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Serious Warning Given To Bulgaria

DISAPPROVAL OF ACTIONS

Britain's Patience Is Near Breaking Point

(By Radio) LONDON, 1 a.m.

A warning to Bulgaria of Britain's strong disapproval of her action was given by the British Minister (Mr George Rendel) yesterday. The time to break off all contact with Bulgaria was very near, he said, but he would leave only if the country passed under Nazi domination and an attack on British interests seemed imminent.

Mr Rendel quoted many instances of Bulgarian assistance to the Nazis and pointed out that, although the Bulgarian Army was virtually mobilised, it was not facing the German Army across the Danube.

"Adequate cause for breaking off relations almost exist already," he said. "The Bulgarian police are largely under German control, the Press is completely so, while the Army is also largely in German hands, at least at the top," said Mr Rendel, who re-emphasised that Britain did not want to take the initiative and bring Bulgaria into the war, "but," he added, "if we go to war, we must be prepared to face the consequences and become a theatre of war. The principle of attacking occupied countries has already been established in western Europe and I think the same procedure would be followed here."

[The above news was received direct on a "Columbus" calibrated short-wave radio.]

TRANSPORT - KEY TO VICTORY

NEW METHOD IN BRITAIN

SPEEDY UNLOADING

Trial At Lancashire Ports

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Explaining what he described as the "Dockers Charter" for the duration of the war, the Minister of Labour (the Hon. Ernest Bevin) said: "Transport has now become the key to victory. The complete and effective organisation of transport will determine the duration of the struggle."

The scheme applies to dock labour at Merseyside, Manchester and Preston and is calculated to secure the quicker turn-round of ships in port. All registered dock workers at the specified ports will be employed by the Ministry of Transport on a guaranteed weekly basis combined, where possible, with payment by results from March 10. The rates are being worked out by committees at the ports composed of representatives of the Ministry of Transport, the Workers' Union and of approved employers.

Approved Employers Any man who accepts employment will be required to work a minimum of 11 four-hour turns and will be guaranteed payment for them by the Ministry of Transport working through a regional port director. The labour force, numbers and types of suitable men will be allocated by the port labour superintendent to "approved employers," a term which includes master stevedores, master porters and the like. Mr Bevin added that the scheme would be applied later to the Clyde ports and its possible application to London was being considered.

Freight Rates Raised

AMERICA TO CHINA

Goods From Atlantic Ports

EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 1

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Representatives of 16 of the major shipping lines announced to-day a general advance in ocean freight rates from United States Atlantic ports to China and the Philippines. They will become effective on April 1.

AIR TRANSPORT FIRMS TO MERGE

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The Civil Aeronautics Board has approved the merger of four companies operating the Transatlantic, Transpacific, Latin American and Alaskan air services of Pan-American Airways.

CONTROL BY "BIG BUSINESS"

INSURANCE FIRMS IN AMERICA

ACTION WANTED

Impossible To Ascertain True Costs

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The Securities and Exchange Corporation officials report to the Federal Monopoly Committee on life insurance companies recommends legislative action to compel insurance companies to free part of their vast reserves for loan to small business and the stimulation of new enterprise.

The report of the insurance section indicated that insurance company assets were available to big business only. The insurance companies select directors who are already directors of large corporations and are thus in a position to make personal gains through their dual capacity.

The five largest companies interlock with about 780 corporations. Each director averages six directorships, some of which are banks in which the insurance companies have large deposits.

A Valueless Right The theoretical right of policyholders in mutual insurance companies to select their officers is valueless because the directors are completely self-perpetuating.

It is practically impossible to obtain an adequate idea of insurance costs, says the report, because the necessary type of cost accounts are not kept.

The industrial insurance sold to low income families is the most expensive form of life insurance available.

Danger Of Big Shelters

AIR RAID PROBLEMS

Recent Tragedy Under Archway

SIXTY-ONE KILLED

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Complaining that, despite warnings, many were still using the big shelters, Mr. Cunningham-Reid, in the House of Commons, said that a heavy bomb recently directly hit a Metropolitan Railway archway under which 800 were sheltering, 61 of whom were killed and 159 injured. Despite this disaster, 500 were at loved last night to shelter in a nearby archway.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, replying, declared that there had been comparatively few casualties as a result of the policy of dispersal in air-raid shelters. The Ministry, she said, was seeking powers to turn out people from dangerous shelters.

Atlantic Battle Threatens

AMERICA'S DANGER

Greater Help Urged For Britain

SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT

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The United States Committee for the Defence of America has cabled President Roosevelt: "Hitler threatens a battle of the Atlantic. The only aid that really counts is United States naval vessels and aircraft protecting United States and Allied merchantmen."

CHILE REQUISITIONS DANISH SHIPS

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The Chilean Government has issued a decree requisitioning three Danish ships, the Frida, Lota and Helga.

"FRIENDLY INVASION" OF BULGARIA IS ADMITTED

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 1, 0.10 a.m.) GENEVA, Feb. 28.

Italy's Dream Of African Empire Nearing Its End

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 1, 1.55 a.m.) LONDON, Feb. 28.

British Air Force planes have swept the Italians from the Eritrean skies; the South African Air Force is blasting the Italians from the roads; the retreat is in full swing from Somaliland to Addis Ababa and the British and Allied land forces are hourly bringing nearer the fall of Italian East Africa.

Troops from Kubkub are 15 miles from Keren after capturing Kelemit, 30 miles north of Keren and sending back a column to occupy Nacfa, which the Italians had abandoned. The 15,000 Italians holding Keren will soon face the alternatives of encirclement or retreat under heavy fire from their flanks and from the air.

Before the northern British forces reach Keren for complete encirclement they must pass through a gorge flanked on one side by the 6000-foot Ghelende Mountains and on the other by the 5000-foot Mulot Mountains.

The R.A.F. is supporting the Army on all fronts in East Africa and has effectively attacked stores, troop concentrations and supply dumps in the Keren area. They have bombed the large transport yard of Assab, raided ammunition stores and other objectives at Massawa, and attacked the railway bridge at Hawash. All the planes have returned.

In four weeks the South Africans alone have claimed eighty Italian planes, 50 on the ground and 30 shot down. The Italians lost 25 planes in the past three days. The bulk of six brigades have been shattered in Somaliland and three brigade commanders have been taken prisoner.

The road to Abyssinia lies open to the conquerors, also the road to British Somaliland, where there is only a thin and isolated garrison. The British Divisional Commander at Juba sent his men into battle with the stirring message: "We have a chance to share in Mr. Winston Churchill's policy of tearing Mussolini's Roman Empire to tatters. Our campaign, if relentlessly conducted, has every likelihood of starting the complete collapse of the Italians in East Africa. Fight fearlessly, shoot low and move quickly. Go to it with high hearts and the enemy will crumple."

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EX-KING ALFONSO DIES

FAMILY PRESENT AT BEDSIDE

CROWNED AT 16

Had Been Ill For A Fortnight

(By Radio.) LONDON, 1 a.m.

The death is announced of ex-King Alfonso of Spain after an illness of a fortnight. He was 54 years of age. The family was at the bedside.

Alfonso was crowned king at the age of 16. In the course of his reign many attempts were made on his life, including one when he was leaving the church after his marriage.

Alfonso was married to Princess Ena in 1906. Endowed with energy and courage he dominated his kingdom until, on the proclamation of a Republican Government, he suspended the exercise of the Royal power and left Spain on April, 1931, being followed by the Queen and his family. His Spanish property was returned to him in 1938.

'ADEN'S FIRST RAID IN NINE WEEKS

Neither Damage Nor Casualties

(By Radio.) LONDON, 1 a.m.

The British naval base at Aden, near the southern entrance to the Red Sea yesterday had its first air raid for nine weeks. No damage was done and no casualties are reported.

GISBORNE SOLDIER IS NOT A PRISONER

By Telegraph—Press Association WELINGTON, Feb. 28.

A message from the New Zealand High Commissioner in London states that because of mistaken identification, the parents of Sergeant A. M. Brodie, N.Z.E.F., may have heard indirectly that he is a prisoner. The message says he is not a casualty.

Sergeant Brodie's next-of-kin is Mrs J. M. Brodie, Gisborne.

The following casualty is reported: Pilot Officer William John Shircliffe killed as a result of an air accident. His next-of-kin is his wife, Mrs E. E. Shircliffe, 3 Leys Crescent, Remuera, Auckland.

CHEERFUL LETTER HOME

R.A.F. OFFICERS HELD PRISONER

WELL TREATED

Forced Landing Made In Italy

British Official Wireless (Received February 28, 7.45 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 27.

Flight-Lieutenant J. L. Leeming, one of the founders of the Lancashire Aero Club, who with Air Vice-Marshal O. T. Boyd, was taken prisoner when the aircraft in which they were flying to Egypt was forced to land in Italy, has written a typically cheerful letter to his R.A.F. friends at Home. The letter, is reproduced by the Air Ministry News Service.

"We are, of course, very depressed at what has happened," Flight-Lieutenant Leeming writes. "However, it might have turned out much worse. We are lucky to be alive and we are well treated. The people here have been very kind and we are comfortable. We play cards and draughts. We are teaching ourselves Italian and we also walk. It is 95 paces around the garden and it takes 50 seconds to walk. Yesterday we calculated that we walked five miles."

Flight-Lieutenant Leeming is the personal assistant of Air Vice-Marshal Boyd, who was on his way out to Egypt to take up his duties as Deputy Air Officer commanding the R.A.F. in the Middle East when taken prisoner.

He is the author of the well-known children's book "Claudius the Bee."

The letter, which was written on December 1, reached England a few days ago.

BRITISH ACTIVITIES IN HOLLAND

Nazis Admit Landings Are Possible

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Berlin reports say that the Nazi spokesman admitted the possibility of British agitators landing in Holland by parachute or speedboat but claimed that the effectiveness of these agents would be limited. The measures taken to suppress disorders in Amsterdam and Rotterdam were said to be proving adequate.

NAZIS FIRE ON RIOTERS AT AMSTERDAM

Military Patrols Assaulted: Young Jews Attack Storm Troopers

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 28, 9.35 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 27.

The German radio states that German troops were called out at Amsterdam last Tuesday and Wednesday to disperse Dutch workmen demonstrating at the railway station. Soldiers opened fire when the workers refused to disperse. Several were killed and wounded.

Dutch rioters also assaulted German military patrols in the streets of Amsterdam and the soldiers were again forced to use their firearms, several being killed and wounded.

The newspaper "Vrij Nederland" gives details of fights between Jews and Dutch Nazis at Amsterdam, which is now under martial law as a result of young Jews attacking uniformed Storm Troopers marching through the Ghetto. Twelve civilians and two police were injured and one Nazi is dead. German officials announced that eight had been killed, 40 wounded and large numbers arrested. The police have isolated a large part of Amsterdam to prevent further demonstrations.

The Jewish leaders have exhorted Jews to show calm and dignity whatever the provocation.

General van Voorst and Jonkheer Roel, the former representative of Queen Wilhelmina in north Holland, have been interned at Troppau, on the Moravian-Bohemian frontier.

Less Whisky For Britons

GOVERNMENT ORDER

Exports Must Be Increased

A BIG "CUT" MADE

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Supplies of whisky in Britain are being reduced next week to 35 per cent. of the pre-war amount. They are at present 80 per cent. The chief reason is the need to increase exports to acquire foreign exchange.

ITALY SENDS BILL TO SPAIN

Sum of £61,000,000

HELP IN CIVIL WAR

Given Time To Pay

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The Stefani News Agency says that Italy has presented Spain with a bill for £61,000,000 for Italy's expenditure in the civil war, in which Italy spent £83,000,000. Payment will be spread over 24 years.

GREEKS DOMINATE ALL PASSES

SNOW HAMPERS OPERATIONS

RAIDS BY R.A.F.

Targets Sought Out In Albania

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received March 1, 0.25 a.m.) ATHENS, Feb. 28.

The Greek night communique says: "Restricted contact continues. An enemy force was caught between our cross-fire and suffered severe losses. Some were taken prisoner. Our aircraft have operated most successfully."

"Ten feet of snow is hampering the general operations on the higher points of the northern sector. The Greeks dominate all the passes."

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Mr Rogers, who is a very progressive farmer, realised that it was too much to expect fertiliser manufacturers to conduct experiments to find out the minimum amount of fertiliser really necessary, as their business is to increase their sales of artificial. He was also aware that the government have never conducted trials of fertilising in conjunction with a good penetrating harrow to ascertain the quantity of fertiliser that could be saved thereby.

So Mr Rogers experimented for himself, and he like hundreds of other "Bevin" harrow users, found a great saving could be made. Possibly he did not expect his stock to benefit in health, but really there is a very simple explanation for this.

The surface draining is a common-sense way of preventing footrot and is much preferable to the foot-bath solutions compounded by our scientific friends as a cure. Birth mortality in stock, like most other stock ailments, is constitutional, brought about by deficiency of, for instance, Vitamin B in the feed. Scientists have been unable to find a substitute for Vitamin B to incorporate in their fertilisers. By letting in the beneficial rays of the sun the "Bevin" harrow provides this, as a result of opening up the soil—which also admits air (oxygen), which invigorates the soil bacteria, thus promoting natural growth. Surely it is better to do this and have healthy stock,

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AIR FORCE QUEEN'S CANDIDATURE

Patriotic Efforts At Taradale

"Daily Mail" Special Service. TARADALE.

A meeting of all interested in the bare of Taradale and Greenmeadows in assisting the Air Force Queen was held in the Taradale Hall board room, when an enthusiastic committee was set up and Mrs L. I. Scott was elected chairman. Mrs A. Kane was elected secretary, and Mrs G. Wilson treasurer.

Disappointment was expressed by Mr J. M. Grant and the Rev. Father Rioridan at the lack of enthusiasm shown by so many people. They give willingly but their presence and advice is asked for at meetings.

A garden party and fair is set down for March 29 at the St. Joseph's Maori Girls' College grounds in Greenmeadows. Have offered to organise a cad evening at their home on Wednesday evening, March

With Don Ameche, as a singing, loving, fighting D'Artagnan, and the Ritz Brothers, as phoney musketeers more at home with a carving knife than a sword, the musical comedy version of "The Three Musketeers," now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, has found a new way of presenting the Alexandre Dumas story which has captivated and enchanted audiences and readers from the day it was conceived almost a century ago.

With a brilliant cast of supporting players, the film is hailed as one of the happiest entertainment ideas since the movies began to move. Swordplay alternates with horse-play, royal romance and secret intrigue vie for interest with the antics of three buffoons, and through it all rousing songs ring out.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskervilles," one of literature's most thrilling mystery stories and the greatest of all of Sherlock Holmes' astounding adventures, has at last been transcribed to the screen. Tall, spare, hawklike Basil Rathbone, in the perfect fitting role of the great detective, is co-featured with Richard Greene and Wendy Barrie in the production which is the second feature. In this

Regent

"NEW MOON," A FINE MUSICAL

Jeanette MacDonald And Nelson Eddy

Together for the sixth time, Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy add prestige as the screen's favourite romantic team in "New Moon," now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

Set against the colourful background of 1780 New Orleans, the plot sketches the story of a lady of noble French birth and a man who, masquerading as a bondsman, manages to elude the guillotine by dropping his official title as the Duc de Villiers. His dream of a republican form of government is realised when, cast upon the shores of an island remote from shipping lanes, he sets up a community with the members of his shipwrecked crew and the passengers of the boat, "New Moon," which he and his men seized on the high sea. The action moves from New Orleans to the island and is replete with many romantic as well as comedy situations.

The varied musical score by Sig-mund Romberg is one of the finest ever presented in a MacDonald-Eddy musical. Miss MacDonald's solos include the famous "Lover Come Back To Me," "One Kiss," "Parade," and "Rondlet." Together with Eddy she sings "Wanting You," while the "Largo" number is sung by Miss MacDonald with a choir. Eddy's songs include "Softly As In a Morning Sunrise," "Stout Hearted Men" and "Shoe Shine Song," and a male quartette renders the lilting "Marianne."

A cast of more than fifty speaking roles is seen in support of the co-stars, with Mary Boland giving another riotous comedy characterisation, and prominent roles filled by George Zucco, H. B. Warner and Grant Mitchell. Bunky Cutler, a new screen find, makes her debut as Julie, Miss MacDonald's maid.

Cosy

"WHEN THE DALTONS RODE"

Thrilling Adventure With Gay Comedy

Packed with action, adventure and comedy, "When the Daltons Rode," which is now screening at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, is, according to a Sydney writer, noteworthy for the fine work of the actors, and give colourful performances, especially Broderick Crawford as leader among the Daltons and his brothers, Brian Donlevy, Stuart Erwin and Frank Albertson. Andy Devine as their pal in criminal activities is as great as he is bodily, but it is Crawford who is at the peak.

The story is partly fictional, based on fact, for the Daltons really lived and rode, terrorising their community back in the '90's. They will gain sympathy because of the injustice to which they and others had been subjected by the "authorities." They are recorded by the magic of the camera in more thrilling scenes, such as boarding moving trains, fist fights as well as gun fights, and furiously dashing across country on their horses.

Romantic leads are splendidly portrayed by Kay Francis and Randolph Scott, with Mary Gordon finely sympathetic as the mother of the wild boys. Edgar Buchanan as a wheedling, is in the class, and George Bancroft, Harvey Stephens and others are very good in minor parts.

Engaging performances by a well-selected cast, a story containing a number of amusing twists and hum-mable tunes combine to make "I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now" refreshing film fare. The romantic difficulties of four young lovers—portrayed by Dennis O'Keefe, Constance Moore, Helen Farrish and Lewis Howard—provide the story basis of the film. Efforts of the quartette to outsmart objecting parents result in several hilarious comedy sequences.

State

"PUBLIC DEB. NO. 1" IS GAY COMEDY

Hilarious Romantic Developments

Boasting a brilliant cast in an hilarious story, Elsa Maxwell's "Public Deb. No. 1" is now at the State Theatre, Hastings. The new comedy romance is packed with laughs and the dialogue is the freshest the screen has offered in many a moon.

Versatile George Murphy and lovely Brenda Joyce head the cast. Other merry-makers include Elsa Maxwell herself, Mischa Auer, Charlie Ruggles, Ralph Bellamy, Maxie Rosenbloom, Berton Churchill and Franklin Pangborn. "Public Deb. No. 1" tells the story of a dress who turns up under "Red" after the influence of her Russian butler and is smacked back into line by a "broke but brash" young man. Brenda Joyce is the deb, who receives an old-fashioned spanking from Mr Murphy as the first step in their riotous romance.

Established as one of the screen's most versatile light comedians and dancers, George Murphy has a role in "Public Deb. No. 1" which permits him to display both talents. As Brenda's penniless boy friend, who still believes America is God's country, he has a gay time smacking the lovely heiress back into line, and the pair engage in a dance marathon that's been called a comedy knock-out.

Through a series of screamingly funny developments the story moves rapidly to its surprise climax. George Murphy and Brenda Joyce do grand work as the couple involved. Elsa Maxwell throws her most unusual party and Mischa Auer contributes top-notch fun as Comrade Grisha, the butler. Other fine performances are turned in by Ralph Bellamy, Maxie Rosenbloom, Berton Churchill and Franklin Pangborn.

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Fruitgrowers' Classes

THE AUTUMN SHOW

Entries Close Next Wednesday

Of special interest to fruitgrowers in the schedule for the H.B. Autumn Show are the two classes for collection of apples and collection of pears shown in trays, and no doubt the addition of these classes will add greatly to the attractiveness of this section from the public point of view. The class for apples provides for five varieties dessert and/or cooking, fruit to be packed on cheek and the diagonal pocket pack to be used.

The class for pears provides for three varieties under same conditions. Another class which is of particular interest to the womenfolk of fruitgrowers and that is the class for basket of New Zealand fruit arranged for effect. In the above three classes the prize money offered is £9 13/-.

Attention is called to the Wilkinson Cup for champion collection of export apples, and exhibitors are reminded that in the classes for apples and pears shown in trays the exhibits are to be sold by auction at the end of the Show for patriotic purposes. Exhibitors in all sections are reminded that entries close on Wednesday next, March 5, and these may be made at the society's office, Church Lane, Napier, or with Mr F. C. Wilkinson, Russell Street, Hastings.

Regent

DELIGHTFUL COMEDY, ROMANCE

Rita Hayworth In "The Lady in Question"

In what has been hailed as one of the most delightful comedy romances of the season, Brian Aherne and Rita Hayworth are co-starred in "The Lady in Question," now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier. The new film has been hailed as refreshingly different, not only for its ingenious and ingenious narrative but also for the manner in which the co-stars perform.

Aherne, one of the handsomest leading men on the screen to-day, departs from custom to appear in his first straight character role, that of a beetle-browed, warrus-moustached shop-keeper with a heart big enough to hold the world. Miss Hayworth, one of the screen's most glamorous stars, similarly deserts her glamour roles to appear as an attractive, albeit plainly-dressed young woman who is the centre of a terrific domestic storm.

Accused of murder, she is acquitted by a jury after she wins the sympathies of the middle-aged bicycle shop proprietor. In a generous moment, he asks her to call upon him if she ever needs help... and she does! The girl winds up helping in the shop, living with the son and unwittingly falling in love with the son and unwittingly stealing from the daughter her own boy friend. In addition to these several complications, she is suspected by the shopkeepers' own wife.

Through it all, her warm-hearted benefactor moves with increased stupefaction, unable to understand now and why his good turn should create so much of a furor.

Mayfair

"GAMBLING ON THE HIGH SEAS"

Adventure, With "Three Faces West"

First feature now at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, is "Gambling on the High Seas," featuring Wayne Morris and Jane Wyman. The locale of the greater part of this intriguing story provides possibilities galore for situations packed full of the kind of action which one naturally expects to see in a film of this type.

Wayne Morris is a newspaper reporter and Jane Wyman a pretty but comparatively unsophisticated secretary to Gilbert Roland, as "Greg Morella," owner of the gambling ship, Sylvania. "Morella" has his various devices rigged up with mechanical and electrical gadgets so that the only way he can lose is for something to go wrong with "the works." The dramatic and sometimes amusing story of how Wayne and Jane bring about his eventual downfall makes for plenty of excitement.

In "Three Faces West," the other feature, Dr. Karl Eymann, an eminent Viennese surgeon of pre-Nazi days, arrives in America with his beautiful daughter, Leni—political refugee, penniless and homeless. Through "We the People" broadcast, a home is found for them in the heart of Dust Bowl, in a community without a doctor and anxious to provide shelter for any physician willing to undergo the hardships of the locale. The night they arrive in Asheville, North Carolina, they visit many of the poor homes, and Leni feels that even the persecution owned by her native land was preferable to this continual dust and the hopeless attitude of the ailing people, whose once rich land has been denuded by the repeated dust storms.

She changes the doctor makes in their condition form the theme of this dramatic film.

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 showing at the State Theatre, Napier. Its compelling power and the force of the emotional drama label it in advance as "a picture that must be seen."

Outstanding players including Don Ameche, Eugenie Leontovich, Mary Beth Hughes, Alan Curtis, George Ernest, Robert Lowery, and many others are featured.

Surpassing anything he has ever done, Don Ameche leads the brilliant cast. Said to be the most powerfully dramatic role of them all, the character of the mother is portrayed in "Four Sons" by previewers agree that she "promises to be a new screen sensation."

She was persuaded to perform in her first screen role after starring on the stage for fifteen years in New York, Paris and London.

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. As a reward for the excellent work she did in recent pictures, Mary Beth Hughes was selected to play the leading romantic role in "Four Sons" opposite Don Ameche. She takes a long step forward with a beautiful performance.

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USED CARS

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WAIWHARE SALE YESTERDAY

COMPLETE DISPERSAL ON STATION

STOCK AND SUNDRIES

One of the largest, and certainly one of the most important, dispersal sales to be held in the province for years took place yesterday at Waiwhare Station.

Mr Walter C. Ennor, and situated 30 miles from Hastings on the Sherdenden-Talpahe road. The auctioneers were the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-op. Assn. Ltd., in conjunction with the N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd.

Waiwhare, which has been farmed by Mr Ennor for over twenty years, has become one of the best-known back-country stations in the district.

Yesterday's sale was a complete dispersal of all stock, implements and station odds, and the interest attaching to the occasion was evidenced by the large attendance which followed the bidding. From the outset there was ready competition for everything the auctioneers offered, and as every lot was for sale without reserve, a complete clearance resulted.

Selling opened with implements and sundries, and that the demand would be keen was early apparent. Among the more important offerings were a Massey-Harris binder at £15; a McCormick mower at £30, and a dump rake at £20.

A saw bench brought £20, a stripper of the type proved by such land-hardy in condition and ready to do well anywhere.

Just before 6.00 herd of cattle, several lines of the latter appearing as general well done sorts. Here again competition was brisk, and often resulted in values comparing more than favourably with current market rates.

The two-tooth ewes offered were, on the whole, among the less attractive sheep offered, making 22/9 and 26/-. A top line of good-doing 4-tooths made 29/4, with a lighter cut at 26/3; 6-tooths made 20/8 to 26/8, and 4-year-olds 19/3 to 20/4, and a pen of 6-year sold at 17/-. One of the best sales of the day was made by a pen of ewe lambs at 25/-. Pairs of cows and calves, and r.w. bull, sold at £4/12/6 to £5/12/-. Sixteen-month steers realised £4/2/6, and half-bred of the same age £2/17/6. Three-off and 4-year brought £8/11/-. There came forward, in addition, broken, but very nice condition, and half-draughts to hacks, broken and unbroken.

Details of the principal stock realisations are as follows—

Sheep Values

A line of 788 two-tooth ewes, quite well-grown and hardy, being well sheep of a type to do well, condition well, and in medium order, sold at 25/.

A smaller-grown draft of 491 similar-aged ewes, lacking the size of the previous offering and on the light side by comparison, sold at 22/9.

A well-framed draft of 608 four-tooths, big-grown sheep all bred from rooky ewes carrying nice condition, well-slip and in good doing order, realised 29/4.

The second cut of 728 sheep of the same age and to which the same conditions applied, all having been bred from last year, sold at 26/3. Again a good-conditioned draft, these ewes lack a little of the quality of the first cut. Six-tooth ewes, 825 in the line, a first mixed in the frame but for the most

part well grown sheep carrying useful condition and with good slices of wool, sold at 26/8. The tops of this line were in particularly attractive order.

A pen of 991 fairly-framed four-year ewes, good conditioned, moulting soundly and, though some were mixed in the wool, with a sprinkling of bigger-grown ewes included, brought 20/4.

A small to medium framed line of 204 six-tooth ewes, described as having not long had the lambs weaned off them, and offered in medium condition, sold at 20/5.

A further offering of 203 four-year ewes, for the most part quite well-framed and in medium to good order, with a proportion of hard sorts, sold at 19/3.

One hundred and fifty-six m.a. wethers, medium to big-zoned sheep, in healthy, good-doing order, slipped well, sold at 19/6.

A hold-over draft of 229 small and light two-tooths, with a sprinkling of bigger-grown ewes included, brought 18/-. A draft of 254 late ewe lambs, light, hard-conditioned, with a sprinkling of bigger-grown ewes included, brought 18/-. Mixed sorts of tail-end wether lambs, shorn and woolled included in the line, sold at 16/8. A small to medium framed line of 204 six-tooth ewes, described as having not long had the lambs weaned off them, and offered in medium condition, sold at 20/5.

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PLAYMATES

The Letterbox A FOREST SCENE Story Sent In By Shirley Hannah

Alice in Wonderland, Hastings: I rather enjoyed your jokes this week, Alice, and have been having a quiet laugh by myself.

Inspector Scott, D.S.O., Hastings: I did not notice any mistakes in the far names, but it is just possible that there were, here or there.

Pauline Jones, Clive: This week your letter arrived at just the right time, Pauline. I was most interested to hear about your good fun to me.

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Pam's Letter

Dear Girls and Boys:

You can't imagine how eagerly I have been waiting to see how many messages for the soldiers there would be, because on these depended the size of our Playtime Page-to-day, but everyone has been kind to us this time and we will not lose any of our page.

This week I was pleased to receive several Playmates' letters in envelopes which they had made themselves, and made most beautifully, too.

And now girls and boys I won't take up any more space but will just see how many of your splendid contributions I can squeeze into my page.

Love from: Pam.

Flower Competition For This Week

The answer to each of these two-syllable sentences is the name of a flower:

1. What an angry dog does and what St. George fought.

2. Something all children like and a small clump of grass.

3. A berry and part of a horse's leg.

4. Something a farmer grows and something grown in the garden.

5. A cunning animal and a covering for the hand.

6. A bird and something you use for a lazy horse.

7. What every woman hopes to do and a precious metal.

8. A girl's name and something dressmakers use.

9. Something that gives heat and something used as a house decoration.

10. What winter brings and a small quantity of liquid.

11. An animal with horns and a mistake.

12. Eaten with bread and a drinking vessel.

13. Staid and a thorny flower.

14. A thorny flower and a girl's name.

15. A boy's name and an old-fashioned pen.

16. Not night and what are eyes for.

An Accident In Flyland

Original Story By A Playmate

"Good gracious," said Mrs. Spy. "Fancy an accident like that occurring on a Monday morning, too. Dear me."

"It is a pity," murmured tame Miss Crawley.

The accident so much talked about had happened at Coffee Cup Rim that morning. A fly had fallen or been pushed into a cup of scolding hot coffee.

At that moment Miss Gauzy came rushing out of her home brandishing the morning's paper in her hand.

"Have you seen this!" she cried excitedly and began to read the headlines hurriedly and as well as she could between gasps and pants.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT FLY DROWNED AT COFFEE CUP RIM Was It An Accident or a Case of Slaughter?

This morning the body of Mr. G. Sprudge was discovered by Mr. I. Peep lying on the roadway about half a mile south-east of Coffee Cup Rim, the scene of the accident.

"There's Detective Sharp over there. He's in charge of the case."

Detective Sharp, with a very worried frown on his face, had been sent over to examine the scene of the accident.

"Oh, look!" said Mrs. Long-legs. "There's Detective Sharp over there. He's in charge of the case."

"What I think you do think about that?" demanded Miss Gauzy, rather out of breath.

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NATURE NOTES

WHAT IS A HAANGI? Blue Mask Describes One At Mohaka

No doubt most Playmates have never heard of a haangi so they will all be interested to read this description from Blue Mask, Mohaka.

We began our sports at 12 o'clock and there were more than 25 events for both seniors and juniors at our Mohaka School and besides this we had events for the adults.

"For our picnic this year we decided to have sports and a haangi. We began our sports at 12 o'clock and there were more than 25 events for both seniors and juniors at our Mohaka School and besides this we had events for the adults.

"In the obstacle race we raced under hurdles which were two feet six inches high and under a rope, through some tyres and a sack race home to the tape.

The spectators enjoyed watching us getting in a tight fix over our hurdles and obstacles. In the high jump some of the boys jumped well and the adults made comments that were very pleasing.

"I don't think we enjoyed our haangi began. A haangi is a feast cooked in the old Maori way and we had potatoes, turnips, marrows, pumpkins, pigs, fowls, lambs and lots of other tea, cakes, and sandwiches and we sang grace and then we had our ki. The children had their first and the adults after. The corn was in great demand, but we had plenty.

"After we had finished we had more sports, putting the shot being the hardest. After we had finished these events, children and adults had a scramble for sweets and then we all had afternoon tea. We had tea, cakes, and sandwiches and plenty of them. The prizes were then distributed and everyone received something.

"Don't you think we enjoyed our selves?"

Moonrise At Sea A Story Written By Lillian Stanley

It was a beautiful calm evening when I saw the most lovely scene I have ever looked at at night. I was holidaying on a launch with several friends and I was alone on deck watching the shadow of the boat merge into one long shadow with the others of the sea.

The sea was silver colour and shone as the waves gently rippled along, making the launch move gently enough to rock a baby to sleep. Here and there were dark patches on an astonished where masses of seaweed floated under a sky of twinkling stars.

There appeared to be millions of these unknown worlds—tempting me to gaze all the time further back to where there appeared count more.

Meanwhile the moon was all the time coming nearer and nearer to the horizon. Ah! I can see it now. The round yellow rim appeared like a saucer, being thrust slowly out of the ocean. Slowly but surely this huge yellow ball came in full view. It was a full moon that night and I was astonished where masses of seaweed floated under a sky of twinkling stars.

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TRYING TWINS An Original Story By Happy

Bruce and Barry were the names of the Harrison twins who lived in our street. Both loved to get into all the mischief possible and being only six years old seemed a good age for fun.

Mrs Harrison asked Mary, her maid, to take Bruce and Barry for a walk down to the shops but to keep hold of them in case they tried to run amongst the people, as they had done several times before.

Mary said she would try her best. The three of them were looking in the window of a hat shop. Mary noticed a very pretty hat which she thought would suit her perfectly so all of them had to go into the shop because Mary could not leave the twins outside.

Another attendant took Mary into another department to try on the specially desired hat. The twins, much to their delight, found themselves left among all the very fashionable hats in the lovely shop.

"Look at that funny hat over there. Doesn't that look like our fishing net tied to it?" exclaimed Barry. Bruce very excitedly climbed up onto a hat box which was below the stand and reached desperately for the supposed fishing net. But alas! His feet were in the room and the box and onto a green hat with a very fascinating colour pattern showing through the hole in the box. Barry made a dive at it and broke the rest of the box so as to get to the feathery hat.

He tried it on at such an absurd angle declaring in a very distinguished voice just as he had heard Miss Wattlebore speak. "I'm afraid this is a teeny, teeny bit too big for my tiny head." They both laughed heartily and put the hat back into the tattered box.

Bruce saw a stool over by another hat stand and ran over for it. He jumped up onto the stool and brought down the "fisherman's daughter's hat" as he called it.

He went cautiously to a small mirror in the back of the room and tried it on. Bruce came back looking very sorry. "I'm afraid it won't fit," he pretended to sob bitterly.

That at that moment Mary and Marjorie (who proved to be Mary's old school mate) came into the shop again. Mary was looking as radiant as a bride with a small round hat perched on top of her brown curls and having met her old school chum she felt very happy, until she saw the twins.

Bruce still had a hat on trying hard to make it fit by stuffing paper in one side and tying the net tightly under his chin.

As soon as he saw the girls he tried desperately to remove all the arrangement from his head but all was in vain.

The two girls were horrified at the scene and Mary rushed to help Bruce take off the net part of the hat which had somehow become very tangled and tighter than ever. Marjorie quickly took the hat from Barry's head and gave him a very cold look. "I'm afraid this is badly damaged," declared Mary in a nervous voice. "So I can see," said the assistant, who by this time had become very cross. "I can't possibly sell a thing like that now," she said.

"I don't believe you could've sold it before, anyhow," said Bruce. "Mary had to pay ten shillings for the damage done in the shop. She took the twins the town way home and would not let them look in the window or get them ice-cream, much to their disappointment."

They arrived home at about four o'clock that afternoon and were given a very small afternoon tea and sent straight to bed.

Mrs Harrison was very kind. Although Mary strongly protested and said it was all her own fault for leaving them, their mother gave her the ten shillings back and five shillings extra for the trying afternoon.

LIMERICKS There was an old lady of Chertsey, Who made a remarkable curtsy. She twirled round and round, Till she sank underground. Which distressed all the people of Chertsey.

A man who went to a dance one night, Didn't get home till the sun shone bright. He said, "Oh dear me, I'm as tired as can be, From dancing and walking last night." Blue Mask, Mohaka.

NEWS FOR PAM Blue Mask's Story In Verse If you have a bit of news, Or a story to muse, Send it in to Pam; An incident that's true, A joke that's fairly new, Send it in to Pam. Never mind about the style, It may help to cause a smile, If the news is worth the while, Send it in to Pam.

Window-cleaner: "May I clean your windows to-day, sir?" Householder: "No, certainly not. They do not need cleaning." Window-cleaner: "Perhaps you'd allow me to give your spectacles a wipe, sir?" —Busy Bee, Hastings.

Teacher: "Now suppose Tommy Jones saw a pig with a donkey and stopped him, what virtue would Tommy be showing?" Bob Clark: "Please, Miss, brotherly love." —Blue Mask, Mohaka.

Mrs Gubb: "Janet, you've left fingerprints on all the glasses." Janet: "Well, it shows I've got a clear conscience, ma'am." —Blue Mask, Mohaka.

Teacher: "You can't go, little runt, and lay down in a cool spot and settled himself comfortably for a nice quiet nap." —Shirley Foote, Hastings.

RIDDLES

Who first invented underground tunnels? Answer: Worms. —Jimpiny Cricket, Whakatu.

What is something money can't buy? Answer: A button of a coat of paint.

What does half a cabbage remind you of? Answer: The other half, of course.

What is the difference between a school and a car? Answer: One breaks up and the other breaks down.

What can a blind man often see? Answer: A joke.

Why is a cricketer a coward? Answer: Because he hits and runs.

What is full of holes but holds water? Answer: A sponge. —Margaret Ward, Ormondville.

Why did a man from Scotland break a window? Answer: Because he wanted to see Glasgow (glass go).

What is it that a man with two eyes cannot see with one? Answer: The other eye.

What is still left when all the letters have been taken away? Answer: The Post Office.

What is worn by the foot and the bog? Answer: Carpet.

Why is wheat like a donkey? Answer: It has long ears.

In what case can a thing never be slow but sure? Answer: In the case of a watch.

What is it we all say we'll do but nobody has ever done? Answer: Stop a minute. —Bluebell, Hastings.

What is it that is full of knowledge and yet knows nothing? Answer: A bookcase.

When day breaks, what becomes of the pieces? Answer: They go into morning mourning.

What kind of robbery is not dangerous? Answer: A safe robbery.

What workmen like to find things dull? Answer: Knife grinders.

Why is a flute like a bank? Answer: It gives out notes.

What hands are those which work night and day and yet never wear out? Answer: The hands of a clock.

What letter of the alphabet would you use if you wanted to make a cat talk? Answer: H, because it makes cat chat.

Why did the man from Scotland break a window? Answer: Because he wanted to see Glasgow (glass go). —Lillian Stanley, Hastings.

CAR COMPETITION ANSWERS

The answers to last week's car competition were: Nash, Citroen, Terraplane, Buick, Austin, Chrysler, Hudson, Oldsmobile, Vauxhall, Hillman, Dodge, Ford, Plymouth, De Soto, Humber, Rover, Singer, Morris, Crossley and Rolls Royce.

This Week's Honours

Table listing names and marks for the car competition. Alice in Wonderland, Hastings: 2 marks. Inspector Scott, D.S.O., Hastings: 5 marks. Busy Bee, D.S.O., Hastings: 5 marks. Pam, Hastings: 5 marks. Pauline Jones, Clive: 4 marks. Daffodil, Hastings: 4 marks. Janet Maxwell, Hastings: 4 marks. Jocelyn Irvine, Sherenden: 4 marks. Margaret Ward, Ormondville: 4 marks. Bluebell, D.S.O., Hastings: 4 marks. Happy, D.S.O., Hastings: 4 marks. Margaret Ward, Ormondville: 5 marks. Pollyanna, Te Awanga: 3 marks. Lillian Stanley, D.S.O., Hastings: 3 marks. Blue Mask, D.S.O., Hastings: 3 marks. Periwinkle, Mohaka: 5 marks. Shirley Hannah, D.S.O., Hastings: 5 marks. Tuatara, Mohaka: 4 marks.

Welcome, New Members

Janet Maxwell, Hastings, who is 13 years old.

THE SAD OCTOPUS

An octopus, sad as could be, Said "This ocean and I don't agree. A fish asked him why He remarked with a sigh—"The water's too salty for me!" —Bluebell, Hastings.

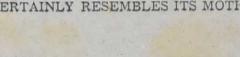
THE AMAZED CONDUCTOR

When the air-raid sirens sounded the bus stopped. Three old ladies jumped up from their seats, pushed through the other passengers, swung out of the bus, and made a bee-line for the nearest shelter. The amazed conductor scratched his head and turned to another passenger.

"See that?" he exclaimed. "Am I to think I've been helping those ole dears off on the bus for years, and now they're running like rabbits?" —Busy Bee, Hastings.

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in mine, but not in yours; My second is in cupboards, but not in doors; My third is in sisal, but not in rope; My fourth is in help and also in hope; My fifth is in fruit, but not in quince; My sixth is in once, but not in sine; My seventh is in good, but not in sad; My eighth is in Mum, but not in Dad; My whole is something small and round. And found quite often close to the ground. One point for correct answers. —Ginger, Whakatu.



THIS BABY GIRAFFE CERTAINLY RESEMBLES ITS MOTHER!

PERSONAL MESSAGES TO OUR BOYS OVERSEAS

Alan and Wally (2nd Ech.): Our best wishes.—Chum and Mrs. Swindell.
Gavin Arthur (4th Reinforcements): Greetings from all in Karumu Road.—Alex.
L/Cpl. M. Ashman (2nd Ech.): Keep up the good work.—Jonson family.
Sgt. Johnny Alexander (34262): Dig my hole, Craig. With you soon, pal.—John.
To Hugh Alexander, Dick Brown-Bayliss and the rest of the boys: Best of luck and good wishes from Mrs. M. C. Foster and Family, 5 Miller Street.
All Hawke's Bay Boys: Waitemata stn on ton. Missing you. Return safely. Cheerio. Greetings from the Central Hotel, Napier.
Sgt. J. Alexander (34262): Good fishing, Serg. Regards.—The Beacon Fishing Gang.
Sgt. Johnny Alexander (34262): All of the best from Nanny, Pop, Tom.
Sgt. Johnny Alexander (34262): My thoughts are always with you. All my love.—Teres.
Sgt. Johnny Alexander (34262): Cheerio, pal. Lots of love.—Clis, Ted, Bryan, Jill.
Dick Atkins (2nd Ech.): Hope you repeat that Xmas dinner. Love good luck.—Geoffco.
Sergeant Sam Anslay: Waitroa friends salute you, Sam, as a real sport and a generous friend to all. You deserve the best and that is what all your Waitroa friends wish for you.
Dick Brown-Bayliss: Thinking of you always. Best of luck and love.—From Vita, Central Hotel.
Private W. Bristow (14513): Best wishes for Easter. Good luck.—Roll Family.
R.A.O.B. Brothers: Easter greetings and best wishes from "Buff's" of Hastings 38.
Private N. Briggs (6630): Best wishes and good luck from all at Hastings.
Pte. H. J. Brehaut (7691): Easter greetings and the very best of luck. Safe return.—McLeod and Gardner Ltd. and staff.
Best wishes to all our Hawke's Bay friends.—Luttrell family, Carlton Club Hotel.
L/Cpl. S. W. Brown (3rd Ech., Egypt): Best wishes for Easter to you and your pals. Answering letters.—Patricia Road.
Maurice Bishop: Flies, Flit them and Musso. Greetings. Love.—Mum, Dad and family, Lyode.
Gunner Frank W. Bee (1930, 1st Ech.): Thanks Xmas card. Good wishes.—Solomon, Napier.
Corpl. P. E. Butler (14733, Egypt): Happy Easter. All well. Love from family.
L/C. J. H. Byford (33668, 3rd Ech.): Thinking of you. All well. Lots of love.—Dad and Dulc.
Pte. J. R. Brodie (30426): Received letter yesterday. What about pen pushing more? Are the girls keeping you too busy? Everybody here well. Tom not overseas yet. Love.—Isobel.
Best wishes and jolly good luck to Major John Russell, Lieut. Bill Rutherford, Lieut. John Ormond, Lieut. Jack McKenzie, Corp. Pat Donnelly, Bill McKenzie, Punch Nelson, Willie Johnson and all other Hawke's Bay boys serving overseas.—Pacific Hotel.
Pte. J. O. Bone (33669, 2nd Ech.): Our thoughts are always with you. Good luck and love.—Mum, Box and Bebe.
Pte. Bonisch (6739, 2nd Ech.): What are you doing to Musso. Best of luck.—From 714 Jervois Street.
Pte. Jim Bennett (33366): Thanks for kind letter. Speights still O.K. Cheerio.—Molly and Mac.
Bill (7687, Egypt): Keep your chin up. One week nearer home and we're home.—Milly.
Pte. D. R. Brickie (No. 1192): Don't forget the eyes in the spuds. Good luck. Good health.—Aub, Sylvia and family.
Pte. W. V. Byford, Egypt: Easter greetings. Best wishes. Jean and Roy, Waitroa.
Richard Brown (36968, 3rd Ech.): Good luck. Best of health. Always thinking of you. All well here.—Syd and all at home.
Ptes. Ronald and Charlie Brock (2nd Ech.): Good luck. Waiting for a letter. Love.—Mum and Nola.
Pte. Deryck Bach (3rd Ech.): Best wishes, Bachie, from Gordon, Whitehead Road, Hastings. You look dashed fit, I must say.
Bill (37695, 4th Reinforcements): Best of luck. Keep smiling. Lots of love.—Nan.
33668 L/C J. H. Byford (3rd Echelon): Happy Easter. Thinking of you. Both well. Lots of love.—Dad and Dulc.
Sapper B. Cunningham (6th Field Company, N.Z. Engineers, 1st Ech.): I am home, hope to see you soon.—John.
Dermie and Cliff (1st Ech.): Hope that you are keeping quite well and still have your chins up. Hotel flourishing.—Masonic.
Pte. Neil Cullen, (33400, 2nd N.Z. E.F.): Hope you are well. Always thinking of you.—Jack, Gwen.
Pte. E. Christie (37708): Best wishes. Small change waiting for that kick.—Redshaw's.
R. Carrick, Middle East: Happy Easter, all well. Love from Mum and Family.
Les Cox (England): Easter greetings. Love from Mum, Dad, Nora, and Irene.
Gunner Jim Carlson (2nd Ech.): Easter greetings. Keep smiling. Kindest regards.—Nola.
Sapper Charlie Cameron (27133, Egypt): Easter greetings from all at home. Best of luck. Love.—Josie.
Pte. F. J. Carroll (39558, 2nd Ech.): Wishing you good luck. Please write. Family well. Love.—Cousin Kate.
Sapper Phil Childs (38483, 4th Reinforcements): Happy birthday. Pick up the chocolate cake. Love.—Totty and children.
Sapper Phil Childs (38483, 4th Reinforcements): Come on boy. Get your boots on. We're going home. Love.—Mum.
Sapper Phil Childs (38483, 4th Reinforcements): Us three. Out the window next Christmas Eve. Love.—Phillipa.
Sapper L. J. Clements (4951): Easter greetings. Thinking of you. Love.—Eva.
Pte. D. Cockrane (6913): Cheerio, Dave. We are all thinking of you.—Harry Roll.
Claude (Mess 15, H.M.S. Achilles): Easter greetings. Always thinking of you. From Otane.
Sapper Phil Childs (38483, 4th Reinforcements): Received pennies from Heaven. Hurry home. Love.—Totty, Philip, Kevin and Pat.
6655 L/Cpl. W. F. Hearn (2nd Ech.): Cheerio Ho Wal, got parcel, hope you are well, all well here.—Mum and Corrie.
4038, Dan Hayden: Always thinking of you. Luck and safe return.—Jeannie.
37001, Sgt. Johnny Hayes: All of the best from "160" McGrath Street.
37001, Sgt. Johnny Hayes: All the best, dear.—Nanny.
37001, Sgt. Johnny Hayes: Our thoughts always with you.—Kelly family.
Cpl. J. A. Heir (37676, 4th Ech.): Thinking of you, love from all at home.—Mother.
Cpl. James Heir (37676, 4th Reinforcements): Hullo Jim. Ever remembering you. Psalm 37.—Marshall.
J. K. Hislop (Egypt): Best of luck. Hope to see you soon. Love.—Fairry Family.
Pte. Howard Horton (33412, 3rd Ech.): Happy memories of last Easter. Good wishes and best of luck always. Love.—Bella.
Pte. W. E. Haxell (37675, 4th Reinforcements): Happy Easter and best wishes. All well here. Love.—Winsome.
Pte. B. Hawkins, 28 Maori Battalion, 39761 D Company, 2nd Echelon: Best wishes and good luck. Love.—Mum, Dad, wife and family.
27875 Sapper F. C. Hague, Railway Operating Coy.: Glad to know you are well. Love from us all.—Mother.
23024 Sapper E. J. Hague, Divisional Engineers: Hope you are well. Waiting for letter. Love from us all.—Mother.
Pte. James Hall, 4th Reinforcement: Best of luck for Easter. Love from all at home.
Pte. J. Hamlin, Second Echelon: Good Luck. All well.—Lily, Waitroa.
To Frank Hall: Keep smiling, best luck. Love.—From Baldwin Family.
J. L. Hart (33136): Dad doing well. Love from all at home.—Bill.
Hastings Boys: Waitemata. Wishing you all good health from the Hastings Hotel.
H. Hill: Best wishes and good luck. From Robby and Nelly.
Hawke's Bay Association Footballers: Wherever you are, your team mates in Napier send greetings, wish you luck and a safe return.
Hawke's Bay Boys: Hope your beer is as good as ours. All you wish yourselves.—From The Empire Hotel, Napier.
37031: Hullo Tot. Best of luck. Longing to hear from you. Love.—Mum, Dad, Chris, Mavis, Bell and Win.
30344 A/L Sgt. P. F. Harris (3rd Echelon): Happy Easter and good wishes. Thinking of you. All well here.—Love Sue.
A/L/Sgt. P. F. Harris (30344, 3rd Ech.): Happy Easter and good wishes. Thinking of you. All well here. Love.—Sue.
Pte. J. Harrison (27398, 4th Reinforcements): Happy Easter and good wishes. Thinking of you. All well here. Lots of love.—Clorine.
Sergt. W. Hopkinson (9897, 2nd Ech.): Happy Easter and good wishes. Thinking of you. All well here. Lots of love.—Jean.
Jack Holt, (Fiji): Many thanks for Ambulance paper. Best wishes.—Maneys Pharmacy, Napier.
Signalman J. A. Hannigan, (4631, Egypt): Happy Easter. All well.—Love from Nora and Family.
Pte. J. R. C. Hargreaves (6820, England): Happy Easter. All well. Love from Eric and Butler Family.
Driver T. H. Howell (12573 A.S.C. (Ait.) 6th Field Ambulance, 2nd N.Z.E.F., 3rd Ech.): Hello Tom. Hope you are keeping fit. Always in our thoughts.—From all at 59 Chaucer Road North.
Gunner Alan Howard: Easter greetings and best wishes for a safe return.—From Snaddons staff.
Chum Ireland (3rd Ech.): Received card. Best wishes and good luck.—Harry Mac, Masonic.
Chum Ireland (3rd Ech.): Best wishes for Easter. Safe return. Always thinking of you.—Harry Skews.
34252, Pte. T. W. D. Ireland: All the best.—Nanny, Pop, Teresa, Tom and Kellys.
34252, Pte. T. W. D. Ireland: Oh bring back my Timmy to me.—Tom.
M. Johnstone (2nd Ech.): Wishing you all the best and a safe return.—Bob.
John Jones (3rd Ech.): Best of luck.—Greetings from the Lamberts.
Joek (3766): Greetings from all at home. Chooks and Curleys. Chins both up.—Mum and Pop.
Gunner John (3rd Ech.): Love and good luck from all at home.
37090, Pte. J. R. Kearns: Good luck, good health and safe return.—Jean and Olive.
Pte. Francis Kenworthy (25225, 3rd Ech.): Reserving two seats in dress circle. Love. Your Girl.—Colleen.
Cpl. Togo Kirkley (20706): Miss horse riding. Good luck.—Bub.
20607, Bombardier Togo Kirkley: Thumbs up Togo, a box of birds.—Roll Family.
Pte. D. F. Lynch (38175, Middle East Forces): Easter greetings. Trust you had happy birthday. Good luck.—Mother, Ngaire and Dad.
1730 Cadet E. V. Lane, 2nd N.Z. Company, O.C.T.U. Best of luck. Lots of love. All well.—Mother.
Pte. Little (33419, 3rd Ech.): Easter greetings. Thinking of you.—Love from home,
Gnr. E. Laverty (21019, 4th Reinforcements): Wishing you the best for Easter with a dash of Waitemata yes—please—Zeta and Mac.
37065 Private G. F. Lyons (4th Reinforcement): Happy Easter and good wishes. Thinking of you. All well here. Lots of love.—Mollie.
Driver R. Larkin (Reserve Motor Transport, 1st Ech.): Having a pint of Waitemata.—John.
Private Norman Lay (4th Reinforcements): Will be thinking of you at Easter. Best love from Mum and Dad.
Private Norman Lay (4th Reinforcements): Our thoughts are always with you.—From Grandma and Grandad.
33420 Pte. G. Lyons (3rd Echelon, Suva): Happy Easter and good wishes. Thinking of you. All well here. Love.—Mother and Father.
Pte. G. F. Lyons (37065, 4th Reinforcements): Happy Easter and good wishes. Thinking of you. All well here. Lots of love.—Mollie.
Pte. G. Lyons (33420, 3rd Ech., Suva): Happy Easter and good wishes. Thinking of you. All well here. Love.—Mother and Father.
Sergt. J. Lonergan (3rd Ech., Suva): Easter greetings. Love from all at College Road.—Auntie Tess, Ursula and Mollie.
Max Lord (2nd Ech.): Happy birthday 11th April. All well.—310 Townsend Street, Mother.
Joe Macdonald (3rd Ech.): Best of luck. Hope to see you soon.—Des.
Jack Macdonald (1st Ech.): Best wishes. Rub it into Musso. Safe return.—Des.
Trev. McAuley: Thumbs up. How's the beer? Best wishes.—Kellys and Teres.
Jim McLymont (37007): Love and best wishes from all at home.—Mother.
Fatty McDonald and Block McKinley (3rd Ech., Egypt): Best wishes from Basil Road.—Kath and Andrew.
Lieut. Wattie McKay (Maori Battalion, England): Birthday greetings. Arohanui.—Three Beers, Tomoana Road.
Norman Mac (33148, 3rd Ech.): Hope no more bridal chambers. Best of luck.—Vin. P.
Tpr. Tommie McNeil (1253, 1st Ech.): Easter greetings and best of luck.—Mag and Bebe.
Pte. N. McCallum (37666): Greetings from Napier. Letter on the way.—Grace and Bert.
Pte. C. R. McKee (31278): Best of luck. Thinking of you.—Leatha and Chip.
Gunner P. Madden (24944): Good luck for Easter. Safe return and love.—Aunty Big and Leatha.
Pte. C. J. Mildon (30304): Best of health. Love.—Wife and children, also Mum, Dad and family.
Arthur Millson: With love from all the Scott family.
Pte. W. T. Muir (33421): Cheerio, Tom. Received card. Parcel following. All the best.—E. O. Winstead.
Mat. Murphy: Best wishes and lots of luck.—Head family.
Pte. G. McCutcheon: Chin up and good luck. Always thinking of you. Love.—Nola and Mum.
6845 Private B. S. Manson: Love and good luck from home. Would welcome more letters direct.—Mother.
Max (31277, 2nd Ech.): Best wishes for April 11th. Keep smiling. Lots of love.—Phil.
Mahora Club Swimmers: Rainbow Shield contest Thursday night lost by 11 points. Best wishes from Executive.
Maori Battalion (England): Greetings from the Walk in Cafe.—Jenkins.
Norman Macullum (Medical Corps, 4th Reinforcements): All well at home. Hope you are too. Chin up.—Harry Masonic.
Mum Macaskill (1st Ech.): Easter greetings. Roy. Thinking of you always.—Pat and Eileen Quinn.
Pte. C. T. Miller (1st Ech.): Still getting plenty of Tui beer? Best of luck. Regards.—Ron.
Gunner W. McKenna (1995, 1st Ech.): Hope that you have recovered. All well. Love.—From Dick.
Bill More (2nd Ech.): The Barker family, Napier, wish you all the best.
Pte. N. McCallum (No. 37666, "F" Medical Coy., 4th Reinforcement, 2nd Section, 2nd N.Z.E.F.): Good luck. Best love.—Sadie, Harry and children.
Hector McAulay (34091): There'll always be an Easter. Love.—Yoell, Ross Robin, and Peter.
Pte. Albert Mellor (No. 37087, 4th Reinforcements): Good luck. All well. Thinking of you always.—Mother, Dad, Jack.
Pte. Albert Mellor (No. 37087, 4th Reinforcements): Good luck. Hope you are well.—Jack, Gwen.
Pte. W. H. Morton (32538): Take no dark lassie pillion riding. Regards.—Mum, Flossie.
Pte. W. H. Morton (32538): Good wishes for a happy Easter. Will be thinking of you.—Gwen.
Signalman H. F. M. Moughton (5834): Hope well. Happy Easter. Letters and parcels posted. Love.—Mum, Pop, Pete, Boys.
Signalman H. F. M. Moughton (5834): Cheerio Robert. Have one for us. Easter. Love.—Lill, Gwen, Billie, Jack.
Members Napier Technical Old Boys Football and Cricket Clubs: Kindest regards and Easter greetings from the presidents and committees.
Gunner Wm. McKenna (1995, 1st Ech.): The best to you and Doug.—The two Bills.
Pte. N. McCallum (37666 "F" Medical Company, Overseas): Keep smiling. Looking forward to seeing you again.—Myrtle, Bill, and Baby Kelvin.
Pte. N. McCallum (37666, "F" Medical Company, Middle East): Easter greetings and best of luck. May God bless you.—Mum.
Norman (14629): Easter greetings. Best of luck.—Ella.
Dvr. Jack Nielson (No. 4942, 1st Ech.): Doing a great job. Carry on. Best of good luck.—Wise family.
R. Oldham (11804, 2nd Ech., Egypt): Good luck.—"Mason Bee". Love from home.—Dad, Mum, Zita and Frank.
2nd Lieut. J. D. Ormond (M.O. B.E.): Greetings from W. Tucker, Whakatau.
Patsy (2nd Ech.): Sincere Easter greetings. Best of luck always.—Bone family.
Les Pickering, 1st Echelon: Love and best wishes from all. Grandmother here.—Mother.
Peter Poyzer, 4th Reinforcement: Best of luck. Received your postcard. Writing soon.—Val, Judy, Cecil.
Pte. Peter Poyzer, 4th Reinforcement: Hope the three little fishes are still swimming. Love and best wishes from all at home.
Sergt. J. T. Peters (A401230, R.N.Z.A.F., England): Happy Easter and good hunting.—Bett and Jim Watt, Gisborne.
Driver D. Petherick (37696, 4th Reinforcements): Easter greetings. Best of luck and good health.—Barbara, Henry and Gran.
Pte. Pearson (37329): Sincere Easter greetings and all good wishes.—Vera.
A 401230 Sergeant J. T. Peters (R.N.Z.A.F., England): Happy Easter and good hunting.—Bett and Jim Watt, Gisborne.
Doug. Rover (Egypt): Greetings from Palmerston North.—Ted Jenkins.
Sapper Don Redshaw (34731, Somewhere in England): Best of luck and safe return.—Joan.
Pte. Ivan Redshaw (38268): Good wishes for happy Easter. All well. Love.—Gwen, Josie, Mother.
Calling Ivan, Tommie, and Bernie: Best wishes from two narks.—Baker, Redshaw.
Pte. Ivan Redshaw (38268): Good luck. All the best. Hope to see you soon.—Daph and Dek.
Pte. Ivan Redshaw (38268): Best of luck. Always thinking of you. Love.—Joyce.
Bill Reeves, 4th Reinforcement: Good luck and best wishes.—Mum, Dad and Family.
Q.M. Sgt. B. (Tiny) Revell (33069 4th Reinforcement): Hope you are well. Son. We miss you.—Mum, Dad and Pat.
L/Cpl. J. R. Roach-Russell (7784, Maori Battalion, 2nd Ech.): Easter greetings. Don't eat too many Easter eggs. God bless you till we meet again. Kia Ora.—From your sister, Waini.
L/Cpl. J. R. Roach-Russell (7784, Maori Battalion, 2nd Ech.): Thanks for post cards. Have you received my letters. Kia Ora, Arohanui.—Waini.
L/Cpl. J. R. Roach-Russell (7784, Maori Battalion, 2nd Ech.): Thanks greetings. Hope you are well. Everybody here. God keep you safe. Arohanui.—Mum and Dad.
L/Cpl. J. R. Roach-Russell (7784, Maori Battalion, 2nd Ech.): Kind thoughts for Easter. Hope you are as well as I am. Always thinking of you. Arohanui na papa.—J. Roach.
Sappers M. Roddin (36820) and P. Peary (37954): Best of luck. Always dreaming of thee.—Jean and Olive.
Charlie Shields: Good luck. All well here. Love.—Jean and Jim.
6986 Pte. J. Sunley: Cheerio and best wishes from all at 701 Hastings St.
Cpl. Joek Small (2nd Ech.): Hear you well moving around a bit, Joek. Best wishes and regards.—Palmer family, Hastings.
Cpl. H. W. Smith (37093, 4th Reinforcements): Happy Easter and good wishes. Thinking of you. All well here. Lots of love.—Dot.
Russell Spencer (R.N.Z.A.F., Rongotai): Good luck from all at home.—Mum, Dad and Family.
Clifford Southgate (34297): Greetings from your pals in Napier and Hastings.—Grace.
Pte. A. H. Scott (33757, 3rd Ech.): Hope you stood the breeze all right.—Paddy.
Pte. A. H. Scott (33757, 3rd Ech.): Good luck. Love from all at home. of you.
Pte. Jack Scott, 37672 4th Medical Reinforcement: Good luck. Thinking of you.—Mum.
Pte. T. M. Sheeran (33387, 3rd Ech.): Greetings. All well. Best love.—Mum, Dad and family.
Pte. Bob Skudder, 33958: Best luck. Hope U. R. Better. Safe return. Cheerio.—Molly and Mac.
29096 Gunner H. Sweeney: Cheerio. Love and best wishes. How are the milk bars?—Head Family.
To all Clive Boys: Wishing you all a happy Easter and the best of luck.—Dick, Rich.—son, Clive Hotel.
To all Napier Boys: Best of luck from Royal Hotel.
The Napier Swimming Club to all its members overseas: Cheerio boys. Still carrying on.
To all Napier Boys: Waitemata stn. Best of luck. Return soon. Provincial Hotel.
To all Hastings Boys: Still in the same place.—Regards from the Albert Hotel, Hastings.
Staff Nurse F. M. Tucker (N.Z. E.F. Overseas): Greetings from Father.
The Napier Retailers' Association send hearty Easter greetings to all the boys overseas.
The Hawke's Bay Rugby Union sends greetings and best wishes to all Rugby footballers overseas.
No. 7682 W. L. L. Taylor: Better health. All the best of luck and hopes for a speedy return.—Acetone, Masonic Hotel, Napier. Good luck and keep chins up.
To all Hawke's Bay boys: Easter wishes and cheerios to all Hawke's Bay boys.—From Nat Solomon, Masonic Hotel, Napier. Good luck and keep chins up.
To all Hawke's Bay boys: Easter wishes and cheerios to all Hawke's Bay boys.—From Nat Solomon, Masonic Hotel, Napier. Good luck and keep chins up.
To Napier Boys Overseas: Am the proud father of a son. Best of luck.—Bomba Wells.
To the boys from Hastings: Best wishes for a safe return.—Smithy Stevens and Sons.
To Hastings Soldiers: Wishing you all the best this Easter.—Smithy, Stevens and Sons.
To Napier "Twelve-o-Clockers": The "Twelve-o-Clockers" left behind send greetings. Wish you good seas and safe landings.
Len Trew (21982): No flu this Easter. I hope. Best of luck.—Phyl.
Pte. W. L. Taylor (7682), 2nd Co. 27th Machine Gun Battalion, 1st Ech., N.Z.E.F.: All here thinking of you, Bill. Good luck and the best of health.—From 59 Chaucer Road North.
Pte. Ray Vesty (37428, 4th Reinforcement): My thoughts are always with you. Best wishes. Good luck. Cheerio.—Verna.
Dr. W. G. Volkmen (N.Z.M.C., Overseas): Greetings from W. Tucker.
Tpr. P. R. D. Watson (14357): Sincere Easter greetings. Best of luck always.—Bebe.
Pte. J. Whare (Maori Battalion, 2nd Ech.): Easter greetings and good luck. All well. Arohanui from your cousin.—Waiui.
A. Wilson (6723): All well. Easter greetings: love.—Roll, Queen St.
Alex Wilson: Received letter today; writing soon. Good luck.—Harry Roll.
Charlie Wildsmith (2nd Ech.): Greetings from Te Rangimarie, Lodge the bullets.—Ted.
Richy Waters (2nd Ech.): Greetings from family. Keep contact with home.—Mum.
Pte. Tom Wacker (2nd Ech.): Wishing you luck.—Your pal, Bobby Lewis.
Bert Williamson (3rd Ech.): Easter greeting. Send address. Will write. Regards.—Mollie.
Walter (14513): Easter greetings. Hope you are well. Best of luck. Love.—Isabel.
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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail 'Your Own Morning Paper' SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1941.

BUREAUCRACY AND THE WAR

In spite of wartime regulations the Press in Great Britain is continuing its war of extermination against unnecessary official restrictions, which are regarded by the newspapers as a deadweight militating against the full-scale prosecution of the war.

It is said that when shipmasters reach British ports they are plagued by officials and are compelled to waste a great deal of time in interviews and the filling in of forms, while their vessels are delayed by the "leisurely process of the Civil Service."

If these things are true, and there is no reason to doubt them, there is a strong case to support the demand for the appointment of a Minister of Shipping with a place in the War Cabinet—"a man who knows shipping and who has the ruthless drive required for gingering up the whole organisation."

After all, it is plain enough that if the Mercantile Marine, which for the past eighteen months has been subjected to every form of attack which German scientific ingenuity can devise, is permitted to slip below the danger point, Great Britain will be in a desperate plight. This is certainly not the case to-day, and replacements of vessels sunk have kept the total British tonnage at a reasonably reassuring total.

THE B.M.A. AND NON-CO-OPERATION

The unanimous refusal of the Hawke's Bay Division of the British Medical Association to accept service under the Government's general practitioner scheme places an obligation on the Health Department to seek co-operation wherever it can find it.

It is a great pity that an understanding could not have been reached. Leading practitioners with valuable and established connections can, perhaps, afford to hold aloof, but there must be many members of the B.M.A. whose future is not so secure, and they can hardly be indifferent to a development which will allow a newcomer to get away with a large part of a practice which may have taken years to build up.

Where the number of persons who prefer to go outside the State-provided service for their medical advice and attention will be sufficient to yield a livelihood for all non-co-operating members of the B.M.A., time only will reveal.

Where a person's health is concerned he is apt to do strange things. The high fees paid to Oriental herbalists and all kinds of unregistered consultants frequently come out of the pockets of working people, many of whom expect gratuitous services from a qualified doctor.

Other professions have been able to hold their own in competition with the State, and the medical profession should be no exception to the general rule.

The fact that the Public Trust Office prepares a will for nothing does not discourage many citizens from engaging a lawyer in whom they have confidence to perform the same service for a fee.

Personal

Mr Joseph Wilson left Hastings yesterday for Christchurch, on a holiday visit.

Mr D. H. Withers has notified the Wairoa branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Union that he will not seek re-election again as secretary of the branch.

Mr T. W. Hercock, Mayor of Napier, and Mr F. R. Waters (Town Clerk) will leave during the week end for Auckland, where they will attend the Municipal Conference.

Air Commodore the Hon. R. A. Cochrane, C.B.E., A.F.C., formerly Chief of Air Staff in New Zealand, has been appointed Director of Flying Training at the Air Ministry, London. In 1936 he came to New Zealand under engagement by the Government to report on air defence problems.

Mr J. Wood, Under-Secretary and Engineer-in-Chief, R. Waters (Town Clerk) Works Department, who has just retired after 40 years with the department, was farewelled yesterday at a gathering at the Government Buildings, Wellington, by members of his department and executives of other sections of the State service.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr and Mrs F. Whitehead (Auckland), Mr and Mrs T. G. Price, Miss J. Price (Waipawa), Mrs H. C. Nolan (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs Nelson Jones, Mr H. Newton (Wellington), Mr G. Toward (Waimarama) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Todd (Gisborne) Mr and Mrs St. Hill-Warren (Waipawa), Mr and Mrs L. S. Allan (Wairoa), Mr A. F. Fitchett, Miss M. Lewis (Wellington), Mr J. Walsh, Mr D. Prince, Mr Tier, Mr A. B. Cox, Mr J. Basse (Auckland), Mr and Mrs Wm. Humphries (Dannevirke) are staying at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

Mrs Hull, Mr and Mrs Bould (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs A. Carter (Hamilton), Mr and Mrs A. Williams (Auckland), Mr H. von Dalszen (Hawke's Bay), Mr Green, Mr Dalton (Blenheim), Mr F. Lathach (Wellington), Gunner J. McVeigh (Papakura), Mr G. F. Stevens (Tahape) are staying at the Albert Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs L. M. Cheriton (Lake House, Waikaramoana), Miss Crampton (Sydney), Mr A. B. Mitchell (Murra Murra, Queensland), Mr R. M. Moore (Wellington), Mr and Mrs D. W. Lethbridge (Waipawa), Mr V. L. Bothamley (Auckland), Miss D. Manson (Christchurch), Mr and Mrs H. K. Smith (Temuka), Mr D. Owens (Timaru) are at the Central Hotel, Napier.

Mr Estcourt (Gisborne), Mr Yule (Hastings), Mr Laing (Napier), Miss Chitty, Mr Thompson, Mr and Mrs Neal, are staying at the Wairoa Hotel.

Mr R. J. Fisher, Mr W. Roberts, Mr D. Sutton (Gisborne), Mr A. L. W. Thompson (Napier), Mr J. Mullins, Mrs N. Storek, Miss B. Storek, Mrs G. (F.H.), and Mrs R. M. Jamieson (Christchurch) are guests at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

TEMPORARILY UNFIT BALLOTEES

Remedial Treatment Provided. Remedial treatment for a period not exceeding four weeks at Government expense is to be given men called for service by ballot either for the Territorial Force or the Expeditionary Force.

Each man drawn in the coming ballot will complete the training and then be automatically transferred to what is called the area pool. If necessary, they will be medically examined, and if classed grade I and they have no pending appeals against overseas service, they will be discharged from the Territorial Force on being posted to the Expeditionary Force.

MAIL NOTICES

POST OFFICE, HASTINGS. (Napier Mails close one hour earlier) OVERSEAS MAILS. Mails for overseas are dispatched as opportunity offers.

TRANS-TASMAN AIR MAIL. The Air Mail for Australia is dispatched thrice fortnightly and the closing time is 4 p.m.

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAIL. Friday, February 28th, at 4 p.m. INLAND MAILS.

Wairoa 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily. Gisborne, 4 p.m. daily (letters only). Auckland, 8.5 a.m. and (letters only) 4 p.m. Saturday (letters only), 1.15 p.m.

Wellington, Taranaki and Intermediate towns, 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Monday to Fridays (letters only), 6 p.m.

LETTER BOXES. Clearance of street letter boxes are made at 10 a.m. daily, and at 2 p.m. daily, except Saturday.

INLAND AIR MAILS. For Auckland and New Plymouth, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m. For Christchurch and further south, Monday to Thursday, 6 p.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.

For Blenheim, Nelson, and South Island West Coast, Monday to Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. L. A. BURNS, Postmaster.

FIFTH BALLOT

MARCH 26 TERRITORIAL FORCE REQUIREMENTS 8000 NAMES

Men Not Available For Overseas. By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 28.

The Minister of National Service, (the Hon. R. Semple) stated to-day that the fifth ballot to be concluded by the department will be for the purpose of providing men for the Territorial Force.

On this occasion all men of the first division who are 19 years of age and those 41 to 45 inclusive, will be called up for service with the Territorial Force. There are about 8000 men in these age groups available at present, and their names will be gazetted on Wednesday, March 26.

No men in class A of the first division, single men 21 to 40, are to be included, the reason being that as they are eligible for overseas service it is not considered desirable to call them up for Territorial training when they may shortly be required for service overseas.

Building Up Force

Mr Semple explains that one of the problems they face is to have available an adequately-trained Territorial Force, and to obtain this with some degree of stability it has been decided to build up the strength from men not eligible for overseas service, or who will not become liable for such for some considerable time.

Mr Semple said that entry to camp for Territorial training is bound to effect some adversely, and asks the men themselves and employers and parents to face up to the temporary dislocation of business and private hardships, and that appeals will only be made after every other avenue is explored.

None of the men called in this ballot will be required to enter camp before April 1. It is anticipated that the call will be made as soon after as is practicable.

Overseas Ballot On Wednesday

SECOND "DIP" Territorials To Stay In Camp FULL TRAINING

No territorials in camp whose names are included in the second overseas ballot, which will be announced in the "Daily Mail" on Wednesday, can be discharged from the Territorial Force until their training is complete.

Hitherto, territorials in camp could apply for their discharge immediately they were notified they had been drawn in the overseas ballot.

Those territorials who are not in camp, whether or not they have begun their training or completed it, will be governed by similar conditions.

Each man drawn in the ballot will receive with his calling-up notice a memorandum from the Air Force inviting applications within seven days for service in the Air Force. Such men will have their Army medical examination deferred by the Army Department.

A man whose application to join the Air Force is made after he enters the Expeditionary Force camp will not be released from the Expeditionary Force. Volunteers for the Navy are being sought by advertisement, and not by notices forwarded with the calling-up notices, and all such men must inform area officers that they have volunteered.

Breakfast Table

Teacher: "Can you give me a good example of how heat expands things and cold contracts them?" Student: "Well, the days 'are much longer in the summer."

Joe: "What's become of the Hikers' Club?" Jim: "Oh, it disbanded. It was getting too hard to persuade passimic motorists to pick us up and give us a lift."

The young man at the social gathering was boasting of his Arctic explorations. He gazed at the beautiful girl he was trying to impress. "Just imagine," he said, dramatically, "an enormous icefield!" "Yes, I'd like an ice," said the girl, absently, "but my name isn't Flo!"

Henry VI. was no Beau Brummel, and one day the Earl of Warwick took him to task for the meanness of his attire. The monarch heard him out and then quietly said: "It becomes a King to excel his subjects in virtues, not in vesture."

The new Daylight saving idea, if carried on through the winter, will have us out of bed in the half light, and off to our various duties a good deal earlier. To provide against the chilly morning air, smart warm woollies will be much in demand. Parkers have just opened the first lot of Twin sets for Ladies—Beautiful garments in the latest shades and made expressly for them.

Local & General HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

Air Mail Lost. It is announced by the Postmaster-General (the Hon. F. C. Webb) that a small air mail despatch was lost between London and Cape Town through enemy action.

Another Excursion. A further excursion from Central Hawke's Bay took place yesterday, when parties from Takapau and Hastings visited Napier. The usual facilities were extended to the tourists who left on the return journey at 5.40 p.m.

Many Births in Hastings. During February there were 56 births registered in Hastings, against 45 in the same month last year, an increase of almost 25 per cent. In February, 1939, there were only 39 births. Deaths numbered 12 (last year 15) and marriages 17 (13).

Eels for Maori Soldiers. More than 2500 eels were caught in an eel drive organised by the Temuka Maoris at Lake Waimano. The drive was arranged after a request by Maoris serving overseas for Māori food. It will be shipped overseas, the Geraldine and Temuka Zone Patriotic Committee having promised their co-operation in this.

Camps During Winter. Advice has been received by the chairman of the Hawke's Bay Manpower Appeal Board (Mr G. A. Maddison) that winter camps for Territorial Force men training from April to June and a second from July to September. The Government's original intention was to maintain the camps only during the summer, but this decision met with criticism from the farming community on account of the interference with seasonal work.

Two Brief Strikes. Strikes yesterday in two freezing works at Belfast and Kaiapoi, were quickly settled. A settlement was reached at Belfast early in the afternoon, and following a conference, it was decided that work should be resumed at Kaiapoi this morning. The number of employees affected at Belfast was 250 and at Kaiapoi 150.—Press Association.

Missing Patient. Grave fears are entertained for the safety of a male patient named Jenkins, who is reported to be missing from the Napier Hospital where he had been confined for the past two weeks. The missing man was last seen in Napier Terrace early yesterday morning. He was then clothed in pyjamas. The following description of Jenkins was supplied by the hospital authorities last night: Aged 47 years, dark hair going grey, well built. Anybody knowing the whereabouts of the missing patient is requested to communicate with the Napier Hospital or the nearest police station.

Solid gold lockets are being worn to-day, both for their plain beauty as an adornment, and to hold a small photograph or miniature. The following description of Jenkins was supplied by the hospital authorities last night: Aged 47 years, dark hair going grey, well built. Anybody knowing the whereabouts of the missing patient is requested to communicate with the Napier Hospital or the nearest police station.

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Westerman's MODERN STORE HASTINGS

SUM OF £200 COLLECTED

ST. JOHN APPEAL AT HASTINGS

A FINE RESPONSE

President's Thanks To Workers

The public of Hastings nobly responded to Mr. G. A. Maddison's appeal at the opening of the new St. John Ambulance rooms that adequate recognition be given to the Brigade. When the street appeal was made yesterday the collections totalled £178 1/- and the donations made were £21 19/-, making the total for the day £200. Donations made earlier do not figure in this sum.

Table listing donations: Mrs W. Richmond 10 0 0, H. W. C. Baird 5 5 0, Health Woods (N.Z.) Ltd. 2 2 0, A. E. O'Meara 1 1 0, Mrs W. Macfarlane 1 0 0, Mrs C. A. Hallagan 1 0 0, S. J. McKee 10 6, Mrs S. J. McKee 10 6, J. Nutt 10 0

Total £219 0 Mr Maddison, who is president of the Hastings sub-centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, expressed great pleasure at the response made to the appeal. He thanked the public for their splendid support by way of donations and the street collection. His thanks are also tendered to those who gave their time to organising the appeal and to taking their stand in the street.

"Ambulance At The Bottom"

A VITAL WORK

Activities Of St. John Organisation

NAPIER ADDRESS

Prevention is better than cure, was the keynote of an address delivered to the Hawke's Bay Centre of St. John Ambulance in Napier by the Secretary to the Knight Commander (Mr C. S. Falconer).

He detailed the work of the Order making special reference to the teaching of First Aid and Home Nursing, ambulance transport and attendance at public functions.

"In these days of overcrowded hospitals, another organisation is entrusted with the duties of the maintenance of health and the prevention of disease," said Mr Falconer.

"The most important work was the provision of a fence at the top of the cliff, but St John had the less important—the maintenance of an ambulance at the bottom."

"Unfortunately, New Zealanders were more disease-minded than health-minded, and while thousands of pounds were being spent on an attempt to cure or mitigate disease, a mere fraction of that figure was being spent on the promotion of health and the prevention of disease," the speaker continued.

Need For After-care. Mr Falconer said that there was a pressing need for the after-care of the patient leaving hospital. Very little provision was being made for mental hygiene and hospital almoner work.

"It is a deplorable thing to discharge a patient to a home unprepared to receive him," said Mr Falconer. "It is the duty of the hospital almoner to make inquiries as to the condition of the home that a patient is likely to return to, and the nature of the care that he will receive," he said.

He added that the District Nursing Service of St. John made some attempt to meet this need and that the training of hundreds of St. John Voluntary Aids to assist the District Nurses was something to be thankful for.

Mr Falconer said he thought that the Health Department, through its hospital staffs, was giving the greatest encouragement to this class of service.

"LOWRY HUT" IS BEGUN

Comforts For Troops RELAXATION FROM DESERT WAR

Gift Appreciated

Information to the effect that the construction of the "Lowry Hut" at Maadi, made possible by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowry's generous donation of £10,000, had commenced, was received by the national chairman of the Y.M.C.A. of New Zealand (Mr. C. S. Falconer) in an interview with the "Daily Mail" at Napier last night.

Mr Falconer said that the hut would have all the usual facilities provided in Y.M.C.A. huts and would be surrounded by grass lawns and tennis courts—a welcome contrast to the conditions of the open desert.

He said that a daughter of Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. A. P. Chapman, was at present on her way out to Maadi to assist in the administration of the hut. It was also hoped that another daughter, Mrs. R. H. Bettington, Sydney, would soon be able to join her sister.

Commenting on the activity of the Y.M.C.A. Mr Falconer said in addition to having representatives in almost all the air and military camps in New Zealand, there were nine secretaries in Egypt.

MOBILISING TRANSPORT

Defence Measures May Compel Acquisition Of Vehicles For The Forces

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 28.

"It is recognised that the rapid completion of the Dominion's defence measures is of supreme importance at present," said the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) to-night.

"The stage has now been reached when it becomes essential to draw upon the transport resources of the country. Army manoeuvres are shortly to take place and these will require the use of large numbers of vehicles.

"Plans must also be made for complete mobilisation in the event of a major emergency.

"As circumstances prevail to-day, it would be the height of folly if we did not take the precaution to work out plans for all emergencies now. For that reason the Government has instructed that preparations for general mobilisation must be brought well forward.

"After full consideration by the War Cabinet, arrangements are in hand for providing the transport facilities required for defence purposes but for the moment we are mainly concerned with finding adequate transport for the coming manoeuvres.

Little Disturbance "In acquiring motor vehicles for the Army every endeavour is being made to disturb civil transport as little as possible. I would like to assure the public that the utmost discretion will be exercised in the application of impressment. The transport licensing authorities have been brought in to assist, and they will closely examine all lists of vehicles it is proposed to acquire.

"This arrangement should minimise the inconvenience which may be suffered by owners.

Provision For Disputes "Provision has also been made in the event of a dispute for immediate reference to the licensing authorities, who, by their particular knowledge of the transport requirements of their areas, will be in a position to exercise helpful judgment.

"The Government has endeavoured to ensure that the prices to be paid for the vehicles acquired for defence purposes shall be settled with the fullest measure of fairness to all concerned.

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Revolt Against Merger

STRONG PROTEST People's Movement In Auckland

POLICY STATEMENT

(By Telegraph—Press Association) AUCKLAND, Feb. 28.

The president of the Auckland division of the People's Movement (Mr. J. Crisp) said that the statements in the Press under the names of Messrs. S. G. Holland and E. R. Toop, Wellington, regarding the merger of the National Party and the People's Movement did not correctly state the position.

"After outlining the aims of the movement, he said: "During the protracted negotiations with the National Party, both before and after Mr. Holland's accession to the leadership, we laid it down that there should be a new name, a new leader, a new policy, and a complete reorganisation of the party if there was to be a merger between us."

"Mr. Toop was never given authority to make an unconditional surrender of our movement to the National Party. The position is that only when Mr. Toop and a Wellington committee, but the other sections of the movement stand firm to our ideals, aims and policy.

"While leaving the door open for further negotiation, the People's Movement will continue to function and will take such steps in future which we believe will be in the interest of good government and the welfare of all the people of this country."

Information For Owners "Wherever vehicles are earmarked, the owners will be given information about the point of delivery and such other information as will enable the whole scheme to be put into operation smoothly and efficiently and with all the speed such an emergency would inevitably demand.

"It should be borne in mind always that the failure of one vehicle might have a serious effect on a wide range of operations. An owner who has received notice that his vehicle will be required has a duty therefore to maintain it in a good serviceable condition and to notify the local military authorities always regarding such matters as a change of ownership or accident.

Co-operation Needed "The preliminary work for this scheme will be completed within a few days, and I would like to take this opportunity to make an earnest appeal for the co-operation of vehicle-owners.

"Circumstances beyond the control of anyone in this country have rendered necessary action of the nature I have outlined. The Government will do everything possible to ensure that the collection of waste paper should be reduced to a minimum and that all parties shall be treated fairly.

"The machinery that has been set up should enable these objects to be attained."

National Party Decision

MERGER CONFIRMED

New Members Are Welcomed

DOMINION COUNCIL

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 28.

At a meeting in Wellington to-day of the Dominion Council of the National Party, with representatives present from all parts of New Zealand, Mr. S. G. Holland gave a comprehensive survey of the negotiations which resulted in the merger of the People's Movement and the New Liberal Party, as well as those associated with the sponsors of the proposed Soldiers' Party.

"The meeting confirmed arrangements made and Mr. Holland's undertaking in respect of representation in the National Party, and expressed appreciation of the efforts made by Mr. Holland to achieve complete unity.

Later Mr. E. R. Toop and H. J. Tubbs attended the meeting and were co-opted to the Dominion Council of the National Party. They were welcomed by the president (Mr. A. Gordon) and members of the council.

STATEMENT MADE BY MR E. R. TOOP "Full Authority For Merger"

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 28.

Referring to the attitude of the Auckland Committee of the People's Movement, Mr. E. R. Toop made the following statement:—"At a meeting of the Dominion Executive of the People's Movement held on January 27, when two delegates from the Auckland committee were present, I was unanimously given authority to conclude the negotiations with Mr. Holland without further reference to the executive."

"Acting on this authority, I completed arrangements and it is already very evident that they have met with widespread approval among our members and supporters.

"The Auckland representatives, including the chairman of the Auckland committee, were parties to the authority given me and therefore I feel that no further comment is necessary."

"NOTHING TO DO WITH IT" B.M.A. And Medical Scheme

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WANGANUI, Feb. 28.

The attitude of the New Zealand branch of the British Medical Association toward the Government's intention to introduce a general practitioner service in accordance with the Social Security Act, as announced last week, was given by the president of the association, Dr. Alexander Wilson, Wanganui.

"The position is perfectly clear," said Dr. Wilson. "We shall have nothing to do with the Government's national practitioner scheme."

"What are you going to do about it," he was asked. "Nothing at all," Dr. Wilson replied.

NO OVERTURES FROM GOVERNMENT Medical Benefits Controversy

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 28.

"There is no change whatever in the attitude of the B.M.A.," said Dr. J. P. S. Jamieson, Nelson, chairman of the National Health Insurance Committee of the New Zealand branch of the B.M.A. when asked to-day if he had any statement to make in view of the Government's expressed intention to make medical benefits available as from to-morrow.

He said that the Government had made no further overtures to the B.M.A. in regard to the general practitioner scheme.

NO MARKET FOR APPLES

AUSTRALIA'S PROBLEM REVIEWED

SALES AT HOME

Poor Quality Will Not Be Allowed

(United Press Association—Copyright) (Received February 28, 6 p.m.) SYDNEY, Feb. 28.

The lack of export markets for apples and pears grown throughout Australia has created a grave problem alike for orchardists, and particularly for Tasmanians, and the Commonwealth Government.

"The normal consumption within the Commonwealth is 6,000,000 cases. Thus there is no market for the remaining 5,000,000 cases, which are destined to go to waste.

Pooling of Funds The Commonwealth Government has attempted to grapple with the problem by the creation of an Apple and Pear Acquisition Board.

The board is not concerned with providing cheap fruit for the people; instead it insists that only the best varieties of apples and pears shall be marketed, and that what remains shall either be allowed to rot on the trees or be fed to livestock or buried.

Fear of Glutting Thus, approximately 700,000,000 apples will not be allowed to reach the consumers for fear of glutting or depressing the market for choice varieties, which alone form the basis of the financial pool.

Growers everywhere are greatly incensed at the operation of the acquisition plan, under which literally thousands of orchardists are receiving only the board's fixed price of 4/- a case for apples and pears which are bringing 12/- on the open market.

Apples For Charity The Premier of New South Wales (Mr. Mair) later announced that the New South Wales State Government would buy from orchardists apples which were surplus to requirements and would distribute them to hospitals, orphanages, nurseries, and similar institutions. Mr. Mair said the Apple and Pear Board would make the fruit available at a price "in keeping with the circumstances."

Passengers Warned After the passengers and crew had landed, Dr. Smith addressed them in the lounge of the air base building. He explained that Noumea was now classed as an infected port and that any passengers remaining in New Zealand longer than five days must report to the Medical Officer of Health on the sixth day, which marked the end of the incubation period for bubonic plague.

Any person who became ill in the interim must call in a doctor and notify the nearest medical officer of health.

The passengers stated later that neither they nor the members of the Clipper's crew were allowed to land at Noumea, but spent their time in port—two nights and a day—aboard the American Airways' steam yacht Southern Seas.

Six Deaths Reported According to information available at Noumea before the Clipper left, six deaths from plague had occurred mostly among native children and all in small villages, the nearest about 60 miles from Noumea.

It is understood that only natives had been attacked and that the authorities were taking measures to deal with the outbreak.

GERMANS TWICE IN TROUBLE

BEATEN OFF MALTA

African Motorised Forces Repulsed

LIBYAN DEFEAT

(United Press Association—Copyright) (Received February 28, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 27.

German forces attempting to invade in both the Mediterranean and North African theatres of war have in recent days suffered two defeats. German motorised forces were repulsed by British forces in Libya, and German tank-bombers suffered heavy losses in attempting a large-scale raid on Malta.

To-day's Cairo communique states:—"In Libya, advanced elements of our mechanised forces encountered west of Agheila and drove back reconnaissance or armoured fighting vehicles believed to be German."

Seven enemy aircraft were shot down and six more were probably destroyed during a big daylight raid on Malta yesterday.

Further details are given in an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which says:—"A considerable force of enemy aircraft attempted a large-scale attack on Malta yesterday. Forty German bombers, escorted by nearly as many fighters, attacked the island from the west. Some of the age was caused to R.A.F. property, but there were no casualties to R.A.F. personnel."

Red Cross Search "The German casualties were such, in fact, that three hours after the raid a Red Cross seaplane, accompanied by a British reconnaissance plane, searched the sea north of the island for nearly an hour endeavouring to find some of their missing personnel.

"British fighters were attacked by the enemy fighter escort, and in the engagement one Messerschmitt was severely damaged. Three British fighters are missing."

VAGRANT DISCOVERED IN RUBBISH TIP "Not Wanted About," Say Police

"The defendant is not the type we want hanging round the parks," said Senior-Sergeant P. C. Felton, when Bertie Starkey, alias Starkey, appeared before Mr. J. Miller, S.M., in the Napier Magistrate's Court charged with being idle and disorderly.

Starkey pleaded guilty. He was convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within six months, providing he took out a prohibition order and returned to his work.

In outlining the charge, Senior-Sergeant Felton told the Court that Constable Walsh found the defendant curled up in a rubbish receptacle in Tiffen Park. When asked what he was doing, the defendant replied that he was waiting for someone in a car to pick him up. He then had 10d in his possession.

Had a Nasty List. "This is not a bad case," said the senior-sergeant. "Only recently the defendant came to town with a full kit and after disposing of it drank the proceeds. He has a nasty list, and we do not want him hanging about. He is a good worker and an able man. He has been employed in the State Forest Service."

VACCINE AND SERUM ARE FLOWN TO NEW CALEDONIA

Australian Government Rushes Supplies By Tasman Flying Boat

(By Telegraph—Press Association) AUCKLAND, Feb. 28.

In answer to an urgent radio appeal, quantities of vaccine and serum for combating the bubonic plague outbreak in New Caledonia arrived from Australia by the flying-boat Aoteoroa to-day and will be taken to Noumea by the Honolulu Clipper to-morrow.

The serum and vaccine are in packages weighing 13lb and 1lb respectively. The total consignment is valued at about £100.

The appeal for supplies was received by the Commonwealth Government on Thursday and was referred to the Commonwealth serum laboratories in Melbourne. Supplies were immediately packed and dispatched by air to connect with the Aoteoroa which left Sydney this morning.

For the Tasman journey the serum and vaccine were kept in the flying boat's refrigerator. It will be transported in a similar manner on the passage north by the Clipper.

Search at Auckland Owing to the outbreak of plague in New Caledonia, a very thorough medical examination of the passengers and crew of Pan American Airways' Honolulu Clipper was carried out when she arrived this afternoon.

Dr. J. Smith, Medical Officer of Health, co-operated with the port health officer (Dr. S. Watson) in carrying out an examination of the interior of the flying boat. The luggage and mails were also examined in view of the very remote possibility that rats or insects might be present.

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Interprovincial Cricket WEAK BATTING

LATE SPORTING CENTENNIAL CUP MEETING

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB GOOD RESPONSE

Acceptances For First Day

(By Telegraph—Press Association) NEW PLYMOUTH, Feb. 28.

Owners have responded generously for the Centennial Cup meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club to be held at New Plymouth on Thursday and Saturday, March 6 and 8.

Following is the first day's acceptance list:

WAITARA HURDLES Of £150; 12 miles and 100 yards Kaitiaki 11.12, En Tour 10.9, Southern Blood 10.3, Celtic Lad 10.3, Foxiana 9.13, War Lap 9.11, Rollicker 9.10, Great Night 9.5, Kareruni 9.5, General Riskie 9.5, Onewheta 9.0, Toorak 9.0, Resingold 9.0.

NGAMOTU JUVENILE HANDICAP Of £125; five furlongs Kaimanawa 8.11, Erinscourt 8.11, Panoni 8.10, Prince Plato 8.8, Imperium 8.5, Ring Chief 8.3, El Maadi 7.9, Hard Frost 7.5, Park Light 7.2, Opuatia 7.0, Miss Phaulon 7.0, High Tone 7.0, Chef d'Oeuvre 7.0, Debanquer 7.0.

FLYING HANDICAP Of £200; six furlongs Royal Star 9.4, Gold Dale 8.8, Zest 8.2, Dinky D 7.13, Kentucky 7.13, Trig Station 7.7, Screen Star 7.2, Airright 7.0.

MOTUROA ELECTRIC HACK Of £125; five furlongs Malu 8.5, Salvation 8.5, Minvaal 8.5, Miss Hallowell 8.5, Metz 8.5, En Vole 8.5, Sunfire 8.5, Illunacore 8.5, Royal Talkie 8.5, Ra Rena 8.5, Glow Blaze 8.5, Foxmint 8.5, Windsor Glow 8.5, Little Rose 8.5, Naitere 8.5, Valtour 8.5, Silver Gold 8.5, Gainly 8.5, Teasof 8.5.

TARANAKI CENTENNIAL CUP Of £550; 1 mile 21 furlongs Sir Crusoe 9.0, Friesland 8.13, Dick Eagle 8.0, Cheval de Volee 8.10, Clinch 7.10, Black Musk 7.9, Olympus 7.8, Piastre 7.7, Gay Fox 7.7, Aussie Ra 7.0, Notium 7.0, Night Pilot 7.0, Screen Star 7.0, Ascot Bloom 7.0, Stencil 7.0.

OKATO HACK HANDICAP Of £150; nine furlongs Venture 9.0, Night Pilot 8.12, Hunto 8.11, Sanction 8.11, Val Per 8.6, Hunting Bee 8.5, Fibre 7.12, Mahania 7.11, Waverleigh 7.11, Martene 7.7, General Riskie 7.7.

COUNTY HACK HANDICAP Of £150; seven furlongs Penzance 8.2, Mansura 7.12, Waverleigh 7.12, Le Marquis 7.11, Waverline 7.9, Miss Clipper 7.7, Gitana Lass 7.7, Bids 7.7, Ra Houhou 7.7, Little Rose 7.7.

TITIMARU HACK HANDICAP Of £140; six furlongs Surveyor General 9.3, Hunto 9.0, Circular Noe 8.10, Boden Park 8.8, Tavoy 8.6, Mountain Fox 8.5, Penzance 8.3, Kriemhild 8.1, Barry Boy 7.10, Empire Action 7.7, Captain Gale 7.7, Minvaal 7.7, Windsor Glow 7.7.

OKATO HACK HANDICAP Of £150; nine furlongs Venture

HIGH SCHOOL'S SWIMMING EVENTS DECIDED AT HASTINGS FAST TIMES

Competition Between Houses

Results of events at the Hastings High School swimming sports are as follows (the respective houses are Gold, Blue, Purple, and Green):—

25yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Time, 14secs. Second heat: M. Langley (Gr.) 1, G. Nikora (P.) 2, N. Langley (Gr.) 3. Time, 16 1/2 secs. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Time, 15secs.—Record.

50yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: G. Nikora (B.) 1, N. Langley (Gr.) 2, G. Price (Gr.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Time, 33secs.—Record.

75yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 53secs.—Record.

100yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 22secs.—Record.

150yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 33secs.—Record.

200yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 53secs.—Record.

250yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 1:00secs.—Record.

300yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 1:15secs.—Record.

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700yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 3:15secs.—Record.

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900yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 4:15secs.—Record.

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1000yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 4:45secs.—Record.

1050yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 5:00secs.—Record.

1100yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 5:15secs.—Record.

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1300yds.—First heat: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, T. Instone (P.) 3. Second heat: T. Instone (P.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, N. Langley (P.) 3. Final: J. Fargher (B.) 1, J. Lucas (Gr.) 2, V. Yule (Gr.) 3. Time, 6:15secs.—Record.

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WOMEN TO COMMENCE DUTY AT RONGOTAI NEXT MONTH 1700 Applications For Posts With Auxiliary Air Force Body Force Body

By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 28.

Seventeen hundred New Zealand women have applied for enrolment in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Of these 180 will begin duty at Rongotai about April 1, releasing men for overseas training or for service in the other armed forces. Women will be taken on at other Air Force stations as opportunity offers.

The ages of the applicants range from 18 to 50, with an average of about 30.

Mrs C. I. Carlyn, of the Air Department, who has been in charge of the organisation, said today that the quality of the women offering was excellent. Most of them were at present living at home and not working, so there would not be the dislocation of business feared in some quarters.

Applications had not been accepted from women in manufacturing industries or from key workers in other trades and professions.

Applications still considered The number offering was sufficient to enable a good choice to be made. Applications closed officially on February 14, but to meet wastage the consideration of further applications was not being refused.

All applications will go before the Air Force Selection Committee and a member of the Women's War Service Auxiliary early in March. Candidates will then be medically examined.

Some of those successful, such as shorthand-typists and waitresses will then be able to begin duty immediately. Others in more special occupations may have to undergo training for periods ranging up to six months, and all are required to undertake service in any capacity anywhere in New Zealand for the duration of the war.

Smart Uniforms Sample uniforms have already been made up. They are smartly cut from the same material as is used in Air Force officers' uniforms. They consist of a belted tunic similar to that worn by airmen, a plain skirt with pleats in front, and a blue-grey felt hat turned up at the back and with the Air Force badge at the front. Stockings and shoes will also be provided.

Accommodation will be staffed as far as possible by women living in the neighbourhood, as there will be no sleeping accommodation for them.

No Officers There will be no officers among the women. They will be under the control of the Air Force personnel, and they will be divided into sections according to the type of work they are doing, and each section will have a leader.

The main classifications are: Equipment assistants, clerks, typists, telephone operators, mess kitchen, and cooking staff, waitresses, medical and dental attendants, transport workers.

GOOD PROGRESS WITH CROQUET Dannevirke Tourny

Although again interrupted by slight showers in the morning, progress was made yesterday with the Southern Hawke's Bay croquet tournament at Dannevirke.

Open Championship Singles First Life: Mrs Neilson beat Mrs Gandell 26-22; Mrs Allan beat Mrs Wright 26-12.

Second Life: Mrs Allan beat Mrs Lamphire 26-25; Mrs Soudy beat Mrs McCarthy 26-18.

Women's Singles Mrs Galvin beat Mrs Gandell 26-15; Mrs Soudy beat Mrs Limbrick 26-17.

B Grade Championship Singles Mrs Pine beat Mrs Parkin, 26-13.

Handicap Singles Miss Millichamp beat Mrs Kinghorn, 26-21; Mrs Oldfield beat Mrs Watkins, 26-9.

Championship Doubles Mrs Browning and Mrs Halpin beat Mrs Bryant and Mrs Bagrie 26-15.

Handicap Doubles Mrs Limbrick and Mrs Buchanan beat Mrs Miller and Mrs Wright 26-14; Mrs Bagrie and Mrs Halpin beat Mrs Davis and Mrs Neilson, 26-17.

Castles 2 Hill 3. Time 14secs. Second heat: J. Hill, H. Martin, equal 1. Time, 15secs. Final: Wrightson 1, J. Hill 2, Martin 3. Time, 14secs.

50yds.—First heat: Wrightson 1, J. Hill 2, Penman 3. Time, 32secs. Second heat: Martin 1, Deakin 2, Kaine 3. Time, 35 4-5secs. Final: Wrightson 1, Hill 2, Martin 3. Time, 32 3-5secs.

75yds.—Wrightson 1, Martin 2, Mellor 3. Time 52 2-5secs.

25yds.—Wrightson 1, Hill 2, J. Hill 3. Time, 3min. 11secs.

Handicap and Other Events 25yds. Senior Handicap.—McCombe (5secs.) 1, French (4secs.) 2, Chariton (3secs.) 3.

50yds. Junior Handicap.—Flower (3secs.) 1, Spence (4secs.) 2, Dewson (4secs.) 3.

100yds.—McCracken 1, Ferguson and Beckett equal 2. Time, 67 2-5secs.

25yds. Breaststroke.—Ferguson 1, McCracken 1, Eyles 2. Time 19 3-5secs. Second heat: Ferguson 1, Treacher 2. Time 19secs. Final: Ferguson 1, McCracken 2, Eyles 3.

50yds. Backstroke.—Ferguson 1, McCracken 2, I. Richmond 3. Time 17 4-5secs.

75yds.—McCracken 1, Ferguson 2, Beckett 3. Time, 2min. 49 4-5secs. D. O'Neill's record of 1934 was broken by 3secs.

Junior Championships 25yds.—First heat: Wrightson 1, Castles 2, C. Hill 3. Second heat:

HUSBAND'S CONDUCT COMMENDED Aided Separated Wife THEFT OF CYCLE ADMITTED Probation Granted

"The husband has done the correct thing by helping his wife," said Mr J. Miller, S.M., when Emily Margaret Weaver, 61, a married woman separated from her husband, appeared before him in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday, charged with the theft of a bicycle.

The accused, who was represented by Mr C. W. Nash, entered a plea of guilty.

Senior-Sergeant P. C. Felton told the Court that a young woman lent her cycle to a friend and that he left it outside the National Tobacco Co.'s factory at Port Ahuriri on Monday.

The husband, who had taken an interest in the bicycle, and on Wednesday the accused was seen riding it. She apparently went into a hotel where Constable Williamson intercepted her.

Locked Up "She gave him no end of trouble and he could not get a truthful answer from her," said the Senior-Sergeant. "The constable had to lock her up while he made inquiries," he added.

"Since the accused was before the Court on Thursday we have ascertained that she sold parts of the stolen cycle to a dealer for 2/6, the 1/2 being associated with a very undesirable woman," said Senior-Sergeant Felton.

Mr Nash told the Court that he had been instructed by the accused's husband, who had taken an interest in her in spite of the fact that they are separated.

"It is true that the accused did own a bicycle and that she lost it," said counsel, "and it is possible that the whole thing was a mistake. Her later actions must of course be regarded in a different light."

In convicting the accused and releasing her on probation for a period of 12 months, the Magistrate commended the action of the husband in coming to the assistance of his wife.

Memoranda Westshore citizens are reminded of a meeting called for Monday afternoon, March 3, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of forming a women's committee to support the candidature of Mrs. J. A. Henry, M.P., for the position of Member of Parliament for the Hawke's Bay.

The Hastings Patriotic Depot, situated at the corner of Lyndon Road and a Warren Street, which at present is open only three days a week, will, after Monday, be open daily from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., except on Saturdays.

The evils of bad government are plain. Hear an address on the benefits of the perfect government that is coming, United Hall, Lyndon Road, Hastings, to-morrow at 7 p.m.; subject: "The Nature and Powers of the Immortal Rulers of the Age to come."

The famous Trenton Band, of 32 players under Captain C. Pike, will appear at the ceremony of introduction of the four Queens in the Municipal Theatre to-night. A further concert will be given to-morrow night at 8.15, the admission to both concerts being 1/- to any part of the house. All proceeds will go to the £1,000,000 Appeal.

Results of authentic NATIONAL SURVEY conducted among thousands of dentists

Women's Singles Rimu House (Intermediate) 603 pts. 1; Te Awā, 56pts. 2; Central, 54pts. 3; Totara House (Intermediate) 53pts. 4; Nelson Park, 51pts. 5. Rimu House thus won the Napier Athletic and Cycling Club Cup.

Compensation Claim At Dannevirke (Daily Mail Special Service) DANNEVIRKE.

After a lengthy sitting the first claim for compensation for land taken under the Town Planning scheme was concluded at Dannevirke on Thursday afternoon.

The president of the Court (Mr R. M. Watson, S.M.) had with him as assessors Mr M. O. Grainger and Mr W. R. Birnie.

The claim was by the District Public Trustee on behalf of the estate of the late John Speedy against the Dannevirke Borough.

The president, after consideration by the Court, ruled that the sum of £236 5/- should be paid to the claimant. In view of the fact that the land had not yet been taken the court thought it proper that each party should pay its own costs.

Bright and early the other morning an old Maori woman, wearing a mazy, beaded, and felt hat and brightly coloured shawl, was seated on the steps of a warehouse in Customs Street, Auckland, calmly smoking a blackened clay pipe.

"I wonder," said the first, "what kind of tobacco she smokes—must be something special, I should say."

"Let's go back and ask her," said her friend, "but for fun." So back they went and asked her. The old dame smiled, and said: "Cut Plug No. 10." It is one of the five famous toasted tobaccos: Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullhead), Navy Cut No. 3 (Buildog), Cavendish, Riverhead Gold and Desert Gold, and their rare flavour and delightful fragrance appeals to Maori and Maori alike and they have another outstanding merit—they are harmless! It's the soothing that eliminates the poisonous nicotine! But beware of worthless imitations!

Yesterday On 'Change Transaction List

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

Sales Late Thursday 3% Stock, 1941 99 10 0

Sales Yesterday Dunlop Perdiur 1 0 6 South British Insurance 2 11 0 N.Z. Breweries 1 12 6

Unofficial List Colonial Motors 1 6 0

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE Christchurch Gas (2) 1 1 6

Sales Reported Otorohanga Town Board 107 0 0 Auckland Gas 5% Perpetual 98 0 0 Westport - Stockton Coal (Ord.) 0 2 8 Broken Hill Pty. (Rights) 0 17 9

TABLE POULTRY ON A FIRM DEMAND Market At Hastings Yesterday

Messrs Harvey, Fulton and Hill report that at their weekly market sale in their mart, Russell Street, Hastings, yesterday, there was a good attendance of the public. As has been the case for some time past there was a very large yarding of poultry, all classes being well represented.

The demand for table poultry in good condition was quite firm while there was more inquiry for pullets of all breeds coming to lay. Cockerels in good condition were sought after but light and unfinished sorts were not eagerly competed for. Tools and sundries, as is usual, met with ready competition and sold at firm rates.

Prices may be quoted:—B.O. hens 2/6 to 3/4, W.L. hens 1/9 to 3/10 (the latter price for a line of 20 1-year-old W.L. hens), W.L. roosters 2/1 to 3/3, W.L. cockerels 2/- to 3/6, lighter sorts to 1/-, B.O. cockerels 3/4, 3/9, lighter sorts to 1/2, B.L. hens 1/11 to 2/5, W.L. pullets 6/3 to 7/6, B.O. pullets 6/9 to 7/9, Australorp pullets 7/3, ducks 7/- to 9/- pair.

Other sales were: Spade 5/-, barrow wheel 7/-, tarpaulin 15/-, 25, 45, 55, 65, 75, 85, 95, 105, 115, 125, 135, 145, 155, 165, 175, 185, 195, 205, 215, 225, 235, 245, 255, 265, 275, 285, 295, 305, 315, 325, 335, 345, 355, 365, 375, 385, 395, 405, 415, 425, 435, 445, 455, 465, 475, 485, 495, 505, 515, 525, 535, 545, 555, 565, 575, 585, 595, 605, 615, 625, 635, 645, 655, 665, 675, 685, 695, 705, 715, 725, 735, 745, 755, 765, 775, 785, 795, 805, 815, 825, 835, 845, 855, 865, 875, 885, 895, 905, 915, 925, 935, 945, 955, 965, 975, 985, 995, 1005.

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Morere Petroleum Report By Telegraph—Press Association GIBBORNE, Feb. 28.

The New Zealand Petroleum Co. reports that the Morere well drill-pipe recovery operations are still proceeding.

At the Midhurst Well drilling has been resumed. The present depth is 5563ft.

MEAT PROBLEMS REVIEWED WITH REGARD TO SHIPPING Freezing Works To Continue Operations Next Year; Exports Doubtful

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 28.

At a conference held at Wellington to-day between the New Zealand Meat Producers' Board and the district delegates, the position of the shipment of frozen meat from the Dominion was fully discussed. The latest estimates of killing for the season were submitted by the board, together with the position regarding available shipping.

The board also supplied the delegates with particulars regarding the increase in cool-storage accommodation since the commencement of the war, representing an increase of 40 per cent. in the total capacity erected since 1938.

Particulars of economies made in space in the cutting and packing of meat, with the possibility of ships to other markets, and the extension of meat canning were also given.

The position regarding the purchase of meat by the Government for the present season was considered in relation to the prices and conditions which are to prevail.

During the afternoon the Minister of Marketing (the Hon. J. G. Barclay) addressed the meeting.

Heavy Storage "The necessity for using ships for more urgent war purposes, together with the loss of ships, will entail a heavy storage of meat during and at the end of the present season," says a statement issued by the board. "After consultation with the Government it became evident that it will not be possible for the normal quantity of next season's livestock to be exported, and it is necessary now to take steps to restrict the numbers normally available for overseas.

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CRICKET A Hastings Primary School cricket team will meet Napier on Monday to play for the Gideon Cup, the game taking place at Cornwall Park at 1.15 p.m.

The following will represent Hastings: Crawley (Central), Pomeroy (Convent), Painter, Chapman (Parkvale), Helleur (Mahora), McLean, Averill, Wright (Hereworth), Matheson, Ferguson (Havelock), Martin (Convent), Grant (West).

Keen Competition At Wairoa WEEKLY STOCK SALE Back-Country Sheep Of Good Quality PRICES IMPROVE

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

Keen competition by a large attendance of local and outside buyers was in evidence at the usual weekly sale held at the Wairoa saleyards on Thursday. The number of cattle penned was not large, but a good offering of sheep, including several first-class lines, from the back-country, met with a keen demand. This was altogether a very satisfactory sale; prices were considerably better, and practically a total clearance was effected.

Brokers report as follows:— Dalgety and Co. Ltd. 107 5-yr ewes 16/4, 91 at 15/8, 94 at 14/4, 211 at 13/4, 170 at 12/6, 128 5 and 6-yr ewes at 9/6, 140 at 7/8, 59 at 11/2, 20 2-4 ewes 26/6, 53 at 20/7, 60 at 20/8, 25 at 16/4, 49 2-4 wethers 16/7, 56 at 16/4, 13 at 18/8, 72 woolly ewe lambs 13/1, 30 at 9/1, 20 at 8/1, 116 woolly wether lambs 11/7, 94 at 8/9.

H.B. Farmers' Co-op Assn. 115 6-yr ewes ex Springfield Station, Fraserstown, 10/7; 80 5-yr ewes ex Dudley Ormond (Mahia) 12/1, 27 2-4 wethers 17/

LOOKING BACK: STORIES OF HUNTING IN HAWKE'S BAY AND ENGLAND

Incident Of A Pea-Whistle At Waipukurau

Last week's instalment of "Looking Back" introduced the reader to the people who might have been met on a journey from Hastings to Tikokino fifty years ago.

It accepts as inevitable a war with the United States.

"If we want to control China," wrote Baron Tanaka, "we must first crush the United States, just as in the past we had to fight in the Russo-Japanese war."

Although the Tanaka "memorial" has been denounced by Japan as a forgery, every move it urged the Emperor to make has, in fact, been carried out up to the point of warring with the United States.

This has led the world, and especially America, to believe that the "memorial," whether written by Baron Tanaka or not, is an accurate interpretation of secret Japanese policy.

Touching the boundary of "Gua-va" was the Mason Brothers "Taheke" and "Teranga" country.

Henry and Maurice loved a good horse. They had generally something coming on in view of winning a Bracelet. I remember their Chief Mourner, a son of Mute, home-trained and ridden by Maurice, winning at Waipukurau.

With a brother from South Australia, I was at that meeting. Returning to the train, which was waiting at the siding, before the last race, we took our seats. After the last race, as the crowd was streaming to the train, I pushed a pea-whistle which I blew loud and strong. If you have ever seen a mob of cattle on a stampede as if an electric current had gone through them, you would have seen it again then. There was a helter-skelter rush to the train.

Later, as the guard was taking our tickets, I asked why he started us by blowing his whistle long before time. He said, "I'd like to know who the blighter was who did blow it. I'd give him what for." We took our pleasures lightly in those days.

Hunt Club's First Kennels

To return to "Taheke." On this property were the first kennels of the Hawke's Bay Hunt. Henry Mason was the first Master and his brother-in-law, Herbert Jackson, was Huntsman.

I should think nothing was ever more popular or caused more hospitality and enthusiasm than the meets of that pack. Men and women from a distance stayed the night at a homestead with their horses.

The Grooms of Te Onepu were all keen riders, both boys and girls. Mr E. Groome was later Master and Arthur, his son, Huntsman. Mrs Groome and her daughter never minded how many turned up and they always seemed ready for that hungry crowd.

In those days I lived far back and to my regret seldom got a day with those hounds.

Harry Hassall was also Master and hunted them there for some years.

They seldom met near Hastings in those days, but at one meeting near there, a big crowd turned out trying the persuasive powers of the general Master. Maoris were galloping all over the place. One, on a half draught, charged an eight-wire fence and horse and rider got the fence and mother of a buster. The man was laid out dead to the world, and when he came to the first thing he said was "who make the win?" Some sportsman!

I'm not sure of the origin of that pack. A draft came from the Rangitikei and at first some hounds were trencher-fed and you may be sure that Te Onepu, quite close, walked a hound or two.

A MILLION DOLLAR FEUD SEQUEL TO FILM

A famous "hound" was Joe Poole, named after a well known Wanganui "bookie." He said Hawke's Bay "sparrow grass" and the early peas were second to none.

The hounds were running hard one day past Onepu, and Joe was missing. The whip found him going strong in the pig tub.

The Hunting Parson

My memory carries me back to my school days in Devon. An Old Boy of this good school, founded in 1604, was Parson Jack Russell, one of the last of the hunting parsons who kept their own hounds. When he visited his old school he would put his head through the school gates and give the thrilling "gone away" and we boys would be all around him like his own hounds. We loved the fine old man.

King Edward VII, when Prince of Wales, appreciated his sterling qualities and often asked him to Sandringham.

A story is told that at dinner one night he remarked on the excellent soup. The Princess said "Do have some more." and he did, and then he remembered that was one of the things his wife had told him he must not do was to ask for a second helping, and he told their Royal Highnesses, much to their amusement. Some years afterwards, calling at St. Helena on a voyage from Melbourne to London, for fresh provisions (100 days out and two days

Bombs Fall In The London Zoo

PROFESSOR HUXLEY AND THE ZEBRA

A Surprising Scene In Regent's Park

There was a tremendous commotion in Wellington the other day when a few monkeys discovered a loose board in the monkey house at the zoo, pulled it open and emerged into the city, presumably to see a bit of life. People said "Supposing they had been lions," and made similar profound remarks, frequently referring to air raid possibilities.

In the "Spectator" recently, Professor Julian Huxley, who is in charge of the world-famous London Zoological Gardens in Regent's Park and the great Whipsnade estate in Bedfordshire, wrote of the effects of air raids on animals in the zoo and discounted the idea that herds of wild animals might terrorise London when bombs fall in Regent's Park. Following are extracts from Professor Huxley's article.

I have done various odd things in my time, but fewer odd things than what I was doing early one morning recently, he said. At that hour, rather dimly lit by the light of fires, and to the accompaniment of the A.A. barrage, the horn-like drone of German aeroplanes overhead, and the occasional whine and wallop of dropping bombs, I was pursuing a Grevy zebra along the Outer Circle in Regent's Park.

The zoo had its share of bombs that night, both high explosive and incendiary. Three fire engines were in the grounds, with their crews, together with the zoo's night air-raid precaution squad, and three Boy Scouts who had appeared out of the darkness and were rendering very useful help.

About midnight one of our men reported a zebra just outside the office. It disappeared into the darkness, and must have made its way through the Tunnel into the Main Gardens, whence it emerged through the store-gate, which was open for use of the auxiliary fire service.

Zebra in Camden Town. A zebra in Camden Town, though not a dangerous animal, might have created surprise and even alarm, though probably not despondency; it was also a valuable animal (Grevy zebras are rare, and the London Zoo has one of the few good breeding stocks in captivity); so half a dozen of us set out in pursuit, leaving another group to block the animal's retreat.



With some driving and coaxing, and generalship in the disposition of the manpower available, the beast was got back in the store-yard and the doors shut. But he did not like the shed invitingly open for his reception, and his jibbing was accentuated every time the neighbouring A.A. guns went off—which was very frequently.

At one moment I confess to having been scared, when he backed until his hindquarters came within a couple of yards of myself, securely wedged in a corner. Next day I confessed my apprehensions to his keeper. "Oh, you were all right, sir," was his answer, "he's a biter, not a kicker." But I hadn't known this at the moment. However, tact eventually prevailed, and he was safely recaptured.

A Direct Hit. After this a party of us went to look at the Zebra House. It had suffered a direct hit, and it seemed certain that half a dozen beasts must have been killed. As a matter of fact, not one was even injured—apart from a few abrasions and scratches. Two other animals had been liberated from their stalls, one into the paddock, while the other had sought shelter in the basement under the Hippo House; a pair of zebras had miraculously escaped damage when their roof came down—and that was all.

The comparative absence of animal casualties is indeed remarkable. Monkey Hill suffered a direct hit; but the monkeys were in their shelter inside the hill, and did not exhibit even a trace of shock next morning. Damage was done to the wire netting at one end of the cranes' enclosures, with the sole effect of allowing one crane to get out and enjoy the dubious privilege of liberty in London for a few days before being recaptured.

A bird of paradise was liberated from its cage into the public space where it was caught up next day. One explosion wrought great havoc on the zoo's abundant glass-roofs, and allowed three humming-birds to escape. They were last seen happily flying about the gardens, but one donkey, for instance, brayed

violently. Once the bombs have fallen, some animals show a mild interest. A congregation of quadrupeds sniffing at a newly-made crater made a peculiar picture one morning. Finally, a word of reassurance. Some of my readers will be asking why, if a zebra could escape, might not lions and tigers be liberated to seek prey in Albert road or lurk in the scrubberies of Regent's Park? The zoo authorities have, naturally, given a great deal of thought of this problem, and feel, after consulting the most highly-placed A.R.P. experts, that their precautions are watertight.

All the really dangerous animals, notably the large cats, the Polar bears, and the full-grown apes, are shut up every night in such a way that it would take not one but two bombs to let them out in the gardens—one on their sleeping den and the other on the bars of their outer cages. And the experts assure us that the mathematical improbability of this is so astronomically high that it can be disregarded. Other zoo animals, if they did get out, could most probably be coaxed back by the experienced keepers; and if they could not, and showed any signs of being dangerous, they would be shot by the trained riflemen who form part of the zoo's A.R.P. personnel.

Poisonous snakes and spiders and scorpions might elude capture if they escaped. They were therefore all destroyed, in accordance with a decision taken in the last spring of 1939, within a few hours of the declaration of war.

Tragedy of a Goose. Casualties to the animals are not quite non-existent—for example, one goose, which was, poor thing, blown high into the air, to fall dead in the bomb crater. A young giraffe was scared by a bomb falling near, and nervously refused to enter the house all night. This caused her a nasty cold, but that is now a thing of the past.

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SINISTER PLAN OF CONQUEST

Secret Document Reveals What Lies Behind Japanese War

FOURTEEN years ago Japan formed the policy of "a new order in Asia," which she is now attempting to bring to fulfilment.

Laid down in a memorandum or "memorial" to the Japanese Emperor by Baron Tanaka, Japanese Premier in 1927, it envisages the domination of Eastern Asia and the Pacific.

Early in autumn, 1929, shortly after Tanaka's death, when members of the American Institute of Political Relations were in Mukden, the Manchurian capital, on the way to the Kyoto conference of the Institute, they were told of a mysterious document.

Chinese in the entourage of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, then Governor of Manchuria, explained that the document had been purchased from a Japanese whose identity was not divulged, a man who could personally vouch for its authenticity.

The "memorial" had been reprinted in pamphlet form by Chinese members of the Institute, who proposed to put it forward at the Kyoto conference.

This, however, was finally decided to be unwise, and the pamphlets were destroyed, except for one or two copies.

Nothing more was heard of the document until September 24, 1931, six days after the Japanese attack on Mukden, when an English-language newspaper, the "Chinese Critic," published the document in full.

A Diplomatic Sensation

The revelation caused a sensation in diplomatic circles throughout the world.

Japan immediately denied its authenticity, and gave many "proofs" of its inaccuracy. However, in the following years, every step in the conquest of Manchuria and Mongolia, which Baron Tanaka laid down in the memorial, was followed out faithfully by the Japanese Army.

The pamphlet contains 20,000 words, most of which deal with the early part of the Japanese conquest, now fully accomplished, of what is to-day Manchukuo. This is what Baron Tanaka wrote:—

"Since the European War (1914-1918) Japan's political as well as economic interests have been in an unsettled condition.

"Ever since I advocated a positive policy towards Manchuria and Mongolia as a common citizen, I have longed for its realisation. So in order that we might lay plans for the colonisation of the Far East and the development of our new continental Empire, a special conference was held from June 27 to July 7, lasting in all 11 days. It was attended by all the civil and military officers connected with Manchuria and Mongolia, whose discussions resulted in the following resolutions. These we respectfully submit to your Majesty for consideration."

What follows is not a series of resolutions, but a continuation of the "discussion" by Baron Tanaka.

International View

"It will be recalled that when the Nine-Power Treaty, which restricted our movements in Manchuria and Mongolia, was signed, public opinion was justly aroused. The late Emperor Taisho called a conference of Prince Yamagata (an Elder statesman) and other high officials of the Army and Navy to find a way to counteract the new agreement.

"I was sent to Europe and America to ascertain secretly the attitude of the important statesmen toward it. They were all agreed that the Nine-Power Treaty was initiated by the United States. The other Powers which signed it were willing to see our influence increase in Manchuria and Mongolia in order that we might protect the interests of international trade. This attitude I found out personally from the political leaders of England, France and Italy.

"Unfortunately, just as we were ready to carry out our policy and declare void the Nine-Power Treaty with the approval of those whom I met on my trip, the Seijukai Cabinet suddenly fell, and our policy failed of fruition.

"After I had secretly exchanged views with the Powers regarding the development of Manchuria and Mongolia, I returned by way of Shanghai. At the wharf there a Chinese attempted to take my life.

"The three Eastern provinces (of Manchuria) are politically the most perfect spot in the Far East. For the sake of self-protection, as well as the protection of others, Japan cannot remove the difficulties in Eastern Asia unless she adopts a policy of 'Blood and Iron.'

"But in carrying out this policy, we have to face the United States, which has been turned against us by China's policy of fighting poison with poison. In the future, if we want to control China, we must first crush the United States, just as in the past we had to fight in the Russo-Japanese war.

Conquest of the World

"But in order to conquer China we must first conquer Manchuria and Mongolia. In order to conquer the world we must first conquer China. If we succeed in conquering China, the rest of the Asiatic countries and the South Sea coun-

Wendell Willkie Hits Out

THE CONVERSION OF AMERICA

THE conversion of Wendell Willkie turns out to be a deeper thing with him and a far more important thing for the world than his listeners realise when he gave evidence before the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate.

It goes far beyond the pros and cons of aid to Britain, far beyond the winning of the war.

It seeks the full co-operation of the United States in rebuilding a shattered democratic civilisation after the war is won.

In one sentence, Willkie threw the whole policy of American Isolationism into the discard.

Into the discard went, also, the policy of his Republican Party.

Into the discard went, too, the policy which had wrecked the League of Nations and which had dominated the United States for 20 fateful years.

When Willkie, as leader of the Republican Party, had finished his testimony before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. Senate, the doctrine of Isolationism had no political home except among the group of old guard Republican senators.

"The world," said Willkie, "cannot be a closed world. It must be an open world—a world in which America will share with other nations the responsibilities and the great prospects of peace."

President Roosevelt has never gone so far as that in indicating the great role which America should play in shaping the world of the future.

WOULD THE KING GO RIDING IN CHEAPSIDE?

never asked the United States to go further.

Again: "Great nations cannot isolate themselves. They are woven into the rest of the world."

Wendell Willkie made this final profession of faith looking squarely at the Isolationist senators of his own party, face to face with the group of Republicans which has stood against involvement in European affairs—the group which, by a barrier of tariff, has sought to isolate America from the trade of the world.

In vain they tried to argue him down.

Their biting questions could not make him vary his testimony one jot.

"The United States," he argued, "can assure Britain of victory by sending supplies, not men.

"If Britain falls, then American liberties will perish as America faces and fights the dictators alone."

Pressed again, he went even further.

A Good Peace. "The United States," by aiding Britain and assuring her of victory, can make sure that the next European peace is a good peace," he said.

President Roosevelt has never gone so far as that in indicating the great role which America should play in shaping the world of the future.

Never in all history, one can suppose, have the supreme interests and future prospects of Britain been placed before a tribunal like this hearing of the Foreign Relations Committee.

It was a wildly informal meeting, and folks were so jammed that you had to be pushed through the crowd by fat policemen, with grunting senators in front of you.

Asked for a fairer forum than this.

The American system moved slowly and ponderously, and at times noisily, towards its goal.

But it moved surely, and Britain could not have asked for a more able advocate than Wendell Willkie, the man who, only three months before, was afraid that Roosevelt was moving too fast into war.

He appeared, as in the election campaign, with a vast crowd around him, shouldering his way through, grinning at friends, pausing to shake upraised hands.

The grim senators of the Foreign Relations Committee watched him come, knowing that the crowd had turned out for him alone, had waited since early morning until the afternoon, had brought their lunches with them—a nation of hero worshippers waiting to glimpse one of their heroes.

Election Memory. When Willkie finally faced the Committee at the witness desk, his hoarse voice, his curious twanging mid-west accent, the quick jerk of his head and his sprawling locks of hair reminded you of the election.

But Willkie had undergone a deep change since then. He knew now things that he had not known in the election campaign.

He had seen England. He had seen the British people in their air-raid shelters, in their battered streets.

He had drunk beer in a London pub with the democracy of England. He had come home to America with a new conception of England, with a new confidence in its survival, and with a new hope for a world in which the United States and England could co-operate in the salvation of freedom everywhere.

"Dodging Corners" Slowly weighing every word, he told the American people through this national sounding board that "Democracy cannot live by dodging around corners."

He told them it was likely but not certain they could stay out of war if they helped Britain to win.

But, he also warned, if Britain lost they would be at war in the immediate future, fighting alone.—Guy Hastings, in the "Sydney Sun,"

Answers on Page 7

(1) Even if you have never been to London, there are lots of things you should know about the Heart of the Empire, the World's Greatest City, and the Modern Babylon. Now think hard. A very famous thoroughfare runs from the front of Buckingham Palace right down to Trafalgar Square. It is, of course...

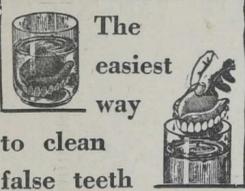
(2) Now that the Italians are all washed up on the Red Sea, it is interesting to remember that both entrances to that sea are British. At the northern end is Suez, and the southern gateway is commanded by...

(3) Should you ever have the misfortune to be smitten with a psalter, you would know that someone had heaved at you. Your wife's rolling-pin, a beer bottle, a cardinal's staff, a psalm book, a flagpole.

(4) Take a tape measure and a fast boat and measure the Waikato, Wanganui, Clutha, Mississippi, Congo, Nile, and Ganges. You will find that the longest is the

(5) Supposing I had on the table in front of me a glass slipper, a very small blue coat with large brass buttons, the map of a lonely island, and a basket that had been floating on a river. What famous characters would they remind me of?

(6) A friend of mine, a revolting know-all, insists that Winston Churchill is an American novelist, while, on the authority of the "Daily Mail," I maintain that he is a British statesman. Which is right?



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The marriage was solemnized in St. Peter's Catholic Church on Friday afternoon of Nui Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs J. O'Malley, Pio Pio, King Country, and Eihel Dorothy, elder daughter of Mr James Brownlie, of "Pakowhai", Frasertown, Wairoa. The Rev. Father (Captain) J. L. Kingan from Trentham Military Camp officiated at the ceremony. The bridegroom is on leave from Burnham Camp. At the reception at Oler's, Wairoa, which was held on Saturday, the bride, who entered the church with her father, was frocked in burnt orange Kasha cloth, smartly trimmed with fawn collar and cuffs, with dark brown hat and accessories. Her shoulder spray was of mixed autumn tinted flowers. The only bridesmaid, Miss Fay Brownlie, sister of the bride, wore a tailored gown of green wool georgette, with Mr and Mrs J. O'Malley, brother of the bride, the organist Mrs M. Stairland, and the bridesmaids, Misses M. J. Brownlie (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs L. J. Brownlie (Puketitiri), Mr and Mrs G. M. O'Malley, Mr and Mrs H. L. Harker, Mr and Mrs G. Wilson, Mr and Mrs D. Taylor, Mr and Mrs J. Hole, and the Misses M. Jefferson, V. Harker, K. Byrne, B. O'Connell and Messrs C. J. Brownlie, T. Byrne, and K. Wilson. Also present were five nieces and nephews of the bride, Virginia and Alexa Brownlie from Gisborne, and Patricia, Jim and Tony Brownlie from Puketitiri. Mr and Mrs O'Malley left later for the South Island where the honeymoon will be spent.

Recipes for the Enterprising Housewife
Now Is The Time To Consider Recipes With Useful Blackberries

BLACKBERRY RICE
Stew 1lb. blackberries with 2ozs. sugar and put them into a piedish. Wash 4ozs. rice, put it in a double saucepan and add a pint of water. Cook until the rice is tender, then drain and turn into the blackberries. Make a custard with half a pint of milk, an egg and a little sugar, and pour over the rice. Bake in a moderate oven for 40 minutes.

BLACKBERRY AND APPLE JELLY
Wash and drain 6lb. blackberries, place in a preserving pan with 5lb. wiped, core and sliced apples, and just enough cold water to cover the bottom of the pan. Bring the fruit slowly to the boil stirring occasionally, then boil to a pulp. Drain through a jelly bag, leaving the liquid to drain all night. Next morning boil up the juice, along with sugar in the proportion of 1lb. sugar to a pint of juice. Boil for nearly an hour rapidly. When it jells, skim well, pot and cover.

BLACKBERRY DELIGHT
Required: 1lb. nice large blackberries, 1lb. chopped apple, 1 cupful honey (or Demerara sugar), a cupful each of blanched minced nuts and fine breadcrumbs, 1 pint milk, honey or sugar to sweeten it, 2 eggs small piece of butter, 1 tablespoonful castor sugar, a tablespoonful or two of water.

BLACKBERRY KETCHUP
To one quart of blackberry juice add 1/2 teaspoonful each of ground mace and cinnamon, 1 teaspoonful of mustard, a little grated nutmeg and some vinegar.

BLACKBERRY MACARON
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BLACKBERRY CORDIAL
Four 1 pint of white wine vinegar, 1 quart of ripe blackberries. Let it stand in an earthenware jar for 7 or 8 days, stirring meanwhile to extract the juices. Strain off when ready, and put the liquor in an enamel saucepan with 1lb. sugar and 1lb. honey. Bring to the boil, then remove from the heat and allow it to get cold. Bottle and cork and keep it in a dark place. This is an excellent winter remedy for colds and sore throats, a tablespoonful in a glass of hot water making a pleasant bed-time drink.

There are very few fruits to which the economical housewife can help herself, but such is the useful blackberry and so it should be made full use of.

Blackberries are now in season and many people will be anxious to make the most of this fruit which can be so easily obtained in many parts of the district. It may be used for various preserves, jams, jellies and pickles, to serve in months when fruit is more scarce than at present. It is excellent for simple hot or cold puddings which will appeal to every member of the family.

Now is the time to organise a blackberrying picnic and when you take the fruit home try one of these most tempting recipes.

BLACKBERRY COBBLER
1 quart of blackberries, 2 1/2 cups of milk, 2 cups of flour, 5 1/2 tablespoons of lard, 4 teaspoons of baking powder (or self-raising flour), 13 tablespoons of castor sugar, 1 tablespoonful of lemon juice, 1 teaspoonful of salt, 2 tablespoons of butter, 1 cup of sugar.

CREAMED BLACKBERRIES
Peel and slice 2 large cooking apples, and stew them with one pound of ripe blackberries, 4ozs. sugar, 1oz. gelatine and the rind of one lemon. As soon as the fruit is soft enough to reel through a sieve stir in the gelatine previously dissolved in 2 tablespoonsful of water. Have ready 1 pint of stiff custard or cream and when the puree is lukewarm stir it in. Turn all into a well-rinsed mould and let it set.

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Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr and Mrs H. Sinclair are Wellington visitors to Napier.

Mr and Mrs T. Bayley and Miss F. Kaye, Dunedin, are visiting Napier.

Mr and Mrs W. Willocks are Gisborne visitors to Napier.

Misses M. and L. Johnstone, Waipukurau, are visiting Napier.

Mrs H. H. Tocker, Seapoint Road, Napier, who has been on a health recruiting trip to Sydney since September has returned home. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Beth Tocker.

Mrs R. Bridge, Eastbourne Street, Hastings, is visiting Auckland to be with her daughter, Miss Alison Bridge, who is training at the Kari-tane Hospital, on the occasion of her twenty-first birthday.

Mrs A. E. Black, Otane, has left for a short visit to friends at Feilding. Miss Molly Black will also spend a few days in Feilding before returning to her staff duties at Kingsseat, Auckland.

Mr and Mrs Duncan Holden, "Forest Gate," Onga Onga, who were visitors to Marton for the White-Fullerton-Smith wedding, have returned home.

Mrs T. Hay, of Gisborne, is visiting her daughter, Mrs F. A. McPhail, Bay View road, Napier.

Mrs C. Roberts, Thompson road, Napier, has returned home from a visit to Marton, where she attended the White-Fullerton-Smith wedding.

Mrs H. H. Tocker and Miss Beth Tocker, Seapoint road, Napier, who have been on an extended holiday visit to Sydney, have returned home.

Among the delegates from 42 federations of the New Zealand Women's Institutes who attended the two-day Dominion Council in Wellington this week were: Mrs W. A. Hayden, North Wairoa; Mrs C. Packwood, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay; Mrs A. McHardy, Hawke's Bay; Mrs G. L. Jamieson, Southern Hawke's Bay; Miss Amy Kane, the president, presided at the gathering.

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Pretty Wedding At Napier

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Bridegroom From Waipukurau

A wedding of interest to Napier and Waipukurau residents took place in Napier yesterday morning at St. John's Church, when Justine Bond, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Nesbitt, Seapoint Road, was married to Sergeant Philip Wordsworth, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. C. Giblin, "Mangarouhi," Waipukurau.

Bowls of deep blue hydrangeas and mauve gladioli were used to decorate the altar and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. B. Broekelstein, Dean of Waiapu. Mr P. W. Tombs presided at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Richard Nesbitt, wore a smartly fashioned frock of wine and white figured American crepe trimmed with bands of shirring across the shoulders and bodice. The tailored skirt had three inverted pleats in front and a plain back.

Over the frock she wore a wine wool georgette edge-to-edge coat and her smart turban matched her frock. She carried a bouquet of white roses, gladioli, carnations, and maidenhair fern and wore a shoulder spray of three flowers.

The brides only attendant was her sister, Miss Kathlyn Nesbitt. Her smart edge-to-edge coat of light navy blue crepe was worn over an attractive frock of peacock blue patterned in shades of cherry, navy blue and white. She wore a navy blue turban, a shoulder spray of natural flowers, and carried a bouquet of cherry-shade fuchsias, roses, miniature zinnias and gladioli.

Mr John Logan attended the bridegroom as best man.

Following the ceremony a very happy reception at which only relatives were present was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The lounge and drawing room were decorated with bowls of deep blue hydrangeas and pale pink asters.

Mrs Nesbitt, assisted by Mr and Mrs Giblin, received the guests. Mrs Nesbitt was wearing a charming ensemble of henna rust silk marocain and smart brown baku straw hat. She carried a bouquet of gold roses and mauve gladioli.

Mrs Giblin had chosen a becoming nigger brown ensemble with a smart beige hat and accessories. Her autumn-shaded bouquet was composed of gladioli, gerberas and roses.

When leaving for a honeymoon motor tour the bride was wearing a smartly tailored suit of Air Force blue tweed, wine blouse, wine velvet wide-brimmed hat and matching shoes and handbag.

ENGAGEMENT
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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE AT TARADALE

Presentations Made To Mrs Garrick

The members of the Taradale District Nursing Division of the St. John Ambulance took an opportunity recently to honor one of their members, Mrs. Garrick, Greenmeadows, who may be leaving the district at an early date.

The men members of the Taradale Division, the St. John Ambulance Brigade also took part in the ceremony as the guests of the Nursing Division.

Miss E. Jarvis, superintendent of the Taradale Division, made the presentation—a handsome hand mirror—to Mrs Garrick and spoke of the services given by the departing member during her work with the division. Mrs Garrick has held the position of ambulance officer and has proved untiring in her devotion to duty, besides which her enthusiasm and encouragement has known no bounds.

Mrs Garrick suitably replied and then supper was dispensed by the ladies.

W.C.T.U. MEMBERS IN HASTINGS

Rev. D. M. Cattanach The Speaker At Meeting

The opening meeting for 1941 of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Methodist Hall, Hastings, where lemon and gold flowers were a gay decoration. The president, Mrs Chapman Taylor, welcomed the guests, all of whom received flowers, the oldest member present, Mrs Bamforth, being handed an autumn-tinted posy.

The Rev. D. M. Cattanach gave an inspiring devotional talk. A protest against sending liquor

to Egypt was forwarded to Convention.

During the afternoon Mrs Price sang "The King's Message to the Nation" and "The Task," both songs giving much pleasure. Mr A. Turner played the accompaniments.

Officers elected were corresponding secretary, Mrs Hooper, L.T.L., Mrs Buckingham; literature, Mrs Gurzon; social, Mrs Stephens. Five new members joined and five were transferred to other branches. Afternoon tea was enjoyed and the meeting closed with the benediction.

HEALTH THROUGH CHIROPRACTIC

The story of little Daisy Waller was told in the November, 1937, issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association and is briefly reported here.

The story makes that four years ago crept over the lovely features of little Daisy Waller, victim of the rare disease scleroderma, slowly but surely turning her to stone, to be hopeless. Then the lethargy has lifted, leaving no trace.

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Three Race Meetings On To-day

WIN-AND-PLACE BETTING

Preliminaries To Autumn Big Fixtures

(By THE BARB.)

Of to-day's four race meetings Franklin is the most important on account of the higher stakes offering and the better class of horse competing. There is no racing club in the Dominion this last 20 years that has grown to the same extent as the Franklin Club as it was not so long ago when their prize money was no higher than the average country fixture.

This big handicap to-day has drawn a strong field of 15 runners with last Saturday's winner, Foxsen, now the virtual top-weight. Black Musk, the Rotorua double winner, is engaged, as also are other recent winners in Clinch (said to be back to his best form), Gay Rosette, August, Pern and some promising lightweights, so that a battle royal should result.

The Rangitikei Cup is an old-established race, having been first run in 1875 and won by Mr T. Quinn-Ivan's Fair Ellen. This race has not seen many Hawke's Bay horses sharing in the spoils. The first one from these parts to score a victory was the late Sir W. R. Russell's Leonora when a three-year-old, carrying 6.13 and ridden by A. ("Brusher") Woods. In three successive seasons Mr J. Paul won the Rangitikei Cup with his gelding Foxton but rider for year by a different horseman, the late George Colelio, S. Powell and A. McCormick - not a bad record.

Hawke's Bay is without a nominee in to-day's contest, which has every appearance of furnishing a very fine race as the class is decidedly higher than what has been got together at Bulls these last few years. Dark Eagle, Dynasty, Gay Fox, Plastre and Rutati have all won recent open handicap events. Dainty Sue gave every indication of being back to her best form at Woodville. With her and those already named, plus the light weights, Mataroa and Kotua, the winner is fairly well concealed.

All the other races have filled exceedingly well so that there is only to be a fine day at Bulls to-day for a substantial increase on the totalator which, since last year has been changed to win and place.

A mixed programme will be staged at the Banks Peninsula meeting at Motukarara with six galloping and two trotting events. The Peninsula Cup field contains a first class lot including Wardress, Doria, Winning Rival, Not Out and others who have won on metropolitan courses.

WINNING RIVAL FOR CUP

BANKS PENINSULA RACES

WIN AND PLACE

(By The Barb)

The Peninsula Cup to-day will see a class lot starting with Doria, winner of the James Hazlett Cup, one mile, an interesting starter as in that race she gave indications for the first time of developing into a middle-distance performer. Maybe the best backed in the galloping event will comprise: Motukarara Stakes: Willow Wood, Lindus, Red Ace.

Tarawera Highweight: Blue Abbey, Great Bramble, Nightshift. Peninsula Cup: Winning Rival, Iceland Spar, Doria.

Ahuriri Hack: Miltiades, King Gustavo, Lord Midas. Kinloch Handicap: Don't Forget, Shikari, Synthetic.

Forsyth Handicap: Bramble, Lady Derby, Sweet Mystery.

MOTUKARARA JUVENILE STAKES of £135; six furlongs—Ann Mile 8.7, Arctic Dawn 8.7, Avenal 8.7, Bloss, Bright Lad 8.7, Citizen 8.7, Haughty Lad 8.7, My Abbey 8.7, Pride of Cambridge 8.7, Roman 8.7, Bascule 7.11, Blue Bouquet 7.11, Lindus 7.11, Miss Saone 7.11, Sir Grey 7.11, Willow Wood 7.11.

TARAWERA HIGHWEIGHT HACK HANDICAP, of £160; one mile—Streamline 10.6, Jewial 10.6, Greenbank 9.10, Princess Minerva 9.8, Great Bramble 9.7, Blue Abbey 9.6, Nightshift 9.6, Dropped, Catch 9.5, Good Health 9.1, Alias 9.0, Chit Chat 9.0.

PENINSULA CUP HANDICAP, of £350; one mile and a quarter—Wardress 8.10, Doria 8.8, Winning Rival 8.7, Not Out 8.1, Iceland Spar 7.6, Enthal 7.4, The Wrecker 7.2, Night Commander 7.0, Glenora Boy 7.0.

AHURIRI HACK HANDICAP, of £165; six furlongs—King Gustavo 9.9, Miltiades 8.10, Lord Midas 8.6, Night-glass 8.5, Treasurer 8.4, Wild Fox 7.12, Star Wink 7.9, Kurawhi 7.7, Master Flash 7.7, Palo Alto 7.7, Swiftcourse 7.7.

KINLOCH HANDICAP, of £200; seven furlongs—Don't Forget 8.7, Paper Note 7.11, Shikari 7.10, Cymric 7.8, Arcas 7.5, The Wrecker 7.5, Rebel Star 7.4, King's Toast 7.2, Synthetic 7.0, Aggravate 7.0.

FORSYTH HACK HANDICAP, of £165; seven furlongs—Airlie 8.0, Halt 7.13, Erambe 7.12, Blue Abbey 7.12, Eytowri 7.8, Lady Derby 7.8, Sweet Mystery 7.10, Royal Refrain 7.7, Winchelsea 7.7.

WAIREWA HANDICAP TROT, of £160; 3.5 class; one mile and a quarter—Admiral Fucus scr, All Gallant scr, Canadian Prince scr, Dan's Pride scr, Dawn Grattan scr, Direct Bingen scr, Dunkirk scr, Eileen Grattan scr, Embassy scr, Festivity scr, Glenlea scr, Mervyn Derby scr, Narvik scr, Night Beam scr, Portfolio scr, Prince Travis scr, Rea Grattan scr, Rosa Derby scr, Shannon Lass scr, Special Agent scr, Swaggar Jack scr, Technician scr, Vera de Oro scr, Volo Maid scr, Walkari Chief scr, Willa scr, Young Rey scr, Silver Flash 48yds behind.

WAHORA PARK HANDICAP TROT, of £170; 3.39 class; one mile and a half—Banford scr, Cinchona scr, Direct Bingen scr, Ngarimu scr, Shady Glen scr, Silver Flash scr, Southland scr, True Guide scr, Falaise 24yds bhd., Top Hand 24, Scapa Flou 24, Shadow, Box 24, Statuette 24, Talak 24, Surprise Potts 24.

Clinch May Win Big Race

FRANKLIN CARD

Rex Maitland For Open Sprint

NIGHT PILOT FIT

(By The Barb)

Every week this last month there has been racing in the southern part of the Auckland district, which should now give patrons the right form to work on but on account of so many horses gradually running into form the outlook for winners at Pukekohe to-day has not been clarified to any great extent.

The favourites in their respective races may be: Waikato Hack Handicap: Surpai, Glen Connell, Lady Acushla.

Puni Hurdles: Silver Eagle, Agog, Bright Idea.

Bombay Handicap: Land Court, Rey Lu, Kaalooa.

Franklin Cup: Clinch, Foxsen, Gay Rosette.

Tuakau Stakes: Himalaya, Miss Gay Panoni.

Dynes Fulton Memorial: Night Pilot, Happy Ending, Mysio.

Pukekohe Handicap: Rex Maitland, Merry Vaals, Brazen Bold.

Buckland Hack: Bronze Bird, Hunter's Rose, Golden Bonnet.

The Acceptances

120-WAIUKU HACK HANDICAP, of £140; seven furlongs 22 yards—Chain Ace 8.11, Glen Connell 8.10, Surpai 8.7, Valdene 8.5, Estro 8.3, Maxovo 7.13, Lady Acushla 7.9, Bronze Emerald 7.8, Red Warden 7.7, Buccaneer 7.7, Justina 7.7, Royal Fawkes 7.7, British Mint 7.7.

1245-PUNI HURDLES, of £275; 13 furlongs—Lapidarian 11.2, Silver Eagle 10.3, Knight of Austria 10.4, Master Appellant 10.3, Mia Acrea 9.12, Agog 9.10, Cappy 9.9, Bright Idea 9.1, Confagration 9.0.

130-BOMBAY HANDICAP, of £200; six furlongs—Rey Lu 9.0, Kingcraft 8.12, Land Court 8.11, Kaalooa 8.11, Lady Pay 8.9, Heroic Star 8.9, Nithmont 8.8, Foxmint 8.8, The Pacific, Le Ross, Sealay, La Re, Hunting Chief, Golden Survey, Successful, Royal Melody, Northlander, Lady Reynard, Hapit, Lucky Lady, Last Survey, White Mark, Landsman, all 8.4.

215-FRANKLIN CUP, of £725; one mile and a quarter—Foxsen 8.11, Black Musk 8.2, Clinch 7.13, Gay Rosette 7.12, Wrecker 7.8, Sweet Mystery 7.8, High Delight 7.8, Pern 7.0, Full Hand 7.0, Wildore 7.0, Queen City 7.0, Barrister 7.0, Clipper 7.0, Brahman 7.0, Prival 7.0.

35-TUAKAU STAKES, of £220; five furlongs—Kronos 8.11, Panoni 8.10, Miss Gay 8.6, Kincaid 7.7, British Camp 7.7, Autoscore 7.4, Oruaita 7.4, Furry Vaneer 7.3, Breeze 7.3, Gayjax 7.3, Raehi Nui 7.3, Himalaya 7.2, Funny Fox 7.0, Prince Louis 7.0, Powys 7.0, Tagalie 7.0, Third Degree 7.0, River 7.0, June Tide 7.0, Auto Lass 7.0.

350-DYNES FULTON MEMORIAL, of £350; nine furlongs—Happy Ending 9.12, Acreman 9.8, Venture 9.0, Night Pilot 8.13, Mysio 8.10, Cabot 8.9, Court Favourite 8.8, Hunting Bot 8.5, Hackenschmidt 8.0, Estro 8.0, Gold Caid 7.13, Landveyor 7.13, Matoro 7.10, River 7.0, Maxovo 7.8, Foxwood 7.8, Bronze Emerald 7.7, Horeke 7.7, Mendelsson 7.7, Lady Acushla 7.7, Raseta 7.7, Piping Vixen 7.7, Government 7.7, Innes Lad 7.7, Auburn Lad 7.7.

435-PUKEKOHE HANDICAP, of £350; six furlongs—Young Paddon 8.5, Merry Vaals 8.4, Aero King 8.1, Grandgora 7.7, Exarata 7.7, Lorna 7.7, Rex Maitland 7.8, Foxioia 7.8, Orate 7.6, Softly 7.3, Brazilian 7.2, Ngawiri 7.0, Trilliaroh 7.0.

435-PUKEKOHE HANDICAP, of £350; six furlongs—Hunter's Rose 9.0, Glen Connell 8.11, Verulam 8.10, Glenbevan 8.8, Bronze Bird 8.8, Radiant Vaals 8.5, Ohmaha 8.1, Kadina 7.13, Golden Bonnet 7.8, Land Court 7.7, Mayfair 7.7, Oneta 7.7, The Pacific 7.7.

BUCKLAND HACK, of £220; six furlongs—Hunter's Rose 9.0, Glen Connell 8.11, Verulam 8.10, Glenbevan 8.8, Bronze Bird 8.8, Radiant Vaals 8.5, Ohmaha 8.1, Kadina 7.13, Golden Bonnet 7.8, Land Court 7.7, Mayfair 7.7, Oneta 7.7, The Pacific 7.7.

BUCKLAND VIEW ON FRANKLIN (Daily Mail Special Service) AUCKLAND, Feb. 28. There will be the usual large muster at the Franklin Racing Club's summer meeting at Pukekohe on Saturday, when win and place betting will be used. The Dynes Fulton Memorial may have to be run in divisions as the list of acceptances is three over the safety number at that post. Prospects:

120-Waiuku Handicap: Surpai, Glen Connell, Bronze Emerald.

1245-Puni Hurdles: Lapidarian, Silver Eagle, Master Appellant.

130-Bombay Handicap: Rey Lu, Land Court, Lady Reynard.

215-Franklin Cup: Foxsen, Gay Rosette, British Talent.

35-Tuakau Stakes: Panoni, Miss Gay, Kronos.

350-Dynes Fulton Handicap: Acreman, Night Pilot, Happy Ending.

435-Pukekohe Handicap: Rex Maitland, Merry Vaals, Aero King.

435-Buckland Handicap: Kadina, Radiant Vaals, Verulam.

DAINTY SUE SELECTED FOR CHIEF EVENT

Open Contests

AUTUMN MEETING AT BULLS

Wildfire Liked

(By The Barb)

The autumn meeting of the Rangitikei Racing Club will be held this afternoon at Bulls with first class fields competing but Hawke's Bay claims but one acceptor, Sunny Knight.

This club at the beginning of the season decided on a change in the speculation system and has come into line with the majority of the clubs in New Zealand by adopting the win and place totalisator.

Last evening the prospects were good but rain is not unexpected. However the Bulls track in its wonderful condition.

The best backed contestants look like being as under: Trial Plate: Wildfire, Jumna, Fly-by-Night.

Flock House Handicap: Hokumai, Gold Bridge, Last Ace.

Pukehou Hurdles: Debretts, Selkirk, Great Quest.

Ngalo Hack: Circular Note, Colerica, Pretty Lass.

Rangitikei Cup: Dainty Sue, Gay Fox, Kotua.

Perrett Memorial: Hunting Lore, Val Pere, Don Quex (all in absence of Kotua).

Bailey Memorial: Lord Cavendish, Rex Maitland, Cheerful Lady.

Santoft Handicap: Barry Boy, Sunny Knight, Ringling.

The Acceptances

1215-TRIAL PLATE, of £90, six furlongs: Fly-by-Night, Greek Idol, Jumna, March Easy, Midvane, Ringless, Sweet Chance, Te Wehi, The Hawker, Uvedale, Wrecker 8.7, Battledress, Great Step, High Tone, Polario, The Wanton 8.0.

135-PUKEHOU HURDLE HANDICAP, of £150, one mile and a half: Great Quex 11.0, Hanover 10.6, Foxkana 10.0, Selkirk, Alraft 9.12, Great Night 9.8, Debretts 9.4, Wincherry, Travala, Deham, Gold Tray, Gold Nut, Toorak 9.0.

1255-FLOCK HOUSE HANDICAP, of £115, one mile and a distance: Last Ace, Red Cat, Greek Bridge 12.5, Hokumai 12.1, Dunmurry 12.1, Beau Monde 11.8, Goldgain 10.10, Luath 10.10.

220-NGALO HACK HANDICAP, of £120, six furlongs: Circular Note, War Credit 8.10, Silver Shekel 8.6, Colerica, 8.4, Ringcraft, Ringling, Star Zone 8.0, Tau-uru, Pretty Lass 7.12, Pitmark 7.10, Phaleron Song, Squeers 7.7.

30-RANGITIKEI CUP, of £275, one mile and a quarter: Dark Eagle 9.0, Dynasty 8.5, Gay Fox 8.5, Plastre 8.4, Dainty Sue 7.12, Ruaiti 7.11, Notium, Colonel Bogey 7.7, Mataroa 7.6, Screen Star 7.2, Kotua 7.0.

340-J. H. PERRETT MEMORIAL HACK HANDICAP, of £115, seven furlongs: Don Quex 9.4, Kotua 9.4, Hunting Lore, Val Pere, Talenta 8.8, Silver Shekel 8.4, Colerica 8.2, Myarton 8.0, The Monarch 7.13, Pitmark 7.9, Colibri, Goldgain 7.7.

425-BAILEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP, of £200, seven furlongs: Red Cat 8.8, Gladysnev 8.8, Olympus 8.7, Alting 7.13, Cheerful Lady 8.3, Veldette 7.10, Lord Cavendish 7.11, Beau Monde 7.9, Black Robe 7.3, Sporting Gift, Cherry Bay, Scandal, Rustem, Ringcraft 7.0.

515-SANTOFT HACK HANDICAP, of £115, five furlongs: Parlato 8.8, Sunny Knight 8.7, Ringling, Barry Boy, Star Zone 8.2, Newbury 8.11, Beau Monde 8.0, Miss Wherry, Colerica, Pretty Lass 8.0, Miss Wherry, Colerica, Gold-bird 7.12, Cheeth, Wildire 7.3, Uvedale, Dark Water, Greek Idol, Squeers, Army Girl 7.2.

RIDING ENGAGEMENTS AT RANGITIKEI

Following are riding engagements for Rangitikei to-day: J. Pratt: Hunting Lore, K. Chote: Newbury Queen, E. Temperton: Hanover, Mr G. Beatson: Gold Bridge, Mr K. Duncan: Beau Monde, P. Atkins: Gay Fox, Ringling, Olympus.

N. Caveney: Selkirk. W. J. Brown: Greek Idol, Dainty Sue, Pitmark, Gladysnev, Barry Boy.

B. H. Morris: Red Cat, War Credit, Ringless. G. R. Tattersall: Jumna. T. Tito: Foxkana. J. Williamson: Veldette, Miss Wheriko.

J. Forsyth: Squeers. J. Campbell: Sunny Knight. H. Stewart: Plastre, Rustem, Tau-uru.

S. Waddell: Cheerful Lady, Fly-by-Night.

C. A. Bowry: Myarion, F. Buchanan: Colibri, W. L. Aitken: Colonel Bogey, W. M. Thomson: Notium, High Tone.

EX-N.Z. HORSEMAN ENGAGED

Flemington Commences To-day

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 28, 10 p.m.) MELBOURNE, Feb. 28. The former New Zealand horseman, M. McCarten, rides Beau Fort (Produce Stakes), Industry (Newmarket), and Saul at Flemington tomorrow. McCarten has ridden three previous winners of the Sire's Produce Stakes.

A. Driscoll, an ex-New Zealand jockey, rides Stentor and Baldassar in their jumping races to-morrow.

RACING FIXTURES

March 1.—Franklin R.C. March 1.—Rangitikei R.C. March 1.—Banks Peninsula R.C. March 7.—Cromwell J.C. March 8.—Clifton R.C. March 8.—Carters R.C. March 8.—Tararaki J.C. March 13, 15.—Wellington R.C. March 15, 17.—Ohinemuri J.C. March 20, 22.—Manawatu R.C. March 22, 24.—Bay of Plenty R.C. March 22, 24.—Oamaru J.C. March 27, 29.—Hawke's Bay J.C. March 29.—Waikato R.C. March 29.—Birchwood Hunt.

Otane Home Guard.—During the weekly parade of the Otane Home Guard platoon, under the direction of Commanding Officer Quigley, a short route march was undertaken, in addition to the usual routine work. Members of the Otane branch are enthusiastic in their work and much useful knowledge is being gained.

GREYHOUND RACING AT NAPIER

To-night's Acceptances

EXCITING SPORT PROMISED

Good Entries

Excellent entries have been received for the greyhound meeting which is to be held at Lague Park Stadium, Napier, to-night, and patrons are assured of a number of thrilling races.

The acceptances are as follows:— MAIDEN RACE; first division (440 yards): Sir Peter, Betty's Pride and Royal Chance. Second division: Betty's Pride, Sir Peter and Ring Again.

The fields in the maiden events are not as large now as at the beginning of the season because one dog reaches a higher grade each week, but Sir Peter, a Gisborne dog, and Royal Chance should make this race interesting.

ENCOURAGE STAKE; first division (440 yards): Combat, Jean Laurie, Sandy Boy, Smokey Joe and Irish Comet. Second division (525 yards): Golden Flight, Irish Mist, Smokey Joe and Sandy Boy.

Sandy Boy, the new Wairoa dog, should repeat his last week's performance and win a double.

OPEN HURDLES (525 yards): Laes, Red Shadow and Bon Ton. Bon Ton is too fast on the flat for these dogs, but may be beaten on the jumps.

MAREWA STAKE (440 yards): Miss Pariel, Red Shadow, Social Gift, Gay Gift and Bon Ton. Bon Ton will have had a race in the hurdles and may be beaten by Social Gift, who runs a good quarter mile.

NOVICE HURDLES (440 yards): Black Spy, Irish Mist and Black Comedy. This looks a gift for Black Spy.

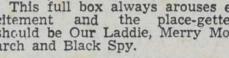
ELECTRIC STAKE; first division (355 yards): Golden Flight, Black Streak, Our Laddie, Fresh Footsteps, Merry Monarch. Our Laddie should salute the judge in this race.

PROGRESSIVE STAKE: Royal Chance, Gary Boy and Sarakos. This race is for dogs 18 months and under, and Sarakos, who is only eleven months, runs like an old-timer.

LIMIT RACE; second division (440 yards): Black Streak, Merry Monarch, Black Comedy, Fresh Footsteps, Nigger Boy, Our Laddie, Black Spy and Combat. This full box always arouses excitement and the place-getters should be Our Laddie, Merry Monarch and Black Spy.

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