optician is his full-time occupation and life-long study of the human eye. Consult Azzopardi and Holland, Opticians.

General situation: Pressure is high to the north, while one of a series of active westerly depressions is passing in the south.
Forecast.— Winds: Temporary southerly changes in the far south, but otherwise directions between northwest and southwest prevailing; moderate in the far north, but elsewhere fresh to strong and reaching gale force in many places south of Taranaki and Hawke's Bay.
 Seas (N.Z. waters): Rough about Cook and Foveaux Straits and south of Cape Egmont. Rather rough north of Cape Egmont and offshore south of Castlepoint, otherwise slight or moderate.
 Eastern Tasman Sea: Winds from a westerly quarter, moderate in the northern portion with slight to moderate seas, strong to gale force in the southern portion with very rough seas.
 Weather: Unsettled in western and southern districts of the South Island, with intermittent rain, heavy in places, and some thunderstorms. Occasional showers also between Taranaki and Wellington and on the east coast of the South Island, but otherwise fair to fine.
 Temperatures: Cool in the south, warm east of the ranges and mild elsewhere.
Windsor Park Picnics
 Windsor Park, Hastings, continues to be a popular venue for picnics, no fewer than four being set down for the first half of next month. On March 1 the Havelock North School will hold their picnic at the park, followed by the Te Awa School (Napier) and Napier Borough Employees on March 9 and Port Ahuriri Sunday School on March 16.

At The Hotels
 Mr and Mrs Shields, Mr and Mrs Istar (Wellington), Mr Kerutu (Waipawa), Mr and Mrs O'Grady, Mr D. Johnson (Auckland), Mr R. Connope, Mr C. W. Leahy (Gisborne), are at the Albert Hotel, Hastings.
 Mr and Mrs C. E. Henry (Chicago), Mr and Mrs E. J. Hall (Masterton), Mr G. Richis (Wellington), Mr R. Lewis (Taihape), Mr and Mrs P. Griffin (Masterton), Mr F. Brook-Taylor (Auckland), Mr H. Gilbert, Mr and Mrs C. Flavell (Christchurch), are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.
 Mr and Mrs L. Norris, Mr E. Norris, Miss C. Norris, (Whakatane), Mrs H. Selfert (Palmerston North), Mrs H. Pilcher (Wellington), Mrs F. Price (Dannevirke), Mr H. Z. Chapman, Mr R. Williams (Masterton), Mr D. Gillespie (Wellington), Mr F. Matheron (Wairarapa), Mr H. Brownlee (Gisborne), are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.
 Mr and Mrs J. E. Benson (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs B. Deighton (Christchurch), Mr Donald Robertson (Blenheim), Mr Peter Graham (Wanganui), Mr N. H. Carter (Wellington), are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.
 Mr J. J. Rogerson, Mr W. Dixon, J. P., Mr L. Allen, Mr K. Allen, Mr P. Allen, (Auckland), Mr R. McClure, Mrs Nicholson (Rangiora), Mrs H. M. Grant (Te Pahi), Mr and Mrs L. Robinson (Matawhiri), Mr R. F. Campbell (Sydney), Mr J. W. Sims, Mr W. Nicholson (Christchurch), Mr T. F. Brennan (Melbourne), Mr P. Pierard, Mr R. S. Askew (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs J. G. Gilbert, Mr E. Whitcombe, Miss Whitcombe, Mr W. S. Hopewell (New Plymouth), are at the Central Hotel, Napier.
 Mr and Mrs K. Wright, Mr C. Levinson, Mr A. S. Jantke, Mr A. Thompson, Mr W. Anderson, Mrs J. Abel, Mr J. Abel, Miss V. Short, Mrs L. Short, Miss O. Nagle, Miss J. Thornton, Mr G. Robinson, Mr J. Truscott, Mrs G. Taylor, Miss A. M. Lucas, Mr E. W. Chapman, Mr J. G. McKay, Mrs J. D. Williamson, Mrs E. C. Beale (Auckland), Mr and Mrs J. East, Miss E. East (Christchurch), Mr G. E. Stevens, Mr J. P. Flood (Palmerston North), Miss E. E. Blunt, Mr G. Clark (Sydney), are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.
 Mr A. W. Rushbrook, Mr J. B. Niven, Mr P. J. D. Cronin, Mrs Alice Johns, Mr C. Meredith, Mr J. Banner, Mr and Mrs A. L. Andrew, Mr J. Wylie, Sister E. Wise, Mr and Mrs G. K. Brown, Mrs Forbes, Mr J. Taylor, Mr and Mrs J. F. S. Hammond (Wellington), Mr D. Winton (Takaka), Mr C. Mackie, Mr C. Walsh (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs A. Burns (Masterton), Mr D. Mills (Waikaremoana), are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier.

Inquest At Napier
 The inquest into the death of Allan Gordon Cushing, aged 25 years, who was drowned at the mouth of the Ngaruroro River, on the afternoon of February 15, was opened in Napier yesterday. After hearing evidence of identification from Constable G. W. Murray, Alvie, the District Coroner (Mr J. Miller, S.M.) adjourned the proceedings until Wednesday, March 6. Sergeant F. Forsyth appeared on behalf of the police.
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To-Day's Diary

HASTINGS
 Citizens' Protest Meeting, Oddfellows' Hall, 8 p.m.
 Loyal Hastings Lodge meeting, Oddfellows' Hall, 8.00 p.m.
 Annual General Meeting of the Hastings branch of the New Zealand National Party, Hawke's Bay Farmers' tea-rooms, 8 p.m.
 Centennial Celebrations Meeting, Council Chambers, 7.30 p.m.

Theatres:
 "Hotel For Women," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
 "Tarzan Finds a Son," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
 "Mardi Gras," The Kid From Texas, 2.15 and 7.45 p.m.
 "Wild Bream Kent," and "Two's Company," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

NAPIER
 Junior and Senior representative cricket matches, Hawke's Bay v. Poverty Bay, Nelson Park, 10.30 a.m.
 Hawke's Bay Championship Swimming Carnival, Municipal Baths, 7.45 p.m.

Theatres:
 "Nurse Edith Cavell," State, 8 p.m.
 "Dead Man's Shoes," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m.
 "The Frog," and "Who's Your Lady Friend," Mayfair, 2 and 8 p.m.

The Breakfast Table
 "Is there much graft in this army?"
 "Oh, sure. Even the bayonets are fixed."
 "Do you think it right to buy an automobile on the instalment plan?"
 "Sure, 16,000,000 people can't be wrong."
 "Oi, Al!"
 "Allo!"
 "You seen my gas-mask?"
 "Blimey! I thought you'd got it on!"
 "Do you think it will be a long war, Mrs Kelly?"
 "I hope not, Mrs Duffy. My Tim, who sells papers, ye mind, has already wore his fine voice down to a tin-whistle squeak."
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N.Z. Has Vital Part To Play HELPING THE HOMELAND Sir Harry Batterbee Stresses Dominion Part VISIT TO HASTINGS

"It is hard for us here in this bright sunshine, with no food rationing, with an abundance of produce, to realise the state of affairs at Home—the troubles, difficulties and hardships they are going through," said the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand (Sir Harry Batterbee) at a civic reception at Hastings yesterday morning.

"I can assure you there is nothing that so inspires the people of the Homeland as to know that every British country overseas is determined to help them to the end," continued Sir Harry. "Before we are through this business — and it is going to be a hard struggle, for the German military machine is a very powerful one—the Mother Country will want all the manpower, the last ounce of butter, and the last lamb that New Zealand can produce if we are to win."

"I am sure that if New Zealand continues every day, she can, with the help of France, we can win through, but the Home country must have all assistance in the struggle that lies ahead," said Sir Harry.

Referring to Hawke's Bay, Sir Harry said, "Many parts of this district, as I have driven through, have reminded me of my own beloved Kent. I am delighted to find myself in Hastings once more."

He recalled a previous visit on March 4, 1927, when he accompanied the Duke and Duchess of York on their tour. "I well remember that visit, and I am delighted to find that Mr. Madison, who was Mayor then, is still Mayor," said Sir Harry.

He recalled the thousands of school children who had paraded on the occasion of his last visit, and the glorious weather which then prevailed. Before leaving England Sir Harry had spoken with the King and Queen at Sandringham, and they asked him to convey their remembrance to the people of New Zealand.

He hardly recognised Hastings rebuilt after the earthquake and congratulated its people on the heroic way in which they had set to work to re-establish their town.

Mayor's Welcome "We are privileged to extend a very warm welcome to Sir Harry on the occasion of his first official visit to this progressive and productive part of New Zealand," said the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison).

In Hastings we are appreciative of the compliment in the presence of the High Commissioner of the Government of the United Kingdom. It reminds us of the compactness, the strength and the closeness of all parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and of the freedom we enjoy as a co-partner, an equal partner, of that enduring association.

"It also reminds us of our obligations and our duty to the Homeland and to the Old Country which has through its struggles and its triumphs as well as its joys nurtured this young country throughout the past 100 years. I say unhesitatingly that what we have owe to Great Britain, and I say Germany that what we have we will hold."

Meritorious Career "Our guest has had a meritorious career in the service of his country. He first visited New Zealand in company with Sir Admiral Field on an Empire cruise of a Special Service Squadron of the Royal Navy in 1924, and again in 1927 he came here as the political secretary during the visit to our shores of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, who were then Duke and Duchess of York.

The country is indebted to him for the work of Sir Harry Batterbee, which we should have him with us in the honourable and responsible position he occupies. In his addresses on all occasions he has invariably touched a note which aroused patriotism and endowed his listeners with a great realisation of true citizenship.

"We may well reflect upon our great heritage as a member of the United Empire, and we are a tradition of freedom, and we are richly endowed in other ways in our national institutions, and in our trade and commerce. Commerce, after all, is the lifeblood of a nation, and the work of Sir Harry Batterbee, I feel sure, will assist in strengthening and clarifying a policy that will be for the greater well-being of both countries."

Increased Production "We can do much in increasing production and helping our Allies in the struggle against tyranny and barbaric oppression," said Mr Maddison. "There is no district so rich in production as Hawke's Bay." He quoted figures revealing the production of Wattle Canners to be 1,000,000 tons of peas, grown at the rate of five and a half tons an acre, 350 tons of pears, 600 tons of tomatoes, 300 tons of peaches and many tons of asparagus, beans, nectarines, and apricots.

Stortford Lodge weekly sale was becoming the largest of its kind in the Dominion, and the freezing works handled 1,250,000 sheep and lambs each season, he said.

The Hastings district gave the highest yield a tree, the highest average fleece in the Dominion, most stock were fed per acre, it produced the finest crossbred wool and had the world's best orchard lands, Mr Maddison concluded by stating that it had the lowest death rate, showed the greatest population increase in the Dominion, and had the lowest borough rates.

Compliment to New Zealand "We are very pleased indeed with the appointment of the Government choice of High Commissioner, and we consider that it is a compliment to New Zealand," said the member for Hawke's Bay (Mr E. L. Cullen).

"I feel sure that the appointment is a wise one, and will make the bonds of friendship between the countries greater than ever."

The war that overshadowed the world was making all uncomfortable, continued Mr Cullen. He assured Sir Harry that the Dominion was determined to do its share in the gigantic struggle which confronted the British Empire. He concluded by referring to the response of young men enlisting from Hawke's Bay, filling deficiencies in other districts' quotas.

40 MEN ENLIST AT HASTINGS HOME DEFENCE NEED REALISED

QUOTA FILLED Territorial Companies Up To Strength

Almost unprecedented results accrued from the efforts of the Hastings Territorial Association to induce men to enlist for home defence purposes. When the Hastings companies of the Hawke's Bay Regiment paraded at the Hastings Drill Hall last night 40 men enlisted.

This will mean that there will be no vacancies in the Hastings companies and it is probable that they will go into camp next week at their strength. All over the Dominion territorial forces have been seriously depleted by number of men enlisting for overseas service, and it is stated that the Hastings companies were the last to fill up to full strength in New Zealand.

Hawke's Bay Leads Military enlistments in Hawke's Bay, both for territorial and overseas services, easily lead other centres in the Dominion. Appeals were not needed to produce more recruits to fill the deficiencies in other districts' quotas. It is apparent that the same will apply to home defence recruiting in this province.

The response by Hastings men can be attributed to the numerous appeals by the president of the Hastings Territorial Association (Colonel H. Holderness) in the past 10 days. He has repeatedly urged the need for improved home defences, stressing the inadequacy of the present force in the Dominion.

Animated Scene Drilling infantry, machine-gunners, and a trench mortar platoon presented an animated scene at the Drill Hall last night. New recruits who are to go into camp with the companies were issued with rifles and equipment.

Examining the large number of recruits occupied Dr. A. D. S. Whyte for several hours. The general physical standard was high, and there were only a few who were rejected as unfit or temporarily unfit.

The first parade of the Hastings Company of Class Two of the National Military Reserve is to be held at the Drill Hall on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. This class consists of men between the ages of 35 and 55 with war or regular army service.

Hastings Loan Poll VOTING TO-MORROW £53,300 For Borough Improvements

Considerable interest attaches to the £53,300 loan poll to be taken by the Hastings Borough Council to-morrow. If the poll is successful, it is proposed to use the money for improving storm-water drainage, duplicating the present water main system, permanently surfacing streets and carrying out various improvements in the borough.

According to information supplied by the returning officer (Mr Noel C. Harding) those eligible to vote are ratepayers and the wives of ratepayers. The names of those who are on the roll in the event of the property being in the name of a wife, then the husband is entitled to vote in the wife's right, if his name is on the roll.

The roll to be used at the election is brought up to February 14, 1940. All property dealings up to that date will be noted and new names will be contained in the supplementary roll. The roll is provided for declaration voting in the event of any names being accidentally omitted from the roll. There is no provision for absentee or postal voting. The method of voting is by striking out the line for which the ratepayer does not wish to vote.

The following booths will be used: Assembly Hall (2 booths), Hereford Street East, St. Matthew's Hall, Eastbourne Street West, St. John's Hall, corner Frederick Street and Tomoana Road; old Laundry Building, corner Hereford Street and Charles Street.

HIGH COMMISSIONER AT HASTINGS One-Day Stay VISITS PAID TO SCHOOLS Leaving This Morning

A tour of the Havelock North district, which included visits to the colleges, was made by Sir Harry Batterbee yesterday morning. Following a civic welcome at the Council Chambers.

After a luncheon tendered by the Hastings Chamber of Commerce he paid a visit to the Hastings High School, accompanied by the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison), Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P., and several members of the High School Board of Governors. He briefly addressed the students, and his request that they be given a holiday for the remainder of the day was accepted by the headmaster (Mr W. A. G. Penlington).

Later in the afternoon he was the guest of the English Speaking Union. He spent last evening informally at the County Club, Hastings. Accompanied by his niece, Miss Biggar, he is to leave Hastings this morning.

Loan Proposal Protest Opposition to the proposed £53,300 loan of the Hastings Borough Council will be expressed at a meeting of ratepayers in the Oddfellow's Hall this evening.

A Sharp 'Quake' Last Evening MINOR DAMAGE Shop Window Displays Disturbed

A brief, sharp earthquake shock occurred over a wide area in Hawke's Bay at 6.17 p.m. yesterday. Although the 'quake was heavy enough to cause alarm, little damage has been reported.

In Hastings a few windows fell, but no major losses occurred. This may be largely due to the peculiar motion of the earthquake, which, for 30 seconds or so of its duration, seemed to have a circular swaying movement, punctuated by two heavy bumps, which caused most of the disturbance.

A power failure which occurred at the same time originated at the Redcliffe sub-station, where vibration caused by the earthquake loosened a terminal on one of the steel towers and disconnected one of the lines. A troubleman repaired the damage in quick time, and the break lasted for only a few minutes.

Felt In Napier The shock was also severe in Napier, where it caused some alarm, particularly on the part of visitors to the town, which commenced at 6.19 p.m. and lasted for over a minute. Coming during the dinner-hour, it produced a surprising effect at several hotels, where the dining-rooms emptied with astonishing rapidity.

The 'quake was in the form of a sudden jolt, followed by a swaying motion which lasted for a minute or more. It was probably the most violent felt in Napier for several years. Lights flickered and swayed, but came on at full strength.

Only minor damage has been reported as a result. There were a few small breakages in shop windows in the town, and some houses held a little crockery. Station 2YH was off the air for a short time due to power disturbances.

The direction appeared to be from west to east, from which it is conjectured that the epicentre was in Hawke Bay or further out to sea.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE CHARGE Watersider Fined NAPIER POLICE COURT Theft Admitted

Charged with using obscene language on West Quay, Port Aahuiri, on Monday 26th, there had been a watersider worker of Port Aahuiri, was convicted and fined £1 and costs, when he appeared before Mr J. Miller, S.M., in the Napier Police Court yesterday.

In convicting Clark Mr Miller said that he could not view the offence lightly. The language had been disgusting. There were females in an office nearby, but the accused had shown no concern whether he had been heard or not.

The case for the police was conducted by Sergeant W. O'Donnell.

Theft Charge The theft of a quantity of sweets valued at 2/6 the property of the E. B. Star Line (N.Z.) Ltd., resulted in the appearance of Trevor Joseph McKinley, a watersider worker of Greenmeadows.

On behalf of the defendant, Mr John Mason said there had been no effort to conceal the offence. He had told the constable frankly where he had obtained the sweets. The accused came of a good family and Mr Mason suggested that as the offence was minor one leniency could be extended.

THE AUTUMN SHOW EXHIBITS Closing Date For Entries Intending exhibitors at the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society's forthcoming autumn show which takes place on Saturday March 16, are reminded that entries close on Thursday next, February 29.

With the success attending the flower shows at Napier and Hastings it is anticipated that the Horticultural Section at the coming show will be well supported and from a perusal of the schedule it will be seen that wide varieties of flowers are catered for. In the dahlia section classes are included for decorative or hybrid cactus, charrm and pom-pom varieties and in the decorative section classes are provided for best collection of cut flowers, basket of cut flowers, 2 vases of roses and bowl of cut flowers. Attention is also called to the class for baskets of New Zealand fruits arranged for effect. Schedules may be obtained from the Society's office, Church Lane, Napier, or Mr F. C. Wilkinson, Russell Street, Hastings, and entries may be lodged at either office.

CIVIL CLAIM AT NAPIER Judgment For Plaintiff By Default

Judgment for plaintiff by default in the following defended cases was given by Mr J. Miller, S.M., in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday:—John Carr v. Kingi Pohia £11 19/6, costs £6 9/8; Anderson and Hansen, Ltd., v. J. G. Crawford £4 9/8, costs £1 3/6; Syd. Taylor and Co., Ltd., v. C. J. Wilson, £11 5/11, costs £2 15/-; Commissioner of Taxes v. R. H. Vercoe, £4 8/8, costs 10/-; Acetone Illuminating and Welding Co., Ltd., v. J. W. Lyons, £9 12/6, costs £1 11/6; Chas. Read Motors v. Arthur Pattison £5, costs £1 3/6.

On a judgment summons, Joe Williams was ordered to pay H. R. Wilson £3 13/6, costs 10/11, in default four days' imprisonment.

E. L. Smith was ordered to pay Donna Swift, £20 0/2, costs £1 0/5, in default 29 days, the warrant to be suspended as long as defendant pays £5 within 14 days and 10/- a week.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS AT HASTINGS To-night's Meeting HANDICAPS FOR ALL EVENTS

Keen competition is promised for to-night's meeting at Nelson Park, Hastings, of the Hastings Amateur Athletics and Cycling Club. Handicaps are:

BRIGHT CRICKET AT NAPIER HAWKE'S BAY LEAD POVERTY BAY SENIOR MATCH

The home side had played themselves into a good position at the close of the first day's play in the senior representative cricket match, Hawke's Bay v. Poverty Bay, at Nelson Park, Napier. With eight wickets in hand they are 70 runs behind the visitors' first innings total.

Poverty Bay batted first, the early batsmen having little success until Frazer and O'Brien became associated in a fourth-wicket partnership, which added well over 100 runs to the total.

The rest of the side did not put up a strong resistance, and Poverty Bay were all out for 203. Hawke's Bay also made a shaky opening, Burns and Reaney losing their wickets in the first half-hour. Evans and Rees then settled down to steady scoring, the former especially forcing the pace and giving the field a good share of leather-hurling. This pair will resume the innings this morning.

First Innings R. Thomson b Gibbs .. 55 D. A. Wells lbw b Gibbs .. 53 D. H. Dow b Gibbs .. 0 M. O'Brien b Reaney .. 75 C. R. Frazer lbw b Reaney .. 76 D. Cederwall lbw b Reaney .. 1 G. Stewart c Bisset b Reaney .. 11 I. A. Niven c Bisset b Gibbs .. 3 J. Somerville b Gibbs .. 5 A. McLean b Reaney .. 0 A. Fisher not out .. 0 Extras .. 14

Bowling analysis: Mulliner none for 52, Reaney five for 25, Gibbs five for 52, Evans none for 12, Beuth none for 15, Johnson none for 11, Dean none for 23.

First Innings D. Rees not out .. 54 R. Burns lbw b Dow .. 2 T. Reaney b Fisher .. 21 E. Evans not out .. 63 Extras .. 3

Total for two wickets .. 133 Bowling: O'Brien none for 27, Dow none for 28, Fisher one for 27, McLean none for 14, Stewart none for 25, Niven none for 9.

Junior Game In the junior representative match Hawke's Bay v. Poverty Bay, the home side gained a good lead in the early hours of play. Poverty Bay batted first and were all out for 112. The young Hawke's Bay player Beagley distinguished himself by his bowling, spinning the ball well, and keeping an accurate length throughout the innings, to finish with an average of six for 30.

Poverty Bay started well and then failed. Kowbotham and Krogh became associated in an eighth-wicket partnership which saved the situation, and added about 100 runs before being separated. Both men batted soundly in mighty drives along the carpet.

The keenness of the Poverty Bay fielding, which was at times almost brilliant, undoubtedly saved the score from mounting any higher. Poverty Bay batted again at about 5.30 p.m., losing two good wickets for 20 runs. Hawke's Bay are thus in a strong position for today's play.

Details:—First Innings T. Warner b Krogh .. 9 J. Sheppard c Davis b Dowrick .. 1 K. Fleming c Krogh b Dowrick .. 1 C. Harris b Krogh .. 1 R. Calcott c Dowrick b Beagley .. 11 A. McLeod lbw b Beagley .. 11 J. Blane hit wkt b Beagley .. 27 M. McMahon b Beagley .. 4 B. Birrell not out .. 12 S. Ritchie b Beagley .. 7 C. Aitken c Howell b Beagley .. 1 Extras .. 10

Bowling: Birrell none for 45, Blane one for 32, McLeod four for 31, Harris none for 67, Calcott none for 14, Harris none for 25.

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He pointed out that so far as damage from thrashing was concerned fruit which might escape while light would be damaged as it grew and became heavier, while in the same way the amount falling rather than to increase as the fruit gained in weight.

Apples and Pears. Delicious Cox's Orange, Ballarat, Granny Smith and Jonathan apples have been suffering all along from the wind, it was stated last night, and these had again been hit yesterday. William pears were nearly all off now, but are otherwise damaged. This is particularly unfortunate from the point of view of the orchardist who is endeavouring to produce good quality, well-grown fruit. Peaches, it is stated, will come off badly as a result of the warm wind following on the heavy rain of Saturday. The rain in other respects was welcome enough, many orchards having been very dry and dusty.

Need For Shelter. Another comment last night was that the future apparently even more provision will have to be made for the growing of adequate shelter belts. It was stated that among the heaviest sufferers this year from the wind were orchards in which the shelter belts had been damaged extensively during the gale of some years ago.

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Hawke's Bay Swimming Contests

CENTENNIAL COMPETITIONS

Crowded Audience Well Pleased By Display

NEW RECORD ESTABLISHED

The Hawke's Bay Swimming Centre's contribution to the Napier Centennial celebrations in the form of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Swimming Championships which extend over two nights commenced in the Napier Municipal Baths last night.

In declaring the carnival open the president of the Hawke's Bay Swimming Centre (Mr John Mason) welcomed the visitor competitors to Napier. In the course of his remarks he briefly traced the progress of swimming over the past 100 years. The speaker declared that no other sport had made such rapid progress in the century.

One hundred years ago the only stroke used was the breaststroke, but since then numerous other strokes had helped to popularise the art. The speaker pleaded for greater cultivation of swimming among the younger generation and mentioned that over 100 people lost their lives every year through drowning.

Excellent competition was witnessed by a packed gallery. The outstanding competitor of the meeting was S. Boardman, who earlier in the day won the 880 yards men's championship. A new record was set up in the intermediate girls' 100 yards championship, when Miss Rona King clipped 1.45 seconds off the previous record established by Miss M. Clark in 1938, when she covered the distance in 1min. 14.4-5sec.

H. Harte, a newcomer to Napier swimming, was successful in winning three of the events in which he entered. Harte has just turned 10 years of age and has made rapid progress since entering competition swimming.

A particularly fine finish was witnessed in the 400 yards team race which was swum in under 1min per 100 yards.

The results are as follows:

Men's 880 yards championship: S. Boardman (Napier) 1, K. Morse (Gisborne) 2, V. Osmond (Napier) 3. Time 12 min. 19.5 sec.

Women's 400 yards championship: M. McKnight (Gisborne) 1, J. Wright (Napier) 2, O. Downey (Napier) 3. Time 6 min. 38 sec.

Men's 50 yards championship: D. Lange (Gisborne) 1, H. Christie (Havelock North) 2, R. Cox (Heretaunga) 3. Time 25.45 sec.

Intermediate girls' 100 yards championship: R. Rolis (Napier) 1, B. Small (Gisborne) 2, B. Ferguson 3. Time 1 min. 4 sec.

Intermediate girls' 75 yards championship: R. King (Napier) 1, M. Whyte (Napier) 2, C. Knight and A. Kennedy (Havelock North) dead-heat. Time 25.5 sec.

This equals the record set up by Miss M. Clark at Napier in 1938.

Schoolboys' freestyle 25 yards: J. Harte (Napier) 1. Time 19.15 sec.

Schoolgirls' 100 yards championship: J. Fargher (Parkvale) 1, J. Wright (Napier) 2, M. Tanner (Napier Intermediate) 3. Time 1 min. 25.35 sec.

Women's 50 yards championship: J. Wright (Napier) 1, D. Marven (Havelock North) 2, R. Thompson (Mahora) 3. Time 30 sec.

Men's 440 yards championship: S. Boardman (Napier) 1, K. Morse (Gisborne) 2, A. Taylor (Havelock North) 3. Time 5 min. 48 sec.

Wright's freestyle 50 yards championship: J. Harte (Napier) 1, C. Thurlow (Napier) 84.94, 2; C. Taylor (Heretaunga) 61.99, 3.

Intermediate boys' 50 yards championship: R. Rolis (Napier) 1, R. Rolis (Napier) 2, B. Small (Gisborne) 3. Time 29 sec.

Intermediate boys' 100 yards championship: R. King (Napier) 1, M. Whyte (Napier) 2, A. Kennedy (Havelock North) 3. Time 1 min. 13 sec.

This is 1.45 seconds better than the previous record set up by Miss M. Clark (Napier) in 1938.

Schoolboys' 50 yards freestyle 50 yards championship: J. Harte (Napier Central) 1. Time 46.45 sec.

Schoolgirls' 33.13 yards handicap: O. Workman (Napier) 1, L. Standley (Heretaunga) 2, E. Bunn (Napier) 3. Time 26.45 sec.

Women's 220 yards championship: H. McKnight (Gisborne) 1, J. McGregor (Gisborne) 2, J. Wright (Napier) 3. Time 5 min. 8 sec.

Schoolboys' freestyle 25 yards 23 yards championship: S. Hawkins (N.B.H.S.) 1. Time 1 min. 15.15 sec.

Men's 100 yards backstroke championship: S. Boardman (Napier) 1, K. Orrell (Heretaunga) 2, D. Lange (Gisborne) 3. Time 1 min. 12.35 sec.

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Intermediate boys' 66.23 yards handicap: B. Parker (Heretaunga) 1, D. Drummond (Heretaunga) 2, P. Cote (Heretaunga) 3. Time 48.35 sec.

100 yards race, 400 yards championship: Havelock North 1, Napier 2, Gisborne 3. Time 3 min. 59.35 sec.

GREYHOUNDS RACE AT NAPIER

WEEKLY MEETING LAST NIGHT

SOME FAST TIMES

Full Details Of Results

The postponed weekly meeting of the Northern Greyhound Racing Association was held at League Park Stadium, Napier, in ideal weather last night.

In spite of the many counter attractions the attendance was good and the racing keen. Some excellent times were again registered, and the track was in good condition.

ENCOURAGE STAKE.—First division, A. Perry's Epheles 1, H. Wilson's Mac's Gift 2, J. Parson's Golden Spring 3. Time 25.5 sec.

Second division, A. Robertson's Star Ranger 1, Mrs G. E. Morgan's Tamara 2, Mrs L. G. Nelson's Black Thread 3. Time 25.5 sec.

Third division, A. Robertson's Star Ranger 1, Mrs L. G. Nelson's Black Thread 2, L. C. Head's Innis King 3. Time 25.5 sec.

PROGRESSIVE STAKE.—First division, J. Stewart's Tuka 1, E. Bauckham's Silver Bat 2, S. Curtis's Golden Spring 3. Time 25.5 sec.

Second division, K. Place's Miss Beverley 1, J. A. Spencer's Gold Tip 2, E. Bauckham's Combat 3. Time 25.5 sec.

ELECTRIC STAKE.—First division, Mrs U. Seal's Gay Paphian 1, Mrs B. McDonald's Amber Valani 2, Mrs E. Watson's Symp 3. Time 24.45 sec.

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NOVICE HURDLES.—First division, Mrs T. E. McDonald's Loch Lomond 1, H. Wilson's Mac's Gift 2, N. J. Hill's Golden Flight 3. Time 25.5 sec.

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OPEN HURDLES.—Mrs U. Seal's Laes 1, A. Long's Silver Briar 2, A. G. Wood's Master Shang 3. Time 27.45 sec.

MAREWA STAKE (open).—E. T. Boyd's Elk 1, Mrs T. E. McDonald's Glencoe 2, J. Woodhill's Bon Ton 3. Time 24.5 sec.

MATCH RACE.—J. Woodhill's Bon Ton 1, J. Woodhill's Betty Milcom 2, J. Woodhill's Betty Milcom 3.

MATCH RACE.—P. Blair's Beauty Terms 1, I. Smith's Paper Slipper 2. Time 25.5 sec.

MATCH RACE.—T. B. Noonan's Hat's Off 1, H. A. Grant's Social Gift 2. Time 25.5 sec.

FLOWER SHOW AT HASTINGS

Points Prizes In All Classes

The list of trophies awarded at the Hastings Horticultural Society's show held last Friday, is as follows:

Amateur dahlias: Points prize, society's cup, Mr I. Campbell; F. Mason's trophy, Mr I. Campbell; Anderson's Nurseries trophy (runner-up), Mr B. L. Chambers; charm class, Miss Hopcraft's trophy, Mr B. L. Chambers.

Seeding section: Shaller's Nurseries trophy, Mr B. L. Chambers.

Gladioli: Points prize, society's cup, Mr W. E. Askwith.

Others: Points prize, gladioli corolla, Mrs R. F. Campbell.

Zinnias: Gladioli corolla, Mrs A. G. Graham.

Miscellaneous classes: Points prize (donated by Walker's Nurseries), Mrs C. J. Baker; school children, Miss Joyce Harvey; decorative section, Mrs H. M. Glazebrook's cup, Mrs E. Dyer; Edith Toswill cup, Mrs R. F. Campbell.

EVENING CLASSES IN NAPIER

The new term of evening classes began in Napier last night.

The prospectus, which was published in detail in yesterday's issue, is a comprehensive one including in its range the arts, modern subjects, science, botany, mathematics, the mechanical crafts, training for the professions, for secretarial work and housecraft. Classes will be held throughout the week at the Boys' and Girls' High Schools, and also at the Catholic Hall and Intermediate School.

Enrolments will be taken at 6.45 each evening and it is emphasised that immediate enrolment is necessary if a free place is to be secured.

Hawke's Bay Men Go Deep-Sea Fishing

Many Thrills In Three Days Sport In Bay Of Plenty

Annual Cruise

Bad Weather Brought An Enjoyable Adventure To A Close

An interesting narrative of deep-sea fishing in the Bay of Plenty has been contributed to the "Daily Mail" by Mr C. F. Oliver, Tauranga. In the course of his article Mr Oliver speaks of several fishermen well known in Hastings and Hawke's Bay. He writes:

Tuhua, commonly called Mayor Island, which rises its majestic forest-clad head from the Pacific 194 nautical miles north of Mount Maunganui, sentinel of the Tauranga Harbour in the Bay of Plenty is again enjoying a busy season. Among those camped there at present is Dr. R. L. Sutton, the eminent physician of Kansas City, America, who is enjoying his usual measure of success on a par with previous visits.

Hawke's Bay Sportsmen.

Coming near to home, a notable party of prominent sportsmen from Hawke's Bay included Messrs Graham McCormick, Percy Atkins (one of New Zealand's foremost horsemen), Mr Geo. Deakin (mine host of the Hastings Hotel) and Mr Hughie Galbraith, Tahape. Mr Galbraith organised the party for his usual annual cruise in Mr E. Chaddani's launch "Kingfish" in Tauranga waters.

Leaving Coronation Pier, Tauranga, at 3.30 o'clock on the morning of February 9th, the launch ran into a gale from the north-west, which buffeted the vessel and the four sailors, enjoying the thrill of a small boat plunging into the heavy seas for the three hours' journey to Mayor Island.

Mr McCormick, who especially enjoyed the terrific breeze, stated: "If I had my time over again, I'd join the Navy."

The party breakfasted at the Island, where the facility is afforded by Mr W. Williams, a fisher of Clive, who conducts the cooking camp, with a high degree of satisfaction to the many visitors.

The party proceeded to the fishing grounds, and though adverse weather prevailed, Mr H. Galbraith hooked the first fish, which raced at terrific speed—skinning the reel to the extent of burning the angler's hands for an hour and 20 minutes, the launch having to be kept outwards to save the line from being run off the reel. Disaster then occurred, an exceptionally heavy swell striking the launch, the hook was being brought to gaff, the hook was torn out, and after an exceptionally brilliant exposition of patience by the angler, the fish gained its liberty.

Striped Marlin

The following day, with Mr P. Atkins in the swivel chair, under more favourable conditions, the angler hooked a striped marlin swordfish on the fast trawl, the fish being brought up by the haul to take the bait. Leaping high out of the now placid Pacific and shake its head, endeavouring to throw the hooks from its jaw, the marlin was secured by the angler's prowess during an exciting fight of over an hour. This catch turned the scales at 270lbs.

Thirty minutes later Mr H. Galbraith hooked a striped marlin on the drift. A spectacular fight saw this fish brought to gaff in 35 minutes, and its weight was 320lb. At this stage a nor-easter sprang up, driving the party to retire for the day.

The Third Day

On the third day of the cruise Mr McCormick placed a mako shark on the top of the deck in very able manner. It weighed 180lb.

Unfavourable weather for two days had prevented further fishing for big game. The party amused themselves catching "crays" in dismal dark caves, where conger eels prevented them from having much success. The party then reluctantly left the deep sea fishing grounds to continue the cruise, leaving Tuhua (Mayor Island) at 9 a.m. for the wonderful fertile island of Motiti, which lies between the main islands of Mayor Island. A stiff nor-west gale with heavy rain made the latter part of the journey rather uncomfortable, with visibility down to about an inch, and dangerous reefs to pass, the launch had to be steered wide of Motiti, which was reached about an hour later.

The party was enthusiastic at the able handling of the launch by the bar-handled fisherman, who in the varying conditions. Members of the expedition spoke highly of the productivity of the island, Mr Atkins being particularly interested in the thoroughbred stud farm conducted by Mr Jack Paterson, where Jovial (by Constant Son) is located, and where Seaton Delaval left his mark in days gone by. How has this come about? It is largely owing to the toasting of the tobacco, which not only eliminates the nicotine but vastly improves the flavour and aroma. It is worthy of note, by the way, that cigarettes, only toasted tobaccos on the market. Smoke them as freely as you please, and they'll do you no harm. There is no other tobacco of which that can be said. Ask any tobacconist for other of the following (according to taste): "River-had Gold" and "Desert Gold" (mild), "Navy Cut" or "Cavendish" (medium), or "Cut Plug No. 10" (full strength). These brands are in universal demand.



THEY FOUND A GRIMMER GAME.—The New Zealand Rugby League team, in this historic picture, are being welcomed by Mr W. J. Jordan, High Commissioner in London. Many of these men are now engaged in the sterner contest of war.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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A Clarion Call

Sir,—Is it the use of burning words and the calling of names by one in high command that is needed in New Zealand? "Why not action?" Not the printing of leaflets, but action which will bring about equality of sacrifice, demanded by those in command of the nation's affairs. If it is good enough to point to England as an example, why not go and do likewise?

If a preferential count had been taken of votes at the last election, there possibly would be a party in Parliament to-day who would demand equitable conscription of men and possessions.

Should not that which is an economy in war time be one and the same in peace time?

There are men overseas and there are more ready to go and help out our neighbours' backyards in order. Why not put New Zealand's affairs in order first or at least at the same time?

The true cause of the fall of the Roman empire was heavy taxation on agricultural business, immoral slavery, unwise spending and poor administration. These conditions are here in New Zealand to-day.

In Hawke's Bay there is to be levied soon a fifty thousand pound tax.

The Prime Minister asks if the holiday makers at last Christmas time realise, that possibly, they have had their last holiday. Yet there is no one to be levied for the construction of which able bodied men will be required, whereas if the money and men were used for the country's defence a national benefit would result. It is a privilege of the Government to take over the County Council and institute a public works department instead.

If a private institution or company is to be a financial and economical success, why not state control of community benefits?

Is it not partly the monetary system in the world to-day between nations and between nations that is the root cause of the present turmoil on the continent?

Great Britain and France are working towards a better understanding as regards trade.

They will have to be changes in the monetary system, if New Zealand is to be saved from the fate of the Roman Empire that was.—I am, etc., CHARLES B. LANE.

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A HAWKE'S BAY BODY

As a result of information received by the Mayor of Hastings (Mr G. A. Maddison) from the director of the joint council of the Order of St. John and the New Zealand Red Cross Society, an organisation is at present being formed which will be known as the Hawke's Bay committee of the joint council of the Order of St. John and the New Zealand Red Cross Society.

The director pointed out that under the regulations, the Dominion had been divided into 11 provincial districts, and it was hoped that committees of at least 10 would be appointed in each of these districts to form the provincial committees of the joint council.

The St. John Ambulance has selected its five representatives, Mrs Lowry, Miss E. M. King, and Messrs M. E. Spence, B. Hobbs, and E. H. Runciman. In addition to these and the two Hastings representatives, other centres in the Hawke's Bay patriotic provincial district, which embraces Waipara, Central Hawke's Bay, the East Coast and Southern Hawke's Bay, are to appoint members.

HASTINGS ATHLETICS TEAM

For The Hawke's Bay Championships

The following will represent the Hastings Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club at the Hawke's Bay championships to be held at Napier on March 2:

Women—Misses G. Symes, D. Swayne, M. Thompson, L. Corby, E. Maye, L. Doole, E. Matthews, N. Thearle, E. Franklin, V. Peck, and Mrs R. McCarthy (women's champion).

Men—G. Foulds, C. Wright, R. Cooper, E. Shuker, W. J. Burton, M. McDonald, A. Soppit and Concan. Cycling—J. Attwood and R. Fleming.

Mr A. Harris was appointed official coach of the women's relay, and Mr E. J. Wall was appointed manager of the team.

The following programme was approved for the evening sports meeting of the Hastings Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club to be held next Tuesday:

Men's 100 yds, 220 yds, and 1 mile. Women's 75 yds, and 120 yds; junior women's 75 yds and women's relay; cycle events, 1 mile and 2 miles.

BOWLING CLUB AT HERETAUNGA

Challenge Matches For Daines Buttons

Keen competition was shown by members of the Heretaunga Bowling Club at Hastings, playing last week for the Daines Junior Buttons. The holders, Ward and Nielsen, were challenged by Powell and Brooker, the latter wrestling the buttons from the holders. They in turn were challenged by Osborne and Lynch, who lost. Powell and Brooker are now the holders of the buttons. Other games played were: Robinson, Bailis, Harvey, Maher, 20; Little, Walker, Warren, Collinge 12.

Gray, Hounsell, Martin, Preston, Thomas, McQuire, Burfield, Wilber, Usherwood 11.

Daines Buttons—Nielsen, Ward 20; Brooker, Powell 22; Brooker, Powell 19; Osborne, Lynch 15.

lock North, Convent, Central, Mahora, Hastings West and Parkvale.

Special prizes, in addition, are being offered by the committee for children's entries on the evening processions on both Monday and Thursday, when children are invited to take part "with or without bicycles, tricycles or perambulators."

Roll of Old Residents

The Mayor recently invited all residents of Hastings and district who were of 70 years of age or more in New Zealand and were now living in the Hastings zone, to forward particulars, and up to yesterday over 40 replies had been received. Many more may be expected before the celebrations commence on March 9.

To date the list of those who have qualified reads as follows, the number of years' residence in the Dominion being given in brackets:—

Mrs G. D. Lowe (72), Mrs Clara Walker (74), Mr George Clifton (70), Mrs B. Atkins (72), Mr W. J. Davis (72), Mr J. A. Miller (71), Mr W. Tucker (80), Mr J. R. Byre (78), Mrs Maffie (70), Mr W. M. Hay (78), Mr Yale (70), Mr F. A. Simmes (70), Mr Matt Goodger (82), Mrs Annie Ward (71), Mrs I. Mackenzie (75), Mr D. P. Dickson (73), Mr J. Bishop (72), Mrs M. A. Hart (72), Mr J. B. Steedman (75), Mr Edward Collins (78), Mr McDonald (83), Mr A. R. Masters (88), L. A. Jarvis (94), Mr J. H. Joll (70), Mr A. Brook-Taylor (82), Mrs A. Brook-Taylor (76), Mr Frederick Badley (77), Mrs I. Richardson (80), Mr G. G. Taylor (80), Mr J. D. Thomas, W. Keetty (79), Mr G. M. Bradley (70), Mrs Margaret Tinline (74), Mr Sourdoun (86), Mrs F. Percival (75), Mr J. B. Hurd (79), Mrs Hurd (72), Mr William Woodward (74).

Issue of Ribbons

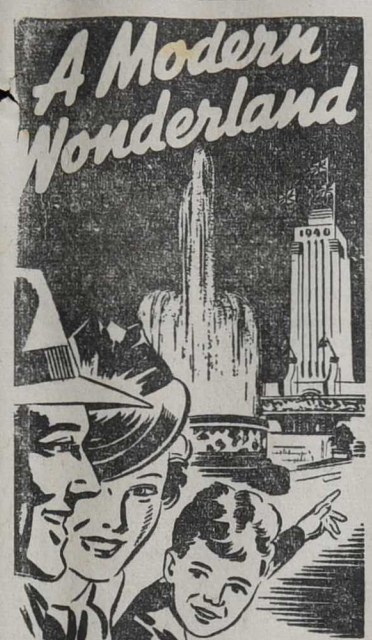
The Government has provided Centennial ribbons for issue to either Maoris or pakehas of 75 years' or longer residence in New Zealand.

The ribbons, issued by the Government through Centennial committees throughout the Dominion, bear an impression of the national Centennial emblem, and will carry figures which indicate the bearer's years of residence.

According to the latest statistics there are 9750 people who qualify for a ribbon by having resided in New Zealand for 75 or more years. Distributions of the ribbons so far, however, total only two thousand.

concentrate on Russia for a change! Mr Hore-Belshazzar is perfectly well aware that all those guns and things he piled up when he was in charge must be used somehow, somewhere, before they become obsolete—and perhaps no more money forthcoming to make never and more up-to-date ones. Supposing that Hitler really is out of the picture, why not have a slap at somebody else, now that we are on the job?

My query may to some folk sound just plain silly. But it will persist. Because I have a very good picture of Hitler, it is not in my mind that it can be said with absolute certainty that more than half of the Press photos have not been those of Hitler. It was rather laughable the other day to note "Hitler" with a cap pulled well down, over a most undeniably Jewish nose—sort of adding insult to injury, that seems. Anyhow, while we're waiting to see who's who, while Mother Nature puts a spoke into our game by snowing and freezing us up—"Looking for Hitler," will provide us with a bit of brain exercise! By all the signs and tokens, we're in need of it!—I am, etc., QUIZZ.



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SIEGMUND SHOWS HIS PREFERENCE

Autumn Handicap Win RAKAHANGA AGAIN TOO GOOD FOR SPRINTERS

Taranaki Horses Have Good Day

(By MOTUROA.)

Siegmund repeated his last year's success in the Autumn Handicap by winning narrowly but well in a punishing finish in which Verey Lights, Baran, Homily, Galteemore and Sporting Gift all looked to have winning chances half way down the running.

Baran looked to be the unlucky horse of the race. He lost a good position early and then ran very wide coming into the straight. He was inclined to "float" under pressure and his chances were not improved by the fact that he got his tongue over the bit, with the result that Homily, finishing on, just cut him out of second money.

Verey Lights again attended to the pace-making, being clear out of the straight from Charing Cross, Mataroa, Galteemore, Baran and Homily. Rustum, who had been one of the last away, then ran up fast to join Verey Lights down the back and the pair made play to the half mile from Charing Cross, Galteemore (who then went through on the rails), Homily and Siegmund, the last-named coming up strongly from last.

Baran made a run on the turn and there was very little between Verey Lights, Galteemore, Sporting Gift, Charing Cross, Mataroa and Baran as they straightened up. Siegmund came fast through an opening in the middle of the bunch, but Baran and Verey Lights stuck to him gamely. However, he won going away from Homily and Baran, with Verey Lights, Mataroa, Galteemore and Sporting Gift following.

TAVOY, who showed a lot of pace at Hawera at the beginning of the month when she made her debut, was backed down to a very short price for the Novice Plate, despite the fact that it was only her second start. She did not begin too well, but moved forward on the home turn to take the lead before she straightened up. From that juncture she ran right away from the field and won in a canter. She looked a really useful sort.

Pitmak also came in for surprisingly stout support, as it was his first start since he ran second at Marton at the New Year. The Hawke's Bay-bred gelding was handy all the way being fourth into the straight behind Tavoy, Daregain and Game Pit.

Balgowlah came home fairly well for third place from Game Pit, who jumped out several lengths clear at the start, but failed to run on. Queen Ila was fifth from Daregain. Tide was standing some lengths behind the field when the tapes went up.

Thrasos Falls Backed as a certainty for the Hopelands Highweight, Thrasos collapsed soon after he had taken over control half-way down the home turn, and he was beaten by a neck. Ruling Star had been prominent all the way on the fence and had headed the pace-maker Vadanoe just before Thrasos put in his claim. He was certainly better ridden than Thrasos, who was asked too much across the top. Vadanoe was an unimpressive third from Richelieu Pearl, who ran up fast from the half-mile, while Sky Limit, after being second for the first six furlongs, dropped back unaccountably, and he came in with First Chapter, both being well beaten.

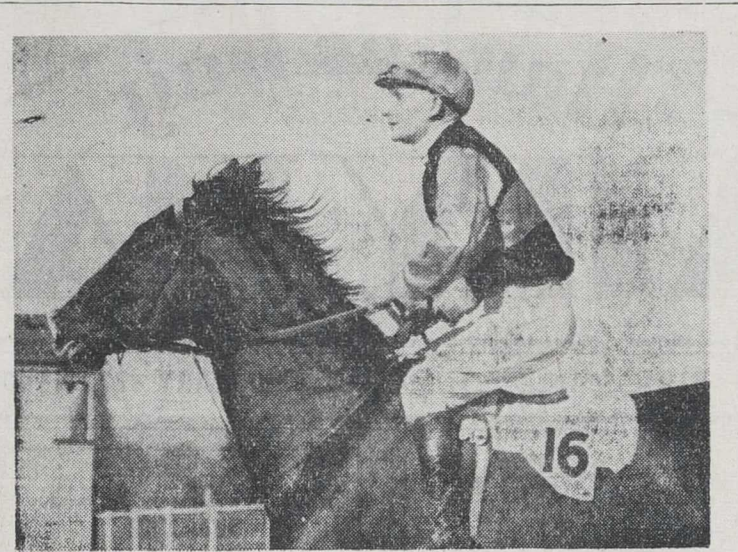
It was a very weak field, but Ruling Star shaped as if he has at last come right again. Air Flight Finishes Well A well-sustained run from the home turn carried Air Flight to victory in the Debutant Stakes. There was a lot of merit in her win, as she went rather wide and was standing up four or five lengths to the speedy Flying Spy after they had actually straightened up. It was her fourth success this season. Flying Spy began well and followed Kejurangi and Courting to the turn, where she went through into a clear lead. She looked as if over a winner half-way down the running, but she stopped very badly in the last 50 yards, and Air Flight won going away. Courting hung on to be a good third after being made use of in the early stages.

Peata threatened danger when she made a run behind the stand, but she weakened into fourth place, having Cherry Bay almost on terms with her. Miss Wheriko and Triple Crown were at the head of the remainder, the latter having been made use of in the early stages.

Rakahanga Again Running true to her smart form on Saturday, Rakahanga was again too good for the sprinters in the Victoria Handicap. She followed Screen Star, Rollicker, and Nora Gregor to the turn and then assumed control from Rollicker as they swung into the straight. Rollicker hung on well but he stood no chance with the Ngatarawa mare, and she won nicely by a good length. Rakahanga is right back for her best form. Rollicker has been racing consistently, and he was a good second, well clear of Night Eruption, who may have made things interesting by not receiving a slight check just as they straightened up. Sternchase had every chance, and he momentarily looked like being in the picture below the distance.

RANGITIKEI RACING CLUB. AUTUMN MEETING. SATURDAY, MARCH 2. HAWKE'S BAY owners and trainers are reminded that acceptances for all events at the above meeting CLOSE at 9 o'clock TO-NIGHT (Tuesday). E. V. WILSON, Secretary.

THE DETAILS ARE. The Woodville Jockey Club's autumn meeting was concluded in dull weather and a high wind made matters unpleasant. However, there was a good attendance and the speculation throughout the day was keen. The totalisator handled £11,033 10s, compared with £10,656 10s last year, an increase of £377. The total for the meeting was £23,813 10s, as against £24,205 last year, a decrease on the meeting of £391 10s. The track was faster than on the first day. An inquiry was held into the interference with Dunmanway in the Victoria Handicap. It was found that Dynasty had got on the heels of this gelding, but the incident was purely accidental and no further action was taken.



BLACK MAJESTY, having his first start for seven months, won at the Woodville meeting yesterday, confirming the good impression he made at Hastings in July.

YOGI SUCCESSFUL AT TE AROHA. ROYAL APPELLANT A GOOD SECOND. CENTENNIAL CUP. Orelio Too Good For The Sprinters.

TE AROHA Feb. 26. The Te Aroha Jockey Club's second day was held in fine weather. The course was in splendid order and the attendance large. The totalisator handled £40,731 against £44,204 on the second day last year, a decrease of £3,473. The total for the meeting was £37,188 10s, compared with £104,935 at the 1939 meeting. The results are:—

NOVICE PLATE. Of £100; five and a half furlongs. (All 8.5). 1-TAVOY, O. Cox's ch f by Croupier—Tavora (B. H. Morris) ... 1 2-PITMARK (W. J. Jenkins) ... 2 3-BALGOWLAH (G. R. Tattersall) ... 3

MANAWARU HURDLES. Of £300; one mile and threequarters. S9-FULL OF SCOTCH, 10.6 (Muir) ... 1 12-12-TUTOR, 9.4 (R. Thompson) ... 2 10-10-KING MUSK, 9.4 (C. L. Goulford) ... 3

FAREWELL HANDICAP. Of £400; six furlongs. 1-1-ORELIO, 7.11 (McTavish) 1 2-2-LEXDEN, 7.11 (Midwood) 2 3-4-FOXMOND, 7.0 (Messervy) 3

ELECTRIC HANDICAP. Of £300; five furlongs. 1-6-MYSDO, 7.3 (A. Midwood) 1 2-1-SIR CAMERON, 8.3 (C. Cameron) 2 5-8-ASCOT BLOOM, 7.5 (Gilchrist) 3

WAIKARAKA HACK. Of £275; seven furlongs. 6-6-HUNTO, 7.11 (R. McTavish) 1 2-3-WILDORRE, 8.6 (W. Gollop) 2 4-4-LOCH ACRE, 7.9 (L. Brown) 3

PIAKO HANDICAP. Of £300; seven furlongs. 1-1-FOXSEN, 7.12 (L. J. Ellis) 1 7-7-SILVERSTICK, 7.7 (F. Farrel) 2 11-11-SILVER EAGLE, 7.7 (W. J. Mudford) 3

BEAULIVRE BACK TO BEST FORM. Smart Half Mile At Randwick. The entries are a record for the Taranaki Jockey Club's meeting which will be held at New Plymouth on March 7 and 9. The first race is expected to start at noon each day. The win and place system of betting will be used.



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