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Soviet Black Sea Fleet Assembled

READY IN BOSPORUS

Russian Troops Massed On Rumanian Border

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LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Domei Agency correspondent at Tokyo reports that the Soviet Black Sea fleet, consisting of two battleships, four cruisers, 30 destroyers and 24 submarines began assembling in the Bosphorus on February 7, while 2,000,000 Russian troops are massed on the Turkish and Rumanian borders.

The dispatch said that the information came from Soviet official quarters, which were predicting Spain's entry into the war.

OBLIGATIONS OF NEUTRALITY

BULGARIA IGNORES HER DUTIES

DANGER INVOLVED

May Suffer As She Did In Last War

(Received February 13, 7.30 p.m.)
RUGBY, Feb. 12.

For the first time since its delivery, Bulgarian newspapers comment on the British Prime Minister's speech and its reference to the Bulgarian situation and, although the suggestion is made that Mr Churchill desires that Bulgaria "fight the war on the side of Britain," the main emphasis is laid on Bulgaria's determination to preserve strict neutrality.

It is pointed out in London, however, that the Prime Minister never suggested that Bulgaria was called upon to take an active part in the war on the side of the democracies. Mr Churchill merely reminded Bulgaria that if she proclaimed herself neutral she should avoid actions—such as those which have brought Rumania to her present deplorable position—wholly incompatible with strict neutrality, which involves obligations as well as establishing safeguards. So far the uncertainty whether these obligations have been fulfilled has not been resolved by the Bulgarian Government.

Losses of Territory
In reminding Bulgaria of the territorial reductions which she suffered after the last war, Mr Churchill's sole purpose was to dissuade her from adopting a policy which, however immediately attractive, is certain to prove no less disastrous to-day than it did a quarter of a century ago.

LAST-MINUTE EFFORTS

TURKISH ATTEMPTS FOR PEACE

BALKAN DANGER

Four Nations Must Try To Co-operate

(Received February 14, 2.20 a.m.)
LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Associated Press Belgrade correspondent reports that informed diplomatic quarters here declare that the Turkish Government is making an eleventh-hour attempt to bring Bulgaria, Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey together in order to prevent the war spreading all over the Balkans. These nations could mass an army of 3,000,000.

AMBULANCES FOR GREECE

Gift From Britain

EIGHTEEN HANDED OVER

Generosity Of Cities

British Official Wireless
(Received February 13, 7.45 p.m.)
RUGBY, Feb. 12.

A fleet of 18 ambulances which the British Volunteer Ambulance Corps is presenting to the Greek Government for service with the Greek Army, was formally handed over to M. Simopoulos by the Duchess of Kent.

The list of donors includes the cities of Edinburgh, Manchester, Winchester and Yorkshire. The Mineworkers' Association Corps have at the moment 85 ambulances working with the British Army.

JAPANESE FLEET

CONCENTRATION OFF HAIPHONG

PURPOSE UNKNOWN

Dutch Ships Seek Neutral Waters

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SHANGHAI, Feb. 13.

A most reliable foreign source states that the Japanese battle fleet is concentrated off Haiphong, French Indo-China. Nothing is available regarding its purpose. A Manila message says that the Dutch vessel Tjitaljengka, en route to Hong Kong, returned to Manila coincident with waterfront reports that Batavia had ordered all Dutch shipping to shelter in neutral harbours and had cancelled all Dutch East Indies shipping.

OLD MASTERS FOR SALE

BERLIN'S TREASURES GO OVERSEAS

FOURTEEN PAINTINGS

Urgent Need For Foreign Exchange

British Official Wireless
(Received Feb. 13, 7.45 p.m.)
RUGBY, Feb. 12.

Hitler seems to have relinquished his role of Reich art patron in chief and to have gone into the art dealing, or double-dealing, business. He is arranging to sell in the United States 14 Old Masters—some of the gems among the smaller pictures of the Kaiser Frederick Museum, Berlin.

It appears, states the Ministry of Economic Warfare, that these pictures are already on the way via Siberia and the Pacific Ocean. They consist of three Rembrandts, three Van Dycks, and works of Botticelli, Fouquet, Vermeer of Delft, Velazquez, Raphael, Giorgione, Lippi and Domeno. Very few pictures by Fouquet and Giorgione are in existence, while the sale of three Van Dycks will leave only one important picture by either of the Van Dycks in Berlin.

It may be that Hitler intends to replenish the collections of the schools concerned from the galleries of Holland, Belgium and France.

Italians Suffer.
The picture by Lippi is of "The Nativity," which is accepted as having been painted as an altar piece in the Medici Chapel in Florence. The Italians are left with a copy.

The transaction has doubtless been occasioned by Hitler's quest for foreign exchange, of which the herrenvolk stand sorely in need. Since December, 1939, the British blockade has stopped Germany's exports, including Italian bronzes, which were essential to increase her dollar and other balances overseas.

Will America Buy
Apart from the fact that the present market value of Hitler's 14 pictures bears no relation to the catalogue value, which is estimated at £2,000,000 it may be found that Americans will not be so ready to purchase in view of the fact that the release of dollars will make available a large sum of money for the use of Nazi propaganda, espionage and sabotage in America.

In his hunt for foreign exchange (though not of Italian lire) Hitler is prepared to part with Germany's Italian treasures regardless of the sentiments of his Axis partner. It may be within the bounds of possibility, however, that Mussolini would not be heartbroken at the loss of the week-ends of paintings which are the essence of Italian genius.

Speeding-Up War Output

PLANS AT THE CAPE

Controller of Labour Appointed

WIDE POWERS GIVEN

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(Received Feb. 13, 8.25 p.m.)
LONDON, Feb. 12.

"The Times" Cape Town correspondent, says that the Government has appointed Mr Ivan Walker, at present secretary to the Labour Department, as Controller of Labour in South Africa with powers comparable with the Hon. Ernest Bevin's.

The object of the appointment is to ensure the co-ordination and mobilisation of labour and artisan resources in a big-scale speed-up in the armament industries.

SPANISH HELP SOUGHT

ITALY'S TROUBLES IN MEDITERRANEAN

BRITISH VICTORIES

Change In Balance Of Power

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(Received Feb. 13, 9.30 p.m.)
LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Spanish Chief of State (General Franco) twice conversed with Mussolini yesterday at Bordighera, Italy. The Spanish Foreign Minister (Senor Serrano Suner) was present.

Both the conversations emphasised the "identity of views of the Italian and Spanish Governments respecting European and other problems concerning both countries at the present historic moment."

The British United Press Vichy correspondent says that the changed balance of power in the Mediterranean as a result of General Sir Archibald Wavell's offensive is reported to have been the main topic of the conversations. This will also be the subject of an impending talk between Marshal Petain and General Franco and, in addition, the question of a Latin Mediterranean bloc "for joint defence, which Spain desires but which, it is understood, the Axis has twice rejected."

It is generally believed in London that the meeting was proposed by Signor Mussolini, who is seeking Spanish aid in connection with his predicament in the Mediterranean.

BRITISH FLEET MAKES A DASH INTO THE ATLANTIC

Mysterious Three-Day Mission Carried Out With Success

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LONDON, Feb. 13.

Correspondents accompanied powerful units of the Home Fleet, including battleships, on a 1000-mile dash into the North Atlantic on a special mission so secret that only three persons in the Fleet knew the object when they sailed.

The correspondents are not permitted to describe the mission beyond saying that it was completely successful. They did not sight the enemy in any form during the three days and nights at sea. Although they repeatedly overhauled ships believed to be enemy they turned out to be British auxiliary cruisers.

The crews ate and slept at action stations the whole time. The furthestmost point of the sweep was a mysterious lighthouse behind which snowclad mountains could be seen reaching to the sky.

Emergency Meeting Of War Leaders To Be Held In Sydney To-day

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SYDNEY, Feb. 13.

Following the receipt by the Commonwealth Government of certain cabled messages dealing with recent developments in the international situation the Advisory War Council, while reviewing the position at Sydney to-day, adjourned abruptly and summoned the heads of all the fighting services to meet at Sydney to-morrow. Sir Robert Brooke Popham, commander-in-chief in the Far East, who is at present in Australia, will come from Melbourne for the meeting of the War Cabinet at Sydney to-morrow morning and later will attend the meeting of the War Advisory Council.

The acting Prime Minister (the Hon. A. W. Fadden) and the Labour Party leader (Mr J. Curtin) issued a joint statement to-night in the course of which they said it was the considered opinion of the War Council that the war has moved to a new stage involving the utmost gravity.

Battle At Height Of 6000 Feet

GREEK VICTORY

Enemy Dislodged From Positions

PRISONERS TAKEN

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LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Athens night communique reports successful local fighting at an altitude of 6000ft. and the dislodging of the enemy from important positions. Some prisoners and automatics were captured. Anti-aircraft guns shot down three Italian planes.

An earlier communique states that good weather has assisted the Greek air operations, adding: "We bombed enemy positions behind the lines, inflicting considerable losses. The Italians have lost 23 planes in three days."

GREEKS DEALT FIRST BLOW

Wavell's Message Of Congratulation

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ATHENS, Feb. 12.

General Sir Archibald Wavell, in a message to General Vradyni, said: "The Greek successes have not only a local effect. We readily recognise that our valiant Greek Allies, by their fine victories in Albania, were the first to deal Italy a terrible blow. Their successes are influencing the outcome of the war."

PETROL NEEDED FOR TROOPS

PAPAKURA LEAVE QUESTION

STRONG PROTEST

Opposition Leader's Letter

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Feb. 13.

Pointing out that the train services did not permit men in camp at Papakura to go to many places some distance out from Auckland and return before their leave expired the Leader of the Opposition (Mr S. G. Holland) in a letter addressed to the Minister of Transport (the Hon. R. Semple) asked that facilities for road travel should be granted the men.

"The men in training for overseas," he stated, "are surely entitled to better treatment than your representative has given them. I strongly urge you to immediately instruct the Licensing Authority to grant the necessary licences so that buses which are readily available can continue to run from Papakura at the week-ends."

"This would enable the soldiers to take full advantage of all the leave that is due to them."

PROVISION TO BE MADE

Statement By Prime Minister

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Feb. 13.

Complaints about road transport facilities made by soldiers at Papakura military camp were the subject of comment by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) to-night. The Minister of Transport, said Mr Fraser, had this matter in hand with a view to making ample provision for the soldiers' needs.

Dictatorship Of Peace

WILLKIE'S AIM

Britain's Need Of Equipment

DELIVERY URGED

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(Received February 13, 9.50 p.m.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 12.

Mr Wendell Willkie, addressing a Republican Lincoln Day dinner said: "If we become merely a party to negotiation we will pass. I challenge you to a higher fate than compromise, negotiation and death. If we give those fighting men in Britain the equipment to win we can make democracy an expanding doctrine. We can be dictators who will determine that there shall be peace where all men can live under freedom."

Need For Destroyers

Commenting at New York on the statement of the Secretary of the Navy (Colonel Knox) that the United States could not spare more destroyers for Britain, Mr Wendell Willkie said: "I am surprised. Information given me by high authorities in the Government after my testimony yesterday confirmed my view that we were in a position, without injury to our navy, to give Britain immediate effective assistance by furnishing her additional destroyers."

It is noteworthy that the only high member of the Government Mr Willkie met after his testimony was Mr Roosevelt.

INDIAN SUCCESSES IN AFRICA

Mountain Warfare

FRONTIER TROOPS IN ACTION

(United Press Association—Copyright.)
(Received February 13, 8.55 p.m.)
LONDON, Feb. 12.

In the successful operations in the Western Desert it is known that Indian troops are distinguishing themselves by their fighting capacity and the devotion they show to their duties.

Indian Frontier Force regiments also fought throughout the battle that resulted in the occupation of Barentu, Eritrea. Many of these troops are used to mountainous country and their knowledge of this form of warfare has proved of great value.

WAR ON NEW FRONT WOULD NOT HELP HITLER

Britain Well Prepared For Dangerous Moves By Japan

(British Official Wireless.)
(Received February 13, 7.30 p.m.)
RUGBY, Feb. 12.

Discussing Japanese aspirations, the "Daily Telegraph" interprets the Bill giving the Japanese Navy the power to direct all shipping in time of war as the formulation of one more of the familiar threats of the Foreign Minister (Mr Matsuoka) towards British and American interests.

"The Times" after remarking that the Japanese war against China is far from finished, finds it "hardly credible that responsible statesmen would be so infatuated as to believe that the ill success of one war can be retrieved by starting another."

"There is no doubt," continued

"The Times," that in turning their attention to that area of the Pacific where French, Dutch and British interests are predominant, the Japanese are playing the German game at the bidding of Berlin. It would, of course, suit Germany very well to see British and Dutch resources being expended now in a struggle in the Far East. It is apparent that Hitler's strategy is to get Britain to spread her war effort over many different theatres while massing her own strength for a blow at Britain. The tricks of Hitler's strategy are known and Britain everywhere is well prepared.

The "Daily Telegraph" comments: "It is assuredly one of Hitler's most cherished hopes that he will be able to tempt and cheat Japan into war with the British Empire and the United States. The temper of the Empire is well known and the United States has shown itself plainly to be against any yielding to the truculence of Japan. Also, with the best of her army and material held in the morass of the war with China, the Japanese imperialists may well think hard before this final invitation of Hitler's"

NOTABILITIES CAUGHT IN NET

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BOSTON, Feb. 13.

A drive on illegal parking resulted in charges against 50 policemen, the Governor (Mr Henry Dalton-Bushnell), the Attorney-General (Mr Bostwick), various Boston Councilors and more than 3000 other persons.

Philippine Base Prepared

FAMILIES LEAVE

Six Transports Bring Supplies

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MANILA, Feb. 12.

It was announced to-day that 400 wives and dependents of United States soldiers in the Philippines would be returning to the United States within a week aboard a transport.

It is understood that six other army transports are en route to Manila bringing supplies and also reserve officers. It is believed that the army will evacuate several hundred other dependents.

The new reserve of officers is needed in connection with the Philippine Army. An announcement calling up the reserve of officers on March 17 for a fortnight's intensive instruction was made to-day. The announcement affects 125,000 reservists and indicates increasing United States supervision of the training of the Philippine Army. Meanwhile, the Pearl Harbour navy yard, Hawaii, has inaugurated a 60-hour week to meet repair and maintenance work owing to the presence of the United States Fleet.

MUCH DONE IN ONE YEAR

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEASURES

ATTACK POSSIBLE

Full Resources Being Marshalled

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SYDNEY, Feb. 13.

In a grave warning to the nation that a crisis seemed imminent, the Hon. A. W. Fadden, acting-Prime Minister, said that the disabling of Australia had now become a strategic objective of the enemy, because it was a great supplier of foodstuffs and war materials to Britain and the rest of the Empire.

"It should be realised by everyone in Australia," he said, "that our immediate future holds some very grave possibilities. The Government is straining every nerve to marshal the full resources of the nation. The war effort is increasing rapidly, and the training and provision of equipment for men for home service are nearing their peak."

"Within a relatively short time Australia can become so strong that no country will dare attack it. The possibility of attack has long been foreseen. Through our munitions programme, our air scheme, and the expansion of our land forces, we could to-day offer a degree of resistance that would have been unthinkable when the war began, or even a year ago."

Crew Awarded £500

BRAVERY ON ORARI

Ship Saved After Being Torpedoed

SMOKE SCREEN USED

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LONDON, Feb. 12.

The crew of the Orari have been awarded £500 for outstanding services in saving the ship and cargo from destruction when torpedoed by a submarine.

Although the captain and the crew were unable to tell whether the ship would founder or not, they stayed aboard and brought the Orari to port, escaping the submarine by a smoke screen.

Not Guilty And Guilty

TWO FIREMEN

Charges Of Burglary Heard

INVOLVED CASES

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Feb. 13.

Patrick Lynch, 32, a ship's fireman, was found not guilty, and William McReynolds, 32, a ship's fireman, was found guilty by a jury in the Supreme Court to-day after the hearing of charges of entering Gits Motors, Ltd.'s premises in Wellington on October 13, 1940, with intent to commit theft.

Lynch was further charged with being party to McReynolds, who was found by night armed with dangerous instruments, namely, gelignite, a fuse, three detonators, a pair of gloves, and a box of matches, with intent to break, enter and commit theft, and also with being party to McReynolds in being found with housebreaking instruments in his possession.

McReynolds pleaded guilty in the Magistrate's Court to two charges of having in his possession offensive instruments with intent to break and enter the building.



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AUCKLAND TROTTER NOTES

Peter's Find's Jog
KENWORTHY'S FINE EFFORT

Promising Juveniles

(Daily Mail Special Service)
AUCKLAND, Feb. 13.

After tramping 3.16 to be beaten by a neck in the Otahuhu Handicap at Epsom on Saturday last, Kenworthy again proved himself a model of class on Wednesday when, from the back mark, he won the Alexandra Park Handicap in 4.20 3/5sec.

At the end of the first mile, Kenworthy was still at the back of the bunch, but he moved out along the back the last time and after Noble Prince had led past the mile and a-half in 3.19, he was up with Lianvabon in front at the straight entrance.

Kenworthy was second and unlucky, as he broke early and retired to the rear of the field, and thereafter paced very soundly. Mongolian, who ran third, also was checked about three furlongs from home. The favourite, My Direct, was interfered with when Uenuku came back on her at the start and later she was checked accidentally by Kenworthy coming in on her at a critical stage of the race, coming in sixth.

Adversity Improves
On his third in the Otahuhu Handicap, Adversity was sought after for the Farewell Handicap but he was at a good price to win. He hardly led the issue in doubt, leading all the way and beating Bronze Queen, who finished very well by a neck. Mongolian was again third, followed by Bold Venture, who will be improved by the race, Or Peggy, Bayard and Lianvabon. Both Or Peggy and Noble Prince broke early.

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L. Gray To Act As Mentor

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POPULAR APPOINTMENT

(By THE BARB)
Pending further arrangements, Laurence ("Brusher") Gray is to take over the team until recently under the guidance of the late S. J. R.

During the late trainer's illness L. Gray was given control of Mr Frank Ormond's horses and so they are to remain with him while negotiations are being made with a well known South Island trainer who, at one time, acted as first horseman to the late Hon. J. D. Ormond, father of Mr Frank Ormond.

It is considered unlikely that the South Island trainer will reconsider his decision not to come up to Hawke's Bay and act as private mentor to Mr Ormond, so in the meantime no other arrangements are being made than for Gray to continue in charge of Burra Sahib, Kathbela, and company.

Long Career
No one is more entitled to the position than Brusher Gray, as he was for many years in the employ of the well known Karamu racing establishment.

Commenting the racing profession as a horseman down at the bottom of the other island, he was induced to come north by the late Stewart Waddell to act as jockey at Karamu, more than forty years ago.

For many years he occupied that position before accepting from Mr S. Easton, Foxton, a position as his private trainer, but later he came north again as head lad to Fred W. Davis, then private trainer to Mr T. H. Lowry.

On Davis's moving to Auckland, Gray remained here to take a similar billet with J. Wilson who had charge of The Hawk, Mahioa and company for the Douglas Estate.

Public Trainer
On the dispersal sale of this estate, L. Gray set up in Hastings as a public trainer, having among his patrons Messrs A. A. Small, Tony White, Ralph Holden and others for whom he won many races including the Hawke's Bay and Feilding Cups.

A member of the older school of racing, "Brusher" knows the training profession from A to Z.

Considerable concern was expressed at the monthly meeting of the Waikato County Council on Wednesday at the delay in providing an access road for settlers on the Mahia Peninsula.

Councillor H. Bayly said that he had recently visited Mahia and he was shocked to find that nothing had been done to the road. Either the council, the engineer or the Public Works Department engineers were at fault, he said. It was not fair that settlers have to endure another winter of mud.

The council was to blame to a certain extent, said Councillor D. H. Robinson, as there had been delay over which route should be adopted.

The engineer said that the council was not to blame, and explained that he and the contractor had made arrangements with the Public Works Department engineer to take the metal from the Kopuwhara Stream, but when the contractor arrived he learned that it could not be done.

Everything possible had been done, said the engineer, but the Public Works Department would not give the money.

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State

"FOUR SONS," A FINE DRAMA

Brilliant Cast In Forceful Story

"Four Sons," unanimously hailed by previewers as "an emotional masterpiece, splendidly convincing," is now screening at the State Theatre, Hastings. Its compelling power and the force of the emotional drama label it in advance as "a picture that must be seen."

Alan Curtis is splendidly convincing in his role. He has a part which calls for strength, force and determination. His portrayal should add greatly to his reputation for fine performances.

Regent

A LAUGHTER-FILLED ADVENTURE Gay Comedy In "Night Train To Munich"

Starring Margaret Lockwood and Rex Harrison "Night Train to Munich," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer release, is now screening at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, loaded with excitement, thrills, laughter and romance.

The popular and beautiful star, Margaret Lockwood, will be remembered for her fine performances in many outstanding films. One of the best known screen performers on the Continent, handsome and suave Rex Harrison has also scored in many film hits.

From its first suspenseful scene to its startling climax, "Night Train to Munich" is underlined with thrills. When Margaret, a lovely lady in distress, meets Rex, a gentleman of many identities, the spine tingling adventures start with a bang. They're en route to strange adventures with secrecy, capture, escape, discovery and rescue, all aboard "Night Train to Munich."

Cosy

"DEAD END KIDS ON DRESS PARADE"

Comedy, With "Off The Record"

Flashing a complete reversal of technique, the Dead End Kids will be seen at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, to-day in "The Dead End Kids on Dress Parade"—the fastest stepping cadet picture seen since "Brother Rat."

Whereas the success of the Dead Enders has been founded on gutter-grown wisecracks, juvenile rowdiness depicting in graphic style for-gotten boys—the tenement toughs, "The Dead End Kids on Dress Parade" is a light, gay picture showing the Dead End Kids enjoying life as a model group of youths at a military academy—bringing fun galore and their biggest hit.

"Sh! The Octopus" is the second feature and Hugh Herbert and Allen Jenkins are in the leading roles. The result is a mystery, farce with keen any sense whatever, but a great deal of fun. Hugh and Allen are a detective team—and the world's very dumbest. In their radio car they hear an alarm that all policemen are called upon to seek the capture of an "Octopus of Crime" which has the city in its grip.

Crop Yields For Season

DOMINION FIGURES

By Telegraph-Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 13. The estimated average yields of wheat, oats and barley for the 1940-1941 season were gazetted to-night. The average wheat yield for the Dominion is estimated at 36 bushels an acre, oats 46, and barley 37, compared with the following actual averages last year: Wheat 31.10, oats 41.83, barley 36.25.

In accordance with the above estimate the total yield of wheat for 1940-1941 is estimated at approximately 8,400,000 bushels, against an ascertained yield of 8,010,000 last year. The total yield of threshed oats should be 2,810,000 bushels, against 2,081,000 last year, and barley 1,020,000 against 916,000 last season.

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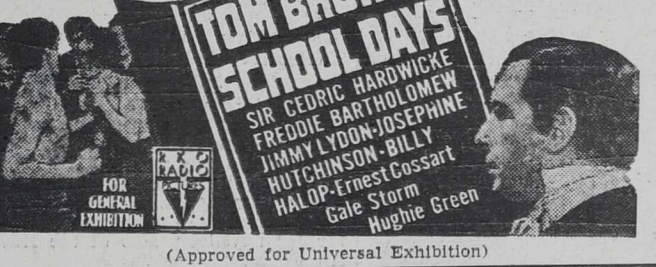
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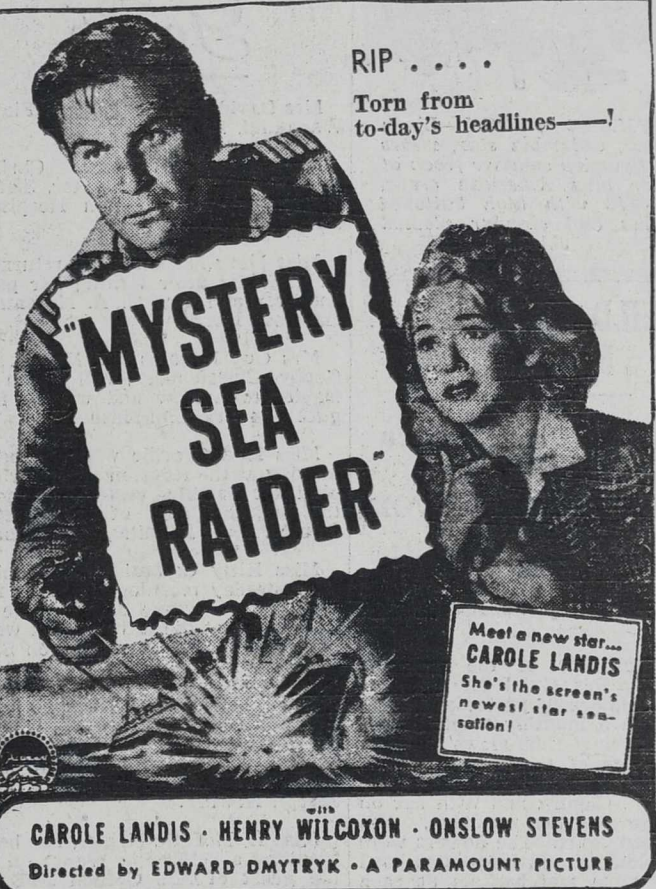
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Municipal

"SUBMARINE D-1" IS FINE DRAMA

With 'Heart Of The North,' Outdoor Adventure

It is in the piping times of peace that we prepare for war. In the thrilling drama of submarine life, "Submarine D-1," now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, there is pictured in graphic detail the tests and routine that go to make the naval recruits into men of iron and dauntless courage. There follows in swift sequence the under-sea trials and mock warfare that with keen interest is the crew's use of "air lungs" to bring them safely to the surface—a device which is now a regular fitting of every submarine.

On the same programme is "Heart of the North," stirring adventure-drama of life with the famous "Mounties." Dick Foran, Gloria Dickson and Patric Knowles enact the leading roles in this rugged outdoor story, which is filmed in Technicolor to enhance the pictorial beauty of its backgrounds.

State

"TOM BROWN'S SCHOOLDAYS"

English School Life A Century Ago

Returning to the popular literature of man's decades for the source of their second production, Gene Towne and Graham Baker selected "Tom Brown's School Days," Thomas Hughes's absorbing portrait of English school life, now screening at the State Theatre, Napier, to succeed their initial producing venture, "Swiss Family Robinson." The memorable tale is set at Rugby England's noted school, to which young Tom Brown is sent for his education. He is befriended by Harry East, and the two become bosom companions.

Thomas Hughes wrote "Tom Brown's School Days" to glorify the work of Dr. Thomas Arnold, the headmaster at Rugby when Tom Brown attended, and under whom Hughes studied. Arnold introduced a series of revolutionary methods in education, principally the honour system, which underlies school systems throughout the world.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke was the logical choice for the role of Dr. Arnold. Freddie Bartholomew is seen as East. Sixteen-year-old Jimmy Lydon has the vital Tom Brown title role. Josephine Hutchinson is cast as Mrs Arnold. Billy Halop, of Dead End Kids fame, portrays Flashman.

Regent

DRAMA, "MYSTERY SEA RAIDER"

Novel Pictorial Film, "World In Flames"

The plot of "Mystery Sea Raider" starring Carole Landis and Henry Wilcoxon, and now screening at the Regent Theatre, Napier, hinges on the meeting of June McCarthy and Carl Cutler aboard the s.s. Aleria, a British vessel en route to New York from London. The ship is sunk in mid-ocean by an unidentified submarine, and Cutler arrives safely in Manhattan, she induces Cutler to contact her fiancé, then proceeds on for German submarines. When Cutler succeeds in chartering the Apache, he shanghaies June, who might otherwise put two and two together and prematurely reveal his identity.

When the Apache is safely at sea, a submarine comes alongside. The crew climbs aboard, to be met by Cutler and his aides, in full-uniform. Captain Madden is informed that Cutler is the "real" captain of the freighter, which then proceeds on a mission of commerce raiding in the Caribbean. Passengers and crews are imprisoned in the hold of the ship.

The associate feature, "World In Flames," is a picture for free people. It tells the story of the world in the past ten years. We see a world emerging from the terror of the last war. The various countries are affected in different measure, but all are falling and a crisis is averted when the old man Hindenberg is re-elected president. Soon the last of the British troops are marching from the Saar, and on the horizon is seen the first of the dictators.

The film pictures graphically the rise of the dictator countries, and their eventual plunging of the world into war.

Mayfair

"GAUCHO SERENADE," AUTRY ADVENTURE

With "The Crooked Road," Crime Drama

In "Gaucho Serenade," now screening at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, Gene Autry demonstrates once again the reason for his rise to popularity. He and his companion, Smiley Burnette, are seen as cowboys stranded in a coastal town when the manager of their rodeo abandons them. By chance they meet little Michael Willoughby, on his way from an English school, an arger to a message supposedly from his father, but really from two criminals who hope to kidnap the boy. Gene and Smiley take charge of the situation and in a series of thrilling episodes thwart the plot.

Uncompromising in the lesson it teaches, "The Crooked Road" delineates in dramatic manner the steps leading to the downfall of a clever man who thought he was too clever to pay the penalty for his misdeeds. Edmund Lowe plays the role of Johnny Vincent, brilliant attorney who is blackmailed by a cell mate of his old prison days. In order to escape the constant demands of Gobel, the blackmailer, he plans to kill him. His idea is to frame Nick Romero, who loves Gobel's wife and has a strong motive for putting him out of the way.

Romero meanwhile has similar plans, just as Vincent is shooting his blackmailer, Gobel dies as a result of poison administered by Romero! Romero is duly tried and convicted, just as Vincent anticipated, but Fate takes a hand and exposes Vincent's own guilt under highly dramatic circumstances.

Commencing last night, the Morse instruction class was held by the signal company, and in future will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6.45 to 7.45 p.m. Competent operators will give tuition which is available to anyone interested, especially Air Force trainees.

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RAGWORT PROBLEM IN WAIROA

County Council Views

STEPS URGENTLY REQUIRED

(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIROA

The ragwort problem was discussed at the monthly meeting of the Wairoa County Council on Wednesday, when it was suggested by Councillor J. O'Grady that something practical should be done to check the weed's progress in the district.

In the Mohaka district, said Cr. O'Grady, ragwort had made tremendous strides. He thought the council should do something to impress upon the Maoris the seriousness of the position and endeavour to get them to clear their land.

"If something is not done and done soon," said Cr. O'Grady, "the ragwort problem will be as serious as blackberry."

Cr. S. T. Bruce said that the problem existed also in the Ruakiri district. He had endeavoured to get the Maoris to do something about it, but without result, and he suggested that the council send out strict notices to the Maoris advising them to clear their land. If this were done he felt sure that the Maoris would do it.

Cr. W. Tait was of the opinion that ragwort was found on pakeha land also.

ON THE 600 YARDS RANGE

Waipukurau Rifle Club Handicaps

(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIPIKURAU.

The members of the Waipukurau Defence Rifle Club will fire off match No. 7, two seven-shots at 600 yards during the coming week-end. Handicaps are as follows: E. T. Haldane, F. R. McVicar, scr., L. J. Taylor, Dep. Pres., W. G. Bryce, I. G. Coster, F. Fryer, 2, F. Mason, F. Tinney, S. Annand, 3, L. J. Taylor, jun., H. Murray, A. Fryer, 4, E. Eastwood, G. Winlove, J. Coombes, K. Cave, 5, D. Fryer, 6.

CUP CRICKET MATCH

"Daily Mail" Special Service, DANNEVERKE.

No senior cricket competition games will be played in Danneverke on Saturday. Members of Camp A and B teams are not available and a representative team will defend the Goldfinch and Cousins Cup against the Feilding association.

Junior fixtures will be played, the following being the draw: High School B v. Mangatarua, Domain No. 3; High School C v. Camp C at High School. For those senior players who are not in the representative team, a game has been arranged with High School A. Those wishing to play should communicate with the secretary of the association.

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**PLAN OUT YOUR TIME**

Sometimes it is rather hard to do this, as very often you find that you simply have not the time to spare. Clothes and house-linen need repairs, children are sick. Cooking and cleaning have to be done. It is so easy to fall into a neglectful state regarding oneself. America that is just when you start to fall in your career as housewife.

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#### CLIPPER PASSENGER

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NEW YORK, Feb. 12.

Mrs Margaret Collins, of Auckland, has left by the Clipper for London en route to London to see her husband, who is a Royal Air Force pilot. She is accompanied by Miss Sheila MacDonald, of Christchurch, who is going to London to marry Mr John Nelson, also of the Royal Air Force.

Mr Nelson is a son of Colonel and Mrs W. Neilson, Sumnerlee, Haumoana, and left New Zealand for England last June.

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### GUILD ACTIVITIES RESUMED

#### Hastings Townswomen

#### FIRST MEETING FOR THIS YEAR

#### Interesting Afternoon

The activities of the Hastings Townswomen's Guild for the new year commenced yesterday afternoon with a monthly meeting held in the Hastings Oddfellows' Hall. In the absence of the president, Mrs A. C. A. Hyde, the chairman was Mrs A. F. Glenny, and with her on the stage was the secretary, Mrs Bruce Baumgart. The flowers were most colourful and the centre bowl on the table and baskets at each side of the stage were arranged with zinnias in all shades of pink and deep rose.

After the National Anthem had been sung members repeated the Aspirations and then observed a minute's silent prayer for the peace of the world.

**Welcome Extended**

Mrs Glenny apologised for the absence of Mrs Hyde who was away from Hastings and then she warmly welcomed all members. February 23, at 3 p.m., and also to be present at an English-Speaking Union garden party to be held at the home of Mrs H. W. C. Baird on Thursday afternoon, February 20.

**Appeal For Knitters**

An appeal was received from the Patriotic depot asking for more knitters and stating that there were good supplies of wool on hand.

Members were reminded of the annual meeting the second Thursday in March and asked to be present. Nominations for president, secretary, and 15 committee members would be received in writing by the secretary up till February 28.

Mrs F. Deans spoke about a meeting which she had had with Miss Cocks-Johnson with regard to much arranged in connection with the Department of Agriculture. Miss Cocks-Johnson intended to visit Hastings in May to conduct classes for men and women whether belonging to organisations or attending individually. It was necessary to have six people to have a lecture and the following were the subjects for the six lectures:—

1. The general cultivation and propagation of garden plants.
2. Treatment of soil, control of manures and disease connected with the growing.
3. Fruit cultivation and pruning with practical demonstrations.
4. Vegetable growing and how to keep a continuous supply throughout the year.
5. Preservation of fruit and vegetables.
6. General flower garden.

**Cost of Lectures**

Mrs Deans explained that each lecture took about two hours and cost a shilling, with a five shilling payment for the series. Any number could be taken and pamphlets obtained. Members were asked to hand in their names to Mrs Deans if interested.

After tea members answered a roll call, "Why am I a guild member?" and varied excellent reasons were given.

Miss M. Sowersby sang most beautifully, "Songs My Mother Sang" and "Your Heart's a Garden," her accompaniments being played by Mrs L. F. Peach. These songs were followed by a piano solo, "Serenata," played by Miss A. Tims.

The final item was a splendid play-reading of the Cranford sketch, "Followers," by Harold Brighouse. The cast was as follows:—  
Miss E. J. Strang, Lucinda Baines; Mrs A. F. Deans, Helen Master; Mrs B. Baumgart, Susan Crowther; Mrs W. A. Bryant, Colonel Redfern. The directions were read by Miss Maclean.

### Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs David Strachan, Moana Flats, Wanganui, is visiting Napier.

Miss Betty Williams, Christchurch, is visiting her sister, Sister Edith Williams, Royston Hospital, Hastings.

Miss Mary Mossman has returned to Auckland after visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs H. A. Mossman, Havelock North.

Mrs Guy Ronalds and Mrs M. H. Godby, Christchurch, will arrive in Napier to-morrow and will be the guests of Mrs John Mason.

Miss Rita Greville who has been nursing at the Royston Private Hospital left Hastings yesterday to join the nursing staff of the Hobson Street Private Hospital, Wellington.

Miss Kitty Galbraith left Napier by yesterday morning's express for Wanganui, where she will be a bridesmaid at the Harper and Weddington which is to take place on Saturday night.

Mrs Effingham Howard, St. George's Bay Road, Parnell, who is the guest of Miss Durie Nolan, Wellington, will later stay in Hastings with her daughter-in-law, Mrs Joseph Howard.

Miss H. McBeth, Napier, has been spending a holiday in Wanganui as the guest of Mrs Gordon McBeth, Marybank and Mrs Donald McBeth, Gonville.

Mrs Wilder, who has been the guest of Miss J. McLaren, Renall Street, Masterton, has returned to her home in Hawke's Bay.

Mrs A. G. Mowat and Miss June Mowat are Hawke's Bay visitors to Auckland and are the guests of Mrs Selwyn Chambers.

Miss Muriel Swann, who has been spending a holiday in Napier visiting her mother, has returned to Wanganui.

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### TOWNSWOMEN MEET IN NAPIER

#### Monthly Gathering

#### MRS HEDLEY HARVEY THE SPEAKER

#### Splendid Talk Enjoyed

Members of the Napier Townswomen's Guild, held their first meeting for 1941, in the Forester's Hall, Napier. There was a fair attendance of members and the meeting was presided over by the new chairman, Mrs F. Orr. Mrs Orr extended a welcome to old and new members and wished the Guild a successful year's work. An apology was received from Miss A. J. Spencer, C.B.E., New Zealand president of Townswomen's Guilds, who was unable to be present.

A bowl of flame coloured gladioli made a pretty note of colour on the stage where Miss C. Fanning, the honorary secretary, was seated with Mrs Orr.

A letter was read from the matron of France House, thanking Guild members for the pound parcels sent to the Home for Christmas. A pretty calendar, made by the boys for the Guild was on view. A Christmas card was also received from the girls at Randall House.

A request was received from the committee of the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild, asking each member if possible to give one blanket towards their funds, the blankets to be left at Trinity Hall.

The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs Hedley Harvey, Hastings. Mrs Harvey has recently paid a visit to Europe and she gave a most interesting and descriptive talk on Norway, Sweden and Denmark. During the course of her talk Mrs Harvey stated that although general farming was the main source of income in these countries, the inhabitants were most artistic, as the many beautiful buildings and castles testified. Mrs Harvey had brought with her many photographs taken in these countries, which were passed around for the members to see. Most interesting were the pictures of the beautiful Frederiksborg Castle in Copenhagen, with its carved ceilings and wonderful antique furnishings. The speaker also had with her beautiful samples of Swedish crystal and china which were much admired.

At the conclusion of her address Mrs Harvey was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks and presented with a dainty shoulder spray of natural flowers.

Afternoon tea concluded a pleasant meeting.

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But the housewife's hands are her greatest betrayer. Peeling vegetables soon grimes the skin, and from constantly being soiled the hands become rough and lined. There is only one thing for you to do. Whenever and wherever possible you must wear gloves. At first they will feel awkward, but after a while you will become used to them, and will not notice any feeling of being cramped.

The hands' greatest enemy is washing-up water. The hot soapiness will soon make the skin rough and red. This can be prevented by rubbing olive oil well into the skin before washing-up, and then on the completion of the task massage the hands with a little honey and almond lotion. At night, after you have treated your face, massage a little cold cream well into the fingers and the backs of your hands.

### WASHING-DAY TREATMENT

During the summer months the hands and the arms will have to be treated with a hand lotion at least once a day, as without a good lotion it will be absolutely impossible to keep them soft and fresh.

On washing-day the upper part of the arm often becomes very red and assumes quite a boiled appearance, and it will be found that the daily application of a good lotion will prevent your skin from becoming red.

Immediately after dusting or sweeping, go into your bathroom and give your hands and face a thorough washing, as otherwise the tiny specks of dirt will work their way into your skin and cause blackheads and other blemishes to appear.

### GARDENING CIRCLE MEMBERS

#### A Meeting Held At Waipukurau

The first meeting of the Waipukurau gardening circle for the year was held at the home of Mrs F. Fraser, Gaisford Terrace. Owing to counter attractions the attendance was not large, but for those who did attend much useful information was gained.

The competition for the best bloom was well maintained, the winners being Mrs W. Peterson, and Mrs Fraser. Mrs Peterson exhibited a cactus dahlia and Mrs Fraser a cream gladioli.

The members gave the secretary authority to deal with cakes for the patriotic parcels. The next month's meeting will be held at the home of Mrs Papps, Mitchell Street, Waipukurau.

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### Plunket Society Meeting

#### AT WAIPUKURAU

#### Plans Made For Monster Shop To Raise Funds

#### NURSE'S REPORT

The annual appeal to raise funds to carry on the work of the Plunket Society was fully discussed at the monthly meeting of the Waipukurau branch of the society, which was held in the Plunket rooms, Waipukurau.

Owing to benzine restrictions, members felt it would be impossible to have the usual house to house canvass this year, which always met with a ready response, and as all overhead expenses had increased it was felt that a big effort would have to be made to enable the work to be carried on. After discussing the matter, the suggestion to hold a monster "shop" with a street appeal on the first Friday in March met with approval. Mrs H. Hooper was appointed organiser for the shop, Mrs I. W. N. Mackie organiser for the street collection and Mrs J. Pender secretary. The president appealed to all committee members to canvass the district for donations towards the "shop," as she felt one big effort was much better than a number of small ones. The money, she said, was needed for the work of looking after the health of the babies and older children.

The president, Mrs J. D. Ormond, presided over the meeting, the following members being present: Mesdames J. Hobson, B. J. McCormick, D. Thorburn, H. Hooper, J. H. Walker, I. W. N. Mackie, J. C. Mills, A. Barnaby, E. Broad, T. Hobson (Porangahau) and the secretary, Mrs J. Pender.

The Plunket nurse submitted satisfactory reports for the months of December and January. December reports: Visits to rooms, adults, Waipukurau 142, Porangahau 24; babies, Waipukurau 134, Takapau 10, Porangahau 24; other children, Waipukurau 27, Takapau 8, Porangahau 11, Takapau 2, Porangahau 0; visits to homes, Waipukurau 43, Takapau 12, Porangahau 7; phone calls 17; letters written 3; letters received 2.

Parcels of clothes were received from Mrs G. Gideon and Mrs Willis, Porangahau, and thanks were expressed.

January report: Visits to rooms, adults, Waipukurau 159, Takapau 45, Porangahau 23; babies, Waipukurau 152, Takapau 44, Porangahau 19; other children, Waipukurau 26, Takapau 7, Porangahau 6; visits to homes, Waipukurau 31, Takapau 10, Porangahau 14; new cases, Waipukurau 3, Takapau 1, Porangahau 2; phone calls 30; letters written 6, letters received 7.

Nurse reported that mumps and measles were prevalent and a few cases of whooping cough.

It was proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs R. W. Carpenter with wishes of a speedy recovery. A circular letter was received from the Dominion president, Mrs J. Berg, in connection with the health of pre-school children. Mesdames A. Barnaby and E. Broad were appointed visitors to the rooms for the ensuing month.

Accounts amounting to £4 0/8 were passed for payment.

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#### A Meeting Held At Waipukurau

The first meeting of the Waipukurau gardening circle for the year was held at the home of Mrs F. Fraser, Gaisford Terrace. Owing to counter attractions the attendance was not large, but for those who did attend much useful information was gained.

The competition for the best bloom was well maintained, the winners being Mrs W. Peterson, and Mrs Fraser. Mrs Peterson exhibited a cactus dahlia and Mrs Fraser a cream gladioli.

The members gave the secretary authority to deal with cakes for the patriotic parcels. The next month's meeting will be held at the home of Mrs Papps, Mitchell Street, Waipukurau.

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CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

NAPIER.

REGENT THEATRE—Now showing, "Mystery Sea Raider" (Carole Landis, Henry Wilcoxon), and "World in Flames" (Margaret Lockwood, Rex Harrison). Commencing Friday: "He Stayed for Breakfast" (Loretta Young, Melvyn Douglas).

STATE THEATRE—Now showing to Tuesday: "Tom Brown's Schooldays" (Freddie Bartholomew, Sir Cedric Hardwicke). Wednesday, Thursday, "Cross-Country Romance" (Wendy Barrie, Gene Raymond). Commencing Friday: "Argentine Nights" (Andrews Sisters, Ritz Brothers) and "Sabotage."

MAYFAIR THEATRE—Now showing to Monday: "Gaucho Serenade" (Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette) and "Crocketed Road" (Edmund Lowe, Irene Hervey). Tuesday to Thursday "Submarine D-1" (Wayne Morris) and "Expensive Husbands". Commencing Friday: "Argentine Nights" (Andrews Sisters, Ritz Brothers) and "Sabotage."

Butch and Buddy, Gloria Jean and her sister, Lois, are starting a school paper at Universal studios.

HASTINGS.

REGENT THEATRE—Now showing to Thursday: "Night Train to Munich" (Margaret Lockwood, Rex Harrison). Commencing next Friday: "The Doctor Takes a Wife" (Ray Milland, Loretta Young).

STATE THEATRE—Now showing to Monday: "Four Sons" (Don Ameche, Alan Curtis). Tuesday to Thursday: "Alexander's Ragtime Band" (Tyronne Power, Alice Faye). Next Friday: "I Married a Nazi" (Joan Bennett, Francis Lederer).

COSY THEATRE—Now showing to Monday: "Dead End Kids on Dress Parade" and "Sh! The Octopus" (Hugh Herbert, Allen Jenkins). Tuesday to Thursday: "Two Girls on Broadway" (Nana Turner, Joan Blondell) and "Sergeant Madden" (Wallace Beery, Tom Browne). Next Friday: "Mystery Sea Raider" (Carole Landis, Henry Wilcoxon) and "World in Flames".

MUNICIPAL THEATRE—To-night and to-morrow: "Submarine D-1" (Wayne Morris, Pat O'Brien) and "Heart of the North."



The "Four Sons" in the film of that name, with Eugenie Leontovich, who plays their mother. They are: Alan Curtis, Don Ameche, Robert Lovery and George Ernest, and the stirring drama in which they appear is now at the State Theatre, Hastings.

A Comedy Again For Ginger

Ginger Rogers has been named by President George J. Schaefer of RKO Radio Pictures, Inc., to star in "TOM, DICK AND HARRY," which Robert Sisk will produce as one of the most ambitious features on the studio's 1940-41 programme. Holding the directorial reins will be Garson Kanin, who also directed the star in her comedy hit of 1939, "Bachelor Mother," and more recently gained fame for his direction of the Irene Dunne-Cary Grant laugh-maker, "MY FAVORITE WIFE."

LORETTA YOUNG WITH MELVYN DOUGLAS

New Co-starring Comedy Combination

Newest starring comedy combination is Loretta Young and Melvyn Douglas. They began work in "HE STAYED FOR BREAKFAST" Columbia studios latest Hollywood production under the direction of Alexander Hall. Miss Young and Douglas are aided and abetted by a top supporting cast which includes Eugene Pallette, Alan Marshall and Una O'Connor.



TOGETHER AGAIN.—Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in their latest musical, "New Moon," which is due for early release at Hastings.

late Sidney Howard adapted from a French play. Ina Claire appeared with outstanding success as the star of the New York production. The set is a Paris background, the story concerns the romance of a politically radical waiter, played by Douglas, and the estranged wife of a pompous banker, played by Miss Young. The situation is complicated by a second suitor for the lady's hand, a newspaper publisher played by Alan Marshall, who is out after the political scalp of her husband. With Eugene Pallette playing the husband, the picture becomes one continuous laugh throughout.

Certainly no two detectives more likely to ensure an hilarious film could be found than Hugh Herbert and Allen Jenkins, and their co-operative "man-hunt" for a dangerous criminal in "SH! THE OCTOPUS" is sheer delight.



Henry Wilcoxon and Carole Landis in "Mystery Sea Raider," thrilling adventure with a topical application. It is now at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

COMMENT ON THE FILMS

Edmund Lowe is starred in "CROOKED ROAD," the story of an attorney who went straight until his past caught up with him and forced him into murder.

A classic of English literature, the book "TOM BROWN'S SCHOOLDAYS" has been filmed to preserve all the comedy and incident of the original tale of English public school life. Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Jimmy Lydon, and Freddie Bartholomew are starred.

Gene Autry scores another success along with his pal Smiley Burnette in "GAUCHO SERENADE," in which they are "STRANDED" in a coastal town and unwittingly become guardians to a little English boy.

The "eternal triangle" forms the theme of "HE STAYED FOR BREAKFAST" starring Loretta Young and Melvyn Douglas, a story full of gay comedy situations.

"WORLD IN FLAMES" is a further documentary film of the "Lion has Wings" type, and has been hailed as a brilliant picturisation of the drift to war during the past decade.

The well-known radio favourite Arthur Askey comes to the screen in the film version of the popular play of years gone by "CHARLEY'S (BIG-HEARTED) AUNT," which keeps all the original situations which have made the play beloved by millions.

Gene Raymond and Wendy Barrie are co-starred in "CROSS-COUNTRY ROMANCE" which deals with the hectic love affairs of a young doctor and an heiress who moves in on him in her undies.

"ARGENTINE NIGHTS" is very much a family affair with the Andrews Sisters vocalising, and is one of the finest comedies produced in years.

Surprises, thrills and comedy combine in "NIGHT TRAIN TO MUNICH," gay story of a gentleman of many identities (Rex Harrison) who rescues a lady in distress (Margaret Lockwood). Foreign agents, spies, and the Gestapo appear in the film, but only to be laughed at this time.

A woman-hating doctor and a girl who believes in spinsterhood provide the comedy in "THE DOCTOR TAKES A WIFE" which has Loretta Young and Ray Milland as the two incompatible forces together by hilarious circumstances.

Striking in the sincerity of its drama, and for its timely application, "FOUR SONS" relates the story of a mother who sees her country invaded, and her sons turned against one another by hatred and mistrust. Don Ameche, Alan Curtis and Mary Beth Hughes are featured.

Story of a young and beautiful wife who suddenly finds her husband become a stranger to her, "I MARRIED A NAZI" has rich dramatic possibilities which are exploited to the full by Joan Bennett, Francis Lederer and Lloyd Nolan.

On its first appearance the great musical romance "ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND" story of a young musician's rise to fame, proved so popular that its present return season is certain to enjoy similar success. Tyronne Power and Alice Faye are featured.

In uniform and (almost) respectable by way of a change, the "Dead End Kids" are at military school in their latest comedy-drama, and set about reforming a recalcitrant recruit.

Actress Baffles Hollywood

Betty Field has been tagged "the girl they cannot type" which means that a completely baffled screen colony is trying to figure out just what to do with this young Broadway stage actress.

Betty was brought out by Paramount to take the role she played on the stage in "WHAT A LIFE," a nice young high-school girl. From there she went into "OF MICE AND MEN" in which she played the somnolent, sleepy-eyed victim of Lennie's murderous assault. After that Betty bounced into "SEVENTEEN" with a great characterisation of Booth Tarkington's giddy high school girl.

For a moment that seemed to be enough of Hollywood for Betty, but she is back again, playing a co-starring role with Fredric March in Paramount's filmisation of the Joseph Conrad novel, "VICTORY." In this she plays the inhibited, despairing heroine of this amazing South Sea romance. Curiously enough, Betty actually is none of these characters. She is quiet, sedate, unassuming, placid but somewhat nervous in the presence of strangers, and unaffected by the fame that has come to her. "I hope I get a lot of roles like those I have had," she says, "I have a horror of being typed." So Betty must be lucky for so far Hollywood has found no way of typing her.

Robert Benchley "blew up" during a scene with Deanna Durbin in "NICE GIRL" at Universal studios. "Do you want to rehearse it once more?" director William Seiter asked Benchley. "No, I know this part backwards," replied Benchley. "And only backwards."



The "Dead End Kids" are on the side of law and order in their newest comedy, "On Dress Parade," which is now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

Statistics For Lavishness

Lavishness in motion picture production is nothing new, but Alexander Korda's new all-technicolor picture, "THE THIEF OF BAGDAD," hits a new high for astronomical statistics. To begin with, the picture was filmed on three continents and required a period of almost three years for its completion. All in all, over 14,000 extras were used. The set for the city of Bagdad covered 350,000 square feet of specially laid concrete and the Bagdad bridge, for the procession of the princess, was 300 yards in length.

The brilliantly coloured turbans worn by the natives in the picture were one of the major problems encountered by the wardrobe department. They were made by theatrical costumers and in one scene over two thousand of these were worn. This necessitated not only having them made up by hand and dyed to meet Technicolor requirements but also required a huge crew of men experienced in the art of turban winding, a technique completely strange to most of the extras.

Russian Mischa Auer is playing an Argentinian gaucho in Universal's "TRAIL OF THE VIGILANTES."

George, a Scotch terrier, who was the mascot for the troupe of "OUR TOWN" on the stage and who belongs to Martha Scott, was brought to Hollywood for the same job in the Sol Lesser's film production of the Pulitzer Prize play. George was presented to Miss Scott, who plays Emily, when the play opened in 1938, by Thomas Morgan, stage manager. He was brought to Hollywood by Dore Merande, who appears as Mrs. Soames in the film production.



Rex Harrison and Margaret Lockwood share the comedy and adventure of "Night Train to Munich," which is now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

TAKING INSTEAD OF GIVING

For the first time, Cecil B. DeMille has agreed to stand in front of a camera instead of behind it—and take direction from another man. Paramount talked him into it—all for his own good. The pioneer film tycoon, hard on his 28th year in pictures, will be photographed for an advertising trailer in connection with his 64th production, "NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE," epic of Canada's frontier history, starring Gary Cooper, Madeleine Carroll, Paulette Goddard, Preston Foster, and Robert Preston.

DeMille will be photographed in Technicolor, as was "North West Mounted Police," and will narrate some colourful background facts as the trailer shows scenes from the picture. The trailer will be supervised by Lou Harris, of the Paramount advertising department—he hopes.

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Sir Cedric Hardwicke with a featured player in "Tom Brown's Schooldays," which, with Freddie Bartholomew also in the cast, is now at the State Theatre, Napier.

Artists In The Film Studios

During the filming of the production "THE LONG VOYAGE HOME," Walter Wanger commissioned nine famous American artists to do a cost of 50,000 dollars to go to Hollywood and spend several weeks in the studio painting the principal characters and scenes of this powerful drama of the sea, which was directed by John Ford from the classic by Eugene O'Neill. The project marks the first time that a group of artists, of widely differing techniques and points of view, have lived and worked together, creating at the same time and under the same conditions their own interpretations of the same basic material. The resultant paintings—eleven in all—are scheduled to go on tour through the important art museums of America. Currently they are on exhibit at the Associated American Artists Galleries in New York City.

"The Long Voyage Home" is one of the brilliant successes of the year. The consensus of critical opinion is that it is not only an outstanding picture but a milestone among great pictures.

American Scout and Pioneer

Filed against the spectacular backdrop that is Monument Valley in Kayenta, Arizona, 130 miles from the nearest railroad station, Edward Small's adventure spectacle "KIT CARSON" will be released shortly. The stellar cast includes Jon Hall, Lynn Bari, Dana Andrews, Ward Bond and Harold Huber.

Its action-filled story unfolds some of the spectacular episodes in the life of the great American adventurer who joined forces with John C. Fremont to survey and map the shortest overland route to California, in the days when travel often meant fierce attacks from the Indians and the merciless slaughter of women and children. Navajo Indians all have established names in their own language but they frequently change their English names, usually taking the name of some famous person or place. One squaw was asked her name so that it could be entered on the payroll. Quite calmly she said she was Ann Sheridan. A wrinkled brave, well into his sixties, said his name was Clark Gable. Indian Service officials predicted that after the departure of the "Kit Carson" troupe Kayenta would be full of people named Jon Hall, Lynn Bari, etc.

The news that Ernst Lubitsch is directing "KISS ME AGAIN," a screenplay by Norman Krasna, for his first production with Sol Lesser, and that he has assigned the leading parts to Melvyn Douglas and Loretta Young, has aroused considerable interest in cinema circles. This will be Ernst Lubitsch's first film for United Artists release, and since a Lubitsch production is an event in the film world, comment and expectations are running high.

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FEW CHANGES "Daily Mail" Special Service. WELLINGTON, Feb. 13. The flying of National Savings flags in the leading towns in the different postal districts has created great interest.

Change at Thames The result is that with the exception of the Thames district, where, as the leading town, Whakatane has replaced Thames, the leading towns for the last fortnight are still holding the same positions in the latest stage of the race.

Alfredton's Lead The town that leads the Dominion to-day is Alfredton, a little country settlement near Eketahuna, in the Wairarapa, which runs into the premier position with 70.9 per cent. of National Savings depositors to population. This is truly a remarkable achievement, and one of which the Alfredton district is justly proud.

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Burning of Straw Probably influenced by the prevailing weather conditions more than one property holder in the Hastings district burnt off heaps of waste straw yesterday, with the result that a red glow, visible for a considerable distance, could be seen in the sky over several outlying areas. One particularly big blaze in the Falcove district was visible from points several miles away.

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WHAT DID THEY TALK ABOUT?

Beyond all doubt, General Franco would like to do his friend Benito a good turn if it were humanly possible. Mussolini is in a terrible hole and never wanted help more than he does to-day. The remnant of his Libyan army is threatened with destruction; his forces in Abyssinia and East Africa are in hasty retreat in all sectors, and the Greeks are repulsing all General Cavallero's counter-attacks and are steadily pushing the Italians out of Albania.

Drowning men clutch at straws, and Mussolini has turned to General Franco in his desperation. An imaginative American radio commentator has put it about that Mussolini is begging Franco to act as a go-between and arrange an armistice with those terrible British who made good their threat in less than two months to tear his African Empire to pieces.

The suggestion can be dismissed as being unworthy of serious consideration. No doubt Mussolini would only be too glad to climb out of the mess by throwing himself on the mercy of Britain and promising to be a good boy, but Hitler's puppets are held by too short a string to be capable of any independent action.

It is more than probable that Mussolini, at Hitler's direction, sent for Franco to ask two very important favours in return for the assistance Italy provided when Franco was a rebel leader in revolt against the Spanish Republican Government. One would be to facilitate the passage of a German force, through Spain to North Africa, to the relief of Italy, and the other might be to use his influence with Petain to allow the retreat of Graziani's defeated troops through Tunisia and Algeria, to Spanish Morocco.

By the terms of the armistice Italy undertook to send no troops into Tunisia and at that time it never occurred to Mussolini that his broken and dispirited legions might need to seek sanctuary instead of invading Tunisia as conquerors. The first of these requests would involve Spain in war with the Allies—a proposition that General Franco respectfully declined when Hitler crossed occupied France some months ago to meet him near the Spanish border. Since then Franco has accepted British loans and has made trade agreements with Great Britain—and a bird in hand is worth more than an Axis promise that Gibraltar would revert to Spain when the Nazis were victorious.

Apart from mingling his tears with Benito's there is really very little that Franco can do for him. Any obligation he is under to repay Italian aid in the Spanish Civil War hardly warrants the risks incidental to becoming involved in the present war. It must have been a sad meeting for both of them.

THE HASTINGS MAYORALTY

Mr A. I. Rainbow, who has been Deputy-Mayor of Hastings for eight years, is an extremely suitable choice for candidature for the Mayoralty. Mr G. A. Maddison, who, unfortunately, is unable to contest the May election, has established a remarkable tradition of service both as Mayor and as a member of many bodies whose influence extends far beyond the borough boundaries of Hastings, and there is no doubt that Mr Rainbow, if elected Mayor, would carry on the work of his predecessor with equal energy and enthusiasm.

Personal

Mr Horace Dampney, Te Uri, is the guest of his brother-in-law, sister, Mr and Mrs J. Bowman, Dannevirke.

Mr H. J. Newling has returned to his home in Ormondville from the Dannevirke Hospital, having made a good recovery from a severe operation.

Mr R. C. Williams, stationmaster at Ormondville, has received notice of transfer to Wellington, and will take up his new duties within a week or two. Mr McLaughlin, Takapau, will succeed Mr Williams.

Dr P. Stanley Foster, Christchurch, has been reappointed a member of the Medical Council under the Medical Practitioners' Act, 1914, according to a notice appearing in last night's Gazette.

The promotion of Squadron Leader F. R. Newell to be acting-Wing Commander, and his appointment as New Zealand Liaison Officer at the Air Ministry, London, vice Wing Commander S. Wallingford, to date from January 15, was gazetted last night.

Mr F. Dwyer, Mr H. Finn (Wellington), Mr L. Lillipap (Palmerston North), Mr M. Beard (Sydney), Mr N. Haywood (Wanganui), Mr A. Allen (Wairoa), Mr A. Clarke (New Plymouth), Mr H. Linwood (Dunedin), Mr D. Dennen (Auckland) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr S. Gibson (Palmerston North), Mr E. A. Jones, Mr A. G. Daker (Wairoa), Mr N. R. Gubbins (Wanganui), Mr G. H. Davies (Wanganui), Mr F. Armstrong (Akitio), Mr and Mrs Noel Chater (Tauranga), Mr C. Shann (Palmerston North), Mr F. Mullen (Auckland), Mrs E. Hogan, Mr A. M. Johnson (Dunedin), Mr L. R. Franks (Gisborne) are staying at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr A. S. Jautke, Mr A. Thompson, Mr G. Brougny, Mr and Mrs J. A. Wilson, Mr J. F. Wilson, Mr W. Duff (Wellington), Mrs E. I. Robinson, Mr D. Lawford (Auckland), Mrs M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mr F. W. Lee (Palmerston North), Mr J. Low (Wanganui), Mr and Mrs J. Bending (Marton), Mrs G. M. Buckle (Melbourne), Mrs C. B. Riddell (Dannevirke), Mr and Mrs Doyle (Sydney), Mr A. R. Perry (Christchurch), Mr A. M. Johnstone (Waipukurau) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr S. Patrick, Miss J. Scott, Christchurch, Mr S. G. Steer, Mr H. J. Mills, Auckland, Mr R. F. J. Hudson (Melbourne), Mrs E. Branson (Dunedin), Mr F. Carr, Mr M. Warwick, Miss Bremner, Mr H. B. Hansen, Mr C. Walker, Mr P. Stacey, Mr Hegarty (Wellington) are at the Central Hotel, Napier.

Mr Sharples, Mr Mairs, Mr and Miss Teague, Mr Hodgson, Mr and Mrs Luke, Mr Norcott, Mr Holland, Mr McKinley, Mr Williams, Miss Meek, Mr and Mrs Reddell are guests at the Wairoa Hotel.

Breakfast Table Here are some advertisements recently displayed in newspapers in India. "Our salesmen are as amiable as a father trying to marry off his daughters."—Hardware store.

Pat turned up in the office one morning with a large tear in the sleeve of his coat. "Look here, Pat," said his boss, "why don't you get that hole mended?" "Faith!" replied Pat, "not O! A hole may be the result of an accident, but sure a patch is a sartin sign of poverty."

The chief of the village fire brigade was making a speech to the chairman of the village council. "Yes, sir," he said proudly, "we put out the fire just ten minutes after we got there." The chairman, "Had it got a good start on you?" "I should say it had," said the fire chief. "When we got there only the foundation was standing."

Two ladies were sitting at an open window. One was listening to a church choir practising across the way. The other, who was listening to the noise of the crickets, encouraged us to expand in that direction and we are now able to offer the very finest range of English and Scottish materials in exclusive lengths for ladies' costumes.

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AIR MAIL INLAND. Blenheim, Nelson, Westport, Grey-mouth and Hokitika, Monday to Friday, 3 p.m.; Saturday, 4 p.m. Auckland and New Plymouth, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m. Christchurch, Oamaru, Dunedin and Invercargill, Monday to Thursday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. L. A. BURNS, Postmaster.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Wool-Scourers' Cricket An application for the use of a cricket wicket on Cornwall Park for a match between wool-scourers and classifiers in Hawke's Bay and similar workers from the Felling-Wanganui district on February 15 was granted by the Hastings Borough Council at yesterday's meeting.

First-aid Facilities A notice pointing out that the benefits of St. John Ambulance first aid is available at the camp store, the proprietors of which are members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, is to be erected in Windsor Park, Hastings. The St. John Ambulance has agreed to keep a supply of first-aid necessities at the store, which would be available in the event of any minor accident in the motor camp.

Indigent Burials The Hastings Borough Council decided yesterday that it could not accede to a request from the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board to grant a reduction in the cemetery fees for all indigent burials. It was pointed out that cemetery fees are based on the cost of the work of preparing graves and that no charge is made for the plot. The cemetery account is always in debit at the end of the year, the shortage being made up from the general account.

"An Enormous Work" The fact that all tins containing cakes sent from Hastings to New Zealand were soldered to ensure that they were air-tight was mentioned by the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison) at last night's meeting of the Hastings Patriotic Zone Committee. "It is an enormous work, but it ensures that the goods reach the soldiers in splendid condition," he said. It was stated that tins sent from some other centres were sealed with adhesive tape and paper, resulting in the contents being mouldy when they reached their destination.

THE FARM LABOUR PROBLEM MANY SUGGESTIONS TO HELP Conscription Among The Remedies By Telegraph—Press Association WANGANUI, Feb. 13. Suggestions for easing the farm labour problem given him at meetings with farmers and labour organisations during his tour of Wanganui and Taranaki were outlined by Messrs G. Smith, Wanganui liaison officer of the National Service Department employment division. One was the conscription of labour for essential war industries on the grounds that equality of service was a national responsibility in wartime.

A survey of all men and women in towns also had been advocated, so that those who at some time had experience in farm work could be sent into the country. Another proposal was that mechanics and transport drivers who were working only part time in consequence of petrol restrictions should be given work in the tractor and lorry in the country. Another suggestion was that the Government should amend the law to enable youths under 18 to drive lorries to dairy factories.

Mr Smith pointed out that these are not his ideas or Government proposals; they are simply some suggestions made to me at the meetings," said Mr Smith. An urgent appeal for 100 cases of fruit, preferably apples and pears, for dispatch to the New Zealand Forces overseas is made by the Hastings Zone Patriotic Committee.

"We have just received word that if we can get some fruit on the rail by Saturday, coolstorage space will be available for shipment to the Islands," states Mr G. E. G. Rogers, secretary of the committee yesterday when making the appeal. Mr Rogers intimated that the Patriotic Committee would be prepared to pay the growers 1/- for the case, authority for this expenditure having been given by the national board. Anyone prepared to make donations of cashed fruit is asked to communicate with Mr Rogers or the Borough Council offices before 4 p.m. to-day.

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Objection to the proposal of the National Patriotic Fund Board to present the film "100 Crowded Years" on a Sunday night was expressed at yesterday's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council. The film is a history of New Zealand's first 100 years and the board stated that charges for admission were to be made in the ordinary way, the profits to go to the local patriotic fund.

The council decided that it would not allow the film to be shown on a Sunday night. WESTERN MAN'S SHOWROOM will be rendering the Hastings bargain hunters in fashions. Here you will find a magnificent selection of all that's latest and best. Extraordinary reductions in every department. Be sure you are one of these lucky ones to take part in this great Western Man's fashion clearance.

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR RAIN AND COOLER WEATHER The following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area: Winds: Strong southerly. Weather: Dull with intermittent rain and cooler temperatures. Sea: Becoming rough.

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. 65.5deg. Wet bulb temp. 63.0deg. Maximum temp. 85.5deg. Minimum temp. 65.5deg. Grass 65.5deg. 1ft. underground 71.5deg. 3ft. underground 70.0deg. Sun 70.0deg. Rain Nil. Wind S.W. 4. Cloud 10. Visibility 7. Humidity 79 p.c.

HASTINGS WEATHER Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 64.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 62.0deg. Maximum temp. 90.0deg. Minimum temp. 65.2deg. 1ft. underground 75.0deg. Grass 60.0deg. Wind Nil. Cloud S.W. 4. Humidity 79 p.c.

Medical Attention Refused "I understand that the man refused medical attention," said Sergeant W. O'Donnell at the inquest into the death of Ranfurly Lucas before the district coroner (Mr J. Miller) yesterday. Dr G. E. Waterworth, who performed a post-mortem examination, told the coroner that Lucas's body was extraordinarily wasted. The witness expressed the opinion that had Lucas received medical attention 12 months before his death his life might have been saved. Death was due to advanced generalised tuberculosis commencing in the lung. After he had heard the evidence, the coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the medical witness's opinion.

Old Bitumen Plant An offer of £12 10/- by Mr A. G. Smith for the removal of all material in the old bitumen plant in Joll Road was declined by the Hastings Borough Council at yesterday's meeting. The borough engineer reported that the chairman of the Works Committee had inspected the plant, and considered that the value of the material was considerably in excess of the offer. Four portions of the plant were still under offer to Messrs Richardson, McCabe and Co., and the Borough engineer thought that before anything further was done an endeavour should be made to dispose of the material. The material remaining to be then put up for auction or tenders called for its purchase. It was decided to offer the portions in question to Messrs Richardson, McCabe and Co. for £100.

DOMINION FORECAST General situation: A depression is located west of the North Island while an anticyclone centred over Tasmania extends across the Tasman Sea to the South Island. Forecast—Winds: Fresh to strong southerlies becoming general and later decreasing over the southern half of the South Island. Seas—New Zealand waters: Rough in eastern Cook Strait and between East Cape and Banks Peninsula. Elsewhere moderate. Eastern Tasman: Strong southerly winds soon prevailing and rough seas. Weather: Fair to fine over most of the South Island though a few isolated showers still likely on the east coast. Unsettled over the North Island with intermittent rain but conditions slowly improving from the south and west. Temperatures cold.

To-day's Diary NAPIER The Theatres: "Tom Brown's Schoolboys," State, 2 and 8 p.m. "Mystery Sea Raider" and "World in Flames," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Gaucho Seyferd" and "Crooked Road," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

HASTINGS The Theatres: "Night Train to Munich," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Four Sons," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Sh! The Octopus" and "On Dress Parade," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

Fowlhouses Inspected Of 764 residences visited by the inspectors of the Hastings Borough Council last month, 224 kept fowls, reported the health inspector (Mr C. O. Carrell) at yesterday's meeting of the council. Of these 179 were in good condition, 94 fair, nine bad and in two cases no houses were provided. Two residents were instructed that they must stop keeping fowls and 35 were told to clean their fowlhouses.

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Western Man's MODERN STORE HASTINGS

NO DESTROYERS TO SPARE BALANCED FLEET AMERICAN DEFENCE NEEDS

Two New Battleships near Completion

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 13, 6 p.m.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. When asked to-day if he agreed with Mr. Wendell Willkie's suggestion that the United States should give more destroyers to Britain, the Secretary of the Navy (Colonel Knox) issued a statement opposing "depleting the United States Fleet any further."

SEED CROPPING PROFITS PATRIOTIC FUNDS OR WAR EXPENSES? MORE THAN £600

"Will Have To Sue Us For Money"

According to advice received by the Mayor of Hastings (Mr. G. A. Maddison) the Department of Labour until recently believed that profits derived from the Hastings Borough seed cropping scheme were to be devoted to the War Expenses Account. It was understood when the scheme was inaugurated that profits would be for patriotic purposes.

When the assistance of Scheme No. 13 labour was offered for this work it was understood that any profits should be credited to the War Expenses Account, as is the procedure in regard to other production schemes where this labour is utilised, stated the Minister of Labour in a letter to Mr. Maddison. "As far as my department is concerned, if your committee, now having obtained the labour, does not wish to abide by this condition, the labour will not be withdrawn."

Mr. Maddison's Reply. Replying to Mr. Maddison's statement, "According to your letter advising that when scheme No. 13 labour was offered it was understood that any profits should be credited to the War Expenses Account, I have to point out that the War Expenses Account is not a matter to Mr. Maddison. It is definitely agreed that any profits would be credited to local patriotic funds, and it was on this understanding that appeals for land on which to grow the seeds and for other voluntary assistance were made."

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Parsnips (14 acres), Peas (10 acres), Mangolds and sugar beet (6 acres), Carrots (14 acres), Nursery area (2 acres), Expenses to date (approx. £450), Estimated profit (£603).

USE FOR UNEXPLODED BOMB

British Official Wireless (Received February 13, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 12. A huge bomb is now lying on its side at the foot of the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral. The missile is one of the largest used by the Nazis in their raids on London. Its weight is 1000 kilograms—one ton.

ACTIVITIES OF DOMINION FORCES NOW OVERSEAS Prime Minister's Review Of Disposition Of Second N.Z.E.F.

OVERSEAS SERVICE Dominion Instead Of District Basis HALF SHOULD BE FIT

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 13. An outline of military policy so far as it concerns the disposition and activities of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force was given in an interview by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) when the question of the part played by New Zealand troops in the recent operations in the Western Desert was discussed with him.

The troops in Britain had reached a high state of efficiency and had been placed in the Dover Command ready to take a share in the defence of Great Britain. The part they were to play in the conduct of the New Zealanders in England had evoked praise from General Sir Allen Brooke, Sir John Dill, and Mr. Churchill.

It had never been intended, nor was it desirable, that the New Zealand troops should be employed piecemeal, because if this course had been followed the New Zealanders would have been incorporated in some other formation and consequently would have lost their identity.

When the New Zealand Division is concentrated and before it trains in the field, it will be fully equipped as in the case of any other force, continued Mr. Fraser. "The equipment and employment of the British forces in the Middle East, and the training of the troops, is determined according to the requirements of the formations that had been brought to full strength in person, and have completed their training."

Mr. Fraser pointed out that in recent operations sections of the New Zealand troops played a highly important part in transport, signalling and patrolling activities. "Conditions inseparable from war interfere with even the most perfect planning," he went on, "but there can be no doubt that the British Commanders in the Middle East will continue to employ the forces at their disposal to the best advantage."

"Neither can there be reasonable ground for any suggestion that the Government and the War Cabinet have been complacent or careless regarding the disposition of equipment or use of the New Zealand troops in Egypt. These and all other related matters have received constant and unremitting attention at all times."

PATRIOTIC FUNDS CONTROL

People's Responsibility NOT CONCERN OF GOVERNMENT

The Government-General was at the head of the organisation and the Rt. Hon. J. G. Coates was the only politician on the board, said Mr. Maddison. "The funds are under entirely independent control."

Independent Body

Replying to a question, Mr. Maddison said that the secretary of the National Council (Mr. J. Hayes) had no vote as a member of the council. He was responsible only to the National Council and not to the Government. Mr. Hayes was taken from the Internal Affairs Department at the start of the war when a trained man was wanted to organise a patriotic affairs, and he still drew his salary from the Government.

Second Ballot In Progress MR. A. I. RAINBOW FOR MAYORALTY

Warm Tributes Paid To Mr Maddison

After he had been approached by a representative deputation of businessmen at Hastings yesterday Mr. A. I. Rainbow agreed to accept nomination for the Hastings Mayorality in the local body elections three months hence. The deputation, which comprised about 50 men, including the present Mayor (Mr. G. A. Maddison), met Mr. Rainbow in the Chamber of Commerce room.

Mr. Maddison's Work. Mr. Maddison's untiring work in building and developing Hastings was spoken of by Mr. Ebbett, who said that the present Mayor was a man who had filled the position with the greatest ability and knew exactly what was wanted of him.

COAL FOR POWER BOARDS "EVERYTHING WILL BE DONE" MINISTER'S REPLY

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 13. An assurance that everything would be done to see that power boards in the North Island would have made available to them sufficient coal to satisfy the extra demand for power, was given by the Minister of Mines (the Hon. P. C. Webb) to a deputation which waited on him.

Mr. Webb said the coal industry had established a record in production last year and made available in the Dominion nearly 84,000 tons more than in the previous year. Recently the Government opened up two new mines and one of them was already producing 500 tons a week, and the other should be in production within a fortnight.

Mr. Jones then introduced Mr. Rainbow and asked him to accept nomination for the Mayorality. He pointed out that Mr. Rainbow was born in Hastings and had spent his life here, always taking an active interest in the development of his town. He was a well-known figure in the field of sport, and the advancement of swimming in this country was largely due to his interest.

Hospital Seeks Co-operation

"The public could be of considerable assistance to the Napier Hospital if they would only arrange for admissions to take place in the daytime," said the medical superintendent of the Napier Hospital (Dr. J. J. Foley) last night.

Queen Carnival Scheme NAPIER PROPOSAL

Heartened by the success of the Southern and Central Hawke's Bay Dannevirke enterprise, which raised £8000, the committee has worked out a scheme which will be presented to a public meeting by the Mayor (Mr. T. W. Hercock) next Wednesday.

False Pretences Charge

Judge's Warning To Young Merchant

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 13. Found guilty of obtaining two bales of stockinette valued at £150 by false pretences, Anthony Hoggart, 26, a merchant, Wellington, was admitted to 12 months' probation by Mr. Justice Johnston in the Supreme Court to-day.

SUBVERSION IS ALLEGED IN SUPREME COURT CASE Two Men Guilty Of Attempted Publication; Appeal Is Lodged

Justice's Summing Up

Harold Alexander Ostler and Travers Burnell Christopher Christie were found guilty in the Supreme Court to-day of attempting to publish a subversive statement. They were found not guilty by the jury on a charge of publishing a subversive statement.

On two other charges, that they had in their possession certain copies of the "People's Voice" with a view to facilitating the publication of a subversive statement and that they had in their possession typewriters, paper and material with a view to facilitating the publication of a subversive statement, Mr. Justice Northcroft ruled that the finding need not be taken.

Justice should be done equally, too, notwithstanding the youthfulness and immaturity of mind of the accused. His Honour discussed at length the contents of the "People's Voice" involved in the charge paper. It appeared to be devoted almost exclusively to the propagation of the view of the Communist Party, he said.

By refusing to find the accused guilty, the jury would show their refusal to submit to methods identical with those employed by Hitler when he seized power, and would strike a blow for freedom and the rights of democracy, Ostler said.

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Swan's Fate In The Balance

As the result of representations made by the Coroner, Mr. A. W. Woodward, the Oamaru Borough Council decided to-night to set up a committee to investigate allegations that a swan in the public gardens was a menace. The committee was given power to act.

NAPIER MILK SUPPLY PRICE TRIBUNAL TO INVESTIGATE OPEN INQUIRY

In order to investigate the complaints of a large number of Napier residents, the Price Tribunal will conduct a full inquiry into the scale of milk charges within the borough on Monday.

Five-Hour Raid On Sicily

Italy's two most important aerodromes on the island of Sicily were heavily raided by bombers of the R.A.F. last night. The raids lasted for five hours, and many high-explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

WHAT WILL TURKS DO? VITAL QUESTION IN BALKANS

GERMANS' CARE Many Avoid Provoking Action

The certainty of early German occupation of Bulgaria as a spring-board for a southward, south-eastward, or both is even more unreservedly accepted in the neighbouring countries to-day as the stream of German troops and war materials continues unabated across Hungary and Rumania.

To avoid provoking Turkey, the German occupation might be restricted to western Bulgaria, from which Hitler would be able to threaten Salonika. If the Greeks resist German pressure to make peace with Italy, this would create a military problem directly interesting the British, the Greeks, and the Yugoslavs rather than the Turks.

Reuter's Ankara correspondent says that well-informed Ankara circles assume that neither the British nor the Turkish general staffs desire action which would jeopardise the defence of the Straits. They also recognise that the strength of the Turkish army lies in its defensive rather than its offensive.

Drawbridges On Barges

INVASION VESSELS Belgian Coastline Guarded

Travellers from Holland and Belgium state that the Germans continue to equip boats for the invasion of Britain, says the Belgian correspondent of "The Times." The public are forbidden to approach the quaysides, not only at the seaports but also at river ports. Coastal residents are not permitted to go inland without special licences.

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Borough Affairs At Hastings

COUNCIL MEETS Women's Rest Attracts Many Visitors RECORD ATTENDANCE

"The Civic Square with its well kept lawns and green and gold, and the beautiful flower beds are greatly admired by visitors," said the matron of the Hastings Women's Rest...

Ground Granted For Picnic The usual Windsor Park for the annual picnic of St. Andrew's Church...

Plunket Society Room The usual room in the cricket pavilion in Cornwall Park was granted to the Plunket Society...

Cemetery Fees A decision to alter fees for burial at Hastings Cemetery was made. The present charge of £1 5/- is to be reduced to 15/-...

Library Affairs During December 47 new subscribers joined the library, and their subscriptions and 32 left, leaving the total at 1945 subscribers and 2187 subscriptions...

Footpath For New School The council agreed to provide a new length of concrete footpath in the creek street to serve the new Catholic Boys' High School...

Request For Footpath Residents of Outram Road pointed out that there were now four points in the creek in the winter season...

Sewer Connection Wanted A request by Mr. W. V. Harris for the connection to the borough sewerage works is being building in Maraekakaho Road...

Soil Bought For Reserves Approximately 600 yards of black soil from the site of the new school in King Street has been purchased...

Removal of Trees Wanted A request from Booth, McDonald and Co. for the removal of two trees on the grounds that they occupied their premises in Market Street...

No Parking Space For Hotels

COUNCIL'S DECISION

Reservation Question At Hastings FEWER VEHICLES

A recommendation by the traffic inspector (Mr. H. A. Green) that no parking space be granted Hastings hotels was adopted at yesterday's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council...

"I am of the opinion that through the petrol restrictions there is a falling-off of the numbers of travelling vehicles; so much so that I do not believe there are enough cars drawing up to hotels to warrant the reserving of space," said the inspector.

Bus Stand's Location "I am of the opinion that the present bus stand is ideally situated," said the inspector. "It is in the centre of this department and suits the requirements of the shopping public..."

LOCAL BODY CONTRIBUTION TO HOME GUARD EXPENSES

Hastings Council Discusses Responsibility For Finances

Whether it was the responsibility of local bodies to contribute to the administrative expenses of the Home Guard was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council...

The area commander in a letter stated that the Government had taken up the attitude that administration charges in connection with the Guard should be borne by the local authorities concerned.

The question of necessary finance for the administration work in the No. 7 military area for the Home Guard has become very urgent, stated the commander, and it was suggested that local bodies in the area be asked to provide an area fund of £100 on a per capita basis.

Table with columns: Name, £, s, d. Rows include Napier, Hastings, Dannevirke, Waipawa, Waipawa.

The balance is to be found in the same manner from the counties and independent town districts. The letter asked that the council appoint two honorary auditors to assist in the supervision of the expenditure.

Form of Taxation Mr. P. A. Jones: Is this another form of taxation? This was the responsibility of the council, said the Mayor (Mr. G. A. Maddison) but how far that responsibility would go, he could not say.

It is a question of under whose wing will the Home Guard shelter, said Mr. Maddison. It would eventually become a military unit, and although it was centred at Hastings it would not be available in the event of any emergency arising.

Statement had been made that the Home Guard was a unit of the defence forces, and Major-General Sir Andrew Russell had stated that the Guard was the first line of defence for the country, said Mr. Maddison.

Appreciation Expressed A letter expressing appreciation of Windsor Park camp facilities was received from a Masterton visitor. He stated: "Just a note to thank you and the responsible authorities for the very comfortable camping quarters we found at Windsor Park during the week-end."

The facilities afforded are good and the grounds are very attractive. He stated: "Just a note to thank you and the responsible authorities for the very comfortable camping quarters we found at Windsor Park during the week-end."

Mr. MacKenzie reported that all the parks were popular with both adults and children throughout the holiday period. It was pleasing to note that the behaviour of the children had been good.

"I feel that this rightly should be taken up by the local bodies," said Mr. Arch. Lowe. "The people generally have not realised the seriousness of the situation that is before us, and I think that the people of Hastings should have the responsibility of meeting this payment."

"Political Question" Mr. Loach expressed the opinion that it was a political question and should not concern the council. He regarded it as a second taxation on the ratepayer, and he was not prepared to support the measure.

"JUST BEEN IGNORED AGAIN" Hastings Councillor On Petrol Question

"I must say that it is terribly disheartening not to receive a reply from the Government; the people to whom we offer our loyalty and adherence, too," said Mr. G. W. B. McCormick at yesterday's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council...

"We all would like to help the Government; surely they can help us," said Mr. McCormick. "It's not very much to ask them to reply."

The Mayor (Mr. G. A. Maddison) moved that a request be sent to the Minister for a copy of the letter sent to the Napier Chamber of Commerce dealing with the petrol question.

HASTINGS GREETINGS TO MR. CHURCHILL

Reply From 10 Downing Street A letter bearing the famous address: "No. 10, Downing Street, Whitehall" has been received by Mr. H. E. Grainger, honorary secretary of the Hastings and District Scouts' Society...

"I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to acknowledge your letter of September 27 and to thank you for the message which you sent on behalf of the Hastings and District Scouts' Society." The letter is signed "E. M. Watson."

Night Athletic Meeting

ON DAMP TRACK Fast Quarter-Mile By K. Phillips EXCELLENT TIMES

Conditions were far from ideal for last night's meeting of the Napier Athletic Club, but the usual good times were registered in spite of the wet track. Especially noteworthy was R. Phillips's run in the quarter-mile of 51 seconds off the four-year mark, a performance which must be close to the provincial record of 51.2 seconds. Results:

Women's Events 100 yards handicap.—First heat: Miss C. Greaney 1, Miss B. Matthews 2, Miss J. Elliott 3, Time 11 2-5sec. Second heat: Miss L. Climo 1, Miss E. Franklin 2, Miss E. Beale 3, Time 11 4-5sec. Final: Miss J. Greaney 1, Miss B. Matthews 2, Miss C. Greaney 3, Time 12 1-5sec.

Men's Events 120 yards handicap.—First heat: Miss C. Greaney 1, Miss J. Greaney 2, Miss B. Matthews 3, Time 14 4-5 sec. Second heat: Miss L. Climo 1, Miss E. Franklin 2, Miss E. Beale 3, Time 14 3-5sec. Final: Miss B. Matthews 1, Miss C. Greaney 2, Miss E. Franklin 3, Time 14 1-5sec.

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Men's 800 yards handicap.—W. Tully 1, R. Gollop 2, P. Collett 3, Time 17 5-5sec. 400 yards handicap.—O. Banks 1, R. Phillips 2, E. Greaney 3, Time 5 1-5sec. One mile handicap.—W. Tully 1, J. McIntosh 2, R. Redshaw 3, Time 4min. 25 3-5sec.

Junior boys' 75 yards handicap.—J. Golbraun 1, P. Stewart 2, A. Kenyon 3, Time 11 2-5 sec. Junior men's 100 yards cock of the north.—A. A'Deane, Time 11 2-5 sec.

Cycle Events Two lap cycle.—M. Hunt 1, B. McEwan 2, E. Manning 3, Time 1min. 7 2-5sec. One mile cycle.—B. McEwan 1, M. Hunt 2, E. Manning 3, Time 2min. 20 5-5sec.

Field Events Hop, step and jump.—P. Collett 1, E. Greaney 2, D. O'Rourke 3, Distance 40ft. 1in. Discus throw.—B. Whyte 1, R. Bird 2, K. Orman 3, Distance 112ft. 2in.

Opening Day Of Tourney PROVINCIAL CROQUET

Play At Hastings Yesterday EARLY RATE PAYMENT REQUESTED

Total Mounting At Hastings CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

The Hawke's Bay croquet tourney opened yesterday at Hastings under favourable weather conditions, and good progress was made on the first day's play.

The Mayor of Hastings (Mr. G. A. Maddison) and the president of the Hawke's Bay Croquet Association (Mrs. Corner) were present at the opening of play.

Handicap Doubles (41) beat Mesdames Davies and Battersby (11) 26-9, 1st round. Mesdames Graham and Munro (13) beat Mesdames Wilson and Kisson (11) 26-17, 1st round.

Handicap Singles Mrs Hopkins (5) beat Mrs Corner (6), Mrs Matthews won by default Mrs Graham (5) v. Mesdames Tomlinson and W. Watkins (11).

Handicap Singles Mrs Broadley (10) beat Mrs Charles (11) 26-19, Mrs Muir (10) beat Mrs Simpson (9) 26-22.

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"SHOULD HAVE COUPLE OF THOUSAND IN HOME GUARD"

Mayor Speaks Strongly On Lack Of Interest Show At Hastings

"Hastings people have to come to a greater realisation of the position they are in," declared the Mayor of Hastings (Mr. G. A. Maddison) speaking on the lack of interest in the Home Guard at yesterday's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council. "Instead of 300 or 400 we should have a couple of thousand in the guard."

"Three or four hundred in the Home Guard here would get us nowhere," said Mr. Maddison. "If the people do not do it voluntarily, they will have to be forced to take part in this machine for the defence of our country."

The Council agreed to find money for the administration of the Home Guard, but Mr. Maddison expressed the opinion that when it came to equipping them as a military unit, it was the responsibility of the Government.

Orchardist In Bankruptcy

CREDITORS MEET Drinking And Gambling Alleged HASTINGS MEETING

Allegations that his failure was partly due to drinking and gambling when he should have been looking after his orchard were made at a meeting of creditors of a Hawke's Bay orchardist, Leslie Barratt Rich. The meeting, which was presided over by the Official Assignee (Mr. W. Hart), was held at Hastings yesterday.

Total debts were shown as £990 9/1, while assets were £135, leaving a deficiency of £855 9/1. The chief creditors were the Bank of New Zealand (£253 12/4), Gordon Walker Ltd. (£72 0/3), New Zealand Fruitgrowers Federation Ltd. (£258 5/11), and Hawke's Bay Farmers' Cooperative Association Ltd. (£60 17/3).

In his personal statement the bankrupt said he had been in business as an orchardist at Hawke's Bay for 12 years, but in 1937, for one reason and another he had been unable to carry on successfully.

Property Encumbered. His principal difficulty had been that his property was heavily encumbered. The Government capital valuation was £275, but the trustee of his father's estate obtained a valuation from Mr. C. H. Slater, who considered it worth about £2000.

The property was subject to a first mortgage to the Standard Advances Corporation for £1547 and a second mortgage to the bankrupt's father's estate for £4000. Unfortunately, most of the land was unsuitable for growing fruit trees and poor crops resulted.

"My heavy overhead expenses and restricted income prevented my developing the property to the best advantage," stated the bankrupt. "Recent crops have been badly affected by hail. In my endeavour to meet interest on the mortgages in the face of these difficulties I fell into debt."

Supreme Court Proceedings. Supreme Court proceedings were taken against the bankrupt under the Family Protection Act and there was no alternative but for him to vacate the property. In the meantime judgment summons proceedings had been issued against him by one of his larger creditors and this forced him to file a petition.

The meeting was adjourned sine die pending the disposal of certain assets.

Escapes From Prison SERIES OF CHARGES

Sequel To Auckland Case

By Telegraph—Press Association AUCKLAND, Feb. 13. Three of the prisoners who escaped from Auckland Gaol in October, Bryan James O'Hehir, John Henry Sliver and Randolph Reginald David Smith, were found guilty to-day on three charges of unlawful conversion of motor-cars, three charges of theft, and one charge of breaking and entering committed while they were at liberty.

Another prisoner, David Fraser Watson, who was jointly charged, pleaded guilty and was remanded for trial.

The goods stolen mostly comprised clothing, foodstuffs and a wireless set. The prisoners will be sentenced to-morrow morning.

Bread Delivery Discussed Bakers' Conference At Auckland

Suggestions for rationalising bread deliveries to save petrol and manpower, but inflicting no compulsion on the public, were advanced by Mr. H. P. Burton, Auckland, in an address to the Dominion Bakers' and Pastrycooks' Conference to-day.

Mr. Burton said the solution of the industry's problems lay in one or more of the following proposals: Complete control of all delivery under a co-operative plan, zoning under the block system, compulsory condensation of rounds controlled by committees under the present control plan, a voluntary system of condensation of rounds, and, incidentally, the probable introduction of the cash token system to eliminate all credit.

The conference carried an amendment reminding the standardisation of the percentage of wheat germ in germ bread at not less than five per cent, and not more than ten per cent.

Greyhound Racing

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SCUFFLE SEQUEL Man's Death In Hospital HASTINGS INCIDENT WHISTLE IGNORED

"This, of course, is an inquest and all I have to do is to ascertain the cause of death," said the District Coroner (Mr. J. Miller) at the inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Frank Bentley, 55, which occurred at the Napier Hospital recently.

The Medical Superintendent of the Napier Hospital (Dr. J. Foley), told the Coroner that Bentley had been admitted to the Napier Hospital on June 9, 1940. His lower limbs were paralysed and he was suffering from shock and cold.

Bentley gave a story of having been involved in a scuffle at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings, on the previous night. The witness said that he diagnosed an injury to the spinal cord. Bentley was treated as an in-patient up to the time of his death on January 27.

Accidental Injury In reply to the Coroner, Dr. Foley said that injuries suffered by Bentley were more consistent with his having fallen over the empty crates in the car than a kick. The very nature of the fall would account for the man's complaint that he had been kicked.

Death was due to kidney failure as a sequel to a damaged spinal cord. Calper Percy Wilkinson, clerk of the Magistrate's Court, Hastings, read the depositions which he had typed at Bentley's bedside in the Napier Hospital, when William O'Grady was charged with assaulting Bentley so as to cause actual bodily harm.

William O'Grady, a pensioner living at the rear of the Regent Theatre, Hastings, said that he had heard the previous witness read the statement which he (O'Grady) had made to Detective Campin and that he had nothing further to add.

Coroner's Conclusion "The whole of the evidence has been taken into account by Mr. Miller," and I came to the conclusion that it was insufficient to stand O'Grady on trial.

There was a scuffle in the bar of the hotel in which Bentley fell among some empty crates. That being so, the injuries received were not due to any action of O'Grady's, said the Coroner.

The inquiry is held so that all the evidence can be produced and the public can ask questions," added Mr. Miller. "The position remains the same as when I first heard the case."

Bentley returned an open verdict that Bentley died from complications resulting from an injury to the spinal cord received when he fell in the public bar of the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Memoranda The N.Z.R. Road Services advertisement this morning particulars of buses to Clifton-Cape Kidnappers on Sunday, 16th inst, being permitted. The gannet chicks are now appearing in large numbers and the trip is well worth while.

Kempthorne, Prosser and Co. trophy, Mrs. R. H. Newell, Riverina Station. Osmond and Sons' trophy, gift sheep classes: H. Bayly. R. Sefton, Berkshire sow: A. H. Unwin.

Aro Seed Co. trophy, vegetables: E. T. Hudson. Henry Williams and Sons, preserves: Mrs. E. Scragg. H. C. Young Ltd. trophy, second highest points: Mrs. D. G. Wilson. Faircloth Radio Ltd. trophy: Mrs. J. Mercer.

"Flowerland" Wairoa, trophy: Mrs. C. O'Sullivan. Macduffs Ltd. trophy, novice cooking: Mrs. M. A. Unwin. Best giadullos: Mrs. C. Stone (Mrs. B. Johansen's trophy). Decorative classes: A. Simmonds Ltd. vase of flowers: Mrs. A. Unwin. Saw donors, class 416: Mrs. Campagnola. Matheson and Roberts: Mrs. Campagnola.

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With regard to Sutherland, the Wellington champion sprinter, and Dickie the provincial champion, Hamilton, he said that the Wellington inter-club competition for the Dewar Shield was in a critical stage and though he thought the man had edged it, it was possible that they would decline to compete on that score.

Crack Cyclists To Visit Napier Outside Competitors In Championships The secretary of the Hawke's Bay Athletic Centre (Mr. R. Bird) stated last night that the centre's efforts to secure outside competitors for the provincial championships had borne fruit in that Logan Heazlewood, and West Coast champion cyclist, and J. E. Allan, crack Palmerston North cyclist, had signified their intention of competing.





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## Cup May Go To Peony Rose

### WINTON RACES

Sprint Race Is Very Open

#### WIN AND PLACE

(By THE BARB)  
The annual race meeting of the Winton Jockey Club will be held this afternoon and to-morrow, the programme consisting of six galloping and two trotting races with recent form offering plenty in most of the former races.

Win and place betting will be in operation.

Following is a review of the gallopers' races:

**NOVICE STAKES**  
Of £105; six furlongs

Ballyagan 8.0, Bantas 8.0, Campus 8.0, Crinkle 8.0, Ferry Singer 8.0, Irish Queen 8.0, Jacksonville 8.0, Legis 8.0, Millibar 8.0, Behl 8.0, Silver Night 8.0, Slamannan 8.0, Southern Light 8.0, Susie 8.0, Topspin 8.0, Valcron 8.0.

There is little to choose from in this field. All have raced but only four have weighed in. The Irish Lacer filly, Irish Queen, is well commented upon and ran third in her last effort. Others who have been placed are Campus, Legis, Silver Light, Southern Night and the Sprinter Valcron was well backed at Gore last week but failed to gain a place. Three that may appear, IRISH QUEEN, SILVER NIGHT and VALCRON.

**WINTON CUP HANDICAP**  
Of £215 15/-; one mile and a quarter

Mona's Song 9.6, Wild Career 9.1, Peony Rose 8.7, Doubleback 8.6, Sparkie 8.6, Heidelberg 7.0.

Mona's Song won well at Gore last week but is now penalised 6lb and will need to do her very best. Heidelberg is not discarded and Wild Career, has been very consistent this season and won last Monday. Peony

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Rose is due for a win any day as at Gore the first day went down by a head to Mona's Song, coming out again on the next day to suffer a nose defeat by Wild Career, who did not start on opening day.

Meeting both her victors on better terms, the difference now may turn the tables. Doubleback's possibility on his first day's Gore form where Sparkie, the favourite, failed the first day and fell on the second. Heidelberg is not discarded and no more is recommended.

Most interest may be taken in the running of PEONY ROSE, MONA'S SONG, WILD CAREER.

**FLYING HANDICAP**  
Of £130; six furlongs

Nightcald 9.1, Fleet Street 8.11, Boaboa 7.12, Craiglea 7.11, Phalanx 7.7, Skyrene 7.6, Gold Flight 7.6, Royal Lancer 7.6, Sea Lady 7.2, Orlax 7.0, Boaforn 7.0, Kippen 7.0.

Nightcald came out of his shell at Gore to run a second and a first, so that he should figure prominently again. Fleet Street failed last week. In the telegraphed list of acceptors for this race appears Boaboa but the writer is of the opinion that it should read Boaforn, last Saturday's winner by four lengths, who now appears on the minimum.

Craiglea improved from nowhere to second in the two days at Gore. Phalanx and Skyrene are possibilities. Made favourite in her only start at Gore to finish out of the money, the Nigger Minstrel-Francon three-year-old filly, Gold Flight, may now make amends.

Sea Lady, a winner last week, is now promoted to open company so that this Lord Warden mare will have to be given a lightweight's chance of success. On the minimum, Kippen also enters calculations.

Favouritism may be disputed by NIGHTCALM, CRAIGLEA, and BOAFORN.

**WINTON STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP**  
Of £130; about two miles and a quarter

El Caballo 11.2, Gay Boa 10.13, Pandine 10.9, Colone French 10.2, Airdrie 9.8, Bow Street 9.7, Prince Flaneur 9.0, Pride of Central 9.0.

El Caballo has not raced since the end of last August. However, he is a proved fencer and on that ground alone will be dangerous. Gay Boa raced over country only a few weeks back and did Colonel French (second) and Pandine who when going well, fell. Airdrie, winner over hurdles on New Year's Day at Southland, may do best of the others.

Most money may be invested on the chances of PANDINE, AIRDRIE and COLONE FRENCH.

**BARKLY HACK HANDICAP**  
Of £125; six furlongs

Kippen 9.4, Phillip 8.13, Colone Rouge 8.9, Pink Dress 8.7, Wild Con 8.6, Southern Sail 8.2, Ackema 7.13, Gnohill 7.10, Gold Robe 7.8, Shantyman 7.7, Crinkle 7.7.

Kippen reads well as also does last Monday's winner Phillip. Colone Rouge won at Tapanui in his last previous start. Pink Dress did well at Tapanui, too, as after winning a five furlong race came out two races later to account for a six furlong event. Wild Con and Southern Sail, on form, appear more than any of the remainder.

This race is very open with plenty of recent form offering.

The betting order may read PINK DRESS, COLONE ROUGE, PHILLIP (in the absence of Kippen).

**TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP**  
Of £135; one mile

Combat 8.12, Boaforn 8.6, Sailing Lady 8.5, Craiglea 8.5, Blissful Lady 8.4, Araboa 8.0, Sea Lady 7.11.

The aged Rosenor gelding, Combat, won both Highweight races at Gore and has now practically two stone off his back, in comparison to last Monday. Boaforn and Craiglea are also engaged in the open sprint as is Sea Lady. Sailing Lady has had a non-race this season but has twice been placed second, while Blissful Lady has similar performances since August 1st. The hurdler, Araboa, may find this field possessing too much speed for him now. What will be better backed than SEA LADY, BOAFORN and COMBAT?

## Much Discussed Racing Point

### WALK UP OR STAND START

#### Advantages Lay With Moving Dispatch

(By THE BARB)  
For some years now in this Dominion there has been no point of racing more discussed in racing circles than the method or system of starting that should be adopted. In fact, this appears to be an evergreen topic of conversation in sporting circles, and one finds disciples strongly advocating the old walk up dispatch and others, perhaps in the minority, who favour the stand. Yet others, not quite sure of themselves, say that it should be left entirely in the hands of the official starter.

Recently the starting at Wairoa of Mr W. C. Price, until recently official to the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, was the best seen in Hawke's Bay for many years, but was it a coincidence that his best send-offs were achieved when he adopted the walk up start?

Not so many years ago this important matter was placed on the agenda paper at the annual general meeting of the New Zealand Racing Conference and when brought before the delegates the majority voted that the standing start should be adopted.

The writer wonders if this rule has been rigidly enforced. In the Auckland racing district no strict rule is followed. In fact, there might be more walk-up starts than standing flat footed starts and yet the starting up north is held to be better than in any other district in the Dominion to-day.

**An Official Fined**  
Then again, in the last twelve months an official in the far south was fined by his club for not adhering to the stand start.

It was not long ago that in Hawke's Bay a comment was reported by a deputy stipendiary steward to the Conference for allowing one or two "walk-ups" and a reprimand was administered.

The writer's system was mixed, which all goes to show that there is nothing universal about our starting in the Dominion at present and a question put to the "Daily Mail" sporting writer by a correspondent at Wairoa is "promised."

Personally, I have ridden under both systems so for the sake of argument it may be accepted that I am qualified to give an opinion.

In the first place I wish to say I am in favour of the walk up start as the fairest and safest.

Having ridden at many non-totalisator race meetings where the start was by a barrier, and often not qualified, and with no starting barrier, all dispatches were walk-ups, and I seldom participated in a poor start. If there were instances of horses getting left it was more the blame of the amateur rider than the amateur starter.

However, The Barb will proceed by giving views on the advantages of the walk-up start against that of the flat footed dispatch.

**Minimising Danger**  
Many can recall in recent years the serious accidents that have befallen horses and riders in the Dominion, through the crowding of the horses in a bunch for this flat footed start.

It is only a little while ago that the well-known Auckland light-weight horseman, C. G. Goldsboro was seriously injured by being kicked by a horse at the post.

That mishap cost the rider at least £500 and, as he was at the peak of his form at that time, it may have cost him much more as he lost connections which he has not yet fully regained.

Whether this was through the effects of his accident, or because he had slightly gone out of fashion is an open question, but the fact remains that he was kicked at the post. Many similar accidents could be mentioned in this one is so well known that it is given as an example now.

Hardly a meeting goes past without some horse being kicked at the post and a far bigger proportion of horses have had to forgo immediate engagements through being kicked at the post than for all the other reasons added together.

It is said that the starters in Australia are superior to New Zealanders and that may be so. But on the other side, accidents are continually reported.

Take the last V.R.C. Derby for instance, when a kicking match took place at the line up for three contestants to be seriously injured, including Pandect, the favourite, who a month previously had won the Australian Derby at Randwick.

**Accidents Must Occur**  
Unfortunately there is no cure or prevention for these mishaps, and they must go on as long as the standing start is the adopted method.

From a walk-up start the competitors parade round in groups until such time as an official notice is hoisted for the race to proceed. Then they get into their correct barrier positions, drawn at the scales, and walk up to the line until the moment the official starter dispatches them on their way in perfect line. Could there be anything more simple?

Now the method for the other class of starting is somewhat similar in that until such time as the signal is given, when the contestants are asked to face the barrier and then the "fun" commences.

## Acceptances And Placings

### GREYHOUND RACING

#### Good Fields Promised At Hastings

By The Slipper  
To-morrow the Hastings Greyhound Racing Club will follow its usual practice of placing before the public "hit-bits" of the greyhound racing world.

The Nelson Park Open Stake can truly be termed a race to determine the champion of champions. The four entries are of a class that will compare with any in the world, namely, Miss Beverley, White Tracer, Royal Desire and Young Boston. These greyhounds possess great speed and there will be great difficulty in forecasting the winner.

It is rumoured that the connections of White Tracer are prepared to put up a substantial sum as a backing that their 1940 champion can defeat Royal Desire in a special match race over 560 yards. Should this eventuate, a wonderful race will be witnessed.

The Hastings Stakes has drawn 22 entries, and the event will be run in heats, semi-finals and final. Dogs have entered from Auckland and Gisborne in addition to those nearer home.

Competition in the hurdles races will be keen and everyone will be looking forward to the struggle between Loch Lomond and Lochiel in the open hurdles race, with Old Pal a distinct possibility.

**Acceptances and Placings**  
The acceptances and box placings are as follows—  
Hastings Stakes, 560yds. Winner £5, 2nd £1, 3rd 10/-.—First heat (1st and 2nd in heat enter semi-finals): 1 Cappy Boston, 2 Security, 3 Top Hat, 4 Battleship, 5 Tahoma. Second heat: 1 White Bat, 2 Miss Symp, 3 Lady Ann, 4 Sovereign Lass, 5 Hats Off. Third heat: 1 Gold Worry, 2 Lucky Gold, 3 Coastguard, 4 Jewel Stand, 5 Bonnie Doone. Fourth heat: 1 Pure Gold, 2 See Red, 3 Symp Again, 4 Foreign Lad. Fifth heat: 1 The Judge, 2 Orui Lass, 3 Kyber Lad, 4 Sparkling Footsteps.

Clive Limit Stake, 560yds. 1st and 2nd in heat enter final. First heat: 1 Tamate, 2 Boston Prince, 3 Black Royal, 4 Lady Luna. Second heat: 1 Tukia, 2 Don Salvo, 3 Royal Artillery.

Havelock Open Hurdles. Winner £10/-.—1 Loch Lomond, 2 Lochiel, 3 Old Pal.

Nelson Park Open Stake. Winner £2.—1 Miss Beverley, 2 White Tracer, 3 Royal Desire, 4 Young Boston.

Stortford Lodge Novice Hurdles.—1 Gipsland, 2 Loppalung, 3 Sparkling Footsteps, 4 Glencoe, 5 Ephialtes.

**The Selections**  
The Hastings Stake is arousing considerable interest, and See Red who is easily the best bred greyhound in New Zealand to-day, must have an excellent chance. He is by Robin Redbreast, who in turn is a litter brother to Rotten Row, the 1937 English Waterloo Cup winner and who also "ran up" in 1936 and 1938. On all sides of his pedigree See Red is "bred in the purple."

Mrs E. B. Watson has three nominations of whom Miss Symp is easily the best. Hats Off, if well, will be hard to defeat and this also applies to Foreign Lad, who has been on the sick list lately. The Judge has speed, but does not appear to have done much work. My selection for the final will be See Red, Hats Off, Bonnie Doone and Kyber Lad.

Nelson Park Open Stake will provide a thrill and in addition, probably a surprise. I believe that Miss Beverley will win this stake in record time. She has never been extended in her previous wins and she is a joint track record holder with Royal Desire.

The Open Hurdles will be very interesting and Loch Lomond should win on his jumping ability alone. The Novice Hurdles are hard to pick but Glencoe appears to have an excellent chance here.

**Introduction of the Barrier**  
When the barrier was first introduced, walk-up starts were still indulged in but the change to the flat-footed method was brought about by some not-too-scrupulous starters.

To-day with alert stipendiary stewards, racecourse inspectors and other officials, a starter who would lend himself to such practices would have a very short reign.

**A True Story**  
While on the subject of "doubtful incidents" the writer would like to relate a true story that happened in New Zealand years ago. As all the participants are now dead, no feelings will suffer.

A well-known semi-official of racing was going to go into partnership with a friend in a racehorse that was going to outshine the great Carbine but who, in reality proved no more than a duffer.

The horse was carried about the country to meeting after meeting with no success whatever, much to the chagrin of the semi-official, who very soon got a little pocket-sick of pay, pay all the time, and so suggested the relinquishing of his half of the expenses. His more optimistic partner knew how they could reimburse their horses by entering their nuddy on a country circuit. This was agreed to, so away went the horse in charge of the same genuine one, only for two or three more defeats to be registered. "But lo and behold, comes the glad news that the semi-official had triumphed."

The horse had then begun to balance the budget, only to figure out that the balance on this particular circuit would only result in an infinitesimal profit.

His partner returned to divulge a loss and so was asked to produce the item of expenses. His documentary evidence read something like this: "Nominations, acceptances, riding money, stabling, accommodation, travelling expenses, shoeing, and the like." The writer was in order but the last item, "£10 to Blank for a fly" had the semi-official beat. He asked what kind of fly cost a tanner? Back came the answer, "Well, we had to win a race somehow or other, so I gave the barrier a ten pound note to allow our horse a flying start."

That was a little too much for the sleeping partner because Mr Blank and the writer's cobbers are practically things of the past and bear no influence in the least on the question. There are many more arguments in favour of walk-up starts but hardly any sound one for the flat-footed start.

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Porter's Cap Wins The Santa Anita Derby

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The Santa Anita Derby, nine furlongs of 50,000 dollars, was won by Mr C. S. Howard's Porter's Cap, with Bull Reich, second and Copperman third. Time, 1:54 2-5.

savours too much of the yes-no policy.

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