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TWO TOWNS IN DANGER

Troops Now Closing In On Narvik

ORE PLANT ON FIRE

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(Received May 1, 1.45 a.m.)
LONDON, April 30.

The latest news in London on the situation in Norway is that the Allies are being hard-pressed on the Dombaas front. It is unconfirmedly stated that the Germans are in possession of Roros (north-east of Dombaas) and Storen (south of Trondheim). The Allies are stated to be holding Jerkin, on the railway north of Dombaas.

Our troops early yesterday fought magnificently and beat off a German attack between Otta and Dombaas. The situation in Dombaas is regarded as difficult.

The position at Namsos is stationary.

The Allied troops at Narvik have been reinforced and are understood to be closing in.

The ore company's important property, presumably wharves and buildings, are reported to be burning.

During the Otta and Dombaas fighting our troops destroyed some medium sized tanks. The demolition was carried out by British troops and proved effective, hampering the enemy.

It is not clear whether the Narvik ore plant was set on fire by the Germans or as the result of a British bombardment, but the building is burning, states a late cable.

Monday's War Office communique on the campaign in Norway states: "The position in Gudbrandsdal Valley, north-east of Oslo, is unchanged. Heavy enemy air attacks have been carried out against the towns of Andalsnes and Molde. Allied landing places in Romsdal Fiord, south of Trondheim. There has been patrol activity in the Namsos area, north of Trondheim. There is nothing further to report from Narvik, in the far north.

According to a message from Gothenburg, Sweden, the Germans are reported to be landing more troops at Oslo.

A big battle in Gudbrandsdal Valley is expected.

It is reported that the Allied withdrawal from Lillehammar at the northern tip of Lake Mjosen, some 70 miles north of Oslo, has ceased, and that the Germans have been thrown back south of the vital rail junction of Dombaas, which is one of the immediate objectives of the German drive up Gudbrandsdal Valley to relieve the forces isolated at Trondheim.

Merciless Attacks

German 'planes are continuing their merciless attacks on Dombaas and Andalsnes.

The Allies have held up the Germans at Jerkin, on the railway north of Dombaas, and fighting is also in progress at Kvikne.

German and Allied troops continue to pour into Norway. The bitterness of the fighting increases with the strengthening of the Norwegian and Allied resistance, which the Germans are answering with intensified bombing and machine gunning not only of troops but of villages, ambulances and a hospital ship.

Unconfirmed Swedish reports say that the Allies have landed large forces at ports on Nord Fiord, 60 miles south-west from Andalsnes, and on Sundals Fiord, 30 miles north-east from Andalsnes. Those which were landed at Sundals Fiord have been sent to reinforce and consolidate the defences of the Dombaas-Storen railway, and those landed at Nord Fiord are to proceed to Otta, in Gudbrandsdal Valley. Large quantities of anti-aircraft guns and 'planes were also landed.

Bridges Repaired

The battle appears still to be joined at Kvam in the Gudbrandsdals Valley, and north from Roros, where the Germans are repairing the blown-up bridges and are bringing up armoured cars and field guns.

A few Germans were apparently in the neighbourhood of Jerkin where they met a strong Allied force, but the main German detachments attempting to cross the mountains to the Dombaas-Storen railway have apparently been checked. Norwegian sources admit that the Germans advanced 10 miles westward from Noes to Gol and detachments from Bergen are advancing eastward. The French and Norwegians have organised a continuous line through a forest in the Stenkjaer area with the British supporting. Patrols are actively engaged with machine-guns and rifles and Germans bombers incessantly attacking the whole front.

The War Office announces: "Statements made that the British commander at Namsos has been superseded by a French officer are untrue. The statements that our men were untrained and without reserves is nonsense. As in previous exaggerated statements, the reports have been based on conversation with a soldier influenced by his personal experience during the heat of battle and without knowledge of the situation as a whole."

MORE MINERS AT WORK

BRITAIN INCREASES OUTPUT

WAR MEASURE

Blockade Of Germany Reduces Supplies

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RUGBY, April 29.

Half the miners of Britain who were unemployed at the outbreak of the war are now at work as a result of the Government's drive to increase the peace output of 240,000,000 tons a year by 40,000,000 tons.

The chairman of the Coal Production Council (Lord Portal) is touring the British coalfields to speed up production to meet the enormous world demand created by the blockade of German exports, which were 24,000,000 tons a year before the war. Poland was then exporting 14,000,000 tons.

The British Navy has cut off half these quantities. France, Italy, South American countries and overseas bunkering stations were seeking supplies and inquiries were also coming from Canada, Portugal, Greece, Egypt and Algeria.

Italy lost 2,000,000 tons of German coal when the Rotterdam shipments ceased. She is now second only to France is buying from South Wales, and it is believed that she would take more if it was available.

NORWEGIAN TANKER ON FIRE

Outbreak In U.S. Port

PETROL INTENDED FOR GLASGOW

Explosion Unlikely

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CHARLESTON (South Carolina), April 29.

Firemen clothed in asbestos suits boarded the smouldering Norwegian oil tanker Willy after a fire in the engine room and expressed the opinion that water-filled compartments between the engineroom and the oil tanks would prevent an explosion.

The Willy is anchored in the harbour loaded with 8000 tons of aviation petrol consigned for Glasgow, Scotland.

The crew of 28 abandoned the ship.

U-BOAT SUNK BY BOMBS

BRITISH EXPLOIT OFF NORWAY

TROOP SHIPS LOST

At Least 40 Sent To The Bottom

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LONDON, April 29.

A British Sunderland flying-boat has accounted for a German submarine, and three more German supply ships have been sunk by torpedo. The latest British successes bring the number of German troop transports and supply ships sunk since April 8 to 40.

In the flying-boat's attack on the U-boat, the first bomb dropped just ahead of the vessel and the second just behind, and later a large patch of oil was all that remained on the water.

Since April 8, Germany has lost 40 troopships and supply ships. Twenty-eight German transports are known to have been sunk, the Maine scuttled herself, one transport was set on fire, and ten were torpedoed and almost certainly sunk.

To this figure must be added an unknown number sunk by mines in the fields through which German troopships would have to pass to reach Norway.

If only half these ships carried troops and each transported 400 men, it means that Germany has lost at least 8000 men in attempting to transport troops to Norway.

A Stockholm message says that an unknown steamer sank after striking a mine between Sweden and the Danish island of Zealand.

WOOL APPRAISAL AT DUNEDIN

£30,000 Better Than Last Year

By Telegraph—Press Association.
DUNEDIN, April 30.

Returns for the first appraisal for the wool season total £1,323,600, or about £30,000 in excess of last year's total, when 23,000 more bales were offered.

The decrease in the quantity offered was due largely to last year's winter causing heavy sheep losses.

FIRST STEPS IN NEW FRENCH LESSONS

Aiding Mutual Understanding Among The Children

PEACEFUL WAR EFFORT

British Official Wireless
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RUGBY, April 29.

The Board of Education, in a memorandum issued to schools, elaborates on the first steps to be taken for the encouragement of a wider understanding between the school children of Britain and France.

It is pointed out in the memorandum that by extending among the people of both countries, and especially the generation that will be growing up after the war, an understanding of each other's outlook and way of life, a bond of sympathy will be created that will lead to mutual appreciation of the many different qualities possessed by both peoples as well as of their cultural achievements and of the spiritual values in defence of which we are now fighting.

It is the board's aim to discover what are the best ways of preparing the ground and of sowing the seeds from which will spring in later life a knowledge and understanding of France and her culture.

Some account is given of the measures being taken in both countries to achieve this. In France an exhibition van will tour the provinces with a display of objects illustrating Britain and her Empire.

Special lessons are to be given in the schools and publications dealing with different aspects of British life and literature are to be issued.

Special programmes dealing with this country will also be broadcast by French radio stations.

In this country special talks are now being broadcast to schools and the board has undertaken to issue a series of leaflets advising on how best to make use of films or books on France or French newspapers and on how to develop correspondence between the children of the two countries.

DECISIVE ROLE FOR U.S.A.

RECONSTRUCTION AFTER THE WAR

EXPERT'S VIEW

Living Standards Must Be Improved

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WASHINGTON, April 29.

M. Van Zeeland, ex-Prime Minister of Belgium, who is an international economic expert, in a speech here said that United States business men may have a decisive role to play in the post-war reorganisation of world economy on an international basis.

M. PAUL VAN ZEELAND.

He urged that the primary objective be the raising of the living standard of the masses, for which reason artificial obstacles hampering the circulation of goods, capital and men must be abated and suppressed.

He cited the dangers of the concentration of gold in a single country.

"Freezing" The Assets Of The Conquered

WAR LEGISLATION DEBATED IN AMERICA

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WASHINGTON, April 29.

The Senate to-day passed and sent to the House of Representatives a Bill permitting the "freezing" of property held in the United States by citizens of nations conquered by belligerents in the European War, despite Republican contentions that it dangerously empowers the President to control private bank accounts.

Malnutrition In Germany

AMERICAN REPORT

Staying Power Will Be Lessened

TIME NECESSARY

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WASHINGTON, April 29.

An analysis by the Department of Agriculture shows that Germany entered the present war with a large proportion of her population already inadequately nourished. In 1937 the diet was at least 15 per cent. below both the 1927 and the pre-Great War levels, and there are reasons to assume that it had further deteriorated between 1937 and August 1939.

The analysis added that the situation was not likely to result in serious maladjustments in the first year of the war, but the staying power and probably the health of those outside the preferred ration category would be endangered unless it was possible to augment the normal consumer ration.

CANADIAN OIL FIRMS IN TROUBLE

Cited For Failure To Supply Retailers

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VICTORIA (British Columbia), April 29.

The Supreme Court of British Columbia has cited nine major oil companies for violation of the Dominion's Combines Investigation Act, due to their refusal to serve retail outlets because of the provincial price-fixing order.

BATTLE CRUISERS FOR EAST INDIES

Dutch Islands Prepare Their Defences

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BATAVIA, April 29.

The People's Council has approved a Bill providing for the construction of three battle-cruisers for the defence of the Netherlands East Indies.

RUSSIA READY TO TRADE WITH BRITAIN

WILL NOT RESTRICT TRADE WITH GERMANY

Own Exports To Be Her Own Business

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LONDON, April 30.

The "Daily Herald" says that the Soviet Foreign Minister (M. Maisky) has informed the British Foreign Minister (Lord Halifax) that the Soviet is willing to negotiate a trade agreement on the basis that any British goods supplied to Russia would be exclusively for Russian use and would not be re-exported to Germany, but the Soviet regarded her own exports of Russian goods, whether contraband or not, to Germany as entirely her own affair and would not discuss the restriction of this trade with any third party.

The "Manchester Guardian's" financial editor, commenting on the proposed Anglo-Russian trade discussions, says: "The practical basis on the British side is the urgent need for timber. All that can possibly arise is a barter deal under which Russia would supply timber; Britain can ship tin, in addition to some other primary commodities, perhaps spare parts for British machinery now used in the Soviet."

AOTEAROA LANDS SAFELY AT SYDNEY

PLEASANT TRIP ACROSS TASMAN

Passengers Felt Safe And Secure

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SYDNEY, April 30.

Forging the last link in Australia's chain of aerial connections with the world, the Aotearoa alighted at Rose Bay at 1.50 o'clock this afternoon to inaugurate the long-awaited Tasman air mail and passenger service.

The actual landing, in beautiful weather, was broadcast, together with a two-way conversation with the flying-boat when many miles out over the sea.

The Federal Government was represented at the arrival by the Minister of Air (Mr J. V. Fairbairn), who congratulated Captain Burgess and representatives of the co-operating companies on the consummation at long last of this important air link between the sister Dominions.

Mr Taylor, New Zealand Government Commissioner in Australia, spoke in similar strain, and with the utmost cordiality shook hands with members of the crew.

Tributes to the crew were paid by Mr A. E. Rudder, representative for Australia and New Zealand of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, and deputy-chairman of Quantas Empire Airways; Mr W. Hudson Fysh, managing-director of Qantas Empire Airways, and Mr C. G. White, Wellington, a director of the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand, Ltd. Messrs Rudder, Fysh, and White are all directors of Tasman Empire Airways. The latter also praised the part played by Colonel Falla in the negotiations.

The passengers—Messrs Harvey Turner, T. C. Webster, and H. O. Browne, Miss Joan Hewitt and Miss P. Dromgool, all of Auckland—stated that the weather generally was good; the trip was made at an average altitude of 5000 feet. The Aotearoa was extremely steady and comfortable, and all the passengers had a feeling of the utmost security.

NEW CABINET SWORN IN YESTERDAY

Formal Ceremony At Government House

CHANGES IN PORTFOLIOS

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, April 30.

The resignation of himself and his colleagues who formed the temporary Ministry following Mr Savage's death was tendered to the Governor-General at Government House today by the Hon. P. Fraser, who submitted proposals for a new Government.

His Excellency accepted the resignations and approved Mr Fraser's list of portfolios. Later Mr Fraser and his colleagues were sworn in.

Because of illness, Mr Lee Martin was unable to attend at Government House, but he has been confirmed as a member of the Executive Council and in the office of Minister of Agriculture till he has sufficiently recovered to be sworn in.

The new Government, with portfolios and departments, consists of:

The Hon. P. Fraser: Prime Minister, Minister in Charge of Broadcasting, Legislative, Electoral, Audit, High Commissioner's, and Police Departments.

The Hon. W. Nash: Minister of Finance, Minister of Customs, Minister of Stamp Duties, Minister of Marketing, Minister in Charge of Land and Income Tax, Public Service, Superannuation, Census and Statistics Departments.

The Hon. D. G. Sullivan: Minister of Industries and Commerce, Minister of Supply, Minister of Railways, Minister in Charge of Scientific and Industrial Research Department.

The Hon. H. G. R. Mason: Minister of Education, Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Minister in Charge of Prisons Department, Public Trust and Patents Offices.

The Hon. H. G. Armstrong: Minister of Health, Minister in Charge of Mental Hospitals Department, Minister in Charge of Housing and State Advances.

The Hon. R. Semple: Minister of Public Works, Minister in Charge of Roads and Public Buildings, Minister of Transport, Minister of Marine and Minister in Charge of Inspection of Machinery.

The Hon. W. E. Parry: Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister of Social Security, Minister in Charge of Registrar-General's Office.

The Hon. P. C. Webb: Minister of Labour, Minister of Mines, Postmaster-General, Minister of Telegraphs, Minister in Charge of Printing and Stationery Department.

The Hon. F. Jones: Minister of Defence, Minister in Charge of War Pensions.

The Hon. W. Lee-Martin: Minister of Agriculture, Minister in Charge of Friendly Societies and National Provident Fund Departments.

The Hon. F. Langstone: Minister of Lands, Commissioner of State Forests, Minister of External Affairs, Native Minister, Minister for Cook Islands, Minister in Charge of Native Trust and Valuation Departments, Land for Settlements, Scenery Preservation and Tourist and Health Resorts.

The Hon. D. Wilson: Minister of Immigration, Minister of Man Power, Minister in Charge of Government Life Insurance and State Fire Insurance Departments.

ABLE MEN TAKE NEW POSITIONS

MR FRASER'S THANKS FOR ASSISTANCE

MANY DUTIES

Must Relinquish His Old Portfolios

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, April 30.

In a statement to the Press tonight Mr. Fraser said that the portfolios of Education, Health and Marine as well as the charge of mental hospitals had been placed in very capable hands.

It was with great reluctance that he was compelled by pressure of work to relinquish them, but in view of the additional duties occurring through the war situation, it was quite impossible for him to carry out efficiently the Ministerial administration of such important departments.

He wished to express his appreciation of the very many requests he had received from education boards and other educational governing authorities, from school committees, parents' associations, teachers' organisations and many individual teachers and others interested in education that he should remain Minister of Education.

In normal circumstances he would most certainly have endeavoured to continue his direct personal association with the many activities of the Education Department.

Health Ministry

The same remark applied to his position as Minister of Health. He thanked the hospital boards, which had urged his retention of the portfolio, for their expressions of goodwill.

He could assure all those who were connected in any capacity with the important work of education and health, mental hospitals and marine that the Ministers appointed to control those departments were just as keenly interested as he was and that as good or even better results would be obtained under their direction.

Thanks For Co-operation

Mr. Fraser said that he would like to take this opportunity of thanking all public bodies, departmental officers and private individuals who had extended their help and co-operation to him in his Ministerial work during the last four and a half years. He regretted that he had not been able to follow the example of Mr. Savage, who had assumed the portfolios of Native Affairs, Cook Islands and External Affairs, but it was quite impossible in the present circumstances. Mr. Langstone brought both experience and sympathetic insight to the administration of these positions.

New Nazi Infernal Device At Namsos

LITTLE RED BALLS TO HELP SPREAD OF FIRES

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LONDON, April 30.

After German bombing attacks on Namsos yesterday a number of little red balls containing an orange-coloured powder were found.

It is believed that this is a new German device to spread the flames started by incendiaries.

NO MORE CONVERTED THAN UGANDA

Christianity In England

BISHOP OF LONDON OUTSPOKEN

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LONDON, April 29.

The Bishop of London, preaching at a festival service of the Church Missionary Society, declared: "England is no more converted to Christianity than Uganda. Europe is as much involved in the conflict between Christ and the devil as Asia. Christendom has disappeared as a geographical term, and will only reappear when Christian people throughout the world stand together in one faith."

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN

A Pro-German Sent

NEW APPOINTMENT TO VATICAN

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LONDON, April 30.

Signor Dino Alfieri, Italian Ambassador to the Vatican, has been appointed Ambassador to Berlin. He is considered to be strongly pro-German.

Exchanging with Signor Alfieri, Signor Bernardo Attolico has been appointed Italian Ambassador to the Vatican.

Signor Alfieri, who has held many posts in the Italian Cabinet, was appointed Ambassador-at-large in the Fascist reshuffle last October. From 1929 to 1932 he was Under-Secretary to the Minister of Corporations. Then he became president of the Fascist Cultural Institute, Milan, Under-Secretary of State for Press and Propaganda, 1935-36, Minister for Press and Propaganda, 1936-39, and a member of the Fascist Grand Council.

Signor Bernardo has served as Ambassador to Brazil, Russia and Germany.

GIFT OF WHEAT FOR NORWAY FROM ARGENTINA

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BUENOS AIRES, April 29.

Argentina has placed 20,000 tons of wheat at Norway's disposal. Payment is to be made at Norway's convenience, without interest.

AUCKLAND WEST SEAT

DEMOCRATIC LABOUR NOT STANDING

MR LEE'S REMARKS

"The Cabinet Wants Rabbits"

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, April 30.

The Democratic Labour Party does not propose to enter a candidate for the Auckland West by-election, according to Mr J. A. Lee.

"Before we contest a seat we shall have adequate preparation, organisation and funds," he said.

Mr Lee added that they aimed at getting the basis of a North Island organisation together before the session. "Temporarily, we must leave the officially-selected 'yes man' alone. Obviously, powerfully centralised control is accompanied by a deterioration in the quality of candidates," Mr Lee went on. "The Cabinet wants rabbits."

MR MACKENZIE KING AT WASHINGTON

Conference With The President

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WASHINGTON, April 29.

The Canadian Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King) conferred with President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hlul today. None of them would comment on the conference after its conclusion.

EIRE ANXIOUS TO SELL FARM GOODS TO BRITAIN

London Exchange Would Be Saved And Shipping Kept Free

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LONDON, April 30.

The Eire Agriculture Minister (Mr James Ryan) and the Minister of Supplies (Mr Sean Semass) have arrived for the first direct personal conference between British and Eire Ministers for two years, which will be held at the Dominions' Office, with Mr Anthony Eden presiding.

The conference concerns trade relations, and the Eire representatives intend to press for bigger orders and better prices for Eire produce, especially butter.

The Eire spokesman declared that the delegates were asking for a good share of the agricultural orders formerly given to Denmark. Britain could conserve huge sums of foreign exchange by buying from Irish farmers, he said. It would also economise on shipping.

Eire, he added, was able to increase her productive capacity 50 per cent. without strain.

Fine Of £10 For New Zealander

IMPERSONATION CASE

Posed At Sydney As R.A.F. Officer

INVENTION TO SELL

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SYDNEY, April 30.

For impersonating a Royal Air Force flight-lieutenant, Bryce Samuel Dennis, aged 21, who came from New Zealand in March, was fined £10 at the City Court to-day.

Dennis told the Court that his object had been to interest the Australian Air Board in an invention associated with fighter 'planes.

He admitted after arrest that he had been a naval reservist in New Zealand and had no flying knowledge.

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SHEEP DOG TRIAL CLUB
(Affiliated with the North Island Dog Trial Association)

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Trials start 8 a.m.

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Patron: T. P. Hunter, Esq. President: E. J. White, Esq.

PROGRAMME

CLASS I—Short head and yard. Open. Distance: About quarter of a mile. Time, 15 minutes. First Prize, £6; Second Prize, £4; Third Price, £2; Fourth Prize, £1.

CLASS IA—Maiden dogs. Open to dogs that have never won a heading event of any kind at time of starting. First Prize, £3; Second Prize, £2; Third Prize, £1; Fourth Prize, 10/-.

CLASS II—Heading, bring back and hold in ring. About half a mile. Time, 12 minutes. Open. First Prize, £6; Second Prize, £4; Third Prize, £2; Fourth Prize, £1.

CLASS IIA—Maiden dogs. First Prize, £3; Second Prize, £2; Third Prize, £1; Fourth Prize, 10/-.

CLASS III—Open huntaway. About a quarter of a mile; through three sets of flags, to the satisfaction of the judge. Time, 12 minutes. First Prize, £6; Second Prize, £4; Third Prize, £2; Fourth Prize, £1.

CLASS IIIA—Maiden huntaway. Open to maiden dogs that have never won a huntaway event of any description at time of starting. Other conditions as above. First Prize, £3; Second Prize, £2; Third Prize, £1; Fourth Prize, 10/-.

CHALLENGE CUPS AND TROPHIES

Austin Memorial Trophy to be awarded to the man scoring the most points in Bracelet and Huntaway with two dogs. Dogs to be nominated before competitor enters the ring. One dog in each event.

W. Whyte, Esq., Challenge Cup, valued at £10/10/- for one dog scoring most points in Short Head, Open. To be won three times before becoming the property of the competitor.

£10/10/- cup, presented by J. Turley, Esq., for dog scoring most points in Class 2. To be won three times.

Silver cup, valued at £10/10/-, presented by J. R. Gillespie, Esq., for one dog scoring most points in Class III (Huntaway). To be won three times.

Aggregate Cup, value £7/7/-, presented by E. McLennan, Esq., for dog scoring most points in Classes 1 and 2, and one dog in Class III. To be won three times.

£5/5/- cup, presented by H. V. Hill, Esq., for local maiden man and dog scoring most points in Class 2. To be won three times.

Cup presented by Ned Lowe, Esq., for local maiden man and dog scoring most points in Classes 1 and 2. To be won twice in succession or three times at intervals.

SPECIALS

£1/1/- donated by E. J. White, Esq., for oldest competitor at the meeting.

£2/2/- medal donated by J. Helm, Esq., for maiden man scoring most points at meeting.

£1/1/- donated by M. Davidson, Esq., for youngest competitor.

£2/2/- donated by R. A. McGreevy, Esq., for local man scoring most points at meeting.

£1/1/- donated by E. N. McLeod, Esq., for maiden man and dog in Class 1.

£2/2/- donated by J. Chalmers, Esq., for maiden man and dog scoring most points in Class 3.

Numerous other Special Prizes to be allotted later.

Luncheon on Ground.

DANCE WILL BE HELD SECOND NIGHT OF TRIALS.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:
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On R. Mathews' Estate, Tikokino,
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May 9th, 10th, 11th, 1940.
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Patron: R. Mathews, Esq.
President: D. Eddy, Esq.

PROGRAMME—

CLASS I.—Open Long Head and drive round in ring and back, about 600 yards. Time, 12 minutes. First prize £6, 2nd £3, 3rd £1, 4th 10/-.

CLASS IA.—Run in conjunction with Class I., for man who has never won an open heading event, and maiden dog. First prize 50%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 12½%.

CLASS II.—Open Short Head, drive and yard. Distance, 500 yards. Time, 15 minutes. First prize £6, 2nd £3, 3rd £1, 4th 10/-.

CLASS IIA.—Run in conjunction with Class II., for man who has never won an open heading event, and maiden dog. First prize 50%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 12½%.

CLASS III.—Open Huntaway, between three sets of flags. Distance, 400 yards. Time, 10 minutes. First prize £6, 2nd £3, 3rd £1, 4th 10/-.

CLASS IIIA.—Run in conjunction with Class III., for man who has never won an open huntaway event, and maiden dog. First prize 50%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 12½%.

ALL ENTRIES close APRIL 30th and places for runs drawn. Late entries 1/- extra.

LUNCHEON BOOTH ON GROUND.

CHALLENGE CUPS—

Challenge Cup, value £10/10/-, to be awarded winner of Class I.

J. Turley's Challenge Cup, value £10 10/-, to winner of Class II.

J. Donnelly's Challenge Cup, value £10 10/-, to winner of Class III.

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PROGRESS OF TROOPS

VISIT TO PAPAKURA CAMP

WARM PRAISE

Major-General Duigan Impressed

Satisfaction that the soldiers had made all the progress possible in the time at their disposal was expressed by the Chief of the General Staff, Major-General J. E. Duigan, on Saturday, after inspecting men of the Second Echelon of the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force in training at Papakura. Major-General Duigan was accompanied by Colonel J. Hargest, officer commanding the 5th Infantry Brigade, and by Colonel N. W. McD. Weir, officer commanding the northern military district.

"You are well turned out, steady in bearing and obviously fit," said Major-General Duigan when addressing the troops. "You have done everything you could have done in the time you have had here. I am sure you will be a credit to your division, and that when the test comes you will measure up to it and behave in the same magnificent manner as is now being displayed by the Royal Navy and the Air Force. There is nothing more certain than that the 2nd N.Z.E.F. will carry on and do its job in the same way as the 1st N.Z.E.F. Good-bye and good-luck."

Took Salute

On his arrival Major-General Duigan was welcomed by officers of the camp staff and was received by the parade, drawn up on what is now the football ground, with a general salute. He then inspected every one of the men and later took a salute from a march past.

After the inspection of the Second Echelon units, Major-General Duigan watched officers and non-commissioned officers of the Third Echelon who are training at Papakura. He also expressed satisfaction at the advance they have made.

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SECOND DAY
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1940
First Race Starts 11.30 a.m.

WAIOHIKI HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 9st. Nom., £1; Acc., £1. 1½ MILES

GREENMEADOWS HACK HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 8st. Nom., £1; Acc., £1. 6 FURLONGS

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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1940

NOMINATIONS for all events close at the office of the Secretary, Bowman Building, Market Street, Napier, at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 27

WEIGHTS for all First Day's Events will be declared.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

ACCEPTANCES for all Events First Day close at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, at 7.30 p.m.
(Night of First Day's Races)

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ITALY'S POSITION IS REVIEWED

The Mediterranean Considered By A Naval Expert

BRITISH STRATEGY

Britain's recent action in halting German coal for Italy, carried in Italian bottoms, although ostensibly directed against Germany, may have been designed to serve a double purpose of impressing upon Italy the potentialities of the economic pressure the Allies can exert, writes a naval expert in the "Christian Science Monitor."

Few diplomatic or strategic moves are made by the warring Powers in Europe without consideration being given either to the effect on Italy or how Italy's attitude can affect the decision, for Italy casts a long shadow across the Mediterranean.

To-day Il Duce—endeavouring to steer a middle course—seems to be in a position not unlike the early days of the World War, before Italy repudiated its German and Austro-Hungarian ties and decided the Allied cause to be the more advantageous.

Italy occupies a geographical position of supreme strategical importance in the Mediterranean which has become increasingly vital in the present conflict. The Italian Peninsula, together with the adjacent island of Sicily, almost divides the Middle Sea into two parts, leaving a passage that is less than 100 miles wide.

Despite this strategical location, Italy to-day must recognise that Britain retains absolute control over both ends of the Mediterranean; with Gibraltar on guard at the west and Port Said in the east.

And the Allies, in a sense, also hold Italy's African possessions hostage for its good behaviour.

There is no question but that a hostile Italy would greatly embarrass the Allies. Italy has, or is about to complete, four efficient 35,000-ton battleships armed with 15-inch guns, and also has four older battleships that possess impressing characteristics.

The Italian navy has six 10,000-ton cruisers, which carry 8-inch guns and a number of smaller cruisers, all of which are modern and very fast. In addition, there are many torpedo craft, submarines, and fast motor torpedo boats.

Italy's Air Arm.

Italy has an extensive Air Force that comprises large numbers of efficient aeroplanes of many types, manned by capable aviators, many of whom have had combat experience in Spain.

These forces, operating on inner lines from nearby bases, should be able to give excellent accounts of themselves, and would compel the Allies to maintain at either end of the Mediterranean forces capable of dealing with the enemy by sea and by air, thereby causing a most undesirable dispersion of their forces.

The possibility of this necessity unquestionably is one of the reasons that is causing Great Britain to push its battleship programme ahead so vigorously.

Two years ago Britain laid down five 35,000-ton battleships, two of which are now nearing completion, and two others are scheduled for commissioning later on this year. In addition, work has been started on four larger battleships.

France has several formidable battleships in hand, two of which are to be completed before the end of the year.

British Positions

Port Said and Gibraltar are approximately 1000 miles from either Italy or Sicily. Gibraltar is 800 miles from Sardinia, and Port Said is 450 miles from both Libya and Rhodes. So these British bases appear relatively safe from mass attacks by air, but even if they were not, this would hardly prevent an effective control being exercised over passing sea-borne traffic.

The Allies would not find the Italian bases in the Dodecanese Islands difficult to reduce, and control of the Aegean Sea would then be assured them.

Italy, however, should be able to control the Mediterranean in its immediate vicinity, and render the British base at Malta untenable, thereby severing the so-called "life-line of the British Empire." Not an irreparable loss, however, unless the war spreads to the Eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea, as the longer route by way of the Cape of Good Hope was frequently used during the World War when German submarines were proving too troublesome in the Mediterranean.

However, should the Near East become involved in the war, the picture would be entirely different, and Italy would have to be brought to terms before the Allies would feel justified in undertaking extensive military operations in an area with an insecure line of supply.

Economic Blockade

But Italy, before taking action that is hostile to the Allies, will have to give earnest consideration to the strangling effect on the economic existence of the country, of a blockade centred at Gibraltar, Port Said, and in the Aegean. Italy, with few natural resources, is dependent on its sea-borne traffic for the raw materials its industries require.

Since Italy has practically no resources in oil or coal, fuel is an import of vital importance. Some 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 tons of coal are imported annually, of which 7,000,000 tons come from Germany—more than 3,000,000 of it by sea. Even with promise of partial supplies from Germany by rail, Italy must look elsewhere for coal, and very possibly Hampton Roads will again be a rendezvous for Italian colliers just as it was during the World War.

In addition to confronting the Allies at sea, Italy must reckon with the possibility of its industrial area in the rich valley of the Po being overrun by land. In fact, at the beginning of the war, some observers were of the opinion that the Allies would have welcomed the opportunity of attempting an invasion of Germany through northern Italy.

Which Way Italy?

Thus diplomatic pressures are being applied to Italy by both Germany and the Allies, and it remains to be seen which way Premier Benito Mussolini will be inclined to think the wind blows most favourably.

If Italy can be induced again to cast its lot with the Allies, or if they have reason to feel convinced that Italy will remain non-belligerent, even if not neutral, they can commit themselves to putting into use the huge army now assembled in the Near East.

And it may be quite possible that the Allies will make use of other "trial balloons" to force Italy to disclose its intentions.

Paris Goes Into Half Mourning

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Men And Women Assume Their Share Of War Sacrifice

Paris in half mourning, and it becomes her. Last autumn, when London put on black with such dramatic effect, Paris went only into grey. The railway stations here are dusky rather than dark; and the dimmed lights of the streets seem to give quite a generous glow when one arrives from London black-out or from the towns in the zone of the armies, writes Richard Capell, special correspondent of the "London Daily Telegraph," with the French Army.

In those towns—such as Metz, Nancy and Colmar—fancy plays with the thought of a reversal of time's clock. One often has the feeling at night of a plunge into the Dark Ages. But here, in Paris, the clock has gone back only a hundred years.

End of an Epoch

Like London, Paris has gained in dignity by the suppression of illuminated advertisements. But again there is a difference in the effect here. In Piccadilly Circus the disappearance of the shrieking night signs came dramatically. It was like the announcement of the end of an epoch, like the eclipse of folly and a summons to face tragic realities. The night signs have gone, too, from the boulevards; but the change seems less drastic. Perhaps they were never quite so blatant in Paris as in London. In going into half-mourning Paris has simply put off a quantity of tawdry ornaments that never really added to her good looks.

The porches of Notre Dame and the base of the Vendome column have been protected; but there is nothing here like the general look of fortification given by the London sandbags.

Since the autumn an extension of the hours of opening has been granted to places of refreshment, which do not shut now until midnight. This seems generous indeed if one has come from a town in the Army zone, where all doors are shut and lights put out at 9 o'clock.

Coffee Lacking

If coffee is not to be had liberally at the grocers' shops there is plenty of tea. Human nature, however, would not be itself if this question of coffee did not give rise to faint moans. You can test the character of your friends and acquaintances by the answers you get to a question about the supply of coffee.

While Mlle. Faint-Heart thinks that the end of civilisation is at hand if she cannot have all she wants for the asking, Mme. Standfast tells you disdainfully that she would rather bite her tongue than complain about such trifles.

Women's Share

The women of the French working classes are shouldering a full share of the burden of war. The peasants' cottages one passes in the train, the blocks of workmen's dwellings seen as we draw into Paris—they all tell the same tale to anyone who has heard a few typical stories of this war time. It is a tale of fathers mobilised, of grandmothers in charge of the children and of wives at work earning the family bread in shops or factories or on the land with the older men.

A pillar of the national economy of France in war time is the soldier's acceptance of a rate of pay which is not a great deal when he is in the line (10 francs a day, or about 15d), and is not more than nominal when he is out of it: this, and the slenderness of the Government's allowance to his family.

The son in the army is a charge accepted by the French family. It must be that the people as a whole prefer that the family undertake more and the State less than we on our side of the water have come to consider the appropriate thing.

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PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR

1YA Auckland

7.0 a.m.: Daventry news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 7.30: District weather report. 9.0: Selected recordings. 9.15: Daventry news. 10.0: Devotional service. 10.15: Selected recordings. 11.0: Talk to women by "Margaret." 11.10: Selected recordings. 12.0: Daventry news, followed by lunch music.

2.0 p.m.: Selected recordings. 2.30: Classical hour. 3.15: Sports results. 3.30: Light musical programme. 4.0: Special weather report for farmers. 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Daventry news, followed by dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 7.40: Youth Centre talk, by N. G. Gribble, Secretary Government Youth Centre. 8.0: Concert programme. Recordings. 8.26: Elena Gerhardt (mezzo-soprano). 8.35: Nancy Reed (piano), from the studio, "Waldstein" Sonata (Beethoven). 9.0: Daventry news. 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: "Those We Love": A story of people like us, the Marshalls. 9.50: The Mastersingers Vocal Ensemble. 10.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: Daventry news.

2YA Wellington

7.0 a.m.: Daventry news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 7.30: District weather report. 9.0: Recordings. 9.15: Daventry news. 9.25: Recordings. 10.0: Weather report for aviators. 10.10: Devotional service. 10.25: Recordings. 10.28 to 10.30: Time signals from the Dominion Observatory. 10.45: Talk to women by "Margaret." 11.0: Recordings. 12.0: Daventry news. 12.20 p.m.: Lunch music. 1.0: Weather report for aviators.

2.0: Classical hour. 3.0: Sports results; selected recordings. 3.28 to 3.30: Time signals. 4.0: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Daventry news. 6.0: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 7.28 to 7.30: Time signals. Talk by the Gardening Expert: "For the Home Gardener." 8.0: Celebrity concert, under the auspices of the National Patriotic Fund Board. 9.0: Daventry news. 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: "Exploits of the Black Moth" (Episode 23: "The Case of the April Fool"). 9.51: "The Moonstone." 10.4: Dance music by Manuel Raymond's Dance Orchestra. 11.0: Daventry news.

3YA Christchurch

7.0 a.m.: Daventry news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 9.0: Selected recordings. 9.15: Daventry news. 9.30: Selected recordings. 10.30: Devotional service. 10.45: Selected recordings. 11.0: Talk to women by "Margaret." 11.10: Women's session. 11.30: Selected recordings. 12.0: Daventry news. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch music.

1.30: Educational session. 2.40: Selected recordings. 3.0: Classical music. 4.0: Frost and special weather forecast and light musical programme. 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Daventry news. 6.0: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and Reports. 7.20: Addington Stock Market Report. 7.35: Winter Course talk, introducing "The Microphone Roundtable," "Europe Overflows": "Into the Americas." 8.0: Chimes. Readings by O. L. Simmance: "The Invisible Companion," by J. Jefferson Farjeon. 8.22: Andre D'Arkor (tenor). 8.27: 3YA Orchestra, conductor, Will Hutchens (Mus. Bac.). 8.39: Recording: Germaine Martinelli. 8.48: 3YA Orchestra. 9.0: Daventry news. 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: Recording: Artur Schnabel (pianoforte), and the London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. 10.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: Daventry news.

4YA Dunedin

7.0 a.m.: Daventry news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 9.0: Selected recordings. 9.15: Daventry news. 10.0: Weather report for aviators; selected recordings. 10.15: Devotional service. 10.50: Talk to women by "Margaret." 12.0: Daventry news; South Dunedin community sing. 1.0 p.m.: Weather report for aviators; weather forecast; community singing. 1.30: Lunch music.

2.0: Selected recordings. 3.15: Talk by the A.C.E., Home Science Tutorial Section. 4.0: Daventry news. 4.30: Light musical programme. 4.45: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Daventry news. 6.0: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 7.30: Talk by the Motor Expert. 8.0: "The Bold Bad Buccaneers" in humour and harmony. 8.15: "Ravenshoe." A dramatic version of Henry Kingsley's great story. 8.28: "Aloha Land." 8.42: "The Fourth Form at St. Percy's." 8.54: Charlie Kunz (piano). 9.0: Daventry news. 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: The Theatre Box. 9.38: "Khyber and Beyond": "Twilight." A drama of the North-West Frontier. 10.4: Jan Savitt and his Tophatters, with vocal interludes by the Merry Macs. 11.0: Daventry news.

2YH Napier

7.0 a.m.: Daventry news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 9.15: Daventry news. 11.0: Light music. 12.0: Daventry news. 12.15 2.0 p.m.: Lunch session.

5.0: Light music. 5.30: For the Children. 5.45: Daventry news. 6.0: "The Japanese Houseboy." 6.15: Light music. 6.45: Weather report and forecast for Hawke's Bay; Stortford Lodge Market Report. 7.0: Re-broadcast of Government news. 7.15: "Khyber and Beyond" (episode 10). 8.0: Light music. 8.10: Recorded talk by Dr. H. L. Brose: "Electricity in the Human Body." 8.30: Dance session. 9.0: Daventry news. 9.20: Symphonic and operatic excerpts: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, "Symphony No. 4 in G Major" (Dvorak), (First and Second Movements). 9.42: Marjorie Lawrence (soprano), "Brunnhilde's Battle Cry," from "Die Walkure" (Wagner). 9.51: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, "Symphony No. 6 in B Minor" ("The Pathetic") (Tcholkovski) (Third Movement). 10.0: Close down.

Otane Basketball. — The Otane basketball team were defeated by the Waipawa District High School A team in a game played at the Otane Recreation Ground. The score was 28-27, Miss J. Macdowell being referee.

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Badminton at Otane.—The opening of the Otane Badminton season took place in the Town Hall on Monday night, almost the full number (25) of members being present. A Yankee tournament was begun, the finals of which are to be played in the hall on Thursday evening. Monday and Thursday nights were selected as most suitable for meetings.

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Regent

"ITS A WONDERFUL WORLD"

Claudette Colbert And James Stewart

No happier combination of stellar players has been achieved in recent months than that of Claudette Colbert and James Stewart, who are currently to be seen together in "It's a Wonderful World," which opens to-day at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

Miss Colbert at last has found a delightful successor to her Academy Award winner, "It Happened One Night." James Stewart was never more happily cast than as her partner in some of the zaniest doings ever created for the screen.

With amusing situations tumbling over one another, and sprightly dialogue rattling off the laughs at almost machine-gun pace, the story reveals Stewart in the role of Guy Johnson, private detective, hired to keep an irresponsible, oft-married millionaire playboy out of trouble. When the millionaire is accused of murder, Stewart becomes involved. He escapes to seek a solution of the murder and is caught in the act by Miss Colbert who plays Edwina Corday, a poetess.

Here is where rhyme and reason become hopelessly and hilariously mixed as the pair proceed to track down the real murderer. They become involved in a series of daring exploits and clever deductions, with Miss Colbert in her most scatter-brained and delightful strain and Stewart turning in one of his most engaging comedy performances as the much-tried and hard-tested amateur sleuth to whom the poetess, with her unaccountable vagaries and unpredictable whims, is an even greater feminine mystery than the murder both are trying to solve.

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State

A GREAT FILM FROM A NOVEL

"The Rains Came" Is A Magnificent Film

Darryl F. Zanuck's magnificent and faithful production of "The Rains Came," the great Louis Bromfield novel, will be presented at the State Theatre, Hastings, again to-day. Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power and George Brent are the leading players of a brilliant cast.

Rarely has a famous book, which has been read and enjoyed by millions, been transferred to the screen with such devoted fidelity, such unsparing care and cost! The result gloriously justifies the effort.

"The Rains Came" is a great film. All the fascinating characters of the book come to vivid life on the screen and every role is perfectly cast and brilliantly played, the evident result of the distinguished Clarence Brown's superlative direction.

Myrna Loy, looking more enchanting than ever, breaks with the "perfect wife" tradition to play the amorous Lady Esketh, and she is superb. Tyrone Power is grand as the handsome, high-caste Hindu surgeon, Major Rama Safti, the first real love of Lady Esketh's romance-strewn life; and George Brent gives a splendid account of himself as the world-weary Tom Ransome.

The colourful setting of Bromfield's mythical city of Ranchipur, India, is realistically reproduced and the awesome catastrophes that highlight the novel—the earthquake, the flood, the fire and the plague—are all reproduced with breath-taking effect. This is a film of magnificent spectacle.

Zanuck's sensational new discovery, Brenda Joyce, scores heavily in the role of young Fern Simon, whose love gives Ransome a new lease on life, and splendid performances are also turned in by Nigel Bruce as Lord Esketh, Maria Ouspenskaya as the Maharani, Joseph Schildkraut as Mr Bannerjee, Mary Nash as Miss MacDaid, Jane Darwell as Aunt Phoebe (Mrs Smiley); Marjorie Rambeau as Mrs Simon, Henry Travers as Rev. Homer Smiley and H. B. Warner as the Maharajah.

Cosy

'BLACKMAIL," A STARK DRAMA

Edward G. Robinson In A New Role

Stark drama at a fast pace through Edward G. Robinson's first great sympathetic role, as vivid and as tense as anything he has ever done, makes a noteworthy contribution to film entertainment at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, where "Blackmail" is now showing.

It is an entirely different Robinson that comes to the screen in this picture. There is a distinctive new quality to his performance as he plays the sympathetic role of an honest citizen who is uprooted from his family, thrown into a prison camp for a crime he did not commit, and who gradually changes from a man whose strongest emotion is love for his wife to one whose bloodlust and only motivating desire is to wreak some terrible vengeance on the betrayer whose duplicity placed him behind prison bars.

Ruth Hussey, who played the lead in "Within the Law," and who was the feminine heavy in "Maisie," makes a notable step forward as one of the most capable young actresses in Hollywood. Bobs Watson, the eight-year-old star of "On Borrowed Time," gives another vivid performance as Robinson's son. Guinn (Big Boy) Williams as Robinson's partner, John Wray as his convict pal, Arthur Hohl as a prison camp guard and Esther Dale complete the list of principals.

The background is entirely new, too, for this is not a prison picture. The few months spent in a prison camp are those in which Robinson changes to a man intent only on revenge, but they form merely a chapter in the unfolding of a tensely dramatic theme whose backgrounds are found in the love of a man for his wife, the open-countenanced villainy of as slimy a heavy as the screen has known and the roaring inferno of oil well fires.

Robinson is seen as an oil well shooter who is recognised by a former shipmate, Gene Lockhart, who turns in an admirable performance as the betrayer. Once Robinson has shaken off the pursuit of prison authorities, he goes about the grim and, in a final dramatic climax, terrifying business of meting out a fiery and a just vengeance upon his betrayer.

Municipal

"FOUR MEN AND A PRAYER"

"The Californian" Also Showing

Thrilling action against the colourful background of Old California highlights Harold Bell Wright's fast-moving screenplay, "The Californian," now showing at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, with Ricardo Cortez in the starring role.

The dramatic, thrill-paced story of a famed and feared hero of Old California's scarlet days, the Twentieth Century-Fox release presents Cortez as a phantom bandit, who leaves behind a taunting laugh as token of his daring raids. His career parallels the exploits of the famous bandit, Tiburcio Vasquez, who became an outlaw in an effort to right the wrongs done his Mexican countrymen by renegade Americans attracted by the great gold rush of 1849.

A gallant lover, and a gay caballero of the fiestas, Cortez shines also as a Robin Hood of the Old West, with a spitting six-gun for his long bow, making law where there is none, to save his friends and neighbours who have been terrorised by usurping adventurers.

The transition of the popular story, "Four Men and a Prayer," read by millions in book form or magazine serial, will provide the associate film. Of primary interest is the fact that the film has not deviated from the original plot. Beautiful, gay Loretta Young, in practically the only feminine role, is the girl whose love for one of the brothers serves as a shining beacon through clouds of intrigue and even mistrust of her.

Her romantic interest is for Richard Greene. Greene, however, along with George Sanders, David Niven and William Henry, are the four men who forsake everything in their careers to track down around the world the menace which cashiered their beloved father, C. Aubrey Smith, out of the army in disgrace and then brought death to a great soldier.

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Hawke's Bay Provincial Patriotic Area

An account of the wool and socks purchased by the various zone committees in Hawke's Bay up to the end of March, together with the number of farewell parcels from each district, was submitted yesterday at a meeting in Hastings of the Provincial Patriotic Council.

In the Napier Zone's total of 195 Napier contributed 182 farewell parcels, 107 of which were sent overseas. Taradale made up 13 parcels.

Hastings made up 139 parcels; 108 went overseas.

Central Zone made 81 parcels, from Waipukurau; 81 went overseas.

Southern Zone totalled 106 parcels from Dannevirke; 65 went overseas.

Hawke's Bay Zone made up 36 parcels, 23 going overseas.

Of 48 parcels from Wairoa, 24 went overseas.

Figures in all cases are the totals for both echelons.

A CARNIVAL OF VAUDEVILLE

Will Mahoney's Revue Coming

Recognising the present public demand for light entertainment in contrast to serious fare, the Tivoli Circuit are presenting to New Zealand theatre-goers a carnival of vaudeville. The company will appear at the Municipal Theatre on Saturday night next, May 4, for one night only, and at Hastings on Monday evening next, May 6.

Will Mahoney's exceptional versatility as a comedian and entertainer is of world-wide repute. He has the instinctive ability to impart this exhilerating feeling to his audiences. His is a vital personality. His associates on this visit have been specially selected to keep up the Centennial spirit, and there is never a moment's slackening in the progress of the programme.

Attractive Evie Hayes, who is a success everywhere, brings new and lilting songs, and her glamorous personality gives a joyous touch to her interpretations. With Mr. Mahoney she will co-operate in a series of hilarious sketches, presented in original and colourful lines.

Other talented members of the company are Bob Geraghty, who achieved much success on his former trip; the talented Melodians, who aptly get their description; and the soprano, Margaret Kelly, and a newcomer from New York in Johnny Hyman, whose "Topicalities" cause uproarious merriment. The Australian, John Dobbie, is always welcome on a vaudeville programme. The Four Florays have won acclamation in theatres abroad for their original springboard act; the Lampinis have a thrilling feature turn, which has given them the descriptive term of "escapologists," and Captain Cusko presents his trained dogs and parrots.

In addition there are eccentric stepdancers, singers and a ballet of lovely girls in a succession of alluring ensembles that add glamour to the show.

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Mayfair

"ALL AMERICAN SWEETHEART"

"Penitentiary" Is Also Showing

Grim in implications, but unfolding a poignant romance of young love on a prison threshold, the tense dynamic drama, "Penitentiary," now showing at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier.

Jean Parker, John Howard and Walter Connolly are featured in this Columbia picture. Here is one drama of the prison world that does not lean on the usual gaol break for thrills. It is the story of a different sort of gaol-break — a psychological one.

"Penitentiary" shows the escape from moral disintegration of a young prisoner undergoing a severe punishment for an accidental crime. Not only convicts, but a girl and the warden himself are accomplices to the "escape."

Campus fun, thrills, romance and a story with a new and novel twist, "All American Sweetheart," the associate feature, provides 60 minutes of excellent entertainment. Fresh, new faces on the screen, thrilling and picturesque crew races and intriguing music, contribute to make this one of the outstanding pictures of the year. Depicting a maximum of the dash, colour and thrill of modern day college life, it has a large cast, including Patricia Farr, Scott Colton, Joe Twerp, Jimmy Eagles and Gene Morgan.

State

"THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME"

Charles Laughton's Fine Portrayal

Magnificent, awe-inspiring, amazingly impressive and eye-dazzling! These words best describe "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," which opens at the State Theatre, Napier, on Friday.

A remarkable and convincing achievement in every department from basic idea to actual performance, "The Hunchback" can safely be hailed as the most spectacular motion picture Hollywood has produced in the last decade.

Vastly superior in every respect to past efforts to interpret the spacious and melodramatic Victor Hugo thriller, the current version is a personal triumph for Charles Laughton, whose characterisation of the crippled cathedral bell-ringer is without question his crowning contribution to the screen. Equally notable in his superb support, including a host of stage and screen celebrities—Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Thomas Mitchell, Maureen O'Hara, Edmond O'Brien, Alan Marshal, Walter Hampden and Katharine Alexander.

The plot dwells on Quasimodo, the caretaker of the bells of Notre Dame. He falls hopelessly in love with a gypsy charmer, Esmeralda, whose exotic dancing at the annual Feast of Fools at the same time arouses the evil passions of the King'h High Justice, Frollo. The nobleman, repulsed, slays one of her admirers, after which he has her accused of the murder and convicted.

How Quasimodo saves Esmeralda at the cost of his own life when the villainous nobleman tries to carry her off, makes for a gripping climax rarely equalled in drama, surprises and thrilling moments.

Thanks to the mammoth re-creations of such historic Parisian landmarks as the cathedral of Notre Dame, the Palais de Justice, Sainte Chapelle and the Court of Miracles, and thanks to the record number of atmosphere players—3500—which people the massive settings, the pageantry and spirit and colour that were the Paris of King Louis XI are vividly and realistically captured.

Current Attraction.

The power of one of to-day's great novels finds its full scope on the screen in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "The Rains Came," the sensationally successful best-seller by Louis Bromfield, now showing at the State Theatre, Napier, with Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power and George Brent sharing stellar honours.

Regent

"RULERS OF THE SEA"

Douglas Fairbanks, Jun. And Fine Cast

Realism in motion pictures is a quality very much to be desired in the opinion of Will Fyffe, the great Scottish character actor who is making his American debut in a starring role as an engineer in Frank Lloyd's production, "Rulers of the Sea," a story of the triumph of steam over sail which is now at the Regent Theatre, Napier, with Douglas Fairbanks, jun., and Margaret Lockwood co-starred with Fyffe. At least, it's a bonnie quality when it doesn't cause too much discomfort, according to Will.

It seems that the script of "Rulers of the Sea" and warm California weather conspired to make things wurra uncomfortable for the Scot during the filming of the picture. The heat went up above ninety, and Fyffe had to perform in a set reproducing the engine room of the Dog Star, known in history as the Sirius, first ship to cross the Atlantic by power of steam alone.

In ordering the set built Lloyd insisted upon having not only a full-sized, working reproduction of the Dog Star's primitive two-cylinder engine, but also practical fire boxes. They must be realistic, he said.

Set designers complied with the producer-director's wishes. They gave him the engine and the fire boxes, with real coal for fuel, instead of a synthetic fire-glow from red-tinted electric lamps.

Fyffe's reaction, after sweating through many hours in the hot set, amused Lloyd: "Phew!" said Fyffe, "to think I left home for this! When I played an engineer before it was in a comedy back home. The role required me to be a fellow who kept falling overboard into the ocean, which was cooling and refreshing. If I were to drop in now, I'd sizzle like an oatmeal cake in grease!"

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A week-end wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Taupo, when Molly Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Beaumont Orr, and Alan William, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. B. Broadhurst, Kaiti, Gisborne.

The bride, who entered the church with her father, wore a navy and cornflower blue model frock, with navy shoes and navy toque.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Cushla Beaumont Orr, who wore dusky pink, with navy accessories.

The groomsman was Mr H. T. Holden, Gisborne, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and to receive her guests Mrs Orr wore a tan crepe frock, with accessories to match. She was assisted by Mrs Broadhurst, who chose a smart clover suit, with matching accessories.

Miss Paddy Beaumont Orr, sister of the bride, wore a clover and green suit, with brown accessories, and Mrs H. T. Holden, sister of the bridegroom, wore a black model frock and finger length coat with a bright shoulder spray.

An aunt of the bride, Mrs Trevor Brett, Auckland, and a great friend of the family, Miss Muriel Hayes, Auckland, were also present.

Guests Present

Guests at the reception were: Mr, Mrs and Miss Branson, Dr. and Mrs Armstrong, Mr and Mrs G. G. Potts, Mr and Mrs Colbeck, Mr and Mrs Sleightholme, Mr and Mrs G. Marlow, Mr and Mrs Lerew, Mr and Mrs K. Young, Mr and Mrs A. Stott, Mr and Mrs T. Heath, Mr and Mrs A. Broad, Mr and Mrs W. G. Quarrie, Mr and Mrs W. East, Mr and Mrs E. Baker, Mr and Mrs J. Blundell, Mr and Mrs D. Hunt, Mr and Mrs Ralph Ward, Mr and Mrs F. Gill (Wellington), Mr J. Sheehan, Mrs Montgomerie, Mr and Miss Renshaw (Tauranga), Mr and Mrs Dennis (Gisborne), Colonel Robinson, Mr J. Parker, Misses D. Tonkies, L. Fraser, E. Smith, A. Nickie, E. and P. Dennis.

When the bridal couple left for their honeymoon, the bride wore a costume of grey and green Harris tweed, with accessories of tan.

Mr and Mrs Broadhurst will make their home at Ngatapa, Gisborne, where the bridegroom is sheep-farming.

Lovely Frocking At Last Night's Wedding

Bridal Gown Of Satin Striped With Silk Chiffon

MADGWICK—NORTHE

Two Bridesmaids Wear Gowns Of Begonia Ripple Taffeta

A pretty wedding was solemnised in St. John's Church, Napier, last night, when Canon A. Neild conducted the wedding ceremony for Jean Purvis, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Northe, Napier, and George Ernest, elder son of Mrs E. Madgwick and the late Mr R. G. Madgwick, Hawera.

The bride, who was escorted by her father, wore an exquisite wedding frock of satin-striped white silk chiffon. The softly draped bodice was finely shirred at the shoulders and had a petal neckline back and front, while a corsalette belt buttoned at the back. The circular skirt fell in full soft folds to a circular train. A top-knot of velvet flowers was arranged over the extra long cut tulle veil (lent by a friend) which was worn over the face on entering the church. She carried a beautiful arm sheaf of William Turner chrysanthemums.

Mrs Gordon L. Wells, Waiuku, the bride's youngest sister and Miss Betty Purvis (Wellington) a cousin of the bride, were in attendance. They were frocked alike in begonia ripple taffeta. The Empire bodices had pleated velvet at the heart shaped neckline and turn-down collars at the back, while the sleeves were three-quarter length. The well-flared skirts had a bustle effect and each 'maid carried a sheaf of dusky pink chrysanthemums.

Mr M. B. Shaw, Hawera, was best man and Mr B. Duke was groomsman.

A reception was held at the Ladies' Club in the T. & G. Buildings, where the guests were received by the parents of the bridal couple.

The bride's mother wore a distinctive frock of midnight blue embossed chiffon over cyclamen taffeta, with a model velour hat and accessories to tone. Her bouquet was of double fuchsias.

The bridegroom's mother wore a smart model frock in navy blue with matching accessories and carried a very pretty bouquet.

When the bridal couple left for their honeymoon the bride wore a deep leaf-green tailored frock under a musquash fur coat, with matching green accessories.

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The Rev. Father Peoples performed the ceremony.

The bride, who entered the church with her father, made a lovely picture in her wedding gown of white stiffened lace over crepe-de-chine. The bodice was trimmed with small covered buttons and had tight-fitting sleeves, while the skirt was fully flared. Her embroidered veil fell softly from a halo of lilies and she wore a gold cross, the gift of the bridegroom. A lovely sheaf of roses and lilies was carried.

Three 'maids were in attendance, the Misses Marie Stevens (chief), a sister of the bride; Noeline Madden, sister of the bridegroom; and Marcia Murdoch. They wore respective frocks of mauve, pink and green lace, with lace halos to match and carried sheaves of flowers to tone with their frocking.

Mr. Bernard Madden was best man and Messrs. Pat and Bill Madden were groomsmen.

A reception was held at the Majestic tea rooms, where the guests were received by the parents of the bridal couple. The bride's mother wore a tailored black and white costume with black accessories and a white bouquet. The bridegroom's mother wore a black and white floral frock under a smart black coat and carried a red bouquet.

When the bride and groom left for their honeymoon the bride travelled in a bottle green tailored costume with matching accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Madden will make their future home in Wairoa.

Among the guests were:—

Mesdames R. Madden, Painter, Downing, Cross, Hendra, Hyde, Ford, P. Chapman, P. Moir, R. Eagle.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES DURING THE PAST MONTH

PUKAHU

The Pukahu Women's Institute held its monthly meeting in the Pukahu Hall, Mrs Lang presiding over a small attendance of members. The meeting opened with the Institute song.

The outgoing committee was re-elected for the coming year. Mrs Little and Mrs Lang were elected to attend the annual meeting at Napier. Miss Orchard is to take charge of the competitions and Miss Lang is to act as Press correspondent.

Afternoon tea was served.

An interesting story of Hawke's Bay from the pioneer tales was then read by one of the members.

The results of the competitions for the month were as follows: Best bloom: Mrs Lean 1. Baby garment: Mrs Wilkes 1, Mrs Lean 2, Mrs Lang and Miss Orchard equal 3. Bran muffins: Miss Orchard 1, Mrs Wilkes 2.

The competitions for the next month are: Cooking, malt biscuits, and needle-work, best kettle-holder.

MANGAMOANA

Bowls of flowers were effectively arranged to make a cheery welcome for members who attended the group meeting held in the Putorino Hall. Fourteen institutes were represented.

Mrs Porter, president of the Putorino Women's Institute, welcomed the visitors, assisted by Miss Monteath, group convener.

The meeting opened with the singing of "God Defend New Zealand," followed by "Comrades and Friends," after which Mrs MacMillan read the Aspirations.

Mrs Porter said how much every one had looked forward to this day, which she hoped would be of benefit to all present.

Miss Monteath then asked those assembled to stand for a minute's silence for the late Mr Savage.

The morning session was devoted to questions, after which Mrs Riggar gave an interesting talk on Dominion Federation matters.

After lunch a programme of entertainment was enjoyed the following contributing items: Miss Mabey and Mrs MacMillan, Mrs Mabey, Mrs Grant and Miss Monteath. Mrs Campbell, Havelock North, delighted everyone with her wonderful play reading, "The Younger Generation," and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded her.

OHURAKURA-TE POHUE

The April meeting of the Ohurakura-Te Pohue Women's Institute was held at Mrs Hughes's home.

Mrs Hughes welcomed all members, after which the institute songs were sung. Mrs Palmer was in the chair and opened the meeting by reading the Aspirations.

Mrs Hughes was appointed delegate to attend the conference in Napier for the month. It was also decided to send a delegate to the annual conference which is to be held in Wellington in July. Mrs Palmer was chosen as delegate. Mrs R. Dampney read the Golden Thread.

The competitions were judged by Mrs Palmer and Mrs Atkins and resulted as follows:—Best bloom: Mrs McRobbie 1, Mrs Hughes 2, Mrs Lopdell 3. Best vegetable: Mrs McKinnon 1, Mrs Havord 2, Mrs Hughes 3. Bottled fruit: Mrs Hankin 1, Mrs Hughes 2. A happy half-hour was spent in community singing of old-time songs. Afternoon tea was served by Mrs Hughes and helpers, and the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

PAKOWHAI

The April meeting of the Pakowhai Women's Institute was held in the Church Hall, when Mrs Mitchell presided over a good attendance of members and visitors. Reference was made to the passing of Mr Savage and as a tribute to his memory, members stood in silence for one minute.

Motto: "If thou wilt thyself be borne with bear also with one another." Mrs C. Brunton and Mrs J. Davey were appointed delegates to the Northern Hawke's Bay Federation meeting this month. The president mentioned that five parcels for soldiers had been dispatched.

Competitions resulted: — Best bloom: Mrs Boshier (petunia) 1, Mrs C. Brunton (Guernsey lily) 2, Mrs Mardon (dahlia) 3. Best vegetable: Mrs Mardon (onion) 1, Mrs Howard (onion) 2, Mrs A. Bartle (runner bean) 3. Four pieces shortbread: Mrs Brunton 1, Mrs Robinson 2, Mrs A. Bartle 3.

A sales table for patriotic funds was well stocked and a good selection of produce and jams brought for the H.B. Children's Home.

Mesdames McCarthy and Scott gave a good demonstration of papier mache work, and passed several articles round, including a lovely doll, which was much admired. The laides were thanked for their able demonstration.

The roll call was "My Christian Name." Afternoon tea was served by the hostesses, Mesdames A. Bartle, Boshier, Brunton, Davey and M. Sykes.

BAY VIEW

There was a good attendance of members at the April meeting of the Bay View Institute which was held in King George's Hall. Mrs A. McHardy presided and welcomed two visitors.

The meeting opened with God Defend New Zealand.

One minute's silence was observed in respect of the late Prime Minister, also a minute's silent prayer for peace.

A concert, by Napier artists, was held on April 23 for institute funds. Mrs E. Peterson was appointed delegate to attend the Dominion conference of Women's Institutes to be held in Wellington in July.

The Golden Thread, Pioneer Women, was taken by Mrs C. B. Wilson, who chose the life of Mrs David Ross, of Willow Flat, a pioneer known by many of the institute members.

Mrs Baden Palmer, Te Pohue, gave an interesting talk on New Zealand history, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The roll call: "Tales Grandmother Told Me," brought forth many stories of humour and hardship.

A sales' table for the soldiers' parcel fund did brisk business. The hostesses' competition was won by Mrs W. Mitchell.

The competitions for the month were judged by Mrs Palmer and resulted:—

Bowl of autumn foliage and berries: Mrs Milne 1, Mrs E. Peterson 2, Mrs Ray Williams 3.

Silver miniature cup for best bloom: Mesdames R. Williams (dahlia), 1; W. E. Saunders (cockscomb) 2; E. Peterson (delphinium), and W. Mitchell (zinnia), 3, equal.

Best vegetable: Mesdames R. Williams (onion) 1, V. J. McHardy (kumera) 2, E. Peterson (pumpkin) 3.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames C. B. Wilson and D. Walden.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr and Mrs J. N. Chambers are Havelock North visitors to Wellington.

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Mrs Louis d'Elbour is a Taupo visitor to Napier.

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Mr and Mrs C. D. Parker, Wellington, are visiting Wellington.

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Mrs D. H. Chrisp, Gisborne, is the guest of Mrs H. H. Wylie, Napier.

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Miss Margaret von Dadelszen, Mangateretere, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs P. A. Pettit, Gisborne.

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Miss A. Rogers, Pahiatua, is staying at the Hotel Central, Napier.

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Misses M. and A. Haynes, Napier, are visiting Wellington.

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WEEKLY RUGBY REVIEW

LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES

SENIOR FIXTURES

Celtic were a vastly improved team on last week's display, particularly in the backs. On Saturday the backs had speed and provided plenty of fast open play. Reid was working really hard and provided flashes of his own particular brilliance. The others, particularly Haywood, were good, though better on attack than on defence. Haywood has a style that promises well for the future.

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Sparks, Hastings forward, is light as forwards go, but provides plenty of fast following-up in his game. He camps on the ball and on Saturday scored a well-deserved try for this reason. He was a prolific try-getter last season.

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M.A.C. are going to be hard this season. Easily the most solid team (literally) in the competition they produced the same battering tactics that rendered them conspicuous last year. Havelock were impressive in the manner in which they stood up to the heavy punishment meted out. It is a question, though, as to how long teams relying on promoted juniors can stand up to such heavy work as playing M.A.C. demands.

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Dyer played a great game against Celtic. He had plenty to do, for the Greens made many excursions into Hastings territory, but his line-kicking was heart-breaking for Celtic, and he fielded the ball in his usual capable fashion. The times when Celtic beat him could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

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Not only the defence but the attacking ability of Havelock North in their match with M.A.C. was surprising. Attracting the crowd from the Hastings-Celtic game with their great display the Villagers held almost a territorial equality with the Maoris, and fully deserved it. When Havelock led 5-3 the Maoris were playing "flat-out" and still the Villagers were coming up for more.

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With Hastings fielding a keen forward pack it seems perhaps biased to select from it three junior players for special mention, but Wrightson, Carswell and Sullivan must be regarded as the first of the junior Rugby talent which has been exposed with the promotion of junior players to senior grade. This trio has sparkle, enterprise and ambition, and their advancement to senior was all they needed to make already good players better.

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Laurie Hannigan, who has "retired" for at least two seasons now, was back on the field on Saturday for Celtic.

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G. Stanford, Havelock half-back was taking gruelling punishment the whole day in the match with M.A.C. but refused to cry enough. Although spending much of his time under M.A.C.'s unceremonious forwards he always came up for more and contrived to play a good game despite his difficulties.

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Ball and R. Stanford were good on attack and defence, and both brought off some brilliant tackles. Ball's tenacity, in particular, greatly pleased the public.

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Barney, last year a junior winger for Hastings, filled the left wing for M.A.C., and scored a well deserved try by using his head and following up fast to secure a ball kicked through from the other wing.

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K. Rika was being fed by the other Maori backs, but Havelock rightly watched the 'Bay representative winger very closely. As it was he made some powerful runs, and a noticeable feature of these was the use of the shoulder bump which used to typify Arthur Wal-ford's play in previous years.

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Through the penetrative ability of the backline Tech-High commanded a territorial advantage throughout and had the H.H.S.O.B. team defending feverishly for most of the game.

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Natusch and Lowe were the two who showed most enterprise and individual brilliance in the Old Boys rearguard. The two combined well in all their movements. Old Boys' only try was scored as a result of Natusch taking advantage of an opportunity and sending Lowe with the ball to finish the run.

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Thomas gave a particularly creditable exhibition as first five-eighths for Tech-High. He was responsible for a magnificent drop-kick from the three-quarter line, a conversion, and initiated three splendid openings from which tries resulted.

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Proving that he still maintains his reliability and precision as Hawke's Bay's leading half-back, Clothier sent the ball out cleanly and briskly to the backs and it was largely through this that Thomas was given opportunities. Clothier was missed after he retired with a foot injury.

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Venables and Riddell showed that they justified their selection in the rearguard of Tech-High, as did Dallimore, Wood and Parker in the forwards.

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Several bright openings were launched by W. Palmer and Holt to gain ground for Old Boys, but their efforts were always frustrated by the more dominating forces of the opposing backs.

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Of the Old Boys forwards, Morton, a promoted junior, was the hardest worker, and he was given good support by Grant and Vesty.

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Probably the most even game seen so far this season was that in which Pirates beat Marist at Napier, as a result of a last-minute try.

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Josephs again showed that he is cut out for a promising half-back. Christie and Morgan were also conspicuous in the Pirates backs and Fraser, Boardman, Keeble and Wolstenholme were the best of a pack which worked keenly from start to finish.

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For Marist, O'Brien, Pickering and Hargraves combined splendidly in the rearguard, but since the ground was fairly sodden after heavy rain, the forwards, with Moss, Waite and Conole always in the picture, reaped more material results.

Miss June Voyce, Otane, has returned home from a visit to Wellington.

For The Troops Overseas

SAMPLE PARCEL

Interesting Display At Napier

CONTENTS SHOWN

An interesting display has been made by the Napier Women's Patriotic Corps in Messrs Bestall's shop window in Hastings Street, Napier. The display, which is in an island window, shows the actual articles which are included in a soldier's farewell parcel, and also a parcel ready packed for dispatch overseas. The contents of the parcel are clearly shown on a card.

The exhibits include hand knitted pullovers, soldiers' Balaclavas and seamen's and gunners' Balaclavas, socks, mittens, scarf, etc. These have been made by the women of Hawke's Bay. Also included in the farewell parcel are a hussif, handkerchiefs, pad and envelopes, cigarettes, soap and calico container, or "hold-all," toothbrush, paste and shaving soap.

The overseas parcel contains a khaki handkerchief, a jar of potted meat, a tin of sweets or cake, a pack of playing cards, a pair of bootlaces and a one pound tin of fruit.

An attractively designed card in red, white and blue states that the articles on display have been made by the women of Hawke's Bay, and appeals to others to help by making donations of the kind displayed to the service rooms in Tennyson Street or to Messrs Bestall's.

STORE SHEEP OF HIGH QUALITY

EXCELLENT OFFERING AT WAIPUKURAU

CHEAP WEANERS

Quality was a prominent feature in the store sheep section at yesterday's Waipukurau stock sale. Over 3000 head was yarded, the outstanding entry being a draft of 625 two-tooth ewes offered on account of Mr R. Mathews, Wakarara. This entry gave the sale an excellent start to realise 28/6.

Mixed aged ewes r.w. S.D. rams brought from 16/- to 16/8. Woolly wether lambs in good handling order brought 17/-, lighter 13/8 to 15/-. Shorn entries in forward order brought 15/11. Shorn ewe lambs made from 14/2 to 16/6. Meaty conditioned Down cross lambs brought at 21/6 with two-tooths in good store to forward condition making 19/-.

Prices for store cattle were among the lowest of the season. Little or no interest was taken in the bidding The position was attributed to lack of feed while the recent cold snap had given a check to young growth.

The first of the season's weaners made the cheapest rates known for some years. Well bred Aberdeen Angus weaner heifers brought 39/- to 41/- and steers 40/- to 46/-; 20 months A.A. steers brought £3 12/- and similar aged heifers £2 17/6. Two-off A.A. steers in forward order brought £6 5/-; three-off steers made £7, and similar aged empty heifers £5 9/-.

The fat section was confined to a few pens of lig' t unfinished females that were hardly killable.

Realisations were as follows:

Store Cattle.

On account of Mr W. Matthews, Hatuma, 20 well bred Aberleen Angus weaner heifers by a Gwavas bull, brought 41/-.

On account of Mrs I. S. Groome, Hatuma, 20 clean bred Aberdeen Angus weaner steers rather small grown but in good order being a butchers' proposition as vealers met the market at 46/-.

The weaner steers out of Mr Matthews' draft 28 in number, and weaned yesterday being in good hardy order were passed at 40/-.

From Ormondville 14 clean bred empty three-off A.A. heifers in forward order sold at £5 9/-.

An entry of medium grown 20-months A.A. steers in good doing order brought £3 12/-. The heifers out of the same draft being in good order brought £2 17/6.

Fat Cattle.

From Wakarara five small grown Aberdeen Angus heifers in very light condition and not killable brought £4 18/-.

Off the same property five small framed young A.A.-Hereford cross light cows hardly killable made £5 10/-.

Also from Wakarara an entry of A.A. heifers and young cows also in light order better but heavier than the previous pen, sold at £6 3/-.

Store Sheep.

On account of Mr R. Mathews, Wakarara, 625 nicely grown well bred two-tooth ewes, in exceptional order and r.w. S.D. rams since March 1, met the market at 28/6. This was one of the most attractive offerings of young ewes for some time and were purchased by a Tikokino settler.

Off light country at Porangahau 120 well framed mixed aged ewes mouthing well and r.w. S.D. rams brought 16/-.

An entry of 101 smaller framed mixed aged ewes including a percentage of young sheep r.w. S.D. rams brought 16/8.

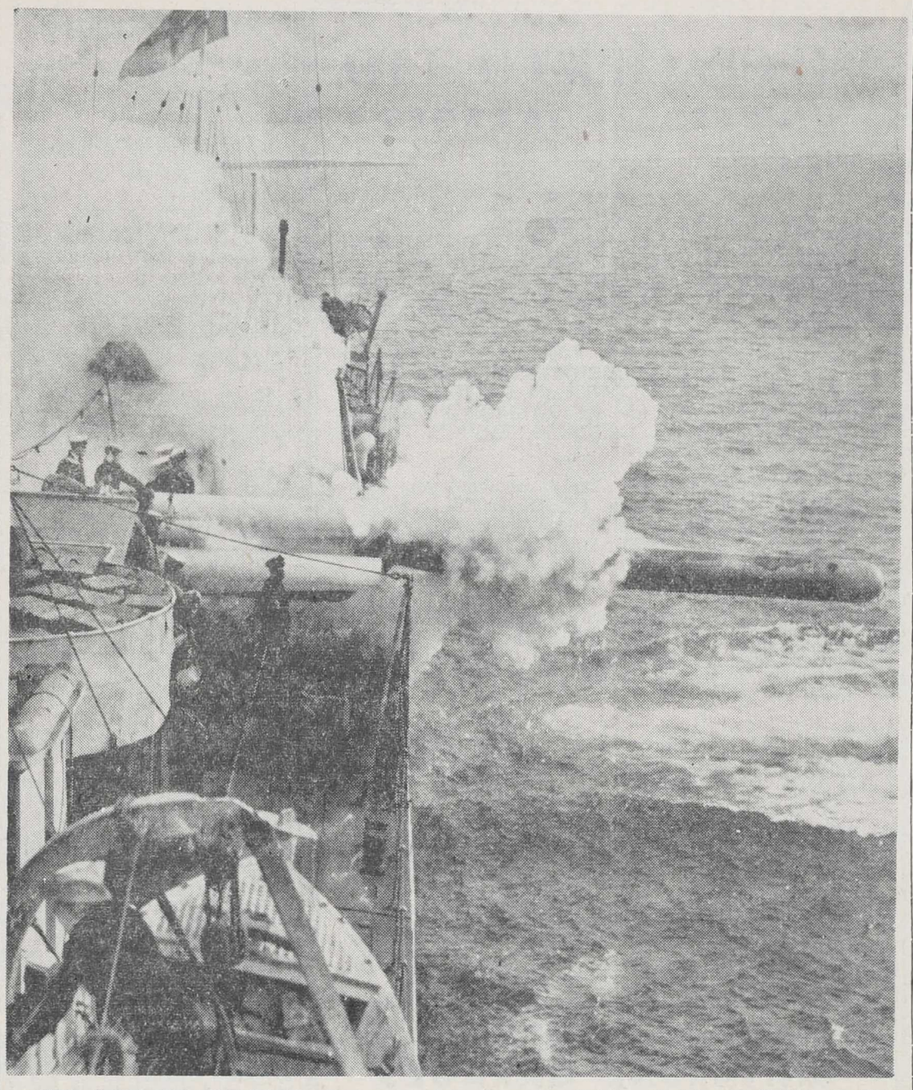
On account of Mr T. Whelch, Lake Station, 104 woolly wether lambs medium grown and in good order for wintering made good buying at 13/8.

From Ashlev Clinton, 68 medium grown forward wethers including some almost killable brought 20/-.

From Hatuma 43 woolly medium grown wether lambs in forward order sold at 17/- .

From Tamumu, 42 well sliped fat and forward wethers sold at 21/8.

On account of Mr A. Barlow, Wakarara, 149 shorn ewe lambs small to medium grown and in fair order sold at 14/2.



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RECEPTION TO MODERATOR

PRESBYTERIANS IN NAPIER

WELCOME GIVEN

About 100 members of the Presbyterian Church in Hawke's Bay were present at a reception at Blythes Tea Rooms, Napier, on Monday afternoon the guest of honour being the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, the Rt. Rev. J. Lawson Robinson.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by the Mayor of Napier, Mr T. W. Hercock, the Moderator of the Hawke's Bay Presbytery, the Rev. N. H. Finch, of Wairoa; Mrs F. Bowman, on behalf of the women of the church, and the Rev. Stuart Francis, Minister of St. Paul's, Napier.

Reference was made by the speakers to the fact that the Moderator had lived in Napier for some 17 years as a youth, having attended the Napier Main and High Schools.

Church's Contribution

The Mayor referred to the high place of the Presbyterian Church in the community, and its large contribution to the life of the town.

Mr Robinson, in reply, made reference to his delight at being back in Napier after having been absent for so long a period. He spoke of the characters which the Presbyterian Church had always emphasised in days when so much depended on the State. The virility and strength of the Presbyterian Church was a need in the world today. The Moderator's wife was the daughter of the founder of the Congregational Church in Napier, the Rev. W. H. J. Miller, who was a much respected citizen many years ago.

Address to Congregation

"The Mission of the Church" was the subject chosen by the Moderator for his address to the congregation at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier. "The question being asked to-day is, 'What is the Church really for'," he said. Some people had accumulated ideas, not at all Christian, of what the Church should be, and because the Church did not measure up to their demands, they would have none of her. There was much criticism of the Church and its work, but in all criticism a certain mental detachment was necessary. "There is one essential pre-requirement — you must know what you are talking about," the Moderator continued.

"The idea which some people have about the Church is that it is a philanthropic or humanitarian institution," he said. "It is there to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and minister to the distressed. Christianity, through the Church, has inspired many philanthropies, built many hospitals and orphanages and done more to relieve human distress than any other power in the world to-day." The Church was doing, and could only do this work by inspiring men with the Spirit of Christ, who was sent down to this earth to do His work among men.

Economic Aspect

Many other people expected the Church to give a lead in settling economic difficulties. The Church had no machinery to do such a task, and the Founder of the Church had never expected that such should be its function. If the Church could ensure a reign of economic security, it would still have its work to do. The work of a church was primarily to bring men into fellowship with God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ, and the Church had never found that seasons of material prosperity were the most favourable to that end.

These false conceptions of the Church's function, continued the speaker, had led to many strange results. To many people the Church had become an object to be apologised for, and had ceased to be an institution to be sacrificed for and loved.

An Ordained Teacher

The Church stood in the world as an ordained teacher of definite conceptions of God and man, of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, of the Church and the Sacrament. The Church was the body of Christ and the organ of life. It was a fellowship of men and women who had come together for the love of God, and through them flowed the same life as flowed through Jesus Christ. They were one with Him—He was the head and they the members.

The defection of Church members from the ordinances of the Church, its worship and its Sacraments weakened the witness of the Church and destroyed its work. The ages in which the Church stood dreaming and idly waiting for a new heaven and a new earth had gone, never to return. Religion was more than a personal possession of security, peace and joy, it was a service, a sacrifice, a gift to others. The Christian spirit today was overflowing the boundaries in which a former generation would have confined it. The principles of Christianity were being applied to not only individuals, but also to groups, to peoples, to nations.

Public Worship

To do her proper work in the world the Church must first of all be a worshipping body. It must cultivate devotional life and train men to bow their heads and hearts before the King of Heaven. Public worship was a collective confession of Christ which outweighed in influence the confession of any one individual.

"No Christian can absent himself needlessly from public worship without damaging the influence of the Church society and bring loss to his own soul," the moderator continued.

"The Church is also a reforming body and a missionary body. No church which has not a wide outlook on the world of men and is prepared to apply its faith to men it has not seen, can truly be called Christian," he concluded.

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Brokers report as follows on stock sold yesterday at the Waipukurau saleyards:—

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Four fat lambs 23/6, 53 fat ewes 15/9, 46 fat lambs 19/-, 1 at 22/6, 16 at 19/6, 5 at 17/6; 2 fat wethers 23/-, 121 m.a. ewes 16/-, 75 ewe lambs 16/6, 69 wether lambs 13/9, 2 fat ewes 16/-, 101 m.a. ewes 16/8, 60 wethers 20/-, 62 m.a. ewes 16/3, 1 crippled ewe 3/7, 40 wether lambs 10/8, 40 at 16/10, 25 Down cross lambs 14/6, 12 wether lambs 17/2, 7 Down cross lambs 17/10, 37 ewe lambs 15/-, 6 lambs 17/5, 12 10/-, 16 wether lambs 16/-, 38 store ewes 12/8, 66 wether lambs 15/10, 45 Down cross lambs 15/11, 14 P.A. steers £7.

Murray, Roberts & Co. Ltd.

One fat Jersey cow £4/11/-, 14 P.A. heifers £5/9/-, 6 Hereford cross heifers £1/18/-, 1 steer at £1/18/-, 2 P.A. cows £3/15/-, 2 P.A. heifers £3 5/-, 1 £2/2/6. 100 2-th weds 19/-.

Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-op. Assn

625 2-th ewes 28/6, 103 f. and f. ewes 13/5, 39 7/-, 20 13/6, 14 6/3; 40 f.and f. weds 20/-, 144 20/-; 100 shorn wed hoggets 14/6, 83 9/2, 9 5/4; 149 shorn ewe hoggets 14/2.

1 fat R.P. cow £6/15/-, 1 £5/10/-; 1 fat P.A. cow £4/10/-; 1 P.A. cow £2, 2 P.A. cows and calves £3/7/-, 6 18-months P.A. steers £4/10/-, 20 P.A. heifers £2/1/-.

Dalgety & Co. Ltd.

Five fat heifers £4/18/-, 6 £6/3/-; 5 fat cows £5/10/-, 1 £3/17/6; 20 weaner steers £2/6/-, 2 Red Poll steers £1/14/-, 1 Jersey steer 15/-, 2 Red Poll £1/14/-, 1 vealer £2/10/-, 10 weaner heifers £1/19/-; 40 empty store ewes 10/-, 20 wether lambs 12/-, 1 fat lamb 21/-, 1 fat wether 20/-, 1 22/-, 17 fat ewes 17/5, 34 fat and forward ewes 13/6, 42 wethers 21/8, 102 wether lambs 13/8, 3 fat wethers 24/-, 13 fat ewes 13/-, 22 14/11, 18 14/-.

Yesterday On 'Change

Transaction List

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

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE

Sales Late Monday

4% Stock, 1958	106	15	0

Sales Yesterday

4% Stock, 1948	105	5	0
Eastbourne Borough, 4½% 15/12/56	104	10	0
Bank of N.Z.	2	3	9
Dominion Breweries	1	14	6

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE

Bank of N.Z. (cum. div.) (2)	2	4	0
N.Z. Refrigerating (10/- pd.) (2)	0	10	0
Kaiapoi Woollens (17/- pd.)	0	15	2
Westport Stockton Coal ..	0	2	9

Sales Reported

4% Stock, 30/11/48	106	0	0
Ditto, 1952-55	106	0	0
N.Z. Refrigerating (£1 pd.)	1	1	3
N.Z. Breweries	1	17	9

Good Yarding At Norsewood

REPORTS ON SALE

Values On Par With Recent Rates

KEEN COMPETITION

Dalgety and Co. Ltd. report that the usual stock sale was held at the Norsewood yards in cold, bleak weather. The yarding of stock was good, several pens of sheep being offered, while the cattle yards were filled to capacity. The attendance of the public was good and a satisfactory clearance was made.

Sheep: The offering comprised about 500 of all classes. The demand was good, especially for wethers and hoggets, but breeding ewes did not sell so freely.

2-th wethers, medium quality, 18/5; good wether lambs 16/6 to 17/7, medium 12/- to 13/-; 2-th ewes r.w.s.d.r., small lots, 23/6; fat ewes 18/6 to 21/9.

Cattle: The offering totalled 230 head and while prices were down on the last sale two weeks ago a good clearance was made. Buyers for potters and boners are having difficulty in securing sufficient space at the works and this definitely curtailed the bidding for this class. The pens contained all dairy sorts, no station cattle coming forward.

Fat Jersey cows £4/12/6 to £6/5/-, store Jersey cows, good condition, £3/11/- to £4/2/-; empty dairy cows, light condition, 20/- to £2; potter bulls £4/12/6 to £7/10/-; dairy cows, good class, due August, £8/5/- to £8 15/-; other dairy cows (August calvers) £4/10/- to £6/5/-.

Some 50 pigs were offered and sold at improved prices. Competition was good. Small weaners 9/- to 13/6, slips 18/6 to 24/-, light porkers 32/-.

Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-op Assn.

They offered a good yarding of all classes of stock at the Norsewood sale held on Monday April 29. Values were on a par with recent sales. A total clearance was effected as follows:—

M.A. ewes 14/3 to 19/-, fat ewes 15/- to 18/6, wether lambs 12/- to 14/6, smaller sorts 9/6 to 11/8, fat Jersey cows £4/10/- to £5/15/-, store cows £2/10/- to £3/17/6, potter bulls £5 to £6/15/-, store pigs £1/2/- to £1/13/6.

Williams & Kettle Ltd.

They offered a heavy yarding of cattle and a good yarding of sheep and pigs to a good attendance of buyers. Competition was keen for all classes of stock, prices being well up to recent sales.

They quote as follows:—2-th ewes r.w.s.d.r. 16/3 to 23/6, 5 and 6-yr ewes r.w.s.d.r. 15/9, 2-th weds 18/5, good wed lambs 17/- to 17/7, small b.f. lambs 12/-, fat ewes 18/-, stores 12/6.

Fat Jersey cows and heifers £4 to £6, store Jersey cows £2 to £3/15/-. A dairy herd offered on account of Mr Ellis Todd met with good competition; prices ranged from £7 to £8/10/-. Weaner pigs 12/- to 15/-.

A Spectre City

People have been gradually returning to Canton during the last four months, but the city is a sorry sight with gaunt, ghostly-looking brick walls—all that is left of hundreds upon hundreds of shops and homes that used to be teeming with life, writes a mission worker in the "Outlook," Presbyterian Church journal. The churches and the Red Cross still run soup kitchens for several thousand people who cannot get a good meal.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

Report From Otane

PROGRESS TOWARDS NEW BUILDING

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

OTANE.

In the biennial report, presented by Mr A. E. Black, chairman of the Otane School Committee, it was stated that attendance had fluctuated between 180 and 160 pupils. The school had been fortunate in having had few changes among the staff, which had worked in the closest co-operation with the committee.

Progress towards the building of the new school has advanced to the stage where the board has authority to negotiate the purchase of a site near the present school.

The dental clinic continues to work very satisfactorily, but the committee draws the attention of parents and guardians to the fact that fees are not coming in as freely as is desirable.

The school had a successful sports year, the girls' basketball team doing particularly well.

The committee thanks Mr T. E. Colquhoun and Mr S. Neagle, donors of dux medals, and many others who have assisted in the activities of the school.

The headmaster (Mr R. Thompson) expressed the thanks of the staff to the retiring committee for their willing co-operation. He reported that school work was proceeding very satisfactorily, and stated that the biggest development in the schools would probably be the attention paid to physical education, as the English system is now to become general in our country.

The personnel of the new committee has already been published.

Rugby Matches Arranged

WAIROA FIXTURES

Games To Be Played On Saturday

MORERE ENTERS TEAM

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WAIROA.

At a meeting of the management committee of the Wairoa Rugby Sub-Union on Monday a late nomination was accepted from Morere to enter a senior team for the competition.

The following are the fixtures for Saturday:—

Senior

Morere v. Y.M.P., at Nuhaka, at 2.45. Referee, A. Ellis.

Nuhaka v. Athletic, Wairoa No. 1 ground, at 2.45. Referee R. McDonald.

Nuhaka B a bye.

Junior

Nuhaka v. Athletic, Wairoa No. 2 ground at 2.45. Referee, C. O. Mackay.

Y.M.P., a bye.

Third Grade

High School v. Athletic, Wairoa No. 1 ground at 1.30. Referee, N. Turfery.

Scouts, a bye.

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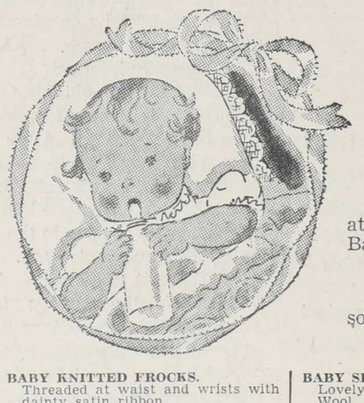

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PHASES OF THE MOON
New moon, Tuesday, May 7.
First quarter, Wednesday, May 15.
Full moon, Wednesday, May 22.
Last quarter, Wednesday, May 29.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS
Gabriella, from Gisborne and Greymouth, May 3.

COASTWISE TRADE
Kopara, 950 tons, Bates (Richardson and Co.), sailed for Auckland on Monday to load for Napier, via Gisborne and East Coast bays; due back at Napier on Friday or Saturday.
Gabriella, 1587 tons, Cox (U.S.S. Co.), left Greymouth on Monday for Gisborne and Napier. The vessel is due at Napier on Sunday, May 5.
Wainui, 1633 tons, White (U.S.S. Co.), loading at southern ports for Napier and Gisborne, being due at Napier on Tuesday, May 7.

GENERAL
Mariposa, o.e.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line), sailed for San Francisco from Auckland on April 29.
Monterey, o.e.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line), left Los Angeles on April 24 for Auckland, via Honolulu, Pago Pago and Suva. She is due at Auckland on May 10, sailing the same night for Sydney.

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ANANIAS AGAIN

Yesterday, in the briefest of terms we tried to nail down some of the colossal "whoppers" that have emanated from German propagandist sources; but scarcely was the ink dry on the paper when a fresh hatch from the broody chambers of the Nazi Prevarication Department squawked its way into the light of publicity. It may be that Dr Goebbels is determined that he will not play second fiddle to Joachim von Ribbentrop when it comes to the finer points of the art of spinning lies; at any rate, he was hot on the heels of his distinguished fellow liar when he once more "sank" the Repulse.

One wonders if Dr Goebbels ever heard the famous saying by Bernard Shaw that "the first requisite for a successful funeral is a willing corpse"? It is altogether too bad that the Repulse will not sink at a word and that she seems to have no intention of being buried alive by propaganda. To have been "sunk" now on about three occasions, she is still most miraculously vigorous. Like Hamlet's father, she will not stay decently interred.

But the redoubtable (and very doubtable) Dr Goebbels is willing to take on all comers of the British Navy—especially the heavyweights. After he had sunk the Repulse, only to amend his decision to the effect that she had an "enormous hole below the waterline," he destroyed the Hood, the Renown and the Repulse at one blow. That was great work, until the Scharnhorst got one in the ribs from a battle-cruiser that had already been counted out.

When it could not be doubted that it was a battle-cruiser which did the damage to the Scharnhorst, Dr Goebbels amended his vocabulary and said that the one sunk was a "British anti-aircraft cruiser," thus giving a present to the British Navy of a type of vessel it had never heard of before, just as he announced the decimation of an infantry battalion from England called the Rochesters, who have never likewise been heard of. If inventiveness is the first qualification of a good liar, then it must be admitted that Dr Goebbels is in real earnest about his work and is head and shoulders above his fellow prevaricators, small as he is.

The latest and best international fib at the moment is contained in a Berlin message that the Supreme Commander of the Norwegian Forces and the Commander of the Allied Forces have been captured and taken by air to Berlin. The ordinary British news service tells us that these two officers are still in telephonic communication with London from their headquarters.

In the ordinary way, such false statements can be repudiated by the actual facts, but that in turn is subject to the facts being available to the people concerned. News can be withheld from the German people in a way impossible in other countries, where it is no offence to listen to anything that is broadcast. The German people, it must be admitted from the most recent examples, are being fed on a diet of falsehoods in order to keep up their morale.

Let us be fair and admit that no one country has the monopoly of misleading statements. But there are important differences in the nature of these statements. Great Britain, for instance, may say that certain ships are bound for certain ports in order to mislead the enemy; but that is a different matter from making false statements in order to mislead one's friends. There is an element of lying in the whole art of war. You pretend not to be where you are or to be where you are not, to be weak when you are strong and strong when you are weak—for the one purpose of deceiving the other side. But to hoodwink your own side is to court ultimate disaster, and that is exactly what the Germans are doing.

Large handfuls of salt are therefore required when one is considering the relative values of many of the so-called news items which are being issued from enemy countries for the purpose of bluffing their own peoples.

Personal

Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P., will leave Hastings to-day on a visit to Wellington.

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Mr. S. Attwood, of the railway staff, Otane, is at present on annual leave.

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Messrs W. H. Rathbone and D. Eddy have been re-appointed representatives on the Park Island Joint Committee on the Waipawa Hospital Board.

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Mr K. Dick, of the Magistrate's Court, Hastings, left last night for Dannevirke, where he is to relieve the Clerk of Court for two or three weeks.

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Mr M. Hatheral has been appointed by the Pakipaki School Committee as its delegate on the Hastings Dental Clinic.

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Miss A. Griffin, Otane, is on a holiday visit to the Centennial Exhibition.

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Miss Paddy Martin, "Shannon" Station, Wairoa, who has been the guest of Miss Margaret Williamson, "Omoa," Wanstead, has returned home.

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Miss Doris Bray, Wellington, and Mrs. W. Duncan, Taihape, who have been guests at the Masonic Hotel, Napier, returned home yesterday. Miss Bray is secretary of the Wellington Racing Club.

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Dr. E. P. Neale, author of "Guide to New Zealand Official Statistics," has been elected president of the Auckland Institute for Education Research. Dr. Neale was formerly a member of the staff of the Census and Statistics Department and later assistant to the Professor of Economics at Victoria University College.

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Mr A. B. Farquhar, manager for the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Limited, in Lautoka, Fiji, for several years, has arrived at Auckland en route to Australia to take over the management of the company's Victoria Mill, Herbert River, North Queensland.

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The Hon. H. C. Monckton, Suva, a member of the Legislative and Executive Councils of Fiji and adviser on native affairs to the Government, has arrived in Auckland on final leave before retiring. He is accompanied by Mrs Monckton. After about a month in Auckland they will go to Sydney.

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Mr A. Kirkpatrick was appointed at last night's meeting of the Hastings Rugby Referees' Association to represent the association at the annual meeting of the New Zealand Rugby Referees' Association at Wellington to-morrow.

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AT THE HOTELS

Mrs E. C. Beale, Mrs J. D. Williamson, Miss M. McKeowen, Miss S. Bilton (Auckland), Mrs P. F. Mulhane, Mr and Mrs D. Proctor, Mr W. Luke, Mr R. B. Hutchinson (Wellington), Mr and Mrs A. C. Armstrong (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs W. Grant Fargher (Lower Hutt), Mr and Mrs Pincott (Malaya), Mr C. Allom (Wanganui) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

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Mr C. Wyley (Onga Onga), Mr A. Kennedy (Palmerston North), Mr J. S. Adams, Mr E. R. Houlahan, Mr and Mrs W. H. Trask, Miss Trask, Mr R. T. McIntyre, Mr A. W. Gordon, Mr G. Slade, Mr F. Allen, Mr J. Byford, Mr G. Crawshawe, Mr B. Levick (Gisborne), Mr R. W. Rowntree (Auckland), Mr F. H. Wright (Christchurch), Mr S. Gaill, Mr A. Gaill, Mr E. Smith (Tolaga Bay), Miss A. Rogers (Pahiatua) are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

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Mr and Mrs A. Watson, Mrs G. Beath, Mrs J. W. Waddell, Mrs H. Pearce, Mrs H. S. Cunningham, Miss Hart, Mr Ritchie, Miss Little, Mr and Mrs Steele (Dunedin), Mrs E. Harvey (Gore), Messrs Cleave (Hakataramea Valley), Mr Burgess (Oamaru), Mr Faigan (Otago Central), Mr A. Edwards (Gore), Mr and Mrs J. Dundass (Ida Valley), Mr and Mrs D. Sinnamon (Poolburn), Mr E. Heaton, Mr W. P. Saunders (Tolaga Bay), Mr F. Lockwood (Wellington), Mr and Mrs G. Turnbull (New Plymouth), Mr and Mrs Grubb (Morrinsville), Mr G. T. Dawson (Auckland), Mr G. L. Fraser (Te Araroa), Miss Winkworth Casheff (Cairns, Australia), are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier.

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Mr H. H. Brooks (Dunedin), Mr W. Royal (Palmerston North), Mr M. Paykel (Auckland), Mr J. Buchanan, Mr W. W. Allen, Mr H. E. Chisholm (Wellington), Mrs George Williamson (Wairoa) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

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Mr J. D. Allan, Mr H. Preston, Mr W. Sawyer (Wellington), Mr J. H. Maples, Mr T. Daly (Auckland), Mr H. Whittaker (Palmerston North), Mr A. W. Laing (Hastings), Miss I. Dent (Parkvale), Mr D. McCrae, Mr E. A. Bull (Gisborne), Mrs Eaton, Mr J. McCormick jun., Mr J. McCormick, sen., Master McCormick (Thames), are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

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Mr H. Turner (Christchurch), Mr A. Gibbs, Mr T. Smith (Dunedin), Mr and Mrs Hoggan (Pahiatua), Mrs A. Colquhoun, Mrs K. Wilson (Dannevirke), Mr J. Major, Mr P. Slaid, Mr W. Escourt, Mr J. Duff, Mr C. Page, Mr and Mrs Forster (Wellington), Mr T. Thompson (Feilding), Mr L. Kerr, Mr A. Kennedy (Palmerston North), Misses M. Hammond, Mr P. Beggar (Hutt), Mr A. Denner (Auckland), Mr Broadman (Waipukurau), Mr A. Batton (Gisborne), Mr F. Scott (Wairoa) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

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WAIROA

Inspector Lomas, Mr. Marslend, Mr. Henry, Mr. Reid, Mr. Lewis (Napier), Mr. Boyce (Palmerston North), Mr. Widdowson, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Turner, Mrs. and Miss Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Dustin (Gisborne), Miss Scott (Wellington) are staying at the Ferry Hotel.

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Mr. Walden, Miss Cross, Mr. Nepier, Mr. Walton (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. Knotley (Tuai), Mr. Pethrick, Mr. Klee, Mr. J. H. Russell, Mr. E. C. Russell (Napier), Mr. Morgan (Wanganui), Mr. and Mrs. Shaw (Masterton), Mr. D. O'Keefe (Hastings), Mr. and Mrs. Clark (Te Karaka) are staying at the Wairoa Hotel.

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Miss I. D. Petersen, Mr. H. S. Cameron (Gisborne), Mr. S. L. Paton, Mr. S. Turner, Mr and Mrs Cann, Miss Sherman, Miss Turner (Auckland), Mr. T. E. Twidle (Waipukurau), Mr. M. Dawson (Tuai), Mr. C. Barlow (Palmerston North), Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ogilvie (Foxton), Miss F. Nathan (Waikaremoana), Mr. G. Masters (Wellington) are staying at the Clyde Hotel.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Licensing Cases

Two Hastings hotel licensees were charged in the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday morning with breaches of the Licensing Act. They were remanded to next week.

At the Exhibition

Advice from the receptionist at the Exhibition (Miss H. H. Gifford) that two visitors' books had been filled was received at a meeting in Hastings yesterday of the Provincial Centennial Council. The second book contained 5819, and the third 2235 names. Eight copies of the History of Hawke's Bay had been sold.

Territorial Association

A meeting of the Napier Territorial Association, to have been held last night, was postponed owing to the small attendance. An informal discussion centred on the need for more territorials in order to bring the home defence units up to full strength, and it was agreed that the association should take more active measures to bring this need before the young men of the district.

Photographs of Hastings

With a view to producing an attractive Centennial booklet on Hastings the booklet committee makes a special appeal to the people of the district to contribute or lend photographs of agricultural, industrial, sporting, scenic and other views for inclusion. Those willing to assist in this connection are asked to communicate with the secretary, P.O. Box 102, or 'Phone 3528, Hastings.

Three Excuses

When Sergeant N. Straffon walked into the bar of a Hastings hotel on a recent evening and said to the men there "What are you doing here?" one said "Can't you see?" Another said "I just walked in," and the other two said "We came in to see the licensee." "£1 each, with costs," retorted the Magistrate (Mr J. Miller, S.M.), in the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday morning.

Support For Member

The Hon. W. E. Barnard has received advice from the Frankton Junction branch of the New Zealand Labour Party in which it is stated that the branch at a recent meeting decided to "extend congratulations on the courageous stand you have taken in defending the democratic rights of the rank and file members of the Labour Party and also of the people of New Zealand."

Photograph of Troops

On behalf of the Hawke's Bay Company, Mr G. A. Maddison at yesterday's meeting in Hastings of the Provincial Patriotic Council presented the council with a framed panoramic photograph of the company. Expressing his thanks for this gift the chairman (Mr T. W. Hercock) said that the photograph really belonged to the whole province. It was proposed to hang it in the Napier Art Gallery; in the meantime it is to be seen further south in the province. Mr Hercock took the opportunity to express his appreciation of Mr Maddison's action in personally visiting the men in camp, which, he said, had been an example to all.

The wise sportsman has his spectacles made in unshatterable glass to ensure complete safety in the event of an accident. Consult Azzopardi and Holland, Opticians.

To-day's Diary

NAPIER

The Theatres:
"The Rains Came," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"Rulers of the Sea," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m.
"All American Sweetheart" and "Penitentiary," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

HASTINGS

The Theatres:
"The Rains Came," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"It's a Wonderful World," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"Blackmail," Cosy, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Four Men and a Prayer" and "The Californian," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

The Breakfast Table

"Yesterday in the park I met a charming girl with a dog. I introduced myself as a dog-lover just to get an opening."
"Good! And then the acquaintance progressed?"
"No, she sold me the dog."
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One of our local toastmasters' clubs is starting a speaking class for ladies. We might suggest as their next project a swimming class for ducks.
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Before sailing an escort was taken ashore to round up the "Three Musketeers" (so named because of their repeated leave-breaking escapades when together).
The following morning three dejected A.B.s stood before the Commander on the usual charge. He addressed the first of the trio: "Well, what have you to say?"
"I got married," was the reply, "and was celebrating the event, sir."
The Commander turned to the other two defaulters and said: "I suppose you two got married as well?"
"Oh, no, sir," came the answer. "We were only the bridesmaids!"
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"Parkers for Hunting Kit." Riding Coats, Breeches, Jodhpurs (hand tailored in our own workroom); for both men and women. Also in stock, Hunting Bowlers, Hunting Stocks, String Gloves, etc.*

Swat That Fly!

Flies may fly high, but few flies fly as high as one which recently ascended 11,000 feet in a flying boat between Darwin and Brisbane. But even he, or she, did not get away with it. A young woman, one of the 25 passengers, complained to the steward that there was a fly in her cabin and insisted upon its annihilation, which the steward duly accomplished with a swatter. "The idea of such an incident while flying at 11,000 feet had its comical side, and the steward saw it that way, too," said Mr L. J. Greenberg, a passenger who related the incident. He added that during these flying trips hot meals were served on board, and one could write letters with ease. Wherever a stop was made, there were launches ready to take passengers on trips and bring them back again to the flying boat.

Motor Licensing

Normally registration plates for motor vehicles are obtainable on May 1, but this year they will not be procurable for another week. There will be no extension of the licensing year. Motor-cyclists and private car-owners will obtain a new supply of petrol coupons only when they pay the necessary licensing fees for the registrations of the vehicles, present coupons becoming obsolete at the end of May. There will be a variation in the form and colours of the new coupons. Motor-cycle owners will be supplied with one-gallon coupons, which will have a violet background. Two-gallon coupons, with a red background, will be issued to owners of pleasure cars under 9.5 horse-power; three-gallon coupons, with a yellow background, to cars from 9.5 horse-power to 14.5 horse-power; and four-gallon coupons, with a green background, for cars over 14.5 horse-power.

School Baths At Port

The Port Ahuriri School Committee has decided to continue to procure data for the construction of school baths, and to make every effort to have the work finalised as soon as possible. A meeting of the committee took place after the annual meeting of householders on Monday night.

Articles For Hussifs

A remit to the forthcoming conference at Wellington, that the Government be urged to allow the importation of articles needed for "hussifs," was moved by Mr G. A. Maddison and carried at the meeting in Hastings yesterday of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Patriotic Council. It was stated that some articles, such as small scissors, were particularly hard to obtain.

Meeting At Wellington

The Hon. W. E. Barnard leaves this morning for Wellington, where, in company with Mr J. A. Lee, he will address a public meeting this evening in the concert chamber of the Town Hall, the subject being the newly-formed Democratic Labour Party and its aims and objects. Mr Barnard expects to return to Napier on Friday, but will leave next week to address a similar meeting in Auckland.

Haumoana's Unique Record

According to rainfall figures in the New Zealand Gazette, Haumoana is the driest place in the North Island, and Upper Mangahao, in the Tararua Ranges, is the wettest. At an altitude of 1277 feet, 160.32 inches fell at Upper Mangahao in the year, while 19.36 inches were recorded at Haumoana. The highest rainfall in the South Island was 251.51 inches at Milford Sound; Otira, with 169.55 inches, being next on the list. The lowest fall, 11.17 inches, was recorded in Galloway.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

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

The "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay is as follows:
Winds: Light to moderate and variable winds.
Weather: Fair to fine.
Temperatures cool to moderate.
Seas: Slight.

Napier Weather

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

Dry bulb temp.	51.0deg.
Wet bulb temp.	49.0deg.
Maximum temp.	58.0deg.
Minimum temp.	35.2deg.
1ft. underground	54.8deg.
3ft. underground	61.6deg.
Rain	Nil
Grass	21.8deg.
Sun	7 hrs.
Cloud	Nil
Humidity	82 p.c.
Visibilty	6
Wind	Calm

Hastings Weather

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

Dry bulb temp	52.0deg.
Wet bulb. temp.	51.0deg.
Maximum temp.	65.0deg.
Minimum temp	32.0deg.
Grass	25.0deg.
1ft. underground	49.0deg.
Wind	N.2
Cloud	2
Rain	Nil
Rain for month	2.42in.

Dominion Forecast

General situation: An anti-cyclone which is gradually losing intensity extends from the Tasman sea over New Zealand. Pressure is falling over south-eastern Australia.

Forecast: Winds: Mainly light to moderate in force and rather variable, but with southerly directions predominating at first.

Seas (N.Z. waters): Slight or moderate.

Eastern Tasman Sea: Light to moderate and variable winds and slight seas.

Weather: For the most part fair to fine, but with morning low cloud in many places and possibly some scattered drizzle. Temperatures still rather cold with some frost in the south.

Letters to the Editor

Number-Plates Issue

Sir,—On page 8 of to-day's issue of the "Daily Mail" (April 29, 1940) it is stated . . ."but it is believed that the delay in opening the sale of number plates is due to manufacturing difficulties caused by the scarcity of mild steel."

May I inquire the reason why these number plates cannot be made from good quality mill board of suitable thickness so that the existing dies will emboss without alteration?

This material would surely be "kinder" to the dies than mild steel, and after being dipped in suitable waterproof enamel should last for the required period of twelve months.—I am, etc.,

"SUB JUNTA."

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PRICES: Single Bed 15/9.
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PRICES: Single Bed 27/6 pair.
Double Bed 39/6 pair.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" BLANKETS—A limited quantity of double bed size only.
PRICE 35/6 pair.

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AUCKLAND TRAM CRAWL

Those In A Hurry Got Out And Walked

ECHO OF CURRENT DISPUTE

By Telegraph—Press Association
AUCKLAND, April 30.

Thousands of Aucklanders were late for work this morning.

For once they had a good and sufficient excuse, for it was painfully slow travelling by tramcar.

To the public it seemed all stopping and starting and little speed between stops. They had become the innocent victims of a dispute which had developed between sections of the employees in the tramway service and the Transport Board over wages claims by the men based on an estimate that the cost of living has risen by 8 per cent. over the period specified in the clause in their agreements.

Following a protracted discussion with representatives of the unions concerned, who were supported by officials of the Auckland District Council of the Federation of Labour, the board decided yesterday that the clause under which the claim for wages increases is being made should be referred to the Arbitration Court for interpretation, and that if the court should not uphold the claim for 8 per cent., then it should be asked to declare the increase to which the men are entitled under the clause.

From the first shift this morning, motormen and conductors on all routes worked on what they term "safety first principles," or their interpretation of certain regulations designed for the safety of the public.

It is pointed out that these regulations if strictly adhered to, make it impossible for the tramway service to work smoothly to schedule. That this is so was impressed very forcibly on members of the public this morning.

During rush hours the delays were most marked, particularly in Queen Street, where trams were banked up from the foot of Queen Street to Victoria Street.

Easy Winners

Many travellers gave up endeavouring to make the foot of Queen Street by tram, and walked. They won easily in the race, for the tramcars were not really serious competitors. They were ambling along in the "safe way," conductors making sure that platforms were clear before budging from the safety zones.

Furthermore, the public learned to their sorrow that tramcars are built to accommodate a certain number of passengers, and that the regulations permit of only a certain number of "strap-hangers."

Normally, the conductor would urge passengers to "move along inside, please," to cram just another man or woman aboard; but to-day he grinned broadly at the intending passengers congregated on the sidewalks and, the motorman having been given the signal that the car had its full complement, dutifully failed to stop.

It was just regulations as interpreted by the men. If the intending passenger was making a run for it and there was still room for him, the motorman was sure to notice his plight and wait until he was safely aboard.

Black Looks

Conductors and motormen got black looks from fluffy-haired typistes and shop girls, and were openly abused by male passengers. It was "just like pouring water on a duck's back," however, for the trams did not travel any faster towards their destinations.

An extraordinary number of trams also seemed to take the wrong turning at the points, and, of course, here again there was more delay and back-shunting.

Some typistes were almost in tears as they realised that time was speeding past the hour at which they were due at their desks. There was no doubt as to the inconvenience caused the members of the public, and the lateness of their arrival at work varied from five minutes to 45 minutes.

PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT AFOOT

Meeting Held In Wellington

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, April 30.

Declaring that the movement was not satisfied with the record of either the Government or the National Party because of their socialistic trend, the Dominion president of the People's Movement (Mr E. R. Toop, Wellington) in an address to supporters in the Town Hall tonight announced that if there was no alteration in the personnel, constitution and policy of the existing parties, the movement would not hesitate to place its whole organisation and candidates in the political arena to oppose them.

Admittance to the Town Hall was by ticket, and there was an attendance of approximately 300.

HE HAD A TAKING WAY WITH HIM

Twenty-Five Charges Of Conversion

By Telegraph—Press Association.
NELSON, April 30.

What the Magistrate described as one of the most remarkable cases in his long experience was when a youth of 17 answered to 25 charges of the unlawful conversion of cars taken for joy-riding and abandoned in the city.

The Magistrate said that he realised that this converting seemed to become a mania. Something must be done to bring the accused under control. The Magistrate ordered detention in Borstal for two years.

EIGHT PER CENT. INCREASE

DEMAND BY THE TRAMWAYMEN

STANDING SOLID

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, April 30.

Reviewing the history of the present dispute, the Press committee of the Tramways Union, said that the men at a mass meeting decided to stick out solidly for an increase in wages of 8 per cent., corresponding to the increased cost of living.

The men also resolved that, failing agreement being reached at the board meeting yesterday, the regulations as provided for in the service be put into effect this morning.

The men further contend that the claim is just and that there is no need whatever for it to be referred to the Arbitration Court.

The chairman of the Transport Board (Mr. W. H. Nagle), interviewed, outlined the events leading to the present trouble, but indicated that at this stage he did not intend to comment on the position.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF COUNCIL

Receipts And Payments

PATRIOTIC FUNDS DETAILED

Meeting At Hastings

The financial statement placed by the treasurer (Mr. F. Watters) before the meeting of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Patriotic Council at Hastings yesterday showed that to date receipts total £2312/5/5, and expenditure has been £913/16/10, leaving a balance of £1398/8/7.

Detailed Receipts.

In detail receipts have been as follows:—

Collections from Zones: Wairoa £91/8/5, Napier £649/6/6, Hastings £740/17/9, Central £391/8/2, Southern £280/14/1.

Miscellaneous £108/10/6, earmarked by Waipawa committee for Red Cross £50. Total, £2312/5/5.

Payments To Date

Expenditure has been as follows: Farewell parcels (including wool purchased for advance requirements for socks) £310/13/10, overseas parcels £29/9/1, hussifs £1/1/7.

Percentage of collections to zones £161/11/6, administration £28/14/4, agents for expenditure £38, comforts, recreation, etc., for troops £248/7/-, wool and knitting requirements for National Council £95/19/6. Total, £913/16/10.

NEW ZEALAND WAR CORRESPONDENT

Presentation Made To Mr J. H. Hall

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, April 30.

Practically the whole of the literary staffs of the Wellington daily newspapers attended a gathering held this evening to offer congratulations on behalf of the journalists of New Zealand to Mr J. H. Hall, till recently Deputy Censor, on his appointment as war correspondent to go abroad with the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Also present were the Minister of Industries and Commerce (the Hon. D. G. Sullivan), the Chief Censor (Mr J. T. Paul), the manager of the Press Association (Mr T. M. Hinkley) and the head office staff of the United Press Association, the secretary of the New Zealand Journalists' Association (Mr W. N. Pharazyn), the publicity manager of the Railways Department (Mr G. G. Stewart), representatives of periodicals and journalists from as far afield as Wanganui and Palmerston North.

On behalf of the profession, the president of the New Zealand Journalists Association (Mr A. Hardcastle) presented Mr Hall with an engraved wristlet watch.

Liner Held Up By Belated Passengers

Departure Delayed By An Hour And A Half

They Missed It

Stranded In Auckland Without Their Luggage

By Telegraph—Press Association.
AUCKLAND, April 30.

An outward bound overseas liner was at anchor off Rangitoto reef for nearly an hour and a-half early this morning in a fruitless wait for two passengers to rejoin the vessel.

The passengers, through travellers from another overseas port, had not embarked when the ship left the wharf, but unsuccessfully attempted to reach the liner by launch late on Monday night when the vessel was preparing to move away from its berth, the gangway having been removed.

A male passenger raced along the wharf and managed to board the ship by climbing through a porthole.

When the liner had sailed, two more travellers, a man and a woman, who had been ashore, arrived. When their predicament became known the outgoing liner was signalled and the couple managed to charter a launch to overtake the ship.

The vessel anchored off Rangitoto reef just before midnight to await the launch, which, however, did not venture into the channel past the North Head.

After waiting at anchor until 1.15 a.m., the liner was signalled to proceed. It then put to sea, leaving the two passengers stranded in Auckland without luggage.

They will take the next vessel available to carry them to their destination.

BRITISH LEAFLETS CRITICISED

GERMANS LAUGH AT CONTENTS

POOR PAPER USED

Treatises On Economics Included

The London "Daily Mail" recently published an article from its Balkan correspondent, Mr. Gordon Beckles, who asserted that the Germans are sabotaging, fanning jealousies, and stirring up strife, while Britain is sending Masters of Arts to lecture to the Balkan peoples on Byron and the B.B.C.

The correspondent says that the British propaganda is feeble and consists of "three-weeks-old news, bad photographs, and picture-post-card views of Britain, all apparently designed to convince the simple Balkan peasants that Britain's cause is just."

British Propaganda

British propaganda in leaflets dropped over Germany by the Royal Air Force in recent weeks is being criticised in London. A perusal of these leaflets explains the comments of a Londoner, Miss Cicily Thomason, whom the Nazis allowed to return to England after she had been living in Hanover since the war began.

"Some of the leaflets were dropped near Hanover," said Miss Thomason. "The people who picked them up simply laughed. The leaflets told them, in effect: 'You are fools not to think like us.' That sort of propaganda has the opposite effect from that intended."

Economics' Leaflet

The reverse side begins, "German mothers and women, it is war. For the second time within a generation —war." Then the leaflet goes on to tell women about the hardships they are suffering.

In case the Germans would like to know about the German economics, a four-page leaflet, which would take at least 10 minutes to read, concludes with a tabulated record, showing the value of Reichsbank notes in circulation at various periods from 1936 to date.

The leaflet adds: "This proves that the Nazi Government had to increase the circulation of banknotes and the Reich's indebtedness in years past to prepare for the future war."

It is understood that the British Government's advisers are considering more effective propaganda methods for use against Germany.

THE BASTION POINT MEMORIAL

Government Committee Appointed

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, April 30.

The Government has appointed a committee, which will have the responsibility of advising on an area to be set aside at Bastion Point for the memorial to the late Mr Savage. It consists of Mr Mair, Government architect, and Mr J. W. Mawson, town planner, who are to take steps to secure appropriate designs, for which a public competition is probable.

BIRTHS INCREASE AT HASTINGS

A considerable increase in births is the salient feature of vital statistics for Hastings for the month of April. Last month 54 births were registered with the District Registrar (Mr. W. M. Will), as against 35 in the corresponding month of last year.

Deaths also increased, 21 last month comparing with 16 in April of last year.

There were four more marriages registered last month, 23 comparing with 19.

LIFE IS MONOTONOUS ON A PACIFIC ISLAND

Woman Traveller At Napier Tells Of Her Visit To Tarawa

A lonely Pacific island, complete with coral beach, placid lagoon and sun-bathed waters, can still be a dreadfully dull place. That is the opinion of Miss O. Rutherford, who spent some weeks on Tarawa in the Gilbert Group, where she studied native life.

Miss Rutherford described her experiences in an address delivered at yesterday's meeting of the Napier Round Table Club.

The Gilbert Islands were merely strips of coral beach, none rising more than 16 feet above sea level, she said. The island of Tarawa was only eight feet above the sea, and the Pacific rollers seemed to tower above the island before they broke on the coral reef.

The islands were not easy of access. One could take a tramp steamer to Ocean Island, the phosphate centre, from which point the traveller had to wait for a schooner to continue on to the Gilbert Islands.

There was no soil whatever in this group, only a few shrubs and small trees managing to survive, and one would wonder how even such a hardy race as the Gilbertese could exist. The diet which consisted mainly of fish and cocoanuts became rather monotonous after a time, but it was occasionally varied by a vegetable called taro, and by a sweet drink made from cocoanut juice.

When this juice was fermented it made one of the fiercest drinks imaginable and the natives who were normally a mild and likeable race became maniacs after they had taken it. The manufacture of "toddy", as it was called had consequently been prohibited by the Government.

Picturesque Business

The collecting of the cocoanut juice was rather a picturesque business. The young men climbed the trees for it, singing all the time they were in the tree. There was a reason for the singing—the natives considered that as the man in the tree could see all over the island without himself being seen it was only fair that he should give warning of his presence.

Life on the island was unbelievably flat, particularly for those natives who had been away to the Caroline or other islands. Their principal pastime was the building of canoes at which they were extremely skilful. Constructed from light material, the craft were scientifically designed and very fast. One reliable observer related having travelled 18 miles in an hour, in one of these canoes, a performance which was not considered particularly outstanding.

A few years ago so many lives had been lost in the canoes that the Government had forbidden the natives to make sea voyages, and they had to be content to sail within the shelter of the lagoon.

At the conclusion of her address Miss Rutherford was accorded a vote of thanks which was carried by acclamation.

BIG LABOUR LIBEL ACTION

Communist Paper Sued

STATEMENTS IN THE "DAILY WORKER"

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LONDON, April 29.

A big Labour libel action arising out of the war opened at the Law Courts to-day.

Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the Trades Union Congress, and six members of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress sued E. R. Pountney, proprietor of the Communist newspaper "Daily Worker," for damages.

Sir William Jowett, for the plaintiffs, said that the libel referred to plaintiffs' visit to France in December to initiate the Anglo-French Trade Union Council. The "Daily Worker" was the official organ of the British Communist Party, which was affiliated with the Communist International, Moscow.

The Paris Meeting

Sir William read articles from the "Daily Worker" containing the passages: "The real purport of the Paris meeting is to bring millions of trade unionists behind the war machine of British and French Imperialism," and "Martial law in factories, a 60-hour week, compulsory deductions from wages, and the abolition of shop stewards are some of the benefits British and French unity may bring from across the Channel."

Sir Walter Citrine, in evidence, said that the statements in the "Daily Worker" were misleading and untrue. The Labour movement had repeatedly declared that the money for the publication of the "Daily Worker" came from Moscow.

WAIHI TRAGEDY INQUIRY

Commissioner Of Police On The Spot

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WAIHI, April 30.

The Commissioner of Police (Mr D. J. Cummings) arrived in Waihi yesterday, accompanied by Inspector G. B. Edwards, the newly appointed officer in charge of the Hamilton district, which includes the Waihi area, with detectives engaged in investigating the Waikino tragedy.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT ONEHUNGA

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AUCKLAND, April 30.

Extensive injuries which proved fatal were suffered by **Mrs Edith Maude Roy**, 43, of Onehunga, when she was struck by a motor lorry in Onehunga to-day.

She was taken to the Auckland hospital, where she died. Her injuries included a fractured skull and fractures of both legs.

Red Cross Units Bombed

OFFENCES BY NAZIS

Five People Killed On Hospital Ship

VEHICLES ATTACKED

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LONDON, April 29.

German 'planes to-day bombed a Norwegian hospital ship 150 miles north of Bergen. Five people, including a doctor, were killed, and many were injured.

For the second time in three days the Germans have bombed a Swedish Red Cross unit taking away refugees. The vehicles were plainly marked with the Red Cross. There were no casualties, but the vehicles themselves were much damaged by machine-gun bullets.

Three German bombers leading a convoy of 60 air transports savagely attacked a Red Cross unit bringing Norwegian evacuees from the Osterdal region to Sweden. Eighteen men and four women fled to the woods while the bomber swooped down with its machine-guns in action. A second bomber dropped a bomb 30 feet from the ambulances, and a third riddled the ambulance with bullets. All the ambulances prominently displayed the Red Cross.

Equal Pay For Equal Work

INITIAL SUCCESS

Women Omnibus And Tram Conductors

DECISION OF COURT

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RUGBY, April 29.

The claim to equal pay for equal work for women going into occupations usually reserved to men has won its first success in a decision of the industrial court on wages of women employed by local authorities as wartime omnibus and tramcar conductors, says "The Times."

The principle embodied in the decision cannot inferentially be transferred to other occupations for two reasons: (1) That the court's decision will have specific and not general application, and (2) that women's war work in industry may not so closely correspond to men's work in the road passenger service.

Moreover, adds "The Times," the decision has an application in wartime dilution, and is not related to normal times and circumstances. Nevertheless, it may point much farther than it reaches.

CLUB'S PLAY DURING THE YEAR

United Hockey

ANNUAL MEETING AT HASTINGS

Report On Season

"The club again entered one senior and one junior team in the Hastings Sub-Association's competitions, and although the senior team found its difficult to field a full team every Saturday it is pleasing to note that the keenness of the juniors enabled them to play at full strength every week," stated the annual report of the United Hockey Club, presented at the club's annual meeting in Hastings last night.

The commencement of the Napier-Hastings intertown matches was greatly appreciated, the report added.

Teams from both grades attended all tournaments during the season. The senior team did well in its section in the King's Birthday tournament, but otherwise no particular success was recorded throughout the season.

Club membership showed no falling-off in numbers.

Congratulations were extended in the report to members who gained Hastings senior representative honours during the season. They were: G. Geddes, A. Wooton, K. Perrin, W. Boyle.

A pleasing credit balance was recorded for the year. Thanks were extended to all those who had helped the club in every way during the season's play. The Hastings Sub-Association was congratulated on its management of the competitions and King's Birthday tournament.

BOMBS NEATLY DODGED

BIG FLYING BOAT'S SUCCESS

AIR BATTLE WON

Messerschmitt Fighter Shot Down

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The Air Ministry announces that a Sunderland flying-boat of the Coastal Command of the Royal Air Force recently encountered and shot down a Messerschmitt fighter.

If the bombing by German Junkers 88's over a Norwegian fiord had been more accurate, it is probable that the terse announcement that the Sunderland flying-boat had shot down a Messerschmitt 110 would have read very differently.

The flying-boat had just landed, and the captain was rowing in a whaler to a nearby warship when a heavy attack was made by Junkers aeroplanes. Quickly the flying-boat's captain returned to his craft and began to taxi over the water to dodge the bombs.

After a while, the flying-boat's engines became hot, and, in order to cool them, the pilot took off, only to be immediately attacked by a Messerschmitt 110. The German machine, however, was unable to withstand the concentrated fire from the heavily - armed Sunderland and crashed into the sea.

Over 20 Tons

The Sunderland flying-boats are some of the largest service aeroplanes in use. Weighing over 20 tons, and with a wing-span of just over 112 feet, they have a crew of ten and are capable of carrying out reconnaissance flights lasting between 14 and 16 hours. They are able to carry out shallow bombing dives, as several submarines know to their cost, and their heavy armament—they have two power-operated turrets—make them a formidable proposition, even for the nimble Messerschmitt 110, although their top speed is only 210 miles an hour, against the German fighter's 370.

These boats are very manoeuvrable in spite of their great size, and are a development of the well-known "Empire" class flying-boat of commercial fame.

Convoy Work

Attached to the Coastal Command, these aircraft have taken part in the command's activities, which include convoying merchant ships against air attack, and it is the command's proud boast that an air-escorted convoy has never yet lost a ship.

Sunderlands, which were used to land the experts who preceded the British troops landing in Norway after the German invasion, also co-operated with other branches of the Air Force and Navy in driving off practically all German vessels from the area between Bergen and Trondheim.

Medal Round At Parkvale

TO-MORROW'S PLAY

Women's Draw Is Announced

The following is the women's golf draw for the medal match to be played at Parkvale to-morrow, starting at 1.15 p.m.:—

Miss Cross plays Mrs. Stringer, Miss Simpson plays Mrs. Le Sueur, Mrs. Sturrock plays Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Garrod plays Miss Campbell, Mrs. McIvor plays Miss Heighway, Mrs. Bullock plays Miss Archibald, Mrs. Roe plays Mrs. Sharpin, Mrs. Hodgins plays Mrs. Maddison, Mrs. Kemp plays Mrs. Devine, Mrs. Egan plays Mrs. Clothier, Mrs. Barr plays Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Gilmour plays Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Lord plays Mrs. Penman.

Anyone not drawn and wishing to play will be given a partner at the clubhouse.

CHILDREN'S HOMES APPEAL

To Be Held This Week

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC

Funds Still Needed

It is customary to hold the annual appeal for the Hawke's Bay Children's Home in March, but in view of the campaign to raise funds for patriotic purposes the trustees decided to defer the date of the appeal. At the present time the trustees' wish they could avoid making the usual call on the residents of this province, but it is not possible to carry on the homes without the public support, so the appeal is now launched.

In view of the numerous calls on the public it is hoped to make such a success of this effort that no further call will require to be made for a long period. Fortunately there are to-day fewer children in the homes than has been the case for a great number of years, but even with the reduction in numbers a substantial annual income is required to provide the necessaries of life.

For 48 years the people of this province have by their voluntary subscriptions enabled this valuable social work to be carried on, and it is confidently felt that although today there are additional demands on the purse of the individual the needs of the Children's Home will be met.

On Friday and Saturday of this week the district collection will be made, and collectors throughout the province will be soliciting donations. It will not be possible, however, for the collectors to come into contact with all residents and in those cases where the collector does not call remittances may be sent by post addressed to Mr H. E. Edgley, Treasurer, P.O. box 145, Napier. All donations received through the post will be acknowledged.

AWARD WAGES AND THE ECONOMIC COST OF LIVING

Arbitration Court May Be Given Power To Amend The Present Provisions

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, April 30.

Arising out of an application by the Federation of Labour to the Court of Arbitration for a fixture for the hearing of a general case for wage increases in which the Court would be asked to make an order for an immediate and simultaneous increase in all award wages to meet increases in the cost of living, a conference between employers' and manufacturers' representatives and the federation was held in Wellington last week.

The decision of the conference was that representations be made to the Government to introduce legislation empowering the Court to amend the wage provisions of awards, taking into consideration the cost of living and economic circumstances generally, such amendments to be reviewed at not less than six-monthly periods.

CENTENNIAL COUNCIL AT HASTINGS

Meeting Yesterday

APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDIES

Financial Position

Owing to an unforseen delay in the time of the commencement of the meeting comparatively few members were able to be present when a meeting of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Centennial Council was held in Hastings yesterday. Business was confined mainly to correspondence received and to the financial statement submitted.

Mr T. W. Hercock was in the chair.

The action of the chairman and secretary in recommending to the Government applications for payment of subsidy on memorials was confirmed. The approved applications are as follows:—

Provincial History, first and final, £127 10/- (now paid); Napier committee, first, £198 19/7; Pakowhai, first, £19; Wairoa, first, £208 4/9; Waipawa, first, £66 8/11; Waipukurau, first, £44; Hastings, first, £92; Ongaonga, first, £10 7/10; Taradale-Greenmeadows, first, £7 7/8; Meeanee, first, £5. The total is £778 18/9.

It was stated that these were posted to Wellington at dates between March 14 and March 30, as advice had been received that initial applications had to be received by March 31, 1940. Committees whose initial applications were in order would have until March 31, 1941, to raise funds to be subsidised.

No applications have been received in respect to the following memorials: Clive, Havelock North, Dannevirke and Woodville.

A letter from the Department of Internal Affairs was received in reply to a request from the council that the time for collecting funds on which subsidy would be payable be extended until six months after the war. Stating that its present intention was to consider the whole position at a later date, the Department added that it was considered reasonable to assume that if funds were not raised by March 31, 1941, it was unlikely that they would be raised later. In any case a memorial erected years hence could scarcely be described as a Centennial Memorial.

In reply to a query concerning the disposal of the furnishings of the Hawke's Bay court at the Exhibition the position in this respect was briefly outlined.

Grant Made

On the motion of Mr G. A. Maddison a grant of £100 was made the council's secretary (Mr F. Watters) for his work.

Speaking in appreciation of the secretary's services the chairman added that Mr Watters had been engaged on Centennial work over a period of three years, and had often worked night after night. The sum granted was really inadequate to reward him.

Finance

The financial statement submitted was as follows:—

Receipts

Levies on local bodies £2,489 10/-; subsidy on history, £127 9/10; donation for history, £7 10/-. Total £2,624 9/10.

Payments

History of Hawke's Bay £516 2/6; Exhibition company £1500 7/6; Exhibition, Hawke's Bay Court, £99 1/5; Travelling expenses, stamps and sundries £42 14/8. Total £2158 6/1.

Balance at April 29, 1940, £466 3/9.

BUILDING DECLINE AT HASTINGS

Fewer Permits Were Issued Last Month

A decline in building activity last month is revealed by figures given yesterday by the Hastings borough building inspector (Mr. C. Carrell). Fifteen permits to the value of £7062 were issued last month, compared with 19 permits for £8306 in April of last year. They were as follows:—

	Value
4 Dwellings	£3741
2 Alterations and additions to dwellings	515
1 Addition to hospital	1250
1 Garage	960
1 Addition to store	140
1 Addition to coal bunker	170
1 Addition to office	85
1 Workshop	90
3 Motor sheds	111
15 Permits	£7062
Corresponding month 1939, 19 permits	£8306

Children Return To Hastings

EXHIBITION VISIT

Over 200 Aboard Special Train Yesterday

SCENES OF WELCOME

The Hastings railway station presented an animated picture late yesterday afternoon when the 200 children who visited the Centennial Exhibition returned by a special train. They had been absent from Hastings for three days.

Parents and children began to assemble at the station shortly before five o'clock, and by the time the train was due to arrive some hundreds had assembled. The train was about 25 minutes late, and when it drew into the station the travellers were greeted by cheers, shrieks and whistles.

There followed a scramble of parents seeking children and children likewise seeking parents. The transport of the luggage of 200 children was a problem that necessitated considerable forethought by the organisers. Recalling occasions on which the guard's van had been besieged by children and parents seeking their belongings, the organisers met the problem in an admirable manner.

Suit cases, rugs, coats, and small cases were placed in orderly rows, and the children walked along the lines, selecting their belongings as they came to them. In a comparatively short space of time the platform was cleared and boys and girls were on their ways home, to "tell them all about it."

"We had a wonderful time; the trip was highly successful in every way," said the organiser (Mr J. Stickland). He paid a tribute to the conduct of the children during the visit to the capital, stating that their excellent behaviour made his task much easier than it might have been.

The entire itinerary was completed and in addition the party paid a visit to Trentham to see the troops. The children were greatly impressed with the Exhibition and left an equally good impression in the minds of the Wellington people with whom they associated, added Mr Stickland.

St. John And Red Cross Appeal

SICK AND WOUNDED

Programme For Hastings

GIFTS NEEDED

The joint Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Sick, Wounded and Distress Fund appeal will take place on May 12.

The activities comprise a street day, a house-to-house canvass, shop and entertainments. The Hastings Red Cross will hold a shop next the Cosy Theatre on May 17. Mrs W. Richmond is the convener of the committee and all gifts of meat, produce, fruit, flowers or anything saleable will be thankfully received. Donations in money may be sent to Mrs Richmond, or to any member of the Red Cross Committee.

TWELVE O'CLOCKERS' FINAL SWIM

Hardy And Healthy Enthusiasts

The final swim for the season by Napier's Twelve O'Clockers took place yesterday on the beach at the Marine Parade. Every day from the beginning of October to the end of April this hardy band has taken its midday plunge, regardless of weather conditions, and yesterday they rang down the curtain on what they termed a very successful season.

Although the thermometer gave the temperature as 56 degrees, the bathers declared between gasps that "the water's fine," a statement which was received with some scepticism by the small bunch of spectators who watched from the beach.

By way of celebration the Twelve O'Clockers afterwards had a picnic lunch together in the sunshine at the top of the baths. They described their pastime as "healthy and invigorating," a claim which seemed to be borne out by their bronzed and manly torsos.

It is understood that some members of the fraternity intend to continue their daily swim throughout the winter months. The general public will no doubt wish these hardy specimens all the health benefits which they claim will result, and will concede that they have well and truly earned them.

TROOPS IN CAMP WELL SUPPLIED WITH FRUIT

Hawke's Bay Provincial Council Meeting: Business At Hastings

A letter from the National Patriotic Council replying to a request that regular supplies of fruit to the troops be undertaken by the Government was received yesterday at a meeting of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Council.

The letter advised that Col. Hargest, O.C. Second Echelon, had reviewed the diet of the troops and stated that the men were now receiving more than sufficient fruit per day.

Commenting on this, Mr G. A. Maddison, Hastings, said that large quantities of fruit were going to waste in the districts. Fruit-growers approached have expressed their willingness to make available this fruit for use in camp. A total of 551 cases had been sent to Trentham and Awapuni camps at slight cost.

Mr T. W. Hercock (Napier) was in the chair and there were present Messrs H. L. Harker (Wairoa), Cattenach, R. Johnston and H. Grainger (Woodville), E. Gibbard (Dannevirke), T. C. Halloway, J. Williamson (Taradale), P. A. McHardy (Havelock North), H. B. Smart (Waipukurau), N. M. Paulsen (Waipawa), G. A. Maddison and N. C. Harding (Hastings) and the secretary, Mr F. Watters, Napier.

A further letter from the National Council advised that sufficient band instruments had been purchased for five bands, at a cost of approximately £800.

In addition the Wellington Provincial Council had purchased a full set for £400. The Government had decided that four bands only would be sent overseas, and three would remain in New Zealand. An endeavour was being made to make the cost of £800 a charge on the Government. The letter was received.

Funds For Recreation

The question of functional collecting by n.c.o.'s home on leave of money to provide games and entertainments for the Hawke's Bay troops was discussed, one member quoting an instance which had come to his notice in the Central Hawke's Bay area, when some £60 had been privately collected.

The National Council had undertaken to provide games and recreational facilities on troopships, said Mr Maddison, and there should be no necessity for such action.

In this connection a letter from the National Council reported that the cost of providing comforts on the troopships conveying the First Echelon was £1750, as against the estimate of £2000. This left the Hawke's Bay council with a credit of £12/10/- from its payment of £100.

Regimental Money

Advice was received that the National Council had resolved: "That it be a strong recommendation to Provincial Patriotic Councils that they contribute the sum of £100 each towards the nucleus of a fund to provide regimental funds for the Second Echelon; that the money be remitted to the National Council, and that the secretary obtain from the Army Department the strengths of all units in the Second Echelon and divide the total received proportionately among each unit."

The letter pointed out that although profits from the canteens are paid into regimental funds, such profits did not occur until some time after the units had been in camp, while the need for regimental funds became urgent the moment the unit was in camp. The national secretary had been instructed to find out the reason for the delay of the Canteen Funds Board in paying over such profits.

The chairman commented that when the First Echelon had left it should not have taken long for the canteen fund amounts to be available for the Second Echelon. This, however, had not been the case. It was understood that an advance payment of 2/- per man had been made, but it was not known if this was to be the final amount.

Complaints from Wellington concerning the action of some Provincial Councils in making additional grants to the men were also discussed. The Hawke's Bay council had been one of these; members stated that they had not wanted to see the men handicapped through lack of funds. Mr Maddison moved that the whole question be taken up at the Wellington meeting, and this was carried. The action with regard to the extra grants was confirmed.

Addresses of Troops

The National Council, in reply to a request for information regarding the names and addresses of all men from the three services who went overseas, stated that such information could be obtained from local Defence Offices. The secretary stated that this was incorrect.

It was decided that a further request be made, pointing out the necessity for this information. Members stressed the value of the data in the compiling of a roll of honour and from the historical point of view.

Additional patriotic purposes, as an amendment to the regulations, were suggested in another communication from the National Council.

Suggested Amendments

They were:—

1. Extending present purpose to cover supplies to any allies of his Majesty.
2. Providing for relief and assistance to dependents of members of the forces.
3. Providing for relief and assistance to ex-members of the forces.
4. Providing for the sick and wounded and prisoners of war.

Numbers 1 to 3, it was stated, applied to both the National and Provincial Funds, while No. 4 applied to the National Fund only. The amendments were generally agreed to.

All education boards and school authorities had been circularised asking them to agree to the pupils collecting non-ferrous metals for the purpose of augmenting the National Patriotic Fund, a letter from Wellington advised. The letter was received.

The main business of the forthcoming conference at Wellington was outlined as an endeavour to avoid overlapping of collections, to define definitely the expenditure of the National Patriotic Fund Board and the Provincial Councils, and to make a preliminary survey of the treatment that could be given men on their return.

The Hawke's Bay Council's delegates elected yesterday were: Messrs H. L. Harker, G. A. Maddison, T. W. Hercock and E. Gibbard. It is to be requested whether four are permitted to attend.

Committees Of Schools

BIENNIAL ELECTION

Hawke's Bay Education District

ADDITIONAL RESULTS

Additional results of the biennial election of school committees in the Hawke's Bay Education Board's district to those published yesterday are:—

Hastings Street: Messrs W. F. Bridge (chairman), T. C. Baker (secretary), W. J. Young, W. Girling, Mesdames M. Weaver, J. H. Wakely, V. D. Bridge, I. Hearn, B. Ackerman.

Intermediate School (nominations): Messrs R. F. Laing, W. J. Ireland, W. F. Bridge, R. S. Munro and J. A. McLean. As the nominations do not exceed the number of seats an election will not be necessary.

Port Ahuriri: Messrs G. G. Stanford (chairman), H. Hardacre (secretary), A. Hardacre, R. V. McCarthy, R. Forrest, C. S. Otton, J. D. Boyd.

Westshore: Messrs A. Johnson (chairman), S. Salter (secretary), H. Vanderspeck, H. Wilson, W. L. Bullivant, Fred Clarke, Dan Williams; representative on Intermediate School and dental clinic, Mr S. Salter.

HASTINGS STREET SCHOOL

The attendance of householders at the biennial meeting of the Hastings Street School Committee was only fair.

The following members of the retiring committee did not seek re-election: Mesdames Hicks and Reid and Messrs Cooke and Reid.

A resolution was carried by the householders conveying in appreciative terms the thanks of parents and guardians for the long period of service rendered to the school by the retiring members.

Special reference was made to the long period of service rendered by Mr G. H. Cooke, who has served on the Hastings Street School Committee for a period of 27 years. This probably constitutes a record for school committee service.

It was with regret that the householders learned of the present indisposition of Mr Cooke, and a letter is to be sent, expressing the wish that he will have a speedy recovery and return to normal health.

AFTER-HOURS' WORK AT BUTCHER'S

No Overtime Paid

COURT ACTION AT HASTINGS

When an inspector of factories visited the shop of J. B. Fletcher, butcher, Hastings, at 5.40 o'clock on a recent evening he found "a scene of great activity," 40 minutes after the closing time required of butchers' shops by the Act, according to evidence given by Mr. H. Schierning, representing the Labour Department, in the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday morning. Joseph White, E. B. Hook, H. G. G. Hawkes and Albert John Smith were charged with signing an incorrect entry in the wages and time book of Fletcher's shop. A civil action was brought against the proprietor for not paying overtime.

Mr. Schierning said that when the inspector called some of the employees were still at work cutting up meat, while others were eating tea and cakes. Indications were that the work would not cease for 20 minutes or half an hour. He explained that, while some of the men were being paid in excess of the wage fixed by the award, it did not release the employer from the liability of paying overtime.

In the conduct of its business the firm found it impossible to close their doors and get the men away at five o'clock, said Mr. H. R. Bannister, defending Fletcher. Customers were left in the shop and there was cleaning-up work to be done, so the company paid their employees an increased rate to meet the extra time worked. Mr. Bannister described the close co-operation existing between the employer and employees of this firm.

By the Act a set of books was provided, and there had been false entries in them, said the Magistrate (Mr. J. Miller, S.M.). He fined the firm £2 in the civil action, and each of the employees 10/-, costs only.

Memoranda

The Mahora Swimming Club's social and presentation of trophies is expected to attract many to the Mahora School rooms on Saturday night. A feature of the evening will be an exhibition of tap-dancing by Miss Veda Hayes.

The fortnightly lecture series at the Hawke's Bay Museum, Napier, will be opened this evening at 7.45 p.m. The speaker will be Miss O. Rutherford, of the Auckland Museum, who will speak on the subject of Maori canoes. Admission is free.

ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

REHABILITATION OF SOLDIERS

R.S.A. SUGGESTION

Patriotic Council At Hastings

A request from the Returned Soldiers' Association that its branches be appointed the council's expending agent in this area for assistance to dependants of soldiers was considered yesterday in Hastings at the Hawke's Bay Provincial Patriotic Council's meeting. Mr. T. W. Hercock was in the chair.

It was stated that the National Council had placed this matter on the agenda for a conference in May between it and the Provincial Councils.

"I don't think the R.S.A., without public representation, is quite the body for this purpose," commented one member. Admitting that the association had administered its own funds well, as was pointed out in its request, he added that it would not be immediately after the war that returned men would call on the funds.

War Relief Work

Reference was made to the work of the War Relief Association. It had done very good work, it was stated; apart from the rehabilitation of soldiers it had also acted as a charitable institution, and had succeeded particularly well.

"I think we should get the work of rehabilitation put on a proper footing so that it will be looked on from a sympathetic point of view," said Mr. H. L. Harker. He expressed the opinion that if this were accomplished it would prove of assistance to recruiting. In his opinion the War Relief Association should handle the funds; it was more important even than present care for the troops that this should be well looked after.

Mr. Harker moved that the existing War Relief Association be appointed spending agents. After some further discussion this was carried.

"Long Distance" Fund

"I know many men who will definitely refuse to contribute to a 'long-distance' fund for after the war," said a member when the question of allocating funds for rehabilitation work was discussed. It was stated that an indication was needed as to whether the National Council intended to create a separate fund.

"People want to know what is being done with the funds," commented Mr. Harker.

"Any appeal should specifically state the purpose of the funds," said Mr. G. A. Maddison. It must be considered how the money was to be raised, and when and how it was to be administered.

Mr. Harker considered that each district should start its own fund for its returned men. "We depend to a great extent on donations," he said, "and the sooner we get the money the sooner it will be available when the men come back."

Wool For Knitting

Reference to the slow arrival of wool forwarded for knitting requirements was made by the secretary (Mr. F. Watters), who stated that there was usually a delay in the sending of the wool after a request for knitting had been issued. So far as the knitting itself was concerned, he said that there seemed to be a certain amount of overlapping.

Complaints concerning the quality of some of the wool were referred to by Mr. Maddison, who stated that women using it had said that even after four washings the dye still came out. He moved that it be left to the provincial councils to arrange their own wool purchases.

As a remit for the conference at Wellington, Mr. Maddison moved that all grants for services be made through the National Council.

A suggestion that it might be as well to eliminate the small country patriotic committees was made by Mr. N. M. Paulsen, who said that if different organisations were going to carry out the various appeals there seemed to be no advantage in retaining these councils. With so many different official collectors for the funds it was found confusing.

National Appeals

The chairman pointed out that the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army and Red Cross appeals were all national appeals, and as such had no connection with the work of the patriotic councils.

The waste involved in sending cases of goods from the committee at Dannevirke into Napier, and then forwarding them back to Wellington, was commented on by Mr. E. Gibbard, who considered this should be simplified.

Licensing Cases At Hastings

CHARGES DISMISSED

Police Possibly Misled By Reflection

MAGISTRATE'S FINDING

Charges of opening for sale, exposing for sale, and selling liquor after hours, preferred against J. A. Gallagher, licensee of the Grand Hotel at Hastings, were dismissed by the Magistrate (Mr J. Miller, S.M.) in the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday morning. Evidence in the cases was taken a fortnight ago, and the Magistrate reserved his decision. A conviction was entered against a man who was found on the premises, and he was fined £1.

The Magistrate held that, when a person entered the hotel by the front doors, the glass in the door leading to the bar acted as a mirror, and the person could see his own reflection. By this means it was likely that the police officers had been misled on entering the hotel.

While, by means of a small clear glass panel in the door, the police had had a momentary glimpse of a man leaving the bar, this was prima facie evidence, and could not be accepted as proof that some person other than the barman had been in there.

At the conclusion of the hearing of evidence on the last Court day the Magistrate visited the hotel and personally inspected the bar.

EXAMINERS WHO FAILED TO PASS

Careless Marking Censured By Senate

THE ARITHMETIC PAPERS

By Telegraph—Press Association

WELLINGTON, April 30.

The executive committee of the University Senate recently considered a report on the investigation into the marking of scrips in the University entrance arithmetic examinations for 1939, and passed the following resolution:

"That the executive committee record its strong disapproval of the lack of responsibility and of reasonable care shown by the examiners of arithmetic in the 1939 University entrance examination, and recommends the Senate to debar each of them from acting as examiner in any entrance examination during the pleasure of the Senate, but in no case for less than five years."

In a statement issued with the resolution the executive committee states that it met on January 24 to consider the results of the University Entrance Examination before they were issued.

At this meeting, which was held before any publicity had been given to the matter, it was noticed that the marks in arithmetic presented anomalous features. It was, however, considered inadvisable to postpone publication of all the results on this account, but in order to ensure that no candidate suffered injustice from the marking in arithmetic, special investigation was ordered.

In the first place, fifty scripts selected at random were submitted to one of the professors of mathematics for comment. As this preliminary scrutiny showed that the fears of the committee were justified, it was resolved to invite a senior professor of mathematics and his assistants to re-examine all the scripts in which an alteration in the arithmetic mark might benefit an unsuccessful candidate.

This re-examination, although carried out with all possible dispatch, unfortunately involved considerable delay in the final adjustment of results.

The re-examination disclosed a number of errors of various descriptions involving a very large number of cases. Altogether, 170 additional candidates passed the entrance examination as a result of the re-marking.

"The committee is well aware," continues the statement, "of the hardships that may have resulted from the unavoidable delay in reaching the final result of the entrance examination, but is of the opinion that no other course than that adopted would have done justice to all the candidates.

"It may be explained that since 1931, the Senate has had in operation a scheme of scaling to ensure that the results in different subjects marked by different examiners in succeeding years do not vary too widely. In the case under review, the low average in arithmetic necessitated a generous scaling allowance. The differences in marks announced to candidates after re-marking are due to the result of the re-marking taken in conjunction with the scaling allowances.

"As the re-marking of the scripts in this case was not a reconsideration in the ordinary sense, no reconsideration fee has been charged. In the case of those candidates who sent in the usual deposit fee for reconsideration in arithmetic, the fee is being refunded."

A TRUCK DRIVER'S CELEBRATION

ACCIDENT FOLLOWS ENLISTMENT

FINE INFLICTED

A sequel to an accident in which a lorry laden with empty fish crates overturned on Poukawa Hill, was heard in the Magistrate's Court before Mr J. Miller, S.M., yesterday, when the driver, Hector K. Simpson, 38, pleaded guilty to a charge of being intoxicated while driving the vehicle.

The defendant was fined £15 and his licence was cancelled for 12 months.

Senior-Sergeant E. Quayle stated that the police at Hastings received a message on the night of the accident that a truck had overturned on the main road about ten miles south of Hastings, and that a drunken man was with the vehicle. Two constables went to the scene and found the vehicle on its side facing the way from which it had been driven, and empty fish crates lying about in confusion.

Asleep In Cab

The defendant was asleep among the cases with half a bottle of beer beside him. When awakened he said he was resting, and later stated that he had been given the beer after the accident by a passing motorist. He was arrested, brought to Hastings, and certified as being intoxicated. In reply to the Magistrate's question the Senior-Sergeant stated that it was thought that the defendant had taken some beer after the accident.

Appearing for the defendant, Mr W. E. Bate said that this man had an excellent record as a driver of transport wagons, and during the 20 years he had been thus engaged he had not had a previous accident. Mr Bate read a testimonial from his employers. The defendant had enlisted for service with the Third Echelon, said Mr Bate, and on the night before the accident he had celebrated with his friends at Palmerston North "severing the strands" of civil life. His lapse was due to the liquor he had consumed and fatigue as a result of having no sleep.

It was a pity that a man with a good record such as this should make this lapse, said the Magistrate, but a large number of those who came before the Court on this charge were in identical circumstances. In most instances they were good citizens who had too much drink.

"This man really has no excuse," said Mr Miller. "He deliberately sets out and does a foolish thing, and then takes more drink after the act." As stated, the defendant was fined £15, and his licence was cancelled.

Action Of Hon. W. E. Barnard

DEPLORED BY UNION

Harbour Board Employees' Attitude

MEETING AT NAPIER

The Hon. W. E. Barnard's resignation from the Labour Party was discussed at the annual meeting of the Napier branch of the New Zealand Harbour Boards Employees' Union. According to an official statement, the following resolution was passed unanimously by those present:

"That this branch of the New Zealand Harbour Boards Employees' Union strongly deplores the action of the Hon. W. E. Barnard in resigning from the Labour Party and desires to affirm its complete confidence in the present Government."

Alleged Thief Who Was Too Casual

Police Suspicions Aroused By Unusual Conduct

Stolen Wire

Sequel Heard In Hastings Court Yesterday

When Maurice Walsh was wheeling a bicycle with a sack slung over the handlebars on the main road near Tomoana Showgrounds at 1.30 o'clock on Monday morning he did not stop to look at a motor car which had caught alight and was burning fiercely. What was more, he did not even glance at it. After all, a burning motor car is somewhat unusual, and the two constables began wondering why the man wheeling the bicycle did not display more interest.

Constable J. King decided to investigate further, and so he called to the man to stop. The man did not halt immediately, and seemed disinclined to converse with the policeman. When the bag was opened 96 lengths of heavy copper wire were found, all of which had the appearances of being freshly cut from a coil.

A sequel was heard in the Hastings Magistrate's Court, before Mr J. Miller, S.M., yesterday morning when Walsh was charged with the theft of copper wire valued at £2, the property of the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board. Walsh, pleaded not guilty, maintaining that he had bought the wire from a man whom he did not know for 2/- at Napier on Saturday afternoon.

Detective H. L. Campin told the Court that he inspected a coil of cable cached by the Power Board near the showgrounds, where repairs were being carried out to the lines. A pole lying on the ground nearby bore marks of cuts, in which were embedded pieces of wire identical with that on the coil. The detective stated that when the wire in the bag was examined, fresh pieces of wet grass were found, whereas the defendant maintained that he had bought it on the previous day.

The Magistrate said that he did not believe the defendant's story. Walsh was convicted and sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Evidence was also given by Constable Day and Sergeant L. B. Revell, who conducted the prosecution.

Liquor Supplied To Natives

MAORI CHARGED

Incident At Tangi At Omahu Pa

Incidents which took place at Omahu Pa during a recent tangi resulted in Wi Nuku being charged in the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday morning with supplying liquor to natives in a proclaimed prohibited district, and with the breach of his prohibition order. On the first count he was fined £6 (10/-) and on the second £1 (£1 5/-).

Senior-Sergeant Quayle, conducting the prosecution, said that a feast was being held in the meeting house after the tangi, and the defendant served the natives with beer from a jug.

Evidence was given by Mr Bob Tutaki, a member of the District Maori Council.

BUSY YEAR FOR BRIGADE

MANY FIRES OCCUR AT NAPIER

FALSE ALARMS

Eleven Malicious Calls

In the course of the past year 88 calls were received by the Napier and Port Ahuriri Fire Brigades, according to a report presented by the superintendent, Mr W. J. Gibberd, at the annual meeting of the Napier Fire Board. This total was an increase of 34 compared with the previous year.

The alarms were classified as follows:—Actual fires 23; rubbish fires 7; chimney fires 7; grass fires 19; malicious alarms 11; accidental 21. The total fire loss was £16,683, of which £8527 comprised buildings and contents covered by insurance, and £8156 buildings and contents not so covered.

Mr A. E. Bedford presided over Messrs G. Mitford-Taylor, W. G. Hay, R. W. Goodger, Superintendent W. J. Gilberd, and the secretary, Mr S. P. Spiller.

Chairman Re-elected

Mr A. E. Bedford was unanimously elected chairman for the ensuing year, and following the election, Mr Bedford stated that it had been a great pleasure to him to work with the members of the board.

It was stated in the annual report of the superintendent that the salt water wells in Napier had been tested during the year. The Herschell Street well was useless, and the other six could not supply the Dennis pump working at full capacity. It was decided to ask the Borough Council if its engineer could make a report on the wells and see if anything could be done to improve them.

The superintendent was instructed to endeavour to obtain the services of some ex-members of the fire brigade or some younger men to fill the vacancies in the ranks of the brigade caused by several members enlisting.

Estimates passed by the board totalled £5100, a decrease of £90 on the previous year.

It was decided to appoint a fire lieutenant, and to call applications from members of the brigade for the position, which will carry a retainer of £25.

Traffic Cases At Hastings

A LENGTHY LIST

Magistrate Issues A Warning

RIGHT OF WAY

A warning that motorists who failed to observe their responsibility of giving way to traffic approaching on the right would meet with less lenient treatment in future Court proceedings was given by the Magistrate (Mr J. Miller, S.M.) in the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday, when a number of these cases were dealt with.

John Blackett was charged with failing to give way to traffic approaching on the right and with not having a warrant of fitness. On the first count he was fined £2 (16/-) and £1 (10/-) on the second.

Gordon Williams was charged with having no warrant of fitness, no driving licence, and insufficient lights. He was fined £1 (10/-) on each charge.

Charges of driving without due care and attention and driving a vehicle not equipped with sufficient lights were preferred against Patira Kahu Kawaikirangi. On the first charge he was fined £1 (17/-), and on the second 10/-.

For failing to give way to traffic approaching on the right Lawrence G. Sangster was fined £2 (15/-). On a similar charge Hector William McKenzie was fined £2 (12/-).

Walter Howard was fined 15/- (10/-) for riding a bicycle without a light. Maud Mohi was fined 15/- (15/-) for the same offence.

On information laid by Traffic Inspector H. A. Green, David McInnes was charged with cycling on the footpath. He was ordered to pay costs only.

A charge of dangerous driving was preferred against Basil G. S. Goodger. He was fined £2 (12/-).

James Murphy, charged with driving in a negligent manner, was fined £1 (10/-).

COMFORTS FOR TROOPS IN CENTRAL COMMAND AREA

Hawke's Bay Provincial Council's Report Presented Yesterday

The report of the executive of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Patriotic Council to the meeting of the council at Hastings yesterday includes an account of the decisions arrived at by the conference of Provincial Councils in the Central Military Command area, which Hawke's Bay delegates attended.

One motion carried at the conference delegated to the Wellington Council Executive the power to purchase extra amenities for the use of specific companies, there could be no vice posts.

In this connection the report states that it was understood that the provision of fruit, sporting gear and other amenities and comforts should be the sole responsibility of the Wellington Executive, acting if need be under suggestions from the Provincial Councils concerned. The meeting recognised that if private individuals desired to provide any amenitines for the use of specific companies, there could be no objection to such action.

Considering that the responsibility of Provincial Councils ceased with embarkation of troops for overseas the conference decided that councils should refrain from supplying comforts for use on departing troopships or overseas.

Costs Pooled

Allocations for the cost of amenities were approved as follows for pooling, the report adds: Taranaki £264, Hawke's Bay £202, Wellington £1235 plus such other payments of a similar nature to those included in the Hawke's Bay and Taranaki amounts.

These, and future expenditures by the Wellington Executive, are to be divided in a fixed ratio between Wellington, Taranaki and Hawke's Bay, the conference decided.

The Wellington secretary reported that Army Headquarters were at present making arrangements whereby all sporting gear already provided by Patriotic Councils should, if possible, be retained in the several camps rather than be taken overseas.

The meeting held that this action was necessary and that in supplying further gear it should be a stipulation that this should not go overseas.

Football Jerseys

The conference also recommended that 20 Hawke's Bay football jerseys and shorts be supplied to the Camp Commandant, Trentham, for the use of the Hawke's Bay Company, the gear not to go overseas, but to be entered on the camp stores list.

This action was agreed to at yesterday's meeting of the council.

JUDGMENT ENTERED IN DEFAULT

Judgment for plaintiffs in default of defendants was entered in the following cases at the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday morning, by Mr. J. Miller, S.M.:—Insurance Brokers (East Coast) Ltd. v. R. V. Moray-Cook, £4/5/-, costs £1/5/6; Stewart Greer Motors Ltd. v. J. Timmo, £33/9/8, costs £4/10/6; R. Holt and Sons Ltd. v. S. S. Wright, £3/12/8, costs £2/5/6; H. B. Poppelwell and Co. Ltd. v. A. Stevens, 14/6, costs 13/-; J. B. Fletcher Ltd. v. A. McMillan, £6/7/4, costs £2/2/6; Salon Vogue v. I. Parkinson, £3 19/6, costs £1/7/6; Anderson and Hansen Ltd. v. C. F. Walpole, 13/-, costs 9/-; R. Holt and Sons Ltd. v. A. L. Legge, £21/4/-, costs £4/3/6; E. T. Kelly Ltd. v. R. Banks, £14 10/-, costs £2/15/-.

"If all the money expended on tobacco were banked there'd be enough before long to wipe out the National Debt," thundered the orator. "That'd be a fat lot of good to smokers, wouldn't it!" came a voice from the back seats. When they'd done laughing the lecturer barked: "Tell me how much tobacco costs you a week, you there, and I'll show you you're wasting your money and ruining your health." "I smoke four ounces of Cut Plug No. 10 a week," answered the voice. "It costs me something over three bob, and I get a quid's worth of enjoyment out of it. And don't you worry about my health, mister. Been smoking same brand for years, and I'm still going strong. It's toasted, and can't hurt you if you smoke a ton a week." The lecturer dried up. Just five brands of the genuine toasted: Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullshead), Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), Cavendish, Riverhead Gold and Desert Gold. They're harmless because they're toasted—and there's enjoyment in every whiff!*

RUGBY FIXTURES IN HASTINGS

THREE SENIOR GAMES TO BE PLAYED

ALL GRADES

Detailed Draw For Saturday

Rugby fixtures at Hastings on Saturday with the appointment of referees are as follows:—

Senior: Hastings v. Pirates, Nelson Park No. 1, 3 p.m. (Mr. A. Kirkpatrick); Marist v. Havelock North, Nelson Park No. 2, 3 p.m. (Mr. W. Scott); Celtic v. H.H.S.O.B., Nelson Park No. 1, 1.30 p.m. (Mr. H. Swallow).

Juniors: Celtic v. Hastings, Akina Park No. 2, 1.30 p.m. (Mr. H. Davidson); Mercantile v. H.H.S.O.B., Akina No. 1, 1.30 p.m. (Mr. J. Palmer).

Thirds: H.H.S.O.B. v. Celtic, School No. 5, 1.30 p.m. (Mr. F. Duigan); Havelock v. Hastings, Havelock, 2 p.m. (Mr. D. Graham); High School v. Haumoana, School No. 3, 1.30 p.m. (Mr. C. Lennon).

Fourths: School A v. M.A.C., School No. 3, 3 p.m. (Mr. E. Singleton); H.H.S.O.B. v. Celtic, School No. 2, 3 p.m. (Mr. G. Toothill); School B v. Hastings, Nelson Park No. 2, 1.30 p.m. (Mr. G. Bainbridge).

Fifths: High School A v. Hastings, School 2, 1.30 p.m. (Mr. R. Pearson); High School B v. Celtic, School 4, 1.30 p.m. (Mr. H. Small); High School C v. School D, School 5, 3 p.m. (Mr. C. Lennon).

Touch judges: Messrs. H. G. Apperley and W. Thurlow.

Ball boys: Havelock North School (R. Woon, N. Hay, D. Cameron, I. Jack).

Rugby Referees Wanted

AN APPEAL MADE

Hastings Association Meets

The acute shortage of football referees this season is giving rise to considerable concern among Rugby officials in Hawke's Bay. It was decided at the weekly meeting of the Hastings Rugby Referees' Association last night to launch a strong appeal to all clubs to assist by encouraging old players to join the association.

Mr. W. Scott presided over a fair attendance.

A number of rules were discussed with emphasis being placed on the following points:—

Law 15—Scrummaging. Section H states: "The ball is fairly in when it has been put in along a line midway between and parallel to the line of the feet of the players forming each front row on the scrummage, and has touched the ground."

Section J states: "It is illegal for any player in either front row of the scrummage to raise or advance his foot until the ball is fairly in."

It is therefore obvious that no foot may be raised or advanced until the ball has touched the ground.

One new member was elected.

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GOOD NOMINATIONS FOR AWAPUNI

CLASS IS STRONG

Hawke's Bay Horses Are Engaged

The nominations for the Manawatu Racing Club's winter meeting at Awapuni on May 16 and 18 are uniformly good and the class of horses engaged assures a very successful meeting. Hawke's Bay stables have contributed their quota for the meeting and there will be a strong provincial interest in the gathering.

The following are the entries:—

First Day

RANGITANE PLATE, of £125, six furlongs.—Ora-Iti, Khurja, Boniden, Batsham, Great Fair, Gay Jean, Kincora, Courting, Humour, Pillory, Golden Melody, Golden Hind, Curtail, China Clipper, Loyal Queen, Black-Out, Cherry Hunter, Valiant Lady, Augment, Greek Diana, Vin Rouge, Little Margot, Amyas Leigh, Silver Shekel, Gold Bridge, Rama-Iti, Inform, Parlato, Tractometer.

AKITIO HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE, of £200, about 2½ miles.—Chat, Master Hector, Mick The Miller, Red Sun, Ohanga, ch. g. Diogenes colt-Conqueror mare, Tolaga Dozie Boy, First Chapter, Promenade, Harbour Bar, Kikiroki, Ruenzori, Jewish Lad, Ruaform, Begorrah, Disturbed, Gaswyn, Lactose, Lady Callaghan, Longfellow, Military Maid, Rama-Iti, Parlato, Sea Link, Judgment.

RANGITIRA HURDLES, of £250, 1¾ miles.—Blue Tiger, Ruling Star, Dungarvan, Hunting Lore, Great Quex, Kaiwaka, El Meynell, Curie, Hirangi, Race Boy, First Chapter, Aurora's Love, Biscuit, Jewish Lad, Charade, War Lap, Soho.

MANAWATU WINTER CUP, of £300, 1¼ miles.—Might, Quadroon, Mataroa, Tidewaiter, Homily, Rehearsal, Colonel Bogey, Hunting Cat, Du Maurier, Aurora's Star, Old Surrey, Brazil, Classform, Amigo.

MANGAWHATA HACK HANDICAP, of £175, 1 mile and 1 furlong.—Ripple, Thrasos, Trilitha, Piastre, Colibri, Selkirk, Caution, St. Grace, Young Charles Don Quex, Siegall, Kehua, Stella Lux, Arabic, Titter, Kohika, Lacan, Phil, Renascor, Fauvette Chere Amie, Dunmanway.

RONGOTEA HANDICAP, of £200; six furlongs.—Hunting Royal, Rakahanga, Alunga, Sporting Gift, Gold Chase, Screen Star, Clessamor, Grand Sport, Sleeveless, Gold Ballad, Gay Chou, Francis Drake, Sea Link, Lord Cavendish.

RAUKAWA HACK HANDICAP, of £175, 7 furlongs.—Authoress, Indian Sun, Flying Vixen, Thrasos, Rakanui, Filbert, High Peer, Colibri, Great Quex, Moradabad, Debretts, Colincamps, St. Grace, Last Acre, Tide, Acrobat, Counter, Master Solway, Sir Musket, Leighon Rei, Golden Enterprise

Second Day

MAKERUA BRACELET HANDICAP, of £100, 1 mile and 1 furlong.—Baron Bold, Peach King, Hirangi, Dozie Boy, Gladium, Pitmark, Silver Fox, Ruenzori, Kohika, Lacan, Moonlight Bay, Seyfried, Earl Colossus, Haupongi, Aero Lad, Stella Lux, Dunmanway, Foxiana, Longfellow.

RANGIOTU TRIAL HANDICAP, of £125, 7 furlongs.—Eupatrid, Luath, Flying Vixen, Rakanui, Boniden, Batsham, Great Fair, Selkirk, Kincora, St. Grace, Golden Melody, Silver Bat, Royal Pageant, Last Acre, Rhodes, Loyal Queen, Master Solway, Augment, Happy Ending, Little Margot, Amyas, Leigh, Military Maid, Leighon Rei, Golden Enterprise.

MANAWATU STEEPLES, of £350, about 2¾ miles.—Chat, Master Hector, Brigadore, Skerryvore, Red Sun, ch. g. Diogenes colt-Conqueror mare, Bridegroom, Little Briton, Dozie Boy, First Chapter, Aurora's Love, Promenade, Kikiroki, Begorrah, Salon, Disturbed, Lactose.

HOKOWHITU HANDICAP, of £250, 1¼ miles.—Authoress, Might, Quadroon, Mataroa, Tidewaiter, Homily, Rehearsal, Colonel Bogey, Hunting Cat, Du Maurier, Aurora's Star, Gaelic Song, Old Surrey, Brazil, Classform, War Lap.

NGATA HURDLES HANDICAP, of £150, 1¾ miles.—High Peer, King Mestor, Ruling Star, Dungarvan, Colibri, Mick the Miller, Hunting Lore, Foxiana, Great Quex, Baron Bold, False Witness, Good Sun, Kaiwaka, El Meynell, Lady Callaghan, Tide, Race Boy, First Chapter, Aurora's Love, Silent Acre, Bisquit, Old Surrey, Red Cockade, Rustem, Lady Chat, Soho.

TE MARAE HANDICAP, of £150, 6 furlongs.—Eupatrid, Ora-iti, Namesake, Debretts, Vivid Flash, Pillary, Vadanoe, Heroic Maid, China Clipper, Screen Lord, Shining Hours, Sceptre, Buccaneer, Proclamation, Cherry Hunter, Counter, Valiant Lady, Sporting Luck, Military Maid, Ramaiti, Parlato, Judgment, Sea Link, Balgowlah.

McRAE HANDICAP, of £200, 7 furlongs.—Hunting Royal, Rakahanga, Alunga, Sporting Gift, Kaiwaka, El Meynell, Homily, Rehearsal, Colonel Bogey, Gold Chase, Screen Star, Clessamor Acrobat, Sleeveless, Gold Ballad, Gay Chou, Francis Drake.

TE AWE AWE HANDICAP, of £175, 1 mile and 1 furlong.—Authoress, Indian Sun, Ripple, Thrasos, Filbert, Trilitha, Piastre, Colibri, Selkirk, Moradabad, Caution, Colincamps, St. Grace, Young Charles, Peach King, Regicide, Siegall, Kehua, Stella Lux, Arabic, Titter, Acrobat, Sir Musket, Kohika, Lacan, Phil, Renascor, Chere Amie, Dunmanway.

Amberley Annual Meeting

HELD AT RICCARTON

Acceptances For Next Saturday

Acceptances for the Amberley Racing Club's meeting at Riccarton on Saturday are:—

11.47—

BRACKENFIELD HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, Of £130, 1 mile.

Lockit	11	4	Studley Royal	9	9
Rebel Chief	10	5	Waitaka	9	6
Lady Middleham	10	0	Donadea	9	4
Cymric	9	10	The Duel	9	0
			In the Dark	9	0

12.22—

NOVICE STAKES, Of £100, 6 furlongs.

Admiralty	8	7	The Vulture	8	7
Ageration	8	7	Valcron	8	7
Ann Mie	8	7	Winchelsea	8	7
Baldoon	8	7	Anchusa	7	12
Benevolent	8	7	Blue Abbey	7	12
Box On	8	7	Dispense	7	12
Chanteur	8	7	Farida	7	12
Citizen	8	7	Gay Thread	7	12
Coup d'Etat	8	7	Gold Nugget	7	12
Green Bank	8	7	Great Heart	7	12
Guilder	8	7	Hurry Girl	7	12
Halt	8	7	Symbol	7	12
Iceland Spar	8	7			

1.47—

GLASNEVIN HANDICAP, Of £150, 7 furlongs.

Kilrobe	8	2	Flame Queen	7	9
Trench Flight	8	10	St. Cloud	7	7
Skyrena	8	6	Rebel Star	7	7
Grey Honour	8	4	Copyist	7	7
The Wrecker	8	3	Great Flight	7	7

2.27—

G. B. STARKY MEMORIAL HACK HANDICAP, Of £175, 1¼ miles.

Capricious	10	2	Shangri La	7	5
Shanghai Lily	8	11	Pink Lad	7	5
Queen Linda	8	5	Dranoel	7	2
Cymric	8	3	Captain Bruce	7	1
King's Toast	8	3	Princess Minerva	7	0
Sham Boy	7	10	Good Health	7	0
Prudent Prince	7	9	Papernilla	7	0
Ripley	7	9	Lights Out	7	0
Ferriby	7	9			

3.5—

AMBERLEY HANDICAP, Of £150, 9 furlongs.

Wild Talk	9	2	The Wrecker	8	1
Second Innings	8	8	Knight Commander	7	12
Disdain	8	4	Cape Gabo	7	9
Settlement	8	3	Studley Royal	7	0

3.47—

SEADOWN HACK HANDICAP, Of £130, 7 furlongs.

Rebellion	9	2	Improvident	7	13
Race Away	8	11	Gold Don	7	12
Queen Linda	8	10	Grey Silk	7	10
Great Swoop	8	4	Passenger	7	8
Synthetic	8	4	Ryetown	7	7
Scarteen	8	2	Sweet Mystery	7	7
Ferriby	8	1			

SOUTHLAND MEETING AT INVERCARGILL

Acceptances For Next Saturday

By Telegraph—Press Association.

INVERCARGILL, April 30.

The following are the acceptances for the Southland Racing Club's meeting at Invercargill on Saturday:—

SOUTHLAND HURDLE HANDICAP, of £155, 1¾ miles.—Milford 10.11, All Blood 9.9,- Vitaphone 9.7, Dalrymple 9.5, Hunting Chorus 9.0, Turaki 9.0, Garonne 9.0, Airdrie 9.0, Rollem 9.0.

MYROSS HANDICAP, of £125; 7 furlongs.—Sea Lady 9.1, Aravane 8.11, Colonel Rouge 8.3, Great Legion 8.3, Gold Robe 8.0, Mondello 7.11, Black Bard 7.7, Feather Boa 7.7, Royal Lancer 7.7, Robalink 7.7.

AWARUA HANDICAP, of £250; 1¼ miles.—Peony Rose 8.12, Waitoru 8.10, Wild Career 8.7, Mona's Song 8.1, Amelita 7.10, Heidelberg 7.7, Fidelis, 7.0, Silkwood 7.0.

RITCHIE MEMORIAL STEEPLECHASE, of £165; 2¾ miles.—Slayer 11.13, Trisox 10.9, Poniard 9.10, Guste 9.9, The Surgeon 9.3, Gay Boa 9.0.

BLUFF HANDICAP, of £125; 1 mile.—Bow Street 9.4, Sea Lady 9.1, Aspire 8.9, Vanity Queen 8.9, Atua-Rere 7.13, Strathalbyn 7.9, Irish Fling 7.7, Bilbao, Susie 7.7.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, of £155; 7 furlongs.—Fleet Street 9.3, Waitoru 8.12, Spendthrift 8.11, Phalanx 8.8, Nigger Boy 8.4, Amelita 8.0, Ortyx 7.5, Blissful Lady 7.5, Fidelis 7.3, Cintilla 7.1, Pink Bond 7.0.

HANDSOME COLT BY CAPTAIN BUNSBY

Comes From Same Line As Nelson

(By MOTUROA)

One of the most handsome yearlings in work at present at Hastings is the Captain Bunsby-Sidestar colt in Lance Stowe's care and, although the Captain Bunsbys have not been the success expected of the well-bred son of Captain Cuttle, this youngster should gallop on looks alone.

This colt shows plenty of good bone, is nicely ribbed up, and has good shoulders and quarters, while he is well built up behind. He is perhaps a little short in the neck, but he has a good, strong head.

Sidestar, the dam of this youngster, did not race, but she was by Night Raid from that good mare Dribble, who won 14 races including the C.J.C. Fendalton Handicap.

Dribble (who was a sister to All Aboard, and a half-sister to Cork, Floater and Pontoon), was by All Black from a good handicap mare in Float (a half-sister to New Idea, second dam of Civility, Civilform and Siaosi), by Captain Webb from the Nordenfeldt mare Bonnie Idee, a half-sister to that great horse Nelson, who won the G.N. Derby, three Auckland Cups and the Wellington and Dunedin Cups.

RACING FIXTURES

May 2, 4—Egmont R.C.
May 4—Franklin R.C.
May 4—Amberley R.C.
May 11—Otaki Maori R.C.
May 11—Ashburton County R.C.
May 11—Southland R.C.
May 11, 13—Poverty Bay Turf Club.
May 11, 13—Poverty Bay Turf Club.
May 16, 18—South Canterbury J.C.

Filbert showed something like his real form when he came from the clouds to run second to Colossal Chief on Saturday. On this running he will be in demand for the Champion Hack Plate at Hawera on Saturday.

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NORTHERN CANDIDATES AT HAWERA

Jumping Races Analysed

CLARION CALL HAS LIEN ON STEEPLECHASE

Aussie Ra Is A Class Hurdler

BY MOTUROA

Although the North Island had its first taste of 'chasing at Waverley on Saturday, the jumping season proper commences to-morrow at Hawera with the old-established Egmont Steeplechase, an event of widest interest, as this race will see no fewer than ten Great Northern Steeplechase candidates in action. As well, Disturbed is entered for the Great Northern Hurdles.

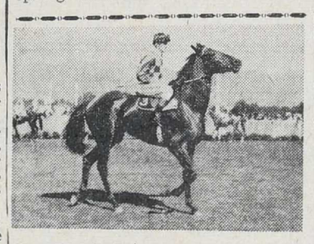
The Egmont Steeplechase has produced some high-class cross-country performers such as Clarion Call, Copey, Brigadier Bill, Roman Abbey, Nukumai, Tuki and Khartoum in the past two decades. Oakleigh led the field home in 1922, only to be disqualified for missing the last fence.

To-morrow's field is well up to the standard of other years, with Clarion Call, a National winner and thrice placed in other Nationals, at the top of the list. En Tour, Bryce Street and others have proved themselves up to the best classes. There are other young jumpers, too, who will add to the interest in this contest.

WITH Clarion Call engaged and assessed under such a luxurious impost as 11.10, backers will not look far for their favourite, especially as the Hunting Song gelding has been working impressively and schooling as brilliantly as ever at Awapuni.

Clarion Call is a master of weight and one of the fastest jumpers we have seen in the Dominion for many years. He won his Grand National Steeplechase with 11.1, two Wanganui Steeplechases with 11.5 and 11.9 and the Egmont Steeplechase with 10.12, this last-named event two years ago.

Although he went amiss last winter and could not be raced, Clarion Call has proved himself a force to be contended with again this season. He won at Trentham in the spring with 12.1 over hurdles, and



WILD TALK bore out her good form at Easter by annexing the Timaru Cup on Saturday.

his last start was at Ellerslie when he won the New Year Hurdles with 12.9.

Therefore, obviously fit and well for his task, Clarion Call looks the best of good things to-morrow with his 11.10.

FORM IS GOOD

EN TOUR deserves much consideration after his success in the Waverley Steeplechase on Saturday, for to-morrow he will have 2lbs off his back and the extra distance will not be against this fine jumper.

En Tour, who is now trained in Taranaki, has a really good backing of form behind him. He won over country at the Ohinemuri meeting in the spring from a good field. His early successes included two Pakuranga Hunt Cups, while he chased All Irish home in the Winter Steeples at Ellerslie last June.

That race on Saturday would be worth many pounds to En Tour and he should be the one to keep the top-weight busy.

Red Sun's staying ability cannot be passed by, but he has yet to prove that he is in the class of Clarion Call and Co., while Bryce Street pulled up badly at Waverley and it looks as if he will have to miss the Egmont meeting.

PROMISING JUMPER

ENJOYMENT is an unknown quantity as a steeplechaser, but his form this season over the small sticks has been really impressive and he is a jumper who appeals as likely to go a long way in the game.

It is certain that his connections would not go to the expense of bringing him all the way from Auckland without having some idea of his ability to manage bigger fences — and, by the way, it should be remembered that the Hawera steeplechase course is not a difficult one for a novice to encompass.

Disturbed did not set the Thames on fire at Waverley, but he may go better on his home track. He is also a good stayer and will be better suited by the longer distance here.

Flashlight raced well over hurdles at Riccarton at Easter and will be more forward now. Two winters ago he won three steeplechases in a line and so the bigger fences should not trouble the southern jumper.

DOES NOT STAY WELL

LADY STELLA is a grand jumper, but the Hastings mare is not a good stayer. However, it is in her favour that she will be one of the most seasoned runners in the field and she may see out the distance if not ridden out in front.

Brigadore jumps well and is a good stayer, but he lacks experience as a steeplechaser, while One Whetu and Lustral should be held safe by Lactose, who is a good jumper. The last-named impressed at Waverley as being likely to improve a lot with his race.

It must be admitted that to-morrow's contest, on paper, looks all over bar the shouting. Under his luxurious weight Clarion Call should run the field off its feet if he is really anywhere near his best, and he certainly seems to be well forward. However, there will be much notice taken of the running of En Tour, Red Sun, Bryce Street, Enjoyment, Disturbed and Flashlight in view of their engagements next month at Ellerslie.

To revert to the Egmont Steeplechase, however, the form horses are CLARION CALL, En Tour and Enjoyment.

WITH THE HURDLERS

RED SUN also figures in the Tongahoe Hurdles, but he would have his work cut out to concede 4lbs to Full of Scotch, who won at Te Aroha in February. That was his last start and he had 10.6, the weight given to him to-morrow.

Two winters back Full of Scotch was the "find of the season, winning the Penrose, Panmure and Orakei Hurdles at Ellerslie, the Trentham Hurdles and beating all but Courtyard in the Winter Hurdles. In the last-named event he carried 10.11.

Aussie Ra burst into the limelight last winter with scintillating successes at Marton and at the Christchurch Hunt meeting, while he beat all but Padishah in the last Grand National Hurdles race.

Aussie Ra should be a better horse all round this winter. He has had the experience and his splendid fourth in the big flat race at Waverley suggests that he is very nearly ready to reveal his best form. His 10.5 to-morrow is a luxurious impost and he should win if the Great Northern is to prove within his compass.

LESSER LIGHTS

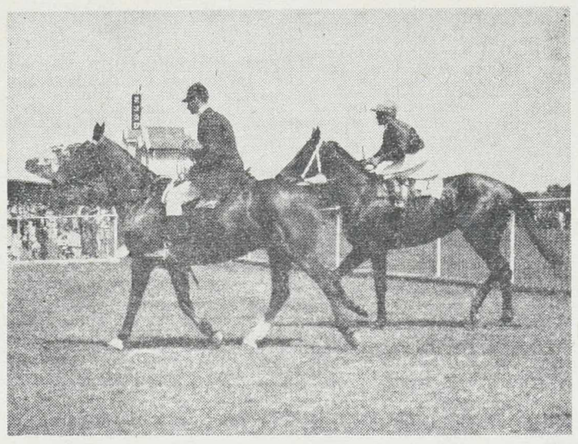
LADY STELLA won over hurdles at Hastings, while Ruling Star won at the Manawatu autumn meeting. He does not seem to be very solid, however.

Devon's good showing at Waverley on Saturday suggests that he will soon be at top form. He led for over a mile and the race is sure to benefit him. With his handy weight of 9.9 he might give a lot of trouble.

Blue Tiger may yet need racing, but Streamline is a good jumper and interest will be taken in his running in view of his Ellerslie engagements.

First Chapter won over hurdles at Hawera in the Autumn, while War Lap was successful at New Plymouth in March. Ohanga and Race Boy have shown promising form over the battens at times, but King Musk, Sir Tommy and Karerenui have to be taken on trust.

It is hard to go past AUSSIE RA, and it looks as if he will claim a bigger following than Full of Scotch and Devon.



KATHBELLA is enjoying a short respite after her strenuous racing during the autumn. She won the Thompson and Hastings Handicaps, and was unlucky to lose the A.R.C. Easter Handicap.

Cherry Hunter's Good Form

TRIALS AT HASTINGS

Authoress Tuning Up For Awapuni

PADISHAH SCHOOLS

By MOTUROA

As a result of the recent few fine days the Hastings tracks are again in wonderful order and, with the Poverty Bay and Manawatu winter meeting following in the next week or two, there was considerable interest in the work there yesterday morning.

One of the first to gallop was Cherry Hunter (W. J. Mudford), who impressed by the manner in which he covered his half-mile on the No. 2 grass track in 51 1-5.

Cherry Hunter has made splendid progress in the past few weeks and it is possible that he will make his debut at Otaki. He is a bold type of galloper.

Black Majesty (P. Atkins) and Dainty Dell (W. Aitken) worked freely in the early stages of their half mile, but they were under restraint all the way up the straight and could have improved upon their 53 for the distance.

Black Majesty looks bright and well, but Dainty Dell has done everything right since winning at Hastings and more should be heard of her in the next few weeks.

Working Freely

Proclamation (B. Stowe) galloped freely over six furlongs in 1.19 2-5. He was picked up from the three furlongs by Tzigane (H. Callahan), but that filly had a start and maintained her lead all the way to finish in front, her three furlongs being run in 40 4-5.

Nora Gregor (P. Atkins) was under a good hold throughout her half-mile and could have knocked a lot off her 53 for the distance. This filly is now carrying more bloom than earlier in the season.

Padishah (E. Baker) was schooled over seven hurdles. He did not have a great deal of pace on, but fenced in his usual confident manner and made no mistakes. Padishah has not been entered for the Great Northern meeting.

Haile Selassie (C. Cameron) jumped two schooling hurdles and fenced well. The little Grand Knight gelding is too slow at the barrier to have much chance in flat races, but hurdling might give him a chance to extend his winning account.

Work on the Plough

The plough was in good order as Royal Spades (R. Marsh) showed in beating Shani (H. Callahan) over half a mile in 52 4-5, both hitting out well. They are booked for the Poverty Bay meeting next week.

Screen Lord (L. Cullen) and Vascones (R. Marsh) showed a turn of pace in running their half mile in 50 4-5 — a good effort. Screen Lord worked more freely than last week and his lameness appears to at least grow no worse.

Gold Ballad (W. J. Mudford) just shaded Soho (J. Forsyth) over an easy seven furlongs in 1.35, the first half mile in 52 2-5. Soho looked as if he could have done better if required.

Golden Melody (J. Forsyth) and Arachne (M. Galvin) ran their six furlongs in 1.20, the first three in 38 4-5.

Authoress (P. Atkins), who was wide out on the turn, beat Silver Bat (W. Aitken) over six furlongs in 1.19 2-5, the last five in 1.6 4-5.

Master Cyklon (L. Deeley), Red Shoes (T. Winiata) and Solaria (C. Cameron) worked twice round, sprinting home smartly from the three furlongs each time in 39 3-5. Solaria will not race at Hawera.

Modern Way (J. Rae) worked in her usual bold style in running her half mile in 52. She pulled up well on this occasion and showed no signs of bleeding.

Among the riding engagements announced for the Egmont meeting are: —

W. J. Mudford: Mataroa, Endorsement, Veldette.
P. Atkins: Tidewaiter, Young Charles, Hum-a-Song, Hunto.

CURRENT COMMENT

By MOTUROA

Gay Lover, who paid a sensational dividend at Riccarton at Easter, broke a sesamoid bone at Timaru on Saturday and had to be destroyed.

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Devon led for over a mile with The Smiler at Waverley on Saturday and then his condition gave out. He should be all the better for his race.

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Judging by the way she won on Saturday, Davilia is going to be hard to down this week at Hawera. The New Plymouth filly, who opened her winning account at Hastings, is a galloper of some merit.

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Norse (Valkyrian-Flourish) is one of the most promising maidens in the South Island. He is not a good beginner, but he has only to improve in this direction to win good races.

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Jack Tar, who is a noted mud-lark, has been working well of late and should be one to follow at the winter meetings in the Auckland district.

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Namara's form at the Whangarei meeting was good enough to suggest that he has possibilities this week at Pukekohe.

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Career Cut Short

Tetahinga, who was sold after his success at the Waiapu meeting to the Hon. E. R. Davis, and Mr. O. Nicholson as a jumper, had been showing such promise in the hunting field that he was entered for the Great Northern double. The six-year-old Lockstitch—Oddmint gelding, however, struck a post at a meet of the Pakuranga Hunt on Saturday and broke his foreleg. He was to have made his debut as a jumper at Pukekohe this Saturday.

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Endorsement has gone through to the Egmont meeting and is engaged in the Hawera Handicap to-morrow. She will be ridden by W. J. Mudford, who was successful on her at Hastings.

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Proved Her Worth

Kathbella has been treated to a short let-up after her hard racing at the autumn meetings and it is improbable that she will be called upon to race again until next season. This Beau Pere mare was unlucky in not winning both the Thompson and A.R.C. Easter Handicaps, but she proved herself a great miler and also capable of running out a solid ten furlongs. There should be some good races for her next year.

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MACKENZIE.—On April 30, 1940, at Sister Cooper's, to Mr and Mrs D. Mackenzie (nee Tess Colello)—a son. Both well.

DEATHS

HARRISON.—On April 30th, 1940, at Napier, Arthur Thomas Harrison, Clive, H.B.; aged 78 years.

The funeral will leave the residence of Mr E. G. Heynes, Clive, H.B. to-morrow (Thursday), at 2.30 p.m. for interment at the Hastings Cemetery.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Band will be held in the Band-room, Warren Street, on THURSDAY, the 2nd of May, 1940, at 8 p.m.
Business:
Election of Officers.
Report and Balance Sheet.
General.
G. J. G. WALLACE,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S LICENCE.
I, WILLIAM PADDON SNELL, of Napier, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Annual Licensing Meeting to be held at Napier on 5th day of June, 1940, apply for a Certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's Licence for the house and premises, situate at Napier and known as the Provincial Hotel, containing 13 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.
Dated at Napier this 10th day of April, 1940.
W. P. SNELL,
Applicant.

HASTINGS CENTENNIAL BOOKLET.
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112 3-yr. Steers.
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WAIPUKURAU YARDS
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1940.
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—
CATTLE—

SALES FOR MAY.
Stortford Lodge: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
Waipukurau Yards: 7, 14, 21, 28.
Onga Onga: 20.
SALES FOR JUNE.
Waipukurau: 4, 11, 18, 25.
Stortford Lodge: 5, 12, 19, 26.
Onga Onga: 24.
Takapau: 14.
Stortford Lodge Horse Fair: 7.
A. Angus Breeders' Sale, Stortford Lodge: 20.

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(Commencing 11.30 a.m.)
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340 W.W. Lambs.
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