



ALAN GRANT (F.I.O.N.Z.)

Optician, HASTINGS.

British Come-Back Amazes Spanish General

USELESS BOMBINGS

Madrid Not Expected To Agree To Axis Demands

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LONDON, Dec. 19.

General del Pozo, who has been in England for three months at the suggestion of the British Ambassador to Spain (Sir Samuel Hoare) officially observing for the Spanish Government the effects of the war on Britain, in an article in the "Daily Express" on the eve of his return to Spain declared: "I do not think that Hitler will win, as we in Madrid had expected. I have seen Britain stage a come-back which we had not expected. She has the means and the determination to wage a long war and to fight on to victory."

"Germany and Italy were prepared for war but you were unprepared. Then, after Dunkirk, you could do nothing except resist, but how you resisted! "The Germans tried invasion and they may try it again. The success of the Axis preparations depended upon a quick victory, which they failed to win. The Italians are on the run, the Suez Canal is safe and a sudden victory is now impossible for the Axis. "I know from what I have seen that all the German bombings of Britain will be useless in deciding the war. The people will die or get used to them. "I think that Italy is near the end and may collapse even in a few days. If German troops are already in Italy it shows that the situation is grave for Italy, and for Germany, too."

Self Comes First "It is not a question of Germany helping a friend. It is a question of helping herself. "The R.A.F.'s attacks on Germany are more meritorious than the Luftwaffe's attacks. The German bombings are far worse than those that Spain suffered, but they were useless in winning the war. "My reports to Madrid have been well received. "Life in London, which we have been told is rarer, is brighter than in Madrid, and your clubs, restaurants and food are better than ours. I am sure that Spain will not participate in the war. Our Foreign Minister (Senor Sener) said 'No' to the Axis and he will continue saying 'No.' "We have a sentimental feeling for Gibraltar but the Tangier affair is unimportant from the viewpoint of war."

Coal Mined But Undelivered TRANSPORT LACKING Difficult Position In Britain COLLIERIES MAY CLOSE United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 20, 9.25 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 19. The Swansea Chamber of Commerce stated today that 6000 wagons of anthracite are waiting for clearance from Welsh collieries. Orders for coal total 12,000 tons but customers have stopped ordering owing to the hopeless position. The closure of collieries has reduced the output to 35 per cent. of last year's and the whole anthracite industry will have to close down unless rail transport is improved.

ORDERS TO SINK ON SIGHT Spanish Ships' Danger ITALIAN SUBMARINES' INSTRUCTIONS British Discovery United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 20, 9.30 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 19. The Admiralty announced the capture from an Italian submarine of instructions to attack without warning Spanish ships belonging to the Ybarra and Pinillos shipping companies. The former owns 21 and the latter nine ships. The instructions contained a full description of the companies' ships.

WOUNDED BRITONS IN BELGIUM Seven Hundred Remain In Hospital United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 20, 9.30 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 19. Over 700 British wounded are still in Belgian hospitals.

GERMAN DEMANDS ON FRANCE

DISCUSSION BY VICHY CABINET

CLAIM TO NAVY

Right To Use Base At Toulon

(By Radio)

The Vichy Cabinet met on Thursday for the second time in 24 hours. Details of the discussions are not revealed but it is believed that they are debating the most recent demands received from Hitler.

These are believed to consist of the right to the unhindered passage of German troops through France, the right to use the Toulon naval base and the right to the use of French naval and merchant ships.

After failing to reach an agreement with Marshal Petain for the transport of German troops to Italy from occupied France, Hitler has decided to move without permission, says the "Daily Telegraph," and trains have already begun to leave the Bordeaux area, says a Press Association cable.

The troops concerned were recently concentrated in the occupied territory abutting Spain. They were held in reserve either for a move to Spain, Portugal or for the present contingency, which Hitler considers sufficiently grave to justify their dispatch to Italy.

The move is being made across France because the French railways are in better condition than the German.

German troops in Northern Italy will ensure control of Italy's entire industrial area.

Guns at Rome A neutral who left Italy a few days ago told the "Daily Mail" that, just before he left Rome, large numbers of German anti-aircraft guns arrived in the city. German soldiers in civilian clothes were also arriving in considerable numbers. The Italian public were hardly aware of this infiltration, but Italian officers saw in it a German attempt to remove Italy from the status of an ally to that of a sub-servient State like any of the countries overrun by Hitler's hordes.

Another neutral observer who came from Italy in the last few days says that numbers of German anti-aircraft guns have been drafted to the Rome district, and a large number of German troops are being sent as "instructors" to Italian troops. Italian officers told him that they resented the presence of the Germans, whose domineering manner was causing friction.

Liner On Fire Off Australia GERMANY REPORT Abandoned By Passengers And Crew THE ARUNDEL CASTLE United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 20, 9.30 p.m.) NEW YORK, Dec. 19. The German radio reports that the British liner Arundel Castle was suddenly caught fire off Barvan Reef, New South Wales, and has been abandoned by the passengers and crew.

EMPIRE FORCES TIGHTEN THEIR GRIP ON BARDIA

Tough Battle Expected Although Italians Are Cut Off From All Help

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British tanks are sweeping around Bardia and driving towards Tobruk, says a Cairo message. British forces are tightening their grip on Bardia and are reported without confirmation to have cut the cliff-top road to Tobruk. Lorry-loads of soldiers are arriving every hour for what is expected to be the toughest battle thus far. The greater part of two Italian divisions is estimated to have been captured by advanced British elements operating beyond Bardia.

The Italians are greatly strengthening the defences at Tobruk in preparation for a determined resistance, but the question of British operations further west is dependent on the clearing-up of Bardia, and also the extent to which Bardia and Sollum can be used for supplies.

Marshal Graziani in the meantime has made no move to succour the beleaguered divisions at Bardia, which are now apparently cut off from the possibility of retreat by land and sea. They have plentiful supplies and are fighting vigorously. The capture of the town may take some time, but the British have no doubt of success.

Yesterday's Cairo headquarters communique states: "In Libya, the advanced elements of our troops which have successfully contained numerically superior enemy forces in the Bardia area are being steadily reinforced, and the position of the remnants of the beaten Italian Army in that area can now be regarded as precarious."

The communique adds: "The number of prisoners is mounting. So far, 31,456, including 1626 Italian officers, have actually been counted into permanent prisoners-of-war accommodation, while several thousand are still in process of evacuation from the battle areas."

"On the Sudan frontier, our patrols have again been active at Karsala and Gallabat, inflicting a number of casualties on the enemy."

"In Kenya, following our successful action against El Wak on December 16, the position remains unchanged."

Italians Set Fire To Klisura And Take To Flight

(By Telegraph—Press Association) (Received December 20, 10.45 p.m.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.

The Athens radio states: "The Fourth Italian Grenadiers have been completely dispersed and disabled around Klisura, where our troops have captured new heights and are incessantly bombarding the town. "The Greeks occupied the other bank of the Drinos River after an obstinate struggle lasting three days. A further great success has been the surrounding of Porto Palermo, which is under fire by our artillery."

The Italians have abandoned Klisura after setting fire to the town. This news was contained in a special report received from Athens on night.

According to reports reaching the Yugoslav frontier there is heavy fighting northward of Tepelini and also on the coastal sector where the Greeks are reported to have occupied the village of Kalarat four miles north-eastwards of Himara.

The Greeks infiltrating through the Desnica Mountains, have reached a point six miles northward of Klisura. In the Osium River sector the Greek forces have reached the source of the Baca River, a tributary of the Osium. The left wing of the Greek advanced forces operating in the Malspiti Mountains, eight miles from Elbasan, has been held up by fog and snow.

The Greek right wing is holding positions in the Mokra Mountains and also the western shore of Lake Okritsko. It has successfully resisted serious counter-attacks of fresh Italian troops.

Six Hundred Prisoners A Greek War Ministry communique reports that more than 600 Italians have been taken prisoner as the Greek troops advanced, despite stubborn resistance.

The Greek night communique states: "The struggle continued successfully to-day, the enemy being dislodged from their positions at bayonet point despite strong resistance, leaving in our hands over 600 prisoners, many automatics and other arms."

"Our aircraft successfully bombed military objectives. Enemy aircraft attacked hospital buildings despite visible Red Cross markings." A Koritz message states that large concentrations of Italians are taking up positions for a desperate drive to Fogradec, presumably on orders from Mussolini, who is demanding a Christmas or New Year success to offset the long series of defeats.

VALONA HEAVILY BOMBARDED NAVY AND AIR FORCE CO-OPERATE HARBOUR DAMAGED Sweep Of Adriatic Carried Out

(By Radio)

An Admiralty communique states that battleships of the British Navy made a heavy attack on Wednesday night on the Albanian port of Valona, when over 100 tons of high explosive shells were dropped on harbour works and on Italian ships berthed there. R.A.F. bombers co-operated in the operation. Cruisers and destroyers also carried out a sweep of the Adriatic Sea. No opposition was encountered.

DECORATED BY KING

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

Their Majesties entertained the Governor-General designate of New Zealand (Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall) and Lady Newall. The King decorated Sir Cyril Newall with the Order of G.C.M.G.

BUND MEMBERS IN U.S. ARMY Details Seized BLACK LEDGER FOUND IN CHICAGO G-Men Investigate

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CHICAGO, Dec. 19.

The State Attorney has seized a black ledger listing 2000 members of the German-American Bund who are allegedly serving in the United States military forces or reserves. The ledger has been handed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for consideration. This is the largest amount for the year.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND WOOL Big Shipment Unloaded At New York

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BOSTON, Dec. 19.

Eighty thousand bales of wool, including shipments from Australia and New Zealand are being unloaded at the docks for defence orders. This is the largest amount for the year.

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SQUADRON'S GREAT RECORD

EIGHTY-FOUR GERMANS BROUGHT DOWN AWARDS MADE

Four Decorations For Bravery

British Official Wireless. (Received December 20, 7.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, Dec. 19.

The squadron-leader, two officers, and one sergeant of No. 74 squadron of the R.A.F. receive decorations in the latest list of awards.

It was an officer of this squadron, which has already destroyed at least 84 enemy aircraft, who attained the six hundredth success for the station from which the squadron operates. Pilot-Officer Stephen, D.F.C., who, with a flight-commander while on voluntary patrol, performed this feat, receives the D.S.O. He has brought down 19 enemy machines.

Squadron-Leader Adolph Malan, D.F.C., also receives the D.S.O. This officer has commanded No. 47 squadron with outstanding success over an intensive period of air operations and his brilliant leadership and determination have contributed largely to the successes obtained.

Squadron-Leader Malan, who is a South African, has himself destroyed 18 enemy aircraft and has helped in the destruction of six more.

NURSES FOR LONDON SHELTERS

Air Raid Precaution

TOTAL AVAILABLE IS 3000

Trained And Auxiliary

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RUGBY, Dec. 19.

It has been decided that nurses as well as doctors must be available in all large London shelters and already about 100 fully trained State registered nurses have been allocated to the various boroughs. More nurses, either trained or auxiliary, have been supplied locally and the total available for shelter work is now more than 3000.

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NAZI PIPE-LINE CHOKED BY ICE

Rumanian Supplies Must Go Over Quake-Torn Railways

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The report that ice is already forming on the Danube somewhat earlier than usual draws attention to the difficulties faced by the Axis in transporting the production of the Rumanian oil wells to their territories. Normally the oil reached Germany by sea from Constanza. In 1938, 74.5 per cent. of Rumania's total oil exports of 4,000,000 tons went via Constanza, 21.5 per cent. going via the Danube and only 4 per cent. by rail. The Constanza route is now eliminated by the British blockade and, for the next two months, during which the Danube will be frozen, rail is the only method of transport.

The shortage of tank cars strictly limits the railways' carrying capacity and, while additional supplies of these are now available in Germany from the occupied territories, a large proportion must still be devoted to the internal distribution of the oil.

Another factor is that the efficiency of the railway system has been impaired both by political and physical conditions in Rumania. The recent earthquakes have caused substantial damage to the railways and growing sabotage hindered the last-minute accumulation of barges last-minute accumulation of barges. A further serious complication compared with last winter has arisen from the entry of Italy into the war. The sea route being barred to Italy, whose modest oil supplies from Albania are acutely threatened, she depends on competing with Rumanian railways.

According to reliable reports reaching London, neither the Rumanian nor the German authorities are making any effort to assist the Italians with transport facilities. These facts are of great importance in view of the seriousness of the Italian oil position. The Petroleum News Service says: "Italy's principal source of oil now consists of accumulated stocks, mainly concentrated near the refineries at Genoa, Spezia, Leghorn, Rome, Naples, Fiume, Trieste, Venice and Bari which cannot be counted safe. The position is rendered more difficult owing to the abandonment of stocks near the battle fronts in the hasty withdrawal and enemy action, while the dependence on motor transport over long lines of communication in North and East Africa has inevitably made serious inroads into reserves."

HINT OF LABOUR CONSCRIPTION

INDUSTRIAL NEEDS IN SOUTH AFRICA

WAR PRODUCTION Cannot Rely On Other Dominions

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 20, 11.55 p.m.) CAPE TOWN, Dec. 19. The Prime Minister (General Smuts) in a speech hinted at the possibility of industrial conscription because the Union was largely thrown on its own resources. The Government must consider priority of production, which reason the Government might be forced to take priority in skilled labour for military requirements. More use must be made of woman-power, he said. South Africa must make a greater effort at industrial war production in 1941. She could not rely on the other Dominions to defend her freedom.

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"Flirting With Fate," new Joe E. Brown starring picture, is the second feature. Joe E. Brown, veteran stage and screen comedian, plays the role of manager and star attraction of a vaudeville troupe touring South America. With him in the big cast is Leo Carrillo, the best-loved bad man of a screen in a characterisation which offers him every opportunity for a display of the talents which have made him one of the top-ranking character players in Hollywood. Beverly Roberts has the feminine lead opposite Brown, while Wynne Gibson is given another important featured role.

### "SPY FOR A DAY" IS GAY COMEDY

With Bright Story, "Down Went McGinty"

"Spy for a Day," which is now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, introduced Duggie Wakefield, the well-known comedian, to the screen in a new guise. Under the direction of Mario Zampi, who also produced the picture, Duggie is seen in his new vehicle as a human individual with a definite appeal to the emotions. Zampi has treated him not as a mere lay figure for comedy, but made him a young man with a believable character and a vein of pathos.

The story of "Spy for a Day" has a war-time setting and a close connection with present-day events. Duggie is seen as Sam Gates, a country youth whose simple character makes him the butt of his village. War comes and Sam falls into the hands of the enemy. He has a series of exciting adventures, and by the time he returns to the village, having faced death from a firing squad on more than one occasion, he is no longer the fool of the village, but a person of considerable importance.

Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, fighter, lover, political chief! All those characters rolled into one is Dan McGinty, whose rise and fall is outlined in the rollicking film comedy, "Down Went McGinty," which is the second feature. Brian Donlevy who won screen fame in such rugged hits as "Union Pacific" and "Beau Geste" is McGinty. Akim Tamiroff and Muriel Angelus share leading roles with him.

"Down Went McGinty" is the hilarious story of a two-fisted, unscrupulous "bum" who goes into the public pulse, and the other in the public purse, he swindles his way from alderman to mayor to governor.

### Regent

**PAULETTE GODDARD AND BOB HOPE**  
"The Ghost-Breakers"  
A Grand Comedy

In creating a mystery story—whether it is to be read or seen in picture form—the prime essential is to provide clues and yet be able to baffle everyone as to the solution until the actual denouement. This far too infrequent feat has been achieved in the new mystery-comedy-thriller, "The Ghost Breakers," which is now screening at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

The stars of "The Cat and the Canary," Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard, are again the headlined players, supported by a hand-picked cast which features Richard Carlson, Paul Lukas, Anthony Quinn, and Willie Best. In the story Paulette inherits an eerie castle on an island off Cuba. Mysterious people, seemingly unrelated, warn her not to visit her estate and its house of horror, as death awaits those who enter. Desperate efforts are made to persuade her to sell, but—aided and abetted by Bob Hope—she spends a weirdly nerve-racking night in the castle, peopled with ghosts, visions, threats, sliding panels, ruthless murders, and hidden dungeons.

It is promised that no such thoroughly bewildering mystery has ever been filmed. If you never saw a hair-raising comedy before, don't miss bubbling Bob Hope and sparkling Paulette Goddard in "The Ghost Breakers." It's thrilling and spoofing in just the right proportions, with ghosts and gags following each other in rapid succession. One minute you hold your breath in suspense, and the next moment you let it go in a side-splitting laugh.

### State

**ROMANCE, DRAMA AND COMEDY**  
Zorina In "I Was An Adventuress"

Glamorous romance and thoroughly absorbing entertainment result when exquisite Zorina meets handsome Richard Greene in "I Was An Adventuress," which is now at the State Theatre, Hastings.

Zorina, appearing by courtesy of Samuel Goldwyn, portrays an alluring huntress of fortunes who, until she meets one of her intended victims in the person of Greene, thinks love is not for her. How this engaging couple overcome the obstacles which threaten to keep them from completely realising their love, makes one of the most delightfully entertaining films ever to come out of Hollywood.

Set against a series of breath-takingly smart Continental backgrounds, "I Was An Adventuress" provides the gorgeous Zorina with a role which gives her not only an opportunity to appear to best advantage in a wardrobe of eye-filling creations, but also to prove herself a dramatic actress of great ability, under the flawless direction of Erich von Stroheim. As for Richard Greene, this handsome young actor turns in a performance which is bound to win him a host of new fans.

Erich von Stroheim, the unforgettable "man you love to hate," returns from his European triumphs in "I Was An Adventuress" as a relentless Parisian swindler who would compel Zorina to continue luring rich men with her beauty while he concocts schemes to cheat them of huge sums. How she fights to keep her past from Greene and protect her newly-found happiness from the menacing Von Stroheim, makes for intriguing drama.

### PUKEORA MATRON IN HOSPITAL

(Daily Mail Special Service)  
WAIPIKURAU

Miss M. O. Graham, Matron of Pukeora Sanatorium, Waipukurau, was the victim of a motor accident on her way back from Wanganui to Waipukurau and is in the District Hospital, Waipukurau, suffering mainly from shock.

Miss Graham was alone in her car when it got out of control and went off the road near Palmerston North. She was taken to Woodville by a passing motorist. A witness from Waipukurau to bring her back to the Sanatorium, but after her arrival it was thought wiser to admit her to hospital.

### NAPIER THEATRES

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### Power Board's Grant

HOME GUARD'S NEEDS

"Daily Mail" Special Service.  
WAIPIKURAU.

The question whether the Home Guard should be allowed free lighting for training purposes throughout the district, one night a week, occupied the attention of the Central Hawke's Bay Power Board at its meeting yesterday and ultimately, it was resolved that a donation of £5 be made, this sum to be divided between the North and South sections of the area.

Discussion arose when a letter was read from the secretary of the Home Guard for the northern part of Central Hawke's Bay (Mr B. O. Gamby, Waipawa) who sought lighting free of cost, adding that as there was one parade a week the amount of current consumed would not be great.

The secretary manager (Mr G. E. Fowler) intimated that he had made inquiries in the area and had ascertained that there were eleven groups of the Home Guard. Mr W. N. Waldin, Takapau, stated that the letter opened up a big question as the board had already granted £20 to patriotic funds. He recommended that the board should look into the matter carefully before coming to a decision.

After discussion, Mr Rathbone moved that a grant of £5 be made, and this was seconded by Mr A. L. Malcolm (Waipawa) and carried. It was left to the discretion of the secretary manager to apportion the contribution between the two area committees.

### MARDI GRAS AT NAPIER

Good Entries In Bathing Beauties Contest

Excellent entries are being received for the Bathing Beauty Contest on Boxing Day, the number so far being fifteen, including contestants from Porangahau, Waioa, Hastings and Nuhaka. There is no entry fee, and the prize money is most liberal: First £25, second £5, and twelve other prizes of £1 each. The contest is to be filmed and the picture shown throughout the Dominion and Australia.

On Boxing Morning the ribbon dog parade will be held, at 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. the Miss New Zealand Bathing Beauty Parade, after that the Liars Contest and the Marbles Championship.

With their usual generosity, Messrs Styles and Styles have offered a splendid trophy for the bathing beauty with the most beautiful eyes. This will be awarded in the adult class only, and will be judged on Boxing Day.

### INJURIES SUFFERED AT WAIPIKURAU

Mr J. W. Harding In Hospital

"Daily Mail" Special Service.  
WAIPIKURAU.

Following a fall from his horse at his Mr. Vernon property yesterday afternoon, Mr J. W. Harding was admitted to the District Hospital, Waipukurau.

It is understood that Mr Harding is suffering from serious head injuries, and his condition late last night was favourable.

It is expected that he will be an inmate of the institution for some time to come.

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### Mayfair

**BORIS KARLOFF IN "THE FATAL HOUR"**  
With "Blondie Has Servant Trouble"

Horror hits police headquarters and James Lee Wong, celestial sleuth, is called in to find the culprit, right in the police department, in Monogram's chilling "The Fatal Hour," which is now showing at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier.

Packed with thrills and excitement, "The Fatal Hour" opens with the murder of a police officer, assigned to a smuggling case, and a captain Street, broken-hearted at the death of his friend, calls in Mr Wong to insure the killer's capture. The trail leads to the Neptune Club, and its proprietor, "Hardway," ex-gangster; it leads to Belden's Jewellery Store until Belden, sen., is murdered, and his son accused of the crime; it leads to the "Town" apartments, until suspect Tanya Petrova is murdered there. But it is not until a new murder occurs, right in police headquarters as the law is lining up the chief suspects, that Wong can tie together all the clues that definitely point to the murderer.

Boris Karloff, who again plays the suave Wong, is rapidly becoming the screen's number one super-sleuth.

Still boasting the typical characteristics of "the family next door" which has already won them millions of devoted followers, Karloff, Belden's Successors—Dagwood, Blondie, Baby Dumpling and Daisy—are back in the latest of their film series, "Blondie Has Servant Trouble," which is the second feature.

Heretofore from the beginning as the perfect embodiment of the laughable and lovable traits combined by Chic Young in his famous comic strip, Arthur Lake, Penny Singleton and Larry Simms renew their claims to this distinction.

### Regent

**JAMES CAGNEY IN GREAT STORY**  
Thrills In "The Roaring Twenties"

The Napier Regent Theatre's parade of hits, which began auspiciously with such outstanding films as "The Old Maid" and "Dust Be My Destiny," continues in full swing with "The Roaring Twenties," co-starring James Cagney and Priscilla Lane, which is now screening.

Based on an original story by Mark Hellinger, world-famous author and columnist, "The Roaring Twenties" deals with the exciting and incredible events of that fabulous period in America from the end of the World War to the Stock Market crash in 1929. During no other period in the history of the world was there such a revolutionary change in the manners and customs of the people, such a rising tide of prosperity, or such complete lawlessness.

It was the decade of the gin-mill, the speak-easy, the flapper, flaming youth, bootleggers and gangsters. There could be no better authority for this story than Hellinger, who was covering the news for his syndicated columns all during the period.

The film opens at the close of the last war. Cagney, a returned veteran, finds that his job as a garage mechanic is no longer open. To make a living, he turns to taxi-driving, but when the Prohibition Act is passed he finds an easier way — making and selling bootleg liquor. The film depicts his rise from a small time bootlegger to a big-time racketeer. Rising with him are his two wartime pals, played by Jeffrey Lynn and Humphrey Bogart.

### Alice Faye and Don Ameche

Colourful Story, "Lillian Russell"

Blonde and lovely Alice Faye portrays the first and greatest of America's glamour girls in Darryl Russell's production of "Lillian Russell," which is now showing at the State Theatre, Napier, and features Don Ameche and Henry Fonda.

The colourful life and loves of the striking American beauty are revived in all their splendour and magnificence in "Lillian Russell" with the sparkling, dashing days of America's most fabulous era as a background. Lillian Russell was famous for her mellancholic voice as well as her splendid acting and great beauty, and Alice Faye sings many of the songs Lillian popularised. Among these are "After the Ball is Over," "Rosie, You Are My Posie," "My Evening Star," "The Band Played On," ("Strawberry Blonde") and many others.

Don Ameche has the role of Lillian's composer-husband, who struggled to author her greatest stage success. It is Ameche's third composer role and advance reports indicate his acting again is outstanding as it was in "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Swanee River." Henry Fonda is cast as Alexander Moore, the newspaperman who fell in love with the gorgeous Lillian when they were both young, but failed to tell her about it. Fresh from his triumph in "The Grapes of Wrath," Fonda is said to give another stirring portrayal in a highly dramatic role.

The great Lillian Russell numbered among her admirers such famed persons as Diamond Jim Brady, the financier, and Jesse Lewisohn, the copper king, played respectively by Edward Arnold and Warren William.

A programme of exceptional short features is headed by "London Can Take It," a dramatic presentation of an air raid on the world's greatest city.

### RECORD ENTRIES FOR NUHAKA SHOW

"Daily Mail" Special Service.  
NUHAKA.

Preparations are well in hand for the Nuhaka Show. The secretary (Mr Brewster) reports that the entries have already exceeded those of any previous show, which is very gratifying indeed in spite of the shortage of petrol.

### Travellers' Holiday Guide

Free Railway Booklet

Helpful information for people travelling by train during the Christmas and New Year holidays is contained in the special holiday timetable booklet that may now be had free for the asking at Railway Stations.

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COOKING THE TURKEY

Choose a cock bird with short spurs and black legs, as long spurs and pale lower legs denote that the bird is old. Hang for several days if possible, then pluck and dress. Fill with forcemeat made as follows: 2oz. oatmeal, 4oz. chopped ham, 6oz. suet, 8oz. chopped bread-crumbs, 2 teaspoonfuls grated parsley, 1/2 teaspoonful nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoonful mace, juice of a lemon, 3 eggs, pepper and salt to taste. Mix to a stiff consistency and stuff the bird.

Skewer two or three pieces of fat bacon over the breast and put into a very hot oven, reducing the heat after the first half-hour, then cook in a steady oven for 3 1/2 to 4 hours, according to the size of the bird. Have plenty of good dripping in the pan and baste at half-hour intervals.

When nice and brown, lay several sheets of greaseproof paper over the bird and turn frequently on either side, front and back. Thus the bird is evenly browned all over and well-cooked through. When almost cooked, remove the bacon and finish browning. Serve on a hot dish with rich gravy and bread sauce.

BRANDY SAUCE

Take 1 teaspoonful of cornflour, 1 pint of milk, 1 teaspoonful sugar, the yolk of an egg, 1 wineglassful of brandy.

Method. Mix the cornflour with a little of the milk and heat the remainder of the milk and when it is boiling draw from the heat and pour in the cornflour, stirring all the time. Bring to the boil, keep stirring and boil for five minutes. Add the sugar and allow to cool slightly. Then mix in the beaten egg yolk and the brandy. Stir well until it thickens, but do not boil.

DELICIOUS TRIFLE

Ingredients: 1 lemon, 2oz. sweet almonds, 5 stale sponge cakes, custard 12 macarons, raspberry jam, 1 cup sherry, whipped cream.

Method. Soak the cakes in the sherry, grate the lemon rind over and sprinkle with the almonds, which have been blanched and cut into strips. Spread over this a layer of raspberry jam and then pour over a rich custard. Pile whipped cream on top, and garnish with chopped coloured jellies or hundreds and thousands and a few whole blanched almonds. Instead of the sherry, a good fruit juice may be used, or some of each, according to taste.

Always near Christmas time one hears housewives saying that there will really be no more Christmas dinners but tradition is very strong and there are few who do not in the end have the proper dinner usually associated with Christmas day.

So now is the time to be planning your menu. This will in all probability have a first course consisting of turkey, fowl or duck, so the methods for serving these as deliciously as possible are given here together with the bread sauces which should accompany each.

The plum pudding being already made there only remains to heat this and make the brandy sauce.

Perhaps there are some who will not have a Christmas pudding, but who would prefer fruit salad served with meringue pavlova, trifle, cream puffs or ice-cream so all four recipes have been given.

TO COOK A FOWL

Make the stuffing with 1lb. pork (half lean and half fat) and mince it with 2 rashers of streaky bacon. Add a teaspoon of white bread-crumbs, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, mixed spices, salt and pepper to taste. Mix well together and then add an egg, working it well into the mixture.

Put the bird in a tin, and lard it well with dripping or bacon fat. Put in a hot oven, and maintain this heat for about 10 minutes, then reduce to moderate. The great point with all poultry is to keep it moist. So baste well every 10 minutes. Allow 15 minutes for each pound weight of the bird before cooking and 15 minutes over.

One way of cooking the bird without basting is to put it in a large bag of greaseproof paper so that all the goodness is kept in. In this way it will not be dry if sufficient dripping or fat is placed on the bird to start with. But with this way you will have to remove the paper before the end, sprinkle the breast with flour and let the fowl cook until it browns nicely.

BREAD SAUCE

Simmer a small onion in half a pint of milk to a blade of mace, a grating of nutmeg, a little cayenne and salt to taste. When the onion is tender strain the milk over a tea-spoon of bread-crumbs. Cover and allow to cook for an hour. Add a piece of butter the size of a walnut, beat up well and serve very hot.

MERINGUE PAVLOVA

Ingredients: 3 egg whites, 6 good tablespoonfuls sugar, essence of vanilla 1 teaspoonful vinegar.

Method: Beat the eggs till stiff, add the sugar and vanilla and a pinch of salt, and last of all the vanilla. Form the mixture into a round on a cold greased slide. Cook in a cool oven for about an hour and leave on the slide till quite cold. Decorate with whipped cream and any seasonable fruit or tinned pineapple.

CREAM PUFFS

Ingredients: 2oz. butter, 2 eggs, 2oz. flour, 1 pint barley water.

Method: Put the butter and water into a saucepan and bring it to the boil. Take off and mix in the flour and cook until it leaves the sides of the saucepan. Cool, then beat in the eggs until shiny. Put on cold oven slides and cook in a quick oven for half an hour. The barley water used in this recipe is just the same as that used for invalids.

ICE CREAM RECIPE

Whip one cup of cream with an egg and 2 tablespoonfuls of sugar until very stiff, then add slowly one cup of milk, stirring in smoothly. Add a few drops of vanilla and a pinch of salt. Pour into the dishes and while freezing stir once or twice to make sure the mixture is free from any lumps.

ROASTING THE DUCK

Take 1 good fat duck, 1oz. raw ham, 3 tablespoonfuls bread-crumbs, 1 egg, 4 pork sausages, 1 teaspoonful salt, 1 medium-sized onion (peeled), 2 tablespoonfuls milk, 2 medium peeled apples, 1 teaspoonful minced parsley, lard as required, 1 gill water, crushed herbs to taste, pepper, watercress, salt to sprinkle.

Prepare duck and wipe inside carefully with a damp cloth. Mince heart and liver. Melt 1/2 lb. butter in a frying pan. Mince onion and ham. Fry both for three minutes. Add heart and liver. Fry for two minutes, stirring occasionally. Turn into a basin. Core and chop the apples and add to the fried mixture. Stir in crumbs, milk, parsley, herbs, salt and pepper to taste, skinned sausages, and beaten egg. Mix well. Stuff the duck with this. Place in a roasting tin. Baste with melted lard. Pour water into tin. Sprinkle duck with salt. Bake in a moderate oven for about one and a quarter hours (according to size of the bird) turning once. Baste frequently. When ready, untruss. Garnish with watercress.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr and Mrs R. Miles are Wellington visitors to Napier.

Mr and Mrs D. Beauchamp, Dannevirke, are staying in Napier.

Mrs T. A. Heath, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Birnie, Cameron Road, Napier, returns to Taupo to-day.

Mr and Mrs Rowland and their daughter, of Nuhaka, are visitors to Auckland.

Mrs Thorne has returned to Masterton after visiting Ormondville, where she was the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs T. Thorne.

Mrs W. B. Merson has returned to Napier after a visit to her parents, Mr and Mrs H. J. Newling, Ormondville.

Miss Jones, Nuhaka, is visiting her parents in Hastings before taking up her residence at Motu, Gisborne.

Miss Halliwell, Nuhaka, is spending her holidays with her parents in Gisborne.

Miss Norman, Nuhaka, is spending her holidays with her parents in Napier.

Miss Gloria Barton has left for Te Awamutu and is spending her holidays with her parents.

Mrs V. Boyce and two children, of Tauranga, are visiting Nuhaka and are staying with her parents, Mr and Mrs J. Duley.

Miss Dorothy Petersen, who has been nursing in the Suva Hospital, is spending a three months' holiday with her parents, Mr and Mrs F. Petersen, Townshend Street, Hastings.

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ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Barbara Joan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Denholm, of Denholm Road, Napier, to John Hawarth, third son of Mr and Mrs G. H. Heath, late of Aramoho, Wanganui.

The engagement is announced of Iris Margaret, youngest daughter of Mrs H. White, Queen Street, Hastings, and Eric Charles, second son of Mr and Mrs W. Keong, Hau-moana.

The engagement is announced of Ngairi (Fluff), only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. S. Heaton, Hastings, to Robert Lewis, only son of Mr and Mrs B. Smith, of Pukahu, Havelock North.

CHOOSE COLOURS THAT WILL HELP CUPID ALONG

Psychologists Make New And Interesting Discoveries

Girls seeking romance stand better chances of getting their men if they wear white. If that fails they should use a polka dot scheme which, it is claimed, has an almost hypnotic influence.

These are two from a list of strange and exciting facts unearthed since science began to take a new interest in the everyday application of colour.

In spite of the great art traditions of the world, colour has never previously been so comprehensively examined. Scientists and psychologists are studying it as one of the profoundest influences in our lives. Colours affect us psychologically and emotionally too, they say. Also there is a new interest in its occult significance.

A striking illustration of the devastating effect of colour on the appetites of diners was proved recently by American colour expert, Samuel G. Hibben. Hibben prepared a lavish, repast for his guests, but instead of "straight" lighting, flooded the table with filtered rays that allowed only greens and reds to show.

Under this gloomy aura, steaks showed grey, celery an unappetising pink, coffee turned a bilious yellow, and the guests doubled up in anguish. Hibben's colour theory was proved, but the appetites of all were ruined and some of the guests became really ill before the meal was over.

Following the scientist's recommendation that girls in white get their man more often, girls are advised to continue the study of colour when they set up house after marriage. Thus bright-hued kitchens, preferably in reds, greens, oranges, or blues, make harmonious backgrounds for the housewives. Soothing blue and violet, in a bedroom, for instance, are frequently useful in overcoming insomnia. Yellow, now beginning to appear more freely in homes, stimulates without being too exciting, and hence is specially recommended for the lounge room.

A tip from Mr Naylor, of the Sydney Institute of Industrial Psychology, on clothes is that women should study the contrasts established between their skin and their hair before choosing colours. "Girls should beware, however, of an overdose of brilliant colour," continued Mr Naylor, "as it can produce

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In the absence of Mrs C. Raymond, Mrs Broad presided, the secretary, Mrs R. C. Watson, being also present.

Accounts amounting to £2 14/- were passed for payment. Letters of appreciation were received from headquarters, Wellington, for the excellent quantity of comforts and knitted goods sent from Waipukurau. The letter stated that knitted goods were urgently required.

As there will be no meeting in January, members were requested to do as much knitting as possible while on holidays. It was mentioned that anyone requiring wool could obtain it from Mrs C. Raymond.

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The hall was gaily decorated with baskets of flowers and all entered into the festive spirit and wore gay paper hats, the lucky number hat being worn by Mrs Cousins.

After the social half-hour for afternoon tea, a roll call on Christian names was held and this caused much amusement, also a competition on musical terms was won by Mrs O'Driscoll and a shopping list competition was won by Miss N. Sowersby.

During the afternoon delightful songs were sung by Mrs A. J. Smith. "There'll Always Be An England" and two comedy numbers were given by Mrs Spence and a Maori song by Miss Margaret Irvine. Two Christmas carols were sung by all present.

The competitions held during the afternoon resulted: Queen cakes, Mrs Barry 1, Mrs Baldwin 2, Mrs Harris 3; heaviest eggs, Mrs Holmes-Brown 1, Mrs Baldwin 2, Mrs Young 3.

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## LOOKING BACK: PEOPLE AND PLACES WHEN HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE WAS YOUNG

Having known Hawke's Bay since 1883, the wonderful change in the countryside is interesting to an old man writing these lines.

Compared with to-day we were a small community. Everyone knew everyone, more or less.

I have lived in the then backblocks, at the back of inland Patea and before that in the country bordering the Taupo Road. The friends of those days are now few, but it may be interesting to men of to-day to read of the men who started to break in the big runs which are now subdivided.

I shall begin far back on country that will never be cut up into smaller holdings and gradually work into better country. Loch Inver, off the Taupo Road near Tararua, was held in those days by McDonald and Munro, hard working Scots who put in years of toil for little return. Bounding them at the back on the Upper Mohaka was Pakaututu Station held by the Forde Brothers. Wild pigs abounded on this country and in the first 18 months they killed nearly 1000 of the real Captain Cook breed. A younger brother of this firm chased a boar with an old dog and a rifle for an hour through manuka, ending the hunt by the pig charging him. Luckily the hunter got off lightly though he was ripped by the kneecap. It was the pig that got away.

### How a House was Built

This run packed its wool to Hawkestone, 18 miles away. When this run was taken up by the Forde there was only a whare. They cut the timber for the house on the place. They shingled the roof and the chimney was built of pumice blocks packed from the Mohaka river. The window sashes were packed in from Napier.

Bounding this station and between the Taupo road is Te Haroto, then owned by McLellan and Anderson. All this country was like the two stations mentioned, mostly in its natural state—fern and scrub on light volcanic pumice soil.

Breaking in this country, fencing, sowing grass seed on the newly burnt fern country and crushing the newly growing fern, was heart-breaking work. Not enough sheep in summer; poor lambings (seldom over 30 per cent); wild pigs taking their toll and the hard winters all increased the struggle. Homesteads were often over 2000ft. up and most of us walked out or, I should say, rode out, with plenty of experience and no money to start again.

To-day most of that country is back in its natural state. The fern has won. Still, these three runs were the worst of Hawke's Bay.

On crossing the Mohaka Bridge, we came to better country in the then Pohukohu, owned then by the Hindman and Sons. This run was bounded by the Taupo Road and the Whaka Range. Here the good limestone cropped up.

Nearer Napier Glengarry bounded Pohukohu, now called Rakameana. It had a lovely homestead near to natural bush. There was a licensed hotel near the Mohaka Bridge—being since burnt down.

Glengarry was then owned by Taylor White, a fine old gentleman much interested in breeding and crossing native ducks. He also had a flock of Angora goats.

### Mustering Goats

On giving up this station I lent a hand to muster. He was taking these goats to Wimbledon—queer beasties to muster. Over the tops of fences they leapt, or through the wires like dogs. Still, we got them together and it was a pathetic sight to see this old man, well into the sixties, astride an old horse, with some ducks alive in a basket over his shoulder, starting away with the goats to make another start.

I have never seen a run with so many turkeys. They were in the dreds. The eggs were excellent eating, even better than hens'. Glengarry was poorish country but the turkeys fattened on the grasshoppers, grass seed and the berry of a native weed of the daphne species.

Jimmy Love was the new manager and one day, working at Glen Snea, the outstation, one of us suggested to muster over the tops of fences. He said, "Oh, you would have one, but who would cook it?" "Oh," said "Billy Blowhard," "I'm a good cook." So he went off early one morning with a fat gobbler. At supper that night he said, "Mr. Bobby Jock" cooked to a turn.

The cook started to carve. He put the carving knife into the stuffing and out came grasshoppers and grass seed. "Blimey," said Billy, "I took half a ton, ou' first."

I'd we refuse that well-cooked bird? We had a double helping, but no stuffing.

I am getting off the track. Back again to the Mohaka River and Pakaututu. On the opposite side was Hallett's Puketitiri run. Patoka also touched the Mohaka, where it met Hallett's country.

The Hallett Bros. ran their Merino wethers on part of the Kaweka Range. The run was bounded by Hawkestone and the standing dense bush. A small sawmill, driven by a wheel turned by the water of a dammed creek, was owned by Campbell and Blair—hard workers.

Duman Campbell, with his bullock team, hauled the sawn timber to neighbouring stations, but these two men made but little of the venture.

had peach groves that flourished until some blight killed them. All these stations I have mentioned practically lived in winter on wild pork. I know no better meat—so different from its greasy brother the dairy-fed chap.

With wild peach jam (we made kerosene tins full) and this pork, a feed fit for the gods was provided. Patoka Station ran from Marshall's Crossing on the Pohu boundary, right down to within a mile of Rissington—many long miles.

In those days many thousand sheep went through this run on to Pohukohu to the Taupo road on the way to the Waikato. This station had often two or three shepherds clearing the road ahead of the travelling mobs. The law in those days was that the drover with the mob had to give 24 hours' notice that he was coming.

Of the many drovers of those days how many are now with us? Jack Hunt of Hastings is still going strong. He must know every trail in the North Island.

### Result of Good Droving

More than 20 years ago he was in charge of a big mob of ewes travelling from Waipiro, East Coast, to Mount Cook Station beyond the hape. He travelled through Kuanui and I saw this mob after nearly six weeks on the road. The ewes were tip top—a good man, Hunt.

Arthur Gregory, of Haumoana, also had a drive or so. No others now that I know of.

The men who took up the Rhodes country, the partners Crichton and Labbodi, had a small run in the Patoka block near Rissington.

The Homestead Block was held by Hutchinson and Sons many years before Sir George Whitmore farmed this country, and the hills were called Mount Cameron and McNeil were named after generals in the Maori War.

The Waihaui Block was farmed by Gilbertson and Dixon, English public school men. The latter was captain of Winchester and was drowned when saving a man off Porirua.

His partner, some years older than the writer, is still going strong after seven years of sitting as corner for Wellington City.

Adjoining this run is Ardlassa then owned by Mr. R. Miller and managed by Peter Anderson, a brother of Jock Kereru.

Below is Dartmoor, then held by Seale Sanders and Toll. Over the river is Okaua and the Woodbury Flat, which picnic races were held annually.

I think that at the Woodthorpe meeting T. H. Lowry, of Bobriki and Desert Gold fame, won his first race with Gondolier, the late Bob Harley riding.

To finish with the Rhodes country: The Waikonini run, held by Arthur Sheild, adjoining Tunaimui, was the last of this big estate. The country in most of this estate was poor to second rate land but wonderfully improving with subterranean clover and top-dressing.—C.F.

### The Compleat Correspondent Or, How To Write Letters With Despatch

(Written for the Daily Mail)

1.30 p.m.—Investigate contents of coat pocket: find large quantities of unanswered letters received at any time during last six weeks; decide, in view of fact that envelopes are now in shreds and letters rapidly becoming illegible, that something must be done about it.

1.35—Prepare to do something about it by taking rug down to foot of garden and, clad in penultimate of deshabille, retire with writing-pad and fountain pen.

1.45—Discover that pen has run dry. Return to house and ransack various rooms for ink without success.

1.55—Ransack Richard's room. Ink still elusive, but discover (a) a book which I had been reading and which had inexplicably vanished, (b) three pairs of socks and four handkerchiefs of which I had long dreamed in vain, (c) habitually mislaid toothpaste.

2.5—Find ink in last place expected—viz., on writing table.

2.6—Return to garden to find that sun has vanished and extremely chilly wind blowing.

2.10—Consider question with profound intensity and decide to type letters in office.

2.30—Get bicycle out of motorshed and find both tyres as flat as pancakes.

2.31 to 2.45—Search for pump, meanwhile considering prospects of obtaining phenomenal increase in salary to enable acquisition of impressive and expensive car. (This pleasant idea discarded almost immediately). Pump up tyres.

2.50—Set out, but meet Mrs. Neighbour, who insists upon stopping to discourse at length on international situation and the weather, and finishes by making unexpected inquiry regarding contributor of certain articles to the Saturday Mail.

"(Really quite amusing—'ho ho' says Mrs. Neighbour. Look Mrs. N. firmly in the eye and tell her that (for obvious reasons) writer concerned is anxious to preserve anonymity.

3.10—Arrive in time to find section of staff discussing afternoon tea. Become involved in series of heated discussions, consume considerable quantities, and retire to typewriter.

3.30—Review abnormal amount of work to be done and look through

## Notable Example Of Maori Building



MAORI CRAFTSMANSHIP IN HAWKE'S BAY.—It has been suggested that Hawke's Bay should undertake the work of restoring and preserving such relics of Maori building as remain in the province. One instance is the old pataka at Omahu Pa, which is rapidly falling into ruin. The accompanying photographs illustrate what can be done by modern Maori craftsmen working on traditional lines. The top picture shows the interior of the famous Carroll Memorial House at Wairoa. In the lower photograph carvers are seen at work on details of the lavish carving which forms an integral part of the house.

### THE CAVEMAN COULD SEW

Cavemen could sew, and they probably wore beads and painted their bodies, a Smithsonian Institution archeologist has concluded.

Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts, jun., back at Washington from digging at the Lindenmeier site in northern Colorado, where the Folsom Man camped 10,000 to 15,000 years ago, has reported finding bone needles with eyes, the oldest such needles yet found in North America and just as old as the earliest true needles used by European cave dwellers.

The American cave man "probably wore some kind of clothing," Dr. Roberts also surmises, since he found tools suitable for working with hides.

Letters again, considering undeniable fact that as they have gone so long unanswered another day would be of little consequence.

3.31—Conscience rather uneasy about Aunt Emily, who likes long and regular letters from everyone with whom she is in corresponding terms. Consult calendar and wonder whether, in view of fact that Christmas is so close, it wouldn't look rather pointed to write now.

Aunt Emily always comes down handsomely at Christmas, anyway. Consider possibility of waiting a week or so and then enclosing note with Aunt Emily's Christmas present. Note to contain regretful apology with reference to vast quantities of work interfering with letter-writing.

This morally certain to inspire Aunt Emily to say, "The dear boy—always so shockingly overworked and might lead to handsome endeavour to provide compensation out of Aunt Emily's generosity."

3.45—Correspondence postponed indefinitely. (Memo: Take steps to ensure that this copy of "Daily Mail" does not come Aunt Emily's way).—JOANE.

### LONDON'S CATS AND DOGS SCOOT TO SHELTERS IN RAIDS

England's 45,000,000 domestic animals are getting—and taking—their share of the German air blitzkrieg along with the human inhabitants.

Dogs, cats and other pets which occupy a place of honour in homes from the poorest Limehouse slums to Buckingham Palace have generally accepted the bombing and cannonading with stoicism.

Theoretically, pets are barred from public shelters, but there is no record of anyone complaining when a pet owner runs into a shelter with a cat or a dog tucked under his arm.

**In The Shelters**  
The family dog or cat usually goes to the household shelter with others in the family when air raid sirens start. Occasionally, however, the pet is left in a shuttered room.

Two days after a bomb struck the Associated Press Building workmen clearing debris from a maze of cables and pipes heard a faint meowing. They dug toward the sound and presently a bedraggled cat and her two kittens climbed into the daylight.

Dogs and cats are learning what the air raid sirens mean. When they hear it they stroll to shelter.

It doesn't seem to be fear—they just recognise the noise and join the game.

Cats and dogs accept the bombing in the same matter-of-fact way that peristomeres accept a thunderstorm.

**Food Rationing**  
Food rationing has hit the animals harder than bombing.

Only meat unfit for human consumption is available for dog and cat foods. Owners who feed their pets food that could be used by human beings are liable to a heavy fine.

Officials look the other way, how-

### Aboriginal Triangle Drama Ends In Desert Tragedy

From the wild country behind Marble Bar, in the far north of Western Australia, comes the tragic love story of three aborigines named Candy, Polly, and Toby.

When Polly was 19, two years ago, her husband died. Candy had a wife but he gave her away to another native so he could live with Polly.

Recently Candy and Polly went off on a trek away from the usual haunts of their tribe. They were followed by Toby, who was madly in love with Polly.

Toby caught up with the couple in the desert, and started making love to Polly. He wanted Candy to fight him for her, but Candy refused.

Toby then threw a boomerang from 30 yards away, and hit Candy on the forehead, stunning him.

Other natives of the tribe had seen the tracks of the trio and followed them. They arrived as Toby threw his boomerang.

They attacked Toby, striking him on the back and shoulders with wockburras, and spearing him several times in the legs.

The blacks then put up a mia mia, in which they placed both men. They attended to their wounds.

A native runner was sent to the Marble Bar police.

Two mounted police brought the two wounded men to Port Hedland, where Candy died. Toby is being held on a charge of assault, pending an inquest.

Although domestic animals seem to prefer London and its bombs as well as anywhere else many pet owners who can afford it are sending their animals to kennels in safer areas,

## War Between Greece And Italy Recalls The Victory Of Rhodes

The Italian-Greek war once more brings war to the historic islands of the Aegean which, under the leadership of the large island of Rhodes, have been embroiled in wars and adventures since they were said to have thrown in their lot with the Greeks in besieging Troy.

It was one of these wars that produced the Colossus of Rhodes—one of the "Seven Wonders of the World"—a sort of Statue of Liberty guarding the entrance to the island's famous harbour. The statue was of the sun god, Apollo Helios, to whom the pagan Rhodians attributed their deliverance from a long siege in 304 B.C.

Rhodes at the time had become a sizeable maritime power with a navy and merchant fleet. It was strategic, pults, flame throwers and the rest was anxious to control in order to attack Egypt. But Rhodes proved to be as reluctant to fall in with the plans of Antigonos as Britain today is to suit the purposes of the German Fuhrer. The Syrian satrap besieged the island for a year without breaking the islanders' determination to resist.

Finally the Syrian turned appeal. He raised the siege and made the Rhodians a present of all his giant battering rams, super-cata-pults, flame throwers, and the rest of the war devices invented by the experts of the day.

**Huge Statue Built**  
To commemorate the occasion, the Rhodians sold all their strategic, turned over the proceeds to a sculptor named Chares, who planned a whole mountain of bronze in the form of Apollo.

Chares started the statue on pedestals overlooking the harbour. Some say the figure bestrode the harbour like a great Gulliver, and that the Rhodian ships sailed to the wharves between its legs. Unfortunately the representation of the Colossus preserved on Rhodian coins of the day fall to make this point quite clear.

However that may be, Chares worked 12 years on his 125-foot giant and then discovered to his grief that his calculations had gone wrong. He believed he could not pull Apollo into shape and gave up the task. But a successor, named Laches, completed the Colossus.

Whether the statue acted as a lighthouse has not been determined. Monumental lighthouses were not unknown at that time, for about the time the Colossus was receiving its final touches, the Egyptian monarch, Ptolemy Philadelphus, was making headway with another of the world's seven wonders in the shape of his white marble lighthouse for Alexandria, standing 600 feet above the sea on the island of Pharos outside the port. Some say a mirror in the middle of Apollo's breast was used to guide mariners.

**Toppled by Quake**  
Although the twentieth century prides itself on turning out mammoth manifestations of architecture

## DOGS AND MISANTHROPES—FEATURE IN THIS WEEK'S KNOWLEDGE TEST

Exactly Which Way Would You Fly From Wellington To Reach Nelson?

The second knowledge test is presented this week. Seven questions answered correctly is very good, five is good, three is just fair, and less than three is shocking. Answers will be found on Page 7.

- "I am a misanthrope," proclaimed the young man. He meant that he was—  
A hater of mankind; a relation to a monkey; an abstainer from alcoholic refreshment; a playwright; a bricklayer.
- Nearly everybody should know that the biggest kind of dog in the world is—  
An Irish wolfhound; a fox-terrier; a Great Dane; a St. Bernard; an alsatian; an Afghan hound.
- The professor, when telling me about his trip, told me that the building he had admired most was the Parthenon. Apparently he had visited—  
Rome, Berlin, Venice, Wellington, London, Athens, Paris.
- London's Big Ben, the bell you hear before the Daventry news every day, is situated in the—  
T. and G. Building; the Tower of London; the London G.P.O.; the House of Commons; the Tower Bridge; Buckingham Palace, the House of Lords.
- My friend Jackson is one of those Air Force blighters, and he was telling me the other day how he made a solo flight from Wellington to Nelson. Of course the approximate direction he took was—  
South, East, West, South-East, South-West.
- An acephalous man walked into my office the other evening and sat talking and smoking with me for an hour or two before taking leave. Now all this is an impossibility because the word acephalous implies that he was—  
Dead; without a head; drunk; speechless; a non-smoker.
- In the days when Grandma was a lass her young man would bring his currick round and they would—  
Sit and listen to the music; play crib; go for a drive in it; rock it to sleep.

### Origin Of Names In Near East Which Are Now In The World's Newspapers

As the pace of conflict quickens in the Mediterranean, news reports repeatedly refer to places whose derivations are found in the Arabic, Greek, Phoenician, Semitic, Turkish, or Latin tongues. A bulletin from the American National Geographic Society explains briefly the origin of a number of more frequently-mentioned place names in the area.

**Nile**—The Phoenicians referred to the course of Egypt's river as Nahal (the Valley), and the Greeks modified Nahal to Nilus, which became Nile in English.

**Cairo**—A contraction of the original Arabic name, Masr al-Khaira—the victorious capital—which was bestowed when an Arabian conqueror who founded the city in 970 A.D. saw Mars, planet of war and victory, in the skies on his right hand.

**Alexandria**—Named after Alexander the Great, conquering King of Macedonia, who founded 12 cities, bestowing his name on each. Alexandria, Egypt, was the first and greatest.

**Port Said**—The vital port at the northern entrance to the Suez Canal was named after Said Pasha, khedive of Egypt, when the Canal was begun in 1859. Said means "the fortunate."

**Ismailia**—British defence headquarters on the Suez Canal was so called in honor of Ismail Pasha, extravagant khedive of Egypt from 1863 to 1879.

**Bengasi**—Capital, seaport, and naval base of eastern Libya gets its name from the Arabic words ben (son) and ghazi (conqueror), the combination standing for "son of the conqueror."

**Tripoli**—Capital and chief city of western Libya and of the colony as a whole is from the Greek, tripolis, meaning "three cities."

**Malta**—Is a corruption of the Phoenician word melita or refuge. The island won this name because of its excellent harbours.

**Gibraltar**—Mighty British fortress at the western gate of the Mediterranean, derives its name from the Arabic, gibel-al-Tarik or the mountain of Tarik. Tarik, a one-eyed Berber chief, captured the rock in 711, thus opening the way for Moorish power in Spain.

**Palestine**—From the Greek Palaestina, land of the Philistines, and Philistine means "stranger."

**Jaffa**—Seaport in Palestine, was Joppe—the white, shining place—from a bold cliff of white chalk.

**Tel Aviv**—Also in Palestine, from "tel"—hill—and "aviv"—spring—hence—"hill of spring."

**Beirut**—In the Lebanese Republic, is from the Semitic Beroth, meaning "springs."

**Rhodes**—Capital of the Italian Dodecanese Islands and an important naval base. From the Greek rhodos (rose), and therefore "the island of roses."

**Dodecanese**—The name of this predominantly Greek-populated group of islands is compounded from the modern Greek dodeca meaning twelve and nisi meaning island. Now, however, the group name covers thirteen islands, instead of twelve.

**Cyclades**—The group of Greek islands scattered in the Aegean Sea south-east of Attica was so named by the ancients because they are ranged very roughly in a circle—cyclus—around the sacred isle of Delos.

**Athens**—Named after Athene, goddess of wisdom. Some authorities guess that her name comes from the root word ath, "a long-handled spear," a weapon which Athene traditionally carried.

**Thessalonike** (Salonika)—Salonika is a contraction of Thessalonike who, as a half-sister of Alexander the Great, was honoured by having the important Macedonian port named after her.

**Istanbul** (Constantinople)—Istanbul originally the name of only a part of the city but now the preferred name for Turkey's largest and most strategic city, is from the Greek words for "into the city." According to another derivation, Istanbul is a corruption of islan which means true believing, and bol, meaning copious; hence "abounding in the true faith." Constantinople, the name bestowed on the city by Constantine the Great when he founded it, is from the name of the city of ancient Byzantium, is from Constantine and the Greek word polis (city); therefore, Constantine's city.

**Dardanelles**—The narrow waterway connecting the Aegean Sea with the Sea of Marmora was so called after the old Greek city of Cardanus which once stood on its shores. Dardanus was the legendary son of Zeus and Electra.

**Bosphorus**—The name of the short strait joining the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmora is made up of the Greek words bos (ox) and poros (a ford); and thus is a Greek version of the English, Oxford. According to legend, Zeus fell in love with Io and changed her into a heifer to protect her from the jealous wrath of Hera. In the course of her wanderings, pursued by the gadfly sent by Hera, Io swam across the strait, and from this event the waterway took its present name.

**Sea of Marmora**—From the Latin marmor meaning marble because fine marble was obtained from an island in it.



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CHRISTIE'S furnishings. Illustration of a dining table and chairs.

Hawke's Bay Daily Mail Your Own Morning Paper SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1940.

FERTILISER WORKS FOR NAPIER

The difficulty experienced by farmers in getting their fertiliser orders filled has revived interest in the question of a plant for the production of fertilisers in Hawke's Bay.

Now that Napier Harbour has been developed to the point of being able to accommodate ocean-going ships, the chief obstacle in the way of handling large supplies of rock phosphate and sulphur has been removed, and there does not seem to be any reason why all the fertilisers required for top dressing Hawke's Bay pastures should not be processed in Hawke's Bay instead of being imported at considerable expense from Auckland, Christchurch or Dunedin.

The increase in the area top-dressed every year is enormous. In the ten years to 1939, it went up to 2,650,798 acres to 4,016,944 acres, and the production of fertilisers for the year 1937-38 was 402,706 tons, with an expanding output of over 50,000 tons annually. The existing works have been quite unable to cope with the demand, and local farmers who have placed orders for the coming season have been told, in some instances, that they must not expect delivery before the second half of next year.

There need be no fear therefore about the disposal of the output of a fertiliser works in Hawke's Bay. It is mainly a question of finding the money for the buildings and plant, and being able to import the necessary machinery. This district is not usually backward in putting up the capital for a legitimate business enterprise, and if the Government will provide the sterling funds for the purchase of plant and allow it to be imported, there is no reason why the enterprise should not appeal to investors.

The demand for increased agricultural production is very insistent, but the question of whether it will be sustained or not may cause lingering doubts amongst those who remember that Britain was beginning to apply quotas to imports of meat in the period immediately preceding the war.

That situation has been entirely altered by events in Europe. The occupied countries have been plundered and live stock has been driven off and slaughtered by the Germans. It will be a long time before the herds are replaced, and Britain will be more than ever dependent on the Dominions for imported foodstuffs. Further, the higher living standards that have resulted from the increased wage expenditure will not be relinquished lightly, and the farming industry in the Dominions has every reason to take a confident view of the future.

Nothing will assist more effectively in expanding agricultural production in Hawke's Bay than an ample supply of fertilisers. No one can seriously argue that a limit to the carrying capacity of the grass lands in this district is in sight. Practical men know that the production of meat and wool can be greatly increased by more top-dressing, and until supplies of fertiliser are available in sufficient quantity, development must necessarily be slower than everyone would like to see it.

The whole matter is one that should be seriously considered by those interested in the growth and progress of Hawke's Bay.

HOME RULE FOR INDIA?

Great Britain is in a difficult position in the East, where she is compelled to be continually on guard against a sudden Japanese move while she defends herself in Europe and conducts a major campaign against Italy in the Mediterranean and in Africa.

With an eye to the possibilities of the situation, the Indian National Congress has jumped at the opportunity for furthering its demands for Indian independence, and sooner or later Britain will be faced with the necessity for making some decision to follow the skillful compromise offered by the Viceroy in his White Paper a few weeks ago.

Discontent has become chronic in India, and it may be said that the 350,000,000 people of the great sub-continent are united only by their political and social restlessness. This restlessness is being artfully fanned and directed by groups and parties which have sprung up here and there, each with its particular flag and panacea.

The most remarkable of these organisations is, of course, Congress. It is not sectarian, but national and all-embracing. Its leaders are men of talent and character, but unfortunately they are blinded to the realities of the situation by a somewhat fanatical hatred of all things British. But Congress is not representative of all elements of Indian opinion. If it were, Britain would be obliged to accept its demands. As it is, Congress has formidable opponents within its own territories.

The most powerful of these is the Moslem League, which, while it cannot claim to represent all the followers of Islam in India, is sufficiently strong to take a major part in Indian politics. And the Moslem League is afraid of nothing so much as Congress rule. Then, too, there are the Princes, masters of one-third of the Empire and commanding the allegiance of many martial races. They will have nothing to do with Congress and its proposed Constituent Assembly: they pin their faith firmly to the strength of the British Raj.

It is a tangled situation and a dangerous one, and the only hope for a reasonable settlement seems to lie in the British genius for ultimately producing a workable compromise. Certainly, to talk of complete independence at the present time is folly. Too many so-called free nations have fallen and India cannot stand without British protection.

Personal

Mr Eric Stead, Napier, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. C. Stead, Sheffield, England, will leave by train this morning for Levin, where he will undergo training as an airman-pilot in the Royal Air Force.

Mr J. H. Absalom has been nominated by the Federated Chambers of Commerce in Hawke's Bay for re-appointment to the Hawke's Bay Estate Advisory Board, whose present term of office expires on June 8 next.

Leading Aircraftman M. J. H. Hunt, who was formerly staff photographer of the "Daily Mail," is at present visiting Hastings.

Mr R. B. Price, engineer for the Waipukurau County Council, accompanied by Mrs Price, left last night for Tauranga, where he will stay with his brother, Mr C. A. Price.

Mr J. C. McLaughlan, engineer for the Patangata County Council, with Mrs McLaughlan, left Waipukurau on a holiday in the South Island.

Mr F. J. Scott, of the Waipukurau branch of the Public Trust Office, will leave to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents in Hamilton.

Mr J. K. Martin and Mr C. H. Plimmer, of the Waipukurau branch of the Public Trust Office, have left for the South Island.

Mr S. Broadbent, of the Waipukurau branch of the Public Trust Office, is on vacation in Dannevirke.

Mr T. Barbarich, Matau, is spending the holidays with Mr and Mrs T. S. Barbarich, Waipukurau.

Mr and Mrs A. M. White, Waipukurau, are at Westshore for the Christmas vacation.

Mr W. E. Nightingale and Mr Kingsley Port are back in Ormondville after a holiday visit to Taupo.

Mr J. H. Absalom has been re-appointed by the Hastings Borough Council as its representative on the Howard Estate Advisory Board.

Wing Commander and Mrs A. J. Manson, Wellington, are visiting Hastings, and are staying with Mr and Mrs A. Mawson, Queen Street.

Mr W. P. Newton, manager of the Union Bank of Australia, Napier, has left for Wellington to where he has been transferred on promotion. Mr Newton was a vice-president of the Napier Chamber of Commerce.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr and Mrs A. Jacobs (Wellington), Mrs Campbell, Miss Campbell (Lower Hut), Miss V. Verry (Waiotara) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs P. V. Miles, Misses M. and M. Butler, Mr and Mrs S. Odlin, Mrs A. G. Barnett, Mr A. Foulds, Mr and Mrs S. Pizer, Master L. Pizer, Master Young (Wellington), Mrs Anne Burgess (Wellington), Mr M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mr and Mrs Ross Parsons (Halifax), Mr R. Barker, Miss P. Barker (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs P. Beauchamp (Hastings), Mr and Mrs P. Hawkes (Melbourne), Mr and Mrs E. T. Poulton (Takapau), Miss Poulton (Christchurch) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

WAIROA Mr and Mrs A. R. Webster (Hawera), Miss J. Driscoll (Ashburton), Mr I. S. Annett (Christchurch), Miss W. Brook (Gisborne), Mr T. Renton (Wellington), Mr W. Whield (Napier) are staying at the Clyde Hotel.

Mr and Mrs Bartlett (Nuhaka), Mr Wilkinson (Rotorua), Mr Hamilton (Auckland), Mr and Mrs Burt (Wellington), Mr M. Hamilton (Napier), Mr Hill (Hastings) are guests at the Wairoa Hotel.

Gangsters Extinct

"One good thing that has come out of the war is the changed outlook of schoolboys," a Wellington suburban grocer told a reporter. Before the war, he said, the schoolboys who congregated near his shop played "gangsters" on lines copied from American films. Now the boys were all soldiers. Formerly they picked on small boys as victims of hold-ups and kidnappings, but they had a difficulty now. No one wanted to act as German or Italian. He did not say if they kept out of the way or merely ran.

MAIL NOTICES

POST OFFICE, HASTINGS (Napier Mails close approximately one hour earlier than Hastings).

OUTWARD OVERSEAS MAELS. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Australian States and countries via Australia. Mails close 6 p.m.; parcels 4 p.m.

Other overseas mails will be dispatched as opportunity offers.

TRANS-TASMAN AIR MAIL TO AUSTRALIA.

Mails close at Hastings three times each fortnight at 4 p.m.

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAIL. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Trans-Pacific Air Mail.—Postage rates.—Letters: Hawaii, 2/6 each 10z, United States of America and Canada (including air in America), 4/- each 10z. Great Britain 5/9 each 10z. Mails close 4 p.m. For further particulars apply to Post Office.

INLAND MAELS. Napier, Monday to Friday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. Saturday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m. Gisborne District: 4 p.m. Waikato: 8.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Auckland, Main Trunk and Waikato districts, 8.5 a.m. and (letters only), 4 p.m. Saturdays only, 1.15 p.m. (letters only).

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. Wairoa and south of Waipukurau, Monday to Friday, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. Saturday, 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Opapa, Poukawa, Paki Paki and Pukehou, 6.30 a.m.

AIR MAIL INLAND. Blenheim, Nelson, Westport, Grey-mouth and Hokitika, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 4 p.m. Auckland and New Plymouth, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m. Christchurch, Oamaru, Dunedin and Invercargill, Monday to Thursday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. L. A. BURNS, Postmaster.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

To-day's Cricket

Since there was no cricket in Napier or Hastings last Saturday as a result of rain, to-day's senior matches will become one-day instead of two-day fixtures. Incidentally this will provide an interesting experiment, as there were many advocates of one-day matches at the beginning of the present season.

Colour Films

So popular have the colour films taken by an officer of the Automobile Association become that further screenings will take place in the future. The films have a particular appeal to children, but in view of the fact that it is inadvisable to have large gatherings of children during the hot weather, they will not be shown until after Easter.

Record Established

A record was established when 47 men reported at the Central School of Instruction, Foxton, for a refresher course for officers and men of the National Reserve. None of the 47 missed a parade and none was late for duty. The refresher course was attended by the course. They are Lieutenant Ingram, Lieutenant Daniels, Sergeant Hill, Corporal Green and Corporal Phillips.

A Napier Winner

The Wairoa branch of the Plunket Society's annual competition for their Christmas stocking was concluded on Wednesday. The first prize went to C. Pottinger, 160 Waghorne Street, Napier, and the second prize went to Don R. McDonald, No. 13W. The prizes may be obtained from Gillespie's pharmacy. The committee thanks all who participated in the competition to help the babies.

Territorial Injured

James Birnie Watt, a member of the Scottish Regiment, who resides at Roslyn, Dunedin, was injured during Territorial night manoeuvres near Dannevirke. A motor-cyclist dismounted rider crashed into him when he was marching with his column. Watt has a compound fracture of the lower right leg, a fracture of the thigh bone of the left leg, and a fractured elbow. His condition is satisfactory.—Press Association.

Man Remanded

On the application of Detective K. W. Mills, a remand was granted when Charles Henry Jennings appeared before Messrs C. D. Cox and F. S. Tarrant J.P.'s in the Napier Police Court yesterday, charged with false pretences. Detective Mills said that the police would be ready to proceed with the case on Monday. Mr C. W. Nash, who appeared for the accused, consented to the remand and did not apply for bail.

County Grants Request

Some time ago settlers in the Richmond Block area approached the Hawke's Bay County Council with the object of obtaining the installation of street lights throughout the block. The chairman (Mr C. C. Smith) and the member for the riding (Mr J. Macdonald) have now investigated the capital and annual costs, and it has been decided to accede to the request. The system of rating will remain on the capital value. The Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board has advised of the erecting of the lights will be commenced early in the New Year.

Minister's Appeal

The Minister of Supply (the Hon. D. G. Sullivan) in an appeal to all workers to give their maximum effort in order to maintain the production and to back up the work of the men in the battle-line, urged that all unnecessary hours away from work should be eliminated. The Minister added: "No matter what your job, or how unimportant it may seem to you, it is a most important link in the chain of production. If your job isn't done to-morrow, the production must fall, and your fellow-workers be retarded. The country suffers and the flow of goods interrupted cannot be regained. Sustained effort is needed; effort sustained within the limits of efficiency." Mr Sullivan concluded with a reference to the sacrifice made by the workers of Britain and said: "I was up to New Zealanders to ensure the full support for them."—Press Association.

Breakfast Table

Visitor: "I think it's nice for a man to spend a lot of time at his own residence." Mrs Palmer: "Yes, but if he spends too much of it there in winter there won't be any wood to keep the fire going."

He was a very new recruit, and had dropped his rifle in the drill. The sergeant's eyes peered out and for a few moments he gasped for breath. "Hey, you!" he roared. "How long have you been in the army?" "P-p-lease, sir! all d-d-day, sir!"

There were murmurs aboard the merchant vessel when word spread among the crew that the ship would not, after all, put in at the next port. The disappointment was too much for one man, who leaped into the sea and started to swim for the shore.

The captain ordered a member of the crew to fetch him and bring him back before he reached land. An excited look-out kept all on deck posted regarding the progress of the race. "He's gaining! He's gaining! Two hundred yards! Fifty yards! In a dozen strokes he'll have him! Five more strokes! A yard to go—Great Scott!"

"What is it? What is it?" asked the skipper. "He's passed him!"

What will you wear during the Xmas holidays? Do you need a new hat for the races or hannels and sports coat for the beach? Parkers offers many suggestions, and a visit to their interesting shop would be well worth your while.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR FINE WEATHER Winds: Moderate to strong westerly winds. Weather: Fair and warm. Seas: Moderate inshore, otherwise rough.

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

Table with 2 columns: Reading and Value. Dry bulb temp. 71.0deg, Wet bulb temp. 65.0deg, Maximum temp. 78.0deg, Minimum temp. 48.8deg, Grass 45.0deg, lft. underground 71.0deg, Wind W.S.E.2, Rain Nil, Cloud 7, Rain for month 3.20ins.

NAPIER WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Sutton) are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Reading and Value. Dry bulb temp. 71.0deg, Wet bulb temp. 63.0deg, Maximum temp. 79.3deg, Minimum temp. 48.8deg, Grass 42.0deg, lft. underground 69.2deg, 3ft. underground 66.2deg, Sun 8.2hrs, Wind S.W.2, Rain Nil, Cloud 6, Humidity 40 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST

General situation: An anti-cyclone is centred near Norfolk Island, a disturbance lies across the South Island and a depression appears to be developing in the south-east Tasman Sea.

Forecast:—Winds: Fresh southerlies soon predominating over most of South Island. Elsewhere moderate to strong westerlies or north-westerlies prevailing with local gales in and about Cook Strait.

Seas:—New Zealand waters: Moderate inshore on the east coast. Elsewhere rough. Eastern Tasman Sea: Strong wind from a westerly quarter. Rough seas in the central and southern portions, moderate or rather rough in the north.

Weather: Unsettled over the South Island and west of the main ranges of the North Island with rain at times; some heavy falls in Westland. Fair in eastern and far northern districts of the North Island. Temperatures becoming cooler.

To-day's Diary

Only Three More Shopping Days to Christmas.

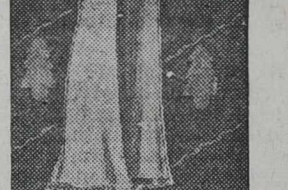
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The Theatres: "Spy For a Day," and "Down Went McGinty," 2.0 and 8.45 p.m. "The Ghost Breakers," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "I Was An Adventuress," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. Greyhound Racing, Nelson Park, 8 p.m.

NAPIER

Pantomime "Aladdin and his Lamp," Municipal Theatre, 2 p.m. Greyhound Racing, League Park, 8 p.m. The Theatres: "Lillian Russell," State, 2 and 8 p.m. "The Roaring Twenties," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "The Fatal Hour," and "Blonde Has Seven Trouble," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

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LOCKNIT, SATIN & KABE 3-PIECE SETS. With plain or motif, lace trimming. Slip with opera top or round neck. Bloomer or Pantie, shades, Ivory, Peach, Nil, Sky, Corn, S.W. and O.S. Prices from ... 17/9 to 59/6

VEST & PANTIE SET. Plain and trimmed. Shades, Rose, Ivory, Sky, Apple and Malice. S.W. and W. Price ... 13/6

2-PIECE SETS. With slip and pantie or bloomer; semi-opera top or round neck with dainty lace and motif. Shades, Peach, Rose, Sky, Ivory, Corn and Nil. S.W. and O.S. Prices ... 15/11 to 21/-

SATIN, LOCKNIT & CELANESE NIGHTGOWNS. Sleeveless, with shoulder cape or puffed sleeves, plain and trimmed designs. Shades, Peach, Rose, Sky, Ivory, Corn and Nil. S.W. and O.S. Prices ... 9/6, 11/6, 13/9 to 35/-

PYJAMAS. In Locknit, Kabe and Celanese. Plain, striped and floral designs. Tailored and fancy styles. All shades and sizes. Prices ...



GERMAN RAIDER OFF NAURU

FIVE VESSELS SUNK ONLY TWO ESCAPE Crew Presumed To Be Prisoners

By Telegraph-Press Association. WELLINGTON, Dec. 20.

Five out of a concentration of seven ships in the area of Nauru and Ocean Islands...

In the case of two of the five ships sinking is definitely established...

Continuation of the statement made by the Prime Minister...

On December 8, seven vessels were known to be in the area embracing Nauru and Ocean Islands...

Wireless Silence The waiting period, with lack of news, was due to wireless silence...

Two of the seven ships concerned have reported their arrival at another port...

The lapse of time which has now occurred must unfortunately give rise to the presumption that all these five ships were victims of the raider...

The fate of the crews of these vessels is unknown...

It is not in the public interest to disclose the steps taken to safeguard trade...

The next-of-kin of all concerned are being kept informed.

HAWKE'S BAY AIRMAN KILLED Flying Accident

SERGEANT SECKER, OF WAIPUKURAU Casualty List

By Telegraph-Press Association. WELLINGTON, Dec. 20.

The following air casualties were announced to-day:

Sergeant Alfred James Victor Secker, R.N.Z.A.F., of Waipukurau...

The following naval casualties are officially reported:

Able Seaman Andrew Symington McQueen, R.N.V.R. (N.Z.), missing...

Able Seaman John Carter, R.N.V.R. (N.Z.), missing...

The following casualty in the N.Z.E.F. was announced to-night:

Sergeant Secker was a brother of Mrs James Glenn...

Sergeant Secker was 27 years of age...

He came to New Zealand with his parents in 1926...

After leaving Napier Boys' High School, he proceeded to Massey Agricultural College...

He was engaged in training operations.

His father, Major V. H. Secker, now of London, is engaged in munitions work.

Mrs Glenn is the only relative Sergeant Secker had in this country.

NEW SHIPS FOR BRITAIN CONSTRUCTION IN AMERICA CONTRACTS LET

Finance For Modern Yards

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Britain has signed contracts for the construction of 50,000,000 dollars worth of cargo ships...

Britain will help finance both yards

BADOGGIO'S RESIGNATION: HINT OF FASCIST TROUBLE

First Crack In Italian Unity Mau Lead To Grave Situation

By Telegraph-Press Association. WELLINGTON, Dec. 20.

Marshal Badoglio, whose resignation has been announced in terms which suggest that he relinquished the office of Chief of Staff...

Like most of the professional soldiers in the totalitarian states, Marshal Badoglio had a dislike bordering on contempt for the political cohorts surrounding the dictator.

When General de Bono, one of the original Fascist leaders in the "march on Rome"...

De Bono has been employed since on diplomatic work only. Marshal Balbo, another Fascist officer...

What About Grandi? Another Fascist leader of whom little has been heard since the war opened...

Grandi, the real organiser, with de Bono, of the famous march on Rome...

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FARMING AFTER THE WAR

DEMAND BY BRITISH PRODUCERS STABILITY NEEDED Help In Achieving Victory

By Telegraph-Press Association. AUCKLAND, Dec. 21.

Farmers in Britain are concerned about the position in which they will find themselves after the war...

The question was aired in Parliament by Mr R. S. Hudson, Minister for Agriculture...

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A Growing Force. He said that apart from the men being trained to man the machines of the Royal Australian Air Force...

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Critics of the Government's policy declared that the farmers were reluctant to develop production to the maximum when they had no assurance they would not be left "holding the baby"...

Mr J. Morgan recalled Lord Woolton's statement that he had brought and paid for a year's supply of meat. That was not brought at home, but in the Argentine...

"That is an indication," he said "that, whether or not we want to give British agriculture full play, we shall have to do it after the war."

"Under Mr Hudson the farmer has the feeling that all he is required to do is to fill the gaps in overseas supplies...

Mr Hudson said that the food situation in Britain had been materially improved since the outbreak of the war...

Because of the increase of 2,000,000 in the arable acreage, the total production of foodstuffs had been materially increased...

The number of cattle, particularly dairy cattle, had increased, and Britain entered on the second winter of the war with a considerably increased reserve of meat on the hoof...

As a result of the labours of the Seeds Advisory Committee there was no shortage of any essential seeds last year. This year the situation would be more difficult...

The speakers explained the position as it affected shipping. The men made no change in their resolution not to work on Sundays until their claims are met...

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Growth Of The R.A.A.F.

FINE WAR EFFORT Captain P. G. Taylor At Auckland MISSION TO U.S.A.

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Critics of the Government's policy declared that the farmers were reluctant to develop production to the maximum when they had no assurance they would not be left "holding the baby"...

Mr J. Morgan recalled Lord Woolton's statement that he had brought and paid for a year's supply of meat. That was not brought at home, but in the Argentine...

"That is an indication," he said "that, whether or not we want to give British agriculture full play, we shall have to do it after the war."

"Under Mr Hudson the farmer has the feeling that all he is required to do is to fill the gaps in overseas supplies...

Mr Hudson said that the food situation in Britain had been materially improved since the outbreak of the war...

Because of the increase of 2,000,000 in the arable acreage, the total production of foodstuffs had been materially increased...

The number of cattle, particularly dairy cattle, had increased, and Britain entered on the second winter of the war with a considerably increased reserve of meat on the hoof...

As a result of the labours of the Seeds Advisory Committee there was no shortage of any essential seeds last year. This year the situation would be more difficult...

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NO REDUCTION IN PETROL PRICE FOR HAWKE'S BAY

Minister's Reply To Latest Representation Is Emphatic

By Telegraph-Press Association. AUCKLAND, Dec. 21.

Advice that no reduction could be recommended in the petrol price in Hawke's Bay was received from the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) by the Hastings Town Clerk (Mr Noel C. Harding) yesterday.

This week the council made an urgent representation to the Government for the Hawke's Bay petrol price to be reduced by 1d. a gallon and this brought into line with prices ruling in other similar districts...

Nausbaum Appeal Quashed

By Telegraph-Press Association. WELLINGTON, Dec. 20.

The appeals by Benjamin Nausbaum, of Palmerston North, horse-owner, against the findings of the Canterbury District Committee, and by Symons Nausbaum, of Wellington, horse owner, against the disqualification imposed on his horses by the Canterbury District Committee, have been unanimously dismissed by the judges of the New Zealand Racing Conference.

Benjamin Nausbaum's deposit of £20 was ordered to be forfeited. The other appellants are to be refunded their forfeits.

The judgments are signed by Messrs W. Perry, J. R. L. Stanford (Marton), and Hutton R. Peacock (Waipukurau).

PREVALENCE OF INTERFERENCE TROTTERING JUDGES' DECISION AUCKLAND OFFENCE

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The Conference judges, Messrs H. Morpeth (chairman), E. J. Morrison and A. McGregor-Grant have unanimously decided that the appeal be dismissed. No order was made as to the costs of the appeal and the judges directed that Clifton's appeal deposit of £20 be returned to him.

The judges, in their judgment, said that they were impressed by the statement submitted by the New Zealand Trotting Association as to the prevalence of interference in trotting races throughout New Zealand and of the necessity, in the interests of clean racing for horses and drivers, that this class of offence should not be treated lightly.

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ONLY 72 DEAD IN DESERT

BRITISH CASUALTIES ANNOUNCED 31,456 PRISONERS Amazing Official Figures Revealed

By Telegraph-Press Association-Copyright. (Received December 20, 6.0 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 19.

An impressive statement of credit and debit in the Battle of the Western Desert may be gleaned from official statements made in the British Parliament to-day. Here are the figures:

Italian prisoners captured: 31,456, so far counted and sent to camps for prisoners of war. This figure includes 1626 Italian officers. Thousands more have yet to be counted.

Italian armaments captured: 100 guns, 50 tanks.

Italian aircraft destroyed: More than 120.

British casualties: Up to December 16, embracing the first week's fighting, 72 dead, 738 wounded (all ranks).

British aircraft lost: About ten.

Mr Churchill's Review The battle in the Libyan Desert is still proceeding, and the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, in a statement to-day, was unable to give the House of Commons any later news of "this memorable battle" than that contained in the latest communications.

The nature of these great operations with swiftly-moving mechanical columns circling in out of the gaps and posts of the enemy and fighting a continuous war of area as large as Yorkshire was graphically described by Mr Churchill.

He said: "I am sure that the figure of 30,000 prisoners is, even at the present moment, a considerable underestimate. Hundreds of serviceable guns, 50 tanks, and great quantities of valuable stores also have been gathered by our troops."

"The fighting at Sidi Omar on Tuesday resulted in 800 prisoners and a battery of artillery being captured, and on the same day a very important point on the desert flank which is being attacked by the Australians—and it happened that an Australian cavalry squadron charged sword in hand and captured both guns and transport."

In the later passage of his statement, Mr Churchill said it could not be stated that the Italians had shown a high fighting spirit or quality in the battle, which has been one whole division laying down its arms to a far inferior force, while the British forces had been successfully making contact with enemy forces who outnumbered them by at least four to five to one.



NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD'S REVIEW OF YEAR

Many Difficulties Overcome During Successful Campaign

"Daily Mail" Special Service WELLINGTON, Dec. 20. In a statement issued to-day by the office of the National Patriotic Fund Board...

The statement refers to difficulties that had to be overcome, more particularly in the earlier months immediately following the gazettement of the regulations...

In addition to co-operating with the board in the maintenance of supplies of knitted comforts and gifts for the overseas forces...

51,000 Gift Parcels. "The board," the statement continues, "has sent 51,000 gift parcels overseas to our forces..."

"At a conservative estimate the value of these parcels would be over £12,750, so that this alone represents a very big effort..."

"If those who were responsible for getting together this generous collection of gift parcels could have seen them being distributed and opened here in Egypt I know they would have felt their trouble had been well repaid..."

"In addition to the parcels, large quantities of woollen goods, the work of the women and girls of New Zealand and some of it by the women and girls of the Cook Islands..."

"The board's war library service, the success of which has been due to the response made by the public for books and magazines..."

Forces Club, Overseas. A New Zealand Forces Club has been established by the Board in London and according to reports is being well patronised by our troops while on leave..."

Substantial Remittances. Dealing with the financial side, the statement mentions that remittances totalling £16,735 and £8725 have been made to Egypt and the United Kingdom for the benefit of the New Zealand forces...

Air fighting, to those who have the nerve to stand and watch, provides a spectacle with which, according to an Englishwoman who writes to a friend in Dunedin, the thrill of "backing the winner of the Cup" is mild in comparison...

COMMUNICATION POSSIBLE FRIENDS IN ENEMY TERRITORY

Intermediary Has Been Authorised

Persons who wish to communicate with friends in enemy countries, or territory occupied by the enemy, will now be enabled to do so through Messrs Thos. Cook and Sons...

No reference is to be made to any city, town, locality, or journey in New Zealand, to any phase of the war, or to any office of Messrs Thos. Cook and Sons, Ltd., in New Zealand or abroad.

No enclosure of the following nature is permitted: Printed matter, envelope, plan, sketch, drawing, print, photograph or other pictorial representation, or postage or revenue stamp.

Each letter must be placed in an open unsealed envelope fully addressed to the addressee, who should be asked to address his reply to your full name care of Post Box 525, Lisbon, Portugal.

The open envelope containing the letter should be placed in an outer envelope, clearly marked to Messrs Thos. Cook and Sons, Ltd., (Foreign Department), Post Office Box 1661, Wellington, together with a memorandum, plainly written, containing in block characters the name and full address of the sender, and an open addressed envelope for the forwarding of the reply, should one be received from the correspondent.

The communication to Messrs Thos. Cook and Sons, Ltd., must close a postal note (not stamps or international coupons) for 2/6, which fee will cover the postage of one envelope containing one communication to the neutral country...

Letters exceeding 1oz. in weight will be subject to an additional charge. Messrs Thos. Cook and Sons, Ltd., undertake this transaction at the sole risk in all respects of the party requiring their services...

Communications for prisoners of war—i.e., British and Allied Naval, Military, and Air Force prisoners—and civilian internees—must not include the foregoing arrangement, but forwarded in accordance with the regulations, of which particulars may be obtained at any Post Office.

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"LONDON CAN TAKE IT"

Preview At Napier. High Praise By Audience. A Unique Film.

A special preview of the British Ministry of Information's short film "London Can Take It" was given at the State Theatre, Napier, at midday yesterday. Among those who attended were the Mayor (Mr T. W. Hercock) and Mrs Hercock, the Town Clerk (Mr F. R. Watters), officers of the Army Department and of the Home Guard.

All spoke highly of the film, which depicts in striking fashion the battering being received by London. The din of an anti-aircraft barrage, coupled with the occasional detonation of falling bombs, is amazingly recorded.

Not the least notable feature of the film is the commentary by Quentin Reynolds, an American newspaper man, who succeeds in conveying in a few words the strain and terror of a night-long air raid.

FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURS AT THE MORERE OILWELL

Man Falls 13ft After Being Struck By Drilling Apparatus

An accident which occurred at the Morere No. 2 bore on Wednesday resulted in the death of a Waikokopu man, Walter Edward McAnaney, 25, married, with two children.

It is understood that the accident occurred when McAnaney, with another worker, was trying to break a drill which had become jammed. Apparently a safety device failed to function, with the result that the steel "tongs," with which the shaft was being twisted, spun round and backwards and fell 13ft. to the ground. Death was instantaneous.

An inquest was opened before the district coroner (Mr V. E. Winter) at Opoutama. The relatives of the dead man were represented by Mr G. de V. Robinson. After evidence of identification had been taken the inquiry was adjourned sine die.

PUBLIC INQUIRY REQUESTED BANKRUPT'S AFFAIRS AT HASTINGS CREDITORS MEET

"I feel that the bankrupt has been obtaining credit under false pretences; he gave promises he had no intention of keeping, and he was taking money at lib. from the till, amounting to at least £20 a week..."

Mr Cranko moved that an inquiry be made, and this was seconded by Mr E. C. Dudding. "I honestly do not think that he has given the creditors a fair go," said Mr Dudding. "I don't feel that he should be allowed to walk off and leave us with the baby."

Mr Hart: "I think that the whole trouble is that the till has been too easily accessible. To put it moderately, his conduct of the business has been slipshod."

Bankrupt: "I see that now, but I could not afford to employ any one to keep my books."

Laing's interests were watched by Mr H. E. Simpson. £350 Deficiency. Amounts owing to the 30 unsecured creditors totalled £461 4/1, and to secured creditors £180 13/1, there being a security of £200.

His personal statement of the bankrupt said that he was a single man and was carrying on the milk-and-civilian interest—must not include the foregoing arrangement, but forwarded in accordance with the regulations, of which particulars may be obtained at any Post Office.

CAMPS BREAK UP TO-DAY

RETURN TO DANNEVIKKE YESTERDAY. CHANGES PLANNED. Headquarters To Be Altered. (Daily Mail Special Service) DANNEVIKKE.

The headquarters of the second battalion of the Hawke's Bay Regiment are to be situated at Dannevirke but the staff are not being transferred until the completion of training at Wairoa.

The officers and men of the first battalion arrived back at their camp at the Dannevirke Showgrounds yesterday after a week's manoeuvres in the Manawatu.

The camp will break up this morning. Men for the north will leave by special train at 6.30 a.m. and those for the Wairarapa at 8.35 a.m.

Memoranda. In connection with the Boxing Match, Strickland versus Alabama Kid, the Railway Department advertises in this issue the running of a special train from Palmerston North after the match and also the issue of excursion tickets.

The Railway Department advertises in today's issue particulars of cheap fares and train arrangements for the races at Waipukurau on December 26.

School For Home Guardsmen Fate Of London's Chinatown

TRADE AT AN END Mr Ho Ling's Fine Shelter

Officers and n.c.o.'s of the Home Guard from all parts of Hawke's Bay will assemble in Napier during the first week-end in January to attend a School of Instruction at the old aerodrome.

Work will commence at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 3, and the two following days and evenings will be completely filled with interesting instruction.

On the Saturday afternoon, officers and n.c.o.'s of the National Reserve are giving up still more of their time to help the Guard, and will give demonstrations of field-craft, etc.

On Sunday morning a tactical exercise will be held at Eskdale. Lunch and morning and afternoon tea will be served on the ground by members of the Patriotic Service Corps.

To assist the school, the Area Commander (Lieutenant J. W. Snaddon) asks for help as follows:—Billeting is required for about 100 men from outlying centres from the evening of Friday, January 3 until the following Monday morning, and transportation by cars or lorries is wanted for about 150 men from the old aerodrome to Eskdale and back on Sunday, January 5 (8.30 to noon).

Those who can help in either of these matters are requested to ring the Napier Home Guard Office, No. 3433.

RESIDENTS EVACUATED

Chinatown, like the other parts of London, has suffered from the air raids. Many of the inhabitants, including a majority of the women and children, have gone, but some remain.

Mr Ho Ling, proprietor of a restaurant in Pennyfields, Limehouse, has boarded up the windows of his restaurant, but he still carries on serving meals to the few that come. "No plenty Chinese come now—too much air raids," he said.

Mr Ho Ling never goes up West to shelter, because he has several clients who still rely upon him for dinner. His "Anderson" in the yard is well dug in, so well dug in that it looks like a hutment on the Canton River. He invites several of his friends in and they sit there talking of the "old days" until the all-clear sounds.

The Chung Hwa Club, the next house along Pennyfields, no longer resounds to the laughter of children of an evening. It was started by the Chinese Ambassador a few years ago so that London-born Chinese children could learn something of the culture of ancient China and something of their classic tongue, Mandarin. They used to meet there Tuesdays and Thursdays to hear stories of ancient China. Chinese students from London University used to come and help.

To-day the Chinese Consul comes down. But it is only to meet the older Chinese and see what can be done by richer Chinese for their poorer compatriots who have suffered in air raids.

ERMINE AND TIARA AS LUGGAGE

AUSTRALIAN ACTRESS IN RAIDS

Time Bomb Lands Under Bedroom. How Dorothy Brunton, a well-known Australian actress, now in England sought refuge from bombing in an English village attic with only an ermine cape and tiara as luggage, is told in a letter received by a friend in Sydney.

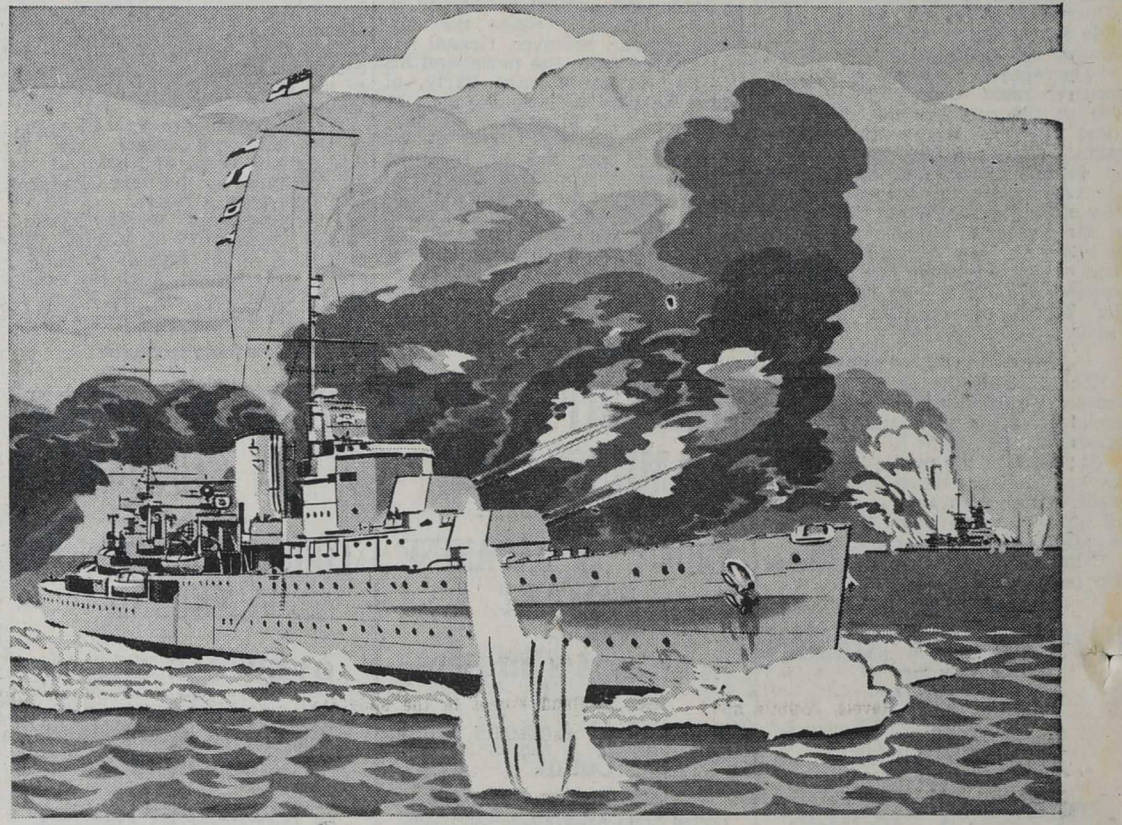
"It's been hell with the lid off," she writes. "Our home has gone. We are here with just what we stand up in, like so many other thousands."

"This little village is crammed with people, but we were lucky to get a shakedown in an attic over the village shoe shop. People are sleeping in every space available. We have only washed our hands and faces in three days."

"We were only yards away from a shelter which was hit and 82 were trapped. The next night our place was hit. We were ordered out to a shelter down Oxford street."

"While we ran, the bombs dropped and anti-aircraft guns were firing. Then it was discovered that there was a time bomb under our bedroom window and we had to leave London."

"When we left I snatched my ermine cape, which was in a moth-proof bag, and what do you think was in the bag? That black velvet crown I wore in the 'Duchess of Darnley.' Just fancy an ermine cape, and a tiara in a village attic, and not even a toothbrush when I saw the tiara I wept for the first time."



Prelude to a Scuttling. The Exeter, Achilles, and Ajax, three small British cruisers, low in tonnage, high in courage, battered the pride of the German Navy. Forced her to seek refuge... then scuttled. It is cause for satisfaction to us all at Bergers that we are making some contribution to the effectiveness and efficiency, not only of the Navy, but of all the Fighting Forces. Every Berger Factory in the Empire is on special war effort—special purpose finishes for the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm—camouflage and special purpose paints for tanks, guns, and armoured cars. But we are still able to supply Berger's famous B.P. House Paints, Roof Paints, Enamels, etc., and still made to the same rigid formulae. No satisfactory substitute has been found for White Lead and Zinc Oxide in the manufacture of house paint, and although paints are now being sold with very little of either, the manufacturers of Berger B.P. do not intend to reduce the present high percentage of Lead and Zinc. Paint MUST PROTECT, and Berger B.P. is the toughest known weather resisting coating yet produced. War or no war, it is false economy to put off the painting of property; it is true economy to fight against the natural forces of rot and decay. Money spent on painting now will save itself many times over in the long run. Spend to save, to defend your property from deterioration—pence on paint saves pounds on property.

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# I am's Christmas Playtime Page

## JOLLY GAMES TO ENTERTAIN YOUR FRIENDS

### VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas is such a happy time that even if you do not actually have a special Christmas party there are sure to be lots of times all through the holidays when you will have your little school friends to tea. You will be sure to want to amuse them after tea so here are some catches and games which all young folk will love to try.

#### WHOSE EYES ARE THEY?

For this exciting game you will need an old dust sheet or screen of newspapers sewn together. Hang it up, say, across the corner of a room, and pierce two holes in it on a level with your eyes.

The players are divided into two sections, one section retiring behind the screen, and the others sitting in front with papers and pencils. And in turn the players behind the screen peep through the two eyeholes, while the boys and girls in front write down whom they think to be the owners of the eyes.

#### A FUNNY CRAB RACE

Everyone will love this jolly game. First, mark a starting point for the racers, and also a winning post. Then all the boys and girls, who are taking part in the game must go down on their hands and knees at the starting point, and at the word "Go!" start off for the winning post, but they must move backwards.

Any player who looks behind him is out of the game, and the first player to reach the winning line has

won the game. And I expect your little pals will want to play it over and over again.

#### MUSICAL BALANCE

The well-known games such as "Musical Chairs" are still first favourites, and a new and popular variation is "Musical Balance," especially now that the smallest house has wireless. Players march round the room to music, each balancing a book on his head. When the music stops, players kneel on the ground until music resumes, when they continue their march. Should the book fall or be touched the player is disqualified. The game continues until only one player is left in. He or she, is the winner.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS

With the aid of illustrated advertisements several amusing competitions can be arranged. The simplest is to cut about a score of well-known pictures and display them around the room, each being given a number and carefully deprived of any lettering which would give a clue to the name of the articles they advertise. Surprisingly few players will be able to identify all the pictures, however well known they may be.

Another method consists in handing each player a slip of paper bearing well-known advertisements "slogans," such as "He won't be happy till he gets it," "Won't wash clothes," and so on. The players are then given, say, five minutes to write to identify each of the slogans. The two just given are of course those issued by Messrs Pears in connection with their soap and that advertising "Monkey Brand."

## The Letterbox

### PAM'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Girls and Boys:

I was very delighted with your answers in both of our Christmas competitions. In the painting competition I had no difficulty in picking the winner because the entry was really a lovely card most beautifully done, though all the cards were attractive.

However, in the story competition there were also many answers and they were delightful original stories which gave me difficulty in picking the best. I was really very interested to read of the different ways in which you imagined Santa Claus would arrive to visit you.

I was especially pleased to award first prize to a younger Playmate this time and I should like to tell you that as well as thinking the story itself excellent, I was proud of the beautiful neat entry with not one single spelling mistake or even one comma left out. I congratulate all the successful Playmates.

I was very, very pleased that in your stories you did not forget all the little girls and boys in so many other countries who will not be having much fun this Christmas and some of them no fun at all. Will you try to expect much less than usual this year and think of giving other people a happy Christmas Day rather than thinking too much of your own pleasures.

I would like my Christmas wish to all of you to be one that I have taken from a Playmate's Christmas card. "What you wish for I wish too, And wish our wishes do come true."

And now all Playmates I want you to have a very happy Christmas.

With love,

Pam.

## The Letterbox

**Popeye, Hastings:** I am sure you will have a marvellous holiday, Popeye, even if you do not get away from Hastings. I expect there will be lots and lots of fun here. I shall be sorry if you do not get as much swimming as usual because it is good for you. Are there no baths handy? I liked very much the thought in your story for the little children whose Christmas this year will be so very different from former years.

**Margaret Ward, Ormondville:** I am pleased to hear that you are doing some pretty sewing, Margaret. It is for a Christmas present? How good to have all your shearing done before your holidays and I hope you will go away somewhere nice. Please write and tell me all about it. Thank you for the riddles and competition you sent me.

**Shirley Hannah, D.S.O., Hastings:** I liked your story very much indeed, Shirley, and also I am interested to hear all about the Christmas presents that you have ready for yourself. It really is great fun giving presents and much more fun thinking and planning gifts for other people than sitting back waiting for your own. I was very, very interested in the Oratory Cup and so pleased you did win it.

**Genevieve, Whakatū:** I am pleased to hear that you are going away camping, Genevieve. It should be good fun and I would be most interested to know where you intend



going. I'm sorry the beetles worried you outside because it is so lovely and cool. I'm glad the gladioli are good because they are beautiful flowers. Hope you managed to finish your Christmas shopping all right.

**Daffodil, Hastings:** I'm pleased that you have written a story for the competition, Daffodil and I enjoyed reading it very much, also your Christmas card. Thank you for your best wishes and I'm sure that you, too, will have happy holidays. You didn't tell me whether you were going away or not.

**Pinochio, Pakowhai:** I liked your Christmas card, Pinochio, and I was so glad you sent me one. I was interested to hear that your parents were so successful and that your sister did well. Thank you for the jokes that you sent to me this week. Are you doing any guide camping these holidays?

**Camel, Whakatū:** I am delighted to hear that you will be in Standard next year, Camel. I do hope that your picnic was a great success. Thank you so much for the Christmas card, and I thought yours was quite a new idea that I hadn't seen before.

**Jimmy Cricket, Whakatū:** I did like the lovely plum pudding which you sent me for my Christmas card, Jimmy, and I was so pleased that you tried the competition. I hope that you, too, will have a lovely Christmas.

**Hazel Lukey, Hastings:** Your letter reached me in good time, Hazel, and I was pleased to hear that your mother had a lovely holiday. Thank you very much for your little poem and I shall try to have it in our page next week.

**Bluebell, D.S.O., Hastings:** I quite understood that lots of you wouldn't be able to find time to write a story and do Christmas cards for me, Bluebell, and I thought your cards were dainty and attractive. I hope you are having lovely holidays and I wonder if you are going away at all.

**Garcon, Lower Hutt:** I must say that I was pleased to find that you will still be able to see our Playtime Page each week, Garcon, and also I was so interested to read in your letter all about your work. Even if the move is not a big promotion, it is certainly gaining lots of good experience which will help you considerably in the future.

**Ginger, Whakatū:** I was sorry to hear about your little friend who had broken her arm, Ginger, and I think it very kind of you and Genevieve to take her out and keep her entertained. I'm pleased that you have been busy making Christmas presents and hope that you will get them all done in good time.

**Chris, Austin, Whakatū:** I'm sure you must have had a big fright when you saw the mouse, Chris, and I know that I would have screamed and jumped had it been me. Do you like having all your brothers and sisters home for their holidays? I should think it must be good fun.

## CHRISTMAS CARD RESULTS

The results of the painting competition are as follows: Myra McGregor, Hastings . . . 1  
Zelma Chamberlain, Hastings 2  
Nellie Germain, Otare . . . 3  
Four marks to Noel Walker (Hastings), Shirley Foote (Hastings).  
Three marks to Anne Goodwin (Mohaka), Claire Knowles (Pakowhai), Joan Greer (Hastings), Rex Walker (Hastings), Dorothy Austin (Whakatū), Ngaire Dudding (Hastings), Lily Tekahu (Mohaka), Buster Cooper (Whakatū), Jean Wilson (Pakowhai), Jimmy Cooper and Marie Cooper (Whakatū).

## Do We Know The Meaning Of Christmas And Santa Claus?

### And Why Do We Give Presents And Sing Carols?

Each year on December 25 we celebrate Christmas in the same way with the giving of presents and much happiness. Do we all know why this is done or do we just do it because it has been so for many hundreds of years?

Surely each one of us should know the meaning of Christmas, how Santa Claus first became known and why we give each other presents.

Well here is the story told quite simply and without much detail. First of all there is the word "Christmas" itself. Well, this means "The Mass of Christ" and the word "Mass" means a church festival or feast day. So we find that it is the Christmas festival at which we remember the birth of Jesus Christ and rejoice.

Then we hear a good deal about Santa Claus. This name is really a shortening of the Dutch form San Nicolaas (Say it quickly and see how similar it sounds). Saint Nicholas was a bishop who lived in the time of the cruel Roman Emperor, Diocletian. Nicholas was a good bishop, and because the Emperor did not like him or his religion, he was put in prison. Here he stayed until Constantine came to the throne and he, being a Christian monarch, and a tolerant one, had Nicholas brought out of prison.

Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia, and is generally thought to be the special protector of children, scholars, merchants and sailors.

Why do we give presents at Christmas? An old story says that many years ago there was a poor man who had three lovely daughters, he could not provide dowries for them and so could not arrange marriages for them. (A dowry was some property or money which every girl had to bring to her husband a long time ago). The poor

father was in desperation, when St. Nicholas secretly gave them dowries. The giving of presents used to take place on the eve of St. Nicholas, but now it is done on Christmas day.

These old customs were taken to America by the first Dutch people who went over the seas to settle there and they have lasted ever since. Surely there will now be more fun in giving Christmas presents when you know you are following the custom begun by St. Nicholas so long ago.

Then there is just one more thing—why do we sing carols at Christmas time? A carol is a hymn of praise, especially sung in the open air at Christmas time.

Some people say that the word carol comes from choros, which is a group of singers or dancers. Others think that it comes from an old word "corolla," which means a garland or a circle and so they think the word first came into being from the ring dance which is danced round the crib with singing. This crib, usually arranged with figures representing the Virgin Mary with her tiny babe, Jesus Christ, in the manger in which he was born was an idea first begun by St. Francis of Assisi and still very often used in churches at Christmas time when the children stand round and sing carols.

## Wrap Your Christmas Gifts In A Gay Way

### Here Are Some Good Ideas To Try

Do try to do all your Christmas shopping in time to avoid a last minute hurry which means that you forget those lovely gay wrappings which make your parcel look so splendid and which are really so very simple and easy to make.

Every boy and girl should try to think out some special way of her own and charming effects can be so easily obtained.

Do not miss this most important part of gift-giving until the very last. It is a very small item of expense on the Christmas shopping list, but it makes all the difference in the world to any gift, adding glamour and gaiety to the humblest. There is variety enough in the shops—they are filled to overflowing with fascinating novelties in paper, ribbon and seals and it only takes a little ingenuity to make these decidedly original as well.

Why not, for instance, experiment with wide bands of different coloured paper—perhaps a blue going round crossways, a pink lengthwise. Cover the intersections with greeting cards that carry out the colour scheme.

Use ribbons of crepe paper. Very lovely bows they make—not by tying in the usual way, but by making loops as a milliner does and then fasten with a piece knotted around the centre. Ruffie the edges and leave long ends. Many a bow of many a kind has been ruined for life by having its ends chopped off unceremoniously, making a stubby, unattractive thing out of what should have been a fascinating decoration.

Place several shades of tissue, one inside the other—the palest one first, the deepest one on the outside. A small touch—a big result! Wrap tins of cakes by placing them in the centre of several squares of tissue, drawing the paper up into a top frill, and tying with a generous bow, by far the easiest way to wrap any round package and wonderfully fetching!

Put two contrasting shades of paper on the two ends of the same package, dividing it either diagonally or straight across, and let a banding cover the seam. Not so difficult as it sounds and most original. Wrap each of "the little gifts" that go into the children's stockings separately, making them just as original and pretty as though they were really grown-up gifts.

From flowered organdie make wide ribbons, leaving the edges just as cut. Its dainty crispness makes delightful bows.

Arrange bandings of different coloured papers, tissue or otherwise, in graduated widths, one on top of the other, the narrowest on top, of course. Fasten all with a single big star cut from which ever colour you wish to emphasise.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO—

Bo Peep, Pakowhai, who will be nine years old on Sunday, December 10.

## Welcome, New Members

Beryl Mardon, Wairoa, who will be 10 years old on January 5.

## THE HOLE IN THE TOE

A stocking there was with a hole in the toe—  
It belonged to a girl who was lazy and slow—  
And when she was told to mend it would not do,  
"Oh, I can't darn the hole in the stocking to-day."

At last it happened on Christmas Eve  
She hung up her stocking some toys to receive;  
Then she fell fast asleep, and did not know  
That she'd hung up the one with the hole in the toe!

And when she awoke she had a surprise  
For an empty stocking greeted her eyes—  
Except at the top of it, just inside,  
Was a packet of needles, carefully tied.

The rest of the things Father Christmas had sent  
Had slipped through the hole—no one knows where they went;  
So mend all your stockings—you never know  
You might hang up one with a hole in the toe.



## Jokes

Teacher (to Tom): Why are you always late for school?  
Tom: Because they always ring the bell before I get there.

Jack: Ma put one of her birthday presents on the fire to-day.  
Bill: Whatever for?  
Jack: Because it was a kettle.

Brown: You're looking sorry for yourself, old man, what's the matter?  
Smith: The fact is, my wife wants a bonnet.  
Brown: Well, that is not much to worry about.  
Smith: No, but she wants a car behind it.

Bluebell, Hastings.  
"How is your new cigarette lighter?"  
"Eh—I can light it with a match."

"I want to study law."  
"To be a barrister?"  
"No, a crook."

Ex-cinema attendant who is sergeant at an army meeting: "We have a double feature programme this morning. Bayonet fighting featuring Sergeant Jackson and platoon drill with myself in the leading role."

## Santa Claus And The Stork

### First Prize Christmas Story Written By Nancy Paulsen

Christmas Eve! How excited I was. I would not go to bed until mother told me that Santa Claus never visits children who, on Christmas Eve won't go to bed, or who lie awake in hopes of seeing him.

I was dreaming that Santa had gone past my home with his reindeer and I, seeing my Shetland pony had given chase. Suddenly I woke with a start, and saw some one, surely Santa, bending over the end of the bed where I had hung a pillow case in hopes that Santa would have plenty of spare toys.

Sitting up, I said in a whisper, "Hullo! Santa Claus." The old man, who was dressed in red and had a long flowing beard, looked up, and in a gruff but very kind voice, said, "Hullo, young lady. What are you doing awake at this time? To be sure I have a good mind not to give you any more presents," and he looked at the half filled pillow case!

"Oh, Santa," I exclaimed, "I wouldn't do anything so unkind. I dreamed that you had gone past our house. But dreams aren't always true are they, Santa?"

"No, my dear, but to make you forget your dream, I will tell you one of my many adventures. You must go to sleep as soon as I have

finished." "I promise," I answered. Here Santa sat on my bed and said, "One Christmas about eight years ago (you wouldn't be born then) I had to take a sack full of presents to a boy who lived a long way out of town, with his nearest neighbour ten miles away. So of course I had to give him plenty of presents. My chief fairy wanted very much to take the little boy's presents, but I would not let her. The boy's name was Jack and the house he lived in was very old fashioned and had very crooked chimneys; I do think people ought to think of me when they make their chimneys. It's so nasty to have to struggle and pant down them.

Anyway to get back to the story I caught my flying reindeer and, hopping aboard my sledge, not forgetting the sack, set off. After about an hour and a half's swift flying my reindeer landed on the roof of the house where Jack lived (only this house didn't have a bean-stalk, and Jack wasn't a lazy boy). Telling the reindeer to wait, I climbed on to the top of the chimney, which as I told you, was very crooked. Climbing down the hole, I had gone about a yard down, when I suddenly stuck. I could not go either up or down and I could not shout to my reindeer for fear of waking Jack.

However Father Stork, who had decided to bring Jack a baby sister, came to my rescue. He had come to make sure where to put the baby and he found me in the chimney. Of course he pulled me out, he is so strong. Then, he very kindly put Jack's presents in his room for me. That's all.

"Oh," I cried, "what a lovely adventure! The morning that weren't all there but the excitement of the night made up for that."

—Shirley Hannah, Hastings, aged 13 years.

—Nancy Paulsen, Takapau, aged 10 years.

## Christmas Eve Events

### Second Prize Christmas Story Written By Shirley Hannah

Paddy, the little girl from the Grange, was a spoilt only child who thought she had only to ask for things and they were hers. Even this Christmas, when war was making life difficult, she had made out a list of twenty-two things that she wanted for Christmas, expecting every one of them.

So on Christmas Eve she hung up a pillow-case—no stocking was big enough—and more than that she tied it firmly to the bed, so that Nurse could not remove it. After saying her childish prayers she was tucked into bed and went quickly to sleep. The sooner she slept the sooner it would be morning.

A sound of scraping woke her and sitting up wide awake, she listened intently. Some one was coming down the chimney. Not a bit frightened Paddy watched in amazement as a pair of black boots came into view followed by a red coat with white fur trimming round the bottom. It was Father Christmas. He did not see her and was muttering away to himself.

"Now let me see," and opening his bag he delved down into its contents bringing up a small labelled bag. "That's the wrong one Mrs Brown—no—wrong again—Mrs Keith—ah, of course. How silly of me to forget," and he brought up a little bag, out of which he took a lot of parcels, crossing over the bedside he was so engrossed in stuffing all of them into the pillow-case that Paddy's

"Hullo," quite startled him. "Hullo," he said, stopping his work. "You shouldn't be awake. You are a very naughty girl and I've a good mind not to leave you anything."

"But you woke me," Paddy protested. "Then that's a different matter." "How did you manage to get here?" Paddy asked.

"But, now, I did. What a time I've had dodging the bombs. You're lucky that I've been able to get to you. Many houses that I usually visit are in ruins, others have no chimneys. I'm afraid there will be many disappointed children in London to-morrow morning."

"What did you do with all the parcels that are left over?" asked Paddy.

"Well, I think I had better visit the shelters and fill the stockings there. The paper said there would be Christmas in the shelters."

"But, now, I did. What a time I've had dodging the bombs. You're lucky that I've been able to get to you. Many houses that I usually visit are in ruins, others have no chimneys. I'm afraid there will be many disappointed children in London to-morrow morning."

"Well, yes, I am, but so are other people. I'm just as brave. Now there are your presents. I have heard that you are not always a good girl so unless you promise to go to sleep without touching your pillow-case, I'll have to take them all away with me again."

"I promise," said Paddy and she was so eager to get to sleep again that she forgot to listen for the planes overhead. What an adventure to have spoken to Father Christmas! Paddy had even forgotten to watch for her twenty-two presents. In the morning they weren't all there but the excitement of the night made up for that.

## KINDNESS REPAID BY SANTA CLAUS

### Third Prize Story By Anne Goodwin

"One! Two! Three," counted the twins as the clock in the hall sent out its twelve booming strikes. Dorothy, an Nerida, for such were their names, had decided to stay awake and see Santa Claus. Ah, were those feet clad in gum boots descending from the chimney from which also came some muffled words? Yes, those were his for a red pair of trousers, a coat with white trimmings had followed them. Lastly a red, jovial face with a white beard also emerged from the dirty chimney.

"I'm so glad you have arrived," said Nerida, skipping round him.

"Because we've waited simply ages for you Santa," said Dorothy in a tired but excited voice. "And we saved you some cakes and ale," concluded Nerida, a little puffed from her efforts of skipping without a rope.

"Thank you very much my dears," said Santa in a gruff, but kind voice. "Do you think a tale of one of my adventures will repay you?" "Oh, yes!" said the twins in one voice without even consulting one another.

"Well, one Christmas Eve, and a wet and dismal one it was, I was busy delivering parcels when I heard an alarming sound as if my sleigh was breaking. My heart was in my boots, as I stooped to investigate. True enough it was broken. Of course I would leave my magic wishing cap at home when I needed it most of all. However, I left a fairy in charge of my belongings and set off to find a house where some people might still be awake.

"After a few hours had elapsed, in which time I had been tramping round the countryside, I came to a house where a woman lived with seven children. The house could be spoken of as a hovel, but the woman managed to find me some nails and a piece of wood.

"I noticed that at the place there wasn't much food and the children were shivering with cold so I resolved to pay back the kindness with these necessities, and afterwards I did. Meanwhile I had to get back to my sleigh. When I had accomplished this deed and mended my sleigh I once more climbed down chimneys. I must confess some of my children get their presents later than usual, but as they didn't know that adventure turned out 'All right!'"

"Thank you very much Santa," said Nerida.

"Yes, thank you," said Dorothy, "shall I open the ale?" Santa and while the twins settled comfortably in bed, Santa sipped his ale and ate his cake, occasionally making a remark in their conversation.

—Anne Goodwin, D.S.O., Mohaka, aged 11 years.

## CHRISTMAS STORY COMPETITION

The results of the Christmas story competition are as follows: Nancy Paulsen, Takapau . . . 1  
Shirley Hannah, Hastings . . . 2  
Anne Goodwin, Mohaka . . . 3

Five marks to Nellie Germain (Otare) and Noel Walker (Hastings).

Four marks to Zelma Chamberlain (Hastings), Lily Tekahu (Mohaka), Valerie Cleary (Hastings), Lillian Stanley (Hastings), Ngaire Dudding (Hastings), Greta Wilson (Pakowhai).

Three marks to Jocelyn Irvine (Shirland), Rex Walker (Hastings), and Lexie McGregor (Hastings).

Why should you never tell secrets to cats?  
Answer: Because they carry tails (tales).

Lieutenant: The enemy is as thick as peas, Sir.  
Colonel: Well, shell them, you ass.

A boy leading a donkey, passed a group of sailors. "What are you holding on to your brother for?" "So that he won't join the Navy," replied the boy.

—Billabong, Matamau.

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NATIONAL THOROUGHBRED SALES MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 AND 21, AT THE SALE STABLES, TRENHAM.

Catalogues for the above Sale are now obtainable at the Auctioneers at a cost of 2/6 each.

DISPENSAL SALE OF RACING STOCK AND BROOD MARES.

On account of Mrs R. T. Reid, Hamilton, the racehorses, Marshall Hall, 3 years, by Hambleton, Beau Repaire, 4 years, by Beau Pere; Olympe, 5 years, by Pantheon; Laughing Fox, 3 years, by Foxbridge; Mayfair, 4 years, by Hunting Song; Lady Bambury, 4 years, by Bambrury; Lily 2 years, Tidal Reveal (dam of Royal Bachelor), and the brood mares, Du Barry, by Chief Ruler, with bay colt by Phaleron Bay, served by Coronach; Legally (imp.), dam of Marshall Hall, Bambury, Whirling, etc.) with bay colt by Bulandshar and served by Bulandshar; Reveil, by Leighton (dam of Royal Bachelor); Confession, by Chief Ruler (dam of Vagabond, winner in Australia), served by Bulandshar; Light Comedy, by Whirlwind, served by Baffles; Lady Whirlwind, by Whirlwind (dam of Mayfair and Ardy Boy), served by Foxbridge; and Comedienne (dam of winners of £7,039) by Juculator, served by Dink.

SPECIAL ENTRY.

On account of Mr J. C. Fletcher, Waerenga, brown colt, foaled in England 2nd May 1939, by April the Fifth, winner of the Derby, etc., from Caerlaverock, winner up to 11 miles, and half-sister to winners by Ellan-cowan, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas, from Masr, half-sister to winners by The Tetrarch, unbeaten, from Va Via, winner and half-sister to Swynford, winner of the St. Leger, and sire of Blandford and three-quarter sister to Chaucer, the famous sire, etc. by St. Frusquin, winner of the Derby from Canterbury Pilgrim, winner of the Oaks, etc., and dam of winners of £37,761 and half-sister to Jeddah, winner of the Derby, etc. Since being imported at the foot of his dam this colt has been carefully developed and was recently broken in. He should have great prospects both as a racehorse and sire.

Catalogues for the second sale of brood mares, racehorses in training, stallions, and untried stock are now being prepared. Entries are invited.

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THE POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB SUMMER MEETING

To be held at the MAKARAKA RACECOURSE, GISBORNE, MAKARAKA RACECOURSE, GISBORNE, on FEBRUARY 8 and 10, 1941.

OFFICIALS.—President: F. Tolerton, Judge: P. A. Pettit, Starter: L. Murray, Handicapper: A. Buckwell, Clerk of Scales: A. H. Gordon, Secretary: G. H. Seaton.

PROGRAMME. FIRST DAY. To start at 1.30 p.m.

1—FIRST HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of £85, second horse £10, third horse £5 from the stake. For horses that have started three times in a steeplechase or hurdle race AND FOR HORSES ELIGIBLE TO START IN HACK FLAT RACES. Riders to comply with Rule 224 (a) of the Rules of Racing. Min. weight, 9st.

2—TELEGRAPH HACK HANDICAP, of £85, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 6 FURLONGS.

3—SUNDERLAND STAKES HANDICAP (Open), of £120, 2nd £10, 3rd £5, Min. weight, 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

4—SUMMER HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

5—MAIDEN SCURRY, of £80, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a race at time of entry. Weights: Two-year-olds 8st, three-year-olds and upwards 8st. 7lb, subject to penalty of 10lb, for first win, and 7lb. for every subsequent win after date of entry. (No allowances.) 6 FURLONGS.

6—HARBOR HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 6 FURLONGS.

SECOND DAY. To start at 1.30 p.m.

1—SECOND HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of £85, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. For horses that have started three times in a steeplechase or hurdle race AND FOR HORSES ELIGIBLE TO START IN HACK FLAT RACES. Riders to comply with Rule 224 (a) of the Rules of Racing. Min. weight, 9st.

2—COOK HACK HANDICAP, of £85, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 6 FURLONGS.

3—G. B. OMAN MEMORIAL STAKES, of £85, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a race at time of starting. Weights: Two-year-olds 8st, three-year-olds and upwards 8st. 7lb. (No allowances.) 6 FURLONGS.

4—TURANGA STAKES HANDICAP (Open), of £125, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight, 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

5—HACK CUP HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

6—FAREWELL HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7st. 7lb. 6 FURLONGS.

Nominations all events 20/-, Acceptances all events 20/-.

RULES AND REGULATIONS. PENALTIES.—All handicaps subject to the condition that the winner of any race after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.

All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing.

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

Little Robin Ready For The Manawatu Cup

BELE CANE'S TRIAL Great Fields For Opening Of Manawatu Meeting

(By MOTUROA). The Manawatu Racing Club's summer meeting opens at Awapuni to-morrow and it will be the cynosure of all eyes for, falling as it does five days before Boxing Day, it has attracted a number of horses prominently engaged at Ellerslie. These horses alone will be a great attraction to the fixture, but the fields throughout are evenly balanced and a day of outstanding sport is assured patrons.

Hawke's Bay horses figure prominently in the acceptance list and, taking a line through the form they have been showing at the spring meetings, the provincial representatives are sure to give a good account of themselves.

The course has been firm and fast all the week and prospects are for fine weather to-day. Single pool betting will be in operation.

TODAY'S programme opens with the MAIDEN PLATE. Of £150, 6 furlongs. Callcardine 8 7 Parekura 8 7 Catanaoh 8 7 Piliroy 8 7 Emblem 8 7 Pincocchio 8 7 High High 8 7 Frattier 8 7 Half Crown 8 7 Royal Zone 8 7 Hunting 8 7 Smiling Morn 8 7 Squire 8 7 Takaha 8 7 Informer 8 7 Vivid Night 8 7 Lady Grey 8 7 War Credit 8 7 March Easy 8 7

Callcardine and Catanaoh have shown some promise, while Emblem is a well-bred filly and will be able to claim a 7lbs. allowance. Hunting Squire ran a splendid race at Otaki and is on the up-grading while Informer finished well at Feilding. Piliroy has run some fair races at times.

The Greenmeadows gelding Pincocchio made his debut at Woodville, where he looked very unucky, while Frattier has been galloping well. Smiling Morn is well bred, while Takaha has been showing some pace on the tracks. Vivid Night and War Credit are not without admirers, but the bulk of the money should be for

PINOCCHIO HUNTING SQUIRE NURSERY HANDICAP. Of £200, 5 furlongs. Soutane 8 12 Goldform 7 7 Ex Puppi 8 12 Mouton Bond 7 7 Golden Moon 8 12 Amotangi 7 7 Greenock 7 8 Lady Acora 7 2 Fleche d'Or 7 8 Golden Tide 7 2 Dungle 7 7 Bayader 7 7 Pink Lass 7 7 Stolen Coat 7 0 Silver Ore 7 7

Soutane was runner-up in the Wellesley Stakes and also second at Te Rapa. Ex Puppi won her double at Woodville in an impressive manner and left the impression that she is still on the up-grade. Since her win at Levin Golden Moon has foaled badly at Feilding and at Woodville, but she is capable of better form than that.

Greenock finished well each day at Feilding and is improving, while Bayader has shown pace on the tracks. Fleche d'Or will appreciate the roomy track and there are private reputations for Dungle, Pink Lass, Silver Ore, Lady Acora and Olein while Stolen Coat has shown pace at Hastings.

However, the form bettors will look to EX PUPPI and SILVER ORE. TOKOMARU HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP. Of £200, 13 furlongs. Autosweep 9 0 Southern 8 9 Esperance 8 10 Bay 10 3 Red Chief 9 0 Hunting Lore 9 12 Foxiana 9 0 Gold Bridge 9 12 Idalian 9 0 Chat 9 12 Son and Heir 9 0 Thrasos 9 6 Bracket: Hunting Lore and Foxiana.

Autosweep is a hard horse to ride, but, on his day, he is a good stayer, and he cannot be denied a chance here. Esperance Bay has shown excellent form this season, over the battens, but he has pace on the flat, too, and he is quite liable to surprise.

There will be strong support for the bracketed pair Hunting Lore and Foxiana, for both have been galloping well. They have good form to their credit in this class, and wins and two thirds in his last four starts, is showing excellent form. He carries weight well, and is a very fit horse.

Chat's best form has been shown over the fences, but this well-bred mare has pace, too, and she is all the better for her race at Otaki. Thrasos and Red Chief are possibilities at the weights, but form points to GOLD BRIDGE HUNTING LORE bracket.

The big race of the day is the MANAWATU CUP. Of £750, 1 1/2 miles. The Buzzer 9 0 Homily 7 6 Friesland 8 8 Hunting Cat 7 5 Du Maurier 8 4 Martine 7 3 Belle Cane 8 1 Charles 7 3 Little Robin 7 13 Edward 7 0 Anita Foe 7 8 Cherry Bay 7 0

The Buzzer showed excellent form in the spring when he won at Otaki and Hawera, and, after falling in the N.Z. Cup, he was a good second to Royal Chief in the Metropolitan Cup. He has been galloping particularly well and appears to be at the top of his form.

Friesland, third in this race last year, was an impressive winner at Feilding at his last start and will have a big following, but it must not be overlooked that Du Maurier, who won this race last year, was also winner at Feilding, that being his last start. His party make no secret of the fact that they expect to repeat the feat.

The Wairarapa Meeting AUCLAND CUP FIED

NEW YEAR CARD SCRATCHING PEN IN EVIDENCE THIRTEEN REMAIN Acceptances For Boxing Day

By Telegraph—Press Association. FEATHERSTON, Dec. 20. The following are the acceptances for the first day of the Wairarapa Racing Club's Jubilee summer meeting on January 1: WAIOHENE STAKES. Of £350, 6 furlongs. Arctic Queen 8 7 Lady 7 7 Beau Cell 8 7 Garvagh 8 7 Blue Heaven 8 7 Magic Night 8 7 Dundardine 8 7 Manarajah 8 7 Equity 8 7 Metonymy 8 7 Fauvette 8 7 Princess 8 7 Fair Castle 8 7 Venus 8 7 Hambleton 8 7 Pango 8 7 Haughty 8 7 Tilly 8 7 Rival 8 7 Tristan 8 7 Hunting 8 7 The Monarch 8 7 Squire 8 7 Vivid Night 8 7

PIONEER HANDICAP. Of £200, 6 furlongs. Kentucky 9 10 Kinnett 7 9 Autolite 8 6 Synthetic 7 9 Liana 8 6

RUSSELL HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP. Of £150, 9 furlongs and 80 yards. Sunee 11 Acrotab 9 2 Good Sun 10 11 Namesake 9 0 Te Ore 9 10 Dawn Parade 9 0 Arabid 9 7 Larwood 9 0 War Cloud 8 5 Rose Act 7 0 Moderate 9 3 The Monarch 9 0

WAIRARAPA JUBILEE CUP. Of £600, 1 1/2 miles. Catalogue 9 9 White Rajah 7 2 Black Thread 9 2 Gay Fox 7 0 Little Robin 8 7 Cherry Bay 7 0 Gay Mimic 7 8 Te Ore 7 0 Siglow 7 8 Titter 7 0 Harina 7 7 Hasten 7 0 Bold Step 7 3

BIDWILL NURSERY HANDICAP. Of 5 furlongs. Drake's Drum 10 0 Quick 8 6 Gnyah 8 6 Decision 8 0 Monetary 8 3 Miner's Hope 7 13 Eastern Sport 8 3 Imperium 7 13 Eastern 8 3 The Whipper 7 11 Sir Reynard 8 2 Saka Bona 7 7 Dungle 8 1 Olein 7 7 Trekalong 8 0

WHAREKAKA HANDICAP. Of £150, 6 furlongs. Kinnett 9 0 First Round 7 7 Cheerful Lady 8 10 Wakarara 7 7 Synthetic 8 8 St. Grace 7 7 Teacny 8 7 Namesake 7 7 Kadina 7 11 Vivid Night 7 7 Coronado 7 10 Tristan 7 7

WARRELD HANDICAP. Of £250, 6 furlongs. Black Thread 10 2 Treator 7 4 Sir Crusoe 9 12 White Rajah 7 2 Harina 7 13 Cheerful Lady 7 0 Bold Step 7 6 Acrotab 7 0

TAWAHA HANDICAP. Of £150, 1 mile. Great Night 9 0 Royal Vision 7 7 Counter 8 9 Wineberry 7 7 Titter 8 2 Little Margot 7 7 Sanction 8 4 Arctic Queen 7 7 Red Dash 7 9

CHRISTMAS RACES IN TARANAKI AT NEW PLYMOUTH Friesland Topweight In Main Event

By Telegraph—Press Association. NEW PLYMOUTH, Dec. 20. The following are the acceptances for the first day of the Taranaki Jockey Club's summer meeting at New Plymouth on Boxing Day: RAHOTO HURDLES. Of £125, 100 yards. War Lap 10 6 General Riske 9 2 Southern 10 6 Advance 9 0 Lady Jim 9 11 Resting 9 0 Gapp 9 11 Celtic Lad 9 0 Caeli 9 9

HUATOKI PLATE. Of £250, 6 furlongs. Sunfre 8 5 Gold Card 8 5 Desert Sun 8 5 Star Mark 8 5 Empire Action 8 5 Ocean Breeze 8 5 Koyne 8 5 Teacoff 8 5 Minvaal 8 5 Alexicia 8 5 Empire Rose 8 5 Gold Grip 8 5 Tea Drop 8 5 Miss Bridge 8 5

BOURGH JUVENILE HANDICAP. Of £135, 5 furlongs. Barry Bora 9 0 Hilly Morale 7 13 Mansura 9 12 Chief 7 13 Miss Hallonet 8 10 D'Oeuvere 7 13 Beryl Vaals 4 Spliced 7 13 Rue Paik 4 Vermette 7 13 Prince Plato 8 4 Regal Fox 7 13 Park Light 9 11 Celtic Lad 9 0 Hard Fret 7 13 Rue On 7 8

FLYING HANDICAP. Of £175, 6 furlongs. Lord Cavendish 8 8 Talitor 7 9 Colerica 8 4 Splice 7 9 Rollicker 8 3 Hutana 7 7 Gay Seton 7 10

ATIWAHA HACK HANDICAP. Of £200, 1 mile, 1 furlong. Young Charles 8 10 City Song 7 7 Friesland 8 10 Breeze 7 5 Winsome Lu 8 1 Lord Waitangi 7 4 Ned Cuddle 7 12 Chief Lord 7 0 Notium 7 8 Young Charles 7 0

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP. Of £175, 1 1/2 miles. Friesland 9 0 Breeze 7 5 Winsome Lu 8 1 Lord Waitangi 7 4 Ned Cuddle 7 12 Chief Lord 7 0 Notium 7 8 Young Charles 7 0

TIKORANGA HACK STAKES. Of £250, 6 furlongs. Captain Gale 9 3 Spilltop 9 3 Zest 9 3 Calling Ace 8 3 Verulam 9 3 Spoutana 8 3 Banbury Cross 9 3 Little Rose 8 3 Surveyor 9 3 Valtour 8 3 General 9 3 Fieetlim 8 3

STEWARDS' HACK HANDICAP. Of £150, 6 furlongs. Surveyor 9 3 Veldette 8 1 General 9 3 Pretty Lass 7 9 Sea Lord 8 11 Bold Step 8 0 Eupatrid 8 7 Biddens 7 2 Verulam 8 7 Desert Sun 7 7 Penzance 8 4 Empire Action 7 7

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In the main, general satisfaction with the Government's purchase price as announced by the Minister of Marketing (the Hon. W. Nash) has been expressed by Hawke's Bay fruitgrowers, who are pleased with the increase to 5/3 a case which will represent a 51d average above last season's rate.

"The price will, I think, prove quite acceptable to orchardists in general," commented one prominent fruitgrower approached yesterday. It had been thought that more might have been granted, and 5/6 had been hoped for by him. The extra threepence was considered to be accounted for by the cheaper packing arrangements, such as the use of plain lining instead of corrugated, and the wrapping of alternate rows of fruit only.

It was estimated, the grower told the "Daily Mail," that costs a case were now higher by 51d, so that when the Minister announced that orchardists were better off by 51d it was not strictly correct, as the increase little more than covered the higher costs.

"Met Us Pretty Well" "On the whole, however, Mr Nash has met us pretty well, and I think all growers will be satisfied. The other aspect of the question is that we wanted another 6d a case for pears, especially as in Australia growers are to receive 1/- above the apple price, but our expectations in this direction were not realised," the grower said.

"There is this to be considered, too: This year there are signs of climatic rusteting of fruit, and it is fairly certain that Hawke's Bay will, to a greater or lesser extent, suffer from this. If it becomes too serious there may be a considerable number of rejections, with consequent loss to growers.

"The federation executive and the Fruit Board members, who now act as an advisory board, have, on the whole, good reason to be satisfied with the outcome of the marketing proposals."

RIDING ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED Horsemen At Awapuni To-day

Riding engagements announced for the Manawatu meeting to-day: W. J. Broughton: Soutane, Belle Cane, Val Pere, Night Eruption, Talenta, G. Val Tattersall: March Easy, Play On, Grand Chase, Golden Moam, All Quiet

B. H. Morris: The Buzzer, Colindale, Sir Sir Beau, Boral, Bright Lady, Foreign Coin, Golden Moam, Kaimanawa, Panoni, Par Avion, Pay Roll, Premature, Mountain March, Royce, Silver Clarion, Transmitter, Varuna.

1941 Yearling Sales Catalogues for the fifteenth annual national thoroughbred sales, to be held at Otaki, on Monday and Tuesday, are now available from the auctioneers, Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co., Ltd., at 2/6 each.

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### DEATHS

**MERCER**—On December 20th, 1940, at the Napier Public Hospital, Elizabeth Craig Mercer, dearly beloved mother of Peter Mercer, and relict of the late Rev. Victor Stanley Mercer, of Perth, Western Australia. At Rest.

A service will be held at Trinity Methodist Church at 2.30 p.m. today (Saturday), the funeral leaving afterwards for interment at Parke Island Cemetery.

M. SPRIGGS,  
Funeral Director,  
Napier.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**GREYHOUND RACING**

LEAGUE PARK STADIUM, NAPIER.  
TO-NIGHT : TO-NIGHT  
At 8 o'clock.

**MARDI GRAS**

BOXING DAY BOXING DAY  
MARINE PARADE.  
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2.30 p.m.—JUVENILE BATHING BEAUTY CONTEST.

1st prize 5/-, 2nd 3/-, 3rd 2/-.  
Girls up to 12 years.—BATHING BEAUTY CONTEST.  
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At Our  
RUSSELL STREET SALEYARDS,  
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At 10 a.m. Sharp.

**MESSRS GORDON WALKER, LTD.,** have been favoured with instructions from clients to sell as below—  
CHRISTMAS POULTRY:

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25 Turkeys  
250 W.L. Hens 20 M.R. Ducks  
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IN THE MART,  
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At 10.30 a.m.

**MESSRS HARVEY, FULTON AND HILL,** under instructions from various clients, will sell—  
250 Head of Table Poultry.  
20 W.L. Cockerels.  
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16 Geese.  
5 Turkeys.

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### AUCTIONS

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OUR SALES for the Christmas season will be held as follows—  
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MONDAY, Dec. 23rd: Fruit and Vegetables.  
TUESDAY, Dec. 24th: Fruit and Vegetables.

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### STOCK SALES

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**STORTFORD LODGE YARDS.**  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1940.

The sale will commence at 10 a.m. with fat cattle.  
No stock will be yarded before 5.30 a.m. until further notice.  
The times for commencing selling will be as follows: Beef Cattle 10 a.m., Store Sheep 11 a.m., Fat Sheep at 30 minutes after completion of fat cattle or at 12 noon if fat cattle are finished before that hour. Store Cattle not earlier than 12 noon.

**SHEEP—**  
100 Fat Ewes.  
1180 Rape Lambs.  
400 Shorn Ewe and Wether Lambs.

**CATTLE—**  
The last sale for 1940 will be held on Monday, December 23.

**WAIPIKURAU YARDS.**  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1941.

Sale will commence at 10.30 a.m. with cattle followed by fat and store sheep. Sale of sheep will commence not later than 12 noon.

**SHEEP—**  
100 2th. Ewes.  
**CATTLE—**

**SALES FOR DECEMBER:**  
Stortford Lodge; Monday, 23.  
**SALES FOR JANUARY:**  
Waipukurau; 7, 14, 21.  
Stortford Lodge; 8, 15, 22.  
Onga Onga; 13, 27.  
H.B. Ram Fair; 30, 31.  
Waipukurau Ewe Fair; 28.

### DEATHS

**GIORGI**—On December 20, 1940, at Hastings, Arthur, dearly beloved husband of Beatrice Giorgi, of 501N Willowpark Road, Hastings and Ron Giorgi and Mrs Zenda Logan; aged 67 years.

The funeral will leave the Church of England for the Hastings Cemetery to-day (Saturday), the conclusion of a service which will commence at 3 p.m.

**TONG & McIVOR,**  
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### BIRTHS

**SIMMONS**—On December 20, 1940, at Sister Cooper's to the wife of L. Simmons—a daughter. Both well.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

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TUESDAY, December 24, 8.30 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, December 25, Closed (Christmas Day).  
THURSDAY, December 26, Closed (Boxing Day).  
FRIDAY, December 27, 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.  
SATURDAY, December 28, 8.30 a.m. to Noon.

**THE HAWKES BAY FARMERS' CO-OP. ASSN., LTD.** will offer on account of O. NELSON, Esq. at the Hastings Racecourse on THURSDAY, January 2nd, at 10 a.m. sharp, second day of Races, 6 Thoroughbred Geldings and Fillies. Full Details Later.

Hawke's Bay County Council Office,  
NAPIER, Dec. 21, 1940.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the residence of GEORGE RIVIS BEAUCHAMP, 608N, King Street, Hastings, has been appointed the Registration Office for dogs within the Hawke's Bay County to be registered, and the said George RIVIS Beauchamp has been appointed Registrar for the purpose of the Dog Registration Act, 1908.

Every registration made by the aforesaid shall be deemed to be in force from the day upon which the same is made until the first day of January, 1942, and no longer.

The fee to be paid for the registration of any dog shall be 5/-, provided that in the case of dogs kept solely for the purpose of destroying rabbits the fee shall be 2/- for each dog, if any shepherd or drover, or any farmer, shall be deemed to have registered any number of dogs, kept solely for the purpose of herding or droving sheep or cattle, on payment of a fee of 2/6 for each dog.

Dogs without collars having the proper registration labels shall prima facie be deemed to be unregistered and may be destroyed.

HYDATID DISEASE. In accordance with the provisions of the Dogs Registration (Prevention of Hydatid Disease) Regulations, 1938, all owners must, when registering dogs, purchase from the Registrar a supply of the approved remedy for Hydatid Disease, the charge for which is 1/- (in addition to the above fees) for each dog registered.

W. J. O'CONNELL,  
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**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE**

PRODUCE, POULTRY, PIGS, DAIRY STOCK, SUNDRIES, ETC.

At Our  
RUSSELL STREET SALEYARDS,  
TODAY TO-DAY  
At 10 a.m. Sharp.

**MESSRS GORDON WALKER, LTD.,** have been favoured with instructions from clients to sell as below—  
CHRISTMAS POULTRY:

850 Head Table 80 Geese  
25 Turkeys  
250 W.L. Hens 20 M.R. Ducks  
100 W.L. Cocks. 40 I.R. Ducks  
200 B.O. Hens 15 Ducks  
80 B.O. Cocks. 5 Turkeys.

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50 Berkshire 35 Slips  
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20 Large White 6 Baconers  
Weaners

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### FINAL CHRISTMAS POULTRY SALE

IN THE MART,  
RUSSELL STREET, HASTINGS,  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1940,  
At 10.30 a.m.

**MESSRS HARVEY, FULTON AND HILL,** under instructions from various clients, will sell—  
250 Head of Table Poultry.  
20 W.L. Cockerels.  
25 B.O. Cockerels.  
45 B.O. and W.L. Young Cockerels.  
17 Ducks.  
16 Geese.  
5 Turkeys.

— ALSO —  
Tools, Sundries, Fruit and Vegetables.

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### AUCTIONS

**MCGLASHAN'S LTD.**  
CHRISTMAS SALES

OUR SALES for the Christmas season will be held as follows—  
TO-DAY (Saturday) Dec. 21st: Christmas Poultry.  
MONDAY, Dec. 23rd: Fruit and Vegetables.  
TUESDAY, Dec. 24th: Fruit and Vegetables.

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BY AUCTION.  
TO-DAY TO-DAY  
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12 Pure-bred W.L. Pullets.  
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### STOCK SALES

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**STORTFORD LODGE YARDS.**  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1940.

The sale will commence at 10 a.m. with fat cattle.  
No stock will be yarded before 5.30 a.m. until further notice.  
The times for commencing selling will be as follows: Beef Cattle 10 a.m., Store Sheep 11 a.m., Fat Sheep at 30 minutes after completion of fat cattle or at 12 noon if fat cattle are finished before that hour. Store Cattle not earlier than 12 noon.

**SHEEP—**  
100 Fat Ewes.  
1180 Rape Lambs.  
400 Shorn Ewe and Wether Lambs.

**CATTLE—**  
The last sale for 1940 will be held on Monday, December 23.

**WAIPIKURAU YARDS.**  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1941.

Sale will commence at 10.30 a.m. with cattle followed by fat and store sheep. Sale of sheep will commence not later than 12 noon.

**SHEEP—**  
100 2th. Ewes.  
**CATTLE—**

**SALES FOR DECEMBER:**  
Stortford Lodge; Monday, 23.  
**SALES FOR JANUARY:**  
Waipukurau; 7, 14, 21.  
Stortford Lodge; 8, 15, 22.  
Onga Onga; 13, 27.  
H.B. Ram Fair; 30, 31.  
Waipukurau Ewe Fair; 28.

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WEDNESDAY, December 25, Closed (Christmas Day).  
THURSDAY, December 26, Closed (Boxing Day).  
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Hawke's Bay County Council Office,  
NAPIER, Dec. 21, 1940.

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Every registration made by the aforesaid shall be deemed to be in force from the day upon which the same is made until the first day of January, 1942, and no longer.

The fee to be paid for the registration of any dog shall be 5/-, provided that in the case of dogs kept solely for the purpose of destroying rabbits the fee shall be 2/- for each dog, if any shepherd or drover, or any farmer, shall be deemed to have registered any number of dogs, kept solely for the purpose of herding or droving sheep or cattle, on payment of a fee of 2/6 for each dog.

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