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GRAZIANI'S REVIEW

Striking Tribute To Britain's Armoured Forces

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LONDON, Dec. 22.

Marshal Graziani's report to Mussolini on the war in the Desert says that preparations for an attack on Mersa Matruh began immediately after the Italian capture of Sidi Barrani.

"A 70-mile road and pipeline were therefore built from Fort Capuzzo, while troops with supplies and all services were concentrated for the resumption of the offensive," says Graziani.

"Some units, in order to economise transport, marched several hundred miles. Preparations were almost complete at the beginning of December, when all difficulties had been overcome. The water pipe-line was an outstanding technical achievement and was built in record time. It supplied 67,000 gallons a day to Sidi Barrani.

"Military preparations were well forward and supplies of food, munitions and fuel had been moved to advanced positions.

"Our air force, meanwhile, was systematically attacking the enemy in the rear while the British forces attacked our rear bases, especially Benghazi. Advanced troops, to test the British resistance, swept the territory in front of our positions, engaging in skirmishes against the mechanised forces.

"Thus we noticed the increasing British aggression and boldness. While major units were taking up their positions for the attack on Mersa Matruh, I sent adequate supplies of artillery to the bases from Hellfire Pass to Sidi Barrani to ward off possible attacks on our southern flank.

British Concentrations

"From the beginning of October aerial reconnaissance revealed the continual concentration of British forces and supplies east of Mersa Matruh, which might be attributed to the intention strongly to resist our offensive. A prisoner captured on December 7 declared that the British attack was being launched in ten days and we warned our troops.

"I felt during the day of December 8 that the British attack was imminent and sent forward warning to the commands with orders to be prepared to withstand the attack. We took the necessary steps fully to utilise the air force.

"There was therefore no surprise. Everyone knew the probability of a British attack.

Sudden Collapse

"At dawn on December 9, over flat desert where the advance was easy and tactical points of resistance non-existent, the British poured masses of armoured cars, tanks, and light and heavy arms supported by motor batteries, effective aerial forces, artillery and planes under-took a short preparation then, immediately the terrific aerial bombardment ceased, armoured units advanced from all directions so that, despite the fiercest resistance, our positions went down one after another in a few hours.

GIANT ITALIAN WARRIOR

Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, who earned the title of Marquis of Neghell, in the Abyssinian War, is one of the biggest men in the Italian Army, standing 6ft. 4in. For two years after the Abyssinian War he was a brave and ruthless Viceroy of the defeated country and suffered 38 wounds from bomb splinters in an attack by still unused aerial forces.

CHRISTMAS IN THE "BLITZ"

POST OFFICE KEPT BUSY

TRADITIONS KEPT

No Last-Minute Rush Possible

To the Last Shot

"The detachments which were isolated and encircled resisted to the last shot. After eliminating General Maletti's force and the Second Libyan Division, the British hurled themselves against Sidi Barrani, where Blackshirt Divisions, despite bombardment from sea and air, resisted bravely for two days. The First Libyan Division tried to fall back on Sidi Barrani but the road was cut by British armoured cars. It resisted lengthily, knowing its fate was sealed. The situation threatened to overthrown even the second line divisions, for which reason no counter-attack could be launched.

"The withdrawal of the rear divisions on the line of Hellfire Pass to the sea. Sollum and Fort Capuzzo where defence positions were prepared with other divisions

BOASTFUL ECHO FROM ITALY

GERMAN WARNING TO AMERICA

THREAT OF WAR

Third Axis Partner More Cautious

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Italy has followed up Germany's warning to the United States against any warlike act, with the implied threat that the three-Power pact between the Axis and Japan, may be converted into armed action if more United States ships are handed to Britain.

Virginio Gayda, Mussolini's publicist, declared that United States submission to the proposal of the British Minister of Shipping might plunge the United States into war by provoking action under the tripartite pact.

"The newspaper 'Popolo di Roma' says: 'The Axis will use the tripartite pact as an arm against the United States if it continues its present foreign policy.'

It repeated the German accusation that the United States diplomatic staff at Paris had been guilty of espionage.

TOKYO, Dec. 22.

The Propaganda Minister (Mr Nobufumi Ito) to-day parried questions relative to Japan's attitude regarding the German Foreign Office spokesman's warning to America.

"We must watch developments. It is dangerous to speak on hypothetical cases," he said, and added that whether American acts of assistance to Britain would be considered aggressive and a matter for the tripartite pact signatories would be decided by the joint technical commissions.

Two Spies Shot In Italy

OPERATED AT TARANTO

Woman Sent To Prison For Life

TWENTY-ONE OTHERS

CRUISER DIVISION AT MANILA

U.S.S. Cincinnati Sent

HONOLULU BASE TO BE STRENGTHENED

Big Training Area

POSTERS TORN DOWN

Invitations To Join Nazi Air Force

DEFACED IN DAYLIGHT

Frenchmen Defy Gestapo

NEW INDIAN PARTY

Opposition To Congress Planned

DEMOCRATIC BLOC

AIRMAN PRESUMED KILLED

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NEW AMBASSADOR.—Lord Halifax, whose appointment as British Ambassador to the United States in succession to the late Lord Lothian, has just been announced. According to broadcast comment, the decision is warmly welcomed in America, where his straightforwardness and sterling worth are fully recognised.

Italians Dig In At Bardia In Spite Of Britain's Strength

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"The helter-skelter blitzkrieg in the Western Desert has finished, at least for the present," says the "Daily Telegraph's" Sollum correspondent. "The Italians have decided to stick in their toes at Bardia and give battle seriously despite the evacuation of Italian Air Force personnel, material and other stores, which earlier suggested that the enemy would surrender the little seaport without a fight."

"The British patrols are coming under fire from well-placed artillery round the enemy's concentric defence lines. Our battle-worn armoured brigades require sleep, food, water and petrol before opening the next phase."

"Ten days have seen the front lines advance 150 miles over barren country through which there is only one road for supplies."

The correspondent adds that he has heard of no real break-down in essential services anywhere. Almost magically, necessities, and even letters from home, are reaching the men, who work, eat and try to sleep on the gale-blasted escarpment.

Travelling along a road with a non-stop stream of traffic, he met New Zealanders and Australians, who were happy although they did not look it at first glance. No one could look happy with his face behind a mask and dusty eyes screwed up with the strain of peering into sandstorms in which the visibility is a couple of yards.

The Governor (Sir Thomas Thomas) in a broadcast declared that the mainland of Malaya was being placed in a state of defence in addition to Singapore and Penang.

He added that a considerable number of troops were already in Malaya, which showed Britain's determination to protect the countries for which she is trustee.

A major battle is proceeding in the Tepelini and Klisura areas, inland from Valona, where the Greek successes yesterday are stated to be among the most important of the war. The counter-attacks have broken down. An Italian regiment was decimated and two battalions surrounded.

The Greeks captured 2000 Italians during the week. The Italians are using planes on a large scale, attacking Greek troops and bombing towns behind the lines. Fifty bombs at Permeti caused heavy casualties and damage.

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SUDDEN RAID ON MANCHESTER

VICTIMS CAUGHT IN STREET

FEW INJURED

Attack On Merseyside And Liverpool

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A north-west of England town (later stated to be Manchester) was heavily attacked. Hundreds of incendiary and high-explosive bombs were dropped. The attack was so quick that many were caught in the streets, and a number in a public house, which was struck.

Liverpool and Merseyside were attacked for several hours but on a smaller scale. Only two deaths are reported from Liverpool, where a few were injured. Three were killed at Merseyside.

There was little damage and only a few casualties in the London raids.

Family Tragedy

Eleven members of one family named Fitzgerald were killed when a bomb hit a shelter in a working-class district of Liverpool last night. Only the father, who was ill in bed, and an 11-year-old son survived. Both have been clambering over piles of rubble throughout the day looking for the victims. The father could not be kept in bed.

It is estimated that about 200 planes participated in the raid. The casualties included the crew of a fire-engine which was racing into action and crashed into a bomb crater.

A splinter carried off the cue and arm of a man playing billiards.

Factories Afire At Venice

VISIT PAID BY R.A.F.

Main Railway Line Also Bombed

NEW TARGETS FOUND

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LONDON, Dec. 23.

The R.A.F. on Saturday night, without loss, raided Venice and caused extensive damage.

In the attack on Venice, which was visited for the first time, an objective which the Italians may possibly have thought was beyond range was Porto Marghera, where there are docks and petroleum works. It lies on the mainland not far from the railway bridge.

The Air Ministry states that during the past three months the Italians have more fully developed their oil refineries at Venice, but last night they were set on fire one by one.

The R.A.F. also blasted the main railway leading into Venice, which is carried into the city by a two-mile long railway viaduct across the Venetian lagoon.

All our machines returned safely.

THREE ITALIAN DIVISIONS TRAPPED AT KLISURA

Greeks Beat Off Counter-Attack In Major Battle Of Campaign

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An Athens message says that fresh Italian troops have been sent to the battle around Tepelini and Klisura, where three divisions, normally 50,000 troops, are slowly locked in the trap and the Greeks are attacking on three sides.

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INVASION PLANS AGAIN BREWING

British Experts Predict New Blitzkrieg As A Prelude

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RUGBY, Dec. 22.

A great deal of space is devoted in the weekly Press to speculation as to the necessity of Hitler making a striking military move in the near future and the possibility that an invasion of Britain may be his prime consideration. Between the would-be Master of Europe and the fulfilment of his ambition stands the British Empire. In order to surmount this obstacle Hitler, following in the path of previous "men of destiny," must subjugate Britain herself.

Nothing else will do. Adventures which do not individually contribute to and collectively eventually bring about the capitulation of this island are worth the enemy's consideration. Hitler's conquests from the North Cape to Hendaye were all part of this grand design. This vast coastline gives three main advantages: It strings out the British Navy, has provided him with innumerable bases for his attacks on British shipping, and, should he elect to take the risk, from any point along it he can launch a series of assaults with the object of actual invasion.

What his next move will be is a matter of intense interest to all in Britain to-day. Hitler is faced with the gradually contracting steel ring of the blockade outside which the British Empire is quickly accumulating vast armaments, an overwhelming air force and adding rapidly to its sea power. Germany's situation is becoming such that, as the Prime Minister said: "Hitler has a great need of doing something, now or soon."

The active participation of his junior partner may well cause him acute embarrassment.

Hitler's Hand Forced. The untoward events in the Mediterranean and North Africa may well force Hitler's hand and compel him to undertake now what he hoped to accomplish last September before his air force had been so trounced as to make his plans, as then formulated, unworkable. The intervening months are regarded by some commentators as having been used for what one of them describes as "ad hoc research," carried out at several weak points in Britain's defences, and it is suggested that the wheel has come full circle.

Should Hitler decide on invasion, this school of thought believes that the method will again be by concentrated day bombing directed against the British fighter stations followed by troop-carrying aeroplanes whose operations would be impossible unless the British fighter squadrons are first rendered harmless.

The essential hazard of this manoeuvre is not disguised, but it is pointed out that there is plenty of evidence to show that Hitler is always prepared to pay for his gambles.

Staff's Doubts. Although it is fully recognised as probable by the German Staff as well as by anyone else—that the odds are greatly against success in such an adventure, it is pointed out

Official accounts of the R.A.F.'s co-operation in Egypt and Libya from December 7 to December 19 show that at least 144 enemy planes were destroyed, comprising 88 destroyed in the air and 56 destroyed on the ground or captured. The British losses were 13 planes, but five of the pilots were saved.

An official story deals in detail with a surprise attack which began on the night of December 7 on Castel Benito, in Western Libya, where extensive damage was done to all five hangars, and with the subsequent bombing of the Italian aerodromes at Benina, Sidi Barrani, Sollum and Bardia, and also aerodromes throughout Libya.

Carpeted With Flames. Twenty tons of bombs were dropped on Benina aerodrome on December 8, and the field was carpeted with flames, but the heaviest raid, on December 10, was on El Adem, where numbers of aircraft on the ground were destroyed and the aerodrome was completely gutted.

Raids made between December 12 and December 17 were on Bardia, Bomba and Apollonia. These and other targets were bombed with increasing severity on occasions too numerous to mention.

Dawn to Dusk. Continuous attacks lasting from dawn to dusk were made upon troops and motor transports. Particularly heavy raids were made on Tobruk, where petrol stores and ammunition dumps were blown up.

Air Vice-Marshal J. H. Dabiac, commander of the British Air Force in Greece, reports that the R.A.F. has lost only nine planes since the Italian invasion of Greece. British planes, he says, have dropped 94,000lb. of bombs on Valona in 18 raids, and 63,000lb. on Durazzo in eight raids. One squadron has shot down 39 Italian planes and probably 12 more, but has lost only one man killed and one missing.

CRITICAL PERIOD NEXT YEAR. War Expenditure HEAVIER DRAW ON RESERVES. Australia Warned.

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BRISBANE, Dec. 23.

"War expenditure of £300,000,000 a year is not unlikely," said the Federal Treasurer (Mr A. W. Fadden). "Next year will be the critical year in the war and it is certain that we must before long face a far heavier drain on our reserves than at present."



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Regent DEANNA DURBIN IN NEW SUCCESS

"Spring Parade" Is Gay Comedy-Musical

Bright and laughter-filled, "Spring Parade," is now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings. The star is Deanna Durbin. Perhaps this review should be ended with that statement, for it seems all-sufficient. Eight great pictures in succession is now Deanna's proud record. And proud she should be, for no other star, either on the stage or screen, has ever been able to create such an unbroken line of triumphs.

The picture presents the star as a young village girl who goes to the city. In the metropolis, she meets and falls in love with Robert Cummings, a young blade, and the picture tells the progress of their love affair over a bumpy—and laugh-filled—road of complications. Deanna sings (more beautifully than ever) four numbers—three of them from the pen of Robert Stolz, famous Viennese musician who composed, among others, the beautiful "Two Hearts in Three-Quarter Time." The fourth is "Blue Danube Dream." All four carry words by Gus Kahn, dean of American lyric writers. In the large supporting cast are Mischa Auer, Henry Stephens, Butch and Buddy, Anne Gwynne, Walter Catlett, S. Z. Sakall, Samuel S. Hinds, Allyn Joslyn, Reginald Denny, Franklin Pangborn, Peggy Moran and others.

It is perhaps becoming almost monotonous to record the success of each Durbin film, but there is a reason, both for the continued popularity of the star herself and for the triumph which each of her films undoubtedly is; for in addition to the charm, freshness and singing ability of Deanna herself, it must be remembered that the story, settings, very much alive, and the music, is the best possible. "Spring Parade" is no exception.

Regent "THE WAY OF ALL FLESH"

Akim Tamiroff Stars In Fine Story

How a man whose entire life has been lived in rigid conformance with his own steadfast, almost fanatical belief in the highest moral standards in behaviourism, recklessly disregards these principles to reveal in a mad round of self-indulgence, provides the basic theme for the vastly interesting and provocative Paramount drama, "The Way of All Flesh," which will be screened at three sessions to-day and again to-morrow evening at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

Here is an absorbing study in contrast—an intriguing adventure into the psychological. It propounds the ever-debatable question: Is there inherent in every average man the human weakness that makes him fair and easy prey for a pretty face and agreeable companionship, but which rarely discloses itself until temptation in some attractive form confronts him? In the role of Paul Kriza, a small town bank cashier, deeply in love with his wife and four children, who is completely contented with his life, his job and, perhaps, more importantly, with himself, Akim Tamiroff, who is featured in the picture with Gladys George, William Henry Muriel, Angelus, gives one of his most vivid characterizations, out of a career that has been studied with artistic triumph.

It was many months before his chance came, when he was signed for a part in "Lives of a Bengal Lancer," and gave an outstanding performance. Since that success he has appeared in more than 40 pictures for Paramount, among others Cecil B. DeMille's "The Buccaneer." His role in "The Way of All Flesh" is one of the finest of his career.

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A large share of their success in this breezy film is due to the hilarious story which was especially designed for the stars' talent by Bella and Samuel Spewack. Miss Dunne is cast as a wife presumably lost at sea whose husband, Cary Grant, has her declared legally dead after seven years' absence and then marries Gail Patrick. The newlyweds no sooner depart on their honeymoon than the first wife returns, very much alive. She was rescued from an uncharted Pacific island on which she had been marooned all these years with Randolph Scott, portraying a handsome scientist. She overtakes the honeymooners at a Yosemite hotel, and presents herself to her startled husband. Unable to blurt out the truth to his bride, Grant tries to keep his first wife hidden—with some hilarious and disastrous complications. Now starts a mad pace which is heightened until the uproarious climax. The kissless bride and her distraught husband flee home only to find Miss Dunne awaiting them and posing as an old friend of the family.

Contributing lavishly to the laughs are Gail Patrick as the bride who can't comprehend her husband's sudden aloofness and Randolph Scott, whose desire to marry Grant's first wife after being stranded with her for seven years aggravates the burden the jealous husband is already carrying. In other fine performances are Ann Shoemaker, Donald MacBride, Granville Bates, and two youngsters, Scotty Beckett and Mary Lou Harrington, who portray the Dunne-Grant children.

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Perfect weather prevailed for the matches played on the Wairoa Bowling Club greens during the weekend. The final of the Wilson Memorial was keenly contested up to the 19th head when Moore's team forged ahead to have a comfortable win, the score being: Hinchcliff, Wilson, Moore 21; Young, Pine, Stuart 15. Further games in the Singles Championship were as follows: Moore beat Crarer; Bennett beat Ainsworth; Stuart beat Roberts. In the Intermediate Singles Halpin beat Bainbridge. Ordinary Games: Fouhy, G. Stuart, Winter, Coleman 27; T. Browne, Lange, Rollo, Craig 16. Kelly, Paterson, Osler jun., Bennett 17; Marshall, W. Ebbitt, Crarer, Roberts 18. Ashburn, Buckingham, Andersen, Forster 15; Parsons, Halpin, Fletcher, Smith, 21. Bumsteads are dispatched to a huge estate by Dithers for some ulterior motive of his own. In typical style, they blunder their way through to success—Dagwood's raise—but only after raising a domestic dither of Bumsteadian proportions. The Cosy Theatre will screen a special 10.30 session to-night.

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### ARE YOU A THOUGHTFUL GUEST OR NOT?

#### What To Avoid If You Would Be Asked Again

What kind of a guest do you make? One of those blithely haphazard persons who shatter most of the rules of good conduct? Or are you so consistently delightful and considerate that you are assured of further invitations?

With holidays approaching, these questions should be in the minds of all prospective guests.

Rules to guide you can be summed up as "thoughtfulness and consideration of your host."

The thoughtful guest will see that: Her arrival has been planned in full co-operation with her host and complete consideration for the host's convenience in the meeting of friends. That all items of clothing are checked and some extras added, and that she has money enough for herself and a surplus for some friendly "shouting."

- She will—
- (1) Express any food dislikes tactfully.
- (2) Be meticulously punctual for meals; make sure of her hostess's arrangements before making plans for herself.
- (3) Be obliging and sporting about games and amusements.
- (4) Discard wet coats and goloshes in the porch.
- (5) Put newspapers and books away tidily.
- (6) Observe telephone etiquette and keep conversations brief and her voice harmoniously pitched.
- (7) Remove fancy coverlets before lying on the bed.
- (8) Empty shoes on the garden when coming from the beach, and clean up methodically after any of those little accidents of the make-up session.
- (9) Study the interests of the parents before indulging children and the welfare of pets before treating them.
- (10) Take all her trappings with her when at last she must depart.

#### In Striking Contrast

In striking contrast is the guest who forgets to make friendly inquiries into the household arrangements, sleeps in when others rise, or rises with the rooster when the household prefers lounging.

She abuses the practice of breakfast in bed by making an extraordinary number of stipulations about how the eggs are to be done, and carelessly spills food on bedclothes or leaves crumbs on the carpet.

Probably, too, she drags her suitcases about and plumps them on the bed itself, instead of leaving them on the chairs or stands usually provided, and lies down on the spotless coverlet newly done up for the visitor.

She'll be in danger of not being asked again—and deservedly so—

- (1) Wanders carelessly about the house with curlers clamped in position.
- (2) Waits that she can't play bridge or that, anyway, she doesn't want to make up a four.
- (3) Comes in breathlessly on wet days, coat, hat, and broily dripping, and plumps on the lounge sofa.
- (4) Commandeers the newspapers or dissect them.
- (5) Monopolises the telephone or conducts phone conversations with undue intensity.
- (6) Is unnecessarily benevolent towards the children and the pets of the house. Feeds children with sweets on sly, or hands tit-

- bits to dogs, against the host's routine.
- (7) Maltreats books, breaking their backs, turning down pages and losing places.
- (8) Occupies the bathroom when the working members of the family are using it, and the morning shower before going to the office.
- (9) Is troublesome when a picture-party is mooted, saying, "Oh, I've seen that show," or "I don't want to go, anyway."
- (10) Caps all previous sins by leaving things behind at departure, and then annoying the exhausted hostess by sending telegrams and notes of instructions to have them sent on.

#### W.D.F.U. MEMBERS AT MANGATERETERE

#### December Meeting Held

#### A MESSAGE FROM MRS NOEL ADAMS

#### Christmas Greetings Sent

The monthly meeting of the Mangateretere Women's Division of the Farmers' Union was held in the school. The President, Mrs. D. J. Holden, was in the chair, and with her was the Secretary, Mrs. A. W. T. Webb.

The President welcomed all present, and announced that the general meeting would be held on February 8 at 2.15 p.m. Several Christmas Carols were then sung and enjoyed by all.

Correspondence was read concerning the Division's share in Emergency Precautions work, the Spitfire Fund to which members all over the Dominion contributed sufficient to purchase a machine for Great Britain, the maintenance of the Rest Home at Palmerston North and the Garden Party which is to be held there in February. Mrs. E. Honeyburn then spoke briefly concerning the Emergency Precautions and the need of baby clothes for the Maternity Hospital.

Mrs. D. J. Holden read the Christmas message of the Dominion President (Mrs. Noel Adams), in which she stated that the world was one year nearer to peace and victory than last Christmas and was gaining strength every day. She said: "Let us face the future with determination like the people of Great Britain and our allies, and those who are fighting or have fought for their country, and let us make this Christmas as happy as we can for the sake of the children and those around us."

Competition results were as follows: Gift box of flowers—Mrs. Hugh Mills special, first, and equal second, Mrs. Rowe 2 equal, Miss M. Burrell and Mrs. Giles 3 equal; best bloom—Mrs. W. R. Davis; Mrs. H. Mills 2, Mesdames Ditchborne and E. Farmerly 3 equal; balaclava—Mrs. Giles 1, Mrs. G. Dawson 2, Mrs. Smale 3; mittens—Miss M. Burrell 1, Mrs. J. Flanders 2, Mrs. Harper 3; Christmas cake—Mrs. G. Dawson 1, Mrs. W. R. Davis 2, Mrs. Nicholas 3. A delicious afternoon tea was then served, the hostesses being Mesdames W. Rowe, G. Wall, W. Tucker and R. Tinning.

A pretty hand made silk blouse donated by Mrs. C. Rowe was won by Mrs. Dobson.

A raffle for a beautiful doll's pram donated by Mr. J. W. Shavy proceeds to go to the Million Pounds Appeal realised £7 9/- and was won by Mrs. P. Gibson, Jervois Street, Hastings.

A splendid parcel of knitted goods was handed in for patriotic purposes.

The meeting closed with the president's wishes for a very happy Christmas for all.

#### Evening Wedding Ceremony

#### ADDIS—COLE

#### Bride Wears Gown of White Satin

#### HELD IN HASTINGS

The wedding was solemnised last evening by the Rev. W. T. Drake, at St. Matthew's Church, Hastings. The bride, who was escorted by Mrs. D. A. Cole, Hastings, and Thomas Henry, eldest son of Mr. Frederick Addis, also of Hastings.

The bride, who was escorted by Mrs. J. Scoble, chose a simple gown of white satin charmelaine fashioned with high neckline and leg of mutton sleeves. Her veil was of plain tulle and she carried a sheaf of white carnations and a prayer book.

The bridesmaid, Miss Doris, wore a gown of delphinium blue satin moire with heart-shaped neckline and puffed sleeves. Her bouquet was of blue and pink flowers.

Mr. Thomas Cole was the best man.

The reception was held at the Ritz tearooms and the guests were received by the bride's mother, Mrs. D. A. Cole, who wore a navy blue tailored ensemble with navy hat and accessories.

For travelling, the bride chose a navy suit worn with navy hat, shoes and gloves.

### Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr and Mrs G. E. Beatty are Wellington visitors to Napier.

Mr and Mrs Gerald Robison, Wellington, are spending the Christmas holidays in Napier.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Hay, Waipukurau, will leave to-day on a short holiday visit to Wellington.

Mrs V. Banks leaves Napier to-day to spend Christmas in Dannevirke.

Miss C. Graham, Christchurch, is visiting her sister, Mrs C. D. Edmondson, Napier.

Mr and Mrs Alan Bibby, Onga Onga, are staying with Mrs Bibby's parents, Mr and Mrs T. F. Fitz-Gerald, Feilding.

Mr and Mrs Nelson Ball, Hastings, with their children, are spending the holidays with Mrs L. Knvet, Feilding.

Miss Molly Hunter, Wellington, will be the guest of Miss H. Hunter, Waipukurau, for the Christmas vacation.

Mr and Mrs E. C. Hurdfield and family, Waipukurau, have left for their beach cottage Pouterere, where they will spend the school holidays.

Mrs R. K. Booth, of Martinborough, accompanied by her young daughter, is visiting her mother, Mrs M. A. McKenzie, Waipukurau.

Mrs R. Warburton, Wellington, arrived in Napier last evening and is the guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs F. W. Triggs, Lincoln Road.

Mr and Mrs K. Haybittle, Feilding, and their little daughter, Judith, will spend the holidays with relatives in Napier. Mr and Mrs E. C. Haybittle, also of Feilding, will join them at New Year.

Mrs R. D. Spencer, Kaingaroa, Feilding, will spend to-day with three weeks' holiday with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Terence Bailey, Porangahau.

Mr and Mrs I. W. N. Mackie, Waipukurau, will spend the Christmas vacation at their beach cottage Porangahau. Miss M. Daniels will be their guest.

Mrs L. G. Harker, Waipukurau, her daughter, Bob Harker, and Miss Pat Wood, Hastings, left yesterday for Wellington to attend the Coutees—Wright wedding to-day.

Mrs A. L. Falls and Mr R. Falls, Madeira Road, Napier, left on Saturday to spend Christmas in Cambridge as the guests of Mr Dudley L. Falls.

Mr and Mrs Spencer Triggs arrive in Napier to-day to spend the Christmas vacation with Mr and Mrs F. W. Triggs, Lincoln Road.

Miss J. Freeman has left Ormondville for her home in Kakahi. Miss Freeman, who was infant mistress at the Ormondville school, will not return after the holidays.

Mr and Mrs H. A. Fannin and Miss Nancy Fannin, Nelson Street, Hastings, leave to-day to spend Christmas in Napier with Mrs Fannin's sisters, the Misses Leithhead, Balquidder Road. At the end of the week Miss Nancy Fannin will leave for Auckland.

Tailored shantung linen sports frocks in blue, green, gold and natural, 75/6. Tailored worsted flannel costumes in air force blue, petrol, grey and regimental blue ogms. Knee length, wide shirtdress frocks with new ballerina skirts, 39/6. Summer coats in all shades, styles, defensible and becoming, priced from 69/6. "Victor Gowns", Hastings exclusive salon. Telephone 3076.

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AT ORMONDVILLE

#### Rose And Sweet Pea Flower Show

The Ormondville Women's Institute December meeting was notable for a rose and sweet pea show, which drew a fair number of entries.

The judge, Mrs F. Middlebrook, made awards as follows: Collection of roses: Mrs H. O. Baines 1, one rose, named variety: Mrs H. O. Baines 1; polyanthus roses: Mrs D. Dew 1, Mrs H. R. Benbow 2, Mrs G. Hill 3; best bloom in show: Mrs R. Benbow; bowl of sweet peas: Mrs A. Hutcheson 1, Mrs G. S. Chapman 2 and 3; Iceland poppies: Mrs F. Hosking 1; flower not otherwise mentioned: Mrs H. R. Benbow (delphinium) 1, Mrs H. O. Baines (clematis) 3.

Letters were received by the Institute from soldiers in Egypt who had parcels which the Institute had sent. The letters which were written in September, expressed deep gratitude and appreciation, and caused the members of the Institute to feel how very well worth while it was to send them.

A presentation was made to Mrs F. Freeman, who is leaving the district.

The President, Mrs H. R. Benbow, spoke of her pleasure in the year's successful work and wished the members a happy Christmas, which was reciprocated.

#### ENJOYABLE CARD EVENING

#### "Five Hundred" Tournay At Napier

Playing for the first time for the Hawke's Bay "500" Championship held at Napier some 60 players took part. The play was keen and hard, as indicated by the fact that three players played off for a cup donated by Mrs H. R. Grant.

Mrs Ahearn was declared the winner, Mrs Sweeney sen., runner-up, and Mrs Sweeney jun., in third place. Mrs Plank and Mrs Moore gained lucky numbers and two consolation were awarded.

Special prizes were given to Mrs Ahearn and Mrs Sweeney (2), a Christmas cake to Mr Williamson and a dinner to Mrs Sweeney jun. These gatherings are held every Friday by the Greyhound Social Committee and are proving a great success.

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Men's Cream Interlock Underwear. Athletic Singlets and Shorts with elastic waist. From 2/6 each

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Men's Rayon Locknit Underwear Singlets or Shorts in Athletic style. From 2/11

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Men's Fancy Sox in assorted colours and designs, including Tartans. 2/6, 3/6 to 7/6

Men's Fuji Tennis Shirts... 9/11 to 16/6

Men's White Tennis Shirts... 7/6

Men's Towel Sports Shirts  
Laced fronts... 6/11 to 10/6

Men's Cellular Sports Shirts 4/11 to 12/6 (Assorted shades).

Men's Bemberg Sports Shirts 4/11 to 7/6 (Assorted shades).

Men's Athletic Singlets and Shorts. From 2/6

Men's Locknit Singlets or Shorts 2/11 ea.

## X BAIRD'S P.O. Box 6 X HASTINGS

### A Loaf Of Bread And Three Sparrows

#### A STORY WITH A MORAL

There is an old story of three sparrows and a loaf of bread. The loaf bounced from a basket as the baker's delivery truck rounded a corner. As it hit the road a crumb bounced off, and instantly three sparrows, who had been sitting on a nearby tree, swooped down for the crumbs. When their little argument was over, one carried off the small crumb for his breakfast; the other two flew away without a bite, the big loaf remaining untouched and unrecognised.

Too many people go through life that way. Too many get excited over the crumbs, and let the real source of supply go unnoticed. We struggle for a fragment and fail to see where it came from. The crumb is only the pick-up, the big prize is often beside it.

What a lot of people need is a wider vision and an improved capacity to judge opportunity. Success is never attained by staying awake at night, but by staying awake in the daytime, and, although everybody may not have the ability nor the desire to carry away the whole loaf, it's easier to break off a large piece than fight over a couple of crumbs or be like the two sparrows who got no breakfast at all.

### What You Have Survived

#### THESE THOUGHTS WILL STRENGTHEN YOU IN TROUBLE

When either your health or your business is threatened, it will stimulate you to remember all the dangers and troubles you have survived. More than once, perhaps a dozen times, your life or your business was in great danger.

You thought at the time that you had come to the last page of the story of your life, but that story has not yet come to an end. You see, you are not as perishable as you thought you were. You have proved that you are not so easily broken.

It will strengthen you to remember this, now that all the troubles and dangers of wartime have come upon us. These, too, you can survive.

#### Did You Know—

That condensed milk contains about 40 per cent sugar?

That Mulligatany is an Anglo-Indian soup, deriving its name from the Indian word "mullagutanir," meaning "pepper water," so called because it is seasoned with curry powder?

That canned peas are sealed in a brine usually consisting of pure water, sugar and salt?

That discoloration of the inside of a can does not indicate spoilage, nor does the discoloration necessarily produce harmful changes in the food. Every housewife knows the tarnishing action on saucepans when such vegetables as string beans are cooked, likewise the discoloration present in some canned lines is simply the aftermath of the heating process of manufacture.

Mr and Mrs G. F. Gardiner and family, Seapoint Road, Napier, leave to-day on a holiday visit to Taupo.

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## A Page For The Farmer

### Three Cows Penned To Meet The Buyers

### A RECORD LOW ENTRY

### Brisk Sale For Store Lambs At Stortford Lodge

A long and almost unbroken vista of empty cattle pens greeted the few buyers who attended the Stortford Lodge saleyards yesterday, the solitary exception being a single barren Jersey cow which was later joined by two more cattle of the same breed.

The first beast made a bid of £6/12/6, and the other two, a cow which had calved the previous day, sold at £7/10/-, the final entry selling at £6/2/6. One satisfactory feature of the sale was that if competition was not very keen, at least there were no passings!

Probably constituting a record low entry, yesterday's cattle offering was, according to one authority, attributable to the fact that butchers could not get such late purchases killed. It was stated that this is the first time within memory on which the sale has been held at Stortford Lodge before Christmas on the Monday, the break with precedent being in the nature of an experiment.

The next sale, on January 8, is a fortnight away but the most optimistic could not describe yesterday's as a "double" market; in fact, there were only two butchers present to witness the cattle sales.

Proportionately similar conditions ruled in the fat sheep pens, where below 100 head were penned. There was a small attendance of butchers and the market was little changed from last week.

Conditions nearer normal were seen in the store sheep pens, where an entry of about 3000 head, all lambs, came forward on to a brisk active market with competition

#### Store Sheep

On account of Mr J. F. T. Black and in from Waipawa 159 Southdown cross lambs, fairly grown and carrying quite good store condition, sold at 18/9.

On account of the Whenuahou Trust 176 lambs described as having been all picked as "seconds," nicely grown, clean-conditioned sheep, met the market at 19/9.

In from Clarendon Station the same morning 243 shorn wether lambs, well-grown, sheep from under the shears in good order, made a brisk sale at 19/1.

A medium-grown draft of 217 fairly conditioned woolly wether lambs in healthy order sold at 18/7.

From Patangata on account of the Estate of W. Crampton 200 shorn wether lambs, well-grown and good conditioned, sold in two cuts at 18/9 and 18/10.

On account of Ridgeman Station 183 wether lambs, nicely grown and in good order throughout, made 18/3.

From Newstead on account of Mr L. Pattullo 184 well-grown lambs carrying good store condition, an even quality line, sold at 19/4.

A draft of 271 B.F. wether lambs, particularly good-conditioned and almost ready for the works, made 20/-.

From Te Awanga on account of Mr B. Shaw 116 fresh conditioned, forward wether lambs, a well-grown bright line, sold at 20/6.

On account of the same vendor 139 ewe lambs, nicely-grown sheep in good order, brought 21/-.

A draft of 140 wether lambs, small to medium sorts in medium order, realised 17/-; a similar line of 167 medium lambs made 16/10.

From Clarendon Station again a lighter draft of 161 shorn wether lambs, the lighter cut from this station's topweights, made 17/1.

Eighty-six Southdown lambs, fairly-grown and on the road to works condition, sold at 20/-.

A small grown line of 111 b.f. lambs in medium order sold at 15/5.

From the Whenuahou Trust 111 Southdown lambs, nicely-grown and particularly good-conditioned sheep which should do well, sold at 22/-.

On account of Kelly Bros. 111 well-woolled wether lambs, well-grown and in good order, made 21/3.

**Fat Sheep**  
Prime lambs made 23/10 to 25/1; medium conditioned pens sold at 21/10 to 22/10. The tops of the ewes made 16/4 to 16/10, and an entry of wethers in medium order met the market at 22/7.

**Brokers' Reports**  
Brokers report as follows on their realisations yesterday at Stortford Lodge:—

**Murray, Roberts and Co. Ltd.**  
One hundred and eighty-three rape lambs 18/3, 116 wether lambs 20/6, 139 ewe lambs 21/-, 140 wether lambs 17/-, 167 16/10, 90 17/1, 86 S.D. lambs 20/-, 22 ewe lambs 17/-, 41 wether lambs 17/5, 32 14/1, 21 S.D. cross lambs 15/10, 159 18/9.

**Dalgely and Co. Ltd.**  
Ten fat lambs 23/10, 176 wether lambs 19/9, 84 19/4, 111 D.X. lambs 22/-.

**Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd.**  
One hundred and eleven woolly wether lambs 21/3, 22 18/7, 270 L. and f. b.f. lambs 20/-, 111 b.f. lambs 15/5, 1 12/6, 23 12/1, 7 7/6, 4 6/-, 6 fat ewes 16/4, 4 15/1, 1 fat lamb 20/10, 3 21/7, 7 fat ewes 16/4.

One fat cow £6/2/6, 1 dairy cow £7/10/-.

#### RECORD FIGURES FOR A WEEK'S KILLING

#### Whakatou And Tamoana Works Busy

Last week's killing proved to be something of a record for the Tamoana and Whakatou freezing works, when upwards of 100,000 sheep and lambs were put through. It was stated yesterday that on different days during the week each works established a record for any one day's killing.

There have been few big sheep coming forward so far this season, but it is expected that there will be an improvement in this direction in the New Year. The lambs, for which the first rush is now drawing to a close, have been killing out particularly well, and as one works official said yesterday, "There have been few disappointments from any source."

### A Record Season In Waikato

#### LUXURIANT GROWTH

#### Farmers Make The Best Of The Weather

#### HAY FOR THE ASKING

A welcome spell of dry, warm weather has been experienced in the Waikato during the past three weeks, and no rain has fallen in that period. There was a luxuriant growth of all kinds of fodder during the spring months, and the recent dry spell has been taken full advantage of by farmers to complete the making of ensilage and to cut their hay.

One Otorohanga farmer stated that the quantity of hay he had in hand was so great that he offered two paddocks. The sheep farmer would care to cut them and take the hay away. No one accepted the offer, as everyone in the neighbourhood was in the same position.

Never while the experience of old Waikato farmers has any season been so successful. Production returns for the full season are expected to eclipse all records.

Sheepfarmers are equally as satisfied as dairymen. The lambing returns have been exceptionally high. Shearing is well advanced in most districts, and the wool clips have been turned out in excellent condition.

It is estimated that production in pigs of all kinds is 30 per cent. greater than the number produced last year, while the weight of bacon and pork has increased by 40 per cent. The killings of bobby calves have also been very heavy, one company handling 317,000 this season as against 253,000 last season.

### POSITION OF BRITISH WOOL STOCKS

#### Increased Exports

#### LARGE QUANTITIES IN RESERVE

#### Command Of The Seas

Despite the war, with its loss of European outlets for mill products, Great Britain has managed to export woolen and worsted yarns and manufactures in large quantities. The value of her shipments for the eight months ending August was £21,502,352, being £2,293,363 greater than a year before (state the Sydney woolbrokers, Winchcombe, Carson Ltd.).

Those figures include returns for the earlier months of the year when France, Belgium, Holland and the Scandinavian countries were open for trade, but the result is wonderful considering the circumstances prevailing. The value of the raw wool imported was more than double the amount recorded from January to August, 1939.

In all branches of her textile trade, woolens, cottons, silks and rayons, the value of British export trade was greater than twelve months before. With imports of raw materials and exports of manufactures, the ocean-borne trade of the United Kingdom ran into hundreds of millions of money. Its maintenance is a tribute to the British navy's ability to command the seas.

#### Still Many Customers

The Dominions, South Africa, South America, the United States and other countries are still customers for Yorkshire's products and their consumption of them will account for appreciable quantities of the sheep's staple. Government orders for goods in the British Isles are not being experienced to the extent of a few months ago, but civilian trade has been better because of the approach of winter.

It is estimated that Great Britain imported 900,000,000 lb. of wool between January and August or the equivalent of about 3,000,000 bales. She has, therefore, been well stocked, but the quantity used has been large and stocks must be kept on safe levels. The shipments which are to be stored in America will provide her with reserves which can be quickly drawn upon if necessary in addition to the quantity which will be shipped direct to her ports from the great wool producing countries.

It would be injudicious to overlook the fact that stocks of surplus wool will accumulate during the war with Europe cut off from supplies. Ideas in that regard could, however, become exaggerated. The United Kingdom, United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India and other countries outside enemy hands will use bulky weights of the raw material.

#### Peace-time Needs

Europe will want wool when peace comes and probably large quantities of it. Meantime her own sheep will be slaughtered to a much more than normal extent for food purposes. That reduction should accentuate the need of the Continent for the sheep's staple.

It is futile to attempt to prophesy what the wool situation will be when the war ends. Who can foretell what monetary or social changes will arise or how long hostilities may last? The only knowledge available from past experience is that wool and other raw materials were in demand after previous wars.

### NO SHEEP OFFERED AT NORSEWOOD

### Weaner Pigs And Cows Sold

(Daily Mail Special Service)  
Little attention was paid by buyers at the Norsewood stock sale yesterday. No sheep were offered. Weaner pigs made from 21/- to 25/-. Fat cows made £5 5/-. Store cows £4 to £4 15/-.

### "Unshrinkable" Wool

#### PROCESS EVOLVED

#### Satisfactory Progress Reported

#### AUSTRALIAN IDEA

Considerable progress has been made with the Freney-Lipson "unshrinkable wool" process evolved at the McMaster Laboratory in Sydney, both wool experts and manufacturers have expressed the belief that it will solve the problem of 'felting' as effectively as, and more cheaply than any of the English processes (states the "Sydney Morning Herald").

With a view to putting it to more extensive commercial tests, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has arranged with Holeproof Limited, to carry out a series of trials at their factory in Melbourne.

In announcing this arrangement, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research states that the semi-industrial scale tests with small quantities of men's socks at a time had already led to the belief that the process was essentially sound for woollen goods.

**Full-Scale Trial Necessary**  
"It is now felt," the council said, "that any problems which remain can best be revealed by conducting a full scale trial, and that such a trial will provide a satisfactory basis for the estimation of costs."

In co-operation with Messrs Vicars and Company, Sydney, the council's officers also are developing methods for the treatment of tops. Recently trial batches of several hundred pounds were put through a pilot plant, and steps are being taken to ascertain whether the product is regarded as satisfactory by certain manufacturers of knitted goods.

Should both these large-scale tests prove satisfactory, the council will be in a position to make available sufficient data to enable other manufacturers to assess the value of the process for their purposes.

### WOOL APPRAISAL AT WELLINGTON

#### Satisfactory Prices For Offering

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, Dec. 23.

The Wellington Woolbrokers' Association reports that the third Wellington appraisal was completed on Saturday, when catalogues totalling 27,637 bales were appraised. With the exception of some of the hogget wools, which were tender, the bulk of the offering opened up very attractively and was well grown, resulting in satisfactory prices being realised.

Owing to exceptionally heavy arrivals of wools into store during recent weeks, it has been necessary to hold some of the clips over until next appraisal.

### Defence Rifle Shooting

#### PRESIDENT LEADS

#### Difficult Conditions For Napier Club

#### DUST AND WIND

On Saturday the members of the Napier Defence Rifle Club fired the second practice of the second series for the club championship, ten shots at 800 and 900 yards.

The top score of 83 was put up by President J. Munro, who had to fight hard to get it, the wind ranging from 6 to 17 degrees. This, combined with dust blowing across the range, was too much for the remainder, some really good shots failing to overcome them.

President J. Munro takes the Ladder Badge, the Goldings Trophy and is the holder of the Tom Parker Cup. Following are the best results:—

Pres. J. Munro (scr) .. 43 40—83  
Rfm. G. Gordon (6) .. 43 30—79  
Rfm. H. Pedersen (scr) 37 35—72  
Rfm. R. Gollup (6) .. 39 25—70  
Rfm. J. T. Hawkins (10) .. 32 27—69

The next shoot will be on Saturday next, ten shots at 600 and 800 yards.

### Sunday Gathering At Otane

#### CHURCH PRIZE LIST

#### Gifts To Presbyterian Scholars

#### LONG ATTENDANCE

"Daily Mail" Special Service. OTANE.  
At the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, Mrs F. Robertson, wife of the Rev. F. Robertson, presented the prizes to the pupils of the Sunday School, the following teachers also being in attendance: Mrs A. H. Bull, Misses J. Oram, A. Page and Mr O. Page. The prize list was:—

Senior boys: P. Oram 1, Melvyn Jamieson 2, Stan Neagle 3. Senior girls: Betty Baikie 1, Harriet Baikie 2, Barbara Page 3, Helen Scrimgeour and Bertha Minto equal 4.

Junior boys: David Oram 1, Donald Baikie 2, Bob Bartlett 3. Junior girls: Dawn Scrimgeour 1, Daphne Symmums 2, Ethel Minto 3.

Primary boys: Bruce Pilcher 1, Peter Scrimgeour 2, Stuart Wedd 3, Campbell Wedd and John Kuzmich equal 4. Primary girls: Judith Oram 1, Freda Page and Beverley Pilcher equal 2, Alison Jude 3, Janet Scrimgeour and Elaine Jude equal 4.

Gift books were presented to Hilda Tod and Rob Bruce, and a special prize was given to Phil Oram, who has completed twelve years as a pupil of the Sunday School and has kept up a standard of general excellence.

During the afternoon Ethel Minto sang the carol "Silent Night."

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Details Of Holiday Arrangements

The Napier Borough Council advertises in this issue that various Napier streets will be closed to traffic over the holiday periods. The streets affected by this decision are: Hastings Street from Dickens Street to Tennyson Street, Emerson Street and Market Street—on Tuesday, December 24, from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m., and again on December 31 from 7 until 9 p.m.

Shipping At The Port Of Napier

PHASES OF THE MOON. Last Quarter Dec. 22. New Moon Dec. 27.

Table with columns: Date, Rise, Set, Sun, Moon. Lists times for December 23-31.

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FRANCE AT THE CROSSROADS

By pointing a pistol at the head of unoccupied France, Hitler has tacitly admitted that desperate measures are necessary to break the stranglehold of the British blockade on Germany and Italy, but it is difficult to see how, in the long run, Germany can emerge victorious from the present crisis with Vichy.

There is no doubt that at the present time Germany could successfully complete the occupation of France. The fragment which is still nominally independent could put up no sort of fight against the Nazi war machine which has already established its western headquarters in Paris.

On the other hand, if Germany, by the occupation of Vichy France, extended the war-front, she would automatically increase her own liabilities. Had Marshal Petain surrendered tamely to the German demands, Hitler might have a chance of getting away with his fresh scheme of piracy, but when that scheme involves the deposing of Petain and the installing of a renegade such as Laval in his place, the last shred of French loyalty to the nominal Government must vanish, and Germany will be faced with the task of holding down, by force 40,000,000 people.

As far as Metropolitan France is concerned, it does not seem that Great Britain is in a position to make any drastic move to counter the new German campaign. Probably a complete occupation would be neutralised to a large extent if a knock-out blow could be struck in Africa while Italy is still tottering and before the reported German plans for the bolstering up of the shaky end of the Axis can be put into effect.

In the meantime the diplomatic battle between Berlin and Vichy is going on. Marshal Petain, who, since the Franco-German armistice has done a good deal of rehabilitate himself in the eyes of the world by restoring something of the dignity and independence of what is left of France, is making a stand, but he is faced by such men as Laval and Admiral Darlan, who appear to be prepared to go to any lengths of humiliation to secure the favour of Hitler.

Whether Marshal Petain is strong enough to steer France past the crossroads is more than doubtful. Perhaps the fates are too much for a country which is still under the shadow of defeat and conquest, and it may be that France will pass into complete servitude until the spirit of the once-great Republic is revived by the downfall of its enemies.

Incidentally, the French disaster may serve at least one useful purpose by demonstrating to such neutrals as remain in Europe exactly what happens when a Great Power is trampled on by Nazism.

Personal

Constable D. H. Sutton, Waipukurau, who has received word of the death of his father, will leave this morning for Kaitangata, Otago.

Mr H. Denne, of the Trencham Military Band, is spending leave with his parents, Mr and Mrs T. C. Denne, Waipukurau.

Mr D. L. Eadie, Waipukurau, who is stationed with the R.N.Z.A.F. at Rongotai, is on leave in the district.

Lance-Corporal G. Wright, and Privates G. Davidson and J. Bartlett, arrived at Otane by the troop train on Sunday to spend Christmas leave with relatives and friends.

Corporal Allen McAulay, Woodburn, Blenheim, is spending Christmas leave with his parents, Mr and Mrs R. S. McAulay, Elsthorpe.

Mr Lawrence Howes, Tuai, is spending the holidays in Ormondville with his parents, Mr and Mrs H. Howes.

Wing-Commander A. J. Manson, Personnel Selection Board of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, is visiting Hastings. He lived at Hastings before he enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war.

Messrs D. G. McCallum, president, and W. G. Hulston, honorary auditor, were farelled by the Dannevirke and District Returned Soldiers' Association on Saturday evening. Both members have been transferred to Dannevirke and Mr J. B. Blonfield, vice-president made presentations on behalf of the R.S.A.

Dr J. V. Cable, son of Mr and Mrs M. Cable, Hataitai, Wellington, who has been serving in London and Midlands hospitals for the last five years, has left to take up his new duties as assistant-superintendent of the Dunedin Hospital.

Captain M. D. Stewart, sailing master of the Bluff Harbour Board's dredge, has been appointed pilot and tug master in Otago Harbour. There were 17 applications for the position.

Mr C. S. Plank, of the telegraph engineers' branch of the Post and Telegraph Department, and former of Palmerston North, who has been in America for the past 27 months, will return to New Zealand toward the end of December.

Mr Plank, who was granted a Commonwealth Fund Fellowship, has been specialising in electrical communications, and has spent one year in the head office of the Bell system, the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., New York, an organisation which controls 7,000,000 telephones in the United States.

For the remainder of the time he has been associated with operating companies of the Bell system in various parts of America.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr and Mrs A. Jacobs, Mr W. E. Brady, Mr E. F. Willoughby, Mr L. S. McKenzie, Mademoiselle Borderaux (Wellington), Mr and Mrs J. O'Connell (Opotama), Mrs H. Vaughan McAllum (Inglewood), Mr B. F. Mitchell (Palmerston North), Mrs R. Smith (Brightwater) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Miss M. Butler, Miss N. Butler, Mr C. E. Mardell, Mr and Mrs P. Macpherson, Jones, Mr and Mrs V. Miles, Mr and Mrs F. A. Provost, Mr and Mrs W. E. Cullen, M.P. (Napier), Mr and Mrs G. Ross Parsons (Halifax), Mrs Ann Burgess (New Plymouth), Mrs M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mr H. W. Abbott (Hastings), Mr and Mrs C. Giblin (Waipukurau), Mr John Giblin (Dannevirke), Mr and Mrs C. H. Handley (Palmerston North), Miss P. Courage (Ashburton), Mr S. Vogan (Christchurch), Mr H. R. P. O'Connell (Napier) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

WAIROA. Miss P. Cook, Mr I. Roberts, Miss Pengilly, Mr L. Clayton (Wellington), Mr R. Sim, Mr P. Stokes, Mr Patterson (Gisborne), Mr R. Thorn (Tolaga Bay), Mr P. J. Harris (Ohakea), Mr and Mrs Desmond are staying at the Clyde Hotel.

Mr Maxwell, Mr and Mrs Lawton, Mr and Mrs C. K. Lowe, Mr and Mrs Berry, Mr and Mrs Smart are guests at the Wairoa Hotel.

MAIL NOTICES

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

OUTWARD OVERSEAS MAILS. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24. Australian States and countries via Australia. Mails close 6 p.m.; parcels 4 p.m.

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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.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Holiday Announcement

The "Daily Mail" will not be published to-morrow (Christmas Day) or on New Year's Day.

That Italian Navy

The Italian Navy, the butt of many jokes in recent months, received another dig in the course of a vaudeville programme broadcast in the Pacific transmission of the B.B.C. last night. "What's the new name for the Italian Navy?" asked one comedian. "Gone With The Wind Up," replied the other.

Schoolboys on Farms

A gratifying measure of success has attended the scheme to place secondary schoolboys on farms during the summer holidays and it was reported at Auckland yesterday that more than 60 lads had been found farming work by the Government Youth Centre in Auckland. But for the limitation of the scheme to boys over 15, and the somewhat belated action by farmers in making application, the number placed would have been substantially larger.—Press Association.

Lake Fish Killed

Thousands of dead fish, mostly eels and pike, were found floating on a certain area of Lake Pupuke on Thursday morning. The killing of the fish is believed to be due to the decomposition of vegetable matter at the bottom of the lake. Efforts are being made to recover the fish and it is thought that it may be necessary to drag the lake to recover those that are not on the surface. The first indication of the trouble is said to have been the appearance of an extensive film of fish oil on the lake.—Press Association.

Medical Tests

Analysis of the medical examination returns relating to men drawn from the Wellington and Hutt Valley area in the second ballot for military service shows that out of 3839 men medically examined up to December 21, 2247 had been passed fit, 391 had been declared temporarily unfit, and 1201 permanently unfit. This represents about 41 per cent of the total examined. This is roughly 10 per cent better than the result shown by the first territorial ballot men.

Christmas Greetings Acknowledged

For Christmas greetings received by the "Daily Mail" thanks are extended by the management and staff to the following acknowledgements are made:—

Greetings from the Napier Harbour Board; Richardson and Co., Ltd.; Venables, Willis and Co.; Stewart Greer Motors, Ltd.; Wattle, Limited; The Golden Advertising Agency Ltd.; J. Inglis Wright Ltd.; Berlei House, Auckland; Hastings and District Branch British Legion, New Zealand, Incorporated; "Wanganui Herald"; "Wanganui Chronicle"; Hastings detective staff; "Lauretta" florists; Hastings Citizens' Band; United Press Association, Ltd.; The Jones Metal Company, Ltd.; Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P. Napier Telegraph boys. Hastings telegraph boys; Mr T. W. Hercock, Mayor of Napier; Mr G. A. Maddison, Mayor of Hastings; Traffic Department, Hastings Borough Council.

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DELIVERIES OF THE "DAILY MAIL"

Preparations for holidays away from home should include instructions for the delivery of the "Daily Mail" to the temporary address. Through the paper shortage, agents receive supplies only sufficient for regular subscribers, and visitors to popular resorts will not be able to obtain copies of the "Daily Mail" unless they have made arrangements in advance.

Written instructions should be given to runner or agent or sent to the "Daily Mail" publishing department, stating the address to which the paper is to be sent, and the period. Delivery may be made at a "Daily Mail" agency, in which payment should be made. If the paper is to be posted, payment should accompany the order, at the rate of 1/- a week, with 3d a week for postage.

Breakfast Table

Small Boy: "Dad, what are the holes in this board for?" Dad: "Those are knot holes." Small Boy (after consideration): "Well, if they're not holes, what are they?"

A young married couple, who lived near a famous golf course, were entertaining an elderly aunt from town.

"Well, Aunt Mary, how did you spend this afternoon?" asked the hostess on the first day.

"Oh, I enjoyed myself very much," was the reply. "I went for a walk. There seemed to be a great many people about, and some of them shouted at me in a most eccentric manner, but I just took no notice."

"And, by the way," she went on. "I found such a number of curious little round white things. I've brought them home to ask you what they were."

Husband (listening to operatic radio programme: "Do you like Chopin, dear?") "Well, I get tired walking from shop to shop."

What will you wear during the Xmas holidays? Do you need a new hat for the races or flannels and sports coat for the beach? Parkers offer 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 CLOUDY MILD WEATHER

The "Daily Mail's" special forecast is as follows:— Winds: Moderate to strong north-west winds. Weather: Cloudy and mild with scattered rain, chiefly about the ranges. Seas: Moderate.

HASTINGS WEATHER

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DOMINION FORECAST

General situation: Pressure is very low south of New Zealand while a deep secondary appears to be developing in the central Tasman Sea. An anti-cyclone covers south-eastern Australia.

Forecast—Winds: Moderate to strong north-westerly with a change to southerly extending slowly over half of the South Island during the next 24 hours.

Seas—New Zealand waters: Moderate inshore on the East Coast, elsewhere rough. Eastern Tasman Sea: Moderate to strong north-westerly winds in the northern and central portions and a change to strong south-westerly extending over the southern portion. Seas 24 hours.

Weather: Unsettled in Westland with intermittent rain, scattered rain or drizzle in other western districts and the far south. Elsewhere fair, but scattered showers extending to Otago and South Canterbury with a wind change. Temperatures mild but becoming cooler in the south.

To-day's Diary

HASTINGS

Carnival Dance, Assembly Hall, Boxing Night. The "Three Men from Texas" and "Blonde Has Servant Trouble," Cosy, 2 p.m., 7.45 p.m., 10.30 p.m. "Spring Parade," Regent, 2.15 p.m., 8 p.m., 10.30 p.m. "I Was An Adventurer," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.

NAPIER

Late shopping night, shops close 10 p.m. The "Way of All Flesh," Regent, 2, 8 and 10.30 p.m. "Kit Carson," State, 2, 8 and 10.20 p.m. "Private Affairs" and "Covered Trailer," Mayfair 2 and 7.45 p.m.

GIFT IDEAS that express BEAUTY and CHARM

Here is a small selection from Westerman's Gift Parade for 1940. Visit our Showrooms and see the gorgeous displays of dainty apparel. Wonderful for giving... still more wonderful to receive!

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VEST & PANTIE SET. In dainty floral designs. Shades, Rose, Ivory, Sky, Apple and Malice. S.W. and W. Prices from 11/6 to 13/6.

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PRINCESS SLIPS. With opera or round top. Plain or trimmed lace and motifs; Navy, Black, Peach, Ivory, Nil, Sky, Malice. S.W. to X.O.S. Prices from 4/11 to 25/-.

BLOOMERS, PANTIES & SCANTIES. Plain and trimmed. All sizes and shades. Prices from 2/6 to 7/11.

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SUMMER DRESSING GOWNS. In both floral and floral celanese tailored and fancy styles trimmed with contrast design or lace. All sizes. Shades: Blue, Green, Rose, Black, Navy. Prices from 10/6 to 69/4.

Westerman's MODERN STORE

HASTINGS' XMAS RENDEZVOUS

TREATMENT OF NURSES CRITICISED BY BOARD

Army Authorities Alleged To Have Been Unfair In Pay Question

(By Telegraph-Press Association) AUCKLAND, Dec. 23. A statement that the Army authorities were not giving fair treatment to nurses called for service with the Forces was made at a meeting of the Auckland Hospital Board by the chairman (Mr Allan Moody).

He said the board recently had experience of two sisters who had been called up, had left the hospital and had been informed by the Army that they would not be required for a few weeks.

The Army had given the nurses no pay and as a result they had suffered hardship and had been forced to ask the board for assistance. It was the Army's duty to see that nurses were treated properly.

Mrs Drevier: It is a dreadful thing. Mr Moody: The Army adopted a miserable attitude about their pay. Mr G. T. Perwin said it was ridiculous for the War Cabinet to carry out such a short-sighted policy and not to pay nurses until they had actually embarked to leave the country.

Centennial Film For Appeal

GOVERNMENT'S OFFER

Patriotic Fund To Benefit

N.Z. PRODUCTION

The Government is making available the film "One Hundred Crowded Years" which commemorates New Zealand's Centennial to the National Patriotic Fund Board in aid of the National Patriotic Fund.

The film was offered to the board by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) and arrangements are being made with a special committee representing the film industry for early distribution of the film throughout New Zealand.

The production which was well received when given its first screening to an official gathering in Wellington last month, was produced in the Government studios at Miramar.

AIR FORCE AGE LIMITS

ENLISTMENT CHANGE ANNOUNCED

CREW SECTION Maximum Is Raised

Changes in the conditions for enlistment into the Royal New Zealand Air Force crew section were announced by the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) to-night. Briefly, the maximum age for air-men pilots has been increased from 27 to 30, and the maximum for air observers and air gunners from 31 to 32. The minimum age of 18 is unchanged.

Mr Jones said that the experience of the first year of war has shown that air personnel over the age limits previously fixed had shown themselves to be quite as efficient as the younger men.

Obviously Wrong Policy "Obviously in view of this experience," said the Minister, "it would be wrong to keep potential first class pilots, observers and gunners out of the Air Force because of a year or two in age. In some cases men otherwise eminently suitable for selection were refused because they were a few months over the earlier age limits, and it was felt that this was not in the best interests of the Air Force."

Similar steps are being taken in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia under the Empire Air Training Plan. It is anticipated that this will considerably augment our manpower resources in what is necessarily a specialised field.

Assessments Unaltered "I would point out that this alteration will in no way affect the assessment of those candidates already selected. That is, a candidate already selected as an observer may not be reclassified as an airman pilot because of the increased age limits. Similarly, a candidate previously rejected because of the earlier age limits may not be reclassified for selection. It will be necessary for such candidates to renew their application for enlistment.

The main purpose of the change," concluded Mr Jones, "is to remove obstacles which might stand in the way of the Air Force's securing the most suitable type of man available for air crew's duties."

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SERVICE DURING 1941

GAZETTE NOTICE

New Zealand Defence Forces

Notice of the calling out for military service of a number of units of the Defence Forces is gazetted to-night.

The following units are called out as from January 7: 12th Field Regiment, New Zealand Artillery, comprising the 37th and 38th Batteries and 30th Light Air Detachment, New Zealand Ordnance Corps (attached); 2nd Field Company, Corps of New Zealand Engineers; 4th Signals Company, New Zealand Corps of Signals; Headquarters, 7th New Zealand Infantry Brigade.

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Revised Date The calling of the following units for January 7 is cancelled, and these units are called up also from February 3: Auckland East Coast Mounted Rifles; Waikato Mounted Rifles; North Auckland Mounted Rifles; Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles (Wellington); East Coast Mounted Rifles; and Manawatu Mounted Rifles.

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BRITISH FORTRESS THAT GUARDS THE FAR EAST

Real Strength Of Singapore Base May Be In The Air, Not The Sea

The foresight of those who, 20 years ago, decided to establish a great naval base at Singapore has never been more apparent than it is to-day when the island, at the southernmost point of continental Asia, is the corner-stone of British strategy over a wide area in East Asia, the western Pacific, and the Indian Ocean. The defences of Singapore are in perfect trim and fully prepared for any emergency.

It is not always realised that Singapore is much more than a naval base, although that is its primary function in the scheme of Empire defence. It is no less important as an air base, while the troops and fortifications which defend the naval and air bases make it a fortress of the first order.

Less has been heard in recent years of the supposed "menace" of Singapore to the Japanese Empire. The Japanese have evidently come to realise that a base which is so far away from Yokohama as Gibraltar is from New York could not seriously threaten their home coastline. That it could be used to very good purpose in operations in the China Sea and beyond could not be doubted.

Well-Equipped Base It has been remarked that a naval base is never really "completed," since changes in naval practice are always making new demands on it. It can be said that the Singapore naval base is complete in the sense that it can carry out all the tasks assigned to it. Since the King George VI graving dock, one of the biggest of its kind in the world, was officially opened two years ago, work has been continuing at the base unceasingly from greater distances in finishing the workshops in the dockyard area, improving the facilities for warships using the base, increasing the accommodation available and providing the means with a powerful and up-to-date radio station.

Base for Overhaul Though Singapore is primarily a base for warships operating in Far Eastern waters and the Indian Ocean, it is also being used for repairing and overhauling a refitting of the biggest dry docking accommodation in the world. The fact that the Singapore Harbour Board has very adequate dry docking accommodation which would supplement the naval facilities. The fact that Singapore has a floating dock and graving dock both capable of taking the biggest dry docking means that there is no limit to the work which can be carried out there.

A Fortified Coast Singapore is immensely strong in fortifications. The coastal batteries have tremendous range and protect all sea approaches to the naval base. The advantage held by land batteries in an encounter with warships was shown in the Norwegian campaign and there is every reason to believe that any hostile vessels approaching Singapore would receive a very warm reception.

The garrison includes British, Indian and Malay soldiers, who are all by now fully acquainted with their roles in the defence of Singapore and the Malay peninsula. The defence of the "back door" approaches to Singapore, via the east coast, presents a special problem and training in "jungle warfare" tactics have been given to all the units likely to be affected.

The jungles are one of the natural defences of Singapore, for, though there is no virgin jungle on the island, the approaches to south Malaya through Johore, and many square miles of country farther north, are covered with thick wood-land territory through which a hostile force could not hope to advance. The additional fact that there are comparatively few roads on the east coast of the peninsula considerably simplifies the defence problem.

R.A.F. Patrols Singapore is not so well known to the outside world as an air centre, though some writers have suggested that it may one day become even more important for its air strength than as a naval station. Be that as it may, the Royal Air Force is at present busy in all parts of the Malay peninsula. There are several Service aerodromes on Singapore Island, and the civil airport, one of the most modern east of Suez, is also at the disposal of the R.A.F.

Up country the R.A.F. have available both their own aerodromes and

those originally built for civil purposes. Malaya is not a large country, but is very well provided with aerodromes, from Alor Star and Kota Bharu in the north to Singapore in the south, and these provide the R.A.F. not only with good operational centres, but would naturally be invaluable in facilitating the dispersal of the air forces attached to the R.A.F. Far East Command.

Wartime Duties From Singapore the R.A.F. looks out across the South China Sea to Hong Kong, and south-east to Borneo and Sarawak, west to Ceylon, and south to Port Darwin and Australia. Its duties in wartime would be similar in some respects to those of the Coastal Command in Great Britain. The Sunderland flying-boats for reconnaissance work are well known in Singapore, as are the Blenheim bombers, local photographs of which have appeared in the Malayan newspapers. The R.A.F. units in Malaya have a large area to patrol, and the long coastline of the Malay peninsula would need to be constantly watched if there were ever a threat to the country.

Local Defence Forces The Malaya Command includes several thousand volunteer troops, Europeans and non-Europeans in civilian life, whose training has recently been completed at camps lasting two months. These units are being reinforced by Europeans called up under the compulsory training ordinance. The militia have been working extremely hard and will soon be fully trained. The army makes good use of the non-European manpower in the country. There are the well-known Malay Regiment raised a few years ago and now at full strength. Malay units in the Royal Engineers, Malays in the R.A.S.C., and other auxiliary units, and Eurasians have been recruited for an anti-aircraft regiment and the Royal Corps of Signals.

Singapore's food control arrangements are chiefly concerned with ensuring the maintenance of adequate stocks of rice in the Colony. The Government has instituted a pooling system by means of which the emergency stocks are constantly turned over to prevent deterioration. A modified plan for individual rationing, to be enforced only in the event of shipping routes being seriously disturbed, is being tried, and rice consumers are required to register with their usual dealers.

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He appointed the former Premier, Baron Hiranuma, Home Minister, after the resignation of Mr Yasui and Lieutenant-General Heisuke Yanagawa, Director-General of the China Affairs Board, was appointed Minister of Justice after the resignation of Mr Kazami.

Prince Konoye conferred with representatives of the old political parties and also of big business. However, seven members of the current Cabinet were not consulted before the changes, which are intended to strengthen the Government before the Diet reconvenes on December 26.

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The Nazis, he says, are demanding: 1. That France should hand over her fleet. 2. That Marshal Petain should dismiss the Minister of Justice (M. Albert) and the Minister of the Interior (M. Peyrountou). It was these two ministers who recently put Marshal Petain on his guard against Pierre Laval's plot to seize power.

The Government should be moved from Vichy to Paris (where it would be under the thumb of Otto Abez, Hitler's representative). The correspondent adds that the demands are so harsh that Marshal Petain is not expected to accept them.

Zero Hour Fixed The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten" says it is believed in the Wilhelmstrasse (German Foreign Office) that the Government will move only until December 28 for Marshal Petain's answer to the German demands for further French co-operation in the building-up of the new order in Europe.

Mr Abez, he says, has made it clear to Marshal Petain that Germany is unwilling to wait longer. It is generally believed in diplomatic circles in Berlin that developments of great importance are imminent.

The London "Observer's" diplomatic correspondent says that Hitler aims at full French acceptance of Axis status plus a declaration of war against Britain. If this is achieved, the strategy of Hitler's culminating attack on Britain will be to close the Western Mediterranean, bottle up the British fleet, isolate the British armies in the Middle East, leave Italy to her fate and, with French and Spanish help, impose an effective blockade on Britain.

New Situation Competent observers are convinced that Britain's resistance has created an entirely new situation in which the control not only of France's Atlantic bases but of the Air Force and the Navy would give the Nazis an immense advantage. Italy's disasters are increasing the need.

It is expected that the total occupation of France against Vichy's protests would swing the whole French Colonial Empire, and perhaps the fleet, back into the battle on the side of Britain.

The French News Agency says that the numbers of Gestapo agents at Vichy have increased in the last few weeks and that they now also guard French ports and aerodromes owing to German fears that the pressure they are exercising will create a situation in which Marshal Petain and his collaborators, pushed beyond endurance, will be tempted to flee to Africa.

Nazis Cautious Germany is most cautious because of the possible breakdown of the African Empire, but is doing her utmost to wear down the Vichy supporters who are holding out against dishonourable dealings such as Laval advocated.

The crisis between Marshal Petain and the Nazi authorities appears to be coming to a head, says a London cable. The French Chief of State has refused to dismiss two Ministers at Germany's request. They are believed to be the two Ministers who warned him of Pierre Laval's plot to seize power.

Several Ministers in the Vichy Cabinet strongly oppose accepting Hitler's terms, and it is evident that Laval is still conspiring to get rid of these Ministers. Admiral Darlan, Minister of the Navy, who was commander-in-Chief of the French Navy until the capitulation of France, is known to favour accepting Hitler's terms.

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# HASTINGS TENNIS CLUB CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

## Excellent Entries: Leading Hawke's Bay Players To Participate

Excellent entries have been received for the 36th annual Christmas tournament of the Hastings Tennis Club. The proceeds of the tournament are to be donated to patriotic funds.

Leading Hawke's Bay players are taking part, and some excellent matches should be seen.

Post entries will be received by the secretary (Mr. B. Wilson), Morning tea lunch and afternoon tea will be available on the courts. Play will begin each day at 9 a.m.

Following is the draw for the various events:—

### Championships

#### MEN'S SINGLES

##### 1st Round

Byes: R. Glyn, Mason Chambers, H. E. Fisk, A. E. Torbett, H. Gilmer, D. Ritchie, J. B. Wilson, G. Goodwin, P. G. Land, N. Lowry, D. Goodwin, P. G. Land.

M. Banks plays J. Smith, W. Mawson plays D. Hyland, R. D. Sharpe plays C. Hobbs, A. E. Beddows plays J. Blackmore.

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

##### 1st Round

C. Hobbs and A. E. Torbett, D. and G. Goodwin.

W. Banks and J. N. Lowry play H. Gilmer and J. Smith, H. Hassell and W. Mawson play D. Ritchie and R. D. Sharpe.

##### 2nd Round

J. M. Chambers and M. Chambers play R. Glyn and A. Ritchie, N. R. Wilson and B. Wilson play H. M. Fisk and A. E. Beddows.

#### COMBINED DOUBLES

##### 1st Round

Byes: G. Goodwin and Miss J. Faulkner, A. E. Torbett and Miss Carr, A. E. Beddows and Mrs J. Russell, D. Goodwin and Miss M. White, J. Smith and Miss J. Swinburn.

##### 2nd Round

H. Hassell and Miss Rolleston play J. and Mrs J. Chambers, H. Fisk and Mrs Boys play D. Ritchie and Mrs Herrick, N. Banks and Mrs C. Cotterill play J. B. Wilson and Miss H. Mawson, A. Ritchie and Mrs Ritchie play W. Mawson and Mrs Mawson, H. Gilmer and Miss J. Burrell play the bye.

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES

##### 1st Round

Byes: Mrs W. Mawson, Miss M. White.

Mrs R. H. Milburn plays Miss P. Hoadley, Mrs J. Herrick plays Miss G. Cotterill.

##### 2nd Round

Miss J. Swinburn plays Mrs B. Boys, Mrs J. Russell plays Miss Rolleston, Miss M. Bell plays Mrs W. Schroder, Mrs H. Hassell plays Miss J. P. Cornford, Miss J. Hennah plays Miss J. Burrell.

#### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

##### 1st Round

Byes: Misses J. Faulkner and J. Swinburn, Misses M. Macniven and S. Glendinning, Misses M. Redgrave and J. Hennah.

#### CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRESENTED

##### Recital At Napier

#### ORGAN AND VOCAL SELECTIONS

An enjoyable programme of music having as its theme the Christmas message was presented in St. John's Cathedral, Napier, last night. The artists were Mr. P. W. Tombs at the organ, Mrs. Uric Williams (soprano) and Mrs. J. H. Fieldhouse (contralto).

The items presented were as follows: Choral Preludes, "In dulci Jubilo," "From Heaven above to Earth I come" (Bach).

Recitative aria, "Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive," "O that that best Good Thing," from "The Messiah" (Handel), Mrs. J. H. Fieldhouse.

"Offertoire on two Christmas Themes" (Gullmatt), aria "Rejoice Greatly" from "The Messiah" (Handel), Mrs. Uric Williams.

Christmas Pastoral (Merkel).

Recitative, "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened," "He shall feed His flock," "Come ye into Him from the Messiah" (Handel), Mrs. J. H. Fieldhouse.

"Fantasia on Christmas Carols" (Faulkes), aria, "He was despised" from "The Messiah" (Handel), Mrs. Uric Williams.

"March of the Magi Kings" (Dobois), aria, "I know that my Redeemer liveth" from "The Messiah" (Handel), Mrs. Uric Williams.

Chorus, "For unto us a child is born," from "The Messiah" (Handel), arr. for organ by W. T. Best.

#### Memoranda

The Napier High School Old Boys' Football Club has arranged a series of carnival dances. The first of these is to be held in the Foresters' Hall to-night. The Buffs' Orchestra is to be in attendance. The other nights set for these dances are Boxing Night (Thursday), Saturday, December 28 and New Year's Eve.

The Boxing Night attraction is to be a masquerade, when masks are to be worn. The usual popular prices will be observed, and some good night's entertainment is assured.

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# Mr Sainsbury Makes No Reply To Criticism

## Chamber Of Commerce Still "Cuts No Ice"

### Brush At Wairoa

#### Season's Greetings To All Of Its Ten Members

When Mr J. A. Lee was relieved of his position as Under-Secretary for Housing he made only one comment. He wished members of the Government a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr C. R. Sainsbury, Wairoa, may or may not aspire to follow in the footsteps of Mr Lee, but his only comment on criticism made by the Wairoa Chamber of Commerce was to refer the members of that organization to the published report of their last annual general meeting.

"I wish the 10 members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," he added.

Mr Sainsbury gave no sign of repeating his statements at the last meeting of the Hawke's Bay Education Board, when he described the Wairoa Chamber as "self-appointed and very small body that cuts no ice in Wairoa."

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Byes: Mrs H. Hassell, Miss M. Bell, Miss J. Hennah, Miss M. P. Hoadley, Mrs B. Boys, Miss J. Faulkner, Miss J. Burrell.

#### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

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Miss D. Carr and J. Burrell play Misses Macniven and Glendinning, Mrs H. Hassell and Mrs W. Mawson play Miss M. White and partner, Mrs J. Chambers and Mrs J. Russell play Mrs Herrick and Miss Rolleston, Miss M. Redgrave and Miss R. Glyn play Mrs H. Mawson and Mrs C. Cotterill, Miss J. Paisley and Miss M. Bell play Miss H. Mawson and Mrs C. Cotterill.

#### COMBINED DOUBLES

##### 1st Round

Byes: G. M. Spencer and Miss Paisley, A. E. Torbett and Miss D. Carr, D. Goodwin and Miss M. White, J. B. Wilson and Miss J. Burrell.

##### 2nd Round

W. Mawson and Mrs Mawson play D. Hyland and Miss P. Hoadley.

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# MAYOR'S GREETING TO THE PEOPLE OF NAPIER

## Mr T. W. Hercoc's Christmas Message Expresses Appreciation

"In extending to the citizens of Napier my earnest wish that they may enjoy a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and prosperous New Year, I feel I must make some reference to the generous manner in which they have responded to the many calls on their purses," states the Mayor of Napier (Mr T. W. Hercoc).

"The results have been truly wonderful, and I wish to place on record my sincere appreciation of the work of our organisers, collectors and workers in the cause of the Women's Patriotic Corps, Lady Galway Guild, Red Cross, Y.W.C.A., and all working for these bodies.

"To those in ill-health I extend my sympathy, together with the wish that they may soon recover and be able to enjoy life as it was intended that we all should.

"To the old people my message is that their work has been well done. May they have many years left in which to enjoy the happiness they have earned.

"In conclusion I express the hope that the New Year will pave a way to the settlement of all our troubles, and leave us free from the cares we have experienced in the past."

# WESTSHORE WILL BE INCLUDED

## MERGED IN NAPIER BOROUGH

### OFFICIAL ACTION Progressive Move For District

Legislation to be brought down at the next session of Parliament will provide for the merging of Westshore and the Napier borough, according to advice received in Napier from the Minister of Internal Affairs (the Hon. W. E. Parry) yesterday.

The Minister's decision will settle a controversy which has exercised the minds of local bodies in the district for a considerable time. Some months ago a petition was raised by Westshore residents asking for incorporation in the borough, but the Napier Borough Council, wishing to have a fuller discussion on certain points raised, lodged an objection to the proposal.

The matter was thoroughly thrashed out at a conference held in Napier in September, when Mr A. G. Harper, of the Internal Affairs Department, met representatives of the Napier Borough Council, Hawke's Bay County Council and Westshore residents.

One of the outstanding difficulties related to the construction of a new traffic bridge to replace the foot-bridge which connects Port Ahuriri and Westshore.

Another point raised by the Borough Council was that a loss would be suffered if they were permitted to charge only the present rate for domestic water supply to Westshore consumers.

It is understood that the Borough Council's interests in respect to the amending legislation by which the merger will be effected.

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# YOUNG MAORI IN HASTINGS MAYOR THANKS PEOPLE FOR YEAR'S WORK

## "Our Hearts And Prayers Go Across The Oceans," Says Mr Maddison

"The credit is due to all—to the men and women and children who have energetically and successfully organised the many efforts and worked and given for the comfort of our nurses, sailors, airmen and soldiers, and to the people generally who have never failed in so many ways and at all times to back up this great and essential work," said the Mayor of Hastings (Mr G. A. Maddison) in a Christmas message released last night.

"At Christmas time, in a community whose peace and safety remain safeguarded by our own kith and kin in the fighting services, our thoughts and hearts and prayers go out to them across the oceans fervently hoping as we do, that they, too, will have the time and opportunity to enjoy Christmas, and that soon they will be back home with us again."

"At the close of 1940, Mrs Maddison and I wish to extend our Maori and pakeha people our sincere thanks for the assistance and guidance that has been so generously accorded us during another year of office. In addition to municipal administration, we have first in our Centennial celebrations and secondly in the district's patriotic and war work, received the spontaneous and enthusiastic co-operation and service of all men, women and children. Indeed, Hastings has every reason to be proud of its splendid achievements.

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SATURDAY, January 11th  
Phone for appointment.

### DENTAL NOTICE

The Surgeries of E. Dentist Davies Ltd., at Napier, Hastings and Waikato, will close at 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 24, and will reopen on Monday, January 13, 1941.

E. DENTIST DAVIES,  
Governing-Director.

### BUILDERS' REQUISITES

Gibraltar Plaster Centre Board, Asbestos Sheets (flat or corrugated), Red Bean Plywood, Sisscraft Building, Felt, Wilsons "Star" Cement, Wilsons Rapid Setting Cement, Wilsons Repello Waterproofing Cement, White Cement and Cement Colours

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ENDS 10/6

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Inspection Invited at All Times.

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5 VALVE BROADCAST RADIO FACEMAKER  
£14/14/-

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£19/10/- COMPLETE.

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FAIRCLOUGH'S RADIO LTD.  
Fair Enough at Fairclough's!  
35 EMERSON ST. : NAPIER

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ARE YOUR TYRES WORN?

Check over your car tires now. Don't wait till the last minute!

## R. J. HOLDER

Tyre Retreading Service.  
DICKENS ST : NAPIER

### BIRTHS

**TUPIVAO**—At Sister Gardner's, Hastings on December 20, to Mr and Mrs Meafou Tupiavao a son, Both well.

### DEATH

**JOHNSON**—At Waipukurau, on December 23, 1940, Leslie, beloved husband of Peggy Johnson and only son of Edward and Adeline Johnson of Takapau. Aged 36 years.

The funeral will leave the Anglican Church, Takapau, following a service which will commence at 2 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), December 24.

**WHARMBY & WILLIAMS**,  
Funeral Directors,  
Waipukurau

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### SOUND SHELL

FRIDAY, 27th INSTANT,  
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8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

#### THE FRIVS. PRESENT

1 — Hour — 1

MINSTREL AND VARIETY  
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Admission 6d.

We thank the public of Napier for their support during the last 43 years and for the record audiences this season. Through your support we handed to the Children's Home £131 19/2.

Wishing you all that is best for 1941.

"THE FRIVS."  
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#### MARDI GRAS

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

1st prize 5/-, 2nd 3/-, 3rd 2/-.  
Girls up to 6 years.  
Girls over 6-9 years.  
Girls over 9-12 years.  
No entry fee.

3 p.m. and 8 p.m.—BATHING BEAUTY CONTEST.

"Miss New Zealand."

1st prize £25, 2nd prize £5, and 12 other prizes of £1 each.  
Messrs Styles and Styles' Trophy for the beauty with the most beautiful eyes.

No entry fee.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### MAYOR'S THANKS

Mrs Maddison and I convey to all Men, Women and Children, both Maori and Pakeha, our sincere gratitude for the assistance and guidance which has been extended to us during the year now closing, and express to them our fervent hope that all will enjoy a Happy Christmas and in the coming year shall see a permanent peace established among all peoples.

G. A. MADDISON,  
Mayor.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S TENNIS CLUB

#### YULE TIME DANCE


ASSEMBLY HALL  
BOXING NIGHT AT 8.15  
Subs: 3/6, 2/6, 5/6.

A Grand Finish to a Grand Xmas!

#### N.H.S.O.B. FOOTBALL CLUB

Present some  
GRAND CARNIVAL DANCES

To be held in the FORESTERS' HALL TO-NIGHT Also Boxing Night, Saturday, Dec. 28 and New Year's Eve, Dec. 29. Buff's Orchestra. Popular Prices. Novelties Galore. Masquerade Ball on Boxing Night. Real Nights of Fun. FOLLOW THE CROWD



#### GREYHOUND RACING

LEAGUE PARK STADIUM, NAPIER.  
Official Championships, 16 Hurdle and Flat Races  
8 p.m. — THURSDAY — 8 p.m.

POPULAR Annual Institute Dance, Waimarama Hall, December 31st. In aid of Soldiers' Parcels. Les. Tasker's Orchestra. Tickets, 2/6.

MRS H. N. STEWART wishes to thank farmers who so generously responded to her appeal for meat for the Children's Home.

NAPIER BOROUGH COUNCIL

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SPECIAL BANK HOLIDAYS

FRIDAY, the 27th December, 1940 and THURSDAY, the 2nd day of January, 1941, will be observed as Special Bank Holidays at our Offices throughout New Zealand.

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA  
BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
THE NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ZEALAND LIMITED  
THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
THE UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED.

### AUCTIONS

#### FOR PRIVATE SALE

#### ROY'S HILL ESTATE

THE HAWKE'S BAY FARMERS' CO-OP. ASSN. LTD., have received instructions from the Trustees in the Estate of the late Allan Lockie to offer the above property for private sale:—

1115 — ACRES — 1115

FREEHOLD

This is one of the most attractive properties in Hawke's Bay, consisting of 861 acres of limestone hills and 234 acres of flats. The hill block is all limestone country, being well watered by permanent springs, all sub-divided into 8 paddocks. The flats are sub-divided into 6 paddocks and permanently watered by water races. The hill country is capable of carrying two ewes besides cattle and the flats from four to five sheep to the acre.

The property is situated 8 miles from Hastings and 5 miles from Maraekakaho. Buildings consist of 6 roomed house, wool shed, shearer's quarters, 2 single men's whares, truck shed, stable and dairy. Title Land Transfer.

For all further particulars apply to THE HAWKE'S BAY FARMERS' CO-OP. ASSN. LTD., HASTINGS. Sole Agents.

### LAND AGENTS

#### TAUPO HOUSEBOAT

#### FOR SALE OR LEASE.

WELL Appointed Houseboat, recently reconditioned, situated on Waikato River. Contains ten cabins with wire mattresses. Well appointed saloon, 27ft. x 10ft. Completely equipped kitchen and ample deck space. Overall length 56ft, beam 22ft. Ideal family accommodation at reasonable price or rental.

KELSEY AND ROGERS,  
Land Agents. Queen Street, Napier. Phone 4300. Private 2083.

A PROFITABLE SMALL FARM

20 ACRES of first class handsy to town. Good grass seed country. Five acres in Montgomery clover, 5 acres in seed mangos, balance in good pasture. Comfortable home and farm buildings.

PRICE: £2450.

Terms Arranged

#### FARRELL & PURCHAS,

Sharebrokers and Land Agents,  
QUEEN STREET, HASTINGS.

#### SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our many clients and friends we desire to extend

#### HEARTY GREETINGS

FOR THE COMING FESTIVE SEASON

AND ALSO

#### OUR APPRECIATION AND THANKS

FOR THEIR KIND PATRONAGE IN THE PAST.

— XMAS 1940 —

C. D. COX,  
(F.R.E.I.)  
LAND AGENT,  
NAPIER — HASTINGS — TAUPO  
AGENTS: GOVT. TOURIST BUREAU

### LAND AGENTS

#### FOR SALE.

#### CHEAP SHEEP FARM.

55 : 0 : 8 per Acre for 2 Sheep Country 800 ACRES Govt. Lease, 320 Acres Native Lease; all in one block; water-ag. rent 2/4 per acre; well subdivided, well watered and well grassed. Good up-to-date 6-roomed house, motor shed and other outbuildings, 4 stand woolshed, sheep yards, dip and cattle yards. Will winter 2 sheep per acre and capable of improvement. Manures have never been used on this farm.

Price: £2 14/- per Acre.  
Cash Required: £3000.

NOTE: This is a cheap farm. It will graze over 2000 sheep and the cost per acre is 45/0/6. The farm is in good order and full of feed.

HARVEY, PULTON & HILL  
ESTATE AGENTS,  
Napier and Hastings.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### SPEIGHT'S COOL BEER.

AT The Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings. The latest cooling system installed.

#### CENTRAL FRUIT SHOP

for fresh fruit and vegetables. Only address, opp. Bairds, Hastings. Orders promptly delivered. Phone 3869.

#### JAM Raspberries, 5/6 per 6lb. tin.

Order now. Delivery early January. Central Fruit Supply, opp. Bairds, Hastings. Phone 3869.

#### DANCE: Haumoana, every Saturday Night. McKay's Band. Subs.: 2/6. Free Buses from Hastings and Napier. 8 p.m.

#### LADY'S Footzee Shoes

built for comfort on Kumiit last. Excellent range to choose from. Ross Shoe Store, Hastings.

#### VIDAL'S supply 10 quarts Ale or Stout and 2 quarts Wine for 21/6 delivered. Phone 2816, Hastings.

#### XMAS FERM Appointments

filling rapidly. Get yours in to-day. 21/6, 15/-, 10/6. Barraclough's, phone 2380, Hastings.

#### PAINFUL Corns can be cured.

Post eighteen-pence to Davidson's Pharmacy, 422 W. Heretaunga Street, Hastings for special remedy.

#### WAR Economy! Prevent rust with Fisholene! Fisholene preserves all metal—makes perfect base for paint. Saves Money with Fisholene. Obtainable all stores and garages.

#### BOOT Repairs, best of leather and workmanship. No waiting. L. O'Leary, 104 Hastings Street North, Hastings (just round the corner).

#### KYLE SYMONS, Gebbies' Road, Taradale, will overhaul, test, repair or install electrical equipment in surrounding district by certified workmen. Write or phone 79, Taradale for prompt attention.

#### WANTED Known: Select your Diamond Engagement Ring this Xmas at Helean's, Watchmakers and Jewellers.

#### EZZEMA, Psoriasis, successfully treated when all else failed. Mrs M. Whitehouse, M.B.A.M., Heretaunga, "New Era," Regent Theatre Buildings, Hastings.

#### PAINT with Majora Duralene Paint.

One gallon covers 800 sq. ft. New Zealand's most durable and economical paint. Write to E. Bullivant, Ltd., Hastings.

#### BOYS and Youths' Leather Sandals, greenhose soles; handmade. Ross Shoe Store, near Scoullars.

#### WANTED: A string of pearls for a Xmas gift. Try H. J. Grieve, Ltd., Jewellers, Hastings. A really wonderful selection.

#### WANTED: An Engagement Ring. One Kill two birds with the one stone and make the ring the 1940 Xmas gift. H. J. Grieve, Ltd., Jewellers, Hastings, for rings.

#### PASCOE'S Healing Ointment; no home should be without this wonderful Ointment. It heals sores, cuts and wounds like magic and for scalds burns, etc. it cannot be beaten. Price 2/6 per tin. Health Supply, Heretaunga Street West.

#### "ANGELA" Dressmaker and Costumier. Frocks, Costumes, expertly done. All classes of Dressmaking, Needlework, and Alterations carried out. 60, Southland Road and Heretaunga Street, Hastings.

### AUCTIONS

#### MCGLASHAN'S LTD.

WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS — A —  
MERRY CHRISTMAS — AND A —  
HAPPIER NEW YEAR.

#### MCGLASHAN'S, LTD.

TENNYSON STREET :: NAPIER

#### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SALE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1940,  
At 11 a.m.

#### MCGLASHAN'S, LTD.

TENNYSON STREET :: NAPIER  
Will Sell  
ALL LOCAL FRUIT & VEGETABLES IN SEASON.

Also  
Fresh Eggs, Cut Flowers, etc.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th,  
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#### HAVE YOU THOUGHT

—OF—  
A NEW MATTRESS

—FOR—  
THE NEW YEAR?

We have the Mattress that will suit you, at a very economical price.

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#### THE Health Supply Shop will be closed from Xmas Eve, re-opening January 3.

#### KIA Ora Restaurant for fresh Coramandel Mussels and Stewart Island Mutton Birds. Opp. Regent Theatre, Hastings.

#### (CHILDREN'S Dresses, up to 24in., 2/11 to 7/11. Rompers from 3/11. Organic Bonnets from 3/6. Mrs Carmichael, Babywear, Nelson St., Hastings.

#### AT Vidal's: 9 Waitemata, Speight's or Tuai Ale and 3 bottles of Wine, 24/- delivered. Phone 2816, Hastings.

#### WANTED Known: At Helean's Jewellers. A fine selection of Jewellery. These make ideal Xmas gifts.

#### "NEECO" ELECTRIC WASHING MACHINES

have genuine steel cut gears. See Loach and Price, Ltd., Local Agents, who will explain this point.

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#### WANTED: Silver Xmas Pudding Charms. No Xmas pudding complete without them. 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6. H. J. Grieve Ltd., Jewellers, Hastings.

#### 10,000 BOOKS and Magazines for Sale or Exchange from 3d upwards. Everybody's Book Exchange, Warren Street, Hastings.

#### WANTED: A Dux Medal, Silver or Gold. H. J. Grieve, Ltd., Jewellers and Engravers, Hastings, have a nice range of gold medals.

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have the best insulation known to mankind. Let us tell you about it. Charltons Ltd., phone 3990, Hastings.

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#### READ THIS! Our Groceries are on top. Our prices are right. Our delivery prompt. Why go past. Support Bishop's, C. Charles Street. Phone 4204, Hastings.

#### XMAS TREAT: 1935 Austin Seven for £35 deposit. Hurry to Anderson and Hansen, Ltd.

#### YOUR House is looking nice—who did the Painting? — Wakefield, Victoria Street, of course. Phone 3942. Let him do yours.

#### ROOMY Comfortable Economical Triumph Saloon. £20 deposit. Anderson and Hansen, Ltd.

The new 1940 Frigidaires are bigger, have improved appearance and have whisper quiet operation. Charltons Ltd., phone 3990, Hastings.

#### WANTED: A girl or boy's watch for a Xmas gift. A most popular gift. H. J. Grieve Ltd., Watchmakers, Hastings. 14 watches.

### STOCK SALES

#### ASSOCIATED AUCTIONEERS

#### 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 2-th. Ewes.  
CATTLE—

#### STORTFORD LODGE YARDS.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1941.

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 items 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—  
CATTLE—

SALES FOR JANUARY:  
Waipukurau: 7, 14, 21.  
Stortford Lodge: 8, 15, 22, 29.  
Onra Onra: 13, 27.  
H. E. Rams Fair: 30, 31.  
Waipukurau Ewe Fair: 21.

#### WAIROA SALE YARDS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1941.

All Sheep should be dipped before being offered for sale.

SHEEP—  
CATTLE—

#### WANTED: Hay Baling, Sweeping, Chaff-cutting; Tractor Ploughing and Threshing; modern plant. T. Berggren, Fernhill. Phone 6742.

### FUNERAL FURNISHERS

#### TONG & McIVOR

FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND MONUMENTALISTS  
NELSON STREET : HASTINGS  
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Bert Tong 3665; Geo. Tong 2491

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### LIARS CONTEST.

#### MARBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

1/- — Seats — 1/-

MANGATERETERE W.D.F.U.  
Winner of Dolls' Pram donated by Mr J. W. Shaw: Winning ticket No. 329, MRS P. GIBSON, Jervois Street, Hastings.

### SITUATIONS VACANT

WANTED: A smart assistant for Penny Arcade at Mardi Gras. Apply C. Davey.

WANTED: Cook-General for small family; must have good references. 2 single men's whares, truck shed, stable and dairy. Title Land Transfer. For all further particulars apply to THE HAWKE'S BAY FARMERS' CO-OP. ASSN. LTD., HASTINGS. Sole Agents.

WANTED: Youth for dairy farm. Quite handy to Napier. Ring 4386 Napier, immediately.

WANTED: Two Boys willing to learn Shepherding and general station work; start second week in January. Write, stating age, to Manager, "Aramoana" Station, Waipawa.

WANTED  
LADIES to book appointments now so as not to be disappointed before Christmas. Non-electric 10/6, oil 12/6, combination 17/6, genuine Eugene 20/-. All styles of haircutting.  
MODERN BEAUTY SHOP,  
Latham St., Napier : Phone 3711

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The "so-called" man will use his spare time in acquiring knowledge and being trained for a better position. There are over 300 L.C.S. Courses of specialised training—all up-to-date, thorough and specially prepared for those who wish to study in spare time.

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TO LET: Furnished home in comfortable home. Suit business firm. Write "285," Daily Mail, Hastings.

TO LET: The Terraces Private Hotel, Napier, containing 24 rooms and usual offices and conveniences. For further particulars apply Public Trust Office, Napier.

### BUSINESSES FOR SALE

FOR Sale: Garage Business, fully authorised, complete equipment; busses; splendid opportunity to live. Write "Garage," Daily Mail, Napier.

BEAUTY Salon for sale owing to ill health; excellent position, well established and most up-to-date and expensive appliances. £150 cash sufficient. Traill and Co., Agents, Hastings.

### LOST AND FOUND

£1 REWARD payable person finding or giving information recovery Ladies' Gold Rolex Watch lost December 15, 1940. Obtainable E. Bullivant, Ltd., Hastings.

LOST: Young Black and White and Ring 2118, or 3389, Hastings.

LOST: From Drill Hall on Sunday morning, Gen's Hercules Bicycle. Reward. Apply to "Milk Boy," 607 Lascelles Street, Hastings.

LOST: December 16, parcel containing two ornaments. Thought left in Soft Drink Bar, Hastings. Finder please leave at this office. Reward.

LOST Keys: Business men are registering their keys with the Dominion Key Registry Co., Ltd., c/o. Bowland and Kay, Market Reserve buildings, Phone 4161, at an annual fee of 2/6. This ensures an early return of lost keys without further expense. Write Box 25, Napier.

FOUND: The lowest cost of operation with Frigidaire "Meter Mixer" Charltons Ltd., phone 3990, Hastings.

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MYERS Porcelain-lined 2-cylinder Pump, as new, £35. Myers Brass Plunger Job, overhauled and good working order, £12 10/-. Hector Stubbs, P. and M. Service Station, 508 Karamu Road, Hastings.

LADY'S and Gen's Cycles, Juvenile Cycles, Kiddies Tricycles; all sizes. Get in early this Xmas as stocks are limited. Thomas, Karamu Road, opp. Thompson Motors.

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NAPIER "The Bike Man" NAPIER

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### WANTED TO HIRE

WANTED: A Caravan for Hawke's Bay beach, January. Reply, "Reasonable," Daily Mail, Napier.

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Tuition in all Commercial Subjects.  
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HUTTON & HEARSTONE,  
Hastings Street  
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HASTINGS, 21st December, 1940.

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