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Italians Make Stand At Argyrokastron

HEAVY FIGHTING

Suicide Squadrons Protect New Reinforcements

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LONDON, Nov. 26.

Winter has bitingly gripped the Italian-Greek war fronts and is slowing down both the Italian retreat and the Greek pursuit. To-day rain drenched the valleys and snow fell on the mountains. Heavy fighting is reported to have followed an Italian stand on the road from Argyrokastron, the Greeks using light to medium tanks. Another Greek force is pushing along the coast towards Santi Quaranta.

Moslems along the line of the Italian retreat are stated to be outraged by the Italian fortification of their mosques, which are usually very solid buildings.

Fierce hand-to-hand fighting at the entrance to the town preceded the Greek capture of Pogranic. More than 500 Greeks were killed and 700 wounded. The Italian losses were three as great.

"Planes from the Italian 'Suicide Squadrons' are reported to have landed new contingents at Durazzo, whence they immediately went inland.

The Salonika newspaper "Tophus" declares that the Italian general who committed suicide was General Brasco, commander-in-chief of the Italian Army in Albania at the beginning of the present war, whom general Soddu succeeded.

It is authoritatively stated in London on Tuesday that the Greeks have captured Pogranic, some miles to the north of Koritza. The position at Argyrokastron, on the Epirus front, is not clear. Some Greek troops are believed to have been landed on the mainland by ships northwards of the island of Corfu, to have got behind the Italian flank, and to have cut off the Italian communications.

The Italians are sending all the reinforcements possible to Greece, but the Italian prisoners reaching Athens are much inferior to those taken in the early stages.

Greek reconnaissance units pushed ten miles westward of Moskopoli, north-west of Koritza, but found no Italians there. However, they captured the colours of three Italian battalions.

Bayonet Charges
The Athens correspondent of the Associated Press says that bayonet charges followed an Italian effort to stem the retreat to the Adriatic. The Italians brought in their crack 42nd Division, direct from Rome, but the Greeks overwhelmed their counter-attack and are continuing to advance.

The view generally taken in official circles is that the Italians are trying to restore the situation from their own resources. Since the operations began, Italy has put the equivalent of two divisions into Albania. The sinking of the Italian morale is considered to be shown by the capture in one of a commanding officer and his staff, two company commanders, and the whole equipment of a battalion.

Reports are officially confirmed in London that Greek villages have been wantonly burned by the Italian villagers executed, and hostages carried off by the Italians in their retreat.

READY FOR ANY EVENTUALITY

TURKISH DEFENCE MEASURES

TOTAL BLACKOUT

Military Necessities Collected

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LONDON, Nov. 26.

The Istanbul correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" reports that Turkey is pressing on her preparations for any eventuality. The Ministry of Commerce is shortly to become the Ministry of Commerce and Victualing, being equivalent to the British Ministry of Supply, with the task of accumulating stocks for military and civil consumption, also the distributing of all kinds of commodities.

A permanent total blackout, the strictest ever imposed on Turkey, is being enforced on Sunday, after which there will be exhaustive tests of passive defence, all shops, stores, official departments and private offices being closed at 4.30 p.m.

General Artunkull, formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Police, has been appointed general officer commanding the six zones of European Turkey in which a state of siege has been proclaimed. He arrived at Istanbul on Tuesday and will direct the emergency measures imposed under martial law. His outstanding political personality emphasises the vast scale of Turkey's military measures.

Drastic preparations in the zones near Bulgaria and Greece constitute the clearest warning to the Axis and its satellites that the slightest move to imperil Turkey's security and independence will be repelled by arms.

DUCE'S LAST DAYS OF POWER

PROPHETIC GREEK STATEMENT

ITALIAN LIES

Attempts To Give Britain The Victory

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ATHENS, Nov. 26.

The Greek Minister of Information (M. Nicoloudis) in a broadcast to-day refuted Italian propaganda assertions and referred to Mussolini as perhaps enjoying the last days of power.

"Italian propaganda pretends that it is not the Greeks who are the victors but the British gunner, whereas there is not one British gunner on the Albanian front," he said.

"Britain's immortal Navy and admirable Air Force have reinforced the Greek resistance to the invader, but the victory on the Albanian front is exclusively due to Greek bayonets."

"Italian propaganda maintains that Italy declared war not against Greece but against Britain, whereas the British, while fighting heroically against their own enemies, were not on Greek territory until several days after the Italian invasion."

"Fate has decreed that the cause of Fascist Italy shall collapse in ridicule, thanks to a little country enjoying one single advantage against a powerful invader—moral and spiritual superiority."

Greek Rear Well Guarded

TURKEY'S ASSISTANCE

Troops Freed From One Frontier

ALL IN ALBANIA

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"The Times" Ankara correspondent says: "The Turks, from the beginning, favoured the Greek chances against Italy, but the Greek success has exceeded their highest expectations. Turkey has contributed to these successes by protecting the Greek rear, thereby enabling the Greek High Command to withdraw all its troops from the Bulgarian frontier to fight on the Albanian front."

"It is reliably stated that not a single Greek gendarme is stationed on the Bulgarian-Greek frontier."

AMERICAN'S POST AT ROME

Former Charge d'Affaires At Berlin

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NEW YORK, Nov. 26.

Mr Alexander Kirk, former Charge d'Affaires at Berlin, has left the office in Rome to become Charge d'Affaires with Ministerial rank.

AMERICAN PATROL OFF MARTINIQUE

Rumoured Presence Of German Cruiser

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FORT DE FRANCE, Nov. 26.

The United States patrol off Martinique has been increased to four destroyers.

This is unofficially reported to be due to the rumoured proximity of a German cruiser off Puerto Rico.

LONDON'S ROLL OF HONOUR

WORK OF HEROIC RESCUERS

PRAISE EARNED

Parties Are Still Below Strength

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LONDON, Nov. 26.

Mr Emil Davies, chairman of the London County Council, in a tribute to the Civil Defence Forces, said: "London's roll of honour includes 27 members of rescue parties who have given their lives for their country as surely as any soldiers. In addition, 100 have been seriously wounded."

"London's ambulance services are among the most efficient in the world. They had a pre-war personnel of 400 and now it stands at 10,000 men and women. The fire service pre-war personnel was 3000 and now it is 30,000. The rescue parties are still only 60 per cent. of the wartime establishment; there are 1764 rescue parties with 18,250 members working round the clock. The men are mostly drawn from the building and operative trades."

PIONEER CORPS FOR ALIENS

Loyalty Essential

VOLUNTEER SYSTEM IN BRITAIN

(British Official Wireless)
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RUGBY, Nov. 26.

The Government's policy regarding interned aliens of enemy nationality, as announced in the House of Commons by the Home Secretary (the Hon. Herbert Morrison) is mainly directed towards those men who are of military age. For this purpose an Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps is considered the best method of dealing with such men who wish to show loyalty to the Allied cause. Internees eligible for the Pioneer Corps have to volunteer.

Mr Morrison hopes to set up within the next few weeks a tribunal to consider the release of men who, by reason of age or physical unfitness, are ineligible for the Pioneer Corps, provided they can satisfy the tribunal that they are opposed to the Nazi or Fascist system and are loyal to the Allied cause.

The number of such cases is estimated roughly at 2000.

HASTINGS AIRMAN MISSING

PILOT-OFFICER B. H. HERRICK

OFFICIAL REPORT

New Plymouth Flyer Shot Down

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Nov. 27.

Pilot-Officer Brian Henry Herrick is missing on air operations. His father is Mr E. J. Herrick, Lindisfarne, Hastings.

It is officially announced that Pilot-Officer John Charles Mallon, who was previously reported missing and later reported to be a prisoner of war and wounded, is now reported to have been shot down on October 8. He was buried at Guines Cemetery, France. His father is Mr A. Mallon, Bell Block, New Plymouth.

LOSSES AT SEA RAISE PROBLEM FOR BRITAIN

Rate Of Rebuilding Is Not Enough To Replace Sinkings

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LONDON, Nov. 26.

"I am not going to hide the fact that the rate at which we are building ships does not make up for our losses," declared the Minister of Shipping (the Hon. Ronald Cross) in a broadcast.

He said that the British losses had grown from an average of 20,000 tons a week during the inactive first part of the war to 60,000 tons after June.

"Our shipyards are working to the utmost," he said, "but a very large part of their capacity must be given up to naval construction."

"Many yards, instead of building ships, are engaged in repairs. We are most anxious to get more ships built overseas and we are looking primarily to the United States shipyards."

"We must have ships. The issues depending on our having enough ships are so tremendous that we cannot make too sure of the shipping position in the months and years which may pass before victory."



ALBANIAN WAR FRONT.—The chief points in the dispatches from Greece are shown on this new map of Albania. Santi Quaranta, whither the Greeks are pushing along the coast, appears in the south, just above Corfu. Inland to the north-east is Argyrokastron, where the Italians are reported to be making a stand. At Durazzo, midway up the coast, the Italians are reported to have landed fresh reinforcements.

Germans Will Let Their Allies Fight The Greeks Alone

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The Rome correspondent of the Associated Press states that, according to informed circles, Germany is leaving the fight against Greece entirely to Italy.

The Ankara correspondent of "The Times" says: "The impression is being strengthened in Ankara that Germany will not intervene in the Italian-Greek war. This attitude is at least partly due to Turkey's maintaining a strong front in Thrace."

Rigid Economy Programme

ROOSEVELT'S DECISION

Rearmament Cut To Essentials

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.

President Roosevelt to-day announced a rigid economy programme under which the Budget will be cut to the bone and expenditures for rearmament will be restricted to essentials.

The President invited Mr Martin Dies to attend a round-table conference for curbing Fifth Columnists. The conference would include spokesmen of the State and Justice departments.

RECENT VICTIMS OF RAIDERS

THREE BIG CITIES BOMBED

SEVERE DAMAGE

Six Firemen Killed At Southampton

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It is now revealed that Birmingham, Southampton and Bristol were recently bombed. Many of Birmingham's notable buildings were severely damaged, including the art gallery and arcade and shops in the centre of the city were wrecked.

The Bristol raid was also severe but was nowhere as heavy as Coventry's. Six and a half buildings chiefly suffered, also churches and cinemas.

Six firemen were killed at Southampton, on which thousands of incendiary bombs were dropped. Most of a small number of enemy aircraft which crossed the south and south-east coasts of Britain on Tuesday were promptly shot down. As against two German bombers and two fighter-bombers destroyed, the R.A.F. suffered no loss.

A Canadian flight-lieutenant and an English sergeant-pilot, flying on their own, destroyed two enemy fighters to-day, while another was brought down by anti-aircraft fire. A Heinkel 60 floatplane also was destroyed by fighters off the Kent coast.

Flight Near Hastings
The flight-lieutenant and the sergeant-pilot were on patrol near Hastings when they gave chase to four Messerschmitts which split up into two pairs. The flight-lieutenant went after one pair, and, as he went in to attack the others swung round on his tail. The sergeant-pilot at once got on their tails, so that, for a few seconds, all six were sandwiched.

One of the flight-lieutenant's Messerschmitts disappeared, and the other dived to sea level, where he shot it down. The sergeant-pilot chased one of the others the whole of the way across the English Channel, and sent it crashing into the sea near the French coast.

Charmed Life In Britain's Big Factories

Miracles Worked By Censorship, Say Americans

Strong Criticism

Patriotism Blinds Officialdom To Errors Of Concealment

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LONDON, Nov. 26.

Criticism of the British censorship, which has not been heard for many months, is increasingly evident in United States newspapers. The Associated Press correspondent (Mr Drew Middleton) writing from London says: "The British capacity for understatement is working overtime, partly through patriotism and partly propaganda. Complacency, distortion and reluctance to admit the truth are perhaps as dangerous to the British cause as the nightly bombings."

"The German night raiders have dropped tens of thousands of tons of bombs, yet one is asked to believe that there is no damage to military objectives. Are the bombers that hit Buckingham Palace unable to hit the sprawling factories of the Midlands?—Believe it if you can."

Menace to Health
"The Germans have killed thousands of civilians without damaging morale; they have damaged shipping and railroads without demoralising the war effort. Londoners are cheerful and stubborn but they are tired of the shelter conditions which are still an abominable menace to health and more dangerous potentially than Nazi bombs. In other cities the people are less cheerful and grumble that London is more greatly protected. They say that the propaganda which says that London is unhurt is causing the Nazis to change their strategy and hammer Coventry, Liverpool, Birmingham, Bristol and Southampton. The people are more ready to face the brutal truth than are the newspapers or the B.B.C."

"The Associated Press of New York, commenting on this dispatch, says: 'It is significant because it has passed the censorship, which until now has frowned on such statements. It may mean that the British have changed their attitude and believe that the dark picture of danger may arouse more sympathy in the United States than the confident optimism hitherto displayed.'"

WARPLANE PRODUCTION HINDERED

American War Secretary Says Commercial Airlines Get Preference

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.

The United States Secretary of State for War (Mr H. L. Stimson) to-day attacked commercial airlines for not co-operating in the national defence or seeking to expand the activities of factories already lagging in vital defence orders.

Mr Stimson said that the Douglas Company in the spring of last year received an order for 86 dive-bombers for the United States. "Not one has been delivered," he added, "but simultaneously they are making commercial planes at the rate of 12 a month. Bombers for the Army are grounded for lack of engines, for which we are obliged to borrow engines ordered by the British Government in their dire need. At the same time equivalent engines are going into commercial planes."

Mr Donald W. Douglas, president of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, Santa Monica, California, denied that his company had failed to co-operate with the Government. "Military aeroplane contracts for the United States and British Governments have not been delayed for commercial projects already started nor will we permit them to interfere with defence," he said.

Plans Stifled
The Dies committee investigating un-American activities made the following statement at Washington: "The only effective measure to prevent un-informed troops of the totalitarian Powers from stifling the defence programme through strikes and sabotage is to expel all Communists, Fascists and Nazis from the defence industries. To permit these people to continue in positions of leadership in certain unions upon the assumption that they will be watched is to follow the methods which were a complete failure in the countries overrun by Stalin and Hitler."

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee (Mr Sumners) said that the committee were agreed that defence production plants must be kept open as a matter of public policy.

Mr Stimson later announced that the War Department had appealed to the Priorities Board to halt the expansion of commercial air services on the ground that they are interfering with British and American warplane production.

President Roosevelt amplifying Mr Stimson's speech, said it was obvious that the military aircraft programme must take precedence over

the production of commercial planes. He appealed to manufacturers to recognise this paramount rule. The Government, he said, did not want to resort to priorities in order to ensure the production of military planes on schedule. The Government aimed to maintain commercial aviation on its present basis.

More Ploughing Wanted
BRITISH FARM NEEDS
Another Million Acres Suggested
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A five per cent. increase in British farm production would be equivalent to ploughing another 1,000,000 acres, said the Minister of Agriculture (the Hon. R. S. Hudson), who described this possible increase as "quite a moderate estimate" in an encouraging House of Commons statement made on the basis of the recent farm survey.

The survey showed that increased production was vital and that the Government would guarantee the maintenance of the present system of fixed prices and an assured market during the hostilities and for at least a year afterwards.

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GOOD WORK DONE AT DELHI Planning Production

THE EAST-OF-SUEZ NATIONS

The Eastern Group Conference, at its final session, recommended the appointment in India of a representative body to continue the work of the conference and, within a defined field, to co-ordinate supply, plan production, and assist in arranging new sources of production.

Regent

"SOUTH OF SAMOA" IN COLOUR

Dorothy Lamour And Robert Preston

South Sea romance and adventure are glorified with Technicolour in "South of Samoa," which opens tomorrow at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

Dorothy Lamour, singing heroine of "Road to Singapore," has returned to another South Sea setting. Instead of a sarong, Dorothy has wrapped her bronzed skin in a costume, called a lava lava.

Robert Preston, who plays opposite Dorothy, and Lynne Overman, abandon their pearl-hunting submarine on the uninhabited island where Dorothy was shipwrecked ten years before, and now lives with her trained chimpanzee companion, high in a jungle penthouse.

Joan Blondell and Melvyn Douglas share hilarious adventures in "The Amazing Mr Williams," which concludes to-day. It is the story of a New York sleuth's pursuit of a criminal through many complications.

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Cosy DRAMA, "INVITATION TO HAPPINESS"

With Colourful Story, "Hot Steel"

With Irene Dunne and Fred MacMurray co-starred, and a supporting cast that includes Charlie Ruggles, William Collier, Jr., Billy Cook and Marion Martin, "Invitation to Happiness" is now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

Produced and directed by Wesley Ruggles, the drama tells a heart-searching story of a society girl, played by Irene Dunne, who falls in love with and marries a prize fighter in the person of Fred MacMurray. An emotional problem presents itself immediately because Fred has to be away from home to follow his career as a fighter.

Telling a graphic story of the lives and loves of men who work in America's giant steel industry, "Hot Steel" is the second feature, with Richard Arlen and Andy Devine in co-starring roles.

State MAUREEN O'HARA IN FINE DRAMA

Featured in "A Bill of Divorcement"

The heroic sacrifice of a daughter who throws away her future and freedom for the sake of her mother's happiness and her father's welfare is the dramatic basis of "A Bill of Divorcement," opening tomorrow at the State Theatre, Hastings.

Maureen O'Hara, sensational new discovery who recently scored opposite Charles Laughton in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," portrays the distraught young daughter, Menjou, seen as the pathetic father, Miss Bainter as the wife and Herbert Marshall as her determined suitor.

NAPIER THEATRES

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State BRIGHT MUSICAL, "IRENE" Anna Neagle And Ray Milland

Gay and charming and thoroughly worth-while is "Irene," RKO Radio's film version of the famous musical comedy, which opens tomorrow at the State Theatre, Napier.

Miss Neagle, the noted British dramatic star, proves herself an even more capable comedienne in this entertaining, whimsical, and she and Milland both cover themselves with honour in their clever portrayals of the fiery little heroine and her wealthy admirer.

Regent

"THE AMAZING MR WILLIAMS"

Joan Blondell, Melvyn Douglas Starred

Said to be as amusing as he is amazing, Mr Williams is a super-sleuth who solves mysteries on the run, even while he is desperately struggling to reach the altar and marriage to Joan Blondell.

The story, briefly, concerns "The Amazing Mr Williams" and his fiancée, Maxine Carroll, two hearts which beat as one. Kenny Williams is a police lieutenant and a good one—in fact, too good, for he is constantly sleuthing after malefactors when he should be devoting some time to Miss Carroll.

Hall's deft direction is said to exceed his best work in "There's Always a Woman" and "Good Girls Go to Paris." On the story, its brilliantly enacted by supporting cast which includes Ruth Donnelly, Clarence Kolb, John Wray, Edward Brophy, Luis Alberni, Donald MacBride, Don Beddoe, Dick Curtis and Walter Miller.

Mayfair HUMAN STORY, "THE BISCUIT EATER" With "Buck Benny Rides Again"

James Street's heart-touching story of a boy and his dog, "The Biscuit Eater," comes to the screen under the same title, in the new Paramount drama opening to-morrow at the Mayfair Theatre.

Current Programme George Formby's hilarious comedy of spies and warfare, "Gunner George," is showing finally to-day at the Regent.

Exhausted and fed up, the young soldier sat by the roadside and nursed his aching feet. "How far back to the camp, mate?" he asked a passing yokel.

British Offer To Bulgaria (Received November 27, 6.0 p.m.) RUGBY, Nov. 26.

The Foreign Under-Secretary (Mr R. A. Butler) said in the House of Commons to-day that the Foreign Minister (Lord Halifax) welcomed the opportunity of stating that, provided Bulgaria did not join or assist, either actively or passively, the enemies of Britain or attack her allies, it was Britain's intention to do her best to ensure that, in any eventual peace settlement to which Britain was a party, the integrity and independence of Bulgaria would be fully respected.

With Virginia Vale again playing opposite him, George O'Brien enacts the part of a shrewd Government agent on the frontier of the Old West in his "Stage To China," the second feature.

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WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERS

Most Successful Afternoon

The satisfactory sum of £12 was raised for the Heart to Heart appeal at a most successfully arranged bridge party held at the Hastings Women's Community Club yesterday afternoon.

Tables were set in the lounge writing room and bridge room and everywhere were most beautiful flowers. A charming thought prompted Mrs H. W. C. Baird and Mrs Hedley Harvey who were responsible for the very artistic arrangements to choose a red, white and blue scheme and bowls, vases and wall baskets held lovely red and white roses, red poppies and deep blue delphiniums and lupins. The whole effect was most charming and was greatly admired.

During the afternoon a very delicious tea was enjoyed by everyone. The tea and prizes were generously donated by Mrs T. H. Lowry, the club president.

The prize winners were Mrs W. A. C. Mackenzie (contract) and Mrs George Tripe (auction). When presenting these prizes, Mrs Lowry paid a tribute to the splendid work of the leader of the club's bridge circle, Mrs C. Prebble, who was responsible for arranging the party, and for the success of the circle throughout the year. She asked Mrs Prebble to accept two handsome packs of playing cards.

Among the players were: Mrs T. H. Lowry, Mrs H. W. C. Baird, Mrs H. M. Campbell, Mrs W. G. Stead, Mrs C. Prebble, Mrs N. Beamish, Mrs F. L. Bone, Mrs W. Brinsley, Mrs Benjamin, Mrs C. Bates, Mrs H. M. Bishop, Mrs Guy Bailie, Mrs R. Buddo, Mrs R. D. Brown, Mrs Chambers, Mrs H. N. Coleman, Mrs F. C. Cumling, Mrs R. Cashmore, Mrs T. B. Chapman, Mrs Chisholm, Mrs G. Dyer, Mrs R. Davies, Mrs C. Duff, Mrs D. Douglas, Mrs C. Douglas, Mrs Drummond, Mrs C. Faulkner, Mrs H. A. Fannin, Mrs A. J. Foote, Mrs A. Giorgi, Mrs E. Gifford, Mrs Garnett, Mrs H. J. Grieve, Mrs Handyside, Mrs J. D. Heaton, Mrs D. J. Holden, Mrs C. P. Hopkins, Mrs Dudley Hill, Mrs E. J. Herrick, Mrs C. Ingram, Mrs Norman Jones, Mrs B. Kessel, Miss A. F. Lewis, Mrs J. Landels, Mrs H. J. Longstaff, Mrs H. Lovell-Smith, Mrs D. Lane, Mrs S. Leicester, Mrs W. A. C. Mackenzie, Mrs Michaelson, Mrs H. S. Moss, Mrs K. McLeary, Mrs M. Maxwell, Mrs A. Nelson, Mrs W. North, Mrs Ford North, Mrs Dudley Newbigin, Mrs A. E. O'Meara, Mrs A. E. Palmer, Mrs Puffett (Gisborne), Mrs Piteathly, Mrs T. Roulston, Mrs Gordon Rorick, Mrs Russell (Auckland), Mrs Guy Rochfort, Mrs Runelman, Mrs Rolls, Mrs Shattky, Mrs H. I. Simson, Mrs Hugh Small, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Hylton Smith, Mrs Saunders, Mrs W. Somervell, Mrs W. E. Taylor, Mrs George Tripe, Mrs F. C. Twigg, Mrs A. van Asch, Mrs W. van Asch, Miss K. S. Williams, Mrs W. A. Whitlock, Mrs C. G. Wilkinson, Mrs T. Waterworth, Mrs W. J. White, Mrs Donald Wilson, Mrs K. Watson, Mrs W. R. Stead, Mrs H. Stratton, Mrs W. Richmond, Mrs Hedley Harvey, Mrs Harry Harvey, Miss Illingsworth.

MARU MARU WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members journeyed to the home of Mrs Beckett at Frasertown for the November meeting of the Maru Maru Women's Institute, when Mesdames Beckett and Gummel were the hostesses for the afternoon and there was a good attendance, one visitor being present.

Mrs Kent read a full report on the half-yearly federation meeting and explained points of interest.

Mrs McGlashan read a sketch entitled "Food," which was much appreciated.

A further quantity of material and wool has been distributed to be made up for the Red Cross and members promised to help with cakes and produce for the Patriotic Shop Day.

Recent Wairoa Wedding

CHRYSTAL—ALLEN

Bride Wears Model Blue Frock

The wedding was solemnised at St. Peter's Church, Wairoa, by the Rev. Father Doherty of Patricia Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. C. Allen, Wairoa, and Stephen George, second son of Captain A. Chrystal, Essex, England.

The bride, who was escorted by her father, chose a model frock of blue heavy sheer trimmed with cream lace. She wore a cream picture hat with touches of blue and carried a bouquet of carnations and roses in shades of pink. Her only ornament was a gold cross and chain belonging to her grandmother.

Miss Jeonne Bretherton, Optiki, a cousin of the bride, was her only attendant. She chose a navy blue tulle and accessories. She carried a sheaf of blue delphiniums, the flowers being a gift from Miss V. Crearer.

Mr Norman Smith was the best man.

Following the ceremony a very happy reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, who received the guests. Mrs Allen wore a two-piece suit of electric blue with a smart matching model hat.

Later, when the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon, the bride travelled in a French mode gown hand-stencilled in pastel shades with a honey gold hat and tailored coat.

A NAPIER WEDDING OF INTEREST

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THREE ATTENDANT BRIDESMAIDS

Satin Wedding Gown

A wedding solemnised at St. John's Cathedral, Napier, which was of much interest was that of Violet Isabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Crawford-Smith, and William Hamilton, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Read, Hastings.

The bride, who was escorted by her father, chose a gown of heavy magnolia satin fashioned with heart-shaped neckline and long C. Duff shirred at the shoulders. The skirt flared into a lace-edged train. She wore a tulle veil held with a coronet of orange blossom and carried a sheaf of Christmas lilies.

Primrose organdie frocks were worn by the three bridesmaids, Misses Audrey Rockstrow (chief), Wellington; Gwyn Redmond, Wellington; and Lyall Davis, Hastings.

The bodies were shirred to a heart-shaped neckline, while the very full skirts were trimmed with bands and bows of primrose ribbon. Picture hats of primrose organdie, trimmed with flowers in deeper tonings, were worn, and they carried shower bouquets of golden roses.

The Rev. S. Cameron officiated at the service, the best man being Mr L. Bull, while Messrs L. Roseman and C. B. Wilkinson were groomsmen.

Following the reception, which was held at Blythes Tea Rooms, and which was attended by over 100 guests, the young couple left by car for a honeymoon in the north. An attractive black frock, relieved with touches of white, was worn by the bride, whose hat, shoes and accessories toned with the frock.

Miss C. Sturm, Dannevirke, who has been visiting relatives in Clive, has returned home, accompanied by her aunt, Miss Davidson.

GIFTS FOR A GREEN KITCHEN

Party Given In Napier

MISS MARY TURTLE GUEST OF HONOUR

Mrs J. E. Ennor and Miss U. Hutton were joint hostesses at a green kitchen gift evening given in honour of Miss Mary Turtle, whose marriage to Mr Reg. Prebble takes place next week.

The party was held at Mrs Ennor's home, Marewa, Napier, and the evening was spent in competitions and games, and vocal numbers were given by Miss Mamie Mace and Miss Margery Mendelsohn.

The drawing room, where the guests were entertained, was attractively decorated with bowls of colourful gladioli, carnations and Iceland poppies.

At the conclusion of a dainty supper numerous parcels, revealing many useful and pretty gifts for her new kitchen, for which she thanked those Rings who were present.

Mrs Ennor wore a pretty frock of green figured georgette with a shoulder spray of pale pink carnations, and Miss Hutton chose a smartly fashioned frock of du Barry rose and black georgette.

Miss Turtle was wearing a pretty frock of violet chiffon embellished with silver and finished with a Peter Pan collar of sequins.

Among those present to wish Miss Turtle much happiness were Mesdames J. E. Ennor, Turtle, R. Davis, S. Hill, L. Harris, D. P. Ronberg, T. H. Ring, R. Rolls, D. Lamb, J. Bee, K. Douglas.

Misses U. Hutton, P. B. and N. Prebble, N. Prime, M. Mace, M. Cowrick, M. Mendelsohn, L. Morrisey, P. and M. Siggelkow.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs W. Robbins, Tauranga, is staying with her parents, Mr and Mrs A. Brooke-Taylor, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs T. Ritchie, Cornwall Road, Hastings, left by car yesterday to visit Wellington.

Miss J. McKay left Clive yesterday to visit Wairoa after which she will return to Dannevirke.

Miss Fay Loader, Nuhaka, has joined the staff of the local Post Office.

Mrs Beale and Miss P. Beale, Gisborne, are the guests of Mr and Mrs Rowland, Nuhaka.

Mrs S. Black and her daughters, the Misses Jean and Eileen Black, Gisborne, are visitors to Nuhaka.

Mr and Mrs W. Read, Hastings, are spending their honeymoon at Moree.

Tailored shantung linen sports frocks in blue, green, gold and natural, 79/6. Tailored worsted flannel costumes in air force blue, petrol, grey and regimental blue 6/6s. Knee length, white sharkskin tennis frocks, with new ballerina skirts 39/6. Summer coats in all shades, styles, dainty new and becoming, priced from 69/6. "Victor Gowns," Hastings exclusive salon. Telephone 3076.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE AT CLIVE

Wallets Presented To Local Soldiers

A successful dance was held in the Clive Hall in honour of the boys of the district who belong to the forces and who are having leave.

Tom Maloney's dance band provided the dance music and extras were played by Mr Phil Walden, Mr E. Cross ably carried out the duties of M.C.

The supper tables were decorated with vases of poppies and maiden-hair fern and a dainty supper was served by the ladies' committee.

Mrs R. Richardson wished the guests of honour the best of luck and presented the following boys with wallets: Mr G. Murray, Mr L. Murray, Mr J. Graham, Mr F. McIlroy, Mr V. Harris, Mr T. Bell, Mr G. Guthrie, Mr L. Dean, Mr Cunningham, Mr McErick.

Mr G. Guthrie thanked the people on behalf of the boys.

Among those present were: Mesdames F. Hellyer, Algy Harrison, R. Humphries, G. Guthrie, E. Cross, Bell, O. Gordine, H. Palford, W. Palford, R. Fell, W. Douglas, H. Ashcroft, A. Finlay, Dooney, F. Williams, Cushing, Pilcher, A. Harrison, Watson, G. Murray, H. R. Wilson, K. Kelle, A. A. Corner, J. Gregory, F. Williams, jun., A. Mugeridge, R. Richardson, R. Beckett, Graham, Chalmers.

Misses J. McKay, M. Lister, P. Dockery, N. Cushing, M. Cushing, M. Griffiths, B. Viggers, Z. Kennerly, G. Lister, R. Palford, J. Palford, A. Pell, M. Cross, L. Cross, M. McGraw, D. Mullicrane, I. Waites, D. Hellyer, J. Hellyer, J. Hellyer, A. Anderson, B. Gordine, M. Hellyer, N. Kennerly, M. Harrison, G. Murray, N. Ashcroft, D. Benson, H. Fanning, T. Carroll, B. Finlay, E. Cross, G. Redshaw.

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A Page For The Farmer

Easier Inquiry On The Beef Market

STORTFORD LODGE SALE
Store Sheep And Cattle Both Back

Although there was only a moderate yarding of 160 head on offer, the fat cattle market at Stortford Lodge was easier on the rates of a fortnight ago. No comparison is possible with last week's entry, in view of the patriotic sale, but yesterday's prices were for odd pens a little below schedule, with a perceptible improvement late in the sale.
About 900 head of store cattle came on to a brisk, active market. Although there were few outstanding lines, most of the cattle were of good average quality which ensured sustained competition, and there were few passings at prices a shade below last week's.

In a very small store sheep entry of approximately 600 head there were perhaps half-a-dozen lines which merited consideration and two of these were passed in. Wethers were in the majority at rates a little cheaper than at the last sale; and a single good entry of ewes with lambs attracted competition.

Some very useful beef cattle came on to the market yesterday, a good proportion being at good summer trade weights. The tops of the bullocks made £12 7/6 to £13 2/6, lighter finished making £10 17/6 to £12. A single good Hereford heifer topped the female pens at £11 7/6; others made £8 17/6 to £9 17/6, with a plain, very light line at £4 12/6 to £5 12/6. The tops of the cow pens brought £9 2/6 to £9 17/6, with medium pens from £8 2/6.
Forward wethers in the store sheep pens were passed at 21/3; two-tooths made 18/1 to 18/7 and 2 and 4 toothed were passed at 19/6. An exceptional offering of shorn 4 year ewes with lambs ready to hang up made 22/-.

Three-year steers in the store pens ranged from £7 5/- for light sorts to £8 18/-. Two-year made £6 10/- and medium to good yearlings brought £5 11/- to £6 1/-.

Some of the realisations yesterday were as follows—
Fat Cattle
Driven down from Elsthorpe, a single well-framed, heavily-finished Hereford heifer made £11 7/6; cows in the same draft, a little mixed in condition, sold between £7 12/6 and £9 17/6. On account of the same vendor (Estate of F. L. Tiffen) six well grown Hereford dehorned bullocks, prime finished and handy summer beef, made £12 7/6 to £12 17/6. A lighter-finished pen of similarly bred bullocks in useful order made £10 17/6 to £12.

In from "Washpool" on account of Mr. H. M. U.A. a medium, well-framed prime finished A.A. cross heifers in good order made £9 7/6 to £9 12/6. Several further pens of these heifers, averaging out at good summer trade weights, made £8 17/6 to £9 17/6.
In from Maraetotara on account of Mr. H. A. Wall 4 nicely framed, medium-prime A.A. cows, carrying a useful finish, brought £9 2/6 to £9 7/6.

From "Raukawa" on account of Mr. R. Harding 4 well-finished, heavily-framed A.A. bullocks in prime condition made £12 2/6 to £13 2/6; from the same property a further pen of these cattle, little lighter, brought £11 17/6 to £12 7/6.
A line of 4 small framed, very light and barely killable A.A. heifers sold at £4 17/6 to £5 17/6. Six fairly grown A.A. weaners, just off their mothers, made £2 2/-.

In from Fernhill a draft of 4 medium-framed A.A. and Hereford bullocks carrying a medium prime finish made a bid of £12 7/6; a similar pen from this source sold at £12 2/6.
On account of "Matapiro" Station, 5 nicely framed prime A.A. cows brought £8 7/6 to £9 2/6. Heifers from the same place, similarly bred, cattle, 6 in the pen and offered in medium prime condition made £9 2/6 to £9 12/6. The final pen in this consignment comprised 4 more A.A. cows, in similar order, which sold at £8 2/6 to £9 2/6.

STORE SHEEP
A draft of 71 two-tooth wethers, small-grown sheep in quite good order, made a bid of 18/1.
On account of C. Rosser and Sons, 108 well-grown, forward-conditioned wethers in attractive order, requiring little to hang up, were passed in at 21/3.
One hundred and eight two-tooth wethers, small to medium-grown and in similar order to the first pen of the same age, made 18/4.
On account of Mr. A. R. Thompson, 110 two and four-tooth wethers, nicely grown and carrying good condition, were passed in at 19/6.
A line of 84 medium-framed two-tooth wethers, a little mixed but the majority carrying quite fair condition, made 18/7.

A draft of 16 four-year ewes, well framed and in good order, with 18 big Southdown lambs, ready to hang up, made 22/-, all counted.
STORE CATTLE
Down from "Atua" 28 A.A. empty cows, nicely-framed cattle showing breeding and in useful store order, a line which should do well, made a bid of £6 8/-.

On account of McKinnon Bros. and down from Wairoa by train, 2 horned empty Hereford cows, fairly framed and carrying medium to good store condition, made £5 11/-.
Eighteen three-year dehorned Hereford steers, well-bred, medium-grown cattle, carrying good store condition, an attractive offering, sold at £8 18/-.

On account of Kereru Station, 50 well-grown yearling A.A. steers, including a percentage of white-faces, good-conditioned cattle in sound order, made £5 11/-.
A Puketapu draft of 25 two-year dehorned Hereford heifers, nicely-framed, clean-bred, and in useful store order, made £5 15/-.
From "Atua," 40 well-grown yearling A.A. steers, doing well and in medium to good store order, sold at £5 12/-.

Trucked down from Wairoa, 69 yearling Hereford heifers, fairly grown and in light to medium store order, brought £3, but were passed in at the offer.
Again on account of "Atua," 25 three-year A.A. steers, medium

Stortford Lodge Stock Sale

YESTERDAY'S PRICES
Brokers Report On The Realisations
DETAILS IN FULL

Brokers report as follows on their realisations for sheep and cattle offered at the weekly Stortford Lodge stock sale yesterday—
Williams and Kettle Ltd.
Three fat bullocks £13/2/6, 1 £12 2/6, 3 £12/7/6, 2 £11/17/6, 1 fat heifer £5/17/6, 2 £4/17/6, 1 fat steer £4/17/6, 1 fat Jersey heifer £7/7/6, 1 fat Jersey cow £5/7/6, 1 fat Jersey steer £3/17/6, 2 £4/7/6, 18 Hereford steers £8/18/-, 26 P.A. steers £6/10/-, 1 Jersey heifer £5/10/-, 2 Jersey steers £2/19/-.

On account Patriotic Fund: 1 cow and 2 calves £5/10/-, 4 fat ewes 25/-, 14 fat ewes 17/10, 5 16/-, 19 18/10, 12 19/10, 15 18/10, 12 16/1, 11 19/4, 12 19/1, 8 22/4, 8 21/4, 2 fat woolly hoggets 19/7.
One fat Jersey heifer £5/7/6, 1 £3/2/6, 3 fat heifers £9/12/6, 2 £9 7/6, 3 £9/7/6, 2 £9/12/6, 5 £9/12/6, 4 £9/7/6, 1 £9/12/6, 2 £8/17/6, 2 £9/12/6, 2 £9/2/6, 3 vealers £2/2/-, 1 £2/2/-, 2 £2, 23 2-year heifers £3 16/-, 6 Jersey heifers £6.

On fat ewes 19/4, 10 19/4, 10 19/4, 10 18/7, 10 18/7.
de Pelichet, McLeod and Co. Ltd.
One fat bullock £13/2/6, 3 £12 12/6, 4 £12/7/6, 4 £12/2/6, 1 £8/7/6, 4 fat cows £9/17/6, 3 £9/12/6, 1 £7 2/6, 1 £6/7/6, 1 £3/17/6, 1 £5/7/6, 1 fat heifer £6/12/6, 2 £5/7/6, 1 £7 12/6, 2 yearling heifers £2/18/-, 3 yearling Jersey steers £1/9/-, 1 Jersey heifer £4, 4 Jersey steers £5/17/-, 17 P.A. steers £5, 10 2-yr. heifers £5, 1 springing dairy heifer £7/5/-, 1 Seven fat ewes £1/2/4, 8 £1/3/1, 10 £1/0/1.

Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd.
Twenty-two yearling P.A. steers £6/1/6, 8 £5/1/-, 1 fat cow £9/17/6, 2 £9/12/6, 1 £9/2/6.
Eighty-four 2-th. wethers 18/7, 1 5/-, 16 fat ewes 18/7, 3 18/10, 4 20/0, 5 19/4, 3 fat h. ewes 20/0, 1 fat wether 25/1, 8/10, 1 16/10, 3 23/4, 3 fat 2-ths. 23/1.

H.B. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. Ltd.
One fat Hereford bullock £12, 2 £11/7/6, 2 £11/7/6, 1 £10/17/6, 2 fat P.A. bullocks £14/2/6, 1 £13/12/6, 3 £13/7/6, 2 £12/17/6, 2 £11/17/6, 2 £12/7/6, 1 £12/17/6, 1 £12/17/6, 1 fat Hereford heifer £11/17/6, 2 fat Hereford cows £9/17/6, 2 £8/7/6, £7/12/6, 1 fat Hereford heifer £8 7/6, 1 £4/17/6, 1 fat P.A. cow £7 12/6, 1 £8/2/6, 1 £7/12/6, 1 £7/12/6, 3 £7/12/6, 1 £9/2/6, 2 £7/2/6, 2 £8 7/6, 1 fat P.A. heifer £10/12/6, 1 P.A. vealer £2/10/-, 1 £2/1/-, 1 fat Jersey cow £6/12/6, 1 £5/17/6, 1 £5/17/6, 1 fat Jersey cow £8/2/6, 1 £5/12/6, 1 £4/12/6, 27 fwd. P.A. cows £6/8/-, 2 £2/3-yr. P.A. heifers £5/17/-, 17 £5/13/-, 11 Hereford heifers £5/14/-, 21 Hereford cows £5 11/-, 3 £6/10/-, 2 £5/13/-, 2 P.A. cows and calves 6/12/-, 40 P.A. yearling steers £5/12/-, 25 3-yr. P.A. steers £5 12/6, 36 2-yr. P.A. steers £5/8/-, 16 £7/5/-, 4 P.A. bullocks £9, 11 cows and heifers £5/18/-, 5 yearling steers £3, 3 £4/10/-, 2 £6/17/6, 1 Jersey cow (due Sept.) £8, 1 £8/15/-.

Sixteen well-bred, well-bred, 18 S.D. lambs at foot 22/-, 110 f. and f. wethers 20/-, 108 2-th. wethers 18/4, 87 f. and f. wethers 21/-, 8 18/-, 18 fat lambs 27/-, 20 fat wethers 24/-, 9 fat wethers 25/10, 9 24/4, 9 24/10, 10 fat 2-th. wethers 24/1, 8 19/10, 10 21/1, 2 19/7, 6 fat Southdowns 25/7, 6 fat ewes 19/10, 1 fat maiden 4-th. ewe 22/10.

Murray, Roberts and Co. Ltd.
Two fat cows £9/2/6, 1 £8/17/6, 2 £8/7/6, 2 fat heifers £9/7/6, 3 £9 12/6, 1 £9/2/6, 2 fat cows £9/2/6, 2 £8/2/6, 1 £9/2/6, 2 fat bullocks £12 12/6, 2 £12/2/6, 1 £12/12/6, 1 fat cow £9/7/6, 3 £9/2/6, 1 fat Jersey cow £9/12/6, 1 £4/2/-, 1 £5/12/6, 1 £4 17/6, 1 fat vealer £4/14/-, 50 yearling steers £5/11/-, 32 2-yr. steers £5/4/-, 25 3-yr. heifers £4/16/-, 16 2-yr. P.A. heifers £4/16/-, 16 2-yr. Hereford heifers £4/17/-, 23 £5/16/-, 23 cows £5/10/-, 6 £5/12/-, 1 steer £7/5/-, 22 2-yr. steers £4/18/-, 21 3-yr. heifers £4/12/-, 18 2-yr. P.A. heifers £5, 14 2-yr. heifers £4/16/-, 9 yearling steers £4/5/-, 12 yearling steers £3/13/-, 10 yearling heifers £3, 9 £2/11/-, 7 yearling heifers £1 12/-, 1 P.A. heifer in calf £5, 2 yearling steers £2/16/-, 35 2-yr. P.A. heifers £3.

Seventy-one 2-th. wethers 18/1, 17 2-th. ewes 23/-, 1 2-th. ram 15/-, 14 forward wethers 18/3, 16 fat 4 and 6-th. ewes 22/10, 16 22/4, 16 22/7, 19 22/4, 15 22/4, 14 22/4, 9 fat ewes 19/7, 1 17/1, 20 20/10, 9 20/7, 10 20/7, 20 20/7, 4 woolly S.D. wethers 27/7.

USE FOR HAWKE'S BAY BARLEY CROPS
Many farmers throughout Hawke's Bay have responded to the Government appeal to grow barley, and many of the crops show signs of producing good yields.
There has been some speculation among farmers as to what is to be done with the barley and an advertisement published by Messrs Langley's, the well known agriculturalists, should satisfactorily answer the many inquiries constantly being asked respecting the outcome of the barley crops.

CAREFUL HANDLING NEEDED
Railway Tarpaulins In Short Supply
In stating that the exigencies of the international situation demand the utmost effort in the prompt and efficient transport of all classes of goods throughout New Zealand, the Railways Department stresses the importance of the most extreme care on the part of all concerned in the use and protection of railway tarpaulins.
The vagaries of the New Zealand climate the Department states, necessitate a much more constant use of tarpaulins than is the case in many other countries. Canvas for the manufacture and repair of these tarpaulins is almost unobtainable to-day and, consequently, the fullest use must be made of every available cover in order that the Dominion's war effort, which relies on the steady employment of all railway transport facilities, may proceed with vigorous and unremitting regularity.

German Metal in N.Z.
By an ironic twist of fate it now seems possible that a part of a German warship may assist in the sinking of her sister vessels. Weighing about 20lb., a piece of metal from the bridge of the German cruiser "Seydlitz" which was destroyed in 1914 by the Australian cruiser "Sydney" has been handed by Mr. R. J. Collins, Auckland, to the Auckland Patriotic Council under the waste metal reclamation scheme. Mr. Collins had intended to have the metal, which is evidently an alloy of brass and bronze, beaten into a tray or gong, but he has reconsidered his decision on account of the peculiar fitness of the metal for use in the war effort.

SON TO SUCCEED FATHER
Seat On Waipukurau County Council
(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIPUKURAU.
Mr Jack Russell, Hatuma, a son of the late Mr. A. C. Russell, is to represent the Hatuma Riding in the Waipukurau County Council, his being the only nomination for the vacancy caused by his father's recent death.
As Mr Russell, sen. was chairman of the county, it will be necessary at the next meeting (on December 7) to appoint a new chairman. Mr L. M. Monckton, deputy-chairman, is acting in the meantime.

GOOD RESPONSE AT WAIPUKURAU

"HEART-TO-HEART" APPEAL

LATEST DONATIONS
Large Amount Already Promised
(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIPUKURAU.
At the rate donations are coming to hand in the "Heart-to-Heart" appeal in Waipukurau, there will be no difficulty in reaching the allocation of about £2000, and following yesterday's activities, the committee is confident that this amount will be easily exceeded.
The total contributions up to yesterday was in the vicinity of £2300 and as several large amounts have to come in this total will be augmented considerably.
It is anticipated that between £500 and £800 will be received at the Municipal Theatre to-night for the crowning ceremony. The stock drive on Tuesday met with marked success, the Army heading the list with £217. Other amounts were £145 for the Maoris, £116 for the Air Force and £90 for the Navy.
Recent donations are—

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	1022	0	8
Copper trail	1	3	4
Porangahau Golf Club	2	8	3
Competition books	7	0	0
Employees P. Hunter's station	7	2	10
Maori Concert Party Waipukurau	35	7	9
Mrs J. G. Clarkson's party	8	15	6
Mrs Boufield's party	4	2	0
Mrs F. A. G. Dunn's party	6	4	6
Mesdames Wilder's and McWilliams's party	11	11	0
Grey Club (cross payment)	24	4	0
Mrs Harding's dance	16	10	0
Competitions	13	0	0
Mr L. G. Harker (presented votes)	1	5	0
Miss J. Robertson	10	10	0
Mr C. Crocker	2	0	0
Mrs H. Hobson	2	0	0
Anonymous	1	0	0
Mr B. McQuade	1	0	0
Sale of Dog	5	0	0
Street Auction	38	0	0
Hobo dance (Wallingford)	20	0	0
Mrs S. A. Robinson (tennis)	7	10	0
Garden party (Wallingford)	125	0	0
Mr and Mrs H. Munroe	1	0	0
Mr Jack Hobson	1	0	0
Mr J. A. Grant	1	0	0
Mr S. A. Donald	1	10	0
Mr and Mrs H. Hepburn	10	0	0
Total	£1380	12	4

Wairoa Carnival Events
SATURDAY'S PLANS
Completion Of Inter-House Sports
VARIED PROGRAMME
(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIROA.
At a meeting of the Wairoa Girls Inter-house Sports Club on Tuesday evening arrangements were completed for the evening session of the carnival to be held at Lambton Square on Saturday, November 30, at 7.30 p.m.
Owing to the rain the carnival held last Saturday had to be abandoned at the conclusion of the afternoon session.
The programme will be: Parade from Alexandra Park at 7.15 p.m. to assembly at 7 p.m. (at 7.30 p.m.); march past at Lambton Square, review, and National Anthem; finals of three-legged race, wheelbarrow race, sack race; grand mass marching display, preceded by exhibition by winning team (McGoldricks).
Slow bicycle race; English country dancing (two numbers); grand mass physical drill display with a special display by winning team (Takitimu); balloon relay (novelty); sports events; circle ball; ball relay; tunnel ball; skipping relay; massed drill.
A combined parade of all members of all teams will be held at Lambton Square at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday when a full muster is required.
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PENNY CONCERTS AT NUHAKA
Maori Children Help The Soldiers
(Daily Mail Special Service) NUHAKA.
The Nuhaka Native School children held a penny concert each Friday. Last week the sum of £1/14/- was collected and donated for the mobile canteen for the Maori Battalion. This week the sum of £1 11/- was collected and donated to the Rehabilitation Fund.
The children and staff are to be commended for their very fine efforts. The concerts are well prepared and are enjoyed by the visitors.

SON TO SUCCEED FATHER
Seat On Waipukurau County Council
(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIPUKURAU.
Mr Jack Russell, Hatuma, a son of the late Mr. A. C. Russell, is to represent the Hatuma Riding in the Waipukurau County Council, his being the only nomination for the vacancy caused by his father's recent death.
As Mr Russell, sen. was chairman of the county, it will be necessary at the next meeting (on December 7) to appoint a new chairman. Mr L. M. Monckton, deputy-chairman, is acting in the meantime.

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LORD RUTHERMERE DEAD Famous Newspaperman LORD NORTHCLEFFE'S BROTHER Careers Recalled

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received November 27, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Nov. 26. The death has occurred of Lord Rothermere at Bermuda. Lord Rothermere was chief proprietor of the London "Daily Mail," "Daily Mirror" and "Evening News." He was 72 years of age.

Shipping At The Port Of Napier

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Table with columns: THE SUN, Rises, Sets, and dates for November 28, 29, 30.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail Your Own Morning Paper

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1940.

BATTLE FOR THE BALKANS

The almost incredible successes of the Greek forces in Albania have done much more than merely to show up the serious defects in the Italian war machine. They have brought about repercussions in other quarters which may go a long way towards countering the frantic efforts of the Axis to induce every small State within reach to join in the procession of totalitarianism across Europe.

The unexpectedly strong stand made by Bulgaria and Yugoslavia against the Axis can be traced directly to the success of the Greeks and their British allies in not only defeating the Italian invasion but in carrying the fight across the frontier and into the heart of Albania. At the moment, when the Greek armies are still advancing strongly, there does not seem to be any logical reason why the present offensive should not end in the occupation of Albania as a whole, especially in view of the fact that the Albanians themselves are giving the invaders every assistance as the best means of freeing themselves from the hated Italian yoke.

At first sight this conclusion may appear to be unduly optimistic. So often in the past have hopes of an effective blow at the Axis been disappointed that one is hesitant in looking for a complete and resounding victory when a small State rises against the terror of totalitarian blitzkrieg, that a final reverse is looked for with a curious fatalism. But in the case of Greece things are different.

In the first place Greece has received immediate and extensive aid from Great Britain, and she has the advantage of an enormous length of coastline accessible to the British Navy. In the second place, unlike Poland, Norway, Holland, and Belgium, she is faced not with the mechanical precision of the German army, but with the troops of Italy, whose record in the war of 1914-1918, in the Spanish struggle, and even in Abyssinia has not been sufficiently impressive to warrant Italy's assuming the status of a first-class military Power.

There is, of course, always the threat of German reinforcements for the Italians. A stiffening of the Italian defences in Albania by Nazi forces might yet turn the tide against the Greeks, but the question for Italy is how to get those reinforcements to Albania in time to stem the rout. The sea route from Italy to Albania is short, but it is now vulnerable to attack by British sea and air forces; the alternative land route through Yugoslavia is out of the question unless the Axis is prepared to meet a flare-up in Yugoslavia, in Turkey, and almost certainly in Bulgaria. (For the time being the plan for inducing Bulgaria to stab Greece in the back as she was induced to stab Serbia in the back in 1914 appears to have fallen flat.)

And finally, in view of the report that Greek troops have been landed to the north of Corfu, the boasted Italian control of the Adriatic would not seem to be altogether watertight. The battle for Albania is the battle for the Balkans. Greece has already put fresh heart into the forces opposed to totalitarianism, and the completion of the conquest of Albania would mark the first major defeat of the Axis on its own ground.

THE PATRIOTIC APPEAL

The overwhelming success of the radio appeal last night is a further indication that the people of Hawke's Bay and the neighbouring areas are fully aware of the importance of the Dominion £1,000,000 Appeal. Nevertheless, questions raised from time to time show that there are still persons who confuse the appeal with other funds which have been, and are being, raised voluntarily for war purposes.

The purpose of the £1,000,000 Appeal, as outlined by the honorary organiser (Mr J. Abel) are: Rehabilitation, the provision of comforts for New Zealanders serving in the forces overseas and within the Dominion, and the relief of air raid distress in the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire. The appeal is in no way linked with the Sick, Wounded and Distress Fund which has been collected under the emblem of the Red Cross. The second fund is not available for purposes connected with the combatant forces, and this fact was to a large extent the reason for the launching of the £1,000,000 All Purposes Patriotic Appeal.

This point is emphasised by Mr Abel in his latest statement, and he stresses the fact that the £1,000,000 Appeal will make provision for such items as comforts for the troops on active service and in camps, recreational huts, social clubs, entertainments, parcels and sporting requisites. The appeal has received immediate and generous support in Hawke's Bay, and the result of the radio appeal, combined with the very large sums raised in the principal towns and the country districts, will go a long way towards a high place for the province when the final provincial totals are announced.

Personal

Mr R. W. Dawson, of Wellington and formerly of Waipukurau, is visiting the district on holiday.

Mr K. Ellicott, who has been on an extended visit to England and Canada, has returned to Hastings.

Miss Mary Wall, Hinerangi, Waipukurau, was a visitor to New Plymouth for the Taranaki A. and P. Show.

Captain and Mrs McKenzie, who have been in charge of the Salvation Army at Waipukurau for the last two years, have received notice of their transfer to Wellington South. They will take up their new position in about three weeks' time.

Major and Mrs J. Mahaffie, the new Salvation Army officers, replacing Major and Mrs L. B. Tong at Hastings, have arrived from Masterton. They will be welcomed in the Salvation Army Citadel this evening.

Mr R. B. Ashe, manager for New Zealand, and Mr H. N. Hunt, superintendent for New Zealand of the Colonial Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd., were visitors to Hastings yesterday.

Mr H. C. Kent, Wellington, has been appointed assistant general manager of the Traders' Finance Corporation of Australia and the Australian Guarantee Corporation at head office, Sydney, and will leave New Zealand next month.

M. Armand Nihotte's appointment as Consul-General for Belgium at Wellington for New Zealand and its dependencies and the Mandated Territory of Samoa has been recognised by the Governor-General, according to a Gazette notice.

Mr G. C. Glenn, vice-president of the Wanganui Jockey Club, has been appointed to the executive of the New Zealand Racing Conference to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Lieutenant-Colonel F. K. Turnbull, D.S.O., M.C., who is on active service overseas. Mr Glenn has also become a member of the sub-committee of the conference executive.

Mr Alfred Tarlton was recently appointed secretary and London manager of the National Mortgage and Agency Company of New Zealand, filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr C. H. Cooke, who served the firm for 50 years. Mr Tarlton joined the company in 1905 and has served in all departments. In 1924 he was appointed produce manager, and also became honorary secretary of the New Zealand and Australian Agents' Association in that year. He visited New Zealand in 1929-30. In the last war he served with the London Rifle Brigade.

Mr L. Woodley, Inspector of Native Schools and former headmaster of Nuhaka Native School, is visiting his daughter, Mrs R. Steed, Nuhaka.

Captain Duncan Macdonald, of the Union Co's transoceanic motor vessel Hauraki, has resigned in order to proceed to the United Kingdom.—Press Association.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr and Mrs D. Nelson (Singapore), Mr R. O. Brown (Fiji), Mr and Mrs Cochrane (Marion), Mr and Mrs Alan H. Smith (Taihape), Mr and Mrs Whittaker (Dannevirke), Mr V. S. Neilsen (Gisborne), Mr R. P. Hart, Miss F. Heaton (Palmerston North), Mr H. H. Longue (Wanganui), Mrs E. Hay Mackenzie, Mr Ewan Hay Mackenzie, Mr H. W. P. Smith, Mrs T. L. Johnston, Mr G. T. Maule (Wellington), are at the Hotel Carlton, Napier.

Mr and Mrs T. W. Williams, Miss G. Pearce, Mr E. T. Burt, Mr E. B. Barrett, Mr E. D. Burt, Mr G. J. Rothchild, Mr J. B. Grange, Mr R. P. Maddock, Miss Betty Maddock (Wellington), Mrs E. E. Sale, Mrs J. D. Williamson, Mr Frank Chapman (Auckland), Miss F. I. Gubbins, Miss I. C. Coulson (London), Mrs M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mr R. Barker (Gisborne), Mr G. E. Stevens (Palmerston North), Mr Graham (Wanganui), Mr John H. Bevan (W. H. Chapple (Sydney), Mr W. Poff (Invercargill) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr and Mrs H. H. Fow (Hamilton), Mr P. Webster (New Plymouth), Mr J. P. Hogan (Auckland), Mr T. R. Harland (Hawera), Mr H. Whitaker, Mr T. G. Dobson (Palmerston North), Mr W. J. Wilson (Lower Hutt), Mr W. Ballinger, Mr Ian Fowler (Wellington) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Colonel White (Wellington), Captain Thompson (Gisborne), Colonel Foley (New Plymouth), Mr E. P. Neilson, Mr W. Maule, Mr J. Forsythe, Mr A. Stewart (Palmerston North), Mr R. Spratt, Mr H. Bleakie (Auckland), Mr R. Williamson (Wanganui), Mr H. Ketching (Wellington), Mr J. Kallum (Waipukurau), Mr J. Borvie (Gasterbury), Mr R. Pinchen, Mr B. Murray (Melbourne) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr Roy Galvin (Wellington), Mr A. F. Chalu, Mr R. J. Lamb (Christchurch), Mr C. V. Inglis (Wanganui), Sergeant-Major Trenggning (Trentham), Mr J. R. Riche (Palmerston North) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

Mr G. Becham, Mr H. C. Plested, Mr G. C. House, Mr E. H. Smith, Mr R. L. Prebble, Mr E. Daniell, Mr M. Lock (Napier), Miss M. Kimpston, Mr Walton (Wellington), Mr E. Middleton (Gisborne), Mr A. M. Marshall (Piripirua), Mr and Mrs E. Gardiner (Kotemauri), Mr K. Bizzant (Palmerston North), are staying at the Clyde Hotel.

Mr McKenzie, Mr Glover, Mr Peacock (Wellington), Mr Tonks (Christchurch), Mr Brown (Waipawa), Mr Russell (Hastings) are staying at the Wairoa Hotel.

No Wartime Pictures

One of the many signs that the people of Britain are not allowing themselves to be turned aside from their normal activities by the German onslaught is the receipt in New Zealand of the annual picture calendars. The only difference is that they are arriving somewhat earlier than usual. It is significant that a typical one, the Scotsman Calendar, now issued for the tenth year, confines its pictures entirely to scenes of beauty and contains not a hint of wartime activities and destruction.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Military Parade A parade is called for to-night at 7.30 at the Drill Hall for the Hastings Company of the Class 2 Military Reserve.

Transport Costs "If the costs of carting store stock are increased, then we will have to drive them on foot," declared Mr F. N. H. Beamish at yesterday's sitting of the No. 2 licensing authority at Hastings. "We did it once, and we will do it again."

Cat's Strong Constitution A cat was accidentally shipped in an engine case from Detroit, Michigan to Auckland. During the journey the animal consumed some grease from the engine and fifty pages of an instruction book, and was found in a coma when the case was opened. It was revived by a veterinarian.

Message from the King The Governor-General (Lord Galway) has received the following cablegram from the King in reply to the message sent by him: "Please convey to the Government and people of New Zealand my heartfelt thanks for their kind and loyal message on the occasion of the observance of my birthday. The good wishes they express towards the Queen and myself have a very special value to us at times like the present. (Signed) George R.I."—Press Association.

Waterfront and War Mr A. Hamilton, president of the Wellington Stock Exchange, drew a sharp comparison between the attitude of New Zealand soldiers in Egypt and workers on the wharves in Auckland. "We learned in letters recently received from the troops in Egypt," he said at an annual meeting, "that the men there have all pooled one day's pay towards the relief of distress in London, and this is done out of 3/6 in New Zealand currency and the niggardly allowance of some 1/6 in sterling per annum. On the other hand, we have waterside workers in Auckland being paid by the British Government some £1500 sterling to work for eight hours on a Sunday, the only time worked being about one hour."

Child Injured When she fell from her horse, Peggy Dysart, aged six, of Sherenden, suffered a fractured arm and bruises. She was removed to Roston Private Hospital, Hastings, where her condition is stated to be not serious.

Recognition of Courage Recognition of the courage shown by Raymond Nilsen, the 15-year-old St. Heliers boy who swam two and a-half miles for help after the capsizing of a 14ft. yacht with its crew in the Tamaki Straits near Howick, Auckland, on Saturday afternoon, will be sought from the Royal Humane Society by the Eastern Suburbs Amateur Swimming and Life-saving Club.

Dominion Filmgoers The number of cinematograph theatres in the Dominion is 574. They seat between them 266,790 persons, and last year's paid admissions totalled 31,171,130. These paid admissions represent a revenue of £2,009,662. The average attendance per head of population during the year, according to the "Abstract of Statistics" was 19. The theatres gave employment to 2897 people, whose wages totalled £353,128.

N.Z. "March of Time" The flying boat Awarua, which was delayed on Tuesday in Sydney, arrived at Auckland yesterday with fifteen passengers and 986lb of mail. J. Higgins, a newsreel cameraman for the "March of Time" organisation. He was officially met by representatives of the Government. Mr Higgins has been making films of Australia's war effort and intends doing the same in New Zealand.—Press Association.

Old Steamer's Trip Breaking away from her moorings in Shoal Bay, Auckland Harbour, during a strong south-westerly squall one day last week, the Northern Company's old steamer Arapawa was carried down the harbour, going between the two beacons at Bayswater and narrowly missing one of them before two launches of the Auckland Launch and Towboat Company and the Harbour Board's launch Ferro took her in tow in the Bayswater Channel. The plight of the Arapawa was seen from the harbour-master's office on Queen's wharf, and assistance was sent very promptly. The launches towed the steamer half-way across the harbour in the face of a heavy squall, and she was then taken by the tug William C. Daldy to Northern wharf.

Breakfast Table

"Pop, I've raised that two dollars I've needed so long." "Good work, son. A boy worth his salt should be as early as possible to make himself independent of his father and stand on his own feet. How did you do it?" "Borrowed it from mom."

"What makes you think our boy is going to be a politician?" "He says more things that sound well and mean nothing than any other human being I ever saw."

He: "I don't think they've had their money long." She: "How do you know?" He: "He knows too much about the working parts of an automobile."

"I say, Smith, old man, could you spare me an hour of your time?" "Why, certainly. The wife says she'll be ready in a minute."

"You will marry," said the fortune teller, "a tall dark man—"

"Oh, dear," said the client "how shall I break the news to Albert? He's five feet two and ginger!"

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

OUTWARD OVERSEAS MAILS. CHRISTMAS MAILS. America, November (last week); East (including Egypt), mid-October; Australia, mid-December. Early posting is recommended in view of the uncertainty of transit time.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4. Australian States and Countries via Australia. Mails close 6 p.m. Parcels 4 p.m.

Other overseas mails will be dispatched as opportunity offers. TRANS-TASMAN AIR MAIL TO AUSTRALIA. Mails close at Hastings three times each week, on Friday, 4 p.m.

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

INLAND MAILS. Napier, Monday to Friday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., Saturday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m. Gisborne District, 4 p.m. Wairoa, 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Auckland, Main Trunk and Walkateo Districts, 8.5 a.m. and (letters only), 4 p.m. Saturdays only, 1.15 p.m. (letters only).

Manawatu, Wairarapa, Dannevirke and Taranaki Districts, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. and Monday to Friday, letters only, 6 p.m. Wellington, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. Monday to Friday (letters only), 6 p.m., Saturday only 1.15 p.m. Waiapawa, 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m. Waipukurau and south of Waipukurau, Monday to Friday, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m., Saturday, 8.5 a.m. Otane, Monday to Friday, 6.30 a.m., 4 p.m. Saturday, 6.30 a.m. Opapa, Pukekura, Paki Paki and Pukehou, 6.30 a.m.

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

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR FINE WEATHER IN AFTERNOON

Following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay:— Winds: Light to moderate and variable with sea breezes freshening on the coast.

Weather: Cloudy in the morning and fine in the afternoon. Temperatures mild. Seas: Slight.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 62.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 58.0deg. Maximum temp. 70.0deg. Minimum temp. 42.0deg. Grass 48.8deg. 1ft. underground 63.0deg. Wind N.E.2. Cloud Nil. Rain Nil. Visibility 8.09ins.

NAPIER WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutton) are as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 61.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 56.5deg. Maximum temp. 63.8deg. Minimum temp. 59.5deg. Grass 59.6deg. 3ft. underground 62.0deg. Sun 14.3hrs. Wind N.E.3. Rain Nil. Cloud 3. Visibility 7.0 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST

General situation: A stationary anticyclone covers New Zealand and the south Tasman Sea while pressure is relatively low near Lord Howe Island.

Forecast—Winds: Light to moderate but variable at first but easterlies to northerlies later predominating from Canterbury and Nelson northwards and gradually freshening.

Seas—New Zealand waters: Slight but later rising somewhat north of East Cape. Eastern Tasman Sea: Moderate but gradually freshening east to north-east winds and moderate seas, later rising somewhat in the northern portion.

Weather: Some fog or light drizzle likely in the morning in eastern districts but otherwise continuing fair to fine and mild.

To-day's Diary

HASTINGS Afternoon Tea for Soldiers and Next-of-kin, Hawke's Bay Farmers' Tea-rooms, 3 p.m.

The Theatres: "Hot Steel" and "Invitation to Happiness," 7.0 and 7.45 p.m. "Mexican Spitfire" and "Millionsaire in Prison," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "The Amazing Mr. Williams," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.

NAPIER

The Theatres: Civic Farewell to Napier Troops. Municipal Theatre, 8 p.m. "Gunner George," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Saps at Sea" and "Stage to Chino," State, 2 and 8 p.m. "Renfrew of the Royal Mounted," and "Mr Moto Takes a Chance," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.



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SMALL FARMS AMENDMENT BILL DEBATE CONTINUED

Opposition Speakers Attack "Loopholes" In The Measure

By Telegraph-Press Association PARLIAMENT BLDGS., Nov. 27.

On the motion of the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) urgency was granted the Small Farms Amendment Bill in the House to-day, the Prime Minister stating that the House would not sit beyond midnight.

Continuing the second reading debate on the Bill Mr C. B. Gordon (Nat., Rangitikei) said that Government speakers had given assurances that certain clauses of the Bill would not be taken advantage of proved that there were loopholes of which advantage could be taken if required.

If it were not the Government's intention to take land under certain conditions, that should be written into the Bill, said Mr Gordon. Under the Bill now before the House the Government could plainly take any land it chose.

Mr P. K. Paikaea (Govt., Western Maori) said that many criticisms of the Bill had been made from the point of view of those remaining in New Zealand instead of those going overseas. There had been a great deal of talk about the Government's intention to take land under certain conditions, that should be written into the Bill, said Mr Gordon.

Mr W. S. Gosman (Nat., Waikato) declared that assurances such as had been given by Mr Fraser that land would not be taken over unless at least three soldiers could be established on it should be written into the Bill if they were not merely an afterthought inspired by the widespread opposition to the measure which had been evident in many quarters.

What farmers objected to was that under the Bill the Government was taking the right to appropriate all land without a safeguard to the present holders against total dispossession, as in the existing Lands for Settlement Act. Moreover, although there was still much land in New Zealand to be taken, it was doubtful if owners would undertake improvements if there were a risk of the Government's taking their land once they had raised it to a certain level of development.

Mr Robertson (Govt., Masterton) said that Opposition speakers had asked for safeguards for landowners, but what about safeguards for soldier settlers? The purpose of the Bill would be to take away the right of freehold and deny the right of appeal to the highest court in the land.

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Mr H. G. Dickie (Nat., Patea) suggested that some of the criticism was sound, they should postpone the legislation to give an opportunity of preparing a new measure.

He then moved an amendment that the Bill be referred back to the Government for further consideration for the following reasons: (1) That the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act provides all the powers necessary for the acquisition of land for discharged soldiers;

(2) That if additional powers are added those powers should be taken under an amendment to the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act; (3) That the Small Farms Act was introduced primarily to provide small holdings and economic work for men;

(4) That the Bill empowers the Government to confiscate land without payment of adequate compensation; (5) That certain lands were granted to returned soldiers under the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act in consideration of special war services rendered to New Zealand and should therefore be excluded from the provisions of the Bill;

(6) That the Bill confers upon the Minister dictatorial rights and his decisions should be subject to review by a court of competent jurisdiction; (7) That the special court the Minister proposes to set up will always be subject to Ministerial control;

STRONG PROTEST ANOTHER SECRET SESSION IS PROMISED

Prime Minister's Reply To An Urgent Request By Mr J. A. Lee

By Telegraph-Press Association PARLIAMENT BLDGS., Nov. 27.

The question of another secret sitting of the House before the present session ends was raised by Mr J. A. Lee (Dem. Lab., Grey Lynn) in an urgent question to the Prime Minister when the House met at 2.30 to-day.

Mr Lee asked the Prime Minister if he would make a statement on the Dominion's war position before the House rose for 1940, and if required subsequently, whether an opportunity would be given members for a discussion of the war situation in general, and the Dominion's war effort in particular.

Mr Fraser, in reply, said that if the House expressed a general wish for a discussion on the war situation and the Dominion's war effort he would be pleased to arrange for such a discussion, probably in a secret session.

Mr Fraser added that he thought it only right that members should have the fullest information available on the war situation, and he suggested that a secret sitting should be held as the business of the present session at the end of next week—perhaps to-morrow (Thursday) week.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr S. G. Holland) said as long as we have ample time for discussion we will not be satisfied. Mr Fraser: Yes. There will be ample time.

Mr H. S. S. Kyle (Nat., Riccarton) gave notice to ask the Postmaster-General if he would arrange that men on active service with naval units should receive the same cablegram facilities as those who had gone overseas with the other services.

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ADVENTURE ON TROOPSHIP INQUIRY INTO MERCER RAILWAY ACCIDENT

Comparison Of Average Running And Speed At Time Of Fatality

By Telegraph-Press Association AUCKLAND, Nov. 27.

In the course of the inquiry into the derailment of the Limited express at Mercer on October 28, a detailed table was produced to-day by the assistant engineer on the staff of the district engineer at Auckland (Charles Henry McLeod Hawke).

This table showed comparison between the speed and the running times between station and station on the run from Frankton to Mercer and those of the derailed Limited express.

"It will be seen," said Mr Hawke, "that the speed of train No. 688 (the derailed express) was kept within reasonable limits as far as Ngauruhia. From there, however, the speed was generally considerably increased and the average speed attained a maximum of 61 1/2 miles an hour between Huntly and Ohineval. Thence to the point of derailment, though the actual average speed dropped, it was maintained at a much higher figure than the average speeds calculated from the minimum running times.

Above the Average "Allowing a maximum speed of 50 miles per hour, with adjustments for curves and grades as well as for the schedule, the temporary speed restrictions in force on October 28 over the whole run from Ngauruhia to the point of derailment, the actual average speed maintained by No. 688 on October 28 has been worked out and found to be much higher than the corresponding average speed of trains over this stretch of line calculated on the 50 miles an hour basis allowed by the schedule.

An engine-driver of just over 30 years' service, Thomas John Ching, said he had driven the Limited express and knew the time-table was "tight" between Frankton and Paerata, which is on the Auckland side of Mercer. That was generally understood and about the depot one heard now and again discussions about it.

A driver talking over would know what he would have to "keep at it" to maintain the schedule. It was a fight against time all along. Ian Graham, a porter stationed at Huntly, said that when the north-bound Limited travelled through Huntly that morning he remarked to the ganger Wallis: "That's Mr. Cubbin. One of these days he will kill himself."

When going over the points at the station the train swayed a bit. Though travelling faster than usual it was not a great deal faster, as all expresses travelled through rapidly. What caused him to say "One day he will kill himself" was the fact that there were bends on the line and facing points. His remark did not relate specifically to the driver McCubbin but to drivers of the Limited as a class.

"Faster Than Usual" George Paterson, a surfaceman stationed at Huntly, said he thought the train was travelling faster than usual through Huntly. He had known McCubbin well, but apart from the apparently excessive speed of the Limited on that day, he had no personal knowledge of McCubbin travelling at a greater than normal speed.

The hearing was adjourned.

Representations are to be made to the Government by the New Zealand Manufacturers' Federation requesting the cessation of proceedings in the Arbitration Court and Conciliation Council for the duration of the war or, alternatively, for a period of at least 12 months.

The matter was raised in a remit sponsored by Mr J. Hogg, Dunedin, at the conclusion of the Manufacturers' conference at Hammer Springs to-day.

Economic Waste Mr Hogg said there was a good deal of economic waste in the holding of all such proceedings. The absence of employers and of workers from essential work and the cost of the actual proceedings were impeding war production. The Minister of Supply (Mr D. G. Sullivan) had appealed for the widest production and manufacturers were willing and anxious to get on with the job. The Government had appealed for a cessation in the rise of costs. The workers had the last word a few months ago when they received a general increase in wages of 5 per cent.

"Arguments and Bickering" "I can hardly credit," Mr Hogg added, "that at a time when the whole Empire is at war we should have to have arguments and bickering over the Conciliation Table."

Mr H. L. Longbottom, Dunedin, who seconded the proposal, said it did not affect the power to impose a general wage increase at six-monthly intervals. The proposal was designed merely to obviate the dragging of separate industries before the Arbitration Court or Conciliation Council for the hearing of disputes which a higher sense of patriotism could well leave in abeyance until the major job of winning the war was completed.

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A GRAVE SOCIAL PROBLEM COMMENT BY CHIEF JUSTICE

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By Telegraph-Press Association WELLINGTON, Nov. 27.

Comment that the conduct of police investigations called for a strict inquiry by a tribunal of competent men versed in the processes of justice in criminal cases was made by the Chief Justice (Sir Michael Myers) in the Supreme Court before passing sentence on a young woman who pleaded guilty to permitting the unlawful use of an instrument and attempting to conceal a birth.

His Honour referred to the fact that the prisoner had been subjected to a five-hour examination by the police without being given the customary warning prescribed by law. He ventured to say that when the law is over, one of the most serious problems which legislators and thinking persons would have to solve was the problem of interference with the birth of children and the slaughter of children prior to birth.

Explanation Offered It was explained that the statement was obtained from the accused with the object of obtaining evidence against an abortionist who was not known at the time. The judge said that if she had been promised by word of mouth that she would not be prosecuted, where it was suspected that there had been a professional abortionist, the practice would be to let the woman know that she would not be prosecuted if she gave the information, and it was not customary to prosecute.

He asked counsel if he had asked the woman if any promise were made. Counsel's Statement Counsel (Mr A. T. Young) said that he had asked under what circumstances the statement was taken. The prisoner was told all along that she had nothing to worry about, and if she told the truth she would come to no harm. Apparently she was worried about the young man in the case, and they told her that it would be all right.

The judge said that he had pointed out over and over again some times in court and sometimes by sending for the Crown Prosecutor, that the procedure was wrong. He had directed that the matter be brought before the authorities.

Prisoner Not Warned Emphasizing that the case called for the strictest inquiry, his Honour said it was perfectly plain that at no time was the prisoner warned. "This whole matter was the subject of considerable attention by the Royal Commission in England," he said. "Whatever rules are laid down they must operate with due regard for the interests of justice, and the interests of justice do not necessarily lie in securing convictions."

"Justice is not a 'Car of Juggernaut' which is intended to mangle everybody who comes within its ambit," he addressing the prisoner, his Honour said that he had consulted with two other Judges, and proposed with very great hesitation to grant probation.

The judge said that the problem must be attacked and solved if the nation was to survive the difficulties and perils of the future.

Modern Conditions "I would like to add that the problem cannot be solved by an extension of the continuance of the conditions whereby people, whether by preference or by compulsion, live in flats, flatlets or rooms in apartment houses," he said. "It is a question of the seriousness of the situation that I feel some diffidence and hesitation in granting probation, but first of all I would regard it as unfortunate if you were to be made the victim of, shall I say, present-day conditions and the unfortunate opinions of a large section of the community."

THE CONGO DECLARES WAR Belgians Intern Italian Suspects United Press Association-Copyright. (Received November 27, 6 p.m.) ELIZABETHVILLE, Nov. 26. The Governor-General of the Belgian Congo has announced that the Congo considers herself at war against Italy.

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British, Allied and neutral shipping losses in the week ending November 21-28 were 554 tons, which is slightly less than the average over the whole war, but considerably less than the average since the intensified submarine attack began at the end of May.

The Germans claim to have sunk 10,200 tons of shipping, an exaggeration of 120 per cent. It is authoritatively stated that it should not be inferred from the reduced shipping losses that Britain has overcome the menace from both submarine and air attacks, but "it is felt that we shall eventually conquer both problems."

The Norwegian vessel Touraine was lost while voyaging to Britain. All aboard were saved. The Squieria Campos, carrying war materials bought in Germany for the Brazilian Army, has been detained at Gibraltar.

RENEWABLE LEASE PREFERRED Ex-Soldier Farmers R.S.A. COMMENTS ON BILL By Telegraph-Press Association. WELLINGTON, Nov. 27.

The New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association, after a conference, submitted a number of resolutions to the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) and Ministers of the Cabinet last Saturday morning in reference to the Small Farms Amendment Bill, which is supposed to constitute the provisions of land settlement for soldiers.

One remit stated that the provision in the Bill for taking land was a distinct departure from previous legislation, and in its present form was an infringement of the liberties at present enjoyed by the people. The R.S.A. recommended the provision of the Lands for Settlement Act 1925 for the acquisition of and compensation for lands when acquiring them for soldier settlement.

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Civic Honour For Soldiers

HASTINGS GATHERING Men Returning To Camp This Week

MAYOR'S INVITATION

Men of the fighting services now on leave will be accorded civic honour at Hastings this afternoon when they will be tendered a complimentary afternoon tea at the Hawke's Bay Farmers' tea-rooms, beginning at three o'clock.

Hastings citizens will be given a second opportunity to pay a tribute to the men when they leave the Hawke's Bay Farmers' tea-rooms, beginning at three o'clock.

"I appeal to the people of Hastings to show their appreciation of the men offering their services by attending either one or both these gatherings," said the Mayor (Mr. G. A. Maddison) yesterday when announcing that arrangements had been made for the afternoon tea to be presented to the men at the afternoon-tea.

Addresses Not Available Mr Maddison pointed out that the Hastings Zone Patriotic Committee had no list of addresses or any knowledge as to how many men would be on leave, and consequently it was unable to send a personal invitation to each man.

For the send-off to the men at the railway station, it has been ascertained that the main body of men will leave for Trentham by special train on Saturday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, and the Hastings Citizens' Band and the R.S.A. will be in attendance.

To-morrow the first detachment of men will leave by the morning express for Papanui, and others will leave by the night train on Saturday morning for Burnham. The public are invited to attend all these send-offs.

Presentation At Eskdale

Bright Social Evening Held

A number of soldiers from the Eskdale and Bay View districts were guests of honour at a gathering organised by the Eskvale Farewell Committee and held in the Eskdale Hall.

There was a large attendance of the public, and a pleasant evening was spent in dancing to music supplied by the Buff's orchestra. Extras were given by Mr and Mrs L. A. Nicholls and Messrs Bryson and Mandy, vocal solos by Mrs Spackman and elocutionary items by Mrs R. Williams and Miss Lewis.

The soldiers were Lieut. R. Holt and Privates A. Malcolm, J. Malcolm and A. Nicholls. All received silver propelling pencils suitably engraved, from the committee and gift parcels from the provincial patriotic council.

In making the presentations Mr C. C. Smith, chairman of the Hawke's Bay County Council, wished the men the best of luck for the future. Other speakers were Mr F. Clark and the Rev. W. Cameron, and on behalf of the recipients Lieut. Holt thanked the donors of the gifts.

Presentations were also made recently to Privates A. Malcolm and J. Tains prior to their return to camp.

VIEWED AS SERIOUS OFFENCE

Theft Of Petrol

CASE HEARD AT NAPIER

Term Of Imprisonment

"I have always enjoyed the freedom of democracy and with Nazi aggression as it is I feel that I could be of real service to my country," said Alfred Benedict Augustine Nixon when he appeared before Mr J. Miller, S.M., in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of stealing four gallons of petrol.

CARRIERS ASK FARMERS TO BEAR HIGHER COSTS

Authority Warns Operators To Expect A Decline In Profits

The carriers, along with other sections of the community, must accept some sacrifices in revenue during the war as stressed by the No. 2 district transport licensing authority (Mr J. P. Skoglund) when he reviewed the Northern Hawke's Bay district tariff schedule at Hastings yesterday.

The carriers could look forward to some increase, said Mr Skoglund, but he warned them that it probably would not be as great as they might expect. He said that he would give his decision early next week.

Appearing for the New Zealand Transport Alliance, Mr C. J. Wilkie said that the bulk of work offered in area transport was carried out from November to May, and from then onwards a very sharp decline in revenue became evident. Despite this, staffs must be retained and overhead charges continued.

It must also be considered that before 1939 lams killed to connect with the Christmas ships for the Home market averaged out at approximately 10 per cent. Following Government control of the purchase of meat for export and the present system of paying a flat rate over the season, the majority of carriers have been concentrating on fattening their lambs to a maximum extent.

This, combined with the fact that the seasons had been favourable, had resulted in a considerable increase in the weight of each lamb with a consequent loss of loading capacity to the carrier. Lambs this year were averaging 35lb, dead weight, and assuming the weight to be the same, it would readily be seen that the loss in revenue for each load was considerable.

Back-Loading The lack of opportunity for back-loading, also played a part in maintaining the cost for each ton-mile of an area service at a higher level than that of a route service, continued Mr Wilkie. It had been suggested by the carriers that the responsibility for obtaining back-loading should rest with the carrier and, while this was admitted up to a point, it should be borne in mind that unless a carrier was given some notice of his services being needed, very little scope existed for two-way loading.

"We are convinced that were the users to notify their carrier on the day before his services were needed, a stimulus to back-loading would result," stated Mr Wilkie. "While the immediate benefit to the farmer might be somewhat intangible, such action would be reflected in the balance-sheets of the operators as a whole and would make possible a reduction in costs."

It has always been the aim of carriers in this district to give a maximum of service at a minimum of cost, but unfortunately any collective action along these lines has given rise to suspicion on the part of the users," said Mr Wilkie. "In an attempt to reorganise within the industry, groups have been set up in various districts in this area.

"While some have merged their interests, others have absorbed less successful competitors and thereby assisted in the general effort," continued Mr Wilkie. "This does not denote a certain buoyancy within the industry as alleged by the users, but rather does it suggest a lack of faith in the future of transport on the part of those who have relinquished their businesses."

Mr Skoglund concluded by making an appeal for operators and users to work together to bring about a general reduction in transport costs.

Nothing had been placed before him to show that transport costs had increased, said Mr Skoglund. Actually, transport costs had increased in the carrying industry since 1938. The carriers' tariff for their tariff be increased to meet this, and the users had put forward a strong objection.

"In some very strong reasons for the users to show why the tariff should not be increased," said Mr Skoglund. "I do not see why one section of industry should be called on to meet all the increased costs, while another part of industry escapes."

"As far as I can see at present there will be an increase," continued Mr Skoglund. "It may not be as much as the carriers ask, but there will be an increase."

The Proper Method The president of the Hawke's Bay branch of the Sheepowners' Federation (Mr F. N. H. Beamish), with whom was associated the secretary (Mr Bruce Kelly) said that, while he admitted that costs had increased in the carrying industry, they doubted whether this was the proper method of dealing with the rising costs.

Mr Skoglund: "It is a very difficult question. Statements put forward by the operators the question of profits has been mentioned," said Mr Beamish. "I am quite sure that they remember that there is a war on, and that the enemy is at the gate. We must all put up with a loss. I feel quite sure that they realise that profits cannot be maintained."

"This Good Old Game" "When is this good old game of passing on the costs to the land going to finish," continued Mr Beamish. "The only way it could be done is to ask the Imperial Government to pay more for our produce, but we haven't come to that yet. The people of England are putting up with quite enough without paying more. It is for us to put our own house in order."

"In effect, the carrying industry is formally inviting the farming industry to pay the bill," said Mr Beamish. "We will not do it. If we do not receive the invitation with any great enthusiasm. It is quite true that a few of these increases are not due to an act of God; we must all put up with a loss. I feel quite sure that they realise that profits cannot be maintained."

Line of Least Resistance "We think that the carrying industry is taking the line of least resistance, that of coming to you and forcing the law to make us pay," said Mr Beamish to Mr Skoglund. "We do not think that this is right. Why should the price of benzene be revised, if that is one of the factors why the industry cannot stand on its own legs?"

"The Court has seen fit to award a rise in wages, but if in so doing it has imposed costs which the carrying industry cannot bear, is it right for those to be passed on to the farms?"

ONCE PURSUED A MURDERER

ADVENTUROUS LIFE ENDED MR J. T. BLAKE

Well Known To Maori And Pakeha

Ten days after the death of his wife, the death occurred on Tuesday afternoon of Mr John Thomas Blake, Alexandra Crescent, Hastings, at the age of 87. Known to the Maoris as Honi Peraki, Mr Blake enjoyed the highest respect of both Maori and pakeha.

His father was William Farley Blake, who arrived in Auckland in 1838. He was a sawmillier and surveyor by occupation and at one time was a member of the Auckland Provincial Council. Mr J. T. Blake was his youngest son. He was educated by the Franciscan Fathers and had the distinction of being their last living pupil. The Franciscan Order has just returned to New Zealand after an absence of 70 years.

Mr Blake followed the occupation of surveyor and laid out the Normanby settlement in Taranaki for the Government. He also surveyed a large part of the Taupo country.

Chased a Murderer One of his exploits in his younger days was the pursuit of the murderer Hiroki. Mr Blake chased him through the bush for three weeks and headed him back to Parihaka, where he was arrested and hanged. Mr Blake was publicly thanked for his services, but the hardships of the chase left his health seriously impaired for several years. He served in the Maori war and was a Turaturamoki, where only six men came out unscathed.

An Excellent Shot Mr Blake was one of the first members of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles, one of the finest corps of its kind in the Dominion, and he continued his interest in the

volunteer movement generally. He was an excellent shot, and was a member of several successful teams at New Zealand district meetings.

A great sportsman in his early days he took an active part in Rugby, boxing and all healthy outdoor pastimes. He was the father of the well-known Blake brothers prominent in various sports in inter-provincial and international Rugby. In addition to being a fearless rider on a buckjumper, he was a successful amateur rider on the flat and over the country.

Maori Interpreter After his marriage to a Miss Wilkey of Auckland, Mr Blake settled in the Taupo district and came to Hawke's Bay in the late eighties. For some years he acted as interpreter in the Native Land Court. He acquired property in Hastings and was a member of the Hastings and Napier Harbour Board. As Commissioner on the Rivers Control he did useful work. He was a keen sportsman and owned some good horses, including Dapne, Tally Ho and Great Britain.

The late Mr Blake's family consisted of five sons and three daughters. Phillip, the eldest son, was killed on Gallipoli, and of the others, William, Morris and John reside in Hawke's Bay. Rowland lives in Invercargill. The surviving daughters are Mrs S. J. Reid and Mrs C. Scott, Hastings. The other was the late Mrs W. Hislop.

Very general regret will be felt at the passing of Mr Blake. He was a man of strict integrity and of a kindly and genial disposition. The funeral will take place to-day after a service in the Catholic Church at 2 p.m.

A NOVEL HAWAIIAN PRESENTATION "Hawaii Sings" Coming To Hawke's Bay

A programme entirely apart from those usually presented on the stage will be presented by the "Hawaii Sings" company at the Municipal Theatres in Napier, Hastings and Waipukurau next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Characteristic numbers of Hawaii by talented performers of that island constitute a novel offering and complete a most pleasing attraction. In native dances, songs and selections on the electric steel guitar, the members of the company succeed in presenting an entertainment which has met with much approval throughout the tour.

The programme is admirably varied and includes several items of a highly diverting character, including burlesques and comedy sketches. Leading in charm and artistic ability is Momi Kaikoku, a brilliant hula dancer and gifted singer. Among the supporting artists are Aililua Lincoln, Dan Kaeka and Johnson Aha, a versatile trio whose ability to entertain is only equalled by their enthusiasm of their efforts. The company carries its own scenic and lighting effects, and these are said to be superb.

Usual booking arrangements will prevail.

SCHOOLS' CRICKET AT NAPIER

After the first innings of the annual match between the Napier and Hastings High Schools, which began at the Napier Boys' High School yesterday, Napier holds a lead of 11 runs. The top scorers for Napier were Dunn 52, Surgenor 41 not out, and Colbert 26. The team were all out for 162.

Bowling for Hastings, Liley took five wickets for 33 runs, Rowe two for 22 and Davis two for 46. Hastings in their first innings made 151, of which Perrin contributed 42 not out, Rowe 35, and Taylor 17.

Seven wickets fell to Martin for a total of 38 runs, and Colbert took two for 33.

Athletic Sports To-night

NAPIER MEETING Good Entries In All Events

HANDICAPS DECLARED

Good entries have been received for the Napier Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club's meeting at McLean Park, which will begin at 6.45 p.m.

Handicaps are as follows:—Two laps, cycling.—First heat: R. Atwood scr., W. Williams scr., G. Hunt 40, G. Symes 50, T. Newrick 60, McEwen 60, R. Miller 70, I. McErney 110. Second heat: S. Hunt scr., E. Manning 20, Williams 30, M. A. J. Hunt 90, O'Riley 50, E. Montapert 120, P. Gleeson 100, G. West 120.

Two miles, cycling.—First heat: R. Atwood scr., W. Williams scr., G. Hunt 80, G. Symes 120, T. Newrick 145, B. McEwen 145, R. Miller 180, I. McErney 260. Second heat: S. Hunt scr., E. Manning 40, Williams 30, M. A. J. Hunt 220, B. O'Riley 150, E. Montapert 300, P. Gleeson 260, G. G. West 300.

120 yards men.—P. Sharpley 11 R. Phillips 13, P. Burgess 5, S. L. Phillips 63, O. Banks 64, V. McCutcheon 101, K. Orman 14, D. Tweedie 15. 300 yards men.—R. Phillips 10, P. Sharpley 12, P. Burgess 20, O. Banks 22, V. McCutcheon 26, K. Orman 34, D. Edmondson 30.

Women's 75 yards and 120 yards.—J. Elliott 44, T. L. Climo 7, 101; J. Greaney 9, 13, B. Matthews 93, 141; J. Gibson 10, 144; E. Franklin 10, 153; J. Medcalf 11, 16; J. Uren 113, 173; B. Berry 113, 17; L. Luxton 7. * See handicapper.

Milk Supply In Napier

Views Of Mayor

Question Of Bottling Discussed

NO CONDEMNATION

Referring to the question of the Napier Municipal milk supply, the Mayor (Mr T. W. Hercock) in an interview yesterday, amplified a statement made at the Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, a report of which appeared in yesterday's "Daily Mail."

Mr Hercock said he would like to stress the point that his remarks on the subject of bottled milk were not to be interpreted as implying a condemnation of such milk. The council's inspector had not made an analysis of the bottled milk in the case which he (Mr Hercock) had quoted, because the seals of the bottles received had already been broken.

"However," said Mr Hercock, "there is no reason for any suspicion with regard to 'sealed' milk as sealed milk. As far as that goes, milk might be sealed in cans or bottles as well as in bottles."

"In conclusion," said the Mayor, "I might add that I myself use bottled milk."

NAPIER MILK SUPPLY

With reference to the remark made by the Mayor (Mr T. W. Hercock) at the Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, that "one medical man of his acquaintance who used bottled milk is declared that it was not fit for human consumption," I wish to state that I have interviewed the doctor concerned and that he denies having made such a statement.

(Signed) J. K. ALLEN, Manager, Napier Milk Supplies Ltd.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET AT HASTINGS

Draw For Games In All Grades

The following competitions in which Hastings Cricket Sub-Association teams are engaged will be played on Saturday:—Senior grade.—Hastings v. Technical Old Boys, Cornwall Park No. 3; Hastings H.S.O.B. v. Rugby, Cornwall Park No. 2; United v. Napier H.S.O.B., Napier. Reserve grade.—Whakatu-Mahora v. Midland, Cornwall Park No. 1; Fruitworkers v. Rugby, Nelson Park No. 1. Junior A grade.—Havelock v. Whakatu-Mahora, Havelock Domain; High School v. Hastings, Whakatu No. 1; Hastings H.S.O.B. v. Midland, Nelson Park No. 2. Junior B grade (the sequence of matches have been altered in this grade to permit the two school teams meeting in the fifth series of the second round).—Bantist v. High School A, Cornwall Park No. 4; Rugby v. Midland, Nelson Park No. 3; High School B v. Celtic, School No. 2. The first-mentioned teams in each instance will supply gear.

Napier junior games are as follows:—High School B v. T.O.B., No. 4 Nelson Park, Napier. Umpires Messrs Martin and another. H.S.O.B. v. Gas Co., No. 3 Nelson Park, Napier. Umpires Messrs Martiott and Girling. High School A v. United, No. 5 Nelson Park, Napier. Umpires Messrs McKennie and another. Leading in team, No. 2 Nelson Park, Napier. Umpires Messrs Wilson and Kauter. The first-named team in each case is to supply gear. Wairarapa Matches Hawke's Bay senior and junior selectors will complete their teams to play against Wairarapa at Masterton during the Christmas holidays on Saturday, and all players available are requested to advise the association or the selectors immediately.

RADIO APPEAL PROVES OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Hawke's Bay Patriotic Funds Benefit By More Than £3000

Hawke's Bay's first telephone radio appeal, held last night from station 2YH, proved an even greater success than the organisers had imagined, and when the station signed off at 11.40 p.m. the provincial patriotic fund had benefited to the extent of some £3183.

Although a busy band of voluntary workers had installed themselves before a battery of telephones at the Napier studios of the station, they probably did not anticipate the tremendous evening that lay before them.

Even before 8 o'clock, when the first announcements were made, the telephones were jangling in chorus. Some large donations, including one or two of £100, set the ball rolling, and the total soon mounted merrily. In view of the overwhelming public response, it was remarkable that the organisation ran so smoothly. Donations were grouped in districts and "put over" in orderly fashion by a squad of announcers, and there were no serious hitches in the proceedings.

As an interlude in the running fire of speech, vocal items were given by the Hastings Male Voice Choir, and at 9 o'clock there was a break of half an hour during which the N.B.S. Newsreel was re-broadcast.

The Lighter Side However, errors were few, and the announcers became so "warmed up" to their task that they overlapped each other in their eagerness, with somewhat confusing effects on the listeners. Another speaker who found difficulty in deciphering the writing before him muttered vague imprecations on the overworked telephone attendants, who were fortunately not within earshot.

A listener in Northern Hawke's Bay who telephoned a £2 donation on behalf of each of his two children was surprised to hear the gift announced as "£20 each," while a Hastings Hawke's Bay resident telephoned the information that his donation had been £2, and not £10 as announced. He thoughtfully added that it would not be necessary to broadcast the correction.

However, errors were few, and the appeal proceeded in heartening fashion. The children of the community rallied round, and a large proportion of the donations were received from them, particularly in the early part of the evening.

"Auction" Sales Some unusual gifts were donated for sale by radio auction. More than one gold sovereign was disposed of in this way, and there was a keen demand for a gift of five gallons of petrol, donated by a farmer in the Havelock North district.

When the final result was announced the Central Hawke's Bay district topped the list. In this area the interest appeared to be heightened by the fact that the donations were credited to one or other of the candidates in the Queen Carnival which is now in full swing. Large numbers of the station staff, including £10, were the rule in this district.

The various totals were as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount (£ s. d.)

A good share of the credit for the success of the appeal is due to Mr F. W. Browne, chairman of the Napier Patriotic Appeal Committee, who was responsible for much of the organisation. Full co-operation was afforded by the station staff, under the director, Mr F. D. J. Crowle, and a large number of helpers.

WISHES FOR FLOFF AND POPOFF

A message from Berlin published the other day said: "The Rome radio stated that the Bulgarian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Floff and Popoff, are going to Berlin on Monday."

The above message has caused a correspondent in a northern newspaper to burst into song, and the following are his verses:

Bulgarian Ministers Floff and Popoff on Monday will fly to Berlin To meet Adolf Hitler, Great Britain's belittler, And help with the Axial sin. Although it sounds vulgar our hope is that the Axis will be a flop. Because of our own kin and kin, Is Floff will flop off or flip off or drop off.

The "plane" ere it reaches Berlin. "Home sweet Home!" Make up the fire and throw log or two on it, with a bright little kettle singing merrily on the hob. On the small table set out the Scotch, the lemon, loaf sugar and sundries. Draw your easiest easy chair up to the blaze, light your pipe or cigarette, lean well back, open your book—and you're in for a good time even if you are 'all on your lonesome.' What should you load your pipe with, or make your cigarette of? Well for the pipe there's nothing like Cut Plug No. 10 (Bulls-head). But if you like something milder there's Navy Cut No. 3 (Bull's-head) or Cavendish (the sweetening mixture). Should you prefer cigarettes, roll your own with River-hedge Gold, or Desert Gold. You can't get anything so good if you pay double the money for it. The five brands of this splendid tobacco contain so little nicotine (being toasted), that you can smoke them for hours without burning your tongue or irritating your throat. There's no "bite" in toasted!

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Farmers Giving Fat Lambs

HASTINGS APPEAL Primary Producers' Contribution

PATRIOTIC FUNDS

Arrangements have been completed in connection with fat lamb donations for the £1,000,000 Appeal. A number of primary producers have signified their intention to donate 1 per cent. of their fat lambs to the patriotic funds, and in some instances have had the proceeds earmarked for comforts for the Navy.

It is hoped that most of the farmers in this district will support this effort, and at the time of picking instruct their fat-lamb picker to see that their wishes in this respect are carried out.

Both freezing works have arranged to pay the proceeds of any lambs donated to the funds of the patriotic zone committee concerned, and all moneys received will be acknowledged.

Amounts received to date are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount (£ s. d.)

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the previous list of donors to the recent cattle drive: Laurie Low, G. H. Low, Neil Atwood, D. G. Doole, W. Aitchison, R. Mohi, Mrs Te Whatinini, B. August, Stephen Menzies and Percival Estate.

NEW DONATIONS Contributions to the central fund of the Hastings campaign on behalf of the £1,000,000 Patriotic Appeal continue to come to hand, and the £6000 mark is being approached. The latest acknowledgments are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount (£ s. d.)

Previously acknowledged £ s. d. Gold and silver collection 30 0 0 Casino (Saturday night) 113 18 0 Carnival Committee 1118 17 6 Hereaunua Bowling Club 4 13 0 Duffe Ctee. (additional) 4 0 0 Danes Committee (2nd payment) 174 19 0 Sports £12 Art Union (balance) 52 10 0 M. W. Stewart (per A. M. & P. Society) 1 7 0 Staff Appeal (2nd batch) 23 17 2 Total £5901 7 10

The following are the staff donations acknowledged above, being the second list submitted by the committee conducting the staffs' campaign: Williams and Kettle (progress) £3 10/5, Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-op. (raffle of cake) £5/7/6, Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-op. (further donation) 10/5, Fibbert and Gifford 10/5, General Finance Co. 10/5, Union Bank of Australia £3/9/5, National Bank of New Zealand £1/6/6, H. Abbott £1 3/9, de Pellichet, McLeod and Co. Ltd. £7/10/5; total, £23/17/2.

Contributions may be made direct to the Town Clerk (Mr Noel C. Harding) at the borough offices, to P.O. Box 218, Hastings, or at the "Dig-out" at the railway crossing.

Those holding staff contribution cards are requested to return them as soon as possible to the secretary of this executive, Mr Bruce Cowan, McCulloch, Butler and Spence, Hastings.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Hastings swimming clubs have arranged a combined swimming carnival in aid of the £1,000,000 patriotic appeal to be held at the Hastings Water Baths next Saturday afternoon. A varied programme to cater for all classes of swimmers is being provided, and teams will represent the various clubs in relay events.

Novelty events will provide a lighter side to the carnival, and all who attend are assured of a splendid afternoon's entertainment. Interested competitors are requested to approach the honorary secretary, Mr L. Grant, 903 Wall Street.

UNIFORM PETROL PRICE

"If there were a uniform petrol price the country districts would benefit," said the No. 2 Licensing Authority (Mr J. P. Skoglund) sitting at Hastings yesterday. "If the price were uniform, transport costs would be cheaper."

For some time he had been striving for a uniform price throughout New Zealand, said Mr Skoglund. Illustrating the unfairness of the system, Mr Skoglund said that when he was making representations the price at Wellington was 2/6 a gallon and at Ruatoria it was 3/3.

Memoranda A gathering in honour of members of the Fourth Reinforcement will be held in the Napier Municipal Theatre this evening. A bright musical programme has been arranged, and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Numerous soldiers, residents of Taradale and Greenmeadows and at present home on leave, will be guests of honour at a presentation of the Patriotic Presentation Committee. To be taken during the evening and ladies are asked to assist in the supper by bringing a basket.

Britain Will Reject Any Suggestions (United Press Association)—Copyright. (Received November 27, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Nov. 26. In reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill said that the British Government would reject any proposal for a period of armistice to commemorate Christmas.

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Cheval de Bataille, who is closely related to Cheval de Volee, has started three times this season for two seconds and a fourth. He looked unlucky at Ellerslie on Saturday, but looks certain to be listed among the winners at an early date.

Belle Cane Is Booked For Ellerslie

OUTSTANDING FILLY

Gayest Son Should Hold His Own In Open Ranks

By "MOTUROA"

Belle Cane, winner of the Spring Plate and the New Zealand Oaks at Riccarton, is generally regarded as the best three-year-old seen at the meeting, albeit she lost the New Zealand Derby. In the blue riband classic, however, she received a very poor run.

It is reported that she was nearly brought down as the field went out of the straight and then Wiggins erred in attempting to squeeze through on the fence in the run home. The Beau Pere filly lost no caste by that defeat and interest now centres on her Great Northern Derby engagement.

It is pleasing to note that Belle Cane did well on her southern trip and her progress since her return to Wanganui suggests that she will be at her best for the Auckland summer meeting. It is the intention of her connections to contest the Railway Handicap on Boxing Day, a race that has preceded the Derby successes of Gay Blonde and Hunting Cry in the past decade.

In all probability Belle Cane will do her autumn racing in Australia. She is being raced on lease from the Sydney breeder Mr W. J. Smith and that lease expires in June, but Messrs. P. A. and T. J. O'Neill may be able to secure an extension of the term. However, this filly is such a brilliant performer that she is well worthy of nomination for such important autumn events in Australia as the Newmarket and Doncaster Handicaps and the Caulfield Futurity Stakes.

Meanwhile, the Wanganui filly should add to her laurels at the summer carnival at Ellerslie.

SHINE ON GOLDEN MOON

There are few more astute judges than the former Hastings horseman and trainer Luke Wilson, Painsstaking and Forwarding. Luke does not profess his charges often, but when he does it can be taken as read that they are attuned to show their real form and give the public a good run for their money. Wilson took a double last Saturday in the Golden Moon and All Quiet, and the former, a product of the Okawa Stud, was most impressive. Golden Moon should shine again and what beats her at Feilding should win.—"Moturoa."

White executed a similar task, and jumped safely. Recently Santa Lucia (K. Brewer) jumped two hurdles well for a novice.

Golden Moon, without being bustled, left six furlongs behind in a style yesterday, and will race on the first day at Feilding. The daughter of Silverburn is rapidly making her way.

Wenewene, also in charge of W. Bailey, was restricted to an easy five. He will be seen out on the second day at Feilding. Although eight years old he was broken in only about eight months ago. He is now in the hands of the late Mr. J. A. McLean, who by Royal Divorce from Knapsack.

Golden Moon was responsible for a smooth effort over three furlongs, without being required to make time, and he was keen to increase the pace and more stake money is not far off.

Junna worked at three quarter pace over six furlongs. Golden Moon and Junna, and Old Bill, will be stepped out at Feilding. All Quiet is on the easy list for a few days.

SEEMS MORE SOLID NOW

EARLIER in his racing career the well-bred Segra was very disappointing, but he seems to have come more solid since going into Fred McHugh's stable at Marton and he has now won three over hurdles, his last two wins in succession. Segra scored with ease on Monday at Levin and he should be in the winning account at Feilding this week-end. He was bred by the late Mr J. S. McLeod and is by Siegfried from Polly Peachum, a half-sister by Fernamor to Runymede and to My Own, the dam of Yours Truly. Segra's brother to Miracle and Lockit and a half-brother to Jenny Diver and McHeath.—"Moturoa."

he is just approaching the top of his form. Indeed, it will surprise me if the Bolton Handicap does not prove a stepping-stone to greater deeds at the summer meetings.

Gayest Son is bred from that fine Lord Quex mare La Moderne, who won the N.Z. St. Leger in record time and was unlucky in meeting that phenomenal filly Silver Scorn in the N.Z. Oaks.

PUZZLE FOR PUNTERS

RACING at this time of the year is fraught with danger for the punter bold and wise indeed is he who treads warily at meetings immediately preceding the big summer carnivals.

Not for a moment would I suggest that horses are being deliberately "held out" for the bigger prizes at Christmas and New Year. Form, however, becomes confused as the result of an influx of newcomers who did not race during the early spring fixtures. Those that have been kept up to the collar since the winter, too, are beginning to feel the effects of their hard racing and travelling.

Upsets to accepted form can usually be expected at Feilding and other meetings that lead the way to the holiday carnivals and for that reason backers would be unwise to be unduly swayed by form shown at the recent meetings.

It is possibly a safer guide to take a line through the track form of the improvers and, always on a turning track like Feilding, the scrip of smart beginners is at a premium. It is a track, too, on which the "horses for courses" rule very often obtains.

HEAVY SUM PAID IN TAXATION

Napier Park Racing Club's Meeting

The Napier Park Racing Club paid over £300 more in Government taxation on its November meeting than on the same meeting last year. Comparative figures are as follows:

1939	1940	
Totalisator tax	£ 7 2 0	£ 5 14 0
Stakes tax	15 0 0	14 4 0
Dividend tax	679 12 0	835 11 0
Amusement tax	31 3 3	34 17 4
Total	£ 1503 7 3	£ 1840 6 4

Teacony, winner of the Hokio Handicap, is a three-year-old half-brother to the Bulandshar colt who was sold for 2000gns. at the last National Yearling Sale. Eggorrah and Candico are also half-brothers.

FEILDING PROSPECTS

FRIESLAND is left as topweight in the Manchester Handicap on Saturday and this good class horse



MORADABAD has been schooling in an encouraging manner at Awapuni lately and she may make her debut as a hurdler at Woodville next week.

AWAPUNI HORSES IN GOOD ORDER

FEILDING HOPES

Etruscan Joins Knapp's Stable

(Daily Mail Special Service)

AWAPUNI, Nov. 27.

Awapuni-trained horses are in great order present for the approaching meeting and they were much in evidence last week-end at Levin where Luke Wilson led in a brace of winners in Golden Moon and All Quiet. George New (with Last Act and Don Quix), was also in the limelight, while Snow Morris produced Wings of Song in fine nick to lift the open sprint on Monday.

Fred McHugh, who recently joined the benedict, took the leading training honours with three winners: Dark Eagle, Segra and Distress Signal. The popular Martonian should add to his winning account in the next few weeks.

Mr H. H. Pharaon, owner of Old Bill and other horses in Luke Wilson's care, is at present in France. Mantle and is expected home early next month.

The only horses schooled on Monday were Moradabad and Jeanne. The former, ridden by M. Bowden, went once round, and gave a fair display. Jeanne (Miss F.)

SHINE ON GOLDEN MOON

There are few more astute judges than the former Hastings horseman and trainer Luke Wilson, Painsstaking and Forwarding. Luke does not profess his charges often, but when he does it can be taken as read that they are attuned to show their real form and give the public a good run for their money. Wilson took a double last Saturday in the Golden Moon and All Quiet, and the former, a product of the Okawa Stud, was most impressive. Golden Moon should shine again and what beats her at Feilding should win.—"Moturoa."

NEW GREYHOUND ASSOCIATION

North Island Body

HEADQUARTERS AT HASTINGS

Masterton Meeting

When the North Island Greyhound Association was formed at Masterton this week, delegates were present from Wellington, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Dannevirke, Hawke's Bay and Hastings clubs.

It was decided that the headquarters of the association be situated at Hastings, the decision being the annual conference to be held at Wanganui in January.

Provisional officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr L. B. Langvad; vice-president, Mr S. C. Drinkwater; secretary-treasurer, Mr H. Kay; executive, Messrs A. Hall (Wellington), H. E. Connop (Wanganui), H. Wall (Wairarapa), R. Croft (Dannevirke), H. Fanning (H.B. Coursing Club), F. Tierney (Hastings).

It was agreed that the Wairarapa Coursing Club be granted the right to control the North Island Coursing Cup Stake. This stake to be for 64 dogs at £4 4/- on the same lines as the New Zealand Waterloo Cup Stake. Only dogs registered with the North Island Association will be allowed to compete.

Applications for the right to control the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Championship are to be called from affiliated clubs.

at the recent Rangitikei meeting Sweet Anne showed unmistakable signs of soreness, and she is to be turned out for a few months' rest. Sandy Bay, also an inmate of E. Etruscan's stable, is to be returned to his owner Mr. A. Southey. The son of Phaleron Bay is to be gelded. Pitkarak (Cockpit-Fairy Mark) who has benefited considerably after having had a holiday of about four months, has again been put into work by Watson. Pitkarak looks as if he has done some work on his owner's property, as he is already being speeded up, and will most likely be produced at the Woodville meeting. A recent arrival in this stable is the three-year-old gelding Greek Idol by The Greek. He bears a smart appearance.

D. B. McGregor, who has been in the employ of E. Watson for some years, has passed the medical test, and will go into camp about January. McGregor is a son of "Jack" McGregor (Melbourne), who in his heyday was an accomplished hurdler and steeplechase pilot. Geo. Tattersall has also been passed as fit.

A very welcome addition to the ranks of local mentors is J. A. Nelson, who recently arrived from Foxton. He has taken over the stables in Boundary Road, where T. George had his team located some years ago. Nelson has two juveniles at present in his charge. One is Sylvia Lass, a two-year-old filly by Illumination-Rangi Red. She is a well-developed filly and her sprinting tasks to date suggest that she should gallop fast. The other is a filly of the same age, and is named Blue Lagoon, by Sporting Blood-Blue Jay. This youngster, who is built on sturdy lines, possesses a racy appearance and should be a good advertisement for the Hunting Song horse. Mrs S. Flann, who raced Southern Blood, owns Sylvia Lass and Blue Lagoon will be raced by Nelson.

MINOR PLACINGS THEIR LOT

CAPRICIOUS RETIRED TO THE STUD

AN UNLUCKY MARE

Haze's Record Was Also Remarkable

By "Moturoa"

According to southern reports the Night Raid mare Capricious is to be retired from racing and, if present intentions are adhered to, she will be mated with Defaulter next spring.

Capricious is one of the unluckiest mares of recent years and, although she is still eligible for hack racing, she was undoubtedly a class stayer. She proved this last season when she ran second to Yours Truly in the N.Z. Cup; was third to Centrepole in the Metropolitan Handicap; and was runner-up to Sparkle in the Wunedin Cup.

This season she looked unlucky in the New Zealand Cup and she may have been very hard to beat had her run been delayed. She eventually secured another £200 for third placing after the disqualification of Little Robin, and her last race was for a fourth in the Metropolitan Handicap.

Bred and raced by Mr Harold Greenwood, Capricious won three hack races as a three-year-old, since when she has not been successful but Dame Fortune would have needed only to have looked her way to have made her one of the outstanding staying mares of recent years.

Remarkable Parallel

It is a remarkable coincidence that Mr Greenwood's father, the late Mr G. D. Greenwood, of Gloaming fame, raced a stayer in the early 1920's, whose record was almost a parallel of that of Capricious. The horse I have in mind is Haze, a son of Demosthenes.

Haze was unsuccessful as a two-year-old, but the following season, without earning a winning bracket, he ran six consecutive seconds in races of some import. These included the Banks Peninsula Cup, the C.J.C. Autumn Handicap, the Seaburn Handicap and the Hawke's Bay Cup. The following term he ran two more seconds, one being in the C.J.C. Metropolitan Handicap.

His first win came as a five-year-old when he won the Trial Stakes at the C.J.C. summer meeting, and he was placed in five other races. He did not race the next season and was then sold, changing hands on several occasions. He was placed five times at seven years and then won four races as an eight-year-old, including the Westport and Kumara Cups. As well, he was eight times placed. The next season he won over hurdles at Ashburn and was twice placed.

Capricious, however, should prove a great brood mare. She has not been over-raced. A half-sister to the N.Z. Oaks winner Pride, Capricious is bred from Egotsim, who was by Demosthenes from Conceit, by Bonifort from the imported Ladass mare Lady Wayward II.

From this family have sprung good winners in Lady Montana, Royal Artist, Walton Park, and John Jaloux, a half-brother to Capricious. In fact, the family has produced several other high class distance races.

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