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SUCCESSFUL FLOWER AND HOME INDUSTRIES SHOW Arranged By The Whetukura Women's Institute Members

The Waikopiro Women's Institute, Whetukura, staged a very successful flower and home industries show at Whetukura. The entries were of high quality throughout, and great interest was shown, not only locally, but through the whole of the district.

The following is the prize list: CUT FLOWERS. Antirrhinums, Mrs S. W. Ellingham 1, Mrs M. Healey 2 and 3. Asters, Mrs H. O. King 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, Miss M. Rendle 3.

MUSIC CIRCLE MEMBERS WOMEN'S GUILD Good Programme Enjoyed EVENING IN HASTINGS. A large gathering of members of the Music Circle of the Hastings Townswomen's Guild met in the Guild room for their first meeting of the year.

FARM PRODUCE Mangolds, Mr S. Atkinson 1. Turnips, Mr J. Syme 1, 2, and 3. HOME INDUSTRIES. Jellies, Mrs A. Jonasen 1 and 2.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEMBERS March Meeting Held At Putorino. Mrs Porter presided over a good attendance of members and one visitor, Mrs Johnson, Wellington, at the Putorino Women's Institute March meeting.

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COTTON QUEEN. Crisp seersucker made this snappy dressmaker swimsuit worn by Rita Hawthorn, of Columbia Studios.

TOWNSWOMEN MEET IN NAPIER Guild Annual Meeting PLANS MADE FOR NEW YEAR Election Of Officers

Members of the Napier Townswomen's Guild held their annual general meeting in the Foresters' Hall yesterday afternoon when there was a good attendance.

MEMBERS OF THE choir gave two tuneful numbers, 'Aloha, and 'There Last Evening' and a short sketch by two members of the Literary and Dramatic Section, entitled 'Poor Old Smut'.

ENGAGEMENT The engagement is announced of Delcia Irene, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Johnson, 'Rahiri', Hastings, and David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. A. Mintoft, Wai-pawa.

NAPIER REPERTORY SOCIETY Annual Meeting Held Last Evening. The annual meeting of the Napier Repertory Society was held in the studio last evening.

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MEMBERS OF THE church guilds in Hastings spent a happy afternoon yesterday, when they were entertained by the members of the Baptist Missionary Union.

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Five o'Clock Gossip. Mrs C. H. Bunker, Hastings, is spending a holiday in Wellington.

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L. J. HARVEY. RUSSELL ST. PHONE 2663. A reading of the Cranford sketch, 'Followers' was splendidly given by Mrs W. A. Bryant and Miss Edwards, Miss E. J. Strang and Miss McLean, with directions read by Mrs V. L. Westerman.

CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

HASTINGS
REGENCY THEATRE—Now showing to Monday: "Take This Woman" (Spencer Tracy, Hedy Lamarr). Tuesday to Thursday: "Untamed" (Ray Milland, Patricia Morison). Next Friday: "He Stayed For Breakfast" (Loretta Young, Melvyn Douglas).

THE "OLD LADY" AND THE DIRECTOR

Troubles with "Too Many Children"
The old lady of fable-fame who lived in a shoe and had so many children she didn't know what to do—much like producer-director Andrew Stone has been lately.

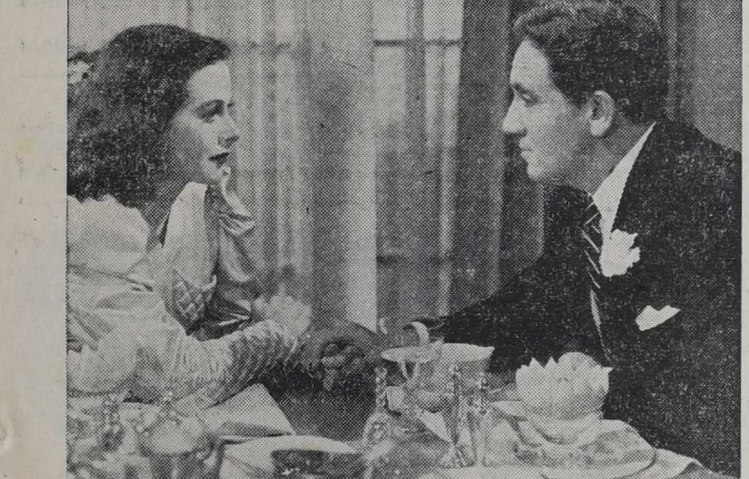
He Knows What To Do

Over 100 youngsters are singers, selected personally by Stone in a month-long series of daily auditions at the studio, and the rest are child actors. Stone, unlike the lady who lived in a shoe and didn't know what to do with her numerous children, does know what to do with those in his charge.

Gun-Chewers
Stone's biggest problem with his youthful troupe, the biggest group of children used in a Hollywood film in many a year, has been to get them to stop chewing gum while rendering a concert or singing.

Accident Which Made A New Starlet

Sabu, the ingratiating Hindu youngster who captivated fans the world over with his work in Alexander Korda's Elephant Boy and Drums thrills the fans by sailing over the world on a magic carpet in the same producer's new all-technical production, "THE THIEF OF BAGDAD." Yet Sabu insists that the miracle of what actually happened to him surpasses any of the marvels portrayed in his fascinating new picture—a richly textured fantasy of dangerous adventure.



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NAPIER
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LATEST SERIAL RELEASE

Picturing G-Men and a corps of youthful assistants in combat against secret enemies operating inside America, the 12-chapter serial drama "JUNIOR G-MEN" is on current release.



James Cagney and Priscilla Lane in a dramatic moment from "The Roaring Twenties," story of America's turbulent prohibition days. It is now screening at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

Light Horsemen As Actors

REALISM IN NEW AUSTRALIAN FILM

Members of the 1st Light Horse Machine Gun Regiment became film actors in the Botany (N.S.W.) sand hills when they rode over the ridges into a reconstruction of the Sinal Desert village of El Arish which was captured by the Australian Light Horse during the last war.



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Basil Rathbone as the neurotic killer of "A Date With Destiny" with Ellen Drew and John Howard in a scene from the film, now at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

Irreverent Treatment For Dictators

Charlie Chaplin brought the priceless gift of laughter to millions. Unfortunately, many countries where Chaplin is a favourite will not be privileged to see the new Chaplin picture, for the title of the picture is "THE GREAT DICTATOR," and it deals with dictators in anything but a reverent fashion.



Kenneth Neate, well-known Australian tenor, who will appear with the New Zealand bass, Oscar Natzke, in a concert programme to be presented at the Napier Municipal Theatre to-morrow night and at Hastings on Monday.

WHERE THE EXPENSE ORIGINATES

Transferring a huge personnel for a complete major film production 600 miles from Hollywood and bringing it intact back to the home studio three months later is the task completed by Columbia Pictures.

Others in the company included 22 soundmen, 77 property men, 60 cattlemen, 6 small-animal men to handle dogs, pigs, goats, and fowls, 12 grips, 3 welfare workers, 6 wardrobe women, 5 wardrobe men, 4 still cameramen, 3 publicity men, 12 electricians, 3 generator engineers, 8 make-up artists, 6 hairdressers, 3 casting directors and 11 Indian and Mexican interpreters.

SANDERS—CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRY

Now that he is an established screen luminary, it can be told George Sanders, now appearing opposite Louis Hayward and Joan Bennett in Edward Small's "THE SON OF MONTE CRISTO," had youthful ambitions to become a captain of industry. But when that path was temporarily blocked, Sanders' Uncle, an opera singer, suggested that the young man try the stage as a singer.

Presentations To Soldiers

MEN ON LEAVE
Popular Evening At Clive
LARGE ATTENDANCE

(Daily Mail Special Service)
A big crowd congregated in the Clive Hall on Wednesday evening to meet the following boys who are on leave: Sapper N. Griffiths, Private J. Love, Driver J. Tucker, Trooper C. Pidgeon, Driver J. Harris, Driver K. Guthrie, Gunner T. Kennerley, Private A. Bell, Private N. Wiley and Private J. Love.

DANCE ENJOYED BY SOLDIERS

Waioira Gathering

GIFTS ON RETURNING TO CAMP

At Waioira on Tuesday evening a number of the boys who are shortly to return to camp, were entertained at a dance interspersed with items by local artists.

PATRIOTIC AFFAIRS AT HAUMOANA

Under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Barf, the monthly meeting of the Haumoana Farewell Society was held on Wednesday night.

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR ARMY QUEEN

The Army Queen organisation is well under way and elsewhere in this issue they advertise a calendar of events, including a garden party, a fete, a market and a fun fair in Market Street, Napier.

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ARRIVED: KIWITEA, 2343 tons, Evans, at 6.30 a.m. to-day from Greytown. EXPECTED ARRIVALS: KOPARA, Gisborne, etc.

COASTWISE TRADE: KOPARA: Left Auckland on Wednesday for Gisborne and Napier, being due here to-day.

FROM AUCKLAND FOR NAPIER: KOPARA loads Tuesday, March 11.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail. "Your Own Morning Paper" FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1941. MR MENZIES AND JAPAN.

The position in the East Indies must be very puzzling to many people who were alarmed a few weeks ago by the sudden decision of the Imperial and Commonwealth authorities to rush reinforcements to Malaya to meet a situation that had become decidedly dangerous.

Personal VICE-REGAL His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Newall, attended by Wing-Commander Sevan and Captain Holland-Martyn, A.D.C.

Mr J. Roulston, who has been staying with his sister, Mrs E. A. Wilson, Orono, has returned to his home in Tauranga.

Mr R. Henderson, superintendent of the Hastings Fire Brigade, leaves this morning for Pictou, where he will attend the conference Mr Henderson will leave on Friday.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Napier Oddfellows Brother L. Prince P.G., received the congratulations of the Lodge on his election as president of the Hawke's Bay Friendly Societies Dispensary.

Mr H. Esson (Auckland), Mr T. R. Makinson (Wellington), Mr R. Winter, Mr H. Beachamp, Mr A. Grindrod, Mr Scott, Mr J. Martin, Mr and Mrs Thomson, Mr S. Thompson (Trentham), Mr K. Jones (Gisborne), Mr T. Ford (Carterton), Mr K. Allen (Dannevirke) are staying at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr F. G. Gibson (Crownthorpe), Mr V. S. Noton, Mr A. George, Mr K. Rundle, Mr J. Basse (Wellington), Mr Abbott and son (Hastings), Mr G. Yip (Auckland) and Mrs J. Chiezmans, Mr D. Prince, Mr A. B. Cox (Auckland), Lieutenant E. Hunter (Trentham), Mr and Mrs G. Holden (Traupo), Mrs E. and Miss A. Houseman (Havers) are staying at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs Williams, Mr Upton, Mr Upton (Auckland), Mr Lanarch (Wellington), Mr Breen (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs J. Carter (Hamilton), Mr Bishop (Wellington), Mr Philips (Wellington), Mr Melrose (Waipukurau), Mr Dalton (Wellington), Mr Greer, Mr and Mrs King (Christchurch) are staying at the Albert Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs W. F. Drake, Mr Wm. Benzies, Mr R. G. Button, Mr C. Ruston, Mr H. C. P. Smith, Mr A. W. Munson, Mr W. M. Healy (Wellington), Mr and Mrs R. H. Conway, Mr F. Mullen (Auckland), Mr David Jones (Christchurch), Mr P. N. Edwards, Mrs Edwards (Eharaeraera), Mr J. Wilson (Hutt) are staying at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Colonel Potter, Mr R. M. Moore, Mr and Mrs Waugh, Mr M. A. Hunter, Miss G. Bosworth, Mrs F. G. Nottingham, Mr L. H. Norton (Wellington), Miss G. F. Watson, Mr and Mrs W. H. Watson, Mr L. J. Vivian (Christchurch), Mr L. Mackie (Waipukurau), Mr and Mrs A. E. Hodgson, Mr C. A. Mackie (Palmerston North) are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

Mr and Mrs M. Pizer, Miss S. Pizer, Mr P. Stacey, Mr C. Mitchell, Mr G. F. Young (Wellington), Mrs E. C. Beale, Mrs J. D. Williamson, Miss G. Davis (Auckland), Mrs M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mrs G. Wilson (Onga Onga), Mr and Mrs L. M. Smart (Kuala Lumpur), Mrs E. Mander (Dunedin), Mr A. A. Davies (Lower Hutt), Mr C. Siviter (Wellington), Mr and Mrs C. McArthur (Malaya), Mr and Mrs Crane (Fiji), Mr A. McLean (Porangahau), Mr G. E. Stevens, Mr R. E. Turner, Mr F. Anderson (Palmerston North), Mr M. Pickney (Waipukurau) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr Sherwood, Miss Munro, Mr E. H. Taylor, Mr Johnston (Whakatane), Mr and Mrs Crabb (Napier), Mr Mason (Wanganui), Mr Yule (Hastings), Mr and Mrs Shepherd, Mr and Mrs Neal are at the Wairoa Hotel.

Mr B. C. Robins (Tauranga), Miss Hoskins, Mr W. Stevens, Mr Coster, Mr W. Pritchard (Wellington), Mr Ball, Mr Baigent (Gisborne), Mr J. McCaachie (Tua), Mr J. Maloney (Trentham), Mr A. E. Lee, Mr and Mrs B. Waugh (Stratford), Mrs F. Wallis (Gore), Mrs L. Pillar (Christchurch) are staying at the Clyde Hotel.

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

LOCAL AND GENERAL Croquet Championships. The final of the Hawke's Bay Croquet Association's C grade inter-club championship resulted in a win for Kia Toa with 135pts.

Hastings Poppy Day. Arrangements for Poppy Day, which is to be held on Friday, April 18, were made at an executive meeting of the Hastings Returned Soldiers' Association.

Burned to Death. A Maori, Henare Nakihi Apimereka, 79, was burnt to death on Wednesday night when a small pupa where in which he lived in Egmont Road, two miles from New Plymouth, was destroyed by fire.

£1000 Donation. The secretary in New Zealand of Thomas Borthwick and Sons (Australia) Ltd. has advised the National Patriotic Fund Board that the company has decided to make a further donation of £1000 for this year.

Maunganui In New Role. Conversion Nearly Completed. 380 PATIENTS. By Telegraph-Press Association WELLINGTON, March 6.

HOSPITAL SHIP. The work of converting the vessel has so far advanced that the Maunganui is expected to take the water in a matter of weeks in readiness to carry New Zealand casualties and convalescents to this country from various war theatres.

Exhibition Aftermath. The final meeting of shareholders of the Centennial Exhibition Company was held at the office of the liquidator at Wellington yesterday.

Voluntary Workers' Roll. In order to ensure that voluntary workers will be readily available in the event of an emergency, the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board is endeavouring to compile a list of women and girls who are willing to serve as kitchen and ward workers.

To-day's Diary. NAPIER. The Theatres: "Dance, Girl, Dance," State, 2 and 8 p.m.

HASTINGS. The Theatres: "I Take This Woman," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.

Breakfast Table. Behind the lines the troops were about to rehearse an important attack and were being addressed by the general.

MAIL NOTICES. For months he had been her devoted admirer. Now, at long last, he had collected up sufficient courage to ask her the most momentous of all questions.

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER. "DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR COOLER TEMPERATURES. The following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area:

Winds: Fresh south-west to west winds. Weather: Cloudy, with some showers but later improving. Temperatures: Seas: Rather rough but decreasing.

Table with 2 columns: Time of day and Temperature/Condition. Includes 'NAPIER WEATHER' and 'HASTINGS WEATHER' sections.

DOMINION FORECAST. General situation: Pressure is rising rapidly over the South Island with the passage of a disturbance across central New Zealand.

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Next Thursday's Thompson Handicap

CLASS RUNNERS ENTERED Early Review Of Handicapped Candidates

(By THE BARB.)

The Wellington Racing Club's Thompson Handicap has long been recognised as one of the Dominion's most important mile handicap events and a glance over the records reveal some very high class turf performers in the list of winners. The St. Leger-Musket Maid horse, Waituku, holds a record of three successive wins in 1895 (no race in 1896) '97 and '98. This horse was a high class performer and included in his triumphs is also a New Zealand Cup. He was one of the unfortunates that was not bred in the purple, his distaff side not being traceable many removes. At the end of his turf career he was purchased as a sire for the late Mr. S. H. Gollan's Hawke's Bay stud at Mangatarata, but as a sire he could be summed up as a failure, his best gets being no more than average performers on the turf.

Hawke's Bay has produced eight winners in the 46 contests so far just about held its end up. The late Mr. R. Connop opened this district's winning account in 1889 with Armoreux, 69 (S. O'Neill), who bested into second place Waituku's sister, Okoari, while the following year the Hon. J. D. Ormond furnished the winner in Jabber, with Mr. G. P. Donnelly's Oingo second and Okoari this time third. Sir Geo. Hunter's Mystification, 72 (F. E. Jones) won in 1906, Mr. E. J. Watt's Aborigine, 85 (A. Olliver) in 1909, the same owner won the 1913 contest with Cheddar, 712 (L. Wilson), Mr. W. G. Stead won in 1917 with Shril, 710 (B. Deeley) and again in 1919 (no race in 1918) with that great turf performer, Sasano, 99 (H. Grey), while no Hawke's Bay-trained animal won again until last year, when Kathbella succeeded. Although in 1924 Mr. T. H. Lowry's horse Highland (Gold Light was second) was first, the Pinard horse was trained in Auckland by F. W. Davis. The following is an early review of the 1941

THOMPSON HANDICAP Of £1000; one mile

Sir Crusoe, 9.2 (ch.h., 4yrs., Defoe-Hineweh), has proved himself a high class sprinter, as at the Trentham meeting last autumn, he won the second leg of the double, but this was only one of his many important sprint victories. Last January, at Wellington, he was tried over a mile on the middle day to win, so that he can be accepted as a true mile galloper. All going well between now and next Thursday, he looks like being one of the prime selections.

Amigo, 9.0 (br.g., 5yrs., Beau Pere-Adorable), when at the height of his form, can be classed among the best of his grade. He won at Trentham last spring in sprint class and the only other victory this season was when he won the mile and a distance handicap the second day at the Marton Cup meeting. On paper he reads dangerous, but before a final summing-up is made as regards his winning chances, the fact will have to be heard of him that there has been the last few weeks.

Trench Fight, 8.12 (aged, b.h., Winning Hit-Scrimmage), has been a good galloper over a mile, although at one time he has lost caste on account of being such a puller and hard to control in his training. He won the last Thompson Handicap, run at Trentham in January, and since has won the handicap the second day at the recent Dunedin Cup meeting with 9st., so that now with 2lb. less in the saddle has next week to be highly thought of.

Pirate King, 8.12 (aged, ch.g., King-Lu-San), Fe), up in the Auckland district, has proved a sprinter of the first water, but as regards a mile has not so much to offer. This solid gelding should not find much difficulty in staying the other two furlongs, but men who know the game would rather back a brilliant miler in a six-furlong race than a good sprinter in a mile race.

Kathbella, 8.7 (5yrs., b.m., Beau Pere-Royal), The Hastings mare won this race last season from a field very bit as good as next Thursday's, to go on and run an unlucky second in the Auckland Easter to Black Thread. Later on she bested the big blausy gelding decisively over a mile and a quarter at Hastings. This mare has been disappointing this season, but the manner in which she galloped once round her track Thursday morning influenced one to the opinion that she is on the eve of striking her best form again. However, she will have another two gallops before going down and these six furlongs will be reported in the "Daily Mail" which should throw more light on her Trentham prospects.

Belle Cane, 8.6 (3yrs., br.f., Beau Pere-Duck's Egg). This filly has proved herself first class and what a mare, has won on this track her ability is well known, but just how she is at the present time is not definite. Should she race at Taranaki to-morrow that experience should help her to come back to her best. In the meantime, inquiries will be made as to her condition.

Serenata, 8.6 (4yrs., br.m., Night-march-Praise), is only too well recognised as a good "un", but it is doubtful if she will be able to produce her best over such a distance as eight furlongs as she definitely requires a longer course. However, Mrs. Richmond's mare represents class and class is always hard to get away from.

Enrich, 8.5 (3yrs., br.c., Safari-Sight Draft). If one remembers only his form at the New Zealand Cup meeting when he won the C.J.C. Stewards and the N.Z. Derby, this colt would be about the first pick, but with his subsequent unplaced performances in mind, one is apt to forget the former. However, he is a bit of a puzzler, but back to last November condition he certainly is hard to pass over.

Hearth, 8.2 (4yrs., br.m., Paladin-Kerbise), won the open sprint on the last day at the Wellington Cup meeting. Brilliant and bred as she is, she should go a great mile. She cannot be labelled other than dangerous.

Doubleback, 7.12 (5yrs., br.g., Balboa-Morse Signal), has been in the headlines since winning the recent Dunedin Cup. He is one of the hardy Balboa tribe who have already won this race. The gelding now under discussion appears to be over a longer course than a mile, but on this track with a long straight will have to be considered.

Trainer J. Ryan's Addition
J. Ryan, Mummer's Lodge, has a further addition to his team in a big two year old filly by Siegfried-Argentine by Tractor-Tigeroy the property of the Hastings sportsman, Mr. H. Blackmore. Wisely, she has been left alone until now and, if raced at all this term, will not be until the tail end of the season as education for next year. She comes from a very successful Flaxmere Stud family, Tigretia, and it is strange that the female side of this family have been infinitely better turf performers than the male.

HASTINGS TRAINING NOTES

Few Gallops BURRA SAHIB IN ACTION Support Improves

(By The Barb)

There was not a great deal of work against the watch on the Hastings track on Thursday morning, although there were many horses out doing various exercises. Where not specified the following tasks were allotted on the plough.

Oragon (G. Stowe), who may not race until the Hawke's Bay Cup meeting when one of her races will be the Hastings Hack Cup, and Australian Star (S. Dockery) were given an easy half mile in 52sec. with the former going slightly the better.

On the course proper Aristocrat (I. Galvin), Parvita (J. Dockery) and Tashi Lama (G. Phelps), all in the early course of training, ran three furlongs together against the bit in 41 1/2 and at hitting out in a very free manner.

Sunny Knight (J. Campbell) and Support (B. Stowe), were associated in a six furlong effort for the latter to arrive home first by a length in 1.18. The former appears to be more advanced than Support who, however, is showing better promise of late.

On the course proper Valcony (L. Lewis) and Recompense (F. Power) were sent twice round to come down the straight each time at a three-quarter gallop.

The half sisters, Isis (B. Stowe) and Slyana (S. Dockery) were not out to make time when taking 42 for three furlongs. From now on both will be allotted harder tasks than they have been given this last few months.

Siegall (L. Barnett) was not out to make time when registering 1.21 for three-quarters of a mile. She will race at the Hawke's Bay autumn meeting but more for educational purposes, as her racing programme is not to commence seriously until the winter months.

Burra Sahib's Trial.

Burra Sahib (J. Campbell) and Proven (S. Paramore) were worked on the No. 1 inside grass with the trestles in their correct positions. The former stood up his galloping mate six lengths at the start but before this pair had gone a furlong Proven had increased that advantage to eight lengths, but from then

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on Burra Sahib began to make up the leeway, as turning for home he was within a couple of lengths of the filly and at the distance had her measure to come home full of running a length in front in 49, a good effort but not an outstanding one from a time point of view. How over this ground he is sure to benefit the robust colt and with another such pipe-opener will be back at his best to tackle the North Island Challenge Stakes next Thursday. Master Nelson (C. Cameron) and The Ring (L. S. Deeley) were given a strong working gallop to record 1.45 for the once round. Both went well and are to be afforded a nomination in the Hawke's Bay Cup race that The Ring was successful in twelve months ago.

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Telery was injured in the running of the Autumn Handicap on Tuesday and is now to be spelled. S. Ralph rides Hathersage in Saturday's Australian Cup.

Case did a furlong in 13 1/2 at Caulfield to-day and looks very fit. Ajax is to be sold by public auction to-morrow.

The stipendiary stewards closed an inquiry into the form of Dashing Cavalier, winner of the Autumn Handicap on Tuesday, compared with his Flemington Handicap performance last Saturday.

The stewards disqualified Trainer J. W. McCurley, Jockey J. Coultis and the horse Dashing Cavalier for a period of twelve months for an alleged dishonourable action and improper practices in connection with the Flemington Handicap. The part-owners Messrs F. W. Hughes and E. A. Coghlan were exonerated. Dashing Cavalier is now ineligible to start in the Australian Cup.

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March 15, 17—Otago J.C.
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ENTRIES NEXT WEEK FOR HASTINGS

Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for all events at the autumn meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club to be held at Hastings on March 27 and 29 close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Wisheart, Hastings, on Monday, March 17, at 8 p.m.

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