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## British Tanks Go Into Action

### ADVANCE IN THE SOUTH

### Norwegians Resist Strong Nazi Attacking Forces

### SEVERAL TOWNS BOMBED

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LONDON, April 22.

Swedish Press reports persist that British troops, advancing in Gubrandals Valley equipped with tanks and heavy armaments, contacted the Norwegians north of Lake Mjosen. There is no confirmation of earlier reports that the Allies have captured Hamar, which lies north of Oslo. The Germans bombed Lillehammer, 30 miles from Hamar, in the Gubrandals Valley, indicating the presence of strong forces at least close to Hamar.

A Norwegian communique says that the Germans on Saturday, supported by planes and artillery, attacked on both sides of Lake Mjosen, but the troops held their positions. The Germans also machine-gunned the bombed Lillehammer and dropped leaflets. A house near the railway was set on fire.

The Germans bombed other towns, including Andalsnes. Many planes were seen flying northwards and one was shot down.

The German official news agency says that German troops, advancing rapidly from the south, reached Lillehammer.

The "News-Chronicle's" Stockholm correspondent says that 3000 Germans are feverishly attempting to strengthen the defences of Trondheim, from which 35,000 civilians, representing half the population, have been evacuated to the hills. The Germans are fearful of being trapped from the north and south.

German attempts to link up their forces in Bergen, Trondheim and Oslo have now been completely failed.

Heavy fighting in Norway appears to be developing, first in the northern Trondheim area, to which the Allied forces, according to earlier unofficial reports, are advancing from their landing point at Namsos.

The Germans are desperately attempting to rush reinforcements to this area by air, and are fortifying outlying points.

The second scene of fighting is in the vicinity of Hamar. Unconfirmed reports say that the Allies have reached the Hamar area from their landing points of Molde and Andalsnes, in Romsdal Fjord, by advancing by road and rail along the line of Gubrandals Valley.

The Germans in the Narvik area are virtually trapped, and the successive hammer blows by the Royal Air Force and the Fleet on the German bases in Southern Norway are making their situation serious.

**Hamar Captured.**

Swedish sources report that Allied and German troops are fighting at Namsos, on the west coast of Norway.

The Stockholm newspaper "Aftonbladet" says that British forces recaptured Hamar. English and French tanks participated.

Hamar was the town to which the Norwegian Government fled immediately after the German invasion. The Norwegians abandoned it towards the end of last week with the object of rallying farther north and in conjunction with the British forces, stopping the German advance northward from Oslo.

A joint communique issued by the British Admiralty and the War Office states: "There was considerable enemy air activity at Namsos, north of Trondheim, during Saturday, and many bombs were dropped. Extensive damage was caused to the town, but the only Allied loss was one British trawler sunk. There were no casualties to Allied troops."

## BRITISH TROOPS RECAPTURE ELVERUM

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LONDON, April 22.

The Associated Press Stockholm correspondent at the Norwegian Legation confirms the news that the British, supported by Norwegians, have recaptured Elverum, a town north of Oslo; also, that a French division has landed at Namsos, a railroad north of Trondheim.

## Artillery Actions Near The Blies River

British Official Wireless. (Received April 22, 7.30 p.m.)

RUGBY, April 21.

The French official evening communique states: "Artillery actions occurred today in the vicinity of the Blies River."

## STAVANGER AGAIN BOMBED BY R.A.F.

### ENEMY MACHINES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HIT

### Anti-Aircraft Fire Evaded

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LONDON, April 22.

The Air Ministry reports that the Royal Air Force again bombed and machine-gunned the aerodrome at Stavanger last night and, despite intense anti-aircraft fire, hits by incendiary and high explosive bombs were observed.

A number of enemy machines are known to have been destroyed. All our aeroplanes returned safely.

The R.A.F. also successfully attacked Aalborg aerodrome again last night.

Extensive damage was done and several fires were started. One British aircraft is missing.

## WAR DECLARATION FORECAST

### Italy's Intentions

### GERMAN AGENTS BUSY WITH PROPAGANDA

### Ambassador Departs

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LONDON, April 21.

The London "Daily Telegraph" correspondent at Rome says that German agents are actually telling Italians the date of Italy's entry into the war—May 15, said an earlier cable.

In London, the question "Where stands Italy?" is still being asked. The German Ambassador to Italy, (Hans Mackensen) arrived on Saturday at Berlin from Rome by plane. He is reported to have been urgently summoned. His departure from Rome was revealed only when he did not attend the German colony's celebration of Hitler's birthday.

Meanwhile, according to the Rome correspondent of the Associated Press, Italian newspapers have not repeated their recent intensive attacks on the Allies.

**Nazi Exploits.**

German exploits continue to dominate the war news, but the newspapers report a considerable British and French concentration near Trondheim.

The official news agency reports the French Prime Minister (M. Reynaud) as declaring, "A Mediterranean entente alone could consolidate peace."

Signor Mussolini, in a short speech on the anniversary of the foundation of Rome, said: "The watchword is 'Labour and arms.'"

Signor Ansaldi, a director of Count Ciano's newspaper "Telegrafo," in the course of a further speech, said: "The armed forces of Italy are ready for action at any moment. Entire peoples are staking all their forces and resources in the present war because the vanquished cannot delude themselves regarding their fate. They will be expropriated and impoverished. The victors will monopolise the world's resources. Nothing can prevent them. Italy will be among the victors only if she is really strong."

Meanwhile, Signor Mussolini, in a birthday message to Hitler, said: "Most sincere wishes in the name of the Fascist Government and the Italian people, and in the confidence that the German people will be equal to the great test it faces."

### MR LEE MARTIN IN HOSPITAL

### Satisfactory Report Issued

By Telegraph—Press Association.

WELLINGTON, April 22.

The Minister of Agriculture (the Hon. W. Lee Martin) who is a patient at the Bowen Street Hospital, was reported this evening to have spent a comfortable day to-day.

Mr Lee Martin went into hospital on Sunday.

## GUNFIRE HEARD IN THE SKAGERRAK AGAIN

### Signs Of Naval Battle Preceded By Sweeping Up Of Nazi Mines

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LONDON, April 22.

Reports from Gothenburg, Sweden, indicate that a naval battle took place in the Skagerrak and Kattegat last night. Heavy gunfire was heard.

Seven ships, believed to have been mine-sweepers, were seen earlier, apparently sweeping a lane through the British minefields with escort planes, after which two destroyers, one large and several small merchantmen appeared from the south steaming towards Norway.

## EASY TARGET FOUND FOR BOMBS

### Nazi Airfields In Denmark And Norway Damaged

### FIRES BREAK OUT

British Official Wireless. (Received April 22, 7.35 p.m.)

RUGBY, April 21.

Details are now available of the raid by R.A.F. aircraft against airfields in Denmark and Norway now in German hands. The attack on Aalborg appeared to take the enemy completely by surprise. The British aircraft appeared singly and the first to reach the target found the aerodrome plainly marked with full night flying illuminations.

There was no time for the gun batteries to go into action and the only opposition at first came from one searchlight, which was quickly put out when the aircraft's rear gunner sent a burst down the beam.

A large German troop air transport coming in to land with navigation lights on found itself suddenly assailed by machine-gun fire from a British bomber and opening up its engines escaped into the clouds.

Flying at a low altitude above the aerodrome, the British bomber then released a salvo of high explosive bombs, which damaged the main hangar. Following aircraft hampered the ground defences. They were met, however, by heavy anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire.

Successive attacks were made on the aerodrome at varying heights and, after attacks on the target from a low level, three fires were seen to break out. A number of blue and yellow searchlights were seen over the aerodrome during the latter stages of the raid.

The pilot of one aircraft in this raid said: "My aircraft was the first of the formation to reach the aerodrome, the navigation lights of which were on. While looking for a suitable target we flew practically alongside a German transport aircraft. It was signalling, presumably asking permission to land."

**Good Burst of Fire.**

"My rear gunner immediately gave him something else to think about and we managed to get in a good burst of fire before the German disappeared into the clouds. We were flying right at the base of the clouds at this time, so the pilot of the transport plane only had to pull his stick back and up he went into the clouds."

"That little jaunt over, we decided to go in and bomb. We could see the three hangars in half-moon shape. We made our run over some billets and a wireless mast. The rear and front gunners were both strafing the aerodrome as we flew over and dropped our bombs. It must have been a shock for them. They were obviously not expecting us and we met no opposition of any kind."

"Most of the ground lights went out after the first explosion and a solitary searchlight came into action."

**Incendiary Bombs.**

While the raid on Aalborg was in progress other aircraft of the Bomber Command were carrying out successful attacks on two Ger-

man air bases in occupied Norway. The aerodrome and seaplane base at Stavanger and the aerodrome at Kristiansand were heavily attacked with high explosive and incendiary bombs and considerable damage was done to the bases and to aircraft on the ground.

The raid on Stavanger began shortly before midnight and, as on previous occasions, was carried out by a number of aircraft, which attacked singly and in quick succession. Numerous direct hits were scored and bombs were seen to burst on the points of intersection of two runways and elsewhere on the aerodrome.

The fall of one heavy bomb was followed within a few seconds by an explosion on the aerodrome.

**Safe Return Home.**

Bombs were also dropped on three enemy seaplanes which, by the light of the moon, were seen moored in a cove off the Stavanger seaplane base.

Despite the anti-aircraft fire which one pilot described as of moderate intensity, all the aircraft engaged in the raid returned safely to their bases.

At Kristiansand, a much used enemy air base on the southern tip of Norway, some 40 to 50 aircraft were drawn up on two sides of the aerodrome and one enemy machine was seen taking off along the runway as our aircraft approached. Large numbers of high explosive bombs were dropped, principally along the line of the runway. A strong fire was started by incendiary bombs on the south side of the aerodrome close to where a number of aircraft were standing, and the raid was successfully rounded off by two of our aircraft which carried out a low machine-gun attack on the aerodrome, hangars and buildings.

Anti-aircraft fire was encountered from light gun batteries sited round the aerodrome. Guns mounted on the hills surrounding the aerodrome also opened fire as our aircraft came in to deliver their attacks. Evasive action was successfully taken by our pilots and the only damage suffered by our aircraft was the loss of one trailing aerial.

Earlier details of the raids appear on page 7.

## Move To End The Coal Strike

### CONFERENCE WANTED

### Mining Unions Take Initiative

### STATEMENT IN HOUSE

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CANBERRA, April 22.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr J. H. Curtin) announced in the House of Representatives to-day that the executive of the Combined Mining Unions had approved the Australian Council of Trade Unions' approaching the Federal Arbitration Court for the purpose of convening a compulsory conference of the parties in the coal strike.

Mr Curtin expressed the hope that these negotiations would pave the way for a settlement of the strike so as to avoid the Commonwealth Government resorting to drastic action.

### NAZI PLANES OVER SWEDEN

### One Shot Down

### TWO CRASH ON ISLAND

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LONDON, April 22.

A Swedish fighter to-day shot down in flames a German plane which flew over the frontier north of Gothenburg, Sweden. The crew of four were interned.

## THE AUCKLAND PARACHUTE TROOPS WEST SEAT

### ELECTION DATE IS FIXED

### MAY 18

### Candidates Not Yet Announced

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, April 22.

The by-election to fill the Auckland West seat following the death of Mr Savage has been fixed for Saturday, May 18.

The number of enrolled voters in the electorate is approximately 16,353. No nominations had been received by the returning officer to-day.

The official Labour choice of a candidate will be announced on Wednesday night.

It has already been stated that the Communist Party will put forward a candidate.

The attitude of the National Party has so far not been defined.

## Gruesome Scene In Court

### MAN CUTS THROAT

### Razor Blade Drawn From Pocket

### FIRST AID GIVEN

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SYDNEY, April 22.

Immediately after being sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for larceny at the Central Police Court, Thomas Drury, aged 29, drew a razor blade from his pocket and, in full view of everybody, slashed his throat from ear to ear and collapsed in the prisoner's dock.

The police rendered first aid and rushed Drury, who had been declared to be a habitual criminal, to hospital.

## BOTH CAPTAINS AT FAULT

### SYDNEY HARBOUR COLLISION

### COURT'S FINDING

### Careless Navigation Of Liner

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SYDNEY, April 22.

The Commonwealth Marine Court blames both the captains for the collision near the Harbour Bridge on March 9, when heavy damage was done to a Union Company freighter by a Blue Star liner.

The court found that the immediate causes of the collision were: (1) An error of judgment and failure in duty by the master of the Union Company's freighter in changing to port from the western side of the harbour, thereby taking her out of her own water.

(2) Failure by the master of the Union Company's freighter to notify by sound signals this change of direction.

(3) Careless navigation of the Blue Star liner outside her proper channel.

(4) Excessive speed and inefficient look-out on the latter ship.

### GERMAN STUDENTS SUSPENDED

### University Decision In Switzerland

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GENEVA, April 22.

The Swiss Government has suspended the University course for German law students, many of whom are "engaged in activities contradicting Swiss neutrality and endangering national security."

## THE AUCKLAND PARACHUTE TROOPS SURROUNDED AFTER LANDING IN NORWAY

### Bicycles, Machine-Guns And Radios Among Their Equipment

### GRENADES KILL 25

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LONDON, April 22.

The Exchange's Stockholm correspondent describes the mopping up of the last of the German parachute troops at Dombaas, a railway junction on the Oslo-Trondheim railway, on Sunday.

The parachutists occupied a farmhouse and the Norwegians surrounded it and advanced under cover of machine-guns. A grenade was thrown into the cellar and wrecked the farmhouse. The Germans capitulated after the loss of 25 killed and 25 wounded. One hundred and fifty were taken prisoner.

The parachutists carried a surprising amount of equipment, including machine-guns, collapsible bicycles, two-way radios, saws, cameras, and welding apparatus.

The Germans had compelled 50 civilians to carry the equipment.

The Norwegians shot down three large German planes at Dombaas the same day. The British shot down four.

## NAZI OFFICERS IN BELGIUM

### Illegal Entry Alleged

### FOUND NEAR OSTEND AND ZEEBRUGGE

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LONDON, April 21.

The London "Daily Telegraph" correspondent at Brussels says that the authorities have discovered 50 German marine officers near Ostend and Zeebrugge. The majority are believed to have entered illegally.

Twenty thousand military boots consigned from Germany to a small merchant were discovered in a Customs warehouse. The merchant denied knowledge of them.

## Moslem Riot At Lucknow

### THREE PEOPLE KILLED

### The Injured Include Four Policemen

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LUCKNOW, April 21.

Three persons were killed and 50 injured to-day in clashes between two Moslem sects. The injured included four policemen.

The police twice made baton charges and fired on the rioters. Curfew has been enforced and the police and military forces are patrolling the streets.

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Meat Board Considers Prices For Fat Stock

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Costings are then worked out by the Meat Board, based on the respective weight grades, and allowing for the varying charges for slaughtering, bagging, freezing, to f.o.b. in the different districts.

Purchasing Procedure "It is of interest to recall that in the protracted negotiations which took place when the purchase of New Zealand's exportable surplus of meat was arranged upon the outbreak of war, a committee fully representative of all interests put in a great amount of work in regard to the procedure to be adopted in connection with the purchase of fat stock for freezing and shipment.

The method of procedure should be that the Marketing Department pay the fixed f.o.b. prices for all classes of meat purchased by the United Kingdom Government to the freezing companies and operators; the price paid to the grower being left in the hands of the trade.

Companies' Operations In accepting this method of procedure, the Minister of Marketing (Hon W. Nash) did so provided the operations of the freezing companies, both as regards freezing services and buying, were subjected to an audit either by the Auditor-General or by private firm auditors approved of by the Government and reporting to it, the statement adds.

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Potentialities Of The Markets Since the commencement of the war, no chilled beef has been imported into the United Kingdom, but as New Zealand's chilled beef production had grown rapidly prior to the war, and the overseas market showed great potentialities, the New Zealand Meat Producers' Board considers it most essential to maintain and even improve present-day quality of chilled beef production (says a statement from the board).

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**BREAKFAST ROLLS**

Take 1lb. flour, pinch salt, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 3oz. margarine, milk and water to mix (about 1 1/2 gills).

Sieve together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Rub in the margarine until it is like fine crumbs. Then gradually pour in the milk and water to form a fairly soft paste—not sticky, but pliable. Put on to a floured board and knead for a few minutes until quite smooth. Divide into about eight equal portions. Shape each into a fat roll about four inches long. Work them to a point at either end. Make two or three sharp cuts across the top of each roll. Grease and flour a baking sheet. Put the rolls on to it and brush over with milk. Bake in a hot oven for about fifteen to twenty minutes. Sufficient to make eight rolls.

**RASPBERRY BUNS**

Take 1lb. flour, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 1/2 lb. lard, 1/2 lb. sugar, 1 or 2 eggs, raspberry jam.

Mix flour with baking powder, rub in fat and a little sugar, and mix with beaten eggs. Put on a floured board and roll out. Divide into about sixteen pieces and place a little raspberry jam in centre of each. Press edges together and brush with well-beaten egg-white, sprinkle with sugar. Bake in a moderate oven from twenty to thirty minutes.

**BAKING-POWDER ROLLS**

Take 1lb. flour, 1 flat teaspoonful salt, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1 1/2 gills milk and water.

Sieve the flour, salt, and baking powder, and mix well together. Add the milk and water and mix to a soft consistency. Slightly flour a board and lightly knead for a few minutes. Divide into six portions and make into six small cottage loaves. Brush over with milk. Place on a slightly greased and floured baking sheet. Bake in a hot oven for twenty to thirty minutes.

**STRAWBERRY BUNS**

Take 1lb. flour, 1 egg, 1/2 lb. castor sugar, 1/2 lb. margarine, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, milk (if required), strawberry jam.

Sieve the flour with the baking powder. Rub the fat into the flour. Add the sugar and mix well with the flour. Make a well in the centre of the flour. Beat the eggs and put in the centre of the flour. Mix to a rather a stiff paste, adding a little milk if required. Slightly flour a board and roll out the paste until it is about an eighth of an inch in thickness. Cut the paste into rounds about four inches in diameter. Turn each round over so that the floured side is uppermost. Place half a teaspoonful of strawberry jam in the centre and damp round the edge of the round. Then draw the edge to the centre and squeeze together over the jam. Turn on to the other side, shape into a round again, using one hand and a knife. With the back of the knife mark two lines, forming a cross over the surface. Place on a greased baking sheet. Brush over buns with milk. Bake in a quick oven for ten to fifteen minutes.

**TURNOVER ROLLS**

Take 1lb. flour, 2 good teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1 level teaspoonful salt, 1oz. margarine (or butter), about 1 1/2 to 2 gills milk, 1 egg yolk, Sift the flour into a basin with salt and baking powder. Rub in the margarine. Beat up the yolk of egg and mix it with one and a half gills of milk, and add these to the flour. Mix them to a soft dough, adding more milk as required. Roll out the dough until it is half an inch thick. Cut it into rounds three or four inches in diameter. Fold each over lightly into half and put them on a greased and floured baking-sheet. Then bake them in a hot oven from twenty to thirty minutes. The rolls may be glazed with milk before baking if liked. Sufficient for nine or ten rolls.

**HARVEST BUNS**

Take 1lb. wholemeal, 1/2 teaspoonful salt, 3 dessertspoonfuls castor sugar, 1oz. yeast, 2oz. small, seedless raisins, about 1 1/2 gills milk, 1 1/2oz. margarine or butter.

Sieve the wholemeal and salt. Put about one third of it into a basin and make a well in the centre. Put the yeast into a small basin with half a teaspoonful of the sugar and mix them until they are lively. Warm the milk and margarine in a saucepan and add them to the yeast. Strain the liquid into the wholemeal, mix all together, and beat well. Roll the mixture loosely and put it in a warm place for half an hour, then gradually stir in the remainder of the wholemeal mixed with the prepared fruit and remainder of the castor sugar. Knead dough for a few minutes. Divide it into small portions and make it into smooth bun shapes. Put them on a slightly greased and floured tin and stand them in a warm place for an hour to bake. They will take about half an hour to cook. Sufficient for fourteen to sixteen buns.

**WHOLEMEAL ROLLS**

Take 5oz. wholemeal flour, 3oz. flour, 1/2 teaspoonful salt, 1oz. butter, 1/2 teaspoonful baking powder, about 1 1/2 gills milk.

Grease a baking-sheet. Mix together the flour, salt, and baking powder. Rub in the butter. Mix quickly with the milk and shape into eight rolls. Place on the baking sheet and give each roll a slight slant. Bake for about twelve or fifteen minutes in a quick oven.

**BATH BUNS**

Take 1lb. flour, 1/2 lb. butter, 3 eggs, 1oz. compressed yeast, 2oz. crushed loaf-sugar, 6oz. granulated sugar, 1 cupful milk (tepid), 2oz. citron-pearl, 2oz. cleaned currants.

Mix the yeast with a teaspoonful of sugar, and when liquid stir in the milk. Rub the butter into the flour, make a hollow in the centre and pour in the milk and yeast. Beat the eggs, pour in nearly all of them, keeping back a little to brush over the top of the buns. Mix to a soft smooth dough. Cover the basin with a cloth and stand it in a warm place for one hour for the yeast to rise. Then beat in the granulated sugar, currants, and chopped peel. Knead the dough with floured hands, form it into buns and place them on two greased tins, leaving room for them to rise. Let them "prove" in a warm place for thirty minutes. Brush on the tops with egg and sprinkle with crushed sugar or caraway seeds and a few currants. Bake in a quick oven for twenty to thirty minutes. Sufficient to make ten or twelve buns.

**SPECIAL RECIPES FOR THE WEEK**

**Cheese and Celery Busters**

6oz. flour, 2oz. butter, 2oz. cheese, half teaspoon salt, half teaspoon baking powder, half teaspoon Hansell's Cloudy Celery Food Flavouring, milk and water to mix.

Mix dry ingredients into a basin. Rub in butter and add grated cheese and flavouring. Mix to a stiff paste with milk and water (equal quantities each). Turn on to a floured board and roll mixture out till as thin as a wafer. Cut into small diamond shapes and place on a cold greased tray. Bake 5-10 minutes. Place towards top of oven. Beat top and bottom heating stoves, 450deg. stored heat (both switches off). Side heating ovens, 475deg. stored heat (switch turned off).

**GINGER SCONES**

Take 1 1/2 lb. flour, 2oz. cornflour, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 1oz. butter, 1/2 dessertspoonful castor sugar, milk to mix.

Sieve the flour, cornflour, and baking powder. Rub in the butter. Add the sugar and mix all together. Grease a board and roll out to a pliable dough. Roll it out to about three-eighths of an inch thick and cut into small rounds. Place on a slightly greased tin. Brush the scones over with milk and bake in a hot oven for about ten to fifteen minutes. Sufficient to make seven or eight scones.

**A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT YOUR CLOTHES**

Time Was When The Nightgown Was A Street Garment

Bodice is really a wrong name for a garment which should be called "bodies." Writing in 1868, Queen Victoria has an entry in her diary—"I and the girls were in Royal Stewart skirts and shawls over black velvet bodies."

In ancient times, these bodies were made in two parts, like stays and laced together, front and back. Then they used to be called "a pair of bodies." The word "bodies" is really a plural formed twice over.

Nowadays the nightgown is worn in bed, but in the days of Queen Anne the nightgown was actually worn in the streets by ladies—as a sort of overall when they went shopping.

Both the skirt and the petticoat have been borrowed from male attire. The petticoat, as its name implies, was a little or short coat. King Henry V had a petticoat of red damask with open sleeves, and in a book of rules for officers of the King's household there were instructions for warming the King's petticoat before he put it on.

Nowadays some people take exception to the wearing of trousers by women. Once upon a time exception was taken to their being worn by men. Trousers have grown down out of knee breeches, worn in the Stuart period, and (formal) and there was a kind of shortish trouser,

**FINAL WEEKLY DANCE AT HAUMOANA**

Enjoyable Evening Held By Beach Improvement Society

The Haumoana Beach Improvement Society held its final weekly dance of the season on Saturday night when 150 couples spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Mr Max McCormick acted as M.C., and the music was supplied by McKay's Orchestra.

A dainty supper was provided by the ladies' committee.

**TEA-COSIES**

Tea-cosies with an ordinary filling are usually bulky—and even then they do not always succeed in their purpose of keeping the teapot and its contents warm.

You can have a tea-cosy with a neat line if you line it with chamois leather instead of with cotton wool. Simply tack the chamois lining in very lightly, so that it may easily be removed for washing.

A charming tea-cosy can be made by knitting a "skirt" in thick wool, using two pretty contrasting colours, and surmounting with a lady's head in china. The wool, plus the chamois leather lining, make a perfect heat preserver.

Renew the frayed edges of a rug by putting a strong blind cord along the worn margins and working over it several times with heavy wool. The result is in colour harmony with the rug.

**MONSTER BAZAAR ORGANISED AT HAVELOCK NEXT SATURDAY RED CROSS EFFORT**

The Village Hall at Havelock North will be in fete on Saturday afternoon when a monster bazaar will be opened by Mrs T. H. Lowry, O.B.E., in aid of funds for the Havelock North Sub-Centre of the Red Cross Society.

The Havelock North sub-centre has been doing gallant work during the past few months and everyone is urged to patronise this splendid bazaar which is being run through the untiring enthusiasm and generosity of the village war helpers.

The effort, entirely honorary, has been organised by Mrs J. B. Camp, bell, and the public is urged to show its appreciation of the work done behind the scenes and demonstrate its patriotism by giving its full support on Saturday.

Stall-holders are as follows: Work: Mrs K. E. Crompton, Mrs A. Bell, Mrs A. Nelson. Fancy goods: Mrs W. N. Barron, Mrs W. N. Brathwaite. Produce: Mrs P. A. McHardy, Mrs J. H. Joll, Mrs B. Boys, Mrs J. McLenahan, Miss M. Couper. Jam: Mrs Twigg, Miss Alice McLean. Sweets: Miss Frances Miller, Mrs Mawley, Miss D. McLeod, Miss E. Cole, and the Nursing Classes. Cakes: The Havelock North Women's Institute. Flowers: Miss O. Nairn, Miss L. McFarlane, Mrs F. J. Earl. Iona Junior Red Cross Circle: Mrs E. M. Fenton, Mrs M. E. Grant, Mrs J. B. Campbell, School Teachers. Second-hand Books: Mrs Turner Williams. Mystery parcels: Mrs A. Reeve, Mrs J. D. Buchanan, Miss D. Wright. Cake tins and wooden jam spoons: Mrs W. Meads, Mrs May. Jumble: Mrs J. D. Heenan. White elephant: Mrs John Campbell, Mrs H. E. Phillips, Mrs H. H. Gill. Aprons: Mrs Sacer and the Misses Marven. Lucky dip: The Havelock North Public School. Sports: Mr E. M. Fenton, Mr H. H. Gill. Afternoon tea: Mrs J. R. Stevenson and the Iona Old Girls Association.

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Secret Door

Soon after the present palace was built, in 1493, Henry VII. buried a vast hoard of gold bullion and jewels in an underground tunnel which could only be reached by a secret door hidden in the panelling. No one has ever been known to find the treasure, but in 1932 thieves broke in and discovered how to open the secret door. They descended the secret stairs and began to dig out the treasure. The tunnel came on a brick wall which nothing short of dynamite could break through and they abandoned their task.

The palace has stood empty for three years.

**INSTITUTE MEETING AT RICHMOND**

Presentation Made

POINTS PRIZES ARE PRESENTED

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**THE TRIALS OF A GAS MASK**

Back-Sliding Among The Menfolk

Every now and then somebody with nothing better to do still goes snooping round counting gas masks and reporting progress—or lack of it comments "Lucio" in the "Manchester Guardian." The latest survey of one of the papers reports much backsliding among the males encountered in the principal London streets; only about one man in six carried a mask. The case of women is more difficult, says the maker of

**Five o'Clock Gossip**

Mr and Mrs R. J. Brown are Feilding visitors to Napier.

Mr and Mrs E. R. Waters, Wellington, are at present in Napier.

Mr and Mrs J. Gunn are Christchurch visitors to Napier.

Mrs A. M. Retemeyer, France Road, Napier, is at present visiting Wellington.

Mrs D. Martin, Hastings, left by the express yesterday morning for a holiday visit to Wellington.

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Napier visitors to Wellington at present include Mrs D. Chard, Mr and Mrs D. Wilson, Mrs F. Lowe, Miss M. Hays, Mrs D. M. Robinson, and Miss W. Edwards.

Mr and Mrs J. Thomas, and Miss A. Thomas are Gisborne visitors to Wellington.

Miss F. Black, Gisborne, is visiting Akaroa for the Centennial celebrations.

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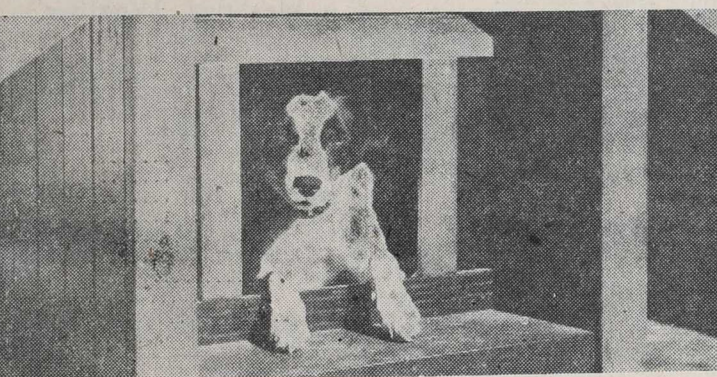


HAWKE'S BAY DAILY MAIL PLAYTIME PAGE

PAM'S LETTER

HOBBIES FOR ALL

Dear Boys and Girls, What is your hobby or hobbies? I have had lots of letters these days, such interesting ones, from girls and boys who are too busy to write often "because" they say, "all my spare time is taken up with my hobby." Here are some extracts from their letters:— "My favourite hobby is collecting brooches. Already I have over fifty. Can you imagine a collection of various brooches consisting of all shapes and colours of flowers, Donald Duck, Popeye, cats, dogs, Centennial Exhibition, etc. A very special favourite is an antique gold brooch in the shape of a harp."



flowers—famous all over the world for their beauty. Searching for flowers is great fun and a walk of miles is nothing if the flower is finally discovered. Putting the pressed flowers in a book is quite a good idea but young naturalists are advised to make a flower press. Most flowers take about a week to press, but the more fleshy ones take longer. And last but not least is the boy who makes letter writing his hobby (and I am inclined to favour him because he writes more often). He writes:— "My favourite hobby is letter-writing. To me it is a hobby of delight and interest. With pen, paper and stamp, we can tell our adventures, fun and sorrows to friends far away. "Then, too, we gain a knowledge of our pen friends' characters through their writing—how they spend their lives, what hobbies and ideas they have. What fun it is exchanging confidences. "Letters sometimes contain disappointment and sorrow, but taken on the bright side, the writing and receiving of letters can be the most entertaining hobby possible."

Well, boys and girls, that is a collection. Can you add a different hobby to the above? Love and best wishes.

Pam.

The Letterbox

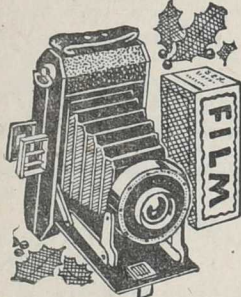
Barbara Hallgarth, Hastings, writes: "I'm so pleased to hear you enjoyed your holiday. I, too, mean to fly some day, for it must be a thrill to feel oneself soaring above the clouds." (Your story is quite good, Barbara, but rather disappointed to print. I should like to have read those fairy stories.—P.) Lillian Stanley, Hastings, says: "I am sorry to say that I didn't thank you personally for the lovely afternoon on Saturday and the picture was most enjoyable." (Have you seen Yvonne and asked her? Your marks total 62. Imagine, you may be a D.S.O. before long!—P.) Alice Farmer, Hastings: Fancy leaving you out. I shall send your badge immediately. One more mark in to-day's Honours for introducing new member, Jean.—P.)

Jean Carmichael, Hastings: I have already welcomed you to the club, Jean. Will you please tell me your birthday as soon as possible. Best wishes.—P.) Roy Theodore, Wairoa: My holiday was the excuse, Roy, but I think our letters must have crossed. Wear your badge always.—P.)

Anne Goodwin, Mohaka, writes: "I'm so glad you enjoyed your holiday. The Playtime Page seemed different—was it your cherry letter and the Playmates' chatter. (Thank you, Anne. This settling-down after holidays is a difficult job.—P.)

CAMERA CONTEST

Are you going to bring out your cameras and dust them in anticipation of first term holidays? Entries for our holiday snapshot competi-



tion begin the first week in May and close on the Monday you return to school. All clear photographs which you take yourselves—such as scenes, amusing pictures, or of other members—are suitable. Pictures must be marked on the back with name, age and address and will be returned safely. So, remember your cameras. —PAM.

Editor (to reporter): "You certainly remind me of Alexander Graham Bell." Reporter: "Why? He didn't know anything about newspapers." Editor: "Yes, that's why."

PARTY FUN

"Daily Mail" Advertisers

At a recent party the following game was played.—Each guest was given a paper and pencil and each one wrote at the top of the paper the name of a "Daily Mail" advertiser. The papers were then folded over and passed to the left. Each player then wrote on the paper (being sure not to write on the folded part) "This is especially good for..." (finishing the sentence). After folding over the paper he passed it again to the left. Next, each player wrote, "The slogan is..." (This could be an original or a familiar slogan). Then papers were passed and every one wrote: "It can be bought..." When papers were again passed, the last person wrote "I use it because..." The resulting humorous combinations were then read aloud.

Pen Friends

Dowrick Williams, Maraekakaho: Have you secured a pen friend yet? I think I can supply one now if you require it.—P. Dorothy Austin, Whakatu, and Alice Farmer, Hastings: I hope to send you names early next week. How is the Latin progressing, Dorothy?

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO—

Gwyn Ace, Napier, who will be 10 on April 26. Frances Anderson, Ormondville, who will be 12 on April 26.

Jokes

Old Man: What are you fishing for, my boy? "Mazarsies!" replied the young angler. "I've never heard of it. What sort of fish is it?" "I don't know. I haven't caught any yet." —Roy Theodore, Wairoa.

An absent-minded professor was going to work and found that he had left his watch at home. So he put his hand in his pocket to see if he had time to go back for it. Teacher: "Have you got the ear-ache, Johnny?" Johnny: "No, miss." Teacher: "Then why are you holding your hand to your ear?" Johnny: "Because yesterday you told me everything came in one ear and out the other, so I'm trying to stop it."

Welcome New Member

Jean Carmichael, Hastings.

"The Swiss Family Robinson"

THE STORY SO FAR

William Robinson, a Swiss manufacturer, who married an English lady and has four sons has lived in England for a few years. As time goes on he realises that life in London does not influence his family favourably. His wife is interested mostly in parties, the eldest son has become another Beau Brummel and Fritz, the second, has only military ideas in his head. William Robinson has a different conception of happy family-life and one day he decides to sell his factory in Switzerland and his house in London and to go with his family to Australia. All five are distressed about the sudden resolution and join in secret alliance against their father. After sailing for many weeks, the ship runs into a fearful storm and is wrecked on a cliff. While crew and captain leave the ship in the few available boats the Robinson family is left stranded among the debris of the wooden ship. The hatred of his family becomes more apparent than ever and Robinson seeks refuge in a prayer. As if in answer, he is interrupted by Ernest, who sees an island in the distance. By that time the storm has died down. They make crafts of empty barrels and crates and prepare to leave the ship. Now read on— "But our clothes!" Jack gasped. "And—my books!" Ernest was almost in tears. "The raft will hold little more than ourselves," William explained patiently. "Do you mean we can't take any of our things?" Elizabeth demanded. "We can risk only the barest necessities." "But William—" "I know it is my fault that we are here. But now that we are, we will have to make the best of it." A cry of excitement from Fritz caused them all to start. "Mother!" he shouted. "See what I've found! A chest of gold in the captain's cabin. Gold for the colonists! It's ours now, by right of salvage isn't it, sir?" he asked his father. "Yes," William agreed, "but we can't take it ashore. I dare not risk the weight." "Not—take it?" Elizabeth echoed stupidly. "What can we leave in its place?" her husband asked patiently. "Our food—grain for the animals—the saw, gunpowder? They may save our lives?" And so the gold was left behind, with the trunk of clothes and books. The progress of the raft was clumsy and slow and at one point they feared they would never reach land. But at long last they found themselves on a shore of such bewildering beauty that they were momentarily spellbound. A few weeks earlier they had left the bleak winter landscape of England. But here on this island there was opulent beauty. Palm trees waved their lacy fronds against a cobalt sky while a great flock of flamingoes made a pattern of flame along the golden beach, which was broken occasionally with patches of blue where golden crested heron were feeding. Beyond these, there were hundreds of ducks and spur-winged geese, and monkeys chattered among themselves in the trees. Everywhere there was colour and a lush, fragrant warmth. "Come on, let's explore!" Ernest suggested excitedly. "Wait!" William held up his hand. Then, looking into the cloudless sky as he had on the night of the storm,

Last Sunday, Princess Elizabeth, Heir Apparent to the Throne, celebrated her 14th birthday.

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he said: "Oh, Thou who has brought through storm and tempest to this land, we thank Thee from full hearts for Thy great mercy. Reveal to us, we pray Thee, the meaning of our deliverance that with courage and high resolve, we may follow Thy will." By nightfall, a tent had been constructed out of sailcloth and inside there were beds of soft moss with ginger blossoms for pillows. William cooked the supper over a blazing campfire.

"Turtle soup, crabmeat, fish and dates," he announced gaily, one eye on Elizabeth's cold expression. "The King himself could not dine better." "Oh, be served on such elegant gold plates!" Jack added ironically, holding up a large flat sea-shell. "I never knew you could cook, sir," Ernest remarked. "Neither did I, sir," Fritz added with judicious moderation. "That makes five of us who are surprised at the way this dinner has turned out," William smiled. Elizabeth smiled too, but frostily. "I thought for a moment we were dining in Berkeley Square," she said. "When you wash these shells, Mother, you'll realise how brutally far this is from dear London," Jack reminded her. "When you wash these shells, Mother, you'll realise how brutally far this is from dear London," Jack reminded her. "When you wash these shells, Mother, you'll realise how brutally far this is from dear London," Jack reminded her.

"And shall I stand guard over him, sir?" "A faint flush of colour stole into Elizabeth's cheeks. "You'll help Jack!" she told her son then in a firmer, more decisive tone than William had ever heard her use. "Father, shall I give the chickens some of our grain?" Ernest asked. "No, lad, they'll have to scratch for themselves as we shall. That grain is our seed for next year's harvest." "Next year!" Elizabeth cried in dismay. "But surely—we'll be rescued long before that!" William shook his head. "We'd best face the facts, my dear," he said levelly. "The storm has blown us far out of the trade routes. It's only by chance that a ship will come this way. We will hope for rescue, but we must plan our lives as though it may never come."

"But a ship might pass in the night and not see us," Elizabeth offered forlornly. "William, we must light a signal fire." "The only things I want of life, my dear," he replied, "are your happiness and to have the boys grow in wisdom and strength." "Happiness—here? And how can the boys learn anything in this barbaric spot?" "They can learn to be men instead of selfish idlers!" William flashed angrily. "Aye, and they are learning already. I tell you, for the first time in my life, I have been proud of my sons!"

Apparently Elizabeth did not share his pride for her lips tightened and her eyes became cold and remote. She was still remote when he bent over her to kiss her good night in the scented darkness later. Very gently, he touched her forehead with his lips, giving no hint of the loneliness he felt in his heart for her understanding, her love. If only, of her own free will, she would offer him her lips, if only she would open her arms to him. "Good night," he said softly. "I will see that you sleep safely." At the exit of the tent her voice arrested him. "Will you keep the signal fire burning?" "Yes," he promised, and left her. Several days later, after scanning the sea with a careful eye, William announced that he thought it safe for a trip back to the brig. "Yes," Elizabeth agreed hopelessly. "I shall need things if a ship doesn't come soon. And William, you will bring the clothes—and the gold?" (To be Continued.)

HOME

Stay, stay at home, my heart, and rest, Home-keeping hearts are happiest; For those that wander they know Doubt. Are full of trouble and full of care: To stay at home is best. Weary, homesick and distressed, They wander east, they wander west, Baffled and beaten and blown about By the winds of the Wilderness of Doubt: To stay at home is best.

Then stay at home, my heart, and rest, The bird is safest in its nest; O'er all that flutter their wings and fly, A hawk is hovering in the sky: To stay at home is best. —Sent in by Lillian Stanley (14), Hastings.

Club Members' Notebook

"On Sunday afternoon I went cycling with my sister and two friends, and had grand fun dodging the showers through Havelock and out to Haumoana. But unfortunately I have caught a cold and trust it will be better for Saturday night, as I am going to a party—And, Pam, I shall be wearing my very first evening frock!" —Barbara Hallgarth (16), Hastings. "We had our school picnic several days ago and I actually won 1/-. On Friday we had a Sunday school dance and there was a prize for the best boy and girl in a "Down West" costume. Can you guess who won?—I was the girl who won the prize." —Anne Goodwin, Mohaka.

This Week's Honours

Stories: Barbara Hallgarth (16), Hastings—3 marks. Jokes: Roy Theodore (10), Wairoa—1 mark. Other honours: Alice Farmer, Hastings—1 mark.

Today's Quotation

To me, the meanest flower that grows can give thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears. —Wordsworth.

THE TE POHUE DOG TRIALS

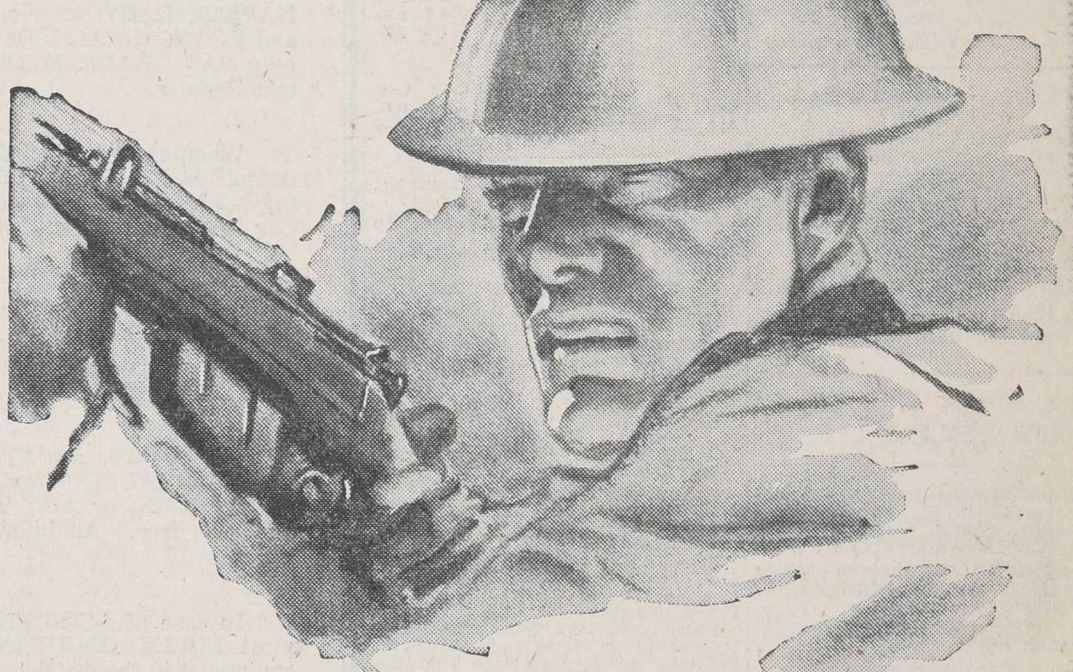
Final Results KEEN INTEREST SHOWN Many Classes

Keen interest has been displayed in the Te Pohue dog trials, which have been held on the new grounds, lent by Rukumoana station, opposite the Ohurakura turn-off.

The following are the results of the concluding days of the trials:

- Class I N. McGregor's Tul 46pts. 1. I. Loppell's Speed 45pts. 2. J. Carswell's King 45pts. 3. K. Ruddenklaus's Bell 43pts. Class I.A (Open). J. Carswell's King 45pts. 1. I. Brown's Lacc 41pts. 2. D. Graham's Jock 39pts. 3. Class I.A (Local). J. Carswell's King 45pts. 1. D. Graham's Jock 39pts. 2. H. Haggerly's Boy 37pts. 3. Class II (Open). K. Ruddenklaus's Bell 57pts. 1. A. Stead's Boy 56pts. 2. N. McGregor's Tul 54pts. 3. W. Smith's Moss 53pts. 4. Class II.A (Open). K. Brook's Glee 52pts. 1. R. John's Ray 50pts. 2. A. Loppell's Star 50pts. 3. Class II.A (Local). K. Brook's Glee 52pts. 1. R. John's Ray 50pts. 2. I. Lawrence's Bruce 49pts. 3. Class III (Open). J. Wedd's Don 43pts. 1. G. McMillan's Gyp 42pts. 2. A. Stead's Sam 42pts. 3. L. Gallien's Dick 41pts. 4. Class III.A (Open). A. Stead's Sam 42pts. 1. K. Brook's Ruff 39pts. 2. D. Graham's Lass 34pts. 3. K. Brook's Doon 33pts. 4. Class III.A (Local). K. Brook's Ruff 39pts. 1. D. Graham's Lass 34pts. 2. K. Brook's Doon 33pts. 3. Trophies Won. W. Whyte Challenge Cup: N. McGregor's Tul. Club's Challenge Cup: K. Ruddenklaus's Bell. Col. Neilson Challenge Cup: J. Wedd's Don. W. McKinnon's Cup for team of three dogs, one heading and two huntaway, dogs to be nominated. Two-thirds of possible points to qualify. Open: N. McGregor's Tul, Lad and Bill. W. Cobbe's Challenge Cup, local competitors, most points at meeting: K. Brooks. Messrs Murtin's Ltd., Cup, open maiden dog. Most points in I.A and II.A classes: J. Carswell's King. W. Toot Miniature Cup, dog with most points in I and III classes: R. John's Don. O. Bruce's Miniature Cup, maiden man and dog, class I.A, local: D. Graham's Jock. J. Hartley's Miniature Cup, class I.A, local: K. Brooks' Glee. Mrs R. Dampney's Miniature Cup, class III.A, local: K. Brooks' Ruff. Hyde and Sons' Trophy: D. Graham. H.B. Farmers' Co-op. Trophy: N. Haggerly. Prudential Insurance Co. trophy: R. John. I. Rice's trophy: I. Lawrence. "Modern Way" Dry Cleaners trophy: D. Graham. Dockery's trophy: K. Brooks. Stephen's trophy: I. Lawrence. Hawke's Bay "Herald-Tribune" trophy: K. Ruddenklaus. Ritchie and Co. trophy: K. Ruddenklaus. H. Williams and Son's trophy: N. McGregor. E. McDermott trophy: K. Brooks. E. Nepia's trophy: D. Graham.

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MANY RUNAWAY TRIES

Waipukurau Rugby TAKAPAU JUST BEATEN "Scratch" Sides

By Telegraph-Press Association. WAIPUKURAU, April 22. Central Hawke's Bay Rugby began on Saturday with wins in the senior grade for Waipukurau, Otane and Porangahau. There was only one senior game at Waipukurau, Waipukurau beating Takapau by 17 points to 13. Juniors and thirds were plentiful on both sides. Waipukurau fielded 11 and Takapau 14 men. Teams were:— Takapau (red and black): Rupaha, L. C. and R. Thompson, M. Gray, Osborne, Halliday, Drake, V. Brosnan, Craig, Bell, Reid, Collins. Waipukurau (blue and white): Halford, Lane, N. and L. Chapman, A. and B. Thomas, Grainger, J. Brasell, Smales, N. Ross and Ferguson. Within five minutes of the kick-off Halliday opened the visitors' scoring account with a field goal. After that there were rapid changes of fortune and the defence of both sides showing signs of wear. Runaway tries built up the bulk of the points recorded. The Waipukurau players, many of whom were well below the usual senior weight, deserve full credit for sticking it out to the bitter end and coming through with a fighting finish to win after their opponents had been led by 13 to 9 early in the second half of the match.

Waipukurau (17): Lane (2 tries and a penalty goal), Ferguson (try), Smales (penalty goal), L. Chapman (conversion). Takapau (13): Halliday (field goal and a try), L. Thompson (try), Craig (penalty goal). The circular service reservoir erected by the Auckland City Council as part of its plan to meet the demand for city water by various plants in the Westfield industrial area has been brought into use. Located on Hamlin's Hill, this reservoir, with a capacity of 750,000 gallons, is supplied by a 10in. main laid from the city along railway property. Structural work was completed just before Easter and, now that the necessary tests under water pressure have been successfully concluded, the new supply is being distributed.

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PHASES OF THE MOON. APRIL. New Moon ... 8 5.18 a.m.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS. Wainui, from Wellington, Thursday, April 25.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES. Kakapo, for Auckland, to-night.

VESSELS IN PORT. Kakapo, from Westport, Glasgow wharf.

Kakapo, 2498 tons, McLellish (U.S.S. Co.), arrived at Napier on Friday night from Westport and is expected to sail for Auckland, to-night.

Rata (Anchor Shipping and Foundry Co.), arrived from Westport at 6.30 a.m. yesterday and is expected to sail for Picton to-night.

Wainui, 1633 tons, White (U.S.S. Co.), is expected to arrive from Wellington and other southern ports on Thursday, sailing for Gisborne on Saturday.

Kopara, 950 tons, Bates (Richardson and Co.) is expected from Auckland via East Coast bays and Gisborne on Friday, sailing the same night for Auckland.

Pakura, 719 tons, Coldcutt (Richardson and Co.), is expected to arrive from Wellington, via Lyttelton, on Monday, April 29, sailing the same day for Gisborne.

GENERAL. Mariposa, o.e.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line) sailed from Auckland for Sydney and Melbourne on April 13; due back at Auckland on Monday, April 29, sailing the same night for San Francisco.

Monterey, o.e.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line), sailed from Auckland for San Francisco on April 1; due back at Auckland on Friday, May 10, sailing at 10 p.m. the same night for Sydney.

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Other overseas mails will be dispatched as opportunity offers.

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Gisborne District, 4 p.m. Wairoa, 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Auckland, Main Trunk and Waikato Districts, 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Manawatu, Wairarapa, Dannevirke and Taranaki Districts, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m., and Monday to Friday, letters only, 6 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. Pukekaha, Fald Fald and Pukehou, 6.30 p.m.

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WHITHER ITALY?

Italy at the present moment constitutes one of the most baffling riddles in Europe. An undercurrent of rumour and unverified reports during the past few months has indicated that there has been a growing tendency to lean to the side of Germany and away from the Allies.

It seemed for a while that Italy was determined to remain neutral, yet in Hitler's principle that neutrality must be defended she has left nothing undone to consolidate her strength. A director of Count Ciano's newspaper is reported to-day as having said: "The armed forces of Italy are ready for action at any moment. Entire peoples are staking all their forces and resources in the present war because the vanquished cannot delude themselves regarding their fate. They will be expropriated and impoverished. The victors will monopolise the world's resources. Nothing can prevent them. Italy will be among the victors only if she is really strong."

It was but natural that for a time, viewing as a spectator the German drives into neutral countries, Signor Mussolini should be impressed by the ruthless efficiency of the German war machine and should take a side - at least in thought if not in action - with a man after his own heart, who was prepared to do what Il Duce himself had done in Abyssinia.

Only within the past few days, however, it could be sensed that a slight change had come over the scene. The vitriolic tirades against Great Britain in the Italian Press have died down in a remarkable way, and now the German Ambassador to Italy (Herr Makensen) has been rushed to Berlin for a consultation and there is a stir in Italo-German diplomatic circles. It is allowable to hazard a guess that the news from Norway has had something to do with these events.

Again, while Great Britain and France are doing all in their power to maintain friendly relationships with Italy, Germany, with her well-known capacity for making psychological errors, is telling the Italians by means of her agents that they will be in the war by May 15. If these reports are true, it is not easy to believe that Signor Mussolini will take his instructions from anyone but himself. To dictate to a dictator is quite a bit of a job.

Yet again it cannot be forgotten that the Vatican is in Rome, that his Holiness the Pope is in the Vatican, that multitudes of the Catholic faith have been hounded out of Germany, despoiled and ruined, and that that influence must have a great restraining effect upon Signor Mussolini and upon the Italian people as a whole.

Perhaps, however, if the words reach his ears, the Italian leader will be most impressed by Dr. Hugh Dalton's statement published yesterday that "Italy's place is not at the side of a barbarian swaggering to his doom."

Personal

Corporal Taaffe, who spent the week-end leave with his parents, Mr and Mrs C. D. Taaffe, Townshend Street, Hastings, has returned to camp at Palmerston North.

Mr W. L. Graham, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Edin.), has been appointed lecturer in dental prosthetics at the Auckland University College in succession to Mr. H. Kinnear, who has joined the military forces. Mr Graham is in charge of the Auckland Hospital Board's dental clinic.

Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P., left Hastings yesterday for Wellington.

Mr I. S. Gardiner, organising secretary of the General Diocesan Fund of the Waiapu Diocese, who has recently been visiting the Poverty Bay and East Coast districts, left yesterday for Dannevirke and Woodville.

Mr Alastair Wallace, Napier, secretary of the New Zealand Freedom League, is on a visit to Auckland.

Messrs D. S. McLeod and G. I. H. Joll left Hastings yesterday to meet the Minister of Marketing in connection with fruit-growers' losses on half-damaged fruit.

Mr R. Hutton, Hastings, has left on a visit to Wellington.

Mr J. Blake, Hastings, left by car at the week-end on a visit to Auckland.

Rev. C. H. Olds left Hastings yesterday by car on a brief visit to Gisborne.

Mr H. E. Grainger was elected secretary and treasurer at last night's meeting of the Hastings and District Scots' Society. The former secretary, Mr J. W. Shaw, declined nomination.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr C. Jacobs, Mr K. H. Robertson, Mr W. E. Bottomley, Mr V. A. Murray, Mr J. F. Williams (Auckland), Mr J. H. B. Williams (Auckland), Mr C. W. Miller, Miss D. Bray, Miss N. McKeown, Mr and Mrs Hanson, Mr and Mrs Esdale (Wellington), Mr and Mrs J. D. Ormond, Miss Decima Ormond, Mrs John Ormond (Wellington), Mr and Mrs L. Walpole (Napier), Mr J. L. Wyatt (Mebourne), Mr A. Maguire, Miss P. A. Maguire (England), Mrs W. McDunlop (Ruanui), Mrs A. E. Mansford (Palmerston N.), Mr and Mrs Dumbleton (Mt. Maunganui) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr H. W. Seargar, Mr J. D. Edwards, Mr H. B. Hanson (Wellington), Mr Alan Jones, Mr W. B. Smith (Auckland), Mr H. M. B. De Loutour, Mr W. L. Hamlin (Wellington), Mr J. B. Valentine (Christchurch), Mr H. Masley (Dunedin), are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier.

Mr M. Moohan, Miss Myra Sawyer, Mr H. Temple White, Mr H. Valentine, Mr A. W. Wollan (Wellington), Mrs W. B. Irons (Martinborough), Mr F. Kenny (Gisborne), Mr J. Durham (Palmerston North), Mr A. Houseman (Feilding), Mr W. H. McConnell (Whangarei), Mrs J. Ryan (Nuhaka), are at the Central Hotel, Napier.

Mr A. Laing (Hastings), Mr J. D. Allan, Mr G. Arthur, Mr E. Beck, Mr D. M. Burns, Mr A. W. Wollan (Wellington), Mrs W. B. Irons (Martinborough), Mr F. Kenny (Gisborne), Mr J. Durham (Palmerston North), Mr A. Houseman (Feilding), Mr W. H. McConnell (Whangarei), Mrs J. Ryan (Nuhaka), are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

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WAIROA. Mr Jensen, Mr Neil (Gisborne), Mr Lambert, Miss Peters (Napier), Mr Kennedy (Rotorua), Mr and Mrs Knotley (Tuaire) are staying at the Ferry Hotel.

Mr P. J. Palmer (Wanganui), Mr N. McBurnie (Mohaka), Miss Mortimer, Miss J. Hickey, Mr and Mrs Littlejohn, Mr and Mrs R. S. Hickey (Gisborne), Mr O. Schnipper, Mr Pyramel, Miss J. Cruickshanks, Mr J. S. Simler, Mr H. Morgan (Wellington), Mr McGaffin (Hastings), Mr I. L. Paton (Ruatuhuna), Mr and Mrs P. C. Hubbard (Paeroa), Mr J. G. Chevers (Waimate N.), Mr P. Devereux, Mr C. Lynch (Auckland), Mr I. J. Cunningham (Waikeke), Mr H. D. McBeath (Napier), Mr E. B. Levy (Palmerston North), are staying at the Clyde Hotel.

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To-day's Diary

NAPIER. The Theatres: "A Chump at Oxford," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "The Crested," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Four Men and a Prayer" and "The Californian," Mayfair, 2 and 8 p.m.

HASTINGS. Miniature Rifle Club's annual meeting, Rialto Tea-rooms, 7.45 p.m. Public lecture by Dr Ulric Williams, Assembly Hall, 8 p.m. The Theatres: "Dark Victory," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "20,000 Men a Year" and "Quick Millions," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "The Gang's All Here" and "Calling All Marines," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m. "Go Chase Yourself" and "Border G-Man," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

Maori Party Popular

What he described as one of the most popular features of the competitions was mentioned last night by the Rev. Hayes Lloyd at the demonstration concert given by finalists in the competitions organised by the Hastings Baptist Church. This was the Heretaunga Maori Party Anglican Choir, which was successful in winning the choir banner with its presentation of a hymn study.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be written on one side of the paper only, and in ink. The correspondent's name and residential address must be given even if the letter is to be published anonymously.

The Teeth Industry

Sir, - The teeth industry in this little country has developed immensely during the last thirty years and it looks to me as if posterity will be born without these chewing instruments. It is a notorious fact that the dentist came into operation when white bread became our staple diet. I suppose I am safe in saying that there is a dentist to every 1,000 persons in this fair land of ours. Now, Sir, what is the cause of this? Fancy girls and boys in their early 'teens having to use false

Child Scalded

A 16-months' old Hastings child, Anne Jones, was rather badly scalded on an arm and leg yesterday morning when she upset a kettle of boiling water. She was admitted to the Hastings Memorial Hospital, and her condition was stated to be satisfactory.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Anzac Day

The "Daily Mail" will NOT be published on Thursday morning, Anzac Day.

Mushrooms Proliferating

Recent rains have spelled numerous blessings for the farmer, but both city and rural dwellers have benefited from the bountiful crops of mushrooms which have appeared in the southern districts of Hawke's Bay. During the week-end and yesterday fields adjacent to the highways were dotted with people gathering the delicacy, and last evening there were many families who dined on the popular dish.

Napier Men's Sacrifice

In their willingness to go on active service the proprietors of Coddington and Clothier, men's outfitters, Napier, have closed their business. Mr H. E. Coddington, who was prominently associated with the first Hawke's Bay Regatta, left for overseas with the First Echelon, leaving Mr W. Clothier to carry on the business. Mr Clothier has since decided to enlist, and will shortly go to camp with the Third Echelon.

A Warning Issued

Charged with being found drunk and, further, with a breach of his prohibition order, William Frederick Palmer, a Hastings labourer, was warned that he was not given a pension to enable him to drink, when he appeared before Mr J. Miller, S.M., in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday. On the first charge the defendant was convicted and discharged, and on the second charge he was ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within six months.

Broken Axle Story

A statement that it was highly improbable that a motor vehicle should run with a broken axle was made by a leading Hastings garage-owner, who approached the "Daily Mail" last night, following a report that a car had been driven about for some time while suffering this defect. There were several factors which made it highly unlikely that such an incident had occurred, he said, and the story that a car had been driven with an axle completely broken could be discounted.

Tribute to Scots' Chief

Nominating Mr P. J. Priest to fill the office of Chief, Mr E. V. Simpson paid him a tribute at last night's annual meeting of the Hastings and District Scots' Society. "I don't know anyone we could find more suitable for the office," Mr Simpson said. "He is a great worker and I do not know how he finds time for all the work that he does, not only for this society, but for other bodies in the town." Mr Simpson spoke also of Mrs Priest's work for the society, stressing the part she had played in developing the social aspect. Mr Priest was re-elected, unopposed.

A Generous Gesture

Particular thanks were expressed by the chairman of the Parkvale School Committee (Mr J. Stickland) at the conclusion of "The New Music Store" in the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, last night, to the generous gesture of the theatre staff who had contributed their wages to the funds for the school children's visit to the Exhibition. The members of the staff concerned were Messrs W. Lewis, F. Young, A. Thomas, H. Spence and D. Henderson. As a result of their generosity, said Mr Stickland, the takings of the evening would be increased by £5. This was an act of kindness which he appreciated very deeply.

The Breakfast Table

If your child has to hold the book he is reading closer than fourteen inches from his eyes, his eyes are being strained. The remedy is glasses. Consult Azzopardi and Holland, Opticians.

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A champion swimmer saved a New York policeman from drowning. Interviewed regarding the rescue, he revealed that as a small boy he had often dived for coppers.

"I really do not know where to put my money for safety."

"No, but I have a hole in each pocket." Mose: "Do you think you can support my daughter?" "Rastus: "As suah do." Mose: "Evah seen her eat?" Rastus: "Ah suah has." Mose: "Evah seen her eat when no one was lookin'?" "PARKERS." We still have a wonderful stock of English Overcoats in D.B. fitting and Regan styles. Also Raincoats, including the famous "Burberry." Do not fail to see our range.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

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

The "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay is as follows: Winds: Moderate southerly to easterly. Weather: A shower or two still possible, but weather otherwise fair and cool. Seas: Slight to moderate.

Napier Weather

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutton) are as follows: Dry bulb temp. .... 52.2deg. Wet bulb temp. .... 50.0deg. Maximum temp. .... 60.2deg. Minimum temp. .... 48.0deg. 1ft. underground .... 58.8deg. 3ft. underground .... 63.5deg. Rain ..... 0.36in. Grass ..... 43.5deg. Sun ..... 3hrs. Cloud ..... 5. Wind ..... S.W. 2 m.p.h. Visibility ..... 5. Humidity ..... 86 p.c.

Hastings Weather

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows: Dry bulb temp. .... 52.0deg. Wet bulb temp. .... 50.0deg. Maximum temp. .... 60.2deg. Minimum temp. .... 47.0deg. Grass ..... 41.0deg. 1ft. underground .... 55.0deg. Wind ..... S.W.4. Cloud ..... 5. Rain ..... 0.11in. Rain for month ..... 2.11in.

Dominion Forecast

General situation: An anticyclone extends over New Zealand and the northern Tasman Sea, while a shallow depression is located to the south of Tasmania. Forecast: Winds, light to moderate and rather variable, but with south-easterly directions still predominating about and north of Cook Strait. Seas (New Zealand waters): Slight to moderate. Eastern Tasman: Light to fresh south-easterlies in the northern and central portions and northerly winds in the southern portion. Seas: Slight to moderate. Weather: For the most part fair to fine, but with occasional passing showers still likely on parts of the East Coast between Gisborne and Kaikoura. Temperatures: Cold with some sharp frosts in the south.

Road Sealing

Traffic on the Napier-Wairoa road has been diverted around the Tangolo Settlement Road while tarsealing work is being done from Tangolo to the top of the hill, a short distance past the Falls Reserve. When the work was begun it was expected that it would occupy only a few days, but as a result of adverse weather the road has been closed for over two weeks. The priming coat has been applied, but several days' sunshine is needed to dry the surface of the highway, which is slippery and dangerous to traffic. It is thought that only the priming coat can be applied this season because of the unexpected delay.

Pipe Band Uniforms

Permission to import the ornaments and accessories for the uniforms of the Hastings and District Highland Pipe Band had been eventually procured, and they should arrive shortly, stated the Chief (Mr P. J. Priest) at the annual meeting last night of the Hastings Scots Society. A licence to import the kilts, doublet and hose could not be obtained, and an order for the necessary tartan cloth was placed some months ago with a New Zealand mill, but because of military requirements no date of delivery could be given.

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NEW PROCEDURE PROMISED FOR IMPORT LICENCES

Issue To Be Expedited During The Fourth Period, Says Minister

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 22. New procedure would operate in connection with the issue of import licences for the fourth period which, he said, should expedite the issue of licences, according to the Minister of Customs (the Hon. W. Nash), in an interview this evening.

This step, he said, followed the conference in February and subsequent correspondence and discussion with the executive of the Associated Chambers of Commerce concerning the issue of special licences.

Investigations were also under way to determine the position of importers holding licences to import on the no-remittance basis where such licences were issued before the gazettement of the Finance Emergency Regulations.

Steps had also been taken, the Minister added, to enable licences to be issued on a yearly basis, although difficulties due to the war might render this procedure impracticable. If these difficulties could be overcome and it was found practicable to grant licences on this basis, this procedure would operate for 1941.

In the course of discussion and correspondence with the Associated Chambers, continued Mr Nash, other recommendations and suggestions designed to facilitate the working of the machinery of import control had been submitted for his consideration. Although there were reasons which precluded the Government from giving full effect to all the representations made in this connection, he appreciated the helpful spirit in which the executive of the Associated Chambers had presented their case.

COAL SHORTAGE THREATENED

RAIL SERVICES MAY BE CUT

INQUIRY PLANNED

Mine Workers And Owners

By Telegraph—Press Association. CHRISTCHURCH, April 22. One of the first repercussions of the shortage of coal supplies in New Zealand would be a restricted railway service. This statement was made by the Minister of Mines (the Hon. P. C. Webb) to-day when commenting on conditions existing in the coal industry.

Mr Webb said that the Government would deplore the necessity to curtail the railway service, but if supplies were not available it would have no alternative. Mr Webb added that investigations were being made to ascertain the speediest way in which extra coal could be produced to meet immediate requirements. When the report in these investigations had been received, the Government would not hesitate to take whatever action was deemed wise to put the recommendations into effect.

A Conference on his return to Wellington he intended to confer with representatives of the mine owners and mine workers to review the general conditions prevailing in the industry. At the conclusion of this conference recommendations would be submitted to the Government for the enforcement of better co-ordination in the industry.

Mr Webb added that the situation in regard to supplies in the North Island was worse than in the south, and unless shipping conditions were favourable from South Island West Coast ports, there was a real possibility of a shortage of bituminous fuels in the north which would be serious for the railways. In reply to a question, Mr Webb said that the Government had followed the policy of previous Governments of not granting leases for new areas. This was done to prevent uneconomic development, but in the light of present-day facts that policy must be reviewed, and the Government was determined that sufficient mines would be opened to maintain supplies.

A Welcome Voice In Norway

B.B.C. BROADCASTS

Spirits Of People Kept Up

NEWS CLEARLY HEARD

British Official Wireless. (Received April 21, 7.5 p.m.) RUGBY, April 21. According to the head of the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation, now in Stockholm, there is no doubt that the B.B.C. in its Norwegian broadcasts is playing a great part in keeping up the spirits of the Norwegian people, which, he says, are rising daily.

The shortwave broadcasts in Norwegian from Britain could be heard in the whole of south Norway more clearly than those of any Norwegian stations now in Government hands. All the most powerful Norwegian wireless stations had been in German hands since the beginning of the invasion.

FOURPENNE PER SHARE DIVIDEND

National Insurance Co. Of N.Z.

By Telegraph—Press Association. DUNEDIN, April 22. The directors of the National Insurance Company of New Zealand, Limited, have declared an interim dividend of fourpence per share for the half year ended March 31, payable on May 15.

A WALK FOR A WAGER

FORTY MILES WITHIN NINE HOURS

GOOD FEAT

A Big Bet Won Easily

By Telegraph—Press Association. NEW PLYMOUTH, April 20. Judging by his appearance, Mr Mackenzie Mitchell, of Whangamona, might have been finishing his morning walk when he arrived in Stratford at 8.32 a.m. on Saturday. He had just finished a 40-mile journey on foot from Whangamona, which he left at midnight to win a substantial bet.

A few days ago casual conversation among several Whangamona residents turned to walking, and a claim by Mr Mitchell that it was possible to walk to Stratford in nine hours was contested. When a wager was offered he took up the challenge, and in the remaining few days prepared for the journey by intensive training and by a careful study of what short cuts across country he could take.

Preceded by a piper and cheered by a crowd of more than 200, many themselves financially interested in the feat, he set out at midnight on Friday. He forecast that he would reach Stratford at 8.30 a.m. and he was only two minutes late, but he won the wager easily.

"SERGEANT LOFTY BLOMFIELD"

AN INITIAL VICTORY GAINED

THE ONLY FALL

Chief Little Wolf Defeated

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, April 22. The wrestling season was opened in Auckland when Sergeant Blomfield, of the New Zealand Military Forces, defeated Chief Little Wolf, the American Red Indian, before a crowd which filled the house to overflowing.

Blomfield, who was given a very fine reception, gained the only fall in the match, this being by means of a body press following a succession of elbow jolts and two slams in the sixth round.

WRESTLING BOUT AT WELLINGTON

An Interesting Newcomer

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 22. Wellington's Centennial wrestling season opened with a tough, hard-fighting match, Dick Raines and Joe Corbett. They drew, one fall each.

Corbett, who was making his New Zealand debut, proved a fast, vigorous and scientific wrestler, capable of taking and returning rough handling. He took the first fall in the fourth round, setting about Raines with stomach throws and pinning him to the mat. Raines, who set the note of lawlessness, drew even in the sixth round, when he twice dumped Corbett across his knee in a back-breaker and then pinned him. There was a full house.

WAR COSTS FOR THE YEAR

HON. W. NASH SAYS \$33,000,000

HARD TASK AHEAD

By Telegraph—Press Association. DUNEDIN, April 22. During the present financial year about \$33,000,000 will go toward war purposes in this country, said the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash), speaking at a recruiting meeting at Petone. "In addition, other moneys totalling more than \$30,000,000 will be needed for the rest of the year. The total amount of money required is considerably in excess of \$60,000,000. We do not intend to let our social legislation lapse on account of the war. Widows, children and elderly people will be helped in times of war as well as peace. We can do this only if you get behind us and help us by every means in your power."

Mr Nash said that the country was in a war in which everyone would have to take part one way or another. The Allies had to fight what was probably the most powerful and unscrupulous body of men that the English, the Scots and the other people making up the Empire had ever been called upon to face.

Stealth and trickery could not be fought successfully without the full force of the sword. There was no doubt about it. It was to 80 per cent of the German people were behind Hitler. It was a war against all Germany. Already there were 33,000 volunteers and not another man in the world could boast of this proportion. "The First Echelon had gone, and the second was going. The third was complete as to numbers and soon would be in camp. No body of men would be better paid, better cared for or better led. Not only 24,000 men were passed as fit. If a man was able to go into camp, he ought to go, and if not, there were other things he could do."

Air Force Activities. There were already over 4000 volunteers for the Air Force. Between 100 and 200 aeroplanes were soon coming from England to aid in training, and after that the men would go on to the great training scheme in Canada.

Yachtsmen For The Navy

COMMISSIONS GIVEN

One Napier Man Included

REINFORCEMENT DRAFT

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 22. Reinforcements of naval personnel being sent from New Zealand to join the Royal Navy for the duration of hostilities were announced last night by the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones).

The naval draft, said the Minister, would include about 250 officers and men of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, some 50 technical ratings specially entered for the Royal Navy, and over 80 Imperial ratings who had been replaced in the New Zealand Naval Forces by reserves.

In addition, the following ten yachtsmen had been selected for commissions as sub-lieutenants in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve for service overseas:— Mr. Sydney G. Wallace, Wellington. Mr. T. E. Mello, Wellington. Mr. Ewan Cameron, Dunedin. Mr. Basil Shaw, Napier. Mr. Stanley G. Jarvis, Auckland. Mr. William S. Wilson, Auckland. Mr. Arthur J. Martin, Auckland. Mr. Reginald A. Holloway, Auckland. Mr. Ralph B. Goodwin, Auckland. Mr. Ronald V. Gunn, Hokitika.

IN THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH

ADVENTURE IN HOMER TUNNEL

DEEP WATER

A Daring Escapade Successful

After wading through water up to their armpits, Mr and Mrs N. C. Berndtson, of Milford Sound, succeeded in getting through the Homer tunnel and are the first residents of Milford to come to Invercargill by that route. Mrs Berndtson is the first woman to pass through the tunnel. It was an exciting experience and, as they described it, "very eerie" at times. Gaining entry to the tunnel from the western side is a much more difficult task.

R.S.A. MAKES STRONG PROTEST

Exhibition Should Not Open Onzac Day

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 22. A special meeting of the Dominion Executive Committee of the R.S.A. has decided to send the following resolution to the New Zealand Centennial Exhibition authorities:—"That in view of the fact that the directors of the Exhibition have twice asked the N.Z.R.S.A. whether it would agree to the opening of the Exhibition on Onzac Day and we, the N.Z.R.S.A. twice refused to agree, the Dominion Executive Committee enters a most emphatic protest against the decision of the directors to open the Exhibition on Onzac Day."

Financial experts believe that expenditure will be double last year's figures. Meeting expenditure on such an astronomical scale, it is universally agreed, will be a task with which no previous Chancellor has been faced. It is pointed out however, that not more than a fraction of the total expenditure can be met from immediate taxation.

The "Observer" suggests: "In fact, only about one-third of the expenditure on war superimposed on the existing debt charges and normal service will be found out of revenue. The balance will have to be raised by borrowing."

It is not denied, however, that increased taxation in some directions will be necessary. In view of the fact that Sir John Simon, when he introduced the supplementary Budget in the autumn, announced not only the rate of income tax immediately to be levied, but also that the City that there is no likelihood that the already very high level of income tax will be further raised.

Surtax is also considered to have increased and is hardly possible to increase. Tobacco and beer are picked upon by Budget speculators as the two commodities most likely to suffer further tax increases. It is considered almost certain that postage rates will also be raised. It will be recalled that the letter post was raised to 2d. during the last war.

LONGBURN FREEZING WORKS SOLD

Co-operative Society's Purchase

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 22. The Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Manchester, England, has purchased the Longburn freezing works near Palmerston North from the National Mortgage and Agency Company (New Zealand), Ltd.

The Co-operative Wholesale Society have been purchasers of New Zealand primary produce for some years.

SYMPTOMS OF DECLINE

THE OUTLOOK FOR DAIRYING

"MODEST LIVING" Hard Work Needed On The Land

By Telegraph—Press Association. PALMERSTON N., April 22. "Production has been falling in New Zealand during the past three seasons because dairying under today's conditions is not so attractive as formerly. The present season's small increase is not due to any increased popularity in dairying. The symptoms that have caused the decline in production are still there. Unless particularly favourable climatic conditions are experienced next season, there is likely to be a downward trend once more despite all the efforts that farmers will make to improve production as part of the war effort."

Thus stated the chairman of the Dairy Producers' Board, Mr. W. E. Hale, in addressing the board's ward conference. "Without doubt there is a feeling in all country districts that the effort required to produce a very modest living from dairying is more than that required from the majority of city workers, and that hours and conditions of work compare exceedingly unfavourably," Mr Hale proceeded.

Waterside Trouble. "One would be more hopeful of the future if one saw some evidence that certain sections of the workers, such, for instance, as the dockers, were showing recognition of the fact that only by increased efficiency could better living conditions be secured. Dairy farmers, who are tied under the guaranteed price to very high standards of efficiency which have been arbitrarily imposed by the Minister—feel that it is about time efficiency of a similar nature is demanded from other sections of the community in their work. It is difficult to attract labour to farms when city conditions, both as to wages and hours of work, are made so extremely attractive."

Alteration Necessary. "Unless some very radical alteration is made in the present policy, I cannot see how increases of production can be secured. The farm-labour position is infinitely more serious to-day than it was last season, because of the large numbers of enlistments of country boys in the army."

Mr Hale added that assistance to the industry to improve the position could come by three ways—an increase in the guaranteed price, subsidies on fertilisers, wages, etc., and through a reduction in costs. The speaker also dealt with the matter of the large number of men in the British market, and said that the board was urging upon the Minister of Marketing the need to counteract this by an advertising campaign.

During the afternoon, in an engagement with a strong formation of enemy fighters, another of our patrol shot down a Messerschmitt 110 and one Messerschmitt 109, both of which fell in French territory," the announcement adds. "Another Messerschmitt 109 is believed to have been destroyed. One of our pilots, having been slightly wounded during the first action, made a successful forced landing. All the rest of our aircraft returned safely."

R.A.F. Headquarters in France announced yesterday that Hurricane fighters had shot down four and possibly five German planes in the first large-scale encounter on the Western Front after the invasion of Denmark and Norway. One of the British aircraft was forced to land by enemy action. The pilot escaped unhurt and all the rest of the British aircraft returned safely.

The French official evening communiqué announced that in the course of numerous air engagements a German fighter and a reconnaissance plane were brought down on French territory by French fighters. Others were brought down by the British Air Force. One of the French fighters was forced to land within its lines.

HARD TASK FOR CHANCELLOR

The British Budget LITTLE SPECULATION IN BRITAIN

British Official Wireless. (Received April 22, 11 a.m.) RUGBY, April 21. In the coming week, the business of the House of Commons will largely be taken up with the Budget, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir John Simon) will present on Tuesday.

Parliament will be faced by no detailed estimates of service expenditure have been made and so little of the financial position is known, speculating on the Budget has been greatly reduced this year. It is certain, however, that Sir John Simon will have to budget for far larger expenditure in 1940-41 than the £1,816,000,000 spent in the past financial year.

Doubled Figures? Financial experts believe that expenditure will be double last year's figures. Meeting expenditure on such an astronomical scale, it is universally agreed, will be a task with which no previous Chancellor has been faced. It is pointed out however, that not more than a fraction of the total expenditure can be met from immediate taxation.

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Co-operative Society's Purchase

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 22. The Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Manchester, England, has purchased the Longburn freezing works near Palmerston North from the National Mortgage and Agency Company (New Zealand), Ltd.

Glorious Week-End For The R.A.F.

One Dozen Enemy Aeroplanes Shot Down

Record Bag

Frenchmen Also Account For Two Nazis

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received April 22, 1.45 p.m.) LONDON, April 21. In a week-end of glorious achievement, the Allies collected a record bag of 12 and possibly 14 Nazi planes, of which the French accounted for two and British fighters brought down the majority.

Several times British Hurricanes slipped over German territory, tackling the enemy almost within sight of their own aerodromes. Headquarters of the British Air Force in France announces to-day: "This morning a patrol of eight fighters of the Royal Air Force encountered an enemy formation of 12 Messerschmitt 109's in the neighbourhood of Saarlauren. Our fighters attacked, and, as the result of a general engagement which ensued, two enemy aircraft were shot down and seen to crash in German territory, and a third Messerschmitt was driven down, apparently out of control."

Forced Landing. "During the afternoon, in an engagement with a strong formation of enemy fighters, another of our patrol shot down a Messerschmitt 110 and one Messerschmitt 109, both of which fell in French territory," the announcement adds. "Another Messerschmitt 109 is believed to have been destroyed. One of our pilots, having been slightly wounded during the first action, made a successful forced landing. All the rest of our aircraft returned safely."

R.A.F. Headquarters in France announced yesterday that Hurricane fighters had shot down four and possibly five German planes in the first large-scale encounter on the Western Front after the invasion of Denmark and Norway. One of the British aircraft was forced to land by enemy action. The pilot escaped unhurt and all the rest of the British aircraft returned safely.

The French official evening communiqué announced that in the course of numerous air engagements a German fighter and a reconnaissance plane were brought down on French territory by French fighters. Others were brought down by the British Air Force. One of the French fighters was forced to land within its lines.

R.A.F. 'Planes Safe' The previous day British fighters engaged enemy reconnaissance aircraft and forced them down in the British lines and forced down another out of control behind the enemy lines. All the British aeroplanes returned to their bases. The communiqué states that during the night several enemy land raids were repulsed. French and German artillery fire at the centre of the front from the Moselle to the Rhine was more intense and heavier than on previous days.

Heinkel Crashes. German planes carrying leaflets flew over north-eastern France last night, and at dawn Allied anti-aircraft gunners forced the raiders to retire. They shot down one in flames in Central Norway. A Heinkel bomber crashed and was badly damaged in a hamlet in Limburg Province, Belgium, yesterday. One German was killed, but the others were unhurt. Belgian anti-aircraft gunners were responsible for bringing down the German plane pursuing the German-made forced landing in Belgium, and the crew were interned.

The German official news agency claims that three French planes and one British plane were shot down over the Western Front and that only one German fighter was lost.

Fisherman's Long Cast

GREAT PERFORMANCE

Rotorua Man's New Record

THE COMPLETE RESULTS

To cast a fly for a distance of 97 ft. 6 in. on two occasions was the fine performance registered by Mr. F. Lord, of Rotorua, at the second annual fly-casting tournament held at the Hamilton Acclimatisation Club, held at the Hamilton Lake on Saturday. Mr. Lord's performance sets a new standard for the Auckland Province and is probably a New Zealand record.

There was a large number of entries, competitors from Hamilton, Rotorua, Ngaruawahia and Te Awamutu taking part. The visitors were welcomed by Mr. A. E. Mieson, of the Hamilton Club, and at the conclusion of the tournament, trophies were presented by Mr. F. E. McKenzie, president of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society.

Results were as follows:— Trout Fly Distance—Novice: C. Voss (Hamilton), 79ft. 6 in.; H. M. Mills, 74ft. 6 in.; 2. Heavy: F. Lord (Rotorua), 97ft. 6 in.; 1. J. Ormond (Rotorua), 89ft. 2. Handicap: C. O. Bennett (Te Rapa), 30ft. handicap, 112ft. 1; W. McGill, 35ft. handicap, 106ft. 1. 2 Fly Accuracy—R. Knight (Rotorua) and B. Gleeson (Rotorua) equal. Gleeson won in cast off. Bait casting, distance: H. M. Mills, 176ft. 1; C. Voss (Hamilton), 155ft. 2. Bait casting, accuracy: A. A. McLean (Hamilton), 1; H. M. Mills, 2. "Teams' Match.—Rotorua B (Knight, Allen, Gleeson and Burnett), 114 1/2 points; 1. Rotorua A, 106 1/2; 2. Hamilton, 94 1/2.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETIES

Strenuous Objections Voiced At A Meeting Held In Hamilton

Strong objections to the suggestion of the Minister of Internal Affairs (the Hon. W. E. Parry) that there was a need for acclimatisation societies to be under the control of the Government were voiced by speakers at the annual meeting of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society in Hamilton on Saturday night. The Minister's decision to close the 1941 season for grey duck also came in for some criticism.

"We have always felt that the recommendations made by the acclimatisation councils to the Government would be carried into effect," said the president (Mr. F. E. McKenzie). "This was not so this year. In 1937 the shooting licence fee was increased to 25/- and in 1939 a further increase of 5/- was made."

"Each increase was made conditional by the Minister that there would be increased liberation of birds and that a vermin control board would be set up. These conditions were honoured, and no spomer was this done than the Minister, speaking at Wanganui, said that the societies had ceased to function properly and that the Government should take them over."

Delegations from the North and South Island councils met the Minister and, after some discussion, he agreed to reconsider his decision to close the 1941 season for grey duck. Mr. McKenzie said that the societies had been invited to bring down a scheme for reforming the societies. This was done, the council's recommendations being that a commission for fish and game should be appointed and that the societies in each island should amalgamate into five groups. The Minister refused to agree to the recommendations and the position remained the same to-day.

Referring to the closing of the 1941 season for grey duck, Mr. McKenzie said that a closed season worked both ways. If there was no revenue there could be no additional liberations. A short open season would be better.

An Emphatic Protest. "The Minister has said that one of the reasons for Government control is that the societies are not functioning properly and that Mr. Baskett. "This may be true in a few isolated instances, but if he says the same about the Auckland society does not know what he is talking about. It is an untrue statement. The following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this representative gathering of licence-holders in view of the fact that the North and South Island councils have formulated a scheme based on 75 years' knowledge of game control, emphatically protests against the action of the Minister in curtailing the 1940 season and closing the 1941 season for grey duck. We respectfully suggest that the council's scheme should be followed, as it not only comprehensively covers the conservation of grey duck, but also embraces the formation of a national organisation of sportsmen into societies which are the basis of successful propagation and conservation of game life."

War Expenses Of Hospitals POSSIBLE INCREASE "The Government Should Pay" AUCKLAND VIEW

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, April 22. The possibility of military necessity involving increased capital expenditure on the part of hospital boards was mentioned by the chairman, Mr. Allan J. Moody, at a meeting of the Auckland Hospital Board to-day. He indicated that the question had already received consideration by the authorities. "Any outlay on hospital building for military purposes should not be thrown on the hospital boards, but should be a matter for the Government," Mr. Moody said. "It should be met from war expenses instead of coming from the pockets of the ratepayers and possibly the Social Security Fund."

Mr. Moody thought that if the board adopted a firm attitude the Government would in the end give support to the policy advocated.

Late Sporting

GREAT ACCEPTANCES AT WAVERLEY FEW DEFECTIONS

Fourteen Remain In Steeplechase

By Telegraph—Press Association. WANGANUI, April 22. Wonderful acceptances were received tonight for the Waverley Racing Club's winter meeting on Saturday. Hawke's Bay entrants all stand their ground and win-and-place betting will be used. The total race:

Table with columns for race name, distance, and participants. Includes Westholm Hurdles, Wairoa Handicap, and Sully Memorial Maiden Race.

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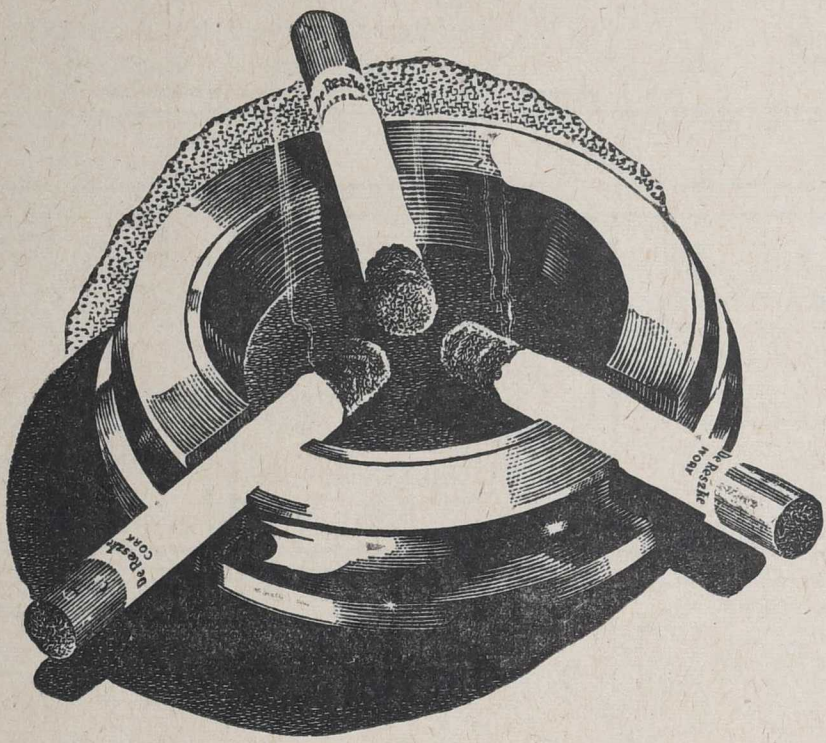
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It is reported from Auckland that The Dozer, who was hunted in Taranaki before being taken to Auckland, is likely to be tried out as a jumper in the near future. He looks a good type for the game.

That race Bolovina had at Oamaru should bring the Paper Money-Racina gelding along nicely for the coming southern meetings. Bolovina is likely to be tried out as a jumper in the near future. He looks a good type for the game.

Ivar, who was injured in the paddock in the spring and has not been in training this season, is to be taken up by Sid Reid again this week. He still carries an enlarged hock, but it is likely that he will always have this, although he leaves the impression that he is quite sound again. Ivar has shown really good form up to a mile and a quarter, and he has only to stand a preparation to win a good handicap.

Twelve months ago Swordstick won the Waimate Cup with Night Dress third. On Saturday Swordstick had to play second fiddle, with the Night-march gelding taking the thick end of the stick.

Lord Puck, winner of the Studholme Highweight at Waimate on Saturday, had been off the winning list since he surprised by downing Sir Crusoe, in the Douro Cup at Trentham last January.

## NOVICE STARTERS NEED ENCOURAGEMENT

### Trainer Offers Suggestion

#### BARRIER MORNINGS ARE SOUND PRACTICE

### Opinions Of Mr T. F. Quinlivan

(By MOTUROA.)

In the past week the question of starting at race meetings has exercised the minds of a large number of racing people in Hawke's Bay and, though the opinion is fairly general that there is room for a new school of starters, no one has yet been able to put forth anything that looks like a solution to the problem facing not only the Hawke's Bay clubs, but also the New Zealand Racing Conference.

The man in the street, owners and trainers, jockeys, racing officials and others with whom I have discussed this complex problem all seem to agree that the time has come for many changes to be made in this direction and that new men should be tried out. But what club in Hawke's Bay is in the position to undertake risky experiments? Might not a novice lose his nerve and make starts worse even than those that have aroused such keen discussion in the past few years?

No, the race days are certainly not the time to try new men, but the veteran Hastings mentor, Mr T. F. Quinlivan, certainly seems to be on the right track in his suggestion that suitable men should be encouraged to attend the tracks on training mornings to gain experience in the operation of the barrier. If these men showed any special aptitude for starting, their work on track mornings could be seen occasionally by the Chief Stipendiary Steward and some of the club stewards.

It should be possible then for recommendations to be made for these men to have further experience as assistants to recognised starters and later to receive appointments to the smaller meetings. However, the point should not be lost that the matter is one which must be proceeded with carefully and with due consideration of every applicant.

MR. QUINLIVAN, for many years private trainer to Messrs E. J. Watt, V. and E. Riddiford, P. F. Wall and other prominent owners who have had much to do with the administration of racing in New Zealand, considers that the present rule that demands a standing start is not in the best interests of the official operating the barrier. He strongly favours allowing starters to use their own discretion about the advisability of a standing or walk-up start to meet the circumstances peculiar to each race.

The possibility of a moving start spoiling the chance of a runner being recognised is, in his opinion, not worthy of consideration when such a start allowed the field to go off in good line. Even starts were not only fair to owners, but also to the racing public, who after all provided the sinews of war for the racing business to be carried on.

Where possible, a standing start is certainly desirable, but it provides a different set of circumstances to be coped with and no hard and fast rule will meet with all contingencies, stated Mr Quinlivan.

SANS PEUR ET SANS REPROCHE THE first essentials required of a man to be appointed to the difficult positions of judge or starter are that he should be strong, cheery, strictly honourable and physically fit for the work. In both positions mental alertness is half the battle, while nerves make or mar the most promising of men.

When an applicant for the position of a starter has been approved he should be encouraged to attend the course on track mornings and provision should be made by the club for certain mornings each week to be set aside for barrier practice, suggests Mr Quinlivan. In his view, Hastings there would be little difficulty in securing sufficient horses ready for practice to provide the novice with plenty of opportunities.

This more frequent barrier practice would be of wonderful assistance to apprentice riders, at this point made by Mr Quinlivan alone warrants the encouraging of more organised barrier work.

### MATINEE MEETINGS.

HAWKE'S BAY has led the way in matter of providing matinee race meetings in the spring of each season and so widely popular have these fixtures become with trainers, owners and the racing public, that the move has been followed by several other clubs in both islands.

There is room for many more clubs to follow this lead and I fully agree with Mr Quinlivan that such fixtures would be the best places in which aspiring starters could be fully tried out. Such matinee meetings are conducted under strict racing conditions and not only would the novice starter have good sized fields to deal with, but his ability would be fully tested by the green two-year-olds and maidens he would have to manage.

It cannot be denied that most of the men officiating as starters to-day are elderly and it is not reasonable to assume that they will be able to handle their efficiency indefinitely. Their places must be filled before many years have passed and any suggestion that seems to offer any possibility of securing suitable men for the positions deserves the serious consideration not only of the officials of all racing clubs, but also of the Racing Conference.

### HUNTING BODY'S GENEROSITY

HAWKE'S BAY LEADS THE WAY A FINE GESTURE (By Moturoa.) The decision of the Hawke's Bay Hunt Club to devote all the profits of its season's operations to the Patriotic Fund is most gratifying to sportsmen throughout the province and the club has assuredly earned the commendation of all sections of the community. The members of the club are entering wholeheartedly into the proposal and, judging by the enthusiasm shown on the committee's announcement to this effect, nothing will be spared in an endeavour to make the 1940 hunting season one of the most successful financially that the Hawke's Bay Hunt Club has yet enjoyed.

In the Great War period racing played its part nobly and well. All clubs cheerfully contributed to extra taxation that was imposed—and, incidentally, never lifted—while many clubs devoted all their profits to approved funds. As well, the decision to "carry" one or a sound one, if it provided relaxation for those left behind and certainly helped to engender a more hopeful spirit throughout all sections of the community.

The Woodville Jockey Club earlier in the year set a good lead by devoting the profits of its autumn meeting to the Patriotic Fund and, while weather conditions were most unfavourable, it is understood that this club was able to forward quite a substantial cheque.

Therefore, it is to be hoped that the Point-to-Point meetings and the annual totalisator meeting conducted by the Hawke's Bay Hunt Club will be held under more favourable circumstances. It is certain, too, that Hawke's Bay racing enthusiasts and others will do their bit in assuring the success of the hunting season, while all sportsmen will wish the members of the club "good hunting."

### DUNGARVAN TAKES ON HURDLING

Interesting Entry At Hawera (By Moturoa.)

An interesting newcomer to hurdlings and who is likely to make his debut at Hawera next week is that good handicap horse Dungarvan, and wide interest will be taken in the form he shows in this department.

Dungarvan, who showed signs of a return to form when he raced at the Wairarapa meeting at Easter, appeals as being a good type for hurdlings. He is built on generous proportions and is a good-boned horse, while his undoubted ability up to middle distances on the flat

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### HALLEY AGAIN IN TROUBLE

#### Promising Jumper Will Miss This Season

(By MOTUROA.)

Halley has again caused the Hastings mentor Sid Reid some concern and, to save a complete breakdown, the Gainscourt gelding has been given a further spell.

Halley was hunted last season and created such a good impression that it looked as if he would be one of the coming stars. However, Reid is hopeful that another spell will completely cure Mr Frank Ormond's horse.

A half-brother to Pawa, Halley is bred from Paracrau, who was by Demosthenes from Mangaroa, by San Fran from Maude, by St. Leger from Hilda, ancestress of good jumpers in Alteration, Fisher, Te Fahi and others. This is the same line as that from which Antares, Fulmen, Star Stranger and others descended.

Father's Choice, who showed distinct promise as a hurdler the short while he was up last season, is again in work at Richmond Park and it is probable that he will be placed into work for the later winter meetings. Mr E. W. Symes also has his hunter Royal Toast well forward for the hunt cup events in the province. Royal Toast won the Hawke's Bay Hunt Cup in a canter last season and is a rattling good jumper.



EGMONT RACING CLUB

AUTUMN MEETING AT HAWERA MAY 2 and 4.

HAWKE'S BAY Owners and Trainers are reminded that ACCEPTANCES for all first day's events close on Friday (April 28) at 9 p.m. A. K. Fyson, Secretary, HAWERA. Phone 2766.

### POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB

STEEPLECHASE MEETING MAY 11 and 13, 1940.

OFFICIALS.—President: F. Tollerston. Handicapper: A. Tuckwell. Judge: P. A. Pettit. Starter: L. Murray. Clerk of Scales: A. H. Gordon. Secretary: G. H. Scats.

### FIRST DAY (SATURDAY)

- (To Start at 12 Noon)
- 1—GIBBON HURDLES HANDICAP, of £100. Over six flights of hurdles. 1 1/2 MILES
- 2—MAIDEN RACE, of £75. Weight, 8t. For horses that have never won a flat race at time of starting. 5 FURLONGS
- 3—HACK CUP HANDICAP, of £100 and Trophy value £10/10/-, with sweepstake of £2 each added to the winner. Weight, 7st. 7lb. 1 MILE
- 4—TE HAPARA HACK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, of £120. ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES
- 5—HACK FLAT HANDICAP, of £95. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 6 FURLONGS
- 6—WINTER OATS HANDICAP (Open), of £115. Min. weight, 7st. 11 MILES
- 7—RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP, of £95. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 6 FURLONGS

All Nominations £1. All Acceptances £1.

### SECOND DAY (MONDAY)

- (To Start at 12 Noon)
- 1—PARK HURDLES HANDICAP, of £100. Over six flights of hurdles. 1 1/2 MILES
- 2—TRIAL HANDICAP, of £75. For horses that have never won a race at time of nomination. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 7 FURLONGS
- 3—PULBANK'S PURSE HACK HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 1 MILE
- 4—HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, of £120. ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES
- 5—APPRENTICES' HACK HANDICAP, of £95. Apprentice riders. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 7 FURLONGS
- 6—WAIKANA HACK HANDICAP (Open), of £115. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 7 FURLONGS
- 7—FAREWELL HACK HANDICAP, of £95. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 6 FURLONGS

All Nominations £1. All Acceptances £1. Nominations: For Both Days close at 8 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 28.

WEIGHTS: For First Day declared about WEDNESDAY, MAY 1.

ACCEPTANCES: For First Day close at 8 p.m. MONDAY, MAY 6.

Weights for Second Day will be declared about 7 o'clock on 6th of First Day's races, and Acceptances close the same night at 9 p.m.

### HORSE TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE

The Club will make an allowance of £5 on any horse from Hawke's Bay and Auckland districts, and £3 on any horse from Wairoa or Opotiki starting at the meeting.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

All races to be run under the N.Z. Rules of Racing.

The Committee reserve the right to alter the order of the events on this programme at any time prior to the date of the meeting.

PENALTIES. Winners after declaration of weights may be re-handicapped. Re-handicaps to be declared not later than 72 hours after the advertised time of race won. G. H. SCATS, Secretary, Phone 1134, P.O. Box 316, Gisborne.

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### RACING FIXTURES

April 27—Waverley R.C. April 27—South Canterbury J.C. May 2, 4—Egmont R.C. May 4—Franklin R.C. May 4—Amberley R.C. May 11—Otaki Maori R.C. May 11—Ashburton County R.C. May 17, 18—Manawatu R.C. May 18, 20—Waikato R.C.

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