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Nazi Troops Attack The Weak Spot On The French Frontier

MEUSE CROSSED AT THREE POINTS

Attempt To Turn The French Defence Lines

MAIN ARMIES HAVE NOT YET COME TO GRIPS

Maginot Fortress System Ends Where Germans Have Made Their Drive

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LONDON, May 16.

The Paris correspondent of "The Times" says that the French admit that the Germans have crossed the River Meuse at three points between Namur (Belgium) and Sedan (France), but they emphasise that the fighting still continues and the Germans have not yet consolidated their gains.

The French also stress that northward of Sedan the war of movement is progressing and the conflict must inevitably sway to and fro until the main armies get to grips and a continuous front is established.

The Maginot Line proper does not extend beyond Montmedy, south-east of Sedan and directly west of Longwy. The French defences north-west of this place are merely a series of small concrete fieldworks of the pillbox type. It is precisely because the Maginot fortress system does not exist at this point that the Germans are throwing such a weight of men and material against it in hope of turning the main French defence lines. A steady movement of reinforcements to the threatened spot should soon slow down and finally check the German drive.

The German High Command's night communique claims to have pierced the Maginot Line at the point where it is extended to the north-west, during their crossing of the Meuse in the Sedan region.

French circles state that the Maginot Line proper, stretching from the Rhine to Montmedy, is entirely intact.

A great battle is raging along the Meuse, said the spokesman of the French War Ministry yesterday.

The Germans crossed the river south from Sedan, France, and made a salient ten miles deep, but the French counter-attacked and reduced it to five miles.

The French Army Command reported that about half the German forces which drove across the Meuse fell back across the river during violent counter-attacks.

The French military spokesman said that the Germans had also crossed the Meuse at two or three points north from Dinant, Belgium, making small bridgeheads.

"The situation is grave," says the spokesman, "but the battle is developing normally. It may last for days."

Maginot Line
It is authoritatively stated in London that the Germans are in possession of a portion of the defensive zone around Sedan. The Maginot Line is not broken or turned, but may be denied. Sedan is not part of the Maginot Line.

Heavy fighting is occurring south from Namur, particularly at Dinant.

The Allies' left flank is now resting on the Bastion of Antwerp. The line runs south, covering Brussels.

The Allies have made contact with the Germans, but it is not known whether the heaviest attacks on the whole front from North Belgium to Namur have yet developed.

A German High Command communique states that the Germans have crossed the Meuse on a broad front between Namur, Belgium, and Givet, just within the French border, and repulsed a French counter-attack.

Nazi Initiative
The German communique adds: "Enemy attempts to hinder the German Air Force by bombing our positions have been repulsed without seriously affecting our air initiative. The enemy losses of 'planes number' over 200; 35 German 'planes are missing.'"

An official statement made in London says that 35 Allied 'planes have been lost in the great battle of Sedan and the Meuse crossings. At least 15 German 'planes have been destroyed. Two permanent and two pontoon bridges were blown up.

The Brussels radio declared that there was no necessity for the evacuation of Brussels, and appealed to the population to remain calm while the battle raged. "The Belgian Army," the broadcast added, "has already achieved successes. The British and French forces in Belgium are increasing their contact with the Germans."

The Belgian radio also announced that the Government and the Allied Embassies would be remaining in Brussels.

The German news agency at Berlin says that the Germans have captured two of Namur's forts, but that some of the Liege forts are still in Belgian hands.

LIEGE FORTS WILL RESIST TO THE LAST

KING LEOPOLD'S MESSAGE TO TROOPS

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LONDON, May 16.

The Brussels radio to-day broadcast a message from King Leopold to the Liege forts, saying: "I am calling you, the forts of Liege. I address you, Colonel Modard, commander, officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, to resist to the utmost for the Fatherland. I am proud of you."

The message was read in French and Flemish.

FAITH EXPRESSED IN ALLIES

"LUXEMBOURG WILL BE FREE"

BRITAIN THANKED

Message To King From Grand Duchess

British Official Wireless.
(Received May 16, 7.10 p.m.)
RUGBY, May 16.

The King has received a message of appreciation from the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg for the message of sympathy telegraphed to her on the day her country was invaded by the Germans. The message concludes: "The most scrupulous regard for neutrality and for the duties inherent in its international status have not, alas, preserved my country from brutal aggression and the horrors of war. In the midst of our misfortune my people and I believe with unshakable faith that, thanks to the powerful aid of Britain and the Allies, Luxembourg will secure the liberation of her territory and the restoration of her liberty and independence."

Rotterdam Short Of Food

APPEAL FOR HELP

Demobilisation Of Dutch Forces

NAZIS AT THE HAGUE

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LONDON, May 16.

The Dutch wireless announces the continuation of the black-out at Rotterdam, Amsterdam and The Hague.

The Burgomaster of The Hague has issued a statement that petrol stocks are extremely low and consumption must be kept to the minimum. Windows and doors throughout the city must be closed from sunset to dawn.

The Burgomaster of Rotterdam has appealed for food and first-aid materials to meet serious shortages.

The Dutch radio (probably now German-controlled) reported the entry of German motorised troops into the Dutch capital, The Hague, at 8 a.m. yesterday. It added that demobilisation of Dutch forces was in full swing and that all was reported to be quiet throughout the city.

The Dutch Foreign Minister (Dr van Kieffens) stated in Paris that one-quarter of Holland's army of 400,000 had been killed. He added that some of the Dutch regiments had lost 80 per cent. of their effective strength. Holland's bombing force had been wiped out, but Dutch 'planes and anti-aircraft guns had brought down at least 150 German machines.

Navy Escapes
It is authoritatively stated in London that the bulk of the Dutch Navy escaped last night and is now in the North Sea or at British ports.

The British Ministry of Information announces: "It is learned from an authoritative Dutch source that certain contingents of Dutch troops have been thrown back from south Holland into Belgium. These units will be reassembled without loss of time in order to serve as the nucleus of a new Dutch military force, the formation of which has been immediately taken into consideration by the Netherlands Government in London."

President's Defence Message To Congress

EXTENSIVE BROADCASTS ARRANGED

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WASHINGTON, May 15.

President Roosevelt will present his defence message to Congress personally at 1 p.m. to-morrow. It will be broadcast throughout the nation and probably throughout the world.

U.S. PRESIDENT APPEALS TO MUSSOLINI

ATTEMPT TO STOP SPREAD OF THE WAR

Stock Exchange Rallies Slightly

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NEW YORK, May 16.

The "New York Times" Washington correspondent says that in consequence of disturbing reports concerning the increasing danger of Italian involvement in the war, President Roosevelt again appealed to Mussolini not to spread the war.

Stock Exchange hectic selling continued in the forenoon, but dispatches indicating that the Allies are slowing down the German advance brought a buying wave and prices rose from one to four points from the opening.

Sterling closed at 3.23 1/2.

THE STATUS QUO IN THE EAST

Tokyo Fears A Move

"BRITISH TROOPS IN MUFTI"

Reassurance Given

British Official Wireless.
(Received May 16, 7.30 p.m.)
RUGBY, May 16.

An article in the Japanese newspaper "Miyako Shimbun" expresses concern at the possibility of Allied interference with the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies and asserts that large numbers of British troops in mufti are being secretly dispatched there.

Informed quarters in London state that there is no foundation whatsoever for this assertion. It has already been made clear that Britain desires the status quo to be maintained, and the British Ambassador (Sir Robert Craigie) has informed the Japanese Government that Britain shares the Japanese concern for the maintenance of the status quo and has no intention of intervening in the islands.

WILL POWERS KEEP THEIR WORD?

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THE EAST INDIES

Important Source of Petrol

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Older, Shorter Forces For Australia

SPEED-UP PLAN GETS UNDER WAY

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Observers in London are anxiously examining the various indications of the increasing delicacy of the Mediterranean situation and also incidents and other evidence pointing to the danger of Swiss involvement in the war.

New anti-Allied posters appeared at the same time as an article in the newspaper "Popolo d'Italia" developing the theme that, if freedom and justice are to be assured, it is against those who imposed sanctions against Italy during the Abyssinian crisis.

Test Mobilisation
The Minister of Communications (Signor Venturi) discloses that Italy had carried out a test of her mobilisation and transport resources.

Signor Venturi also returned to the subject of the deleterious effect of the Allied contraband control upon Italian commerce. He declared that 2449 ships had been held up or diverted from their courses and 759 passengers, 30,000 tons of merchandise, 631,000 cubic metres of timber, and 20,000 miscellaneous packages taken off ships, resulting in serious economic repercussions in Italy.

Meanwhile, the Egyptians for the first time are feeling that the danger of attack is imminent. The Italian colony is nervous, although the consulate is advising nationals to carry on.

Ominous Signs
Istanbul dispatches say that Italian residents are leaving Turkey. There are ominous signs in Switzerland. American consulates have advised Americans planning to return to the United States to concentrate on the Bordeaux region instead of Genoa.

French sources declare that railway and passenger traffic between Berne and Germany has been suspended. Many Basle and Zurich residents are evacuating to mountain resorts.

Further German movements on the Swiss frontier are reported. A joint communique issued by the Swiss Government and High Command states that mobilisation is complete and that all troops are at their assigned positions.

"There are powerful forces on all our frontiers," states the communique. "Large forces are established in the interior."

Members of the British Legation at Berne last night burnt their papers. It is reported that the French and German Legations have taken similar action. Some members of the British and French Legations have gone to Geneva with other records.

The British Consulate has left Basle.

R.A.F. BOMBS TOWNS EAST OF RHINE

Heavy Offensive On Road And Rail Communications

NIGHT-LONG ATTACK

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LONDON, May 16.

An Air Ministry communique states that the R.A.F. last night carried out east of the Rhine a big offensive against Germany's road and rail communications which are supporting the forces invading the Low Countries and Luxembourg.

The attacks lasted throughout the night. Many towns were bombed and road and rail communications attacked at many points, and fires broke out following the heavy explosions caused by this, the heaviest attack the R.A.F. has yet made.

"Relays of fighter patrols, in some of which French and British pilots flew in company, were carried out on Monday from dawn till dusk. Sections of our fighter aircraft engaged enemy formations at considerable odds. In one instance, six Hurricanes attacked 54 Messerschmitt 110's and a number of bombers. In another, three Hurricanes engaged nine Heinkels. Reports from our fighter pilots show that enemy bombing formations were often broken up by the dash of our attack."

Sedan Raids
A British Official Wireless message says the Air Ministry announces that further details have been received of the Allied air attack in the Sedan area.

"It was seen," says the Ministry, "that a heavy offensive was developing at the crossings of the Meuse. Light bombers were sent out to attack the pontoon bridges which the enemy had thrown across the river. Several of these bridges were destroyed, and, although subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire, all our aircraft returned safely."

"Later in the day, as the situation had deteriorated, forces of British and French bombers launched a combined attack on the crossings of the Meuse and the main lines of advancing reinforcements.

Nazis Claim Open Towns Were Bombed
ALLIES SAID TO HAVE KILLED CIVILIANS
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BERLIN, May 16.

The official German news agency says that Allied bombers on May 14 attacked undefended towns in Western Germany, including Linnich, where an hotel was destroyed and several civilians killed.

Northern Ireland Prepares
PARACHUTE DEFENCE
Special Constabulary's Duties
FULLY ARMED MEN
British Official Wireless.
(Received May 16, 7.30 p.m.)
RUGBY, May 16.

Northern Ireland is taking steps to deal with the menace of enemy parachutists. The Prime Minister (Viscount Craigavon) stated that he had been in communication with the Whitehall authorities on the question of forming a local defence volunteer corps. In the meantime, he was persuaded that Northern Ireland had a body of men ready to meet any emergency in the special constabulary—a force of 12,500 fully armed and trained men stationed in every area and capable of indefinite expansion.



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WINTER MEETINGS
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FIRST MEETING:
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1940.
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SECOND MEETING:
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1940.
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OFFICIALS—President: Mr. G. D. Beaton.
Handicapper: Mr. H. Coyle.
Starter: Mr. W. Price.
Jury: Mr. W. P. Russell.
Secretary: Mr. A. E. Wishart.

FIRST RACE (at 11.30 a.m.)
1—MAIDEN PLATE, of £100. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race at time of starting. Weights: Two-year-olds, 8st; three-year-olds and upwards, 8st 7lb. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

2—WHAKATU HURDLES HANDICAP, of £150. Nom. £1. Acc. £1/10/-.

3—WOODLANDS HANDICAP (Hack Conditions), of £125. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

4—HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, of £250. Nom. £1. Acc. £2.

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Minimum Weight in All Flat Races with Exception of Corinthian Plate, 8st. HASTINGS STAKES, of £250 (for two-year-olds)—NOMINATIONS for this event close FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1940, at 8 p.m.

METHODIST ONE-DAY CONVENTION

Hastings Church
FULL PROGRAMME
ARRANGED
Good Attendance

The one-day missionary convention, held by the Methodist Church, Hastings, commenced yesterday at 9.30 a.m. with a communion service in the Methodist Church. Communion was conducted by the Rev. S. Werren, Napier.

Morning tea followed in the Girls' Bible Class room after which those present divided into four groups or study circles, to study "The Fullness of Christ," based on Dr Fosdick's "Manhood of the Master." The group leaders were, Mrs H. Linyard, Mrs Cunliffe, Mrs L. White and Miss McKewen. The results of the studies were finally summed up by Mrs Olds.

Dinner was held at the Ritz tea-rooms. An afternoon devotional service and address was held in which representatives of the various other church organisations were invited.

The afternoon closed with tea, served by the Methodist Foreign Mission Auxiliary committee in the hall, which had been gaily decorated with flowers by Mrs J. Commin.

GARDENING CIRCLE AFTERNOON

A Floral Muff Made And A Talk On Gladioli
The monthly meeting of the Gardening Circle of the Hastings Townswomen's Guild was held on Wednesday in the guild room. Mrs H. M. Buck presided over a fair attendance of members and introduced Mr R. Gigg who gave a most interesting talk on gladioli. After tea Mrs Gigg gave a very fine demonstration on the making of a floral muff. The finished muff was much admired by all present.

The competition results were: best bloom, Mrs Taylor 1, Mrs R. Campbell 2, Jar of berries and foliage, Mrs R. Campbell 1, Mrs Graham 2.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB

PROGRAMME
FOR
WINTER MEETING
To be held on
SATURDAY AND MONDAY,
JUNE 1 and 3, 1940.

OFFICIALS—President: Mr. H. E. Troutbeck. Judge: Mr. M. B. Bergin. Handicapper: Mr. H. Coyle. Starter: Mr. A. Vincent. Secretary: Miss L. I. Fippard.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1940.
First Race Starts 12 Noon.
MOTEO HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 8st. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

MAIDEN SCURRY, of 6SS. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race at time of starting. Weights: Three-year-olds and upwards, 8st 10lb; two-year-olds, 8st. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

MAREWA HACK HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 8st. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

NAPIER STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, of £150. Nom. £1. Acc. £1/10/-.

LADIES' HANDICAP, of £70; first horse to receive a Trophy valued at £50, second horse to receive a Trophy valued at £15, third horse to receive a Trophy valued at £5. Gentlemen Riders. Horses to be nominated by ladies. The rider of the winner will be presented with a gold-mounted whip. Min. weight, 10st 7lb. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

FLYING HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 8st. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

MEANECK HACK HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 8st. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

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

WAIKAITI HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 8st. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

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

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (Hack Conditions), of £120. Min. weight, 8st. Nom. £1. Acc. £1/10/-.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 8st. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

NEWSTEAD HACK HANDICAP, of £100. Min. weight, 8st. Nom. £1. Acc. £1.

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.

WEIGHTS for all First Day's Events will be declared
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
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)
WEIGHTS for all Events Second Day will be declared
ACCEPTANCES for all Events Second Day close at 8.30 p.m.

PENALTIES
The winner of any race after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.
All nominations made by telegram or by telephone must be confirmed in writing immediately afterwards.
All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, with entrance money enclosed, giving the name, age, description, pedigree, name of trainers and colours of owner.
I. I. FIPPARD, Secretary.
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Mile-A-Minute Midgets

AMERICAN CRAZE
Lilliputian Speedway Track
LATEST THRILL

Mile-a-minute midgets, tiny racing cars that whirl at dizzying speeds at the end of wire cables or on some special Lilliputian speedways, form the latest thrill sport of model makers.

The sport is sweeping the United States. The cars are so tiny that when it is necessary to "fill her up" a glass syringe is used to put fuel in the midget gas tank.

It takes a couple of evenings to put a car together. After tests and trial runs come the start of the race, as thrilling as those of real speedways. The noise of the loudspeakers, flash of the starter's flag, shrill whine in the little engines is almost the same.

When the contestants to the starting line each has three minutes to get his engine started and his car circling at the end of an airplane cable. The cable is the correct length to make six circles of the course equals a quarter of a mile—is attached by means of a roller-skate-wheel pivot to a central post and to the side of the car by means of a "Y" yoke, which snaps into eyebolts on the chassis.

The average weight of the cars is 6½lb., and they are anything but flimsy. The chassis is formed of cast aluminum and the driving gears of steel. Special hollow tyres are fitted to the little models.

Most owners have their own blenders of fuel. They have had some humorous results with their tests. One, who tried a too-powerful mixture, blew the top off his engine.

First expenses of this new hobby are a bit high, but sometimes two or more enthusiasts band together to pool costs and share the fun. Even Hollywood stars like the new sport thrilling. It is now the hobby of some movie actors. Air Corps pilots and hundreds of ordinary citizens.

"Popular Science" says "it combines the fascination of mechanics with the thrills of the roaring road." Australia holds all the world's speed records for model boats, one in Sydney being able to reach 52 miles an hour, but these tiny cars, it is claimed, can reach 60—or a mile a minute. No such cars have been made in Melbourne yet, but some people are trying to build them.

WAIRARAPA AND SOUTHERN HAWKE'S BAY CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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CLASS II
A MAIDEN EVENT (run in conjunction with Class I).
First Prize, £2/2/-; Second, 30/-; Third, £1; Fourth, 10/-; Fifth, Trophy.

CLASS III
HUNTAWAY. Between three sets of flags. Distance, 400 yards. Time, 10 minutes.

CLASS IV
MAIDEN HUNTAWAY (run in conjunction with Class III).
First Prize, £2; Second, £1; Third, 10/-; Fourth, 7/6; Fifth, Trophy.

CLASS V
HUNTAWAY. Between three sets of flags. Distance, 400 yards. Time, 10 minutes.

CLASS VI
MAIDEN HUNTAWAY (run in conjunction with Class V).
First Prize, £2; Second, £1; Third, 10/-; Fourth, 7/6; Fifth, Trophy.

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HUNTAWAY. Between three sets of flags. Distance, 400 yards. Time, 10 minutes.

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MAIDEN HUNTAWAY (run in conjunction with Class VII).
First Prize, £2; Second, £1; Third, 10/-; Fourth, 7/6; Fifth, Trophy.

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HUNTAWAY. Between three sets of flags. Distance, 400 yards. Time, 10 minutes.

CLASS X
MAIDEN HUNTAWAY (run in conjunction with Class IX).
First Prize, £2; Second, £1; Third, 10/-; Fourth, 7/6; Fifth, Trophy.

CLASS XI
HUNTAWAY. Between three sets of flags. Distance, 400 yards. Time, 10 minutes.

CLASS XII
MAIDEN HUNTAWAY (run in conjunction with Class XI).
First Prize, £2; Second, £1; Third, 10/-; Fourth, 7/6; Fifth, Trophy.

CLASS XIII
HUNTAWAY. Between three sets of flags. Distance, 400 yards. Time, 10 minutes.

CLASS XIV
MAIDEN HUNTAWAY (run in conjunction with Class XIII).
First Prize, £2; Second, £1; Third, 10/-; Fourth, 7/6; Fifth, Trophy.

COCKNEY DIALECT ON THE AIR

COMPETITION FOR B.B.C. ENGLISH
NEW DEPARTURE
Local Tongues For The Soldiers

The B.B.C. is going through a "change of voice," says the Bristol correspondent of a United States paper.

So if you hear a cockney accent—instead of the familiar Oxford intonations—on a British Broadcasting Corporation programme, it will be really quite, quite all right.

Perhaps it is the B.B.C.'s evacuation from the stately purlieus of Portland Place, London, W.1, to the west country "breeziness of Bristol" that has brought the change. At any rate, the broad cockney idiom is being introduced into broadcasts for the fighting forces.

Thus local dialects are at last competing with what has long been known as "B.B.C. English."

Speakers Learned Pattern
The corporation has, for years, had a special code for announcers, presided over by a foremost speech expert, with the sole duty of turning out official speakers to an official pattern. Its experience in this respect has led to the acceptance by the nation's linguistic experts of B.B.C. handbooks and standard works on the correct pronunciation of the English language.

English radiated by the B.B.C. has always been the English of workers of "the Old School Tie" (meaning the wealthier classes), despite the fact—or because of it, if the B.B.C. is looked upon as an educational institution—that many listeners never wear a tie at all, preferring the muffler which wears better and obviates the affectation of a collar.

Change Is Praised
Experiments outside the range of official speakers have had shattering results. The voice of Mr. Bob Bowman, Canadian commentator, brought into a programme experimentally one day, was vital enough to cause several thousand listeners to write in by the next post, rejoicing that somebody had broken the rigid accent had been allowed to commentate over the British network.

Under its new policy of greater linguistic freedom the B. B. C. is not shying entirely to its "standards" but is trying to reach a wider audience. The plan seems to be to encourage a kind of bilingualism. Listeners from school children upwards in age are to be encouraged to speak and understand two accents, their own natural tongue and standard B. B. C. underwritten by Prof. A. Lloyd James, linguistic expert. This is generally voted a reasonable proposition, since it is said a Yorkshire farmer and a Cornish fisherman cannot understand each other, unless they talk in French. If they know any French.

AUCTION OF DAIRY STOCK

Jerseys Sold At Havelock
A clearing sale held by Williams and Kettle at the farm of Mr H. J. Smart, Havelock North, yesterday, attracted a good bench of buyers. The following prices were realised:

1 Jersey springing cow £6 10/-, 1 at £5 15/-, 1 at £7 5/-, 1 at £10, 1 at £15, 1 at £10 15/-, 1 at £10, 1 at £8 10/-, 1 at £8 14/-, 1 at £6, 1 at £5, 1 at £7 5/-, 1 at £4, 1 heifer at £4 12/6, 1 at £6, 1 weaner at £2 12/6, 1 at £2, 1 at £2 12/6, 3 at £1 10/-.

On account of R. A. Nimmo, Havelock North: 1 black mare £32 10/0. On account of T. G. Thev, Pukahu: 1 Jersey cow, springing, £3, 1 empty Jersey cow £3 2/6.

Yesterday On 'Change

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

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE
Sales Late Wednesday
31st Stock, 1941 .. 100 0 0
State Advances, 1941 .. 100 10 0

BRISBANE YESTERDAY
Dominion Breweries .. 1 13 0
Broken Hill Pty. 2 8 0

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE
Sales Reported
N.Z. Refrig. (10/- paid) .. 0 9 3

HASTINGS HOCKEY TO-MORROW

Teams To Play At Cornwall Park
The following players will represent the Hastings Hockey Club's team to play at Cornwall Park to-morrow at 3 p.m. Players are asked to be at the park by 2.30 p.m.:

R. Beckett (captain), L. Rogers, I. Mayo, J. Taylor, R. Newland, H. Edlin, W. Taylor, W. Treacher, J. Brunton, K. Tritt, A. Boyce, R. Baldwin.

Women's Hockey
The following will represent the Karori Ladies' Club against Te Awa at Cornwall Park on Saturday at 3 p.m.: E. Cowdell, R. Sunley, M. Webster, V. Pearce, A. Pearce, P. Fanning, J. Bicknell, J. Bell, M. McKridge, N. Smiley and M. Edgar (Captain). Reserve, S. Noonan.

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STUD SHEEP FOR AUSTRALIA

NEW ZEALAND-BRED STOCK
BIG CONSIGNMENT
Dalgety And Co.'s Transaction

An outstanding consignment of stud sheep is being shipped to the Albany branch (New South Wales), of Messrs Dalgety and Co., Ltd. The stock is from the following breeders:—Romney Marsh rams: H. J. Rayner, Masterton, and L. N. Hogdard, Greytown.

Romney Marsh ewes: J. E. Hewitt, Mangamaire; A. Brown and Sons, Kivitea; J. Calleson, Longburn; T. E. Craine, Kivitea; W. H. Henson, Feilding.

Border Leicester rams: W. O. Rennie, Doyleston and The Canterbury Agricultural College, Canterbury.

Border Leicester ewes: P. Campbell, Wyndham; J. A. Edwards, Gore and W. O. Rennie, Doyleston.

Corriedale rams: H. Ensor, Rakaiahi and O. T. Evans, Taruna. Corriedale ewes: D. and M. Sidey and Son, Hawarden; J. H. Patterson, Mayfield; O. T. Evans, Taruna; H. Ensor, Rakaiahi.

Southdown rams: C. E. Vile, Marton; J. F. Knight, Newbury; John Brooks, Irwell and The Canterbury (N.Z.) Seed Company, Leeston.

Southdown ewes: A. C. Vile, Marton; J. F. Knight, Newbury; John Brooks, Irwell and The Canterbury (N.Z.) Seed Company, Leeston.

Many of the sheep have been prize winners at recent New Zealand shows.

The Lincoln ewes are from Messrs Voss Bros., Longburn and have been sold to the Australian breeder, Mr S. J. Lee. Also, there are 50 stud shearing Romney Marsh ewes going forward from Messrs Voss Bros. to Messrs A. H. Stevenson and Co., New South Wales, as well as 50 stud shearing Romney Marsh ewes from Mr H. B. Johnston, Cheltenham. These latter ewes complete the purchase made by the Stud Sheep Department of Messrs Dalgety and Company, Limited, for Messrs Henderson and Co., Albany.

Merino Rams For New Zealand. Messrs Dalgety and Company, Limited, have just landed two South Australian Stud Merino rams from Koonoona Station. These rams were originally intended by the vendors for the Sydney Sheep Show and sales. Ram No. 27 has been selected by Messrs Hope Bros., "The Grampians," and ram No. 28 for Mr James Grant, Fairlie. Mr Hawke manager of the Koonoona Stud, speaks most highly of these sheep.

Mr Gordon Burton has just received from South Australia, a splendid ram and 30 outstanding ewes of the Dorset Horn breed. The purchase was effected by Messrs Dalgety and Company, Limited, and the flock of W. J. Dawkins, "Newbold," R. R. Hart and Sons, "Glen Devon" and W. S. Martin, "Balmoral." Dorset Horns are rapidly increasing in this Dominion, and this new flock founded with such carefully selected sheep will be a valuable acquisition.

The Farmers' Co-operative Auctioneering Co., Ltd., and Messrs Dalgety and Company, Limited in conjunction held on April 30 a most successful heifer sale of "Totara Park" Friesians. The cattle came forward in very fair condition and buying strength was steady all through the sale. The attendance was good and several Canterbury buyers operated. Top price was 32 guineas and the average for the 40 head sold was 19 13 guineas.

Messrs Dalgety and Company, Limited report having just effected the sale of two very fine Hereford bulls to Mr W. A. Coombs of the Pohangina Valley, Palmerston North, one a very nice rising two-year-old animal on account of and used by Mr E. M. Cranstone, of Fordell and the second bull, a four-year-old of Mr W. K. Morton's breeding, having been used in the stud of Mr J. Brice, Fern Flats, Marton, and being sold on behalf of this breeder.

Twenty-five selected Southdown ewes from the flock of W. N. Hughes, Rycroft, Kohi, Waverley, have been shipped by Messrs Dalgety and Company, Limited, to Melbourne. These excellent ewes are for the flock of N. A. Stevens, Collingwood, Victoria.

STABLEFORD BOGEY MATCH

Draw For Patangata Ladies' Club
"Daily Mail" Special Service. OTANE. The draw for the first round of a stableford bogey to be played on the Patangata golf course on Saturday is as follows:—

Mrs S. Kiltow and Miss E. White, Mrs S. Tod and Mrs G. Warren, Miss D. Ryan and Miss L. White, Miss N. Dillon and Miss P. Williams, Miss J. Sutherland and Miss H. Stephenson, Miss B. Tod and Miss J. Stephenson, Miss P. Wilder and Mrs R. Britten.

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PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR

IYA Auckland
7.0 a.m.: Davenport news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 7.30: Weather report. 8.0: Recordings. 9.15: Davenport news. 10.0: Devotional service. 10.15: Recordings. 11.0: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax" by Nelle Scanlan. 11.10: Recordings. 12.0: Davenport news; lunch music.

2.0 p.m.: "The Salvation Army" Classical hour. 3.15: Sports results. 3.30: Light music. 4.0: Special weather report for farmers. 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Davenport news. 6.0: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News. 7.30: Sports talk. 8.0: Philharmonic Orchestra. 8.10: Ninon Vallin (soprano). 8.22: The Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by Eugene Ormandy. 8.30: Alexander Kipnis (bass). 8.36: Mary Martin (violin). 8.50: The London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Walter Goetz. 9.0: Davenport news. 9.10: Dominion and district weather reports, and station notices. 9.15: "The Carnival" to the music of Schumann. 9.42: Choir of the Strabourgh Orchestra. 10.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: Davenport news.

2YA Wellington
7.0 a.m.: Davenport news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 7.30: Weather report. 8.0: Recordings. 9.15: Davenport news. 9.25: Recordings. 10.0: Weather report. 10.10: Devotional service. 10.15: Recordings. 10.45: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax" by Nelle Scanlan. 11.0: Recordings. 11.10: Dominion and district weather reports, and station notices. 11.15: "The Carnival" to the music of Schumann. 11.42: Choir of the Strabourgh Orchestra. 12.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: Davenport news.

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5YA Napier
7.0 a.m.: Davenport news. 7.10: Breakfast session. 7.30: Weather report. 8.0: Recordings. 9.15: Davenport news. 9.25: Recordings. 10.0: Weather report. 10.10: Devotional service. 10.15: Recordings. 10.45: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax" by Nelle Scanlan. 11.0: Recordings. 11.10: Dominion and district weather reports, and station notices. 11.15: "The Carnival" to the music of Schumann. 11.42: Choir of the Strabourgh Orchestra. 12.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: Davenport news.

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FINALLY TO-DAY — 2.15 & 8 p.m. The Merry Slogans of "Fast Company" back again in more LAUGHS!... THRILLS! and MYSTERY! FRANCHOT TONE — ANN SOTHERN in "FAST AND FURIOUS" Also—"Crime Does Not Pay" — "What Do You Think?" — Colour Cartoon — "The Blue Danube" — Etc. REGENT TO-MORROW At 2.15 - 5.0 - 8 p.m. BROTHERS IN ARMS THE COURAGEOUS "GESTES" Again Paramount proudly presents the screen's mightiest adventure drama! The new — The Spectacular — GARY COOPER In Paramount's NEW "BEAU GESTE" with RAY MILLAND • ROBERT PRESTON Remember 3 SESSIONS TO-MORROW! DON'T DELAY BOOK AND BE SECURE! Plans at Sutcliffe's Music Store — Phone 2822.

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State FIRST NEW ZEALAND SCREENING

A. J. Cronin's "Vigil in The Night" The intimate secrets of a private nurse are revealed in a drama "Vigil in the Night," which will have its first New Zealand screening at the State Theatre, Hastings, to-day. Leading roles are taken by Carole Lombard, Brian Aherne and Ann Shirley. At the Sherehan County Hospital in a little English town, Lucy (Anne Shirley), a nurse in training, comes on duty to relieve her sister, Anne Lee (Carole Lombard), who is nursing a youngster afflicted with diphtheria. Lucy leaves her patient, who chokes to death. Anne assumes the blame because she, as a graduate nurse, has a chance of obtaining work, and because Lucy, a student, would never be allowed to nurse again under the circumstances. Anne leaves, the distress of kindly Joan Cushing (Peter Cushing), who wants to marry her, and goes to Manchester to the Hepperton Hospital and encounters the cocky and conceited Dr. Caley (Robert Coote). The famous Dr. Prescott (Brian Aherne) who operates on Matt Bowley (Julien Mitchell), a leading Manchester citizen, and Anne watches the operation. By keen observation she averts what might have been a serious blunder, which brings her to Prescott's attention. The story is brought to an exciting conclusion after a series of entrancing scenes.

Cosy

SPLENDID DRAMATIC ACTING Douglas Fairbanks, Jun. In "Green Hell" Hollywood has made a jungle picture in which the jungle is not the star, but rather the background for magnificent acting. It is a story of seven men and one woman pitted against Nature and, at time, even against each other. That is "Green Hell," Famous Productions' new Douglas Fairbanks, jun-Joan Bennett picture, which begins a season-to-day at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings. Fairbanks comes through with an intensely sympathetic, restrained and yet forceful characterisation of the woman-hating bachelor who battles with himself to keep from falling in love at the same time he is battling the jungle to keep alive. Joan Bennett has an acting part worthy of her great dramatic heritage. And she more than lives up to her role. Alan Hale is a kindly middle-aged archaeologist. John Howard is a young happy-go-lucky chap. George Sanders is an English urbane man-of-the-world. George Bancroft is a big, bluff cowboy who likes to sing. Vincent Price is a brooding, aloof man; and Gene Garrick is an enthusiastic young chap who is plainly on his first adventure. James Whale has done an excellent job of directing, achieving a maximum of suspense and action from Frances Marion's powerful story, the first to be produced by Harry Edlington's Famous Productions for Universal release. And Karl Freund's photography is of the same artistic calibre that won him two awards.

Regent

NEW "BEAU GESTE" TOMORROW Gary Cooper In Great Adventure Story A roaring lusty tale of the indomitable gallantry of three loyal brothers will be portrayed at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, where Paramount's great new production of "Beau Geste" is opening tomorrow with three sessions. Gary Cooper, Ray Milland and Robert Preston are starred in this glorious picturisation of the great P. C. Wren novel. The superb supporting cast is headed by Brian Donlevy and Susan Hayward. With Cooper, Milland and Peston cast as the three "Geste" brothers—"Beau," "John" and "Digby," respectively, the picture tells how they gallantly join the French Foreign Legion to avert having the finger of suspicion point at any of them as guilty of the theft of a valuable sapphire, the "Blue Water," from their guardian. In the legion, there is desperate conflict between the brothers and a mad, brutal sergeant, "Markoff," played by Brian Donlevy, who, suspecting that one of the brothers has the gem in his possession, determines to get it for himself. The picture reaches high peaks of adventure when Markoff, having chosen only Beau and John for duty at an isolated desert fort, Fort Zindernuer, gains command, and drives the men to mutiny with his savage treatment. His efforts to force Beau and John to shoot the leaders of the mutineers are interrupted by an attack by a wild desert tribe, the "Touaregs." The ultimate fate of the brothers Geste and of the jewel is explained in an exciting flashback in which Digby figures prominently. Current Productions. That murder can be vastly entertaining will be shown at the Regent Theatre, where Franchot Tone and Ann Sothern will cavort merrily through "Fast and Furious," to be screened finally to-night.

Municipal

"SOME LIKE IT HOT" SHOWING Also "Our Leading Citizen" With Bog Hope dispensing his distinctive wit and humour, Shirley Ross as sweet and swifty as ever, and Gene Krupa beating out hot rhythms on his drums, Paramount's new comedy, "Some Like It Hot," will open at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, to-day. Here's a picture which is really up the alley of the three stars. Bob's a fast-talking promoter who wants to put his act up in the big-time. He's also plugging for a break for Gene Krupa and his orchestra. But he doesn't get much encouragement from an agent. Then he meets Shirley Ross. Subsequently he loses all his possessions and begins a series of wild schemes — side shows, street carnivals, fake set-ups — for months so that he can win back Shirley. But with all his wise cracking, he has a hard time doing it. Two new songs, "Some Like It Hot" and "The Lady In Love With

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State ROMANCE AND GAY COMEDY

Merle Oberon In "Over The Moon" If the essence of romance is the weaving of day-dreams into life, then Alexander Korda's "Over the Moon" is the cream of romantic stories. All the "stuff" that romantic dreams are made on have found their way into the composition of this gay and giddy story, which discovers Merle Oberon as an impoverished orphan in York-shire, and dances her as a million-aire heiress across Europe. The picture, which is entirely in technicolour, is now showing at the State Theatre, Napier. The fanciful ingredients are less important than the pace, hilarity and comic consequences of Miss Oberon's bewildered transformation into Europe's richest playgirl. Only Merle is not "stealily" bewilder-ed. She's stubborn, she's pig-headed, she scoops shovelfuls out of her millions and scatters them over her cascade of hangers-on, but all the time she keeps her head and, in spite of complications, her heart. That's not so hard as it may seem, because she had already lost it to Rex Harrison, who took a chance when she was poor, clinched it a little uneasily when she became rich, and threw it away when she became intolerable. A good doctor and an honest man can find something better" to do than romp about as Mr. "Jane" Benson. Miss Jane Benson is the young woman whom Miss Oberon portrays. Instead he contracts himself, paradoxically, to adulation and unhappiness in a pretentious Swiss nursing home for wealthy feminine hypochondriacs. That begins the grand pursuit, because Merle is determined to recover her man, and he is equally determined to be recovered — on his own terms.

Regent

AN OUTSTANDING ATTRACTION "Talking Feet" With Hazel Ascot Hazel Ascot, who, at the age of nine years, is the champion dancer of England, heads the cast of "Talking Feet," a British picture which is confidently predicted to prove an outstanding favourite with New Zealand picture-goers. It will open to-morrow at the Regent Theatre, Napier. Hazel not only dances perfectly but is also able to sing well and act in a manner that augurs well for her future. From her first appearance she becomes an instant favourite with her audience and her performance is greeted from time to time with enthusiasm. Among the supporting players are such renowned stars as Mark Hambourg, William Heughan, Davy Burnaby, Enid Stamp-Taylor, John Stuart, Jack Barry and Kenneth Kove. Mark Hambourg is the world-famous pianist who toured New Zealand some years ago. He presents a unique mini-piano ensemble featuring himself and 14 clever juveniles. William Heughan, the famous Scotch baritone, is also well-known to New Zealanders, and his number, "The Meeting of the Clan," in which he is supported by the Seaforth Highland Band, is magnificent in music and voice and picture perfect. The Three Cockney Comedians are responsible for much wit, humour and comedy, and the Eight Dancing Boys and the Dagenham Girl Pipers are champions at their art. Novelty is added by the clever work of the Band of the Royal Marines, who led the procession of "Sailor Heroes" of the H.M.S. Ajax and H.M.S. Exeter at London recently. Briefly, the story revolves around a beautiful little girl (Hazel Ascot) and her friends, who raise money to save their local hospital from closing down. Assuredly it is an entertainment that will delight young and old. Current Attraction A roaring lusty tale of the indomitable gallantry of three loyal brothers is the current attraction at the Regent Theatre, Napier, where Paramount's great new production of "Beau Geste" is now screening twice daily.

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Diamonds As An Investment EFFECT OF WAR Germany Buys Big Quantities INDUSTRIAL NEEDS Diamonds valued before the war at £13 per carat are now worth £40 per carat and small commercial stones are 25 per cent. dearer. This is the result of the strong world-wide demand for investment protection against inflation, and also of the increased demand for badge brooches set with small diamonds. The number of Belgian and Dutch cutter craftsmen who have joined their respective armies has affected supplies. In addition, Germany, which has been cut off by the Allied blockade from commercial diamonds, has bought large quantities of small polished stones and has ground them down for industry despite the excessive cost. The firm headed by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer controls 95 per cent. of the commercial diamonds called "beard" stones. Messrs. Louis and Otto Oppenheimer at present are co-operating with the Board of Trade, which has taken over control of the British diamond market. Stones for abroad must be packed and sealed in the Board of Trade's official presence. They must not be sent direct to consignees, but must be forwarded to the board's agents, who ascertain before delivery that the stones will not be passed on to the enemy. Dr R. F. Wilson, senior medical officer at the Auckland Hospital, has resigned. Dr Wilson, who was granted leave of absence in September for the period of his military service, has now advised the board that he will not take up the position in the future.

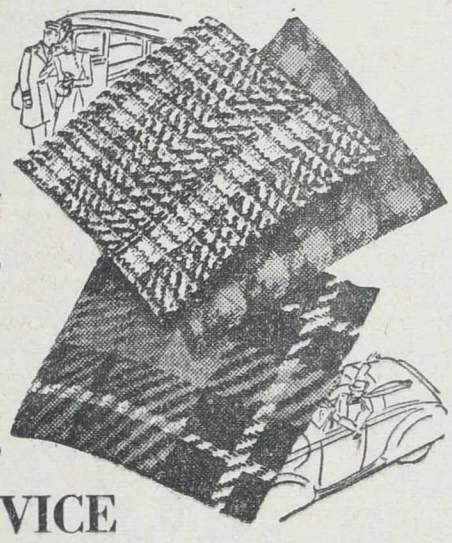
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PROGRESS REPORT

Activities of Various Departments

All Hastings Women's Committees in connection with patriotic work have been working with enthusiasm. The collection, preparation and dispatch of comforts for the troops of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Echelons, together with members of the Royal Navy are well in hand.

Depot Committee: The Patriotic Depot Committee has taken over the late Good Cheer relief depot at the corner of Warren Street and Lyndon Road. The depot is open from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday and Messdames Crawford and Rosenberg are in daily attendance. The depot committee is open to receive goods of every description which should be delivered to the depot. The committee hopes to receive goods and gifts which can be sold at the shop (which is to be held monthly).

Wool Committee: In addition to undertaking the knitting of socks, balaclavas, scarves and mittens the wool committee is responsible for the distribution of wool to those who are prepared to knit, but are unable to purchase the wool. The immediate need is for scarves and mittens for troops and scarves for the Navy. Those willing to knit should ring 4400 or call at the depot for knitting instructions.

Sewing Committee: The sewing committee is preparing 273 hussies for issue to the men of the Echelons. There is a shortage of scissors for inclusion in these hussies. Hastings has been asked to produce and dispatch 26 hussies each month.

Shop Committee: The shop committee has arranged to hold a shop on the first Friday of each month. Goods for sale should be left at the depot.

Overseas Parcels Committee: The Parcel Committee was asked to prepare and dispatch 104 parcels for troops in the Second Echelon. Each parcel contained: 1 cake, 1 writing pad, 1 tin coffee and milk, 1 tin sweets, 1 tin fruit, 1 pkt. playing cards, 1 pair boot laces, 1pkt cigarettes.

Gift Parcels Committee: Gift parcels have been given to all Hastings men who have left with the First and Second Echelons. These parcels contained:—1 tin 30 cigarettes, 1 pair socks, 2 handkerchiefs, 1 shaving stick, 1 tube toothpaste, 1 toothbrush, 1 tin coffee and milk, 1 tin sweets, 1 tin fruit, 1 pkt. playing cards, 1 pair boot laces, 1pkt cigarettes.

It was announced that the following goods had been distributed, the figures in parentheses being the stock held in hand:—Fruit 491 cases (nil), tomatoes 56 (—), pickles and sauces 240 bottles (208), cigarettes 15,490 (1220), glucose sweets 241 tins (11), tin fruit 32 tins (64), socks 137 pairs (285), balaclavas 190 (32), mittens (—) (24), cakes 104 (4), handkerchiefs 274 (215), shaving sticks 137 (51), soap 241 cakes (84), toothbrushes 241 (75), toothpaste 137 (64), playing cards 104 (24), writing pads 104 (12), coffee and milk 104 tins (24), milk 13 tins (35), bootlaces 103 pairs (—), pencils 104 (40), house-houey sets 10 (—), scissors (—) (20), razors (—) (81), lam (—) (6), books and periodicals 3 cases (—), razors (—) (9), Wool: 2075 skeins received; 674 issued for knitting. Knitted: 183 pairs socks, 205 balaclavas, 24 mittens.

TALKS ON PLANT GROWING

Community Club

GARDEN SECTION AT HASTINGS

A demonstration on the making of shoulder sprays was given at the Hastings Women's Community Club on Wednesday by Mrs M. Vaughan, when a fair attendance of members was welcomed by Mrs A. J. Foot, circle leader.

Pansy roots were brought to the meeting for competition and roots were purchased by members so the blooms would be ready for judging in October.

Mrs Foot had prepared an interesting paper on pansies which she read, and Mrs F. S. Budd sang a pretty song entitled "Pansies."

A talk on the growing of polyanthus was given by Mrs F. L. Bone.

Mrs Foot presented a spray made by Mrs Vaughan to Mrs K. E. Crompton, who has been leader of the circle for some years, at the same time paying tribute to Mrs Crompton's work for the circle. A spray was also presented to Mrs Ian Simson, a life-member, as it was her birthday. Tea was served and concluded an enjoyable meeting.

Literary Circle Meets

HASTINGS GUILD

Programme On Mothers' Day Arranged

The Literary Circle of the Hastings Townswomen's Guild met yesterday in the guild room. A good attendance was welcomed by Mrs J. K. Agnew (circle leader) and the monthly report was read.

The programme was planned on the lines of Mothers' Day and each mother present was given a white flower, which was presented by Mrs Edwards. A competition telegram was arranged out of the word "mother," and an article on "Fathers" was read by Mrs Jackson. Songs were sung by Mrs Bartle and a recitation was given by Miss V. McCombe. Next month a Kipling day will be held. The meeting closed with afternoon tea.

MOTHERS ENTERTAINED BY DAUGHTERS

A Girls' Bible Class Evening Held At Greenmeadows

Nearly 40 mothers were entertained by the girls of the Methodist Girls' Bible Class at Greenmeadows on Tuesday evening, at a novel gathering of mothers and daughters as part of Mothers' Day celebrations.

Each mother was presented with a white shoulder spray as she entered the prettily decorated and warmly heated hall.

A programme of amusing games was interspersed with items by local artists: Vocal solos by Miss Betty Stewart, elocutionary items by Miss

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Olive Workman, piano solo by Miss Joy Burton, banjo duets by Miss Patricia Ulyatt and Miss K. Rea while Mr Sant entertained with songs to guitar accompaniment.

The Howarth twins, Patricia and Valmai, pupils of Miss Moira Dallow, delighted the audience with their dainty dancing.

A feature of the evening was the pageant, "Mothers of Long Ago," presented by the Bible Class girls and produced by Mrs Rea. This act was beautifully frocked and lighted and the whole effect of the final tableau, as Miss Vola Webb sang "Mother Machree," gained the hearty appreciation of the audience.

A dainty supper was served by the girls, and after Mrs Hitchman had proposed a vote of thanks from the mothers for a happy evening and a special vote of appreciation to Miss Betty Syme, as organiser, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought one of the happiest evenings held in the district to a close.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr D. G. Begley is a Hastings visitor to Wellington.

Mrs Dalziel, of Canterbury, is visiting her daughter, Miss Dalziel, who is teaching in Hastings.

Miss E. Rawlings, of Palmerston North, is spending a holiday in Napier and is the guest of Mr and Mrs Keith Bryant.

Mrs C. W. Wallace, Australia, daughter of the late Mrs Oliver, Otane, is visiting her sisters at Otane.

Miss Margaret von Dadelzen, Mangateretere, who has been visiting Mr and Mrs P. Pettit, Rawiri Street, Gisborne, has returned home.

The Misses Erica and Doris Bingle, who have been spending several months' holiday in Napier, and were the guests of Mr and Mrs C. E. Tattersall, Sealy Road, have left Napier on their return journey to Sydney and Melbourne.

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List of Donations Received

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

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The following donations of £5 and upwards are acknowledged, the smaller amounts will be published later:—

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Total	205 5 0

DRUIDS BALL AT WAIROA

July 8 The Date

RETURNED SOLDIERS TO BENEFIT

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

The Druids' ball which is to be held this year on Monday, July 8, in the Gaiety Theatre, has in the past been one of the dances of the season, and it is hoped that this year it will be even better than before. The dance committee announces that the gross proceeds from the ball this year will be given to the Returned Soldiers' Relief Fund.

The management has given the lodge the theatre free and the orchestra are giving their services; also, a donation has been received which enables the district to be circularised, advertising the function at no cost to the committee.

All that is now needed is the support of the public.

Havelock North Golf

CANADIAN FOURSOME

Draw Arranged For To-morrow

PATRIOTIC MATCH

A mixed Canadian foursome will be played by the Havelock North Golf Club to-morrow. The proceeds are to go to the St. John-Red Cross joint appeal. Play is to start at 12.15 p.m.

The draw is as follows:— S. G. Chaplin and Miss M. Hunter, D. M. Campbell and Mrs Campbell, N. Norwell and Miss Kells, A. L. D. Ritchie and Mrs Ritchie, S. Waymouth and Mrs Waymouth, H. K. Joblin and Mrs Joblin, N. Cook and Miss M. van Asch, B. Beechey and Miss Templeton, R. Estaug and Miss S. McKay, H. T. Cooper and Miss B. Somerville, C. D. Clark and Miss McVay, S. W. Dixon and Mrs MacEwan, P. Wake and Miss Ritchie, M. von Dadelzen and Miss J. Tapper, J. Glenny and Mrs Glenny, A. E. Fulford and Mrs Fulford, R. Cook and Mrs Cook, D. Agnew and Miss Mawson, H. C. Benjamin and Miss E. Treneman, E. Marshall and Miss Ebbett, F. S. Evans and Miss J. McKay, D. W. Gilbertson and Miss J. Thompson, A. Crawford and Mrs Crawford, G. McCutcheon and Miss Heenan, L. R. Hill and Miss P. Somerville, T. Proffitt and Mrs Proffitt, H. R. von Dadelzen and Mrs von Dadelzen, J. S. Joll and Mrs Joll, J. K. Agnew and Mrs Agnew, F. C. Wilkinson and Mrs C. B. Wilkinson, W. T. Chaplin and Mrs D. Crawford, F. C. Twigg and Mrs Stenson, R. Keys and Mrs Keys, H. G. Carr and Mrs Twigg, J. M. Joll and Mrs Mills, E. Bridge and Miss Clayton, S. Estaug and Miss Stewart, E. Haggerty and Mrs Jones, J. Hill and Mrs Hill, R. Douglas and Mrs Douglas.

Partners can be arranged at the club house for any lady member not drawn who may wish to play.

Men's Golf At Waipawa

TO-MORROW'S DRAW

A Medal Round Arranged

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPOAWA.

The following is the draw for the medal round which will be played by the men's section of the Waipawa Golf Club on Saturday:—

J. R. Walker, E. J. Watts and Dr Norris or Dr Allan; C. E. Woods, H. C. Bryant and C. G. Knobloch; W. Moore, P. G. Edwards and F. M. Tickner; R. E. Knobloch, H. C. Dwight and F. Witherow; N. O.

Hospital Loan Negotiations

DIFFICULTY SETTLED

Waipukurau Board's Meeting

BUILDING PROGRAMME

WAIPOKURAU.

Difficulties which arose last week in the Waipawa Hospital Board's building loan negotiations have now been overcome and tenders should be called soon for the new nurses' home and reconstruction of the hospital administration block.

At the meeting of the board the chairman, Mr W. H. Rathbone, explaining a minute in the finance committee's report deferring consideration of loan correspondence, said that a hitch had occurred through a Health Department technical adviser "working around in circles."

This adviser had questioned the relative merits of application as opposed to open hearing. Electricity was favoured by the board, and the managing secretary, Mr P. R. Smyrk, had made a flying visit to Wellington with a Power Board official and convinced the Health Department technician. Electrification had been agreed upon and the architects should be in a position to call tenders very soon.

Mr L. Glevy asked whether, in the event of building materials not being available the board would still have to take the loan money.

Cost May be Higher

It was explained by the managing secretary that no difficulty was anticipated by the architects concerning materials, but it was just possible that the building might cost more than was anticipated at first. He felt that the board was obliged to take the money as it had already resolved to do so. The worst that could happen, as Mr D. W. Neild had explained, was that 41 per cent. money might have to be placed on 21 per cent. fixed deposit, but that was unlikely.

In discussion in committee, the majority of the members were of the opinion that there would be no alternative to taking the money in the unlikely event of the building programme being held up. They felt that they were committed to the deal on a business basis when money was hard to get, and they should go through with it, and the finance committee's minute was adopted.

Resignations of Drs C. Raymond, D. Y. Allen, T. S. Norris and A. G. Bell from the honorary visiting medical staff was accepted, in view of their having been appointed to the stipendiary visiting medical staff.

Arrangement with Dentists

On the recommendation of the finance committee the managing secretary was instructed to confer with the dentists of the Waipawa Hospital Board district, with a view to their entering into an arrangement with the board (along the lines adopted by the Cook Hospital Board) for service necessary to indigent in-patients at the district hospital. In-patients, whom the board considers in a position to pay their own dental fees, are not to be a charge on the board.

Mr Rathbone presided over Messrs Neild, C. Thomsen, N. G. Hawthorn, T. P. Hunter, G. Warren, Glenny, W. Matthews, Smyrk (managing-secretary) and Drs de Lambert and O'Dea.

MEDAL ROUND FOR WOMEN

WAIPOAWA GOLF CLUB'S DRAW

TO-DAY'S PLAY

Trophy For Best Net Score

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPOAWA.

The open day of the Waipawa Ladies' Golf Club for the Patriotic Fund, postponed from Friday, May 10, will be held to-day. A medal round will be played, commencing at 12.45 p.m. Visitors will be given partners at the club house. Mrs Clark has donated a trophy for the best net score. After play, there will be taken on the question of Friday or Saturday Club Day.

The draw is as follows:—

No. 1 Tee.—Mrs A. V. Fleet and Miss M. Clark; Mrs S. W. Strang and Miss A. Britton; Mrs H. Latjbone and Miss A. d'Emden; Mrs J. Angus and Miss J. Rathbone; Mrs D. H. Edwards and Mrs C. E. Woods; Mrs McCartin and Miss V. Witherow; Miss T. d'Emden and Miss J. B. Hamilton; Mrs LeCompte and Miss B. McCartin; Miss R. Clark and another.

No. 7 Tee.—Mrs M. Andrews and Mrs J. Strang; Miss D. Sebley and Miss O'Halloran; Mrs E. C. Kingston and Miss F. Mitchell; Mrs J. Walker and Miss J. Moroney; Miss M. Patterson and Mrs V. E. Douglas; Miss B. Logan and Miss M. Butler; Mrs A. Logan and Miss F. Williams; Mrs Young and Miss A. Collins; Miss N. E. Mason and Miss M. Logan; Mrs Little and Miss Huchings; Miss N. Wallace and another.

Maitland, K. McKay, J. D. Leckie; D. H. Edwards, J. B. Hamilton and D. T. Walker; J. Preston, R. Sharp and R. E. Bishop; S. W. Strang, A. Curtin and R. H. Witherow; A. King, J. Clark and V. E. Douglas; A. Kiltow, G. Shackleford and P. Campbell; or J. Marshall; G. Dick, B. O. Gamby and R. E. Nation; W. Rust, E. C. Little and A. McGregor; T. Atkins, I. Harvey and D. Leinbridge; A. Milne, T. G. Price and D. McHardy.

Players should make a point of notifying partners or the club captain if not playing.

SPLENDID RESPONSE AT WAIPOKURAU

Joint Appeal Fund

TOTAL OF MORE THAN £410

New Donations

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A total of £410 has been collected at Waipukurau for the joint St. John Ambulance-Red Cross fund for the sick and wounded. New donations are:—

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Mr Eric B. Todd	20	0	0
Mr and Mrs H. Judd	10	0	0
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Mr and Mrs L. R. Grant	1	1	0
Mr A. Chisholm	1	1	0
Mr Alex. Blom	1	1	0
Mr L. M. Monckton	1	1	0
Miss A. McLean	1	0	0
Mr R. Staines	1	0	0
Mr D. J. Coughlan	1	0	0
Mr J. F. McCarty	10	0	0
Mrs N. Hunter	10	0	0
Copper Trail	9	10	0
Total	410	15	9

SHOOT AT CRAGGY RANGE

Match With County Club

The Craggy Range Rifle Club shot a match with the County Club when competition was keen. The match resulted in a close win for R. Gifford and G. van Asch. Next Sunday the Waipuka Cup will be fired for in the morning and a ladies' afternoon will follow.

Scores are as follows:— R. Gifford (33, 22) and G. van Asch (34, 25) 114; F. Field (32, 23) and M. Small (31, 25) 111; J. Macintosh (31, 21) and L. Brathwaite (33, 25) 110; A. Oliver (35, 24) and J. Hill (28, 21) 108; B. Douglas (35, 25) and M. Nutter (27, 17) 104; R. M. Field (34, 25) and G. Toxward (21, 18) 98; T. Field (33, 23) and Mr Wattie (20, 19) 95; A. Rich (32, 23) and Mr Sherritt (24, 16) 95; N. Olsen (33, 21) and L. Fisher (24, 14) 92; S. Small (35, 23) and F. Wilkinson (19, 15) 92.

Otago Rugby Team.—The Otago Rugby team to play the Takapau team at Takapau on Saturday is as follows: Higgs, J. Scrimgeour, Cox, Isaacson, Williams, Anderson, Riach, Landsdowne, Mundell, Scrimgeour, McGlashen, Kaukau, Atwood, Burgess, Smith. The referee will be Mr A. Smales. Cars will leave the training shed at 1.30 p.m. sharp.

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FOR FREEDOM

When A. S. M. Hutchinson entitled his famous novel "This Freedom," he took the phrase from the assertion by an ancient Roman citizen made to a Christian of the same period: "With a great sum obtained I this freedom"; to which the Christian replied: "But I was born free." Most of us in New Zealand incline to the Christian viewpoint in believing that freedom is a matter of right rather than purchase. We do not buy our freedom, like so many slaves, as they did in ancient Rome. Our word "democracy" carries with it the connotation of the validity of the liberty of the subject—who is not merely a subject, but a subject-ruler. That is to say, he obeys laws which he has, through his representatives, imposed upon himself.

The series of addresses now being given by Mr R. M. Algie have the idea of freedom as their underlying motif, and at this critical time in the history of the world we may do well to examine our presuppositions as to the meaning of that great idea.

We have inherited freedom from our ancestors. The love of liberty is in our blood. We have been taught the difference between liberty and licence and we understand that true freedom is freedom to do what is right within the protective system of law. Law means restrictions, but restrictions do not necessarily mean interference with freedom. It is because of necessary restrictions that right-thinking citizens are allowed to go about their business in freedom and in peace. And restrictions are recognised as themselves elements of freedom for the simple reason that the citizens have imposed the restrictions on themselves. They employ officials whose duty it is to see to it that freedom is not jeopardised by disobedience of the restrictions necessary for its preservation.

If what has been set down here is clear, it follows that the ordinary observer will notice that the fundamental issue that is being fought out now on the battlefields of Europe is one between democratic freedom and totalitarian serfdom. Whatever can be found in the internal administration of a country which tends to favour dictatorship as against democratic freedom should therefore be fought with all legitimate means at command. We cannot win our wider liberty if we are not free in our own country. Can it be said that in New Zealand at the present time the voice of freedom is fully heard? Can it be said with truth that there is no tendency to "corner" the national policy by gagging the legitimate criticism which every free man has the right to make?

It is more than time, in the judgment of many, that the present Opposition awake from its complacency and took a firmer stand on the question of being heard in the nation's councils, not only in Parliament, but in Cabinet. The illogical paradox of which the present Government is guilty is that it seeks to make the war an excuse for the muzzling of criticism while it carries on its own little "blitzkrieg" of political policy. The truth is, on the contrary, that it is just at such a time that the familiar old "ship of State" should call all hands on deck to meet the menace of total destruction confronting it now.

This is no time for mincing words, and so long as there is a free Press in this country we will abate nothing of our consecrated determination to fight for the principles of freedom with efficiency. The Old Country has made history by its amazing, lightning change of the officials who guide its destinies. New Zealand is still content to jog along on the assumption that "there is no earthly need for a coalition"—when with every hour that passes the grim and desperate need is growing; the need for unity; the need for the selfless pursuit of a great purpose; the need for the utter abolition of pettifogging political ambitions whose very strength is a menace to the safety of the Dominion.

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Personal

The Mayor of Napier (Mr T. W. Horcock) is attending the patriotic funds conference at Wellington.

Mr Ray Common, Hastings, left yesterday to join the Third Echelon.

Mr J. Franklin, accompanied by Mrs Franklin, returned to Havelock North yesterday from a visit to Roturua.

The Rev. D. R. McDonald, Presbyterian minister at Ellerslie, has had his term of office there extended for two years by the Auckland Presbytery.

Mr Warren Tichbourn, Whakatu, who has been spending his annual leave as a guest of Mr Anthony Broughton, Beverly Hill, Havelock North, will return to-day.

Mr F. W. Triggs, Napier, is at present an inmate of a Napier private hospital, having suffered a fractured shoulder as a result of tripping and falling in Hastings Street.

The Bishop of Aotearoa (the Rt. Rev. F. A. Bennett) left Hastings yesterday on a visit to Wanganui, where he is attending the annual conference of the Church of England Men's Society.

Sir Michael Myers, the Chief Justice, accompanied by Lady Myers, who has been visiting Napier, will leave to-day for Palmerston North, where Wanganui, where he will preside over the Supreme Court sessions.

Mr W. W. Mulholland, Dominion president of the Farmers' Union, and Mr W. Horrobin, Dominion treasurer, will arrive in Hastings this morning. Mr Mulholland addressed a meeting in Waipukurau last night and today will attend the annual provincial conference of the Hawke's Bay branch of the Farmers' Union. In the afternoon he is to address a public meeting of farmers and business men in Hastings.

Acting Pilot Officer Oakden Davies, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Davies, Palmerston North, who has been with the Royal New Zealand Air Force trainees at Taieri and Wieram has completed his training and has his "wings up."

The Rev. Percy Williams Stephenson, M.A., B.D., Sydney, has been appointed Bishop of Nelson and succeeds Bishop Hillier. The Rev. Stephenson was headmaster of Trinity Grammar School, Sydney, from 1934 to 1937, and Commonwealth secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society since 1938.—P.A.

Mr H. Ian Simson will leave Hastings to-day on a visit to Wellington.

Dr G. F. V. Aston, chairman of the council of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, officiated at his final council meeting before going into camp with the army medical service. Mr D. J. Gibbs, chairman of the finance committee, expressed the regret of the council at the chairman's impending departure; he said the council was losing a valuable conservator of game in the district. A vote of appreciation of Dr Aston's services was passed unanimously.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr A. Turner (Christchurch), Mr T. Lempiere (Wellington), Mr L. Lillierap (Palmerston North), Mr H. Mackie (Masterton), Mrs H. Blagie, Mrs W. Sampson, Mr W. E. Court, Mr A. Slade, J. Duff, Mr E. Page (Auckland), Mr and Mrs G. Forster (Dunedin), Mr N. Beach (Gisborne), Mr B. Trehey, Mr I. Ward (Wairoa), Mr H. Dinmin, Mr E. Kerby (Tauranga), Mr O. J. Hens (Martinsborough), Mr H. Allen (Levin) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Dr. and Mrs T. G. Harper, Mr R. P. Harper (Marton), Mr J. M. Curtis, Miss D. Tait, Mr H. Hands (Wellington), Mr and Mrs L. M. Morris (Auckland), Miss J. N. Baxter (Dunedin), Mr V. T. Munroe (Christchurch), Mr and Mrs A. C. Ingram (Auckland) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

Mr C. J. Hewitt (Palmerston North), Mr J. Buchanan, Mr E. S. Tuck, Mr J. O. Symington, Mr F. Hardie (Wellington), Mr R. W. Russell, Mr J. H. Mason, Master G. Mason (Auckland), Mr F. J. Ansell (Wanganui) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr H. E. Pither, Miss Pither (Masterton), Mr C. R. Sainsbury (Wairoa), Mr T. Coleman (Gisborne), Mr Outberson (Takapau), Mr and Mrs L. A. Howard, Mrs A. Wooster (Waipukurau), Mr and Mrs Brough (Tairānui), Mr and Mrs E. H. Clark (Christchurch), Mr Gilding (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs R. Evans, Mr M. Prier, Mr Wakelin, Mr A. B. West, Mr and Mrs Minehan, Mr Clarkson, Mr C. G. Porter (Wellington), Mr W. S. Russell, Mr R. Trowland (Auckland) are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

Sir Michael and Lady Myers, Mr and Mrs W. D. Gordon, Mrs R. K. Tolhurst, Mr P. Cording, Mr G. Lakeland, Mr J. L. Muir, Mr and Mrs G. E. Brangwin, Mr and Mrs C. Odlin, Mrs M. T. Henry (Wellington), Mr and Mrs E. S. Stringleman (Christchurch), Mrs Henderson (Nelson), Mr and Mrs H. M. B. de Launour (Wairoa), Miss Eme Scott (London), Mrs Brangwin sen., Miss M. Brangwin (Sydney), Mr and Mrs H. J. Livingstone (Hunterville), Mr and Mrs F. R. Brown (Masterton), Mr D. Patterson (Oamaru), are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr A. D. McGregor (Christchurch), Mr Alan Jones, Mrs H. Levy, Miss M. James (Wellington), Miss L. A. Francis (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs C. M. Tiekner and family (Dannevirke) are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier.

WAIROA

Mr G. W. Harris, Mr S. McKenzie, Miss Giesse (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs Webster (Hawera), Mr A. E. Edwards (Tua), Mr L. Duncan (Tua), Mr C. Plested, Mr Strode-Tenny, Mr K. Bezzant (Palmerston North), are staying at the Clyde Hotel.

Mr Lamont (U.S.A.), Mr Agnew, Mr Schiering (Hastings), Mr and Mrs J. Lawless (Hamilton), Mr Cooper, Mr Sharples (Napier), Mr Mason (Palmerston North), Mr Isles (Wanganui), Mr Middleton (Ruakihiri), Mr H. Bayly (Mohaka) are staying at the Wairoa Hotel.

Democratic Rights

Sir,—As a lover of free speech and a strong democrat, I motored in to Hastings (notwithstanding the ban on propaganda) to hear the learned professor speak.

I had to listen to a violent attack on the maladministration (?) of His Majesty's Government now in power. The professor had a splendid hearing, and his effort was quite on a par with what you would call propaganda for the National Party. Although I may be a goose, I object to "propaganda" of this type, so at the end of his address I respectfully asked the chairman if I might ask the professor a question. The reply I got was to "sit down" and a few intelligent reform supporters counted me out.

Seeing that it is war time, I would suggest that the professor might use his ability in helping to win the war and not cause the waste of good benzine that was used by those who came to hear "the democratic right to criticise in war-time." I say, what we want is our soldiers to fight for Empire and not professors to criticise when they are frightened of criticism.—I am, etc.,

H. IAN SIMSON.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Conscription

Sir,—I wish to support your leading article re conscription.

I am a married man with a business that has taken me a number of years to develop. It still needs my full attention. Should I enlist it will have to go with no return for my years of work. I have served some years in the Territorials and my loyalty is as good as most.

As things are, what should a man do? Should I give up my business and enlist? If I do that the young single chaps will still be earning good money while my wife is trying to make ends meet on the not very large allowance she will get.

If the position is urgent, why on earth not conscript me? We are under conscription in Social Security and most of us would rather have none than come under foreign rule.

Under conscription my turn would come and I myself defend the ones who are holding down a nice job while others risk their lives?

I should say there are many more like myself waiting for a lead.—I am, etc.,

"READY."

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Joint Appeal

When the joint appeal of St. John Ambulance and Red Cross was launched at Hastings it was stated that Mr W. B. Williams was treasurer. This is incorrect. Mr Williams was treasurer of the previous appeal, but in this effort the treasurer is Mr W. H. Maitland. Organisers ask the donations be forwarded to him, at the Commerce Buildings.

Proof of Enlistment

No information has yet been received by the Army Office at Hastings about the issue of badges to men who have enlisted for the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force and have been rejected. It is understood no good authority that consideration has been given to the matter by the Government, and there is ground for expecting some pronouncement at an early date.

Motor Drivers' Licences

The renewing of motor drivers' licences is at present being actively carried out in Napier and Hastings. Under the recent regulations standard licence forms are being issued throughout the Dominion. With details printed in red ink and bound in a red cover. An important innovation is that personal application is now necessary to obtain a licence.

Hastings Badminton

Because of a severe shortage of shuttle-cocks, badminton in New Zealand may be considerably curtailed. It was stated at the annual meeting of the New Zealand Badminton Federation in Wellington. Imports of shuttlecocks were said to be inadequate to meet the needs of the sport. Inquiries at badminton in this town already has been greatly cut down as a result of the Hastings Club losing the use of the Drill Hall, the shortage of shuttlecocks will not be severely felt. It is likely that the Hastings Club will go into recess this season. Badminton in the town will be continued by the four church clubs, which have their own halls.

If your child has to hold the book he reads closed, then four or five inches the chances are his eyes are being strained. The remedy is glasses. Consult Azzopardi and Holland, Opticians.

Street Beautification

A decision to plant ornamental trees in Maddison Street was made at last night's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council. The action was the outcome of a request by Mr S. Oulahan. Standard prunus supplied from the nursery in Cornwall Park are to be used.

New Battle Dress

A general issue of the new battle dress uniforms is being made to all members of the Third Echelon. This is the first time that there has been a general issue in New Zealand, the only troops who have received it in the past being members of the Forestry and Railway units. The dress includes anklets and forage caps.

Gesture By Bowlers

With the object of raising funds for the Red Cross St. John Ambulance appeal the Oamaru Bowling Club will hold a club day to-morrow, a small charge being made, and all proceeds will be handed to the fund. It is pointed out that all bowlers are welcome, whether members of the club or not, and it is hoped that a good sum will be raised towards this worthy object.

No Income Tax Forms

It is still impossible to obtain income tax forms at the Napier Post Office, supplies having been exhausted for almost two weeks. Social Security forms have now come to hand and may be obtained on application. These documents must be returned by every person over the age of 16 years on this occasion seek much personal information of the type usually confined to census papers.

First Aid Examination

The annual First Aid examinations in which the Napier Company of the New Zealand Medical Corp competes with the Wellington and Palmerston North companies for the Bowerbank Shield, were held in three centres this week, but the results are not yet known. The shield was presented by Lieut.-Colonel Bowerbank for annual competition in the Second Field Ambulance. Private Millar, of the Napier Company, tied with Private White, of the Wellington Company for the trophy last year.

Weather

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutton) are as follows:—
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Wet bulb temp. 50.2deg.
Maximum temp. 65.5deg.
Minimum temp. 54.2deg.
1ft. underground 52.2deg.
3ft. underground 37.5deg.
Rain Nil
Grass 37.0deg.
Sun 5.5hrs.
Cloud 1
Humidity 74 p.c.
Visibility 7
Wind W.3.

Hastings Weather

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Rain for last 36 hours Nil
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To-day's Diary

NAPIER

The Theatres:
"Over The Moon," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"Daug Geste," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Bend Flight" and "Blondie Brings Up Baby," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

HASTINGS

Red Cross Shop Day, next Cosy Theatre.
Farmers' Union Provincial Conference, Oddfellows' Hall.

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"Fast and Furious," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
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"Green Hell," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m.
"Some Like It Hot," and "Our Leading Citizen," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

Breakfast Table

Caller: "Won't you walk as far as the street car with me, Tommy?"
Age Seven: "I can't."
Caller: "Why not?"
Age Seven: "Cause we're goin' to have dinner as soon as you go."
"You didn't carry out your plans to elope?"
"No. I found father was planning to move, and I didn't know where we'd find him when we got back."
The solemn-looking man remarked to his friend: "I hope that you are not unmindful of the fact that we all have a duty to perform. We must combat the unrest which exists in the world."
"I'm doing my very best," said the other.
"How?"
"I manufacture mattresses."

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR FINE, MILD WEATHER.

The "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay is as follows:
Winds: Westerly, moderate north of Napier, fresh to strong to the south.
Weather: Fine and mild.
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"CRITICISM HAS A DEFINITE PLACE IN A DEMOCRACY"

Mr R. M. Algie Expounds His View To Hastings Audience

RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH

"Criticism is just as much a part of Democracy as salt is of sea water," said Mr R. M. Algie, of Auckland, in opening his address to a meeting at Hastings last night.

"When the right to criticise is surrendered through apathy or indifference on the part of the people, democracy can be said to have passed carelessly into a slumber, into a state of coma, from which it may never awaken; and if the liberties of free discussion and of public assembly are habitually denied to the people at large by the executive, or by any other kind of governing clique, then democracy itself is dead," said Mr Algie.

It was absolutely necessary for all citizens to remember that Parliaments and other political institutions did not of themselves guarantee individual freedom.

Democracy, said Mr Algie, presupposed the existence of "Parliamentary institutions which were truly representative of the people and which recognised the sovereign will of the people in all matters and on all occasions."

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Petrol Must Not Be Wasted

MINISTER'S APPEAL Precious Oil Fuel Needed For Warfare

The need to-day for the conservation of petrol, which he said was far greater than when the rationing scheme was introduced, was emphasised by the Minister of Petroleum (the Hon. D. G. Sullivan) last evening.

"The war in Norway and the great battle that is now being fought in Belgium and on the French frontier have enormously increased the demand on Allied petrol resources," said Mr Sullivan.

"An Allied mechanised army has had to be moved a considerable distance at high speed. Tens of thousands of mechanised units, including large numbers of 15-ton tanks, have been in action."

"The members of such an Opposition owe a general duty to the people of the Dominion as a whole, in addition to this, they owe a special and particular obligation to all those electors in the various constituencies who had cast their votes in support of the policy presented to the country by Opposition candidates at the previous election."

As regards his general duty to the community, an Opposition member should at all times give first consideration to the genuine claims of the national interest.

Members' Duties "What are we to say," asked Mr Algie, "regarding the special or particular duties of Opposition members to all those electors who voted in support of Opposition policy at the previous election?"

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British Destroyer Damaged

NAZI AIR ATTACK Ship Beached; Casualties Few

The Admiralty has announced that the destroyer Valentine was damaged by air attack off Holland and was subsequently beached. The casualties are believed to be slight.

"The claims of loss or serious damage by air attack to transports and merchant ships are equally untrue," said the Admiralty.

"The German claim to have set a 25,000-ton ship on fire may have its origin in published reports that fires in Rotterdam had spread to the Dutch line of ships."

Both have crashed 14 'planes. The South Australian, L. Clisby, and the New Zealander, E. J. ("Cobber") Kain so far share the honour of being the leading aces in the Royal Air Force advanced air strike.

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Eliminating Personal Awards. Increasing interest is being taken in the methods of awarding decorations.

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"EVERY GALLON MUST BE CAREFULLY CONSERVED"

Transport Licence Applications Closely Scrutinised By Authority

"It is absolutely essential to study the conservation of every gallon of petrol," said the No. 1 Licensing Authority (Mr Phelan) when 63 transport licence applications were heard to-day.

He said that if road services duplicated rail transport to a marked extent, they would be terminated unless strong reasons were produced.

Minister's Declaration. The Minister of Food (Lord Woolton), in a broadcast talk to-day, said that on May 27 it was proposed to reduce the sugar ration from 12 to eight ounces a week, and that the butter ration would be reduced from June 3 from eight to four ounces a week.

Holland's Defence Undermined. The post of Secretary of Petroleum is newly-created, and, in view of the increased importance and complexity of the duties in connection with coal and oil respectively under the present conditions, it has been decided to divide the duties hitherto discharged by the Secretary of Mines.

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Flying Officer Missing

A young Herne Bay man. Advice that his son, Flying-officer John Ernest Edwards, had been posted missing as a result of air operations on May 15 was received from the Air Ministry by Mrs M. E. Edwards of Herne Bay.

Unusual Gift For Soldiers' Camp. Produce grown in City Reserves. A free gift of 30 tons of first-class table potatoes has been made by the Invercargill City Council for the use of Burnham military camp.

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Mayor Reviews Wartime Finances Of Hastings Borough

STRICT ECONOMY NEEDED

"I am compelled to state that the position ascertained by me in the interim is certainly not as encouraging as I had hoped," said the Mayor of Hastings (Mr G. A. Maddison) at the annual meeting of the Hastings Borough Council last night, reviewing the budget of estimated ordinary income and expenditure.

"I stated, inter alia, that I was then of the opinion that an increase in the borough rates may not be necessary unless in the compilation of the budget unforeseen expenditure was contemplated; that no capital works were to be considered, and costs and expenditure and income remained stable," said Mr. Maddison.

"I have now, which your department officers completed for your consideration to-night, the budget of estimated ordinary income and expenditure, including some items for supplementary estimates, the cost of which must be met out of the credit balance at the beginning of the year of £8105/12/6, plus the Power Board's instalment of £4420/15/2, a total of £12,526/7/8.

"The features of the budget are, to my mind, the estimated and heavy fall in revenue, due of course to the war, which on the one hand, in my opinion, will bring with it a reduction in general income, apart from a definite probability of increased arrears of rates, and on the other hand a rise in the cost of materials and wages. Important, too, is the greatly and estimated increased cost of the extension of borough essential services and amenities such as sewerage, rubbish collection and fire fighting, which are directly attributable to the rapid growth of settlement in Hastings, as set out in my annual report.

"This development does not greatly affect the corporation's income because of the system we have of rating on the unimproved value. The estimates in the general account provide for an income of £24,556, made up as follows: Estimated expenditure £25,131 From general sources £7,548 From rates £17,008

Estimated deficit £575 Cemetery Account Estimated expenditure £711 Estimated revenue £575 Estimated deficit £136

Interest Account Estimated expenditure £27,320 Estimated revenue £13,327 From transfers, etc. £13,327 From rates £13,167 26,494

Water Account Estimated expenditure £6639 Estimated revenue £380 From charges £4630

Estimated deficit £1209 Summary of Shortages General Account £575 Cemetery Account £136 Interest Account £136 Water Account £1209 Total £2746

"The debit balance in the water account for the year ended March 31, 1939, was £428/15/6; for the year ended March 31, 1940, £709/17/9, and the estimated debit for the ensuing year shown above is £1209.

"A substantial increase in the water supply, with a concurrent cost, is due as I have already pointed out to the extension of this service," said Mr. Maddison.

In 1924-25 the cost of the whole service was £4949, but in 1939-40 it had risen to £6455, an increase of £1506 per annum. The revenue from rates, etc., in 1924-25 was £5479, and in 1939-40 £3747, a net difference of £2238.

Water Consumption Figures concerning water consumption were quoted as follows: Gallons 1924-25 194,702,675 1939-40 554,297,500 Increase in consumption 359,594,825

"The supply of water to homes and business houses is a definite service—the sale of an essential commodity, and a service that is guaranteed and which the council on that account must provide," said Mr. Maddison. "In the matter of other capital works, if the money is not available, then they do not go on, but in the case of water supply, this service must be provided. In many municipalities separate rates are struck and levied for such services as water and rubbish collection. For instance, in Palmerston North and Auckland, a levy at the rate of 4 per cent. and 4 1/2 per cent. respectively on the annual value of all property is made. If Hastings were similarly rated the borough would receive £8500 against its present water rate income of £4442, a difference of £4058.

"I am I comment that if the water were metered to all supplies, the annual charges made would, of course, at least balance the cost of such service, but let me add that the capital cost of providing meters for every connection, the annual charges such as interest and sinking fund, cost of maintenance and repairs and meter reading, would undoubtedly be far in excess of the present annual charges made on ratepayers. I have no doubt that the whole matter of water services will have the earnest consideration of the council.

"It appears to me that next year, assuming no alteration is made in the rates, the same estimated deficit

THE HASTINGS BOROUGH

ITEMS FROM AGENDA PAPER

MUSEUM CASE

Exhibits For Display In The Library

An offer of a glass case filled with exhibits, to be placed in the library, was received from the Hawke's Bay Art Gallery and Museum at last night's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council. If the council would be prepared to give the necessary floor space in a good position in the library, and have the case kept cleaned and dusted, and pay the cost of transport from Napier, the directors would be prepared to keep it filled with exhibits which would be changed as often as possible. The directors pointed out, however, that any new loans made subject to the council continuing to support the Art Gallery and Museum with a subsidy, as had been done in the past. The chairman of the Library Committee (Mr T. Falconer) stated that necessary floor space was available in the library. The question of subsidy was deferred for consideration with the estimates.

New Subscribers

During the month 58 new subscribers joined the library, 124 renewed their subscriptions, and 33 left, leaving the total number of subscribers and 2118 subscriptions.

Women's Rest

The attendance at the women's rest last month was 3914, comprised of 4311 patrons, 60 visitors, and 1543 who availed themselves of the facilities of the Plunket rooms.

Condition of Roads

Residents of Lumsden Road asked that the road be put into a proper state to enable pedestrians to use it in comfort instead of having to walk in the middle of the roadway and be covered with dust from motor-cars. The matter was deferred for consideration with the estimates.

Orchestral Society

A request for the council to subsidize two proposed concerts to be given during the year to the extent of £12 10/- each was received from the Hastings Orchestral Society. The society wrote stating that an organised effort was being made to put the body on a satisfactory footing. The application was deferred for consideration with the estimates.

Tennis Courts

A letter was received from the West End Tennis Club stating that the new tennis courts laid down by the council last year were in need of top dressing and asking if the work could be undertaken before next summer. The borough engineer reported that the estimated cost of recasting the courts would be £105, and if done during the winter it would probably take less material than if left for a year or so. It was decided to defer the matter for consideration with the estimates.

Tennis Club's Tenancy

A further request was received from the Park Lawn Tennis Club, asking the council to reconsider its decision to terminate the club's tenancy, and supplying further information in support of their request. The club is to be advised that the council regrets that it must adhere to its final decision, but will be prepared to confer with representatives of the club regarding an area for tennis courts in Nelson Park.

Scheme 13 Labour

Advice was received from the Social Security Department that the council's application for the continuing of the employment of men engaged in Scheme No. 13 on the same terms as previously had been granted. This was £4 a man for each week. The department is to be advised that it has not replied to the council's application for 10 per cent. subsidy, as granted to other local authorities.

Sub-Association's Thanks

Stating that there was no doubt that the pitches prepared on Cornwall Park in the past season were in nearly all cases a great improvement on those of past seasons, a letter was received from the Hastings Cricket Sub-Association. In this connection the sub-association expressed its thanks to the council for the grant of reserves and its staff. The sub-association intimated that it would like to have the use of Nelson Park for two or more pitches next season, if the council could see its way clear to grant this request. Although it was too early for anything to be finalised, the cricket body requested that the council bear the matter in mind.

ODDFELLOWS MEET AT NAPIER

Officers Nominated For Election

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Loyal Napier Lodge Manchester Unit of Oddfellows was held on Thursday evening, N.G. Sister Jackson in the chair. The nominations for the election of officers closed, the following being nominated: N.G. Sister D. Horsnell; V.G. Sister Bonnor; E.S. J. W. Laws and Sister I. Smith. The election is to take place next lodge night.

Memoranda

The Red Cross Shop, next to the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, conducted by the Hastings Sub-Centre of the Society, will be held today. The shop is so well stocked that every Hastings householder can be assured of something to purchase. Every shilling spent is a direct contribution to the fund being established for the sick, wounded, and prisoners of war. The smallest contribution will be greatly appreciated.

MAIN BODY OF RECRUITS GOES TO-DAY

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The main body of Hawke's Bay recruits for the Third Echelon leaves by special train for Trent-ham to-day. The schedule of this train is as follows: Wairoa depart 12.1 p.m., Napier 3.10, Hastings 3.35, Waipawa 4.35, Waipukurau 5.0, Wakaipoua 5.30, Danversville 6.15, Woodville arrive 6.45, depart 7.15 (approx.).

VANDALISM AT HASTINGS

WILFUL DAMAGE IN THE RESERVES

Iron Rod Cut Away From Heavy Roller

Wilful damage to borough property was described as a "wave of vandalism" by the superintendent of reserves (Mr J. G. C. Mackenzie) in a report to last night's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council. The council decided to offer a reward of £5 for information leading to the conviction of any person caught causing wilful damage to the reserves.

Recent acts of vandalism included the theft of several lengths of iron ventilation pipe from conveniences at the eastern end of Windsor Park, and the theft of a length of iron rod cut from the large tractor-driven roller at Akina Park with a hacksaw and cold-chisel.

Mr Mackenzie spoke of the removal of the rod from the flagstaff in Cornwall Park. This rod was tied around the pole some 15 feet above the ground, and could be reached only by a rather difficult climb up the pole.

At Ebbett Park a sea-saw board had been broken into two pieces, continued Mr Mackenzie. The fittings on the top of the swings also had been interfered with and left in such a way that as soon as any weight was put on the seat of the swing the chains would fall down. This resulted in a boy being hit on the head by a chain. A lock had been fastened to the door of the tool shed at Nelson Park.

"NOTHING SHORT OF CALAMITY"

DENTAL CLINIC IN NEED OF SUPPORT

HASTINGS APPEAL

A plea for greater public support financially for the Hastings dental clinic was made last night by Mr G. W. McCormick at a meeting of the Hastings Borough Council. "It would be nothing short of a calamity to the parents and the children if the clinic was forced to close," he said.

Sick And Wounded Distress Fund

£20,500 IS NOW RECEIVED

Transport Department To Assist

Qualifying Round

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

WOMEN'S GOLF AT WAIOHKI

Youth Council Formed

Welfare Of The Young People

Problems of Life

On the Motion of Mr Milmer

Re-resignations of the different churches, emphasised the value of establishing such an organisation in Hastings.

Officers elected were: President, Rev. F. W. Marshall; chairman, Mr I. A. Milmer; secretary, Mr J. H. Marshall; treasurer, Mr T. Unwin.

The membership of the council will comprise two representatives from each church or Christian body, the elected officers and members of the Ministers' Association.

AIDING SICK AND WOUNDED

SEVERAL CHARGES

OFFENCES COMMITTED AT ESKDALE SENT TO BORSTAL

Campaign's Progress In Three Centres

More than £2600 has been collected for the sick and wounded appeal fund at Napier, Hastings and Hawke's Bay since the inception of the campaign at the beginning of this week. Donations continue at a steady rate, and the organisers speak highly of the support which is being accorded the campaign.

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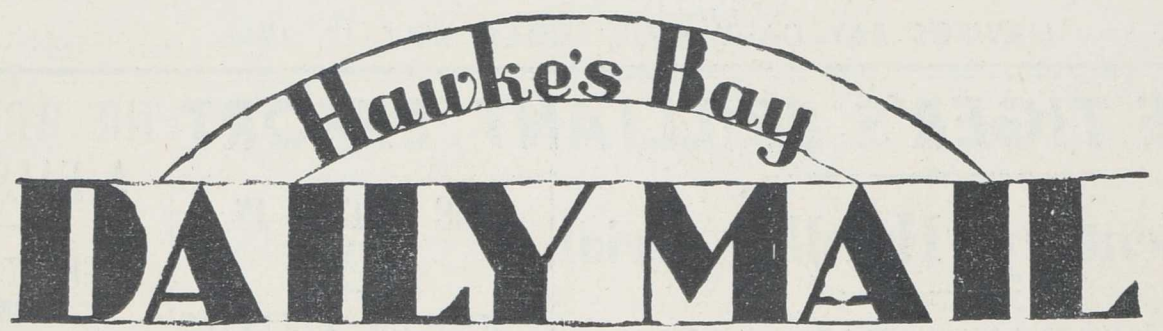
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DEATHS

WIFFIN.—On 15th May 1940, at Pukahu, Havelock North, Florence Hannah, dearly beloved wife of Robert Wiffin, Ngapaururu, Dannevirke; aged 71 years.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MONSTER RED CROSS SHOPS. In NAPIER AND HASTINGS, ON FRIDAY NEXT, MAY 17, Hastings Street, NAPIER!

AUCTIONS

FOR PRIVATE SALE. ATTRACTIVE SMALL FARM ATTRACTIVE SMALL FARM (Owner Enlisted.)

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HANDY FARMLET Just Outside Hastings Borough A REAL SNIP

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STOCK SALES

ASSOCIATED AUCTIONEERS ONGA ONGA YARDS. MONDAY, MAY 20th, 1940.

IN MEMORIAM

TIFFEN.—In memory of a beloved friend, Mr. H. M. Tiffen, Takapau, who died 17th May, 1939.

NOTICE TO JURORS

THE attendance of COMMON JURORS summoned to attend the Supreme Court on Monday next will not now be required.

SITUATIONS VACANT

WANTED: Boy for two weeks. Apply H. Williams and Sons, Hastings.

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FOR Sale: Dry sound walnut firewood (in 9 inch blocks); delivered £3 5/-, Ring 2527.

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DELICIOUS, BALLARAT, STURMER ROME BEAUTY, Tree Ripened Jonathan & Nellis Pears.

MISCELLANEOUS

SPEIGHTS COOL BEER AT The Carlton Club Hotel. The latest cooling system recently installed.

STORTFORD LODGE YARDS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1940 The sale will commence at 10 a.m. with fat cattle.

TONG & McIVOR FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND MONUMENTALISTS. NELSON STREET, HASTINGS.

HAWKE'S BAY HUNT. HOUNDS will meet at 12 noon on Saturday, 18th May—Okawa.

WANTED: Presentation Watches for soldiers. McCurges are offering all the highest grade makes of heavy duty watches.

700 ACRES L.I.P.; good lime stone country. Nearly all ploughable. Carrying 200 sheep and 100 cattle.

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WANTED: On Active Service the accuracy of a watch may determine a successful action.

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WANTED TO RENT: House, 4-5 rooms; reasonable rental. Careful tenants, good gardeners. Apply "R.T.W." Daily Mail.

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