

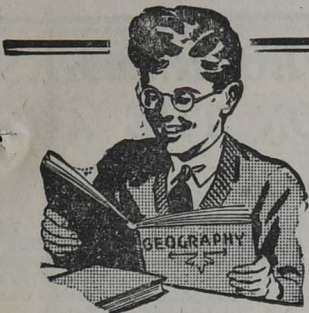
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Three Armies Converge On Addis Ababa

ITALIANS IN FLIGHT

Difficult Terrain Fails To Slow Advance

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LONDON, March 12.

Point after point in Abyssinia, the Imperial and Patriot forces are steadily beating back Mussolini's troops. The latest reports from central Abyssinia emphasize that the Italians who are fleeing from Burye to Debra Markos, on the road to Addis Ababa, did not attempt to defend the crossing of the Tamohe River or even to destroy the bridge across it.

This is good news for the British and the Patriots, because the river offered a natural defence where the Italians might have made a stand.

The pursuers hope to reach the main body of the retreating Italians before it reaches the safety of Debra Markos.

Many deserters are still coming in and what was once a force of nearly 8000 can now be little over 3000, of whom 400 are wounded or sick. The Italian commander is at present transporting these ineffective in lorries piled high on stretchers, but deserters say that these will be abandoned if the Patriots show signs of catching up.

Imperial forces threatening the Italian stronghold of Asosa on the west-east road to Addis Ababa are thrusting along dusty camel tracks and sometimes through man-high elephant grass. The chief competitors with the Patriots in the race to Addis Ababa are the South Africans, whose mechanised column is tearing across the Ogaden plateau towards Harar. They are at present advancing faster than the Abyssinians, who are confronted with difficult terrain, also the fortifications of Debra Markos. The South Africans are meeting with no resistance in the present stages but they may have to fight at Jigjiga where it is estimated there are 10,000 troops, also at Harar and Direwada.

The third team in the race, now operating against Asosa, has only an outsider's chance, being still confronted by 375 miles of difficult country.

Backdoor Entry
Replying to a question as to the possibility of enemy resistance at Jigjiga, the military spokesman at Cairo said: "Our forces are making a backdoor entry and the Italians' planned defences are facing Djibuti did not expect an offensive from the south. As a result of the British advance through Italian Somaliland Mussolini's army in that region is not even a thing of shreds and patches."

After the straight-out loss of 31,000 troops the remnants of this army are retreating on two divergent lines and many disintegrated before reaching their destination.

"Fewer than 500, mostly whites, escaped northward."

READY TO RETURN TO ABYSSINIA

British Businessmen At Khartoum

(Received March 13, 9.10 p.m.) LONDON, March 12.

A number of British businessmen and officials at Khartoum are preparing to resume their old jobs in different parts of Abyssinia.

Mr Eden Busy In Egypt

MANY CONFERENCES

Business Circles Welcome Appearance

SOME HOSTILE TALK

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 13, 10.45 p.m.) LONDON, March 13.

"The Times" Cairo correspondent says that the Foreign Minister (the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden) continues to participate in meetings and consultations, in which he has seen a number of Egypt's prominent leaders.

He had a long conference with the Prime Minister (Sirry Pasha). Mr Eden's presence is singularly opportune because commercial circles are uneasy regarding the hostile attitude of the Chamber of Deputies.

Mr Eden and Sirry Pasha are believed to have discussed British-Egyptian relations, at present and also after the war.

LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI TO RETIRE

Will Train Young Americans For Music

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 13, 10.45 p.m.) CHICAGO, March 12.

Leopold Stokowski, the famous conductor, announced that he will soon retire in order to devote his efforts to training the youth of America for music.

SOLDIERS IN SEA WARFARE

FAMOUS FORCE GIVEN NOVEL TASK

AFRICAN RIFLES

Heavy Duty Done On All Fronts

British Official Wireless (Received March 13, 6.45 p.m.) RUGBY, March 12.

A survey of the fine work of the King's African Rifles, a famous fighting force recruited from all the British African territories including Nyassaland, shows that the regiment has been represented on all the African fronts since the outbreak.

Its engagements include El Wak in June, the defence of Moyale in July and patrol skirmishes at Dobeck at the end of that month. Then came the evacuation of British Somaliland in August and the retreat the following month from Buna, after which there was much patrol work.

The regiment was always conspicuous, bearing the brunt of all fronts from the Turkanjo coast. When the tide turned they led the offensive against Italian Somaliland, capturing Lino and many posts on the desert road to Afmadu. They even fought on the water and in dhow took Deisepente Island, which controls Kisimayu harbour.

Hard Trekking
Forming the north claw of the pincers movements, they cut the Gelbi-Brava Road, accomplishing 45 miles in two and a-half days through a solid wall of bush. They captured many prisoners at Buda, after which they were rushed to the coast with Nigerians and effected the evacuation of British seamen at Merca and took a further 1000 prisoners.

West of Lake Rudolf they lately captured Todenyang and British and Italian Namanyoth.

The individual feats of heroism have been numerous and the courage and cheerfulness of these native African soldiers has been one of the features of the campaign.

GO--THE QUICKER THE BETTER

BRUSQUE ORDERS BY BULGARIA

ALLIED EMBASSIES

Nazi Influence Seen In Wording

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FAR EAST THEATRE.—Japanese mediation in the Thai-Indo-China dispute has resulted in peace in that area, but the French suggest that when the full details are published it will reveal a diplomatic victory for the Japanese. Meanwhile, all that is known is that Thailand has gained a corridor in the north-west to the Chinese border. Pakhoi, the Luichow Peninsula, Tinnyak and Yeungking, points north of the island of Hainan, where the Japanese have made landings in order to intercept supplies to China, are also shown. The thin line of the Burma Road is plainly indicated, running from Lashio, on the left of the map, to Chiang Kai-shek's capital, Chungking, upper centre.

Germany Demands Use Of Yugoslavia For War Purposes

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 14, 0.5 a.m.) BELGRADE, March 13.

Germany is reported to have presented a Note to Yugoslavia demanding:

- (1) The demobilisation of the Yugoslav Army.
(2) Complete German control of Yugoslav economy and transport communications.
(3) The right to send war materials through Yugoslavia while reserving Rumania and Bulgaria for the transport of men.
(4) The right to pass troops through Yugoslavia if this becomes necessary later.
(5) Yugoslavia to sign the Tripartite Pact.

Trouble Fomented In Peking

ANTI-BRITISH BIAS

Tokyo-Controlled Radio At Fault

LONDON WATCHING

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

There has recently been some revelation of agitation by an anti-British committee in Peking and the British Government is closely watching the movement, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs (Mr R. A. Butler) stated in answer to a question in the House of Commons.

"There is no proof," Mr Butler added, "that the movement has received direct support from the Japanese authorities, but anti-British speeches have been made over the Peking central broadcasting station, which is Japanese-controlled."

The programme of the committee includes such activities as warning Chinese landlords to give notice to British tenants, investigating British goods and trade, bringing pressure to bear on those in British employment to leave, and intensification of anti-British propaganda generally."

STRIKE AT ULSTER SHIPYARDS

Nearly Six Thousand Men Involved

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 13, 7.30 p.m.) DUBLIN, March 12.

It was revealed to-day in the Ulster Parliament that between 5000 and 6000 shipyard workers have been on strike since March 7 because two men who left lower-paid work for shipyard jobs were ordered to return to their original employment. Apprentices joined in, alleging that wartime trainees were receiving high wages.

NEW METHODS IN SURGERY

DEFORMITIES CAN BE ELIMINATED

NEW TECHNIQUES

Dealing With Compound Fractures

United Press Association—Copyright (Received March 13, 11.15 p.m.) RICHMOND, March 12.

Dr Walter Suck and Dr Charles Venable told the South-eastern Surgical Congress to-day that by the use of modern techniques there was little reason for persons to emerge from hospital with a bad limp or inability to use a hand or arm normally.

Modern surgery could offer almost complete elimination of deformities resulting from broken bones. Forecasting new methods in military surgery for dealing with compound fractures as well as in accidents in civil life, they declared that by the use of the new metal vitallium for splinting and nailing bones together and sprinkling the open compound wounds with sulfanilamide complete recovery had been attained in 90 per cent of the cases treated.

SINKINGS SIGNIFY SPRING

British Losses At Sea

HITLER'S NEW OFFENSIVE

Navy Is Prepared

British Official Wireless (Received March 13, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, March 12.

It is generally realised that the heavy merchant shipping losses due to enemy action in the week ending March 2 is the beginning of the spring offensive foreshadowed by Hitler in his speech at the end of February. Firm confidence is expressed in the ability of the Navy to deal with the situation, as it has already dealt with a similar offensive earlier in the war.

Although this is the third highest weekly total tonnage lost since the outbreak, it is noteworthy that the total for February was less than for last November and for each of the five preceding months.

LARGE-SCALE RAID MADE ON MERSEYSIDE

Nine Enemy 'Planes Down; Damage Was Not Extensive

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 14, 0.35 a.m.) LONDON, March 13.

A few enemy 'planes visited Britain in daylight to-day but there were no casualties and little damage. The activity warmed up after nightfall and raiders were audible over London mostly, apparently, en route to other districts, but the Metropolitan anti-aircraft batteries did their utmost to put salt on their tails as they passed by.

One raider shot down in flames on the boundary of Surrey and Sussex was a Heinkel. Four members of the crew were killed and the fifth baled out and surrendered to a member of the Home Guard.

The enemy machines flew so high that it was hardly possible to hear the engines. They unloaded incendiaries and high explosive bombs indiscriminately over Liverpool, the raid lasting several hours.

The Air Ministry communique states: "The moon being at the full and the weather clear the enemy last night attempted the first large scale raid for some months, attacking the Merseyside in force."

"The damage and casualties bore no relation to the scale of the attack and little was achieved beyond seriously damaging a number of private houses."

"There were isolated incidents in other parts of the country. Our defences, including fighters, anti-aircraft guns and other devices, were very active and we harassed the enemy by land and sea. Nine enemy bombers are known to have been destroyed."

"The increased yield from taxation bears witness to the flourishing economic condition was the conclusion of the Minister of Finance (the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyor), in his Budget statement. The year closed with a surplus of £88,000 instead of the anticipated deficit of £6,000,000.

The fresh taxation, to produce £8,500,000, includes a penny extra on petrol, beer and cigarettes; a motor car sales tax of £7.10 on light cars and £17 on heavy cars; a further 5 per cent is imposed on the gold mines contribution yielding £2,250,000; alteration to the income tax system by allowing rebates on the full amount of the tax and whereby the taxation starts on incomes of £345 instead of £400; bachelors to pay threepence higher from £300. The excess profits tax is increased to 13/4 in the pound.

The Minister refused to promise a new heaven and earth after the war and preferred to indicate the difficult road of personal sacrifice and dedication.

NEW MINEFIELD BLOCKS RED SEA

Dangerous Area In Strait Of Bab-el-Mandeb

(By Radio) LONDON, 1 a.m.

The Admiralty announces that a new minefield has been laid in the Red Sea. It is located in the small strait of Bab-el-Mandeb and this entry to the Red Sea is dangerous to navigation. Mariners are warned that they should use the large strait.

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



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Harbour Board Workers' Application

By Telegraph—Grant Association WELLINGTON, March 12. A new Dominion Harbour Board Employees' Award has been given by Mr. Justice Tyndall in the Court of Arbitration. It will come into force on March 17 and will apply for one year. In view of the present shipping situation, the Court declined to grant all-round substantial wage increases, as sought by the workers.

The principal matters referred to the Court were hours of work, more particularly with regard to the dredges at Bluff, Napier, New Plymouth, Otago, and Timaru, and the Wellington tug Tolo; wages, with the exception of the rate for regular general hands, the Nelson schedule and certain other rates; and the question of a shift allowance for the gatekeepers at Auckland.

In regard to hours of work, the Court decided to retain the clauses in the old award.

Following are the scores:—Dannevirke (first innings)—Lloyd 0, Ingram 16, Moore 7, Dobson 0, Grant 30, Brown 18, Trapp 8, King 0, Hoyt 63 not out, Christchurch 221. Extras 13. Total 387. Bowling: Wild 5 for 67, Kay 2 for 43, Aitken one for 17, Garlick 2 for 15.

Dannevirke (second innings)—Wild 0, Martin 2, Donaldson 4, Garlick 1, Hay 6, Wetherall 0, Silcock 1, Parkes 5, Aitken 4, Moar 1, Evans 0, extras 3—total, 33. Bowling: Grant 6 for 16, Moore 3 for 14, Dobson 2 for 26, Moore 2 for 20, 17, Martin 0, Donaldson 2, Garlick 25, Hay 6, Wetherall 15, Silcock 0, Parkes 26, Aitken 2, Moar 1, Evans 3, extras 9—total, 106. Bowling: Dobson 6 for 26, Moore 2 for 20, 3, Grant 2 for 17, Ingram 3 for 21.

Second Elevens. The match between the second elevens of both schools also resulted in a win for Dannevirke by an innings and 21 runs. A feature was the bowling of Browning for Dannevirke, who took four wickets with successive balls.

Dannevirke batted first and made 189 (Browning 67, Bond 62 not out). Bowling for Feilding, Honeyfield 7 for 26, Smith 2 for 29, Brown 2 for 14, again Feilding were all out for 102.

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The three Ritz Brothers are starred in Damon Runyon's 'Straight, Place and Show,' which is now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings.

NAPIER'S QUEEN CARNIVAL

The committee of the Army Queen (Miss Peggy Black) advertises a series of attractions.

Further details regarding the garden party at Mrs F. G. Smith's residence at the opening of a 'White Elephant' and second-hand book and magazine shop next to the Regent Theatre.

Two attractions for Monday are the opening of a 'White Elephant' and second-hand book and magazine shop next to the Regent Theatre.

On the same programme is 'Alf's Button Afloat,' another hilarious comedy with the famous Crazy Gang in the form.

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The three Ritz Brothers are starred in Damon Runyon's 'Straight, Place and Show,' which is now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings.

Recent suggestions that New Zealand 'summer time' should be continued during the winter months only recall to those with long memories the fact that in the second year of the last war nearly every country in Europe adopted the device of putting the clock forward during the spring, summer and autumn.

At that time the motive was to get people to bed an hour earlier, and, of course, up again an hour earlier, to save fuel for lighting and heating.

Wide Opposition In those days there was considerable opposition to the scheme, principally from farmers who raised numerous objections, and it is possible from this source that the principle objection to an extension of the scheme during the winter months would come.

Little more has been heard of the proposal in Hawke's Bay, but statements issued from time to time in some of the main centres have shown that every aspect of power and coal conservation is receiving consideration.

Regent

JOAN BLONDELL AND DICK POWELL

Co-Starred In 'I Want A Divorce'

The theme of the satirical 'I Want a Divorce,' starring Dick Powell and Joan Blondell, now showing at the Regent Theatre, deals with the problem created when Jerry Brokaw helps her sister Wanda obtain a divorce from David Holland.

Holland takes young David first, so Jerry and Wanda take an apartment. It isn't long before Jerry becomes disgusted with Wanda's wretched friends and driving out one night to get away from them, she meets Mac again.

Several days later Mac comes to see Jerry again at the home of Grandpa and Grandma Brokaw. Jerry offers to help Mac study for his bar exams, and asks him up to the apartment.

Mayfair

'I'M NOBODY'S SWEETHEART NOW,' COMEDY

Ronald Reagan, 'Smashing The Money Ring'

Named after the recently revived song favourite, Universal's early comedy with music, 'I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now,' is now at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier.

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In addition to the title song, two new melodies 'Got Love,' and 'There Goes My Romance,' are introduced in the film by Constance Moore.

Bringing Ronald Reagan back as the handsome and clever operative, 'Smashing the Money Ring' also introduces a new screen discovery, pretty and talented Margot Stevenson.

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

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TOWNSWOMEN IN HASTINGS Guild Annual Meeting — SPLENDID YEAR'S WORK — New Officers Elected

The Mayoress, Mrs G. A. Maddison, took the chair at the annual meeting of the Hastings Townswomen's Guild which was held in the Oddfellows Hall yesterday afternoon, with a splendid attendance of old and new members and visitors.

The secretary read the annual report and afterwards Mrs Maddison congratulated her on a splendid, clear and very comprehensive report of the guild's activities during the year. "This makes us realise just what the guild has done both as a whole and in its various circles," said Mrs Maddison.

President's Address

The guild president, Mrs A. C. A. Hyde, said that in view of the very comprehensive report given by the secretary it was unnecessary for her to speak again of the year's work but she felt one thing was quite certain and that was that a very great deal of well worth while work had been done.

Mrs Hyde said that there were probably many lonely women in Hastings and she hoped that many of these would be encouraged to join the guild and enjoy its cheerfulness. She said that it was gratifying to know that the guild had paid its way again and that the guild room continued to be of such great value. She paid a special tribute to the secretary whose work was always so willingly and pleasantly done and she thanked all who had helped.

In conclusion the speaker extended her sympathy to all who had lost loved ones during the year and her gratitude to those whose husbands and sons had joined the fighting forces to protect us. She hoped that by the next annual meeting the peace bells would have rung.

Members were invited to an English Speaking Union party at the home of Mrs K. White, Havelock North, on March 20 and were asked to take gifts for soldiers' parcels. They were also asked to bring old flour bags, pyjamas, old clean woollen goods, sheets, etc. to the annual meeting of the Patriotic Circle next Tuesday.

Circle announcements for meetings were made as follows: Garden Circle, Wednesday, March 13; Literary Circle, next Thursday; Music Circle, April 3, at 7.45 p.m.; Arts and Crafts Circle, March 27; Sunshine Circle, last Monday in March.

Satisfactory Finances

The financial report was read by the treasurer, Mrs H. E. Elliott. This was most satisfactory and Mrs Elliott was thanked for her splendid report. The adoption of this was proposed by Mrs G. A. Maddison, seconded by Mrs F. Deans and carried.

As the number of nominations for the committee were the necessary number no election was necessary, the committee being: Mrs B. Baumgart, Mrs Callum-Campbell, Mrs F. Deans, Mrs H. E. Elliott, Miss Helen Ford, Mrs A. C. A. Hyde, Mrs T. A. Hill, Mrs F. J. Hull, Mrs J. C. Kelly, Mrs J. Macaulay, Mrs F. G. McAlister, Mrs R. McKay, Mrs A. Oliver, Miss E. J. Strang, Mrs V. Western.

Mrs A. C. A. Hyde was the only nomination for president and members expressed pleasure by acclamation that she was willing to continue as president.

The vice-presidents elected were: Mrs G. A. Maddison, Mrs A. F. Glenny and Mrs F. Deans, and the delegates appointed to the Area Federation were: Mesdames A. C. A. Hyde, H. E. Elliott, A. F. Glenny and Miss E. J. Strang.

The auditor Mr A. C. A. Hyde was re-elected and a special vote of thanks for his assistance was carried.

Members were reminded of the penny a week which they had agreed to pay for the rent of the Guild room which had proved such an asset.

A most successful meeting concluded when afternoon tea had been served.

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Mission Work Described IN SOLOMON ISLANDS Sister Merle Farland A Fine Speaker, MISSIONARY MEETING

Sister Merle Farland, of the staff of the Methodist Mission Hospital in the Solomon Islands, was the speaker at the Missionary Women's meeting held at the Wesley Hall, Hastings.

There were present representatives of all sister missionary organisations and Miss A. McKewen gave all a hearty welcome and conducted the opening devotions.

The secretary, Mrs P. Loach, read very interesting letters from Sister Attawil Wilcox from North Auckland Maori Mission expressing thanks for the parcels of old clothing which the local women had recently forwarded.

Sister Farland in her address to the women gave an interesting account of a day's work in the hospital, in the course of which she said that the heat was such that early rising was necessary and the day's work started at 5.30 and from then till 9.30 p.m. there was much of interest to keep mind and body occupied.

She said that the native boys and girls were very fair and very adaptable to the boys. Most entertainingly Sister Farland told how wood fires were made to do the cooking and supply hot water, how house and ward work, gardening, and the care of babies was taught and supervised. She said that the hospital contained two wards capable of accommodating up to 50 patients, but the majority of the patients were treated as outpatients, owing to the fact that when a sick person came to hospital most of the family came too, and this was a serious drain on the Mission funds.

Some very interesting facts were given relative to the malarial cases. The native nurses were encouraged in this department of service for their own people. Infant mortality had been very high owing to the native practices at childbirth, also the insanitary conditions, malaria, and tuberculosis were the most prevalent complaints they had to deal with.

Sister Farland said that T.B. was a very big problem in all the islands. It had not been found practicable to have a central sanatorium owing to the fact that the patients fretted when they were removed from their families.

There were many features of the work both in the hospital and mission station which were very encouraging, said the speaker. The work amongst the babies had been very successful, and when old enough they were allowed to return to their own people and village life to enable them to retain their own habits and way of living, otherwise they became spoilt. The average attendance at the Sunday School was always higher than the roll number, many visitors being present every Sunday.

In all the departments of work which the natives attempted many became experts, and the excellent results in the sewing competition would interest the women. The speaker said that being fond of singing it had fallen to her lot to undertake the choir leadership and she had been gratified with the results, notwithstanding the fact that there was no piano. Recently a radio had been installed at the station and so formerly.

Concluding her address the Sister appealed to the women to help not only by their gifts but by their prayers for "if it is God's work, then your work and our work."

On behalf of those present Mrs C. G. Cumold voiced the thanks of the meeting to the visitor for her informative address and wished her God speed and a safe return to her work.

Afternoon tea closed the gathering after which the ladies inspected a very fine display of Island hand work and curios which Sister Merle Farland had brought with her.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs W. Henderson, Hastings, visited Palmerston North yesterday.

Mrs G. P. Shepherd, Wellington, and her daughter, Mrs Blyth, are visitors to Hastings.

Mrs H. Tingey is a Wellington visitor to Te Uri, where she is the guest of Mr and Mrs A. Whitson.

Mrs Oates, Tokomaru Bay, has been visiting Makotuku as the guest of Mrs A. Berkahn.

Mrs F. M. Baker, Levin, is staying with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs F. B. Ellingham, Whetukura.

Mrs M. Coombs, Bulls, has been spending a few days in Makotuku with her parents, Mr and Mrs J. Palmer.

Mrs D. Murphy has returned home to Makotuku after a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs P. Daly, Masterton.

Sister Merle Farland, of the staff of the Methodist Mission Hospital, Solomon Islands, who is visiting her people in Gisborne while on furlough, spent a few days in Hastings this week as the guest of Mr and Mrs P. Loach.

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ANNUAL MEETING HELD Women's Institute MEMBERS AT RUAKITURI Clive Gathering

At the monthly meeting of the Ruakituri Women's Institute held in the Institute room Miss M. Spence presided over an attendance of nine members and two visitors.

The motto for the day was "Its no use crowing like a cock if you have the head of a chicken."

Miss Hazel Johnston gave a very interesting travel talk, which was enjoyed by all.

Miss Hight, a foundation member who is leaving the district was presented with an Institute spoon by the president. Miss Spence said how much Miss Hight would be missed, and all joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The election of officers for this year resulted as follows: President, Mrs N. Thompson; secretary, Miss B. Evans; treasurer, Miss M. Gavin; vice-presidents, Miss M. Spence, Mrs O. Evans; Librarians, Mrs Morice, Mrs B. Jones; sales table, Mrs Gavin Mrs O. Evans; competitions, Miss M. Spence.

Competitions for the day resulted as follows: Pair of boy's pants, Miss M. Spence; best eating apple, Miss M. Spence. The hostesses for the day were Mrs D. Evans, and Mrs B. Jones.

CLIVE

At the annual meeting of the Clive Women's Institute Mrs F. Hellyer presided over a good attendance.

Mrs F. Bell read the balance sheet for the year.

Mrs R. Simmons, Whakatu, instructed the members in folk dancing and this was enjoyed very much. Mrs Simmons was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The motto for the month: "Do not stain to-day's blue skies with tomorrow's clouds." The roll call, "Hints on preserving fruit," resulted in many useful hints being given.

A play reading was given by Mrs F. Bell, Mrs H. Griffiths jun., Mrs F. Hellyer and Miss M. Griffiths, who were accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs F. Hellyer and Mrs F. Bell, re-elected president and treasurer respectively; Miss M. Griffiths, secretary.

Competition results were: Garter for Lady Galway Patriotic Guild, Mrs F. Bell 1, Mrs Nicholas 2, Mrs Dyett 3; best bloom, Mrs H. Griffiths jun. 1, Mrs Nicholas 2, Mrs Williams sen. 3; points prize for year, Mrs Gregory sen. 1, Mrs Nicholas 2, Mrs F. Williams jun. 3; handicraft, Mrs Nicholas 1, Mrs McCabe 2, Mrs Bliss 3.

Two Institute Meetings Members At Richmond And Norsewood

The Richmond Women's Institute annual meeting was held with a good attendance of members and friends. The aspirations were read by Mrs Gilder. One member, Mrs Crouch, is at present an inmate of the Napier Hospital, and all members expressed a wish for her speedy recovery.

The secretary read the annual report and balance-sheet, which showed the finances to be in a healthy state. Also, a letter received from a soldier in Egypt was read, thanking the institute for a parcel he had received.

Three parcels for soldiers overseas were packed during the month, and wool distributed for balaclavas, scarves, etc.

The thought for the month was read by Mrs White and the roll call, a first-class hint, brought some very useful ideas.

Mrs Greene was elected president for the coming year, Mrs Purnell, secretary, Mrs Gilberd, treasurer, and Mesdames (Zinnia) 3. Best bloom (small), Mrs Eady (Zinnia) 1, Mrs Storkey (sunflower) 2, Mrs Oemcke (African marigold) 3. Vegetable, Mrs Oemcke (kumara) 1, Mrs Clark (pumpkin) 2, Mrs Gilberd (tomato) 3. Tomato sauce, Mrs Clark 1, Mrs Greene 2, Mrs Gilberd 3. Tomato relish, Mrs Oemcke 1, Mrs Gilberd 2, Mrs Chittenden 3.

All competitions were well contested, the sales table again doing good business.

At the annual meeting of the Norsewood Women's Institute Mrs H. McKay, president, presided over a large attendance of members and also warmly welcomed several visitors. Three new members were enrolled.

Correspondence from the Federation of Institutes was dealt with and Mesdames Mackay and Matheson were elected delegates to attend the annual meeting to be held in Dannevirke on April 17.

Competitions resulted as follows: Knitted vest for refugee child, Mrs C. Poulsen 1, Mrs J. Brabazon 2; mustard pickles, Mrs Iggulden 1, Mrs G. Mackay 2, the entries being numerous.

There was a generous response to the request for new or old garments and articles for refugees. These will be packed and forwarded for the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild. The usual collection was also taken up for soldiers' parcels. A dainty afternoon tea concluded a very pleasant afternoon.

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COSY THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: "The Devil's Pipeline" (Richard Arlen, Andy Devine), and "It All Came True" (Ann Sheridan, Jeffrey Lynn). Tuesday to Thursday: "Smashing the Money Ring" (Ronald Reagan, Margot Stevenson) and "Military Academy." Next Friday: "Diamond Frontier" (Victor McLaglen, John Loder) and "Traitor Spy" (Bruce Cabot, Marta Labarr).

REGENT THEATRE.—Now showing to Monday: "He Stayed For Breakfast" (Loretta Young, Melvyn Douglas). Tuesday to Thursday: "The Way of All Flesh" (Akim Tamiroff, Gladys George). Next Friday: "Andy Hardy Meets Debutante" (Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone).

MUNICIPAL THEATRE.—To-night and to-morrow: "Straight, Place and Show" (Ritz Brothers) and "All's Buton Afloat" (the "Crazy Gang"). Next Friday: "A Day at the Races" (the Marx Bros.) and "Phantom Raider."

STATE THEATRE: Now showing to Tuesday: "Maryland" (Walter Brennan, Brenda Joyce). Wednesday to Thursday: "The Baroness and the Butler" (William Powell, Annabella).

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STATE THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: "Public Deb. No. 1" (Brenda Joyce, George Murphy). Tuesday to Thursday: "Brown on Resolution" and "Charlie Chan at the Wax Museum" (Sidney Toler). Commencing Friday: "I Married a Nazi" (Joan Bennett, Francis Lederer).

REGENT THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: "I Want a Divorce" (Joan Blondell, Dick Powell). Tuesday to Thursday: "Angels Over Broadway" (Douglas Fairbanks, Rita Hayworth). Commencing Friday: "Til We Meet Again" (Merle Oberon, George Brent).

MAYFAIR THEATRE: Now showing: "I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now" (Dennis O'Keefe, Constance Moore) and "Smashing the Money Ring" (Ronald Reagan, Margot Stevenson). Tuesday to Thursday: "Crime School" and "Sergeant Murphy" (Ronald Reagan, Mary Maguire). Commencing Friday: "Law and Disorder" (Barty K. Barnes, Diana Churchill) and "Earl of Puddleston" (the Higgins family).

Resuscitation Is Vital

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Knowledge of resuscitation must be made as universal as possible. It is a treatment which must be carried out by the individual who happens to be on the scene. It differs considerably from all other first aid measures in that it cannot be delayed.

These observations were the salient points of an address delivered by Mr Alan Gardner, under the auspices of the Royal Life-Saving Society, in the Hastings Borough Council Chambers last night. Mr Gardner explained that a factor strongly in favour of resuscitation, was that it could be applied by any man, woman or child from the age of 10 upwards. An instructor could train a resuscitator in a few weeks if the trainee concentrated on the course.

Correct Methods The importance of training the public in the correct methods of resuscitation, an essential part of the emergency precautions scheme, had not been fully realised by the people or the authorities concerned with the scheme, said the speaker.

In peace-time resuscitation training has applied mainly to surf life-saving clubs, who have used it with splendid results in many a rescue from drowning. Mr Gardner said, "It has not occurred to many people in New Zealand that its application in wartime is infinitely wider. Resuscitation is needed immediately and often for long periods in cases where a person is affected by concussion by high explosives, dense smoke from burning buildings, gas from burst mains, shock from contact with electric power lines or machinery, apparent drowning in flooded air-raid shelters or burst water mains and many other cases of shock. The natural hazards in peacetime are intensified a thousandfold in wartime."

Among the audience when the address was presented at Napier on the previous night were representatives of the Napier E.P.S. orphans, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, St. John Ambulance, Red Cross Society and Napier Fire Brigade.

TAKAPAU PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Meeting Of Subscribers

(Daily Mail Special Service)

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Takapau Public Library was held in the library on Monday evening, when there was a small attendance. Miss A. Lancaster (president) was in the chair.

Miss R. Pedersen, treasurer, submitted the balance-sheet, which showed a small credit balance. The election of officers resulted: Miss A. Lancaster, president; Mrs C. Olsen, secretary; Miss R. Pedersen, treasurer. Committee: Messrs Paulsen, Pearson, Rev. H. Blathwayt, Mrs J. Henderson and Miss Gamble.

It was decided to secure double enable subscribers to obtain two instead of one book at a time.

Chicago Excited At Premiere

Paulette Goddard touched off the firecracker of Chicago's biggest film premiere when she arrived in the "windy city" as the advance guard of the contingent of Hollywood stars who attended the American premiere of Cecil B. DeMille's "NORTH - WEST MOUNTED POLICE" at the Chicago Theatre.

Miss Goddard, who had been in New York attending the premiere of her other new picture, "THE GREAT DICTIONARY," was joined in Chicago by DeMille and her fellow-stars of "North-West Mounted Police" Gary Cooper, Madeleine Carroll, Preston Foster, Robert Preston and Lynne Overman.

As Chicago went into high gear on its unprecedented premiere plans, Captain David Flynn, head of the city's traffic division, advised State Street merchants to barricade their windows on the day of the opening in anticipation of a crowd well over a million people. To aid the task of the 2500 policemen assigned to keep order at the celebration, Mayor Edward J. Kelly issued an order that stopped all traffic on State Street at six o'clock on the evening of the opening, a step that has been necessitated in the past only by the most important civic events.

The holiday spirit that reigned in Chicago at the time of the premiere was given a preview one week ahead of time, when fourteen leading Chicago businessmen donned scarlet "Mounted" uniforms and rode four abreast down State Street, the city's main thoroughfare. The spectacle proved such a sensational attraction that it took the police a full hour to unsnarl the ensuing traffic jam.

Two Films Are Scheduled For Charles Boyer

Charles Boyer will be starred in two pictures on RKO Radio's 1940-41 programme according to a contract signed by President George J. Schaefer with Andre Deven and Nat Wachsberger who, with Harry Brandt, will head a new company for the production of a series of major films.

First picture bringing Boyer under the RKO banner is tentatively titled "ARIANE FRIENDS" and will be directed by Anatole Litvak. It is based on the popular novel by the noted French author, Claude Anet.

"The Pirate" The second Boyer starring vehicle will be "THE PIRATE," romantic story of an outlaw in love, to be adapted to the screen from Marcel Achard's Parisian stage play, "Le Corsaire," which enjoyed a two-year run in the French capital.

Now at the zenith of his brilliant career, and an outstanding favourite on motion picture screens throughout the world, Boyer recently completed "All This Heaven Too." His many box-office triumphs include "Love Affair," which he co-starred with Irene Dunne, "Algiers," and "When Tomorrow Comes."

If John Wayne never sees another parrot it will be soon enough. Throughout the production of John Ford's "THE LONG VOYAGE HOME," which is a United Artists' release, he carries a parrot about in a cage, and its constant squawking began to get on Wayne's nerves. In order to save the real parrot from too long exposure to bright lights, a stuffed one in an identical cage served as its "stand-in."

The story of a group of people who live in a New York boarding house, and who come into contact with a gangster hiding out from the police, is told in the gay comedy "IT ALL CAME TRUE," featuring Ann Sheridan, Jeffrey Lynn and Humphrey Bogart.

SONGSTERS IN STORY OF CARNIVAL LIFE

Carol Landis, who portrays the role of Penguin Moore, and Margaret Roach, daughter of Producer Hal Roach, who is cast as Priscilla in "ROAD SHOW," the hilarious comedy about carnival life which is a United Artists release, were right in their element when called upon to sing in the picture.

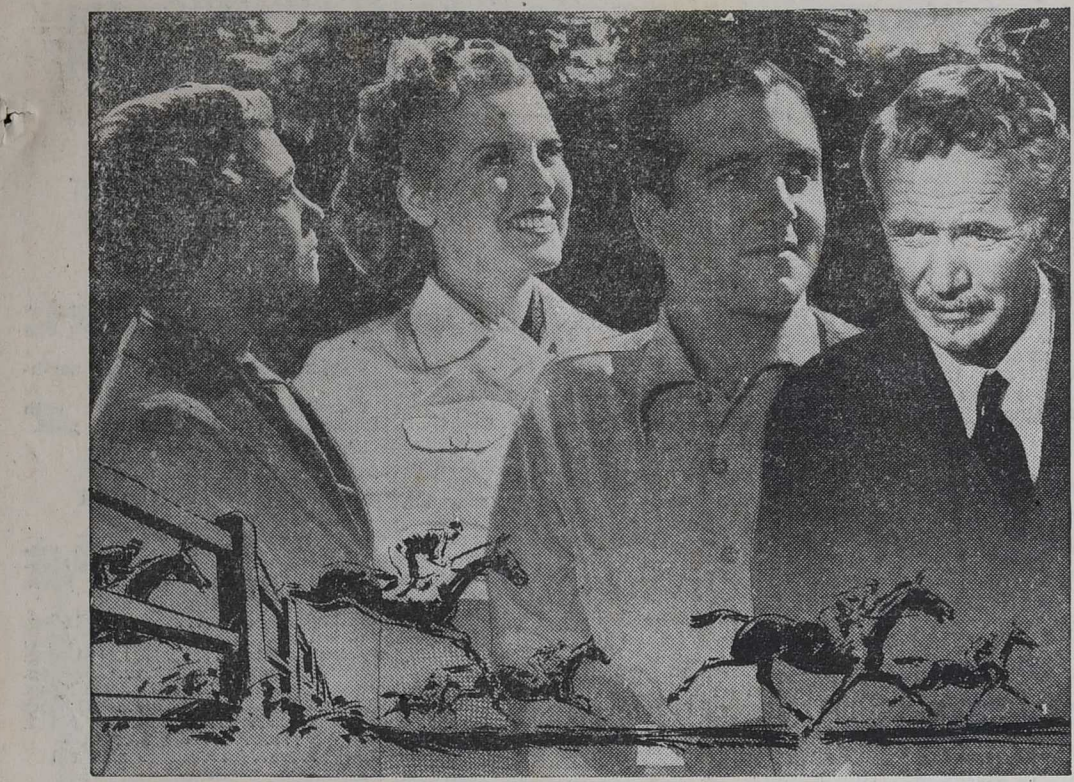
Miss Landis used to warble with orchestras in San Francisco, and Miss Roach once sang at La Conga, Hollywood night club. Miss Landis' song is "I Should Have Known You Years Ago" and Miss Roach offers "Yum! Yum!" The other songs heard are "Slav-Annie" and "Calliope Jane" all composed for "Road Show" by Hoagy Carmichael.

"Road Show," which tells a side-splitting story about a travelling circus carnival, was transferred to the screen from the best-selling novel by Eric Hatch. Produced and directed by Hal Roach, the starring cast features in addition to Miss Landis and Miss Roach, such top-notch comedians as John Hubbard, Adolphe Menjou, Patsy Kelly and Charles Butterworth.

Good Luck And The Reverse

Announcement of a title change and a selection of a new leading lady within 24 hours highlighted opening activity of Producer-Director Frank Lloyd's "THE TREE OF LIBERTY" company, on location at historic Williamsburg, Va. Good luck came to Martha Scott, talented stage actress comparatively new to Hollywood, in her selection for the important role of Jane Peyton opposite Cary Grant in the Columbia picture, now titled "The Howards of Virginia."

And Miss Scott's good fortune proved a heartbreak for lovely Joan Fontaine, originally signed for the lead. The latter's continued illness following a recent operation and the possibility that she would not be strong enough to play the highly attractive newcomer were deciding factors in the substitution of Miss Scott, according to an announcement by Lloyd and his associate producer, Jack Skirball.



Fay Bainter, Brenda Joyce, John Payne and Walter Brennan—featured players in the Technicolour adventure of the turf, "Maryland," which is now at the State Theatre, Hastings.

COMMENT ON THE FILMS

Barry K. Barnes and Diana Churchill are featured in the thrilling espionage drama "LAW AND DISORDER," in which a lawyer is called on to defend three young people accused of sabotage.

"SERGEANT MURPHY" is the story of a horse, rejected from amongst cavalry mounts, which is made into a steeplechaser and goes on to win the Grand National. Ronald Reagan and Mary Maguire head the cast.

"TIL WE MEET AGAIN," starring Merle Oberon and George Brent, has its action set in Hong Kong, and is the story of the love of a "wanted" murderer for a woman fatally ill.

Rita Hayworth and Doug Fairbanks are featured in a dramatization of the Bechtel story, "ANGELS OVER BROADWAY," which tells of four of the strangest characters ever filmed in an unusual drama.

A debutante heiress with Communist leanings is reformed by an ultra-democratic waiter, in "PUBLIC DEB. NO. 1," starring Brenda Joyce and George Murphy. Comedian Mischa Auer as a Communist butler completes the cast.

The romantic difficulties of four young lovers who endeavour to defeat collecting parents, are told in a tureful and amusing manner in "I'M NOBODY'S SWEETHEART NOW," starring Dennis O'Keefe and Constance Moore.

Dick Powell and Joan Blondell are featured in "I WANT A DIVORCE," a satirical film dealing with the American problem of too-easy divorce.

"SMASHING THE MONEY RING," starring Ronald Reagan and Margot Stevenson, is the story of the U.S. undercover operatives whose business is to defeat counterfeiters.

The famous Chinese detective Charlie Chan adds further to his reputation in "CHARLIE CHAN IN THE WAX MUSEUM," in which he faces death four times at the hand of a phantom killer.

Emily Bronte's immortal novel "WUTHERING HEIGHTS" has come to the screen in all its splendour with Laurence Olivier as Heathcliff and Merle Oberon as Cathy, whose love story is among the world's greatest.

Joan Bennett and Francis Lederer star in "I MARRIED A NAZI," in which a young woman finds her husband becoming estranged as Nazi pressure is applied to him.

Abounding in action and suspense, with a goodly measure of comedy, "THE DEVIL'S PIPELINE" casts Richard Arlen and Andy Devine as engineers sent to investigate mysterious events at their company's oil-fields on a tropical island.

A sparkling comedy, "HE STAYED FOR BREAKFAST," gives Melvyn Douglas the role of a hot-headed waiter whose impulse to shoot at a wealthy banker has hilarious consequences. Loretta Young and Eugene Pallette are featured.

America's most thrilling steeplechase, the Maryland Hunt Cup, is the exciting climax to "MARYLAND," fine Technicolour production featuring Walter Brennan, John Payne and Brenda Joyce in a grand horse-racing drama.

The latest adventure of the Hardy Family is principally concerned with the visit of the family to New York, in "ANDY HARDY"



Loretta Young and Melvyn Douglas share the sparkling comedy situations of "He Stayed For Breakfast," which is currently at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

Joan Bennett's Success Story

Joan Bennett is back on the screen, and is co-starring with Louis Hayward in "THE SON OF MONTE CRISTO." In this new role she plays the part of the grand duchess of a mythical European Kingdom under the direction of Rowland V. Lee, the man who directed the picture's highly successful predecessor, "The Count of Monte Cristo."

One would never guess that the Joan Bennett of to-day, at the peak of her career and still looking like a girl in her teens, had had to surmount many obstacles to win international success. Fighting her own way to the top and keeping her troubles to herself, she has found success a hard taskmaster.

Move to Screen When Joan made her professional stage debut in "Jarnegan," she proved herself another real Bennett in acting ability. Her personal charm and flawless diction received critical acclaim and numerous stage offers, but it was the screen, which had suddenly found its voice, that claimed her.

Returning to Hollywood, she played the feminine lead opposite Ronald Colman in "Bull-DOG Drummond," one of the first big successes of talking pictures, and won international fame overnight. Since then she has climbed steadily to the stardom she now enjoys. Her versatility is attested by the wide variety of roles she has played. Equally convincing in gay, girlish characterisations and emotional and dramatic roles, Miss Bennett prefers the latter.

Stage Holiday In 1937 Miss Bennett took a vacation from Hollywood and made a triumphant return to the footlights in the play hit, "Stage Door." After being acclaimed in the leading cities of the country she was urged to accept another starring vehicle on Broadway, but screen commitments called her back to Hollywood.

MEETS DEBUTANTE," where it becomes Andy's difficult task to gain the acquaintance of the city's wealthiest "deb." Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone and other members of the family are in their familiar roles.

The discovery of diamonds in South Africa, with the resulting mad rush to stake out claims, forms the intriguing background of "DIAMOND FRONTIER," featuring Victor McLaglen, John Loder, Anne Nagel and Australian Cecil Kellaway.

Rushing to Hollywood from Chicago, seven Merle Abbott Dancers have arrived at Paramount for roles in "LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR." Miss Abbott arrived ahead of the dancers, with two of her famous charges, conferring with Paramount executives on the routines the girls will do in the picture. Mark Sandrich the director, first used the Abbott Dancers in "Man About Town," and again in "Buck Benny Rides Again," and "Love Thy Neighbour" marks their third appearance in Hollywood.

AUSTRALIAN FEATURE ACQUIRED

American Release For Latest Production

History has been made for Australian film enterprise with the acquisition by Universal of "FORTY THOUSAND HORSEMEN," the Charles Chauvel picture of the Light Horse campaign in the Sinai Peninsula during the last war. This is the first time an Australian film has been directly linked up with American interests, and the producer has expressed the opinion that the opening up of the American market may save Australian feature production from extinction.

Universal's representatives in Sydney were greatly impressed by the topical world interest of the theme, and they have booked it for release through America's top theatres. "Forty Thousand Horsemen" is expected to mark the beginning of world-class film production in Australia.

Leading roles in the film are played by Pat Twohill, Chips Rafferty, and Grant Taylor, who appear as three comrades in the Light Horse, and by Betty Bryant, an attractive newcomer who is deciding factors in the substitution of Miss Scott, according to an announcement by Lloyd and his associate producer, Jack Skirball.



Humphrey Bogart and Ann Sheridan in the Louis Bromfield comedy-drama, "It All Came True," which is now showing at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

FRENCH DIRECTOR AT UNIVERSAL

Rene Clair has checked in at Universal studios to complete preparations for the direction of his first American film, "THE FLAME OF NEW ORLEANS," starring Marlene Dietrich. The great French director is holding daily conferences with producer Joe Pasternak and Norman Krasna, who is writing the original screenplay, and actual filming will get underway shortly.

Rudolph Mate, brilliant cinematographer who photographed Dietrich's current film hit, "SEVEN SINNERS," will serve in the same capacity on "The Flame of New Orleans."

The drama of a would-be spy who attempts to sell a secret torpedo device to the enemy is told in "TRAITOR SPY," with Bruce Cabot as the star at the head of a fine cast.



Dick Powell and Joan Blondell in a bright domestic scene from "I Want a Divorce," comedy-drama now at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

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Elsa Maxwell, George Brent, Brenda Joyce, Mischa Auer and Charles Ruggles in a scene from "Public Deb. No. 1," comedy showing at the State Theatre, Napier.

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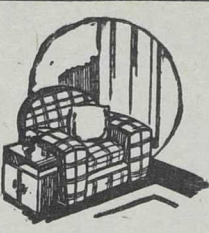
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BALKAN CROSSROADS. By a queer coincidence the Germans in the Balkans are adopting much the same tactics as are being employed with success by the British in Italian East Africa.

It has been pointed out in recent cablegrams that the Italians in Abyssinia and Eritrea are at a serious disadvantage because they have planned all their major defence schemes on the assumption that any attack would come from the sea by way of French Djibuti.

It is unfortunate that to a certain extent Greece may be taken at a similar disadvantage if Germany should follow what seems to be the present plan of campaign—an attack on Salonika from Bulgaria timed to coincide with an attempted Italian counter-attack in Albania.

If this German attack materialises, a good deal will depend on what happens to Yugoslavia in the next few days. Yugoslavia has mobilised her army which, on a wartime footing, numbers considerably more than 1,000,000 men.

But it is a question whether that army would be any more effective against German mechanisation than were the armies of Holland and Belgium. Further, for years there has been a peaceful penetration by Germans into Yugoslavia and it is very doubtful whether that country, whose official sympathies have long inclined towards the Axis, could be counted upon to put up any sort of defence against the forces which have accounted so easily for Rumania and Bulgaria.

It is, of course, possible that Germany will leave Yugoslavia alone. By no stretch of the imagination can it be suggested that Yugoslavia would ever attack the Axis forces in the Balkans unless they cross the frontiers, and if the Yugoslav Government trims its sails to the Axis wind and minds its own business it may be permitted to survive.

If, on the other hand, Yugoslavia regards defence as less dangerous than capitulation on Rumanian and Bulgarian lines, her situation would still be pretty hopeless. Except for a narrow strip in the south, where the old Serbian frontier meets Greece, she is almost completely surrounded by Axis or Axis-controlled countries.

Italy, Germany, Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria all have common frontiers with Yugoslavia, a country which may be described as the crossroads of south-eastern Europe. Northern Albania makes a salient into the heart of the country, the long Adriatic coastline is close to the mainland of Italy, and Yugoslavia's only close prospective ally, apart from Greece, is Turkey, now cut off by the German occupation of Bulgaria.

It is not a happy prospect. But in view of all these circumstances favourable to the Axis it may be assumed that Germany will not regard it as worth her while to go to war with Yugoslavia if the present resurgence of Slav nationalism should make such a move necessary before the country can be occupied. It is possible that the Yugoslav Quislings will do the job quite cheaply, but if it is beyond them it is not likely that Germany has forgotten that in 1914 and 1915 the little State of Serbia three times flung back overwhelming forces of Austrian and German troops.

In those days, when Serbia was still exhausted by the long Balkan wars of 1912-1913, the country was capable of a defence fully comparable to that of Belgium in August, 1914. But the totalitarian blight lies thick on Yugoslavia, and self-interest dictates a course that may lead to another of Germany's bloodless conquests.

The latest cablegrams this morning indicate clearly the German intentions. Yugoslavia is told to demobilise her army and virtually to stand aside to permit a German move to annihilate Greece. At the same time she is invited, in delicately veiled terms, to make her entire economic resources available to the Axis.

All this makes the situation clear. The Axis demands the opening of crossroads; which road Yugoslavia herself will take remains to be seen.

Personal

Mr P. W. Minogue is the guest of Mrs Lester Ball at Hastings.

Mr W. Richmond, Hastings, left yesterday for Wellington to attend a conference of meat producers and representatives of the Government.

Mr L. Maclean, Glencoe Station, left Hastings yesterday for Wellington, to attend a meeting of the Meat Producers' Board.

Mr B. Bone has returned to Ormondville after staying with his father at Pahiatua.

Mr A. J. Douglas, postmaster at Porangahau, and former W of W, will retire from the service at the end of the present month.

Mr G. W. Browne, postmaster at Greyouth, and former W of W, has been appointed chief postmaster at Timaru.

The Hon. P. J. O'Regan arrived in Napier last night and will preside over the Compensation Court which will open at 10 a.m. to-day.

Mr W. L. Newham, Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, and Mr M. Ball, assistant engineer-in-chief, have been appointed chairman and deputy-chairman respectively of the Main Highways Board, according to the Gazette. The changes are consequent on the resignation from the board of Mr John Wood.—Press Association.

Mr W. J. Minogue, Napier, has been appointed chief postmaster at Palmerston North. Mr Minogue, a member of a former Palmerston North family, entered the service of the Post and Telegraph Department at Palmerston North and rose through its various stages to reach his latest appointment. Mr J. Lindsay, who has been chief postmaster at Palmerston North for the past four months, has received advice of his impending transfer on promotion to the position of chief postmaster at Invercargill.

AT THE HOTELS. Mr and Mrs R. Wornor (Geraldine), Mr J. M. Carroll (Wellington), Mr J. R. Nelson (Auckland), Mr Pickles, Mrs L. Miles (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs Borrow (New Plymouth), Mr G. Lyttle (Timaru), Mr and Mrs T. Norton, Miss D. Jennings (Invercargill), Mr T. Yule, Miss H. Paynton (Christchurch), Mr W. Free (Dunedin), Mr E. G. Thompson (Pahiatua), Mrs G. Veitch (Patea) are at the Central Hotel, Napier.

Mr A. Gardener, Mr and Mrs A. E. Warren, Mr C. Finlayson (Auckland), Mr and Mrs M. Pizer, Miss S. Pizer, Mr Justice O'Regan, Mr J. Stacey, Mr L. Clark, Miss M. Stewart, Mr A. G. Herman, Mr H. Lunn (Wellington), Mr and Mrs A. L. Dunnington (Singapore), Mr and Mrs H. White (Ongarua), Mrs M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mr R. Mortlock (Hawera), Mr C. A. Davies (Wanganui), Mr R. Bell, Mr A. Teuch (Christchurch), Mr J. Keightley, Mr W. Knight (Palmerston North), Mrs F. McRae, Miss Dickie, Miss C. McRae (Wairoa), Mr J. S. Mackerton (Java) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr W. M. Lowry (Auckland), Mr W. G. Henson, Mr P. H. Mason (Palmerston North), Mr J. H. Parker, Mr T. C. Brash (Wellington), Mr D. G. Brown (Whangarei) are staying at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr W. Hyde, Mr R. Millman, Mr and Mrs T. H. Gibson (Wellington), Mr and Mrs Neighbors (Palmerston North), Mr H. Marsh, Mr L. Lillcrap, Mr and Mrs Thomson (Wanganui), Mr A. Cameron (New Plymouth), Mr T. Harris (Master), Mr A. Mathews (Ainara) are staying at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

HASTINGS RESIDENTS IN SYDNEY. Recent Successes On Stage. News from Sydney of the further success of a former well-known Hastings amateur performer, Donald Davies, has been received.

Mr Davies had a part in the Robert Sherwood play, "Reunion in Vienna," at the Opera Theatre, and for the J. C. Williamson presentation at the Theatre Royal of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" he was stage manager. A former Hastings girl, Miss Rae Sanders, was "First Fairy" in the same production.

The shepherd's daughter was going to marry a town-dweller. Wishing to make her father look smart at the ceremony she got him to agree to wear a hat. The shepherd went into a store: Clerk: "What size, please?" Shepherd: "Well, it's a six and a half first."

Shepherd: "Six and a half be hanged. I wear a 16 collar, and I know my head is bigger than my neck."

Mistress: "Now, more than anything else, I want a maid who has some refinement." "Yassum! But ah'll have to charge you mo' ef ah has to instruct you all in de ways o' sasiety!"

The price of admission to this war is too staggering to contemplate. It will cost America at least £5,000,000,000 just to stay out.

The new Daylight saving idea, if carried out 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.

Farkers have just opened the first lot of Twin sets for Ladies—Beautiful garments in the latest shades and made expressly for them.

Solid gold lockets are being worn to-day, both for their plain beauty as an adornment, and to hold a small photograph or miniature. McClurgs are catering especially to fulfil this demand for plain, engraved or jewel set lockets at moderate prices in solid gold. Their aim is to serve the public with high grade goods at moderate prices. McClurgs Ltd., the oldest established Jewellers in Hawke's Bay, Hastings Street, Napier.

Local & General

Eclipse of Moon. A partial eclipse of the moon last night was obscured by heavy cloud at Napier and Hastings. The greatest obscuration occurred at 11.55 p.m. resulting in one-third of the moon's diameter being immersed in the earth's shadow.

Blessing in Disguise. Radio owners in Napier and Hastings, if no one else, will welcome the elimination of neon signs in the blackout scheme. It is generally recognised that neon signs, especially the alternating type, cause radio interference.

National Patriotic Fund. The latest list of donations to the national patriotic fund brings the total to £167,147 15/6. It includes a ninth instalment of £350 from the P. and T. staff, £325 3/5 from the Church of England Affairs Committee and £200 from R.S.A. headquarters.

Haumoana Request. Stating that there were many works they hoped to carry out in the near future, the Haumoana Beach Improvement Society approached the Hastings Borough Council yesterday for a grant of £25. The request was deferred for consideration with next year's estimates.

Home Guard training. Permission to use the Assembly Hall on Thursday evenings for training was granted the Hastings Home Guard by the Hastings Borough Council at yesterday's meeting. The Guard also was granted permission to erect floodlights at Windsor Park and the Central School.

Man's Narrow Escape. A Napier man, Mr W. Parker, Vigor Brown Street, Napier, had a fortunate escape from electrocution on Wednesday. His wife heard a call and found her husband hanging unconscious from the 220-volt power lines. She climbed a ladder and lifted her husband. As she swung with her full weight they both fell. Mrs Parker suffered a fractured arm from the fall, but her husband was uninjured.

St. John Camp. About 25 members of the Hastings division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will leave at midday to-morrow for the camping grounds at Haumoana where their annual camp will be held. They will return on Sunday evening. A comprehensive programme of sports and general field work has been arranged for the week-end. First organised last year, the camp proved so successful that it is intended to make it an annual event.

Appeal for Wardens. The response to the appeal for 100 wardens under the Emergency Precautions Scheme is causing disappointment to those in charge. So far only 50 men have come forward who are eligible. The scheme calls for chief wardens and assistant wardens to take charge of various districts throughout Napier, their object being to control the civilian population. Men who do not belong to the Military Reserve or Home Guard are wanted. Inquiries may be made at the Automobile Association rooms, Napier.

Railways Election. The results of the triennial election of elective members of the Government Railways Superannuation Fund Board were gazetted to-night as follows: Messrs J. W. Sheppard, representative of the First Division, North Island (elected unopposed); J. S. Roscoe, representative of the First Division, South Island (re-elected unopposed); S. W. Gaspar, Jacob Elliot and J. Terry, representatives of the Second Division. Mr Gaspar secured 2495 votes, Mr Elliott 1942 and Mr Terry 1790.

Safeguarding Children. Dummy traffic inspectors cut out in wood outside the corner of Tomoana Road and Frederick Street was stressed by Mrs T. F. Harris in a letter to the Hastings Borough Council. Children cross this part of the road at all angles at times when there is a good deal of traffic about, said Mrs Harris. The Traffic Inspector (Mr H. A. Green) reported that the question of pedestrian crossings at schools and points such as those referred to was being considered by the Transport Department. The council decided to give further consideration to the request when advice is received from the department.

Salvation Army Stand. A request for a no-parking sign to be erected at Westernman's corner was received from the Salvation Army at yesterday's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council. On Friday nights they were being put in such inconvenience through no fault of the motorists, for there was no sign to signify otherwise. On the recommendation of the traffic inspector (Mr H. A. Green) the council decided not to undertake road marking as suggested, but agreed to authorise the Salvation Army to place two signs on the roadside, where they were to hold services, two hours before the meetings commence.

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor must be written on one side of the paper only, and in ink. The correspondent's name and residential address must be given even if the letter is to be published anonymously.

A Difference of Opinion. Sir—The Member for Waipawa is reported to have said in a political speech recently that the framing of the Social Security Act was the greatest political swindle ever effected in New Zealand.

Well, sir, what is the difference—when the man in the street joins the King's Colours his officer sends him to hospital when he is ill, and while ill he gets his pay all the same. Why, then, should not the civilian get the same treatment before he joins the colours?

Has not Mr Coates said that we are all in this war? And further, if the State is to claim the son at 21 for war, why should not the State welcome the son at birth and help the mother? With Social Security it seems to me that there will be fewer divorce cases, a higher birthrate and fewer Supreme Court cases. Now, sir, let me say that the greatest political swindle in New Zealand is the repeal of the Compulsory Military Service Act by the United Party Government.

When Lord Kitchener was in New Zealand in 1916 he advised the Liberal Government to bring in military service. They did so and handed over a war machine to the Massey Government in 1912, from which soldiers were drawn for the war in 1914.

When the Coalition Government in turn handed over to the Labour Party in 1935 there was no compulsory military training in force. It had been abolished just at the time when it should have been kept going. They could not see the war of 1939 coming.—I am, etc., Waipukurau. FAIR PLAY.

To Correspondent. "Watchman" The less said about the dispute the sooner it is likely to be settled. Recriminations are rather out of place at the moment.

STERLING FUNDS ARE SATISFACTORY. Good Position To Meet War Expenses. By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, March 13. Satisfaction with the condition of sterling funds to meet commitments for war charges and loan repayment was expressed in an interview last night by the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash). Replying to a question, Mr Nash said that none of the holdings of overseas securities and currency mobilised by the Government had been appropriated so far.

"We are in a nice position just now to meet any charge in connection with the war," Mr Nash said when he was asked if he was satisfied with the rise in sterling exchange disclosed in Reserve Bank returns.

Teachers Meet. The Napier branch of the New Zealand Educational Institute, at its annual meeting, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mr H. J. Phillips; vice-president, Misses A. Muirhead and I. Bain; secretary and treasurer, Mr E. Riley; committee, Miss A. Archer, Messrs McGlashen, Gibson, Johnston and Langford, grading appeal advocate, Mr R. McGlashen.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR RAIN AT TIMES. The following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area: Winds: Moderate to strong north-easterly. Weather: Cloudy to overcast with intermittent rain. Temperature mild. Seas: Moderate.

HASTINGS WEATHER. Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park were as follows: Dry bulb temp. 73.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 70.0deg. Maximum temp. 81.0deg. Minimum temp. 56.8deg. Grass 71.0deg. Grass 71.0deg. Wind N.E.1. Rain Nil

NAPIER WEATHER. Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutton) are as follows: Dry bulb temp. 73.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 66.0deg. Maximum temp. 75.5deg. Minimum temp. 67.5deg. Grass 54.8deg. 3ft. underground 70.5deg. 6ft. underground 70.0deg. Sun 3.5hrs. Rain Nil Cloud 2 Wind N.E.2. Visibility 6 Humidity 45 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST. General situation: A complex disturbance moving on to New Zealand, the low pressure centre being located west of Taranaki. Forecast—Winds: Moderate to strong northerlies prevailing at first but a change to south-westerlies or southerlies extending over the South Island during the next 12 hours.

Seas—New Zealand waters: Moderate to strong northerlies prevailing at first but a change to south-westerlies or southerlies extending over the South Island during the next 12 hours. Eastern Tasman Sea: Strong northerly winds later changing to south-westerly in the southern portion. Seas rough.

Weather: Cloudy to overcast with intermittent rain continuing in western districts and extending to most other districts during the next 12 hours. Some heavy falls in the central provinces. Temperature mild but becoming cooler in the south.

To-day's Diary. HASTINGS. The Theatres: "It All Came True," and "The Devil's Pipeline," Cosy, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Maryland," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "He Stayed for Breakfast," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Straight Place and Show," and "Alf's Button Afloat," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

NAPIER. The Theatres: "I Want a Divorce," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Public Deb. No. 1," State, 2 and 8 p.m. "I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now," and "Smashing Time May Ring," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

Farmer's Death. An inquest into the death of Mr Joseph Begley, 57, who died suddenly in Putorino will be necessary. Mr Begley was trench digging when he collapsed and died.

Advertisement for Westerman's Modern Store. Text: "The Autumn Season's MOST GLORIOUS FASHIONS. New Autumn Styles. Westernman's are displaying a glorious range of new season's fashions which all have a brand new look. See them all in Westernman's various departments. Lovely display of Autumn Millinery featuring Military, Breton, and wide brimmed shapes. Shades Wood Moss, Vineyard, Gorse Gold, Soldier Blue, Teal, Navy, Black, College Grey, Pixie Brown. Two Piece Suits in feather weight wool materials, belted and fitting styles, coats of fingertip length with built up shoulder and pleated skirts. Shades Soldier Blue, Copper Rose, Firth, Haze Green, Red Clay, Clipper Blue, Black and Navy. Frocks in Jerseylaine, angora and fancy woollen materials showing the novelty stripes and designs, with swing and pleated skirts, styles including the new buttoned fronts. HERETAUNGA ST. HASTINGS



BITTER ANGER AT SAIGON

JAPAN'S PROMISES BROKEN PEACE BY THREATS Help For Southward Expansion

United Press Association—Copyright (Received March 13, 6 p.m.) SAIGON, March 12. High French authorities said today that Tokyo's mediation terms in the dispute between French Indo-China and Thailand had caused more bitterness and anger against Japan than against Thailand.

Position Is Not Extraordinary

Wellington Hospital Services FREE ATTENTION

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, March 13. "We have had our busy days, but there is nothing extraordinary about the whole position," said Dr. R. Cairney, director of clinical services at the Wellington Hospital, when questioned about the outpatient division as a result of free medical attention now supplied.

Italians Attacked From Rear

ABYSSINIA THRUST Northward Drive Toward Harar QUICK PENETRATION

United Press Association—Copyright (Received March 13, 6 p.m.) LONDON, March 12. British forces operating from Italian Somalia have penetrated 300 miles into Abyssinia, and are now at Dagah Bur, 150 miles south of Harar. They have covered 120 miles in two days and are now 600 miles from Mogadiscio, the capital of Italian Somaliland.

Material Captured

Cairo Press messages stated that in addition to the capture of 31,000 prisoners since the Imperial forces crossed the Juba river, large quantities of material have been captured. These are stated to include 46 field guns, 12 coast defence guns, and eight anti-aircraft guns.

PARLIAMENT MEETS FOR FIRST SECRET SESSION

Ministers Questioned At Afternoon Sitting Yesterday

(By Telegraph—Press Association.) PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, March 13. The first secret sitting of the present session of Parliament was held to-night. The House met as usual at 7.30 and immediately the Speaker (the Hon. W. E. Barnard) occupied the chair of the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) moved a formal motion "That his attention be called to strangers in the galleries."

The House met for ten minutes this afternoon before adjourning at 2.40 p.m. until 7.30. Mr T. D. Burnett (Nat., Temuka) gave notice to ask the Minister of Finance if his attention had been drawn to the report of a recent stock sale in the Mackenzie country at which some 460 sheep were sold at slightly under twopence a head.

PEACE IN GREATER EAST ASIA

TERMS OF THAILAND DISPUTE JAPAN GUARANTOR Closer Relations With Both Countries

United Press Association—Copyright (Received March 13, 10.55 p.m.) TOKYO, March 12. The terms of the Thailand-Indo-China peace provide that the Mekong River frontier will be fixed in accordance with the principle of the deep-water channel but two islands, Khong and Ohone, will be under the sovereignty of Thailand with France and Thailand jointly administering. Existing French establishments on the islands shall belong to France.

Car Crashes Into Pole

YOUNG WOMAN KILLED Two Other Passengers Injured

By Telegraph—Press Association HAMILTON, March 13. A motor accident, in which a young woman was killed and two other people injured, occurred at Hillcrest, 2 1/2 miles from Hamilton, shortly after midnight, when a heavy sedan taxi-cab failed to negotiate a bend and crashed into a telegraph pole. The victims were:

Killed: Miss Myra Coultis, 20, employed at Morrinsville Sanatorium. Injured: Mr Leslie Everett, lorry driver, Morrinsville; head injuries, severe abrasions; condition not serious. Miss Elizabeth Everett, head injuries; condition not serious.

The driver of the taxi, Mr William Reid Douglas, Morrinsville, was not injured. The fatality occurred at the intersection of Hooper's road and the Hamilton-Cambridge highway. Miss Coultis received head and internal injuries, dying two hours after admission to hospital.

BRITISH PLANE DOWN IN SEA

Crew Interned In Eire

United Press Association—Copyright (Received March 13, 7.30 p.m.) BERLIN, March 12. It is officially announced that a British plane came down in the sea this morning in the neighbourhood of Galway city. Two members of the crew baled out and were interned. Bombs were dropped from an unidentified plane in the early morning near Dardonnagh, Donegal County. Safe at Lisbon—Sixty-three survivors of British ships recently torpedoed in the Atlantic have been landed at Lisbon from a Portuguese ship—U.P.A.

"DODGING," SAYS JUDGE

QUESTION OF MAN'S STATUS DIVORCE CASE

"Avoiding Military Service"

By Telegraph—Press Association CHRISTCHURCH, March 13. "You cannot expect me to have much sympathy for a man who is dodging service to his country in these critical times," said Mr Justice Northcroft in the Supreme Court when Richard Nelson Eden sought a decree absolute from the dissolution of his marriage to Muriel Thelma Eden and custody of their child.

Mr C. V. Quigley appeared for the petitioner Eden and Mr R. A. Young represented the respondent, who asked for maintenance and custody of the child.

Mr Quigley said the divorce action was founded in adultery. Since four years ago the wife had had a Magistrate's Court order for custody of the child, it being arranged between counsel that the question of permanent custody be left over until to-day.

As the wife was the guilty party in the dissolution of the marriage, counsel contended that the petitioner was entitled to custody.

His Honour: How old is the petitioner? Mr Quigley: Thirty-one years. His Honour: He has no home of his own and I am being asked to take the child away from his mother and hand it over to his aunt at Lyttelton?

His Honour: Why did he not enlist voluntarily before a ballot?—He considered that he was still a married man.

His Honour: When he was called in a territorial ballot he appealed and used the child to escape service?—He was paying maintenance for the child.

His Honour: He is not a married man. He is living apart from his wife and he is not maintaining her. The question I have to decide is whether he intends to continue using the child to avoid military service.

Mr Quigley: I had not taken that question into consideration. His Honour: That is quite in order with me, Mr Quigley. You are only concerned with putting your client's case, but I am bound to examine the case from that point of view.

Grounds of Appeal Cross-examined, the petitioner said he did not desire to evade serving his country. He had been told by the manpower authorities that he should appeal against territorial service on the grounds of status.

His Honour: But you told the authorities you were a married man with a child? The petitioner: Yes. His Honour: In times like these I cannot help forming an adverse opinion of a man who does not take the first opportunity of serving his country. Why did you not volunteer for service earlier?—I preferred to take my turn.

His Honour: You have told me what sort of man you are. To Mr Young the witness said he did not appeal against territorial service on the grounds of his child.

His Honour: Have you not bothered to find out? The petitioner: I do not know because the money I paid in on behalf of my child was being given to my wife for her maintenance.

His Honour directed that the custody of the child be given to Mrs Eden notwithstanding that she had been the respondent in a divorce suit. He also made a maintenance order in favour of the child against the petitioner, who had declined to allow Eden access to the child, stating that he did not consider the petitioner a fit and proper person to be allowed access.

FISHING FLEET TO SAIL

Tribunal's Decision Awaited

By Telegraph—Press Association AUCKLAND, March 13. As a result of a majority decision reached at a meeting of fishermen, the Auckland fishing fleet will put to sea again to-morrow pending the decision of the Price Tribunal which will hold a public inquiry in Auckland on March 20. Pending the finding of the tribunal, the old scale of prices for fish will remain in force.



Hon W. D. Stewart NOTHING BEHIND RUMOURS OF N.Z. SUGAR RATIONING

Replies "Cutting The Painter" Controversy

MR MILNER'S VIEW

By Telegraph—Press Association DUNEDIN, March 13. The Hon. W. Downie Stewart, in the course of a reply to Mr Frank Milner, C.M.G., stated that when Mr Milner said he was astonished that he (Mr Downie Stewart) had passed certain statements in the book entitled "Contemporary New Zealand," Mr Milner forgot that he (Mr Stewart) was the first to draw his attention to the passages complained of.

While the book was in manuscript Mr Downie Stewart consulted Mr Milner upon the chances of getting certain passages amended by the Editorial Committee, was Mr Milner, if he remembered rightly, who pointed out that in spite of these passages, the author saved himself from censure by ending his chapter with high praise of the value of the British connection.

Retention Insisted On The Editorial Committee, while divided, insisted on the retention of the chapter, since the book made it clear that each contributor expressed his own view.

After a month's correspondence, the Dunedin Group of the Institute of International Affairs failed to persuade the Editorial Committee to cut out the passages objected to.

Mr Milner quoted Dr. Sutch as wishing to cut the painter from Britain. But was it not disingenuous to imply that he had so cut this book?

Finally, why did not Mr Milner disavow these passages at the Sydney Conference? Why did he not raise his voice until three years after the incident?

As for Dr. Findlay, Mr Downie Stewart noticed that he had just completed strenuous training in a Territorial camp and should be judged by his actions, not his words.

INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE

"Contemporary New Zealand."

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, March 13. The Speaker of the House of Representatives (the Hon. W. E. Barnard) stated to-day that in his capacity as president of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, his attention had been drawn to the remarks of Mr Frank Milner, C.M.G., reported from a public meeting held at Oamaru.

"As the book 'Contemporary New Zealand' was published in the middle of 1938, and most of it was written in 1937, Mr Milner's views hardly seem to justify the Press Association message," stated Mr Barnard. "Does he wince at the idea of calling New Zealand 'home'?"

In view of the publicity given to his opinion a meeting of the executive of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs will shortly be held to consider his statement.

UNLIMITED EXPORT OF PETROL

American Supplies For Empire

United Press Association—Copyright (Received March 13, 6 p.m.) WASHINGTON, March 12. The Government has authorised unlimited export of aviation petrol and lubricating oils to the British Empire.

SOVIET AMBITIONS IN CHINA

Japanese Accusations Renewed

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received March 13, 10.5 p.m.) SHANGHAI, March 12. Japanese Press circles state that a secret mutual assistance pact was concluded at Moscow on March 8 whereby Russia agreed to assist the Chinese Communists to establish a Chinese Soviet area.

Escort to Gibraltar.—It is reported from Algiers that British warships intercepted a French merchantman of about 1500 tons and escorted it to Gibraltar.—U.P.A.

Austria Celebrates.—Hitler unexpectedly arrived at Linz to participate in the celebrations of the third anniversary of the "liberation of Ostmarch."—U.P.A.

MANAWATU HANDICAPS DECLARED

Opening Day NEXT THURSDAY'S PROGRAMME Large Juvenile Entry

(Daily Mail Special Service) WELLINGTON, March 13. Following are the weights in the Manawatu R.C. Autumn meeting to be held on March 20 and 21:—

KARERE HURDLES HANDICAP, of £200; one mile and three-quarters.—Old Surrey 11.0, Great Quex 10.11, Hunting Lore 10.5, Southern Blood 9.12, Corroboro 9.8, Travail 9.5, De Bretts 9.3, Resingold 9.2, Debban 9.0, Great Night 9.0, Hornpipe 9.0, Moradabad 9.0.

AUTUMN PLATE, of £150; seven furlongs.—Big Tave, Counting, Clark Water, Foxglove, Galliard, Greek Idol, Half Crown, Junna, Manahau, March Easy, Pruttler, Rhodes, Royal Zone, Santa Lucia, Sporting Luck, Swell Chance, Vesty, Wildfire all 8.7.

WOODFIELE HANDICAP, of £200; six furlongs.—Black Majesty 9.4, Blandisher 8.9, Blue Border 8.8, Pitmark 8.6, War Credit 8.6, Grand Chase 8.5, Talenta 8.4, Ringcraft 8.3, Parlato 8.3, Kiriemhill 8.1, Taitama 8.1, Colerica 7.13, Star Zone 7.10, Happy Ending 8.0, Lambour 8.0, Dynasty 7.13, Hunting Cat 7.13, Dainty Sue 7.11, Piastre 7.11, Zealand 7.10, Old Surrey 7.7, Gatemore 7.4, Rakauani 7.4, Colonel Bogey 7.2, Lindrum 7.2, Rustem 7.0, Sanction 7.0.

CLOVERLEA NURSERY HANDICAP, of £200; five furlongs and a half.—Soutane 8.12, Transmitter 8.10, Ring Chief 8.6, Saint Tor 8.6, Erinscourt 8.1, Golden Mon 8.1, Varna 8.0, Imperium 8.0, Gay Genet 7.13, The Whipper 7.10, Kevin 7.7, Willow Wood 7.7, Daljarrack 7.6, Nightward 7.4, Bascule 7.3, El Maadi 7.3, Aqueduct 7.0, Golden Fide 7.0, Good Night 6.8, Graeco Roma 7.0, High Morale 7.0, Makarora 7.0, Miner's Hope 7.0, Olein 7.0, Saka Bona 7.0, Sir Guy 7.0.

AUTUMN HANDICAP, of £750; one mile, three furlongs.—Trench Fight 9.0, Serenata 8.12, Belle Cane 8.9, Wardress 8.6, August 8.4, Doubleback 8.0, Siglow 8.0, Lambour 7.12, Happy Ending 7.12, Hunting Cat 7.10, The King 7.10, Fingro 7.8, Dainty Sue 7.8, Hocksong 7.0, Sanction 7.0.

CHAMPION HATCK HANDICAP, of £500; one mile, three furlongs.—Rakauani 9.3, Airline 8.10, Don Quex 8.10, Kipps 8.0, Gold Bridge 8.7, Sanction 8.7, Kotua 8.5, Anglo-Irish 8.4, Goldcraft 8.1, Filbert 7.13, Secret Flight 7.13, Blue Border 7.12, Martene 7.11, Hokulua 7.10, Foxette 7.10, P. N. Under 7.7, Pantry 7.4, Wavelength 7.3, Arabie 7.2, Goldburn 7.2, Hail 7.2, Indian Sun 7.0, Parchment 7.0, Parlane 7.0, Phyo 7.0.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP, of £500; six furlongs.—Black Monarch 8.4, 8.7, Gold Dale 8.5, Rebel Mote 8.4, Kentucky 8.2, Heart 8.2, Not Out 8.1, Cheerful Lady 7.11, Alunga 7.7, Autolite 7.6, Surveyor General 7.2, Airflight 7.0, Leignor 7.0, Poutatua 7.0.

BELMONT HANDICAP, of £350; six furlongs.—Circular Note 10.0, Autolite 9.3, Rakauani 9.9, Surveyor General 9.3, Black Monarch 8.4, Airline 9.1, Leignor 9.0, Withdrawal 9.0, Valiant Lady 8.10, Blandisher 8.9, Blue Border 8.8, Secret Flight 8.4, Ever England 8.4, Tavoy 8.4, M. S. G. 8.3, Chalky 8.0, Enrich 8.0, Erable 7.12, Sunny Knight 7.10, Battlegear 7.9, Silver Hope 7.9, Wakarara 7.9, Ann Mel 7.7, Arctic Dawn 7.7, Beau Ciel 7.7, Big Wonder 7.7, Cheery 7.7, Oakley 7.7, Equity 7.7, First Round 7.7, Fly By Night 7.7, Haughty Rival 7.7, Lady Derby 7.7, Legis 7.7, Le Marquis 7.7, Master Solway 7.7, Miss Werhiko 7.7, N. B. 7.7, Pantry 7.7, P. N. Under 7.7, Phyo 7.7, Rawham 7.7, Red Dash 7.7, Roman Sun 7.7, Support 7.7, Tristan 7.7, Wild Fire 7.7.

HUTT HANDICAP, of £450; one mile.—S. G. 8.5, G. S. 8.5, Trench Fight 8.12, Enrich 8.6, Kathbela 8.5, Doris 8.5, Belle Cane 8.4, August 8.3, Kentucky 8.1, Heart 8.0, Siglow 7.13, Don't Forget 7.13, Circular Note 7.9, Black Monarch 7.4, Airline 7.6, King's Toast 7.0, Kotua 7.0, Last Ace 7.0, Sanction 7.0, Shikari 7.0, Sporting Gift 7.0, White Rajah 7.0.

Acceptances close on Monday at 9 p.m.

Science In The Garden

STUDENTS QUALIFY Horticultural Course In Australia

"Daily Mail" Special Service. SYDNEY. The first batch of 15 students of the scientific gardening to qualify at the Sydney Technical College has just received certificates, after a three years' course.

The Gardening and Horticultural Certificate Course was inaugurated three years ago (says the "Sun"). It comprises horticultural botany, drawing and soil science for the first year; agricultural botany, levelling and surveying, and, for the second year, and horticulture, insect pests, and plant diseases and their control in the third year.

The principal of this department of the Technical College, Mr F. J. Jeffery, M.Sc., said that to supplement class work, students were given practical demonstrations in the Botanic Gardens, parks, and city and suburban nurseries. There they were instructed in plant propagation, pruning, insect life, and horticultural biology.

"Enthusiasm of all ages attended the course," Mr Jeffery said. "We have earnest counsellors, public park gardeners, and willing amateurs, all anxious to learn the scientific as well as the aesthetic side of their art. Their ages may vary from 16 to 45."

By the time they have reached the end of their course, they are adept at laying garden plots, arranging hedges, pergolas, and gravel drives, at constructing ponds, baths, wall fountains, and even at locating statues," said Mr Jeffery. "The course," he continued, "is particularly attractive to women who are interested in fashioning their gardens on scientific lines. In Melbourne, women taking a course in the horticultural college have proved efficient and enthusiastic. Women students in Sydney are comparatively few as yet, but because few are aware of the existence of such a course."

TRAGEDY IN AN ANT COLONY

Workers Bury Bodies Of Their Comrades

A surprise was in store for a Hastings resident yesterday when he turned over a clump of freasias in his garden. Beneath the bulbs were thousands of brown ants, and all were terribly agitated and excited at the destruction of their nest.

The man took a kettle of hot water and exterminated all the insects in sight, their bodies covering the soil. When he returned about an hour later he found more ants collecting the bodies of their dead comrades and piling them on the edge of the colony.

Some hours later a train of worker ants systematically began removing the bodies to a "cemetery" several yards away, while other ants toiled to restore the colony. By night no live or dead ants were visible and there were no signs of the disaster that had overtaken the community.

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SPEEDY REQUEST FOR DOLLARS

HELP FOR BRITAIN AT ONCE

ROOSEVELT ACTS Guns, Planes, Tanks And Ships

By Telegraph—Press Association (Received March 13, 6 p.m.) WASHINGTON, March 12. President Roosevelt has sent a message to Congress asking for an immediate appropriation of 7,000,000,000 dollars "in order to produce every gun and plane we possibly can for the democracies."

In a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives (Mr Sam. Rayburn) which accompanied the Bill appropriating the 7,000,000,000 dollars, Mr Roosevelt wrote: "This nation felt it was imperative to the security of America that we should encourage the democracies' heroic resistance to aggression by not only assisting but increasing the flow of material assistance from this country. Therefore, Congress enacted the Lease-and-Lend Bill and I signed it."

Bulwark of Defence. Mr Roosevelt added: "Through this legislation our country is determined to do its full part in creating an adequate arsenal of democracy. This great arsenal will be here. It will be the bulwark of our own defence. It will be the source for tools of defence for all democracies who are fighting to preserve themselves against aggression."

"While defence equipment produced under the law remains under the control of the United States until it is ready for disposition, it is the fixed policy of this Government to make for the democracies every gun, plane and munition of war we possibly can."

For the accomplishment of these objectives, I am transmitting an estimate of 7,000,000,000 dollars, and I strongly urge immediate enactment of this appropriation."

Accompanying Mr Roosevelt's letter was Budget Director Smith's report on how the 7,000,000,000 dollars was to be spent. This provided:

- 1. Ordnance and ordnance stores, 2,343,000,000 dollars.
2. Aircraft, 2,054,000,000 dollars.
3. Tanks and armoured cars, 362,000,000 dollars.
4. Ships, 629,000,000 dollars.
5. Miscellaneous equipment, 260,000,000 dollars.
6. Facilities and equipment for the manufacture of defence articles, 752,000,000 dollars.
7. Agricultural, industrial and other commodities, 350,000,000 dollars.
8. Testines, outfitting and repairing any defence articles, 200,000,000 dollars.
9. Services and expenses for carrying out unspecified portions of the programme, 400,000,000 dollars.
10. Administrative expenses, 10,000,000 dollars.

Britain's Deep Gratitude

AMERICAN HELP Churchill Speaks For The Nation

PARLIAMENT CHEERS

British Official Wireless (Received March 13, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, March 12.

A remarkable demonstration of cheering followed a statement by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill) in the House of Commons regarding President Roosevelt's signing of the Lease-and-Lend Bill. Mr Churchill said: "The Lease-and-Lend Bill became law yesterday, when it received immediately the support of the House. I am sure the House will wish me to express on its behalf and on behalf of the nation, a deep and respectful appreciation of this monument of generous and far-seeing statesmanship."

Life In Security. Mr Churchill added: "The most powerful democracy has, in effect, declared in a solemn statute that it will devote its overwhelming industrial and financial strength to ensuring the defeat of Nazism in order that nations great and small may live in security, tolerance and freedom."

By so doing, the Government and people of the United States have, in fact, written a new Magna Carta which not only has regard to the rights and laws upon which a healthy and advancing civilisation can be based, but has also proclaimed by precept and example the duty of free men and free nations, wherever they may be, to share the responsibility and burden of enforcing it."

In the name of the British Government, and speaking, I am sure, for Parliament and for the whole country, and, indeed, in the name of the people, I offer the United States our gratitude for its inspiring act of faith."

BADLY MANAGED, SAYS AUTHORITY

Impressment Of Trucks

CRITICISM VOICED AT GISBORNE

By Telegraph—Press Association GISBORNE, March 13. The opinion that the whole business of the impressment of trucks for the Army had been very badly managed, was expressed by Mr F. J. O'Skellern, No. 2 Licensing Authority, at a sitting yesterday.

He stated that he had been appointed appeal authority in connection with the impressment, but he had not been given any instructions as to the procedure. He had received a number of complaints and evidence of considerable hardship at the same time.

He had been told that Wairoa had sent in a list of 17 trucks which were being available. He had received, but nothing further had been heard regarding them.



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KINDERGARTEN OF CHAMPION CLASS
EASY CHALLENGE VICTORY
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"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WELLINGTON, March 13.

Despite rain which settled in prior to the first race to-day at Trentham the totalisator showed an increase on last year's figures by a good percentage. Last year, however, the Challenge was run on the second day and the St. Leger the first and as ten times more investments were made on the Challenge to-day than on the St. Leger last season, the reason for the day's increase is obvious.

Kindergarten simply played with the Stakes field and beat the good colt, Sir Beau, in hollow fashion. It is difficult to judge how good this colt really is. Augment, with a track to his liking, won convincingly the chief handicap of the day, the Thompson.

There was only one scratching, Galteore, in the opening event, the Rimu Highweight, and with no delay the field was dispatched. The first to show out was Moradabad Gold Bridge, The Monarch, Great Night, Mataroa and Streamline. Inside a furlong Filbert rushed up into second place and soon the order was Gold Bridge, Great Night, Moradabad, The Monarch, Hokumai, Filbert, Streamline and Mataroa, while the last three were Boatson, Sunee and Rondalina. At the half-mile Hokumai had run up into second position behind Great Night, while Filbert had improved his position to third. At the false rail Filbert had taken command from Hokumai, Great Night, Moradabad (weakening), Boatson, Foxette and Mataroa. Settling down strongly and never looked like getting beaten. He won by a clear length from Foxette, who came over the last two furlongs determinedly.

For third place there was a battle royal with Mataroa getting a good run through on the rails, but The Monarch got the decision for the remaining place. After Mataroa came Boatson, Streamline, Moradabad and Hokumai, the latter going a disappointing race as he had every chance to win. He failed over the last three furlongs when expected to come on from there. The pace was never really fast throughout.

ALL FOXBRIDGES
All three place-getters in the Trial Stakes are by the imported horse Foxbridge. The winner, Ever England, is a wayward colt required to race in a hood or blinkers so his playing up at the post was half expected. He caused delay at the start, which saw Support and Israel badly away. The first colours discerned were those worn by Ann Mie, who was just ahead of Phyto, Tristan and the Hastings gelding Sunny Knight, but the latter quickly joined Ann Mie in the lead. After this pair came Phyto, Tristan, Wild Fox, Ever England, Wild Fire, with Support still in the rear. Her colt start robbed her of any chance she might have possessed. At the half-mile post Sunny Knight had gone on to the front and was in the van by more than a length from Ann Mie, Tristan, Legis, Phyto, Haughty Rival and Wild Fox.

Sunny Knight practically led the false rail, where he collapsed suddenly and was very soon out of the picture. In the run to the England came with an undeniable challenge. Even 50 yards from the winning post Wild Fox looked certain to win, but Ever England passed the post and won by a length going for a horse having his first race. Wild Fox was three lengths clear of Phyto with Ann Mie fourth. Eniscourt, Premature, Transmitter, Daljarrock and Sports Flash, but the latter was not noticed after this in a prominent position. Making the false rail Gay Genet had gone up from sixth to take the lead from Eniscourt, Premature, Transmitter, Daljarrock, Erinscourt began to drift and eventually finished fairly well back. A great race resulted from the distance. Gay Genet hung on the inside and appeared as the most likely to win but the Pouter filly, Premature, was not to be denied and, ridden hard by B. H. Morris, secured the verdict by half a length, paying over a score on the totalisator. Gay Genet was a slight handicap ahead of Bird of Prey, who had every chance, while Daljarrock was close up fourth and might improve. After the third colt came High Morale doing it better at the finish than at any other part of the journey, and The Whipper. The only time Varuna was noticed was when the field was first dispatched but after that he had little say in the matter. The Challenge Stakes like a champion, which no doubt he really is. His rider, H. N. Wiggins, was content to allow him to run in behind but when the second year-old gave a bound and soon placed the issue beyond all doubt, winning by four lengths easing up. Sir Beau showed a decided improvement second but he had no chance with the winner. Foreign Coin, did best of all the two-year-olds engaged in gaining third money. Unable to win a maiden in very Friendsgate Carterton last Saturday it was surprising to find Saka Bona weighing in fourth ahead of Burra Sahib, Pay Roll and Palfrey. Considering the going Kindergarten's time—1.26—was exceedingly good.

ATTENTION! THOMPSON
From an excellent start Kathbella was first out with Sir Crusoe, White Rajah and Don't Forget in very close attendance. Before a furlong had been traversed Don't Forget had

taken over the lead from Doria, Sir Crusoe and Kathbella but the last two then began to lose ground. Six furlongs from home Don't Forget continued to pilot the field while Lambourn had improved up to second, just ahead of Doria, Augment, White Rajah, King's Toast, Sir Crusoe, Kathbella, Siglow and the Ring while Serenata had displaced Belle Cane in last position. There was very little difference in the next few furlongs, and the running order was hardly changed when the field made the false rail bend. Don't Forget and Doria first settled down and appeared most likely to fight the issue out, while Amigo and Augment also were not out of the picture by any means. Furlong and a half from the start Augment began his finishing run and with his weight advantage on the holding track, which suits him admirably, he went on to score a convincing win by two lengths ahead of Doria and Don't Forget, both three-year-olds from the other island, continued their duel to the final furlong. Doria gained second prize by half a length. The put up a very good performance and weighed in fourth, as she came from a long way back to attain that finishing position.

Amigo threatened danger halfway up the stretch but could not go on with his weight. However, he did best of the top weights to finish fifth just ahead of King's Toast, Kathbella and Siglow. The top weights was never happy in the going and no more was Kathbella.

Belle Cane was last early and although she improved a little never looked like a place possibility. Lambourn, who was expected to be expected but he failed to run the mile out, while Serenata found the mile too short and also the going was not as she likes it. On the running and under the conditions the right horse won the chief handicap race of the day.

HAT TRICK
By winning the Tinakori Hack Handicap Circular Note completed the "hat trick" as he won at Bulls and Taranaki last week.

Rakanui was first to hop away on the release of the tapes with Blandisher, Surveyor General and Wakarara also close up. Surveyor General later assumed the lead from Wakarara, Parchment, Lady Derby, Blue Border and Circular Note. Wakarara led into the straight but soon after began to drift, allowing Surveyor General to head the field. At this juncture a fine burst of winning post, Circular Note and Rakanui were issuing strong challenges. Surveyor General appeared capable of dealing with the situation but Circular Note and Rakanui got up in time to secure victory by a short head.

Rakanui's weight told in the going and he was unable to sustain his run and finished in third position three-quarters of a length behind Surveyor General. Parchment ran his best race to date as he was always there, to finish fourth, just ahead of Halt, who ran a fair race. When came Wakarara, Blandisher (ran fairly well but was not at home under the conditions) and Blue Border. The Clarendon winner of last Saturday, Beau Clai, was last.

FAVOURITE NOWHERE
There was very poor visibility when the open sprint came up for decision and it was only three or four leaders that could be picked out with any accuracy over the first half-mile. However, the leaders appeared early to be Not Out, Hearth, Cheatah, Autolite and Cheatah Lady. At the false rail Poutatau held command but Autolite quickly took the lead over to be followed by Poutatau, Cheerful Lady, Kentucky and Enrich. The latter stage both Enrich and Poutatau accidentally collided and both suffered a check. Autolite continued to make play and appeared likely to come home but Kentucky was too solid over the concluding stages and collected the major honours by a good half length while there was a gap of five lengths back to the third horse Enrich, who was just clear of Poutatau, Cheerful Lady, Gold Dale (never dangerous), Rebel Mate and Alunga. The last to finish was Hearth.

AIRLINE ALL THE WAY
Anglo-Irish and Gold Craft were the worst of the send away in the concluding event while Kotua was the first to jump out but was quickly supplanted by Airline, who took over the lead and was never afterwards headed. Behind him was Kotua and Dainty Dell with Sanction heading the next bunch, which consisted of Anglo-Irish, Arabic, Don Quix and Gold Craft. There was not a great deal of change in this running order until the challenges were issued in the run to the winning post from the straight. Airline continued on to score by a clear length from Sanction, who came home well to beat Kotua for third money by three lengths. Don Quix was never wavered one iota and finished sixth and last two to finish were Anglo-Irish and Gold Craft. The latter was last all the way so that the going could not have suited her.

ENTRIES ON MONDAY FOR HASTINGS
Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for all events at the Hastings Jockey Club to be held at Hastings on March 27 and 29 close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Wishart, Hastings, on Monday, March 17, at 3 p.m.

AWAPUNI TRAINING NOTES
War Credit Fit
JUMPERS LACK CLASS
The Buzzer In Work

(Daily Mail Special Service)
PALMERSTON N., March 12.

Dainty Sue is steadily on the upgrade. Her latest effort was a seven-furlong gallop in company with Colonel Bogey, and at the close Dainty Sue had most in reserve. She may be produced on the second day at Trentham. She is now trained by Charlie Boyle.

Star Zone is in particularly good shape and her sprint work has riveted the attention of track observers. A. Parker has also in his charge the Thomond-Warzone mare Royal Zone. Star Zone's turn is not far off.

Gold Bridge is thriving on the work allotted him, and it will not be for want of condition if he does not race prominently in nearby engagements. He will be piloted at Wellington in the Highweight by J. Chaplin.

Greek Step, also an inmate of C. Thomson's stable, has been turned out.

Kotua goes through the daily routine in encouraging fashion, and her prospects at Trentham are not likely to be overlooked.

War Credit Forward
In a run over five furlongs, on the plough, Colibri was not of much use to War Credit, who will be in the early place money. A. (Dick) Plummer has also under his guidance the attractive looking St. Tor, who is likely to turn out smart as a three-year-old. He contracted a mild attack of flu a while back, but has made a quick recovery. As he is still growing Plummer is showing discernment in not overtaxing the son of Leighton-Saxony.

The Buzzer Back in Work
The Buzzer, who has been spelling, was on the tracks this morning. He is carrying the right condition to undergo another racing preparation.

After a lengthy holiday the Surveyor gelding Du Maurier has again been taken in hand by L. Knapp. He is carrying a bit of surplus confidence but when allotted strenuous work it will not take him long to get back to racing condition. The hinders and chasers in this stable do not measure up to the standard of those trained by Knapp in former years.

Old Bill is again looking bright and healthy, but some time will elapse before he is again seen out under the colours.

Golden Moon, in the same stable, is developing into a solidly-built mare and will be a commanding-looking three-year-old. She was exercised over five furlongs, and finished her task resolutely. All Quiet, Junna and St. Felicien, also members of Luke Wilson's team, were given useful exercise.

High Morale and Stirling Lad, who will be raced at the Awapuni meeting, without being hustled strode nicely over four furlongs.

The tracks being hard, only a few horses have been schooled.

Sporting Luck crossed a few hurdles, there being a great improvement on previous efforts.

The jumpers, however, are a poor lot, the most promising being Foxiana, Hunting Lore and Old Surrey. They are likely to pay their way in the winter months. Old Surrey, it will be remembered, won the last Century Hurdles. Hunting Lore has muscled up considerably, and being a smart jumper, should race prominently in the winter months.

Clarion Call Robust
The best chaser, of course, is Clarion Call. The versatile son of Hunting Song bears a robust and healthy appearance. He is among the horses worked daily and is always keen to put some dash into his efforts. Judged by the way he finished with Hunting Lore over seven furlongs, it will not take much strenuous work to put him in racing fettle.

Other horses worked were Pitmark, Creek Idol, Myaron, Cheetah, Sweet Anne, Tolaga, Caution and Courting.

Notwithstanding the hard track Old Surrey (P. Rae) was schooled over the battens this morning and jumped cleverly.

Hunting Lore (Temperton) accomplished a similar task, his display being very impressive.

A COMBINED JUNIOR TEAM SELECTED
Match Against High School To-morrow

The Hastings junior selector (Mr. C. Campbell) has selected the following combined junior A team to play High School at Nelson Park to-morrow:

Johnson (captain), Stubbs, Whitehead, Meissner, Fulford, Lean, R. Hill, G. Hill, Davis, Lee, Turner, Miller.

All junior and reserve grade team captains are requested to take a list of players available for Easter fixtures to-morrow and forward it to Mr. C. Campbell or the Hastings Sub-Association early next week.

WHAKATU-MAHORA CRICKET TEAM
The Whakatu-Mahora team to play Rugby at Cornwall Park to-morrow is: Gardner, Moseley, D. Carrington, P. Lowe, C. Arthur, Davison, Trumper, Pell, Love, Osborne, A. Carrington G. Arthur.

SILVERSTREAM HANDICAP
Of £350; one mile.

3-4 AIRLINE, Messrs E. P. and T. M. Timpany's br c 4yrs, by Surveyor-Maid of the Air, 8.4 (A. Anderson) 1

4-3 SANCTION, Mr. E. Sullivan's b m 3yrs, 8.9 (P. Burgess) 2

1-1 KOTUA, Mr. J. H. T. Duncan's b m 4yrs, 8.12 (B. H. Morris) 3

Also started: 7-8 Don Quix 9.0 (G. R. Tattersall), 2-2 Anglo-Irish 8.13 (J. Strathern), 5-5 Gold Craft 8.9 (N. Vaughan), 6-6 Dainty Dell 8.8 (N. Vaughan), 8-7 Arabic 7.9 (H. N. Wiggins).

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Havelock Limit (440 yards).—First heat: Flood Tide, Erin's Flight, Tamatete, Otatara. Second heat: Hats Off, Sparkling Footsteps, Foreign Lad.

Nelson Park Open Stake: Lady Una, Young Boston, Old Pal, Loch Lomond, White Tracer, Miss Beverley.

Clive Novice Stake.—First heat: Synip Again, Tukia, Black Royal, White Bat. Second heat: Master Parel, Amber Valani, Orui Lass, Royal Artillery.

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Entries Monday

Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for all events at the Wanganui Jockey Club to be held on the Awapuni racecourse on April 3 and 5 close with the secretary, Mr. S. W. McCallum, Wanganui, on Monday next, March 17, at 8 p.m.

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DEATHS

BEGLEY.—On March 12th, 1941, at his residence, Putorino, H.B., John Joseph Begley, in his 55th year. R.I.P.
The funeral will leave St. Patrick's Church, Napier, to-day (Friday), at the conclusion of a service commencing at 3.15 p.m. for interment at Parke Island cemetery.
Requiem Mass will be held at 7 a.m.
B. G. NICHOLSON, Funeral Director.

YOUNG.—On March 12th, 1941, at the Wairoa Hospital, Mary Catherine, dearly beloved wife of Harold R. Young, of Portland, and the beloved sister of Mrs J. H. Tait, of 33 Goldsmith Road, Napier; aged 43 years.
The funeral will leave the residence of her sister (Mrs J. H. Tait), 33 Goldsmith Road, Napier, to-day (Friday), at the conclusion of a service commencing at 1.45 p.m. for interment at Parke Island cemetery.
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JUDGE.—On March 12, 1941, at Havelock North, Norah Judge, dearly beloved mother of Mrs J. C. Leedom, of Lower Te Mata Road, Havelock North, and Mr B. J. Judge, of Christchurch; aged 76 years. R.I.P.
The funeral will leave the Catholic Church, Hastings, to-morrow (Saturday), 15th March, for the Havelock North Cemetery at the conclusion of a service which will commence at 10 a.m.
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