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Dive-Bombers Rock London In Biggest Blitz Of The War

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LONDON, April 17.

From soon after dark last night until just before dawn this morning the Luftwaffe carried out the most smashing and intensive air raid that has yet been carried out on London. The populace burrowed under the ground to basements, subway stations and Anderson shelters in backyards—any place where they felt they would be best protected from the blast, flying bricks, glass, timber and falling girders.

Bombs Screech Down Out Of Starry Sky

The Germans used dive-bombers in the attack, this being the most daring method yet used in attacks on the most powerfully defended areas of Britain.

It is believed that several hundred 'planes more than on any previous raid smashed at the Metropolis. It was the most sustained if not the most intensive raid of the war.

London rocked under the terrific blows, bombs screeching from the starry sky.

There was a waning moon which did not appear until the early hours of the morning. Reports show that the casualties were heavy and the damage considerable.

Since soon after dark all the civilian defence personnel struggled at their jobs despite the terrifying rain of high-explosives and incendiary bombs, and anti-aircraft shell fragments. At the end of seven hours the R.A.F. night-fighters and the Luftwaffe were still furiously duelling over the blazing city. Roof-spotters heard the almost constant drone of Defiants, Hurricanes and Beauforts, also frequent machine-gunning.

Thousands of incendiaries started many fires which threw a giant orange glow over the Metropolis. Fire-engines clanged almost constantly and the fire-fighters, who had to spend the day as clerks, salesmen and businessmen, battled with the blazes amid a hail of more incendiaries and thousands of high-explosives. The fires were quelled with amazing quickness.

Not a single other place throughout Britain reported even the presence of raiders all night.

The spirit of Londoners bore up well under the strain of the constant hammering.

There was an example in the United Press office a few moments ago, says a message sent out in the course of the raid. An office boy of 15 snoozed in a chair beside the switchboard oblivious to the deafening explosions of the bombs and guns rocking the building. The workers had to nudge him to answer the telephone.

Sustained Attack.

An Air Ministry communique issued at 8 a.m. says: "Enemy aircraft last night made a very heavy and sustained attack on London which began soon after dark and continued until shortly before dawn. Early reports show that the casualties were heavy and the damage considerable.

"Bombs dropped outside London were mainly on the home counties. The casualties in these areas were not heavy and the damage was not excessive. Two raiders were destroyed during the night."

Thousands Homeless.

At dawn fire engines were clanging through the debris-strewn streets. It is estimated that thousands of homeless are thronging the rest centres, where they are given hot tea, sandwiches and clothing. Arrangements have been made for emergency housing.

It is officially stated that two raiders were destroyed overnight, one by anti-aircraft fire and one by a fighter.

FURY VENTED ON CITIZENS

FEROCIOUS BOMBING SUFFERED

SCARCELY A LULL

Buildings Shuddered Incessantly

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LONDON, April 17.

The special correspondent of the Associated Press says: "It was the capital's worst raid of the war. For eight hours German bombers vented their fury on innocent citizens. London had experienced nothing like this terrific onslaught even in the height of the autumn blitz.

"Many previous assaults had been more prolonged, but none has caused such damage.

"Raiders began to stream across the coast immediately after dark, after which there was scarcely a minute's lull in the ferocious bombing. Buildings sometimes shuddered incessantly for long periods, the old familiar sound of crashing walls rising above the tremendous bursts of gunfire and the unprecedented noise of 'planes, which seemed to swoop lower than ever before.

"Hundreds of raiders were obviously flung into the attack, which was not relaxed until the first glimmer of dawn.

Fierce Fires

"The fierce glow of fires all night lit up the entire capital.

"Coastal guns hotly engaged the early waves of raiders but they pressed on, dropping flares and thousands of firebombs as guides to the following 'planes. Many buildings were blazing as the later bombers roared in with high explosives.

"There has never been such an unholy symphony in London's night sky.

"Many hundreds of fire-watchers whose services were first called on in earnest were amazed at the hours-long roar over their heads."

BARRAGE TRAPS GERMANS

ATTACK REPULSED AT TOBRUK

SEVERE LOSSES

Dive-Bombers Join In The Fray

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LONDON, April 16.

The first German infantry attack on Tobruk yesterday, in which the attackers suffered severe losses, is described by the British United Press correspondent in the fortress.

Before the attack dust was blowing like a thick yellow fog and it was difficult to see a yard. Australian infantry and British artillerymen wore celluloid eyeshields.

Then, at about 4 p.m., when the wind had dropped and the dust had cleared, they saw about 800 German infantrymen dismount from 30 trucks and advance in close formation on the outer perimeter of the defences. Our artillery laid down a heavy barrage to prevent them retreating while machine-gunners opened up a withering fire. At the same time, Blenheim bombers dive-bombed and machine-gunned the German tanks and trucks. Our artillery dispersed 12 tanks approaching the defences and many Germans were taken prisoner.

DEATH OF FAMOUS ECONOMIST

Husband And Wife Killed In Raid

LONDON, April 17.

Among the many killed in the air raid on London were Lord and Lady Stamp.

Lord Stamp was a notable figure in Governmental circles, being economic adviser to the Government. He was also chairman of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway and a director of the Bank of England. He was aged 60 years.

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

STILL READY TO HELP CHINA

Moscow Says Policy Is Unaltered

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CHUNGKING, April 17.

Moscow has assured Chungking that the Soviet policy towards China has not changed, particularly regarding the continuance of supplies

ORPHANS OF THE WAR.—London children, whose parents have been killed in the indiscriminate German bombing raids, are cared for in a country welfare centre.

"OBVIOUS THREAT TO EGYPT"

STRONG CRITICISM OF CAMPAIGN

LIBYA REVERSES

Is General Wavell Being Overruled?

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LONDON, April 16.

"The country will demand an explanation of the present deplorable strategical situation in the Middle East," says the "Daily Mail" in a leader. "It is most obvious that Egypt is seriously threatened by the rapid advance of the German armoured forces. The loss of Alexandria, our chief Mediterranean naval base, and the Suez Canal, the centre of Imperial communications, would be most disastrous.

"Yesterday it was 'explained' in London that although the position in Libya was serious there was 'no immediate threat' to Egypt. While enemy troops are operating strongly east of Tobruk there must be a continuing threat to Egypt.

"When an inquiry is made into the Balkans and Libyan campaigns of 1941 information will be required as to the activities of Mr Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill. The public want to know how far they have been allowed to overrule the sound judgment of General Sir Archibald Wavell.

"Travelling politicians have proved a nuisance in peacetime and can become a national danger in wartime. Mr Eden is more distinguished for his emotional idealism than for his judgment.

"We cannot imagine a worse counsellor on hard, realistic war facts."

Road To Sollum Bombarded

NAVAL OPERATION

Transport Columns Harassed

"SITTING" 'PLANES HIT

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RUGBY, April 16.

An Admiralty communique states that the Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean reports that enemy operations on the Libyan coast are being constantly and successfully harassed by bombardment from his Majesty's ships. Enemy positions and transport columns on the escarpment road west of Sollum have been bombarded with particularly good results.

El Gazala aerodrome, to the west of Tobruk, has also been heavily bombarded from the sea. Here at least five enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground.

No Profiteers In Canada

TAX INCREASES

War Finance Under Control

ANALYSIS MADE

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TORONTO, April 17.

The "Financial Post" says that an analysis of profits and taxes reveal that there are no war profiteers in Canada.

A survey of 136 Canadian companies showed that during the last year profits dropped two per cent. and taxes jumped 150 per cent. The only industrial group showing a rise in profits was the pulp paper industry, in which the taxes had risen more than 500 per cent.

Other industries, although still making profits, had seen their returns drop by from one to 22 per cent.

HEROIC DELAYING ACTION ON FRONTIER

Bravery In Greek Forts Saved Loss Of Material At Salonika

(British Official Wireless.)

(Received April 17, 7.35 p.m.)
RUGBY, April 16.

A comprehensive survey of the situation in Greece was given to-day by the acting military attache to the Greek Legation in London (Colonel Conto Leon) who explained that with northern frontiers stretching for about 450 miles it was obvious that even with British help, the whole of this frontier could not be defended. For this reason it was decided to sacrifice western Thrace and the evacuation of that area began as far back as early March, and when the German attack came the Greek troops and the bulk of the population had gone. Only a few reduced garrisons remained at the small forts guarding the main routes into Thrace, that of Echinos, north of Kanthi, and that of Nymfea, to the north of Comotini.

These garrisons had orders to fight delaying actions, a mission which they fulfilled with honour.

Since then nothing had been heard of these forts.

The defence of western Thrace would have been advisable only if it had been a case of concerted action with Turkey. So far as the rest of northern Greece was concerned the Greek General Staff prepared its plan of defence on the assumption that Yugoslavia would be favourably disposed toward the Axis, to which she adhered on March 25. According to this plan the main Greek line of defence, which aimed at the preservation of the Albanian front, and the covering of its eastern flank, was to be concentrated in central Macedonia; that is, in the Greek provinces south of Yugoslavia, which provinces are intersected by two historic invasion routes into Greece—the Vardar Valley and the Monastir Gap.

Eastern Macedonia, that is the area south of Bulgaria, as far as the port of Kavalla, would also be defended, but its defence was mainly entrusted to the forts covering the main passes from Bulgaria and stretching along the southern bank of the river Nestos to Nevrokop Plateau, north-west of Frama as far as Kresna Pass, where the Struma runs and where Rupel Fort is situated.

Political Change

On March 26, the political change at Belgrade took place. Yugoslavia, from being friends of the Axis, became our friends. The Yugoslav army, which was already mobilised, had on the whole completed its dispositions and mustered substantial forces in southern Serbia. The routes into Greece were therefore closed, being covered by the Yugoslav army. Consequently, a Greek division was transferred to the east so that the defence of eastern Macedonia could be rendered more effective.

This transfer, though dictated by logic, proved fatal. At 5 a.m. on April 6, when the German attack against Greece and Yugoslavia began, the dispositions of the troops were as follows: Albanian front held by the Greek army, the route along the Greek-Serbian frontier guarded by the Yugoslav army, and eastern Macedonia protected by the Greek army. The Forces of the Empire were further south.

Violent Attack.

A sudden German attack was launched with all the customary violence and with all the technical means of the blitzkrieg—with tanks, abundant heavy artillery and considerable forces in the air.

Along the whole of the Greek line during the first two days the Germans made no progress anywhere, but they destroyed in the Rupel Pass the two advanced fortified positions of Istimbey and Kelkaya. Persistent attacks with tanks and dive-bombers on the two main forts at Rupel and Usseta were completely repulsed. More to the east Lissi Fort put up the same effective resistance.

In the Nevrokop Plateau area the Germans, after persistent efforts, penetrated Perithori Fort, but after a fight in the subterranean galleries the enemy were destroyed and the fort remained in Greek hands. On April 8 the fort was temporarily captured by the enemy and was immediately recaptured.

Similarly, Dassavali Fort was captured by the enemy and speedily recaptured.

Meanwhile, the Greek army in Albania occupied two Italian fortified positions and captured 540 prisoners.

During these developments the Yugoslav force defending Strumnitsa Pass were pressed hard by the Germans and were forced to withdraw. Thus a German mechanised column on Tuesday morning captured the Serbian town of Doiran, reaching the Greek-Serbian frontier miles to the rear of the extreme edge of the Greek lines and entering Greek territory by the flat corridor east of the Vardar.

Unequal Battle.

A very small Greek mechanised unit fought an unequal battle against the enemy, whose equipment was incomparably superior in quantity and quality, slowing down the enemy advance for many hours. Finally the enemy succeeded in advancing dangerously in the direction of Salonika, cutting off communication with the Greek forces in eastern Macedonia.

At dawn on April 9 German forces entered Salonika. The delaying action of very small Greek mechanised units permitted Salonika to be stripped of anything useful to the enemy, while all the installations were destroyed.

After the capture of Salonika the Greek units in eastern Macedonia, although reduced to a hopeless position, did not relax their resistance and for several days maintained their lines intact. There is no indication to-day that the main forts have fallen and the enemy has not yet announced the occupation of the town of Drama and Vacalla.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN JAPAN

FIVE HUNDRED HOMES DESTROYED

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TOKYO, April 17.

Fire swept through Shinminato and Machi, in Toyama Prefecture, and destroyed 500 homes. Fifty persons were injured.

AMERICAN COALMINE DIFFICULTIES

Agreement Reached, With Qualifications

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WASHINGTON, April 16.

The United Mine workers and the Northern Appalachian coal operators have reached an agreement in the wage dispute and the major portion of the nation's soft coal mines will reopen soon.

A later message, however, says that Mr John L. Lewis, the United Mine workers' president, upset expectations of an early resumption in the northern collieries by adding a postscript to the settlement announcement that notwithstanding the new agreement the Union would not permit the northern mines to resume until the southern operations had been brought under the terms of the new agreement.

Priority Given To Britain

WARSHIP REPAIRS

Statement By American Navy Minister

STRICT PROCEDURE

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WASHINGTON, April 16.

The Secretary of the Navy (Colonel Frank Knox) indicated to-day that the Navy planned to convoy the forces sent to Greenland.

He also disclosed that the transfer to the Navy of part of the Coast Guard was under discussion.

He said that damaged British warships brought to the United States for repairs were given priority over everything else in the Navy's shipbuilding yards.

Colonel Knox said: "In future we hope to persuade the British not to bring their warships into our harbours in broad daylight and not to permit sailors to go ashore with the names of their vessels inscribed on their hatbands.

"We want to conceal the ship's name, how badly it is damaged and how long it will be here. We are out to help England and for God's sake let us help her."

The "Daily News" Washington correspondent quotes unnamed senators as saying that United States warships and Coast Guard vessels are giving armed escort to munition-laden British merchantmen leaving Atlantic ports for the European battlefront.

They said that President Roosevelt was permitting the Coast Guard to accompany ships from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York to the point where they are picked up by the navy neutrality patrol and thence escorted to a rendezvous arranged with the British Admiralty.

The Senators said that the matter would be raised in the Senate on Friday.

WAR CONFERENCE AT GIBRALTAR

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LA LINEA, April 17.

The British Ambassador to Spain (Sir Samuel Hoare) who was to have left Gibraltar to-day, suddenly called off his departure in order to attend an important conference, reportedly to examine the Mediterranean and North African situation with admirals and army and air chiefs.

New Greek Line Holds Despite Heavy Pressure

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LONDON, April 16.

The Athens Radio, quoting the Greek Press Ministry said that the battle which began in western Macedonia on April 14 is now in full progress. The Germans, after a slight push westwards on April 14 attempted a further advance the next day using very considerable forces supported from the air.

The Greek army, which bore the brunt of the attack, inflicted serious losses and took up new positions in good order without loss.

The British and Imperial forces co-operating with the Greek army repulsed German mechanised forces at many points, inflicting considerable damage. Despite tremendous efforts the Germans were unable to pierce the new Greek line.

The situation on the northern Greek front is still serious but there are good grounds for hope.

The Greeks on the Albanian front heavily repulsed local Italian attacks. The R.A.F. again played havoc with marching German columns and also heavily attacked supply bases.

The Greek night communique says: "German forces in western Macedonia were in action near Grevena trying to advance to Kalabaka. In the heights round Koshani the Germans are pressing towards Haliakmon. Southward of Koritza, the Kiaffe Gorge fell into enemy hands."

German armoured columns which crossed the Vistritsa River west of Mount Olympus are battling with the Greeks and British near Grevena, according to a Greek communique. It is admitted that the enemy have captured the towns of Kiaffe and Goritz, south of Koritza across the Albanian frontier.

YUGOSLAVS CUT OFF

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LONDON, April 16.

The absence of a communique from the Yugoslav leaders is explained by the non-existence of General Headquarters, giving the appearance of sad truth to the comprehensive German claims that concerted resistance is ended.

The position of the Yugoslavs is obviously most critical.

Disaster Strikes Mexico

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

Many Deaths Over Wide Area

CATHEDRAL WRECKED

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MEXICO CITY, April 17.

Great sections of Colima City were destroyed by earthquake to-day. At least 140 were killed. Water and electricity are cut off.

Colima Cathedral, which suffered in an earthquake several years ago, and was recently rebuilt, was again destroyed.

The earthquake area was about 250 miles in diameter with the centre at Colima.

In Jalisco State 100 were killed and many injured.

ANTI-NAZI CROWD IN NEW YORK

Demonstration Outside Consulate

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NEW YORK, April 17.

Twenty-five persons were arrested when a crowd of 200 refused to obey a police order to disperse from the front of the German Consulate.

The demonstration was sponsored by the Committee to Free Prisoners in Germany.

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On MAY 10 and 12.
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OFFICIALS.—President: F. Tolerton. Judge: P. A. Pettit. Handicapper: W. P. Russell. Starter: L. Murray. Clerk of Scales: A. H. Gordon.

FIRST DAY
To start at 12 noon.

1—GISBORNE HURDLES HANDICAP, of £105, 2nd £13, 3rd £7. Over six flights of Hurdles. 1¼ MILES
2—HACK FLAT HANDICAP, of £95, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight, 7.7. 6 FURLONGS
3—HACK CUP HANDICAP, of £115 (including Trophy value £15/15/- donated by the President), with a sweepstake of £2 each added to the Winner; 2nd £13, 3rd £7. Min. weight 7.0. 1 MILE
4—TE HAPARA HACK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, of £135 (including donation of £15), 2nd £20, 3rd £10. ABOUT 2½ MILES
5—MAIDEN RACE, of £75, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race at time of starting. Weights: Two-year-olds 8.0, three-year-olds and upwards 8.7 (no allowances). 5 FURLONGS
6—WINTER OATS HANDICAP (Open), of £115, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. Min. weight 7.0. 1¼ MILES
7—RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP, of £95, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight 7.7. 6 FURLONGS

SECOND DAY
To start at 12 noon.

1—PARK HURDLES HANDICAP, of £105, 2nd £13, 3rd £7. Over six flights of Hurdles. 1¼ MILES
2—TURANGANUI HACK HANDICAP, of £95, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight 7.7. 7 FURLONGS
3—TRIAL PLATE, of £75, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race at time of starting, except winner of Maiden Race first day, which will carry a penalty of 10lb. Weights: Two-year-olds 8.0, three-year-olds and upwards 8.7 (no allowance). 6 FURLONGS
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5—PUBLICANS' PURSE HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. Min. weight 7.0. 1 MILE
6—WAIKANAE HANDICAP (Open), of £115, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. Min. weight 7.0. 7 FURLONGS
7—FAREWELL HACK HANDICAP, of £105 (including £10 donated by J. G. Gray, Esq.), 2nd £10, third £5. Min. weight 7.7. 6 FURLONGS.
Nominations all events 20/-; Acceptances all events 20/-.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
PENALTIES: All handicaps subject to the condition that the winner of any race after the declaration of handicaps may be re-handicapped.
All races to be run under the N.Z. Rules of Racing.
The Committee reserves the right to alter the order of the events on the programme at any time prior to the date of the meeting.
NOMINATIONS for both days close at 8 p.m. on MONDAY, APRIL 21.
WEIGHTS for first day declared on or about MONDAY, APRIL 28.
ACCEPTANCES for first day close on MONDAY, MAY 5, at 8 p.m.
Weights for second day will be declared about 7 o'clock on night of first day's races, and Acceptances close the same night at 8.30 p.m.
G. H. SCEATS,
Secretary.
'Phone 1134, P.O. Box 316, Gisborne.
TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE: The Club will make an allowance of £6 on any horse from Hawke's Bay and Auckland Districts, and £3 on any horse from Wairoa or Opotiki starting at the meeting.

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PROGRAMME
CLASS I.—SHORT HEAD AND YARD. Open. Distance: About quarter of a mile. Time, 15 minutes. First Prize, £6; Second Prize £4, Third Prize £2; Fourth Prize, £1.
CLASS IA.—MAIDEN DOGS. Open to dogs that have never won a heading event of any kind at time of starting. First Prize, £3; Second Prize, £2; Third Prize, £1; Fourth Prize, 10/-.
CLASS II.—HEADING, BRING BACK AND HOLD IN RING. About half a mile. Time, 12 minutes. Open. First Prize, £6; Second Prize, £4; Third Prize, £2; Fourth Prize, £1.
CLASS IIA.—MAIDEN DOGS. First Prize, £3; Second Prize, £2; Third Prize, £1; Fourth Prize, 10/-.
CLASS III.—OPEN HUNTAWAY. About a quarter of a mile; through three sets of flags, to the satisfaction of the Judge. Time, 12 minutes. First Prize, £6; Second Prize, £4; Third Prize, £2; Fourth Prize, £1.
CLASS IIIA.—MAIDEN HUNTAWAY. Open to maiden dogs that have never won a Huntaway event of any description at time of starting. Other conditions as above.
First Prize, £3; Second Prize, £2; Third Prize, £1; Fourth Prize, 10/-.

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RUGBY FIXTURES ARRANGED

OPENING GAMES IN CENTRAL H.B.

LOWER GRADES

Referees Appointed For Season

Daily Mail Special Service.
WAIPUKURAU.
At a meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay Rugby Sub-Union, held in the Kosy Tearooms, Waipukurau, last night the following fixtures and dates were arranged for the first round of play on Saturday, April 27:

Junior.
Takapau v. Waipawa, at Waipawa.
Old Boys v. Waipukurau, at Central No. 1.
Te Aute v. Porangahau, at Central No. 2.

Thirds.
Takapau v. Waipukurau, at Takapau.
Waipawa v. Te Aute A, at Te Aute.
Te Aute B a bye.

The following referees were appointed for the season: Messrs G. Voyce, W. Spargo, G. Spargo, J. Cable, E. E. Higgs, E. Isaacson, F. Sayliss, T. Spencer, A. G. Jeffreys, A. Smales, L. J. Taylor, A. Parker and O. Page.

It was decided to mark out only two grounds for play. Mr B. Nicholls was appointed as an additional member to the grounds committee.

Mr S. Coles (secretary) moved that the usual charge of 1/- be made for junior games, the proposal being adopted.

Mr F. Sayliss, on behalf of the Referees' Association, wrote asking for a grant of £5. On discussion the chairman (Mr A. L. McCormick) moved, seconded by Mr H. Lunn, that the amount be granted.

PRESENTATIONS MADE AT WAIPAWA

Resident's Departure For Woodville

Daily Mail Special Service.
WAIPAWA.
The employees of Messrs Williams and Kettle Ltd., Waipawa, met yesterday to farewell Mr T. Turner, who has left the firm's employ to take up farming near Woodville. In making a presentation the manager, Mr F. Tickner, said he was sorry that Mr Turner was leaving, and wished him success in his new sphere.

Since he has been in Waipawa Mr Turner has taken a prominent part in the activities of the Boy Scout movement and was the local Scoutmaster. When it became known that he was leaving the district, Mr Turner was the guest at an evening arranged by the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and was presented with a reading-lamp.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB

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FIRST DAY.
First Race Starts 12 Noon.

1—MOTEO HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP, of £100; 2nd £15, third £10. Min. weight 9st. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 1¼ MILES
2—MAIDEN SCURRY, of £85; 2nd £10, 3rd £5. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race at time of start. Weight: Three-year-olds and upwards, 8.10; two-year-olds, 8.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 5 FURLONGS
3—MAREWA HACK HANDICAP, of £100; 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight 8.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 1 MILE
4—NAPIER STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, of £150; 2nd £30, 3rd £15. Nom. £1; Acc. £1/10/-. ABOUT 2½ MILES
5—LADIES' HANDICAP, of £70; first horse to receive a Trophy valued at £50, second horse to receive a Trophy valued at £15, third horse to receive a Trophy valued at £5. Gentlemen riders. Horses to be nominated by ladies. The rider of the winner will be presented with a gold-mounted whip. Min. weight, 10.7. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 1¼ MILES
6—FLYING HANDICAP, of £100; 2nd horse £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight, 8.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 6 FURLONGS
7—MEEANEE HACK HANDICAP, of £100; 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight, 8.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 6 FURLONGS

SECOND DAY
First Race Starts 11 a.m.

1—WAIOHIKI HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP, of £100; 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight, 9.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 1¼ MILES
2—GREENMEADOWS HACK HANDICAP, of £100; 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight, 8.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 6 FURLONGS
3—BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (Hack Conditions), of £120; 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight, 8.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1 10/-. 1¼ MILES
4—PARK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, of £150; 2nd £30, 3rd £15. Nom. £1; Acc. 30/-. ABOUT 2½ MILES
5—TRIAL PLATE, of £85; 2nd £10, 3rd £5. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race at time of start, except winner of Maiden Scurry, first day, which will carry a penalty of 10lb. Weight: Three-year-olds and upwards, 8.10; two-year-olds, 8.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 6 FURLONGS
6—WINTER OATS HANDICAP, of £100; 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight, 8.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 7 FURLONGS
7—NEWSTEAD HACK HANDICAP, of £100; 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight, 8.0. Nom. £1; Acc. £1. 7 FURLONGS

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES.
MONDAY, MAY 19, 1941.
NOMINATIONS for ALL EVENTS close at the office of the Secretary, Bowman Building, Market Street, Napier, at 8 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 26.
WEIGHTS for all First Day's Events will be declared.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28.
ACCEPTANCES for All Events First Day close at 8 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 31, at 7.30 p.m.
(Night of First Day's Races)
WEIGHTS for All Events Second Day will be declared.
ACCEPTANCES for All Events Second Day close at 8.30 p.m.

PENALTIES
The winner of any race after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.
All nominations made by telegram or by telephone must be confirmed in writing immediately afterwards.
All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, with entrance money enclosed, giving the name, age, description, pedigree, name of trainer and colours of owner.
I. I. FIPPARD, Secretary.
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Telephone 2507. P.O. Box 10.
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American-made aeroplanes are in use against Italians both in Africa and Albania.

A Royal Air Force spokesman characterised as "entirely incorrect" British Press statements that the American craft had proved inferior to British aeroplanes. "I prefer to take reports of the Minister of Aircraft Production based on official reports of test pilots, which say American machines are very satisfactory and of the utmost value," he said.

American aircraft will prove a decisive factor in the air war in 1941, the Royal Air Force official also told United States correspondents.

Optimistic Outlook

Aviation experts at Washington are still optimistic over the 1941 aeroplane production outlook, despite the fact that America ended last year with an output of but 700 military machines a month.

With more and more additional floor space due for production during the coming months, industry officials have predicted that the United States will be building military aircraft at the rate of 1700 a month by next August and that the year's total output may reach 16,000.

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Municipal

MUSICAL COMEDY AND DRAMA

The story of a film star who meets and exchanges identities with his double is told to the accompaniment of gay tunes, brilliant dancing and sparkling comedy in "Honolulu," now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings. Robert Young is seen as the actor who, weary of leading an exhausting course of life, changes places with a Honolulu plantation owner. Both actor and his double encounter comic difficulties in their new spheres, and Eleanor Powell, a dancer appearing in Honolulu, adds to their troubles by introducing the element of romance. Robert Young is excellent in his unusual dual role, and opposite him Miss Powell is similarly outstanding. George Burns and Gracie Allen are among the fun-makers in the cast.

Beautiful women, plus intrigues of the "Smart Set," plus a man's sacrifice to save one of the beautiful girls from prison are the components in "And One Was Beautiful," the second feature. The story concerns itself with two beautiful socialite sisters. Both love the same man. Through circumstances growing out of a fatal auto crash, the man shoulders the blame and accepts a prison term to protect the older girl. Robert Cummings plays the man in the case; Jean Muir, Ann Morriss and Billie Burke are also featured.

State

"THE SAINT IN PALM SPRINGS"

Further exciting adventures of the screen's most colorful crime-busting hero are revealed in "The Saint in Palm Springs" which once more presents George Sanders in the title role and which is now screening at the State Theatre, Hastings. Wendy Barrie has the feminine lead and Jonathan Hale, as the Saint's friendly-enemy, Inspector Fernack, re-enacts his favourite role. The current film has to do with the efforts of Simon Templar, The Saint, to deliver three valuable foreign stamps to a young lady who has inherited them. He assumes the responsibility as a favour to Inspector Fernack ,who wants to befriend the daughter of an old friend. She is working as a tennis teacher at a California Winter resort. Before The Saint reaches the West Coast from New York he encounters on the train a beautiful foreign agent who, unsuccessful in her attempt to gain possession of the stamps, follows The Saint to Palm Springs. But also at the resort are three gangsters who likewise have heard the three stamps are worth over £200,000, and who lay plans to steal them.

From this point on the story waxes more exciting, as all persons involved work at cross-purposes in their desperate attempts to steal the legacy. When the stamps do disappear, even The Saint is suspected. Before the story comes to its thrilling conclusion, three murders, an attempted kidnapping and a number of brutal attacks upon The Saint himself take place, but in the end the stamps are safely restored to their owner and the criminals are brought to justice.

Regent

COMEDY, "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

Greer Garson and Laurence Oliver picked up where they left off five years ago as reigning favourites of the London stage for their first co-starring film, the picturisation of Jane Austen's romantic comedy, "Pride and Prejudice," now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings. They form the perfect screen romantic team with Miss Garson playing the lovely but prejudiced Elizabeth Bennett and Olivier as the proud Darcy. The amusing story in which Miss Austen poked fun at the haughty society of the early nineteenth century is woven around the five unwedded Bennett daughters who live in a provincial English town. When two wealthy and aristocratic young gentlemen come to town in the persons of Mr Darcy and his friend, Mr Bingley, Mrs Bennett sets out to land them for her daughters. They are repelled by her lusty vulgarity, since she was a shopkeeper's daughter, but Darcy falls in love with Elizabeth despite her family and Bingley finds himself smitten by Jane.

Darcy, caught between his pride of family and love for Elizabeth, finally decides that Elizabeth's love is the more important of the two and he nobly comes to the rescue when daughter Lydia creates a scandal by running away with an adventurer, Wickham. Hilarious comedy performances are given by Edmund Gwenn and Mary Boland as Mr and Mrs Bennett. Miss Garson's delightful sisters are played by Maureen O'Sullivan as Jane, Ann Rutherford as Lydia, Marsha Hunt as Mary and Heather Angel as Kitty.

Cosy

"HOPALONG CASSIDY" ADVENTURE

Flaming six-guns, action and well-worked out plot characterise the latest screen adventure of "Hopalong" Cassidy in "Three Men From Texas," which is now screening at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings. The action takes place in the California of the turn of the century, when land grabbing by eastern speculators was at its height. Cassidy, played as usual by William Boyd, is asked by a citizens' committee in the harassed region, to bring law and order to the place and, unable to go, he sends his saddlemate "Lucky." "Lucky," played by Russell Hayden, gets himself into plenty of trouble and it is when Cassidy goes to California to extricate him, that the action begins. The third "man from Texas" in the cast is played by Andy Clyde.

Showing how a fearless young newspaper reporter fights to clean up "death-trap" working conditions in a coal mine, "Black Diamonds" is the second feature. Richard Arlen portrays the "crusader" who matches wits with lawless mine operators. Andy Devine, co-star, is seen as the boyhood friend who fights by Arlen's side. Kathryn Adams is a surprising eyeful in the romantic lead opposite Arlen, and displays genuine promise as an actress. Mary Treen makes the most of her comedy role as the maid who has eyes on Devine. Paul Fix is grimly menacing as the grafting mine inspector.

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Four Nominations At Hastings

The names of four parents of pupils had been received when nominations closed at noon yesterday for three representatives on the Hastings High School Board of Governors. Those nominated are:—

MRS. H. J. LOVELL-SMITH.
MR. A. D. ROSS.
MR. F. C. RUSH-MUNRO.
MR. R. P. TABLEY.

Three of the nominees are sitting members and Mr Tabley is the newcomer. The election will be held on Thursday, May 1, the poll closing at 5 p.m.

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BLENHEIM'S SUCCESS

Offensive Patrols Over Channel

KIEL AGAIN RAIDED

British Official Wireless
(Received April 17, 6 p.m.)
RUGBY, April 16.

An Air Ministry communique says: "Three heavily-laden enemy coastal vessels off the north-west of France were attacked in daylight yesterday by a Blenheim of the Bomber Command. Direct hits were obtained on two of the vessels, which were left sinking.

"Aircraft of the same command made a low-level attack on Borkum at dusk. A freighter lying off the island was also attacked and was hit twice amidships.

"Offensive daylight patrols over the Channel and northern France were carried out by aircraft of the Fighter Command yesterday. Two enemy fighters were destroyed. An enemy bomber was intercepted by our fighters in the afternoon and was shot down into the sea south of the Isle of Wight.

Two Losses

"One bomber and one fighter aircraft are missing from these daylight operations, in addition to an aircraft of the Coastal Command missing from patrol yesterday.

"Last night, despite unfavourable weather, considerable forces of aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked targets in northern Germany. The principal objective was the naval base at Kiel, where many bombs fell on shipbuilding yards and fires were started. The docks at Boulogne were also bombed through gaps in the prevailing clouds.

"From these night operations, two of our aircraft are missing."

MEDICAL BENEFITS IN N.Z.

Satisfactory Progress

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Dental Scheme Next?

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, April 17.

The Minister of Health (the Hon. A. H. Nordmeyer) told the Labour Party conference to-day that the numbers of doctors who had signed agreements for free medical benefits was progressing very satisfactorily. He said that a large increase in the number of people receiving medical benefits was expected at an early date.

The conference decided to recommend that every effort be made to induce doctors to co-operate on a voluntarily basis before any compulsion is resorted to. It also recommended extension of free dental treatment to adults as soon as it is practicable.

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Exploits In Greece

PILOTS DISDAIN DANGER

British Official Wireless
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RUGBY, April 16.

British fighter pilots are tearing into the German formations over Greece, states an R.A.F. Middle East communique, and are showing the same quality of dash and skill and the same brilliant courage that shattered the enemy in the classic Battle of Britain.

Already tales of their deeds are being told which may well take their place in legend, making even Greek mythology itself seem almost colourless. The Germans are employing large numbers of dive-bombers in attacks on the Imperial troops and their communications. That so many bombs fall harmlessly on mountain sides and in the sea is because no aircraft crew can possibly concentrate on bomb-aiming with the knowledge that Hurricanes are on their trail.

Hundredth 'Plane.

The dive-bombers are being steadily defeated. Already, after a short period of aerial combat in this theatre of war, one R.A.F. squadron has just accounted for its 100th enemy aircraft—a Junkers-88 which broke off a brief encounter to plunge into the sea near the Greek capital.

The unconcern of our pilots in describing their encounters gives no clue to the enormous odds they accept as a matter of course. Such is their confidence and skill that they are emerging from clash after clash almost unscathed, while the toll of enemy aircraft mounts steadily higher.

ANTI-FASCIST ITALIAN MURDERED

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CHICAGO, April 16.

Mr John Arena, editor of the newspaper "La Tribuna," which is printed in Italian, was killed by two gunmen while leaving a picture theatre. Mr Arena became an American citizen six months ago and was a member of the Committee Investigating Un-American Activities.

It was announced in Washington that Mr Arena supplied information to the committee on Fascist activities in the United States a few hours before he was shot.

ESCAPED PRISONER CHARGED

By Telegraph—Press Association
NEW PLYMOUTH, April 17.

Arrested at Wanganui, John Henry Wilson, who escaped from the charge of a warder on a train near Ohakune on February 14, pleaded guilty in the Police Court to-day to charges of breaking and entering and theft of goods and money from a shop and the post office at Patua on February 16.

He was committed to the Supreme Court at Auckland for sentence.

Wilson was convicted and discharged on a charge of theft of petrol and a motor-car cover at Howera.

Detective H. A. Hay said Wilson was found in possession of a coat and waistcoat stolen from a shop. When asked where the other stolen goods were he said they were scattered over the country.

State

"TIN PAN ALLEY" A GREAT MUSICAL

A spectacular musical, "Tin Pan Alley," which stars Alice Faye and Betty Grable, is now showing at the State Theatre, Napier. Jack Oakie and John Payne head a cast which includes Allen Jenkins, Esther Ralston, the Nicholas Brothers dusky dancing stars, and Ben (Shadrach) Carten. Briefly, "Tin Pan Alley" narrates the experiences of two shoestring song publishers, Jack Oakie and John Payne, whose songs achieve prominence after Alice Faye sings them. Alice and John fall madly in love but a split comes when he pays more attention to his songs than to lovely Alice. Paced at a rapid tempo and set in a background of those stirring years of strife, "Tin Pan Alley" smashes into a thrill-packed finale which climaxes its sweeping drama.

Regent

DRAMA OF OLD WEST, "VIRGINIA CITY"

Somewhere west of the ghost town of Viriginia City, Nevada, U.S.A., five million dollars in gold is waiting to be found. The story of this treasure and of the men who fought for it is told in "Virginia City," which is now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier, starring Miriam Hopkins, Errol Flynn and Randolph Scott.

Badly in need of money, the Confederate Army laid the daring plan of freighting five million dollars in gold to Richmond. Randolph Scott plays the role of the Confederate officer in charge of the convoy, while Flynn is a Union intelligence officer assigned to prevent shipment, while Miss Hopkins is a secret agent, who poses as a dancehall hostess in Virginia City's famed Sazerac Cafe.

Mayfair

MYSTERY, "THE MAN WITH NINE LIVES"

"The Man With Nine Lives," starring Boris Karloff, king of horror, Roger Pryor and Jo Ann Sayers, is now showing at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier. Karloff is seen as a famous scientist who has prepared an underground ice-chamber where he has remained in a state of suspended animation for a decade. Roger Pryor, a young doctor who has heard about Karloff's researches, and his fiancee, Jo Ann Sayers, discover him as he returns to life. With a cast headed by the famed Dead End Kids and the Little Tough Guys, "Give Us Wings" follows the adventures of a group of would-be young flyers whose eagerness to take to the air before becoming licensed pilots leads them to the hazardous crop-dusting profession.

Lowest Toll For Years

EASTER ACCIDENTS

Two Fatalities In Hawke's Bay

DOMINION REVIEW

Two of the five fatal accidents during the four days of the Easter holidays in the Dominion occurred in the Napier-Hastings district. Injuries of a fairly serious nature totalled only nine.

This is the lowest accident toll in the holiday period for a long time. During Easter, 1940, 11 people were killed and 21 injured, and in the previous year 17 were killed and 59 injured.

Three of this Easter's deaths arose out of road accidents, the low total probably being because of the effect of petrol restrictions on motor traffic. There is also evidence that drivers generally have been taking more care on the road.

Two road fatalities occurred in Christchurch and Timaru, where a cyclist was struck by a car and a farmer's truck collided with a telegraph pole, the farmer and his daughter dying from injuries. The other two cases occurred when a boy touched a power line in Greenmeadows and was electrocuted and a tramper lost his footing when climbing Mount Egmont and slid down the mountainside.

For the four days from Good Friday nine persons were reported to have been injured and admitted to hospital in a fairly serious condition. Four were suffering from injuries caused by falls of various kinds, three persons were injured in a collision in Hastings on Friday, and in the other cases motor vehicles were involved.

No Nominations At Hastings

ELECTIONS NEAR

Polling Day A Month Hence

With nominations closing in a little more than a fortnight, the town clerk at Hastings (Mr Noel C. Harding) has not yet received official notification from any intending candidates in the local body elections on May 17. To date 18 men have indicated their intention of standing for the nine council seats, and three are contesting the mayoralty.

Messrs A. Kirkpatrick, J. E. Sutcliffe and L. J. Fisher are the latest to intimate their intention of standing for the council. The names of 10 candidates previously were announced and four members of the present council are seeking re-election.

The main electors' roll closed with more than 8000 names and the supplementary roll closing to-morrow contains what is believed to be a record number of names, indicating the keen interest being taken in this election. Mr Harding yesterday said that to provide full facilities for residents to have their names included in the supplementary roll the council offices will remain open during the afternoon to-morrow.

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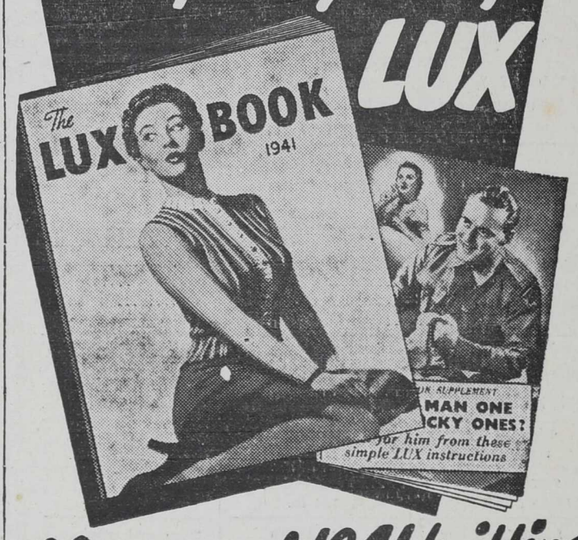

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AIR FORCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Contributions Sent To Headquarters

Eight pairs of gloves, 11 pairs of socks, 11 pairs of mittens, seven scarves, 14 balaclavas, 17 pullovers, five tins of cake and 12 tins of comforts were packed for headquarters, Wellington, at the monthly meeting of the Waipukurau Air Force Relations Committee. The president, Mrs C. Raymond, presided over a fair attendance, the secretary, Mrs C. R. Watson, also being present.

The care of prisoners of war came under discussion and the following information received by the secretary from headquarters was given, namely: that prisoners of war are looked after by Air Force Relations and are sent parcels containing pullovers, scarves, socks, mittens, balaclavas, and food-stuffs, and those in hospital, pullovers, scarves, socks and mittens.

A letter was received stating that a public meeting in connection with the Women's War Service Auxiliary was to be held in Waipukurau the last Tuesday in April. Mesdames C. Raymond and E. Broad were appointed delegates to attend.

A request was received from headquarters for mittens, which were urgently needed this month.

It was decided for the winter months the monthly meetings start at 2.30 p.m.

Congratulations were extended to the president, Mrs C. Raymond, on her son Cuthbert having received promotion. Thanks were expressed to Mrs B. Johansen for a donation of £5 and to Mrs Theobold for two pairs of socks and comforts.

COMING-OF-AGE PARTY AT PORANGAHAU

Mr Desmond Ross The Guest Of Honour

The Masonic Hall, Porangahau, was beautifully decorated for a dance at which over 60 people were present at a party to celebrate the coming of age of Mr Desmond (Billy) Ross, son of Mr and Mrs S. Ross, Porangahau.

In addition to several novelty dances games and competitions were held and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent. A handsome two tier cake which had been made and beautifully iced in pale pink by the guest of honour's mother, was a prominent feature of the delicious supper. During the supper, Mr R. Longley proposed the health of Mr Desmond Ross and congratulated him on attaining his majority and expressed the guests' good wishes for his future good health, success and happiness. The toast was drunk with musical honours. The guest of honour returned thanks for the good wishes extended to him and also for the many gifts he had received.

ENGAGEMENT

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Every Woman Can Keep Wrinkles Under Control

The appearance of wrinkles on the face of a woman of middle age is a matter which gives her occasion for serious thought. With the approach of old age, these little tell-tale lines are to be expected, but are often caused in earlier years by worry, anxiety, trouble, and loose living. The latter is within personal control, whereas the other causes are not. While it is impossible for any woman to lead a placid and uninteresting life free from all cares, yet it is within the power of all to spend five minutes each day upon a treatment that will, at any rate, retard the appearance of wrinkles, and materially assist nature in maintaining that roundness and firmness of the face so typical of radiant youth.

Of course, for those who have sufficient leisure and means, facial massage is obtained at its best in the salons of a specialist, for, truth to tell, a masseuse is born and not made, writes W. A. Poucher Ph.C. The soft, supple fingers of the expert have a touch that almost "feels" the requirements of each patient's face. However, while this may be the ideal form of treatment for the few, it is the object of this article to show how facial massage can be brought within the reach of the many, and practised in their own homes.

Clean the Face First

Before commencing facial massage, it is very necessary that the skin should be entirely free from face powder, rouge, dust, dirt, and skin debris. When the skin requires to be fed, the cream which supplies the food is more readily absorbed if the pores are slightly opened. This may be effected by the application of warm water or hot towels. It is here very important not to use too great a heat, otherwise the pores will be opened too wide, and in this condition the skin gets too flabby for massage. Warm water, in which the hands can be placed with comfort, is about the right temperature.

After drying the skin, the massage cream or skin food is now applied over the face and throat. There should be sufficient on the surface to act as a lubricant. As the cream is absorbed during the treatment, the fingers are dipped in the pot and a little more applied to keep up even lubrication.

Always Massage Lightly

Facial massage should be executed lightly with the fingers, and in some movements with the palms of the hands. These movements, which may be repeated ten or fifteen times are as follows:—

1. TO SUPPRESS WRINKLES ON THE FOREHEAD.—Hold down the skin firmly on one temple with the fingers of one hand, and with the other smooth away the lines from the centre of the forehead towards the other temple. Reverse the hands and repeat the process, and so cover both sides. Follow this up with movements by two fingers of each hand from the centre of the eyebrows to their outer extremities.

2. TO PREVENT CROWSFEET.—Move two finger tips in an upward and outward direction from the corners of the eyes to the bottom of the temples. Close the eyes and move the forefingers from the outer to the inner corners along the eyelid. Open the eyes and rub the two fingers gently from below the inner corners, finishing at the temples.

3. TO CHECK SAGGING OF THE CHEEKS place the palms of the hands below the chin, and following the fingers move the hands in an upward and outward direction towards the back of the temples.

4. TO BANISH LINES FROM THE CORNERS OF THE MOUTH TO THE NOSE.—Place the thumbs firmly below the chin, and with an upward, outward, and rotary movement, move fingers towards the cheekbones, passing over the mouth.

5. TO IMPART COLOUR AND ROUNDNESS TO THE CHEEKS, pinch them with the thumb and fingers.

6. TO COUNTERACT DROOPING EYELIDS, rub the index fingers from the nose in an outward direction, below the eyebrows.

7. TO MAINTAIN A WELL-SHAPED NOSE, rub two fingers of each hand from the bridge to the tip, and follow with a similar, though outward movement, finishing on the cheekbone.

8. TO PREVENT A DOUBLE CHIN, place the first three fingers of each hand under the chin and smooth the skin away to the base of the ears.

When these movements have been completed, remove all excess of cream and dab the face with icy cold water. This will close the pores. Some women prefer to use an astringent lotion for this purpose, and it certainly tightens up the skin more quickly. After this massage treatment a very refreshing glow will pervade the face, and the skin will feel much invigorated. A little day cream and power will give a very pleasing finish.

A Doubtful Remedy.

Modern surgical science has evolved another method of eliminating wrinkles, and this is known as "face lifting." The operation is alleged to take a few years off a woman's apparent age, but this varies with the type of skin. Those women who have skins that stretch rapidly and easily, lose the effect of face lifting more quickly. The surgeon removes a piece of skin in the proximity of wrinkles, stretches it and then sews it up again. The risk is always taken by the woman undergoing the operation and the results are frequently problematical. It will be quite obvious that this cannot be a permanent cure, because wrinkles are due to flaccidity of the muscles, and to "lift" the face is to try and remove the effect rather than the cause.

RED CROSS SOCIETY VOLUNTARY AIDS

At the Women's Rest Rooms, Waipukurau, there was a full attendance of the Voluntary Aids of the Red Cross Society to meet Miss Edith P. Tennent, R.N.R.M. (Director of Voluntary Aids for New Zealand Red Cross Society), who is making an unofficial visit to the district. Miss Tennent gave an instructive and interesting address, and expressed appreciation of the good work done by the V.As. throughout New Zealand. Miss Tennent stressed the need of more young women to be interested in and to take up the voluntary work in hospitals, claiming the care of the sick and the wounded was one of the noblest works one could do.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Tennent by all present and the evening closed with the serving of a dainty supper.

Waipukurau hopes to increase the number of V.As. when classes in First Aid (attendance 26) and in Home Nursing (afternoon class 18) are completed. An evening class in Home Nursing is to commence at an early date.

INTERESTING TALK ON MALTA

Easter Dates Discussed

LITERARY CIRCLE MEETING

Hastings Townswomen's Guild

The leader of the Literary Circle of the Hastings Townswomen's Guild, Mrs F. Deans, presided at the monthly meeting held yesterday afternoon and with her was the secretary, Mrs W. A. Bryant.

The programme was one of great interest, having been very carefully prepared with a thought for prominent present-day news and it included talks about Malta, much in everyone's thoughts just now, and about Easter. A play-reading was included for the benefit of members preferring this part of the circle's activities and a book discussion proved of great interest.

Mrs W. A. Bryant read a most interesting article which she had prepared about Malta and from this members gained a vivid description of the island and its people and also learned the history of Malta from very early times.

Mrs Bennett spoke about her visit to Malta en route from England to New Zealand and Mrs Doole told how the capital, Valletta, received its name.

It seemed an appropriate coincidence that the Easter hymn which Mrs F. Deans read and discussed proved to be a translation from the Greek. A little research disclosed that this hymn, No. 132, was a Greek "Golden Canon for Easter," something in the style of an Easter Anthem or a folk song. As far as could be ascertained it was not originally Greek but it is contained in an "Anthology Gracae," which was compiled by St. John of Damascus. In 1871 it was translated from the Greek by J. N. Neale and introduced into Hymns Ancient and Modern.

Mrs Deans also described exactly how Easter is found each year and this proved interesting. She explained that the earliest date upon which Easter Sunday could fall was March 22, and this will occur in the year 2285, while the latest date for Easter Sunday is April 25 and this will occur in 1943.

After tea had been enjoyed Miss McLean read an amusing little poem on rumours written by Dum Dum in Punch.

Mrs Deans read extracts from a book which she had just read from the Public Library, "The Empire Comes Home," by W. S. Percy. She warmly recommended this book and spoke briefly about the author, who as a comedian had visited New Zealand with the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company and other companies and had married a Southland girl.

The concluding item on the programme was a splendid reading of the play "Eldorado," by Bernard Gilbert, the cast being as follows: James Watson, Mrs A. Oliver; Henry Watson, his son, Mrs Apperley; Betsy Watson, his daughter, Mrs H. E. Elliott; Emma Burrows, a neighbour, Mrs Edwards. Miss E. J. Strang read the directions.

Mrs Deans thanked all who had helped with the programme and also the appreciative audience. She reminded them of an invitation to attend an English Speaking Union afternoon at the Vicarage, Hastings, next Thursday afternoon.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs C. La Roche, Lighthouse Road, Napier, leaves to-day to spend the week-end as the guest of Mr and Mrs W. Bryant, Takapau.

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Mr and Mrs A. Roberts, who visited Wellington for the Easter holidays, have returned to their home in Thompson Road, Napier.

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Mrs L. Ashworth, who has been spending a holiday at Westshore as the guest of Mrs D. Gillies, has returned to Christchurch.

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Miss Ruth Hepburn, Palmerston North, has returned home after spending a few days' holiday with her parents, Mr and Mrs H. Hepburn, Waipukurau.

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The Rev. A. Roxborough Wallace and Mrs Roxborough Wallace have returned from their honeymoon and taken up residence at the Manse, Takapau.

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Miss Nancy Caughley, Takapau, after an extended holiday, has returned to Christchurch to resume her duties with the Canterbury Education Board.

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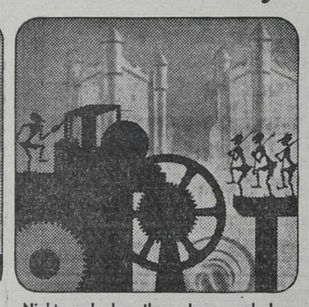
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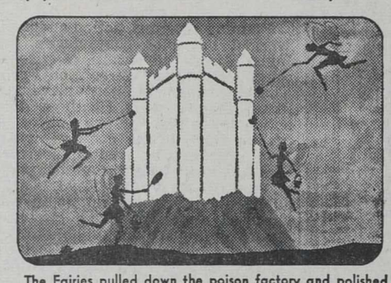
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MISS PAT KINGSTON

Bowls of gladioli, dahlias, hydrangeas and scarlet berries made a colourful decoration in Blythes Tea rooms last night, when a bridge and mah jong drive was held to raise funds for the Navy Queen, Miss Pat Kingston.

Lucky numbers and prizes were presented to the winners at the conclusion of play and a dainty supper was enjoyed.

Among those present were: Miss Pat Kingston, wearing a smartly fashioned frock of prune-shaded lacquered taffeta, Mr and Mrs T. Kingston, Mr and Mrs H. F. Forster, Mr and Mrs E. Hyde, Mr and Mrs Evans.

Mesdames F. Ashton, G. O. Dunsford, L. Styles, F. Cane, L. B. Fleming, McCarthy, W. Bailey, R. Prebble, W. Bailey, K. Laurence, A. Wright, H. D. Dowling, L. Neill, O'Neill, L. Forrest, K. Duncan, R. Rogers, C. Holt, N. Nicholas, G. Wells (Auckland), L. Davis, R. Munro.

Misses R. Hutchinson, E. Stephenson, I. Sands, P. Cox, M. Grant, E. Harvey, A. and M. McLeay, B. Tocker, Hamlin, Bayley, D. Prewitt, Wilkins, Armer, Gallagher, L. Morrissey, N. Raven, R. Carver, Everard, A. Somerset-Smith.

Mr and Mrs Guy Rochfort, Duke Street, Hastings, and their daughter, Mrs Robin Bell, are staying at their Taupo cottage.

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Miss Norma Stewart, Havelock North, is the guest of Mrs Ian McKinnon, "Glengarry," Te Pohue.

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*Featured players in "The Gay Caballero," to screen next week at the State Theatre, Hastings, include Cesar Romero (centre) as the "Cisco Kid," and (clockwise from top right) Chris-pin Martin, Jacqueline Dalya, Edmund MacDonald, Sheila Ryan and Robert Sterling.**

Comment On The Films

The adventures of a danger-loving, resourceful gunman who is induced by a detective friendly enemy to go outside the law and defeat a gang of criminals provide exciting, suspenseful action in "THE SAINT IN PALM SPRINGS"; George Sanders is again in the lead role.

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The "Cisco Kid" is allegedly dead, though he himself hasn't heard the news, in the latest of this series, "THE GAY CABALLERO." In the title role, Caesar Romero proves to be a remarkably hard riding, straight shooting "ghost."

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Sabotage in the skies is the thrilling theme of "CHARTER PILOT," with Lloyd Nolan as an "ace" flyer and Lynn Bari as his radio queen girl friend who dramatises his adventures on the air. The story is a deft combination of comedy, drama and brisk repartee.

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California at the turn of the century, when land grabbing by speculators was at its height, is the scene for the action of "THREE MEN FROM TEXAS," latest "Hopalong Cassidy" adventure in which William Boyd, in the title role, brings law and order to an harassed city.

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"A "crusader" who matches wits with lawless coal-mine operators is the part played by Arlen in the latest Richard Arlen-Andy Devine starring production, "BLACK DIAMONDS." Kathryn Adams, a comparative newcomer, has the leading feminine role.

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Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier star together in "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE," delightful comedy romance from the Jane Austen story of a girl who must overcome her "prejudice" against the "pride" of an arrogant young man before their real love can triumph. Sparkling humour highlights the production throughout.

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When business necessity compels an executive to marry his secretary, Muir, who revolt against the lives they are forced to lead at home, with amusing results.

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Adapted from a novel by John Galsworthy, "21 DAYS TOGETHER" co-stars Vivien Leigh and Laurence Olivier, and is the story of two young lovers who decide to take what happiness they can in the 21 days remaining before Olivier must give himself up for a murder he has accidentally committed. Leslie Banks has a prominent role.

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Two young scientists who stumble on an underground hiding place where a doctor (Boris Karloff) has been in a state of suspended animation for ten years, and is now returning to life, are involved in hair-raising adventures in "THE MAN WITH NINE LIVES" before the secret is revealed. Roger Pryor and Jo Ann Sayers are the scientists.

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The Dead End Kids and The Little Tough Guys are co-starred in "GIVE US WINGS," which deals with their adventures when they turn to the hazardous business of aerial crop-dusting to fill in the period before they are old enough to join the American Air Force.

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Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective story, "THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES," has been filmed with Basil Rathbone as the master-detective Sherlock Holmes and Nigel Bruce as Doctor Watson, who set out to solve the mystery of a giant hound which is terrorising an English moor. Richard Greene and Wendy Barrie are also featured in the strong cast.

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"EVERYBODY'S BABY" stars the Jones Family in another of their popular comedies. This time they have had an addition of a baby, and the plot hinges on the contrasting ideas of baby management among the older and younger branches of the family.

Vivien Leigh and Laurence Olivier in a scene from their latest film, "21 Days Together," which opens at the Regent Theatre, Napier, next Friday.

an hilarious comedy is launched in "HIRED WIFE," with Brian Aherne as the man in the case and Rosalind Russell as the battling secretary who refuses to be silent under casual treatment from her unwilling spouse.

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Story of the strange romance between an over-confident gangster and an underworld queen, "CASTLE ON THE HUDSON," presents in the leading roles two striking personalities in John Garfield and Ann Sheridan in dramatic roles.

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"VIRGINIA CITY" is the story of the town when it was the storm centre during the American Civil War, Randolph Scott being cast as a Confederate officer responsible for a gold shipment, and Errol Flynn as a Union spy trying to stop the shipment. Miriam Hopkins is a dance hall hostess in Confederate pay.

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"THE GREAT PROFILE," said to be based on John Barrymore's life story, stars him as a fallen actor whose nagging wife drives him to forgetting his lines in the middle of a play. He "ad-libs," and is an immediate success. Mary Beth Hughes is the wife.

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Romance, laughter, and music all go to make "TIN PAN ALLEY" one of the finest musicals ever produced in Hollywood. John Payne and Jack Oakie are seen as song writers, whose work becomes a success only after it has been sung by two showgirls, Alice Faye and Betty Grable. The old song favourite "Katy" reappears in modern guise.

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The irrepressible George Formby scores another success in "COME ON GEORGE," in which he is cast as a jockey who becomes involved with an unscrupulous race-course gang. George outwits them only after many hair-raising and side-splitting adventures.

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The well-known English comedian Fred Emney heads the cast in "JANE STEPS OUT," a domestic comedy in which he portrays a retired Army officer, father of two daughters, Diana Churchill and Jean

Chaplin Back On Screen

Comedy Treatment For A Solemn Subject

It is a happy privilege to be able to report that Charlie Chaplin is back again. After an absence of almost five years, the little man with the baggy pants, outsize shoes and wistful expression has returned in a picture of his own authorship, "THE GREAT DICTATOR."

It is dictators that Charlie Chaplin is concerned with in "THE GREAT DICTATOR." Chaplin is a serious and thoughtful man. He is the greatest comedian the world has ever known because there is more than laughter in his comedy—more than bathos in his pathos. Chaplin has made himself the living symbol of "the little people" of this world. He is the bewildered, oppressed, downtrodden little fellow, beset by countless difficulties, yet managing to rise above them.

Comedy With a Message

"The Great Dictator" is a riotous frolic that brings laughter to a world sadly in need of a few laughs. But you may be sure that it is even more. Chaplin has never made a picture that didn't have a message under the mirth. Chaplin has been asked if "The Great Dictator" has a message. He won't say. He merely reiterates that his picture is a comedy.

"The Great Dictator" is the most discussed motion picture of our time. Chaplin has poured into it all of his vast resources, his genius and his money. It is a completely hand-made Chaplin production. He is the star, producer, director and author, and he is dealing with a subject in which the whole world is interested.

Charles Spencer Chaplin is a most unusual man. He is more than a great actor; more than the greatest comedian the world has ever known. Perhaps it was best summed up by Alexander Woolcott when he said: "His like has not passed this way before and we shall not see his like again!"

CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

HASTINGS

REGENT THEATRE—Now showing to Wednesday: **"Pride and Prejudice"** (Greer Garson, Laurence Olivier). Next Thursday: **"Hired Wife** (Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne).

COSY THEATRE—Now showing to Monday: **"Three Men From Texas"** William Boyd, Russell Hayden) and **"Black Diamonds"** (Richard Arlen, Andy Devine). Tuesday to Thursday: **"Castle On The Hudson"** (John Garfield, Ann Sheridan) and **"Penrod's Double Trouble"** (Billy and Bobby Mauch). Next Saturday: **"Give Us Wings"** ("Dead End Kids" and "Little Tough Guys"), and **"Meet the Wildcat"** (Ralph Bellamy, Margaret Lindsay).

STATE THEATRE—Now showing to Monday: **"The Saint in Palm Springs"** (George Sanders, Wendy Barrie). Tuesday to Thursday: **"The Gay Caballero"** (Caesar Romero, Sheila Ryan), and **"Charter Pilot"** (Lynn Bari, Lloyd Nolan). Commencing at gala 10.20 p.m. preview on Thursday: **"Band Waggon"** (Arthur Askey).

MUNICIPAL THEATRE—To-night and to-morrow: **"And One Was Beautiful"** (Robert Cummings, Laraine Day) and **"Honolulu"** (Eleanor Powell, Robert Young). Next Thursday: **"On Our Selection"** (Bert Bailey, Fred MacDonald) and **"Swing It, Professor"** (Pinky Tomlin, Pat Gleason).

NAPIER

REGENT THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: **"Virginia City"** (Errol Flynn, Miriam Hopkins). Tuesday to Thursday: **"Come On George"** (George Formby) and **"Jane Steps Out"** (Jean Muir, Diana Churchill) Commencing Thursday: **"21 Days Together"** (Vivien Leigh, Laurence Olivier).

STATE THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: **"Tin Pan Alley"** (Alice Faye, John Payne). Tuesday to Thursday: **"The Great Profile"** (John Barrymore, Mary Beth Hughes). Commencing Thursday: **"The Saint In Palm Springs"** (George Sanders.)

MAYFAIR THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: **"The Man With Nine Lives"** (Boris Karloff) and **"Give Us Wings"** (The Dead End Kids). Tuesday and Wednesday: **"The Hound of the Baskervilles"** (Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce) and **"Everybody's Baby"** (The Jones Family). Thursday and Saturday: **"House of the Arrow"** (Diana Churchill) and **"Devil on Horseback"** (Fred Keating, Lili Damita).

Greer Garson ("Mrs Chips") and Laurence Olivier (of "Wuthering Heights" fame) are the co-stars of "Pride and Prejudice," which is now screening at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

FEUDISTS MEET OFF THE AIR

This is the story of a famous feud, a comedy battle which swept America and which has now culminated in the production of a motion picture—Paramount's "LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR," which stars two famous radio comedians, Jack Benny and Fred Allen.

It all began three years ago, when a child prodigy named Stewart Canin appeared with his violin on the Jack Benny radio programme. Young Stewart played a difficult number entitled "The Bee," a composition with which Benny himself had been struggling some time before.

Commenting on the prodigy's playing, Fred Allen in his own radio programme said, "That child's playing should make Benny mighty ashamed. He's being trying to play 'The Bee' for 40 years and hasn't succeeded yet!"

Further Explosions

That remark touched off a series of comedy explosions which swept the United States. Millions of people listened nightly to Benny's remarks about Allen; and then to Allen's remarks about Benny. The two comedians realising the value of the "feud" continued to throw sarcastic gibes at each other, and their popularity increased as each week went by.

Sensing the immense screen possibilities of teaming the two comedians, Paramount's director, Mark Sandrich, spoke to them after a great deal of persuasion, finally signed them up. The result is a fun-packed piece of musical entertainment, "Love Thy Neighbour."

In addition to Benny and Allen, the picture features Mary Martin, who will be remembered by New Zealand audiences for her performances in "The Great Victor Herbert" and "Rhythm On The River." The coloured comedian Rochester, Verree Teasdale, Virginia Dale, the beautiful Merriel Abbott dancers and the popular radio singers, the Merry Macs, are also in the cast.

Rex Ingram, the over six foot actor who plays the role of the towering Djinni in Alexander Korda's "THE THIEF OF BAGDAD," the all-colour romantic spectacle of the East, is a culinary expert. So keen is he on the arts of the palate, he is planning to open a really good restaurant in New York one of these days. He grows excited about cooking, for he is a bachelor and has made a hobby of Southern dishes. Another interesting fact in Ingram's career is that originally he planned to be a doctor. He gave up the idea for a singing career.

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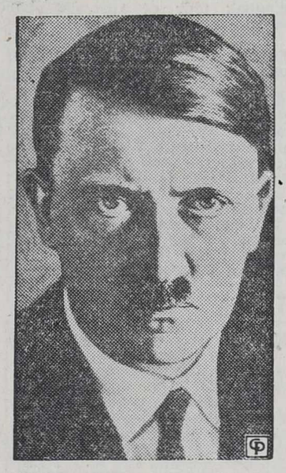
A. E. W. Mason's Inspector Hanaud, the French detective is on the murder trail in "HOUSE OF THE ARROW," in which the Inspector had a mystery without clues on his hands. Ken Kenneth and Diana Churchill head the cast.

Radio Favourites Polled

As a result of a recent poll, Jack Benny was chosen as America's favourite radio comedian. Bob Hope was runner-up and Fred Allen took third place.

It is interesting to note that these three stars are under contract to Paramount Pictures. Benny and Allen will shortly appear with Mary Martin, Rochester and the Merry Macs in the musical laugh hit "LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR," while Bob Hope will next be seen with Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour in "ROAD TO ZANZIBAR," an hilarious successor to "Road to Singapore."

Crosby, by the way, was again chosen as the most popular radio singer. He scored an overwhelming majority.



"Hitler—Beast of Berlin," is the title of a film described as a striking exposure of Nazi brutality and which is to be screened shortly at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings. Roland Drew and Steffi Duna head the cast.

High-water Mark Of The Year

The following paragraph was taken from the "New York World Telegram's" review on Walter Wanger's latest picture, "THE LONG VOYAGE HOME."

"One of the most beautiful and stirring films I have ever seen. Indeed, it is so moving, so understanding, so searchingly humorous, and so superbly played, that it may be well the high-water mark of the year. Never has John Ford done a finer piece of direction, and he has given us compositional shots which are breath-taking in their beauty."

George Sanders is again seen as "The Saint" in the lead role of the latest adventure in this series, "The Saint In Palm Springs," now at the State Theatre, Hastings.

CHAMPIONSHIP LONG HEAD

Sheep Dog Events At Te Pohue

The Hawke's Bay championship long head was won by J. W. McGaveston's Zoe, at the first day of the Te Pohue Dog Trial Club's meeting.

Results of the opening events were:—

Hawke's Bay Championship
Long Head

J. W. McGaveston's Zoe, 93pts.	1
C. Lopdell's Speed, 88½pts.	2
A. Stead's Boy, 85pts.	3
W. Whyte's Boy 7, 84pts.	4

Club Event
Long Head

B. Luttrell's Speed, 46½pts.	1
J. McGaveston's Zoe, 46pts.	2
W. Whyte's Boy, 44½pts.	3

Open Maiden

K. Ruddenklau's Jill, 38½pts.	1
P. Pua's Flash, 38pts.	2
J. McGaveston's Finn, 37½pts. ..	3

PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR

1YA AUCKLAND

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 9.0: "With a Smile and a Song." 10.0: Devotional service. 10.20: "For My Lady." 10.45: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax." 11.0: "To Lighten the Task."
12.0: Lunch music. 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: "From Our Library." 2.30: Classical music. 3.30: "In Varied Mood." 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 7.0: News. 7.15: Sports talk by Gordon Hutter.
7.30: Sir Henry Wood and the Queen's Hall Orchestra. 7.41: "Poetry session." 7.56: Sir Hamilton Harty and the London Symphony Orchestra. 8.40: Studio recital by James Leighton (bass-baritone). 8.52: John Barbirolli and the New Symphony Orchestra. 8.57: Station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: Germaine Corney (soprano). 9.32: Marguerite Long (piano), with Paul Paray and the Colonne Symphony Orchestra. 10.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

2YA WELLINGTON

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 9.0: Morning variety. 10.10: Devotional service. 10.25: Favourite melodies. 10.40: "For My Lady." 11.0: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax." 11.15: Versatile artists.
12.0: Lunch music. 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: Classical hour. 3.0: "Apples Stage a Comeback." 3.15: Ballroom successes of the past. 3.32: Popular tunes. 4.0: Celebrity session. 4.15: Afternoon vaudeville. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 7.0: News 7.15: "Britain Speaks." 7.30: Reserved.
7.45: Melody Masters. The Queen's Hall Orchestra. 7.50: Lawrence Tibbett (baritone). 7.54: Irene Scharrer (piano). 8.0: The Poetry Hour. 8.15: Adalbert Lutter and his orchestra. 8.27: Choir of St. Mary's School, Bridgnorth. 8.30: A session with the world's workers, featuring a car salesman. 8.58: Station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: Grand Massed Brass Bands. 9.31: The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band. 9.37: Peter Dawson (bass-baritone). 9.43: The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards. 9.51: Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. 10.0: Rhythm on record. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

3YA CHRISTCHURCH

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 9.0: Morning melodies. 10.0: Elsie and Doris Waters. 10.30: Devotional service. 10.45: Light music. 11.0: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax." 11.15: "Help for the Home Cook." 11.30: Popular tunes.
12.0: Lunch music. 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: Music on Strings. 2.30: Rhythm Parade. 3.0: Classical hour. 4.0: Variety programme. 4.30: Light orchestral and ballad programme. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 7.0: News. 7.15: Talk.
7.30: Jacques Thibaud (violin) and Pablo Casals ('cello), with the Pablo Casals Orchestra. 8.3: Studio Recitals by Rita Simpson (mezzo-soprano) and Haagen Holenbergh (pianist). Rita Simpson. 8.15: Haagen Holenbergh. 8.40: Orchestre de l'Association des Concerts Lamoureux. 8.58: Station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: From the Studio: Jean MacFarlane (contralto). 9.40: Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra. 10.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

4YA DUNEDIN

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 9.0: Morning melodies. 10.15: Devotional service. 10.40: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax." 11.0: Sir Edward Elgar. 11.20: "Cooking by Gas." 11.35: In My Garden.
12.0: Lunch music. 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: Rhythms of the Keyboard: Afternoon reverie. 3.15: "Transformation for Houses." 3.30: Classical music. 4.30: Cafe music. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 7.0: News. 7.13: "A Backblocks Woman Remembers."
7.30: Debroy Somers Band. 7.40: "Dad and Dave." 7.53: "Rhumba Rhythms and Tango Tunes." 8.8: "The Dark Horse." 8.21: The Dreamers (vocal). 8.29: "Bundles." 8.58: Station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: Philadelphia Orchestra. 9.30: Readings by Prof. T. D. Adams. 10.0: Dance music. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

2YH NAPIER

7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 11.0: Light music.
12.0-2.0 p.m.: Lunch music. (12.15 and 1.15: B.B.C. news.)
5.0: For the Children. 6.0: "The Old-time The-Ayter." 6.15: B.B.C. news. 6.45: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." 7.0: After-dinner music. 7.30: Variety hour. 8.30: Dance session. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: The London Symphony Orchestra. 9.40: Peter Lescenco (baritone). 9.45: "Tales from the Pen of Edgar Allen Poe."

B.B.C.

6.0 a.m.: News. 7.30: Religious service. 8.30: Music of Britain. 8.45: News. 10.45: News. 11.0: "Questions of the Hour."
12 noon: News. 12.45: Listening Post. 1.15: Starlight. 1.45: Headline News and Views by J. B. McGeachy or Lindsay Fraser. 2.0: "Music of Britain. 2.45: "To-night We Present." 3.15: "At Your Request." 3.30: Newsreel. 4.30: News summary.
6.00 p.m.: Programme announcements. 6.15: News. 6.30: "Questions of the Hour." 6.45: Starlight. 7.45: "Music of Britain." 8.0: Headline News and News Commentary, Cyril Lakin or P. E. G. Bayley. 9.15: "To-day We Present." 9.30: Radio Newsreel (Pacific edition). 11.0: News.

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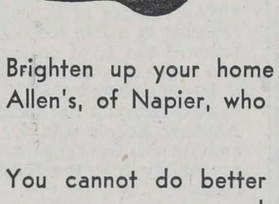

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Wainui, Wellington, to-day.
Kopara, Waikokopu, to-day.
Gabriella, Wellington, to-morrow.
Koutunui, Gisborne, to-morrow.
Kiwitea, Greymouth, April 20.
Pakura, Lyttelton, April 21.

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GABRIELLA: Is due to leave Wellington to-day for this port, and will arrive here to-morrow.

KOUTUNUI: Left Auckland on Wednesday night for Napier, and is expected here to-morrow.

KIWITEA: Left Westport yesterday for New Plymouth, Napier, and Gisborne, and is not expected here until April 20.

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TRAGEDY IN YUGOSLAVIA

There is, unfortunately, good reason to believe that the virtual collapse of Yugoslav organised resistance, which was reported in a late message in yesterday's "Daily Mail," has followed the great onslaught of the German forces on land and in the air. This development is all the more tragic when it is remembered that if Yugoslavia had rid herself of the local Quislings a few months ago, and had fallen in with Mr Anthony Eden's plan for a joint British, Yugoslav, Greek and Turkish front against German aggression, there is every probability that the Balkans would have been saved from disaster.

There is no question that Germany planned her campaign against Greece on the assumption that Yugoslavia was already in the Axis bag, but the last-minute resurgence of national consciousness in Yugoslavia came too late for Great Britain to afford her any great assistance, and the fact that that resurgence resulted in the rejection of the Axis alliance inspired the furious attack which Germany felt herself compelled to make in an effort to restore her damaged prestige.

The blitz bombing of Belgrade and other cities resulted in an almost complete breakdown of Yugoslav communications and left the country and the army in no state to repel the mechanised enemy forces which poured over the frontiers. The German plan to cut the defending forces in two was made easier by the fact that once the component fragments of the Yugoslav Army were separated none of them knew what was happening in other parts of the country. Defeat seems to have followed not through any lack of courage or fighting ability in the Yugoslav soldiers or their leaders but because the country was overwhelmed by sheer mechanised force.

To-day, Yugoslavia has fallen to the vulture States as Serbia fell in the last war when she was attacked by Austria and Germany and stabbed in the back by Bulgaria, a nation which makes a habit of such practices when neighbours seem likely to fall by the wayside. Nevertheless Yugoslavia's heroism will not be forgotten. It was not the fault of her King or people that their rejection of the easier path of capitulation, like their sacrifices in war, came too late.

THE DEFENCE OF EGYPT

While the state of the campaign in northern Africa is somewhat disquieting, it is difficult to find justification for the London "Daily Mail's" apprehensive agitation about a possible enemy attack on Egypt. Admittedly there is a threat to Egypt contained in the presence of Axis forces on the Libyan frontier, but the German army which has materialised in the Italian colony to recover much of the territory conquered by the British forces is not likely to find the invasion of Egypt any easier than the great Italian army which melted away before the advance of the Army of the Nile.

The two key points of any campaign against Egypt are Tobruk and Mersa Matruh. The first is the principal port of Cyrenaica, the distributing centre through which passed the bulk of the Italian supplies and reinforcements in the early days of the war in Africa. That port is still in British hands. Even if it had to be relinquished, it cannot be doubted that measures would be taken to make it useless to the enemy for a very considerable time. Meanwhile, enemy supplies have to be transported all the way from Tripolitania at the cost of a heavy expenditure of the most valuable commodity in mechanised warfare—petrol.

Mersa Matruh has been converted by the British into one of the strongest fortresses in the world. The defences were constructed in the days when it was assumed that the Italians would strike hard in an endeavour to open up the way to Alexandria and Suez, and the fact that the Italian commander could never bring himself to the point of launching an attack is a good indication of its strength. Further, the nature of the swamp and desert country on the Libyan-Egyptian frontier makes any advance impossible for mechanised forces unless Mersa Matruh is captured first. Before such a development is likely, the Imperial Army will have been reinforced, and the Germans will again be faced with their perpetual nightmare—a long-drawn-out campaign.

Personal

Mr C. Hutchinson, Gisborne, has returned after visiting Hastings.

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Mr G. A. Maddison, Mayor of Hastings, will return to-day from Wellington, where he attended to urgent council business.

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Mr S. Parkinson, Dunedin, left Hastings yesterday morning for the south after a vacation in Hawke's Bay.

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Mr L. C. Fargher, Hastings, secretary of the Hawke's Bay Labour Representation Committee, will return to-day from Wellington, where he attended the annual conference of the New Zealand Labour Party.

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Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P., returned to Hastings by the express yesterday afternoon.

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Trooper E. Burling, who has been spending a period of leave in Hastings, will return to Foxton camp to-morrow.

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Dr. Duncan Cook, Palmerston North is visiting Napier.

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Mr F. Mairs, Postmaster in Patea, has been appointed postmaster in Marton to replace Mr W. A. Sawyer, who was recently transferred on promotion to Hawera.

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Mr W. H. Plant, Far East regional director for the United States Steel Export Co., is making a tour of Australia and New Zealand.

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Mr H. E. Edgley, who recently underwent a major operation, is now making satisfactory progress, it was reported at last night's meeting of the Napier Chamber of Commerce.

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Acting on the advice of the Hon. W. E. Barnard, the Minister of Marine (Hon. R. Semple) has reappointed Messrs E. J. Herrick and L. Stephenson to the Napier Harbour Board as the Government nominees for the next three years.

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Major-General R. Young, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Dominion Commander of the Home Guard, will visit Hawke's Bay next week for the purpose of inspecting the Area. This was announced by the Area Commander (Lieutenant J. W. Snaddon) last night.

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The appointment of honorary Captain J. H. Hall as Public Relations Officer with the Second N.Z.E.F. was formally Gazetted last night. A memorandum states that Major C. A. L. Treadwell performed the duties of Public Relations Officer from March 6, 1940, to February 20, 1941.

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Lieutenant-Colonel K. L. Stewart general staff officer, has been promoted to colonel.

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In a list of promotions, etc., of officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the following squadron-leaders are appointed temporary Wing-Commanders: R. J. Sinclair and J. Seabrook. The following flight-lieutenants will be temporary squadron-leaders: C. L. Monckton, I. C. Horton, A. J. Turner, J. D. Hewett.

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Mr J. G. McLean, editor of the New Zealand "Observer" (Auckland) for the past 10 years, and one of the best known Rugby writers in the Dominion, has been appointed publicity director of the National Party. As a Rugby writer Mr McLean established an outstanding reputation and in 1930 was appointed Reuter's representative with the British team on its tour of New Zealand. He also covered the 1937 Springbok tour of Australia and New Zealand for Reuter's.

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According to a list of appointments and promotions in the personnel of the second New Zealand Expeditionary Force appearing in last night's Gazette, Major G. H. McNaught is appointed to command the Thirty-second Wellington Battalion with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; Major G. H. Heal, Second New Zealand Divisional Signals, is appointed Brigade Major. Major S. C. V. Sugden has relinquished the command of the prisoners of war camp and has been appointed to command a base reception depot.

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AT THE HOTELS

Mr J. E. Barlow (Liverpool), Mr W. Watkins (Portsmouth), Mr and Mrs T. A. Coleman, Miss M. A. Jackson, Mr T. Jackson, Mr D. H. McLeod, Mr M. H. Yarwood, Mr W. E. Aislabie (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs H. Hansen, Mr and Mrs P. D. Edwards, Mr R. A. McKerman, Mr and Mrs A. J. Tobin, Mr L. Brodie, Miss Tobin, Mr J. Doran (Wellington), Mr T. C. Sommerville (Dunedin), Mr and Mrs W. A. C. Briesman, Mr and Mrs H. J. Kirkwood (Stratford), Messrs T. J. and F. C. Davey, Mr Claude R. Sainsbury (Wairoa), Mr and Mrs Hubbard (Palmerston North) are at the Central Hotel, Napier.

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Mr and Mrs A. L. Wall, Mrs E. E. Gillon, Mr R. E. Gillon, Mr C. J. Henderson, Mr C. S. Sheldon, Mr J. M. East, Mr and Mrs Bridgens (Wellington), Mr W. P. McArthur, Mr A. L. McLean (Auckland), Mrs A. H. Russell (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs S. Auchor (New Plymouth), Mr and Mrs Allan Kitchen (Wanganui), Mrs A. M. Wall, Mr and Mrs R. Wilkinson (Dunedin), Mr A. C. Armstrong, Mr and Mrs A. Wood (Palmerston North), Mrs John Ormond (Waipukurau), Mrs J. D. Ormond, Miss Decima Ormond (Wallingford), Mr and Mrs Brookes, Mr and Mrs J. J. Still (Christchurch), Mr and Mrs M. Whiteman (Masterton), are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

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Mr H. Erhorn (Palmerston North), Mr T. Davie, Mr H. Finn, Mr G. Cloake (Wellington), Mr A. Groves (Waipukurau), Mr and Mrs T. Coghlan (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs Thomson (Dannevirke), Mr T. Pollard (Auckland), Mr and Mrs W. Hoggan, Mr A. McLean (New Plymouth), Mr T. Walker (Wairoa), Mr A. Lyall (Masterton) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

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Mrs C. Pattison (Waipawa), Mr J. B. Curd, Mr D. H. Lillicrap, Mr C. A. Mackie (Palmerston North), Mrs I. Kinder, Mr and Mrs R. C. Butters (Wellington), Mrs M. Patterson (Wairoa) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Messages from Greece

The Postmaster-General announces that the charge for Press telegrams from Greece to New Zealand has been reduced from 1/7 a word to 9½d. This substantial reduction is the result of negotiations with Cable and Wireless, Ltd., the communications company which is mainly concerned and which will bear the full cost of the reduction in charges.—Press Association.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Cook Islands Volunteers

The Rarotonga correspondent of the Press Association advises that eighteen men from the Cook Islands have enlisted for service with the New Zealand military forces. This number represents approximately 80 per cent of those eligible to enlist.

Shades of Winter

Planting for the spring is in full swing in Hastings reserves, said the superintendent (Mr J. G. C. MacKenzie) yesterday. Already the approaching winter season is reflected in coloured foliage in parks and gardens, Virginia creeper at Cornwall Park making an eye-taking display.

Aerodrome Lighting

The brightest spot of the North Taranaki coastal district for weeks has been the Royal New Zealand Air Force station at Bell Block, says the "Taranaki Daily News." A reduced lighting scheme was put into effect on a recent night and the marked glow disappeared. There was little sign of the station other than a few danger lights on tall erections near the landing field.

Appeal Deferred

The annual appeal for the necessary funds to finance the work of the Hawke's Bay Children's Home has been deferred until Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, on account of the drive for the Patriotic Appeal. The trustees feel confident that in spite of the many calls for the war the residents of Hawke's Bay will respond to this cause which has always commended itself to the generosity of the public.

Funds for Home Guard

A capitation grant of one shilling a quarter for each active member as a subsidy towards unit expenditure is to be made by the State for the Home Guard. The primary object is to provide funds for transport, lighting, stationery and incidental expenses in organising the various companies. It is understood that for the period to December 31, 1940, the grant will be at 2/- a head, with subsequent grants at 1/-.

Army Biscuit Contracts

Contracts involving the manufacture of between 8000 and 9000 tons of army biscuits have been accepted by eight New Zealand manufacturers, involving a cost of approximately £1,000,000. Altogether 12,000 tons was asked for. It is stated that provided the unions and the Government would agree to working hours for girls being extended in the industry, the full quantity asked for and more could be supplied. This large order will doubtless affect the manufacture for domestic consumption, and many fancy lines will go off the market.—Press Association.

Road Improvements

Motorists who knew the Taupo road of old would hardly recognise it as the same highway now that the Public Works improvement scheme has been almost completed. The first 30 miles have been tarsealed and offer no difficulties to drivers, while bad bends along the remainder of the route have been straightened. The Waipunga low-level road, which was to have eliminated the hill road past Tarawera, has been abandoned as a war measure and the camp is shut, but it is understood that the measure is only temporary.

Not Interested

"Anniversary Day in Hawke's Bay has no significance," declared Mr T. B. Fergusson, when a letter from the secretary of the Hawke's Bay Centennial Historical Committee (Mr A. M. Isdale), advocating a more tangible recognition of Hawke's Bay's Anniversary Day (November 1), was received by the Napier Chamber of Commerce last night. Mr Fergusson said that retailers were already conceding People's Day of the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society's Spring Show in lieu of Anniversary Day. He thought that he was voicing the sentiments of the retailers when he said that they were satisfied to let the present arrangements remain. The discussion lapsed when the chamber expressed the unanimous opinion that it was not interested in the proposal.

Ambulance Duties

Privates Cooper and Ferguson of the Hastings Sub-Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will be on duty at Havelock North to-morrow.

Airmen Overseas

Members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force serving outside New Zealand during the war are now deemed to be serving together and acting in combination with the Royal Air Force, according to a notice appearing in last night's Gazette.

Cook Islands Defence

The Cook Islands Local Defence Force Regulations, 1941, are issued with the latest Gazette. These state that the Resident Commissioner at Rarotonga may, at his discretion, raise and maintain an armed force to be called the Cook Islands Local Defence Force, for the purposes of internal police and the local defence of the Cook Islands.

Absentee Voting

No provision is to be made for absentee voting in the local bodies election, according to a telegram received yesterday by Mr H. Ian Simson, mayoralty candidate at Hastings, from the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash). Mr Simson has contended that some provision should be made for men in camp in the Dominion and overseas to exercise their privilege in the elections.

Moa Bones

It has been established that the bones discovered by Mr H. M. Bennett, Napier, on the site of the dam excavations at Taupo recently are the remains of a moa. It appears that the bones had been turned up by bulldozers, and when found were lying on top of a hill of spoil nearby. They have been identified by an expert as the vertebrae, femur, and skull of a small moa, and will be presented to the Hawke's Bay Museum for reconstruction.

Wireless Operators

The principal effect of the amended Shipping and Seamen's Act Wireless Regulations which were gazetted last night is to facilitate the supply of operators to meet the requirements of the Shipping and Radio Emergency Regulations, under which the Naval Board has power to require New Zealand ships to carry a greater number of operators than in peacetime. The amendments provide for the issue of provisional first, second and third grade operators' certificates to men after instruction in a special school, thus enabling them to go to sea at once.

Night Manoeuvres

Night manoeuvres were carried out by the No. 13 (Hastings) Company of the National Military Reserve at Windsor Park on Wednesday night when each platoon, acting independently, was required to march by given compass bearings to their destinations. The worth of the company's training was shown by the fact that nearly every unit reached the required points, although it was a dark night with rain constantly falling. Challenges by the "enemy" made the situation more realistic, and the whole operation was considered an excellent test of the capabilities of the platoon commanders and sergeants.

The engagement ring is the symbol of beauty, grace, constancy and devotion. Where all these virtues are bound in one purpose of fidelity as expressed in the engagement ring, how necessary it is that the ring should be exquisite in design and flawless in beauty. McClurg's Ltd. are the oldest established jewellers in Hawke's Bay, and their reputation is built on quality diamonds and fidelity of workmanship.—McClurg's, Jewellers, Napier.*

Donation Acknowledged

A donation of £2 2/- from Hugh Baird Ltd. is acknowledged by the secretary of the Havelock North soldiers' gift and parcel fund (Mr W. H. Anderson).

Breakfast Table

Two Germans met in Paris.
Karl asked Fritz: Got a job here?
Fritz: Yes, I sit on top of the Eiffel Tower and watch for the English to wave the white flag.
Karl: Is it good pay?
Fritz: Not much. But it's a lifetime job.

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"What qualifications are required to make a successful card-player?" asked Mrs Bowling, casually.
"Well, it's hard to say," replied her husband, thoughtfully. "A man must be cool, calculating, crafty, cunning, and have a touch of meanness in his disposition."
"Oh, John!" exclaimed his wife. "Surely you wouldn't like to play cards with such horrid people!"
"That's all right," the husband answered, proudly. "I nearly always win."

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A warplane crashed in a fiord, near a Norwegian village. A fisherman put out in a rowing boat to rescue two airmen floundering in the water.
The crowd ashore saw him drag the men into his boat and begin to row back. Suddenly he pulled in his oars, then threw both men overboard.
When he reached shore a policeman asked: "Why in —— did you throw those airmen into the fiord?"
The fisherman said: "I thought they were British, but they turned out to be Germans."
Policeman: But they were alive when you tossed them out.
Fisherman: One of them said he was alive, but you know what liars the Germans are.

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR RISING TEMPERATURES

Following is the Daily Mail's special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area:
Winds: Moderate to fresh southerly.
Weather: Becoming fair with slowly rising temperatures.
Seas: Moderating.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:—

Dry bulb temp.	54.5deg.
Wet bulb temp.	53.0deg.
Maximum temp.	59.5deg.
Minimum temp.	47.0deg.
Grass	42.0deg.
1ft. underground	53.5deg.
Rain	.05ins.
Wind	S.W.3.
Cloud	10
Rain for month	1.12ins.

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.	57.5deg.
Wet bulb temp.	55.5deg.
Maximum temp.	59.3deg.
Minimum temp.	50.6deg.
Grass	41.0deg
1ft. underground	59.5deg.
3ft. underground	64.6deg.
Sun	Nil
Cloud	10
Rain	.11ins.
Wind	S.W.2
Visibility	5
Humidity	84 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST

Winds: South-easterlies to easterlies continuing over the North Island, force fresh or strong in exposed positions in the northern half of the island but elsewhere moderate. Light to moderate and variable breezes in the South Island with north-westerlies and northerlies later predominating.

Seas—New Zealand waters: Rough north of Wairoa, elsewhere moderate. Eastern Tasman Sea: South-east to east winds, fresh in the northern portion with rather rough seas but light to moderate in the southern portion with slight seas.

Weather: Cloudy in eastern and far southern districts with scattered morning drizzle. Elsewhere fair to fine, but drizzle or light rain probably developing later in the extreme north. Temperatures cool but rising, especially in the south.

To-day's Diary

HASTINGS

Red Cross Address, Havelock North Town Board Hall, 8 p.m.
St. Luke's Bazaar, Havelock North.
The Theatres:
"The Saint in Palm Springs," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"Three Men From Texas," and "Black Diamonds," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m.
"Pride and Prejudice," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"Honolulu" and "And One Was Beautiful," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

NAPIER

The Theatres:
"Virginia City, Regent, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Tin Pan Alley," State, 2 and 8 p.m.
"The Man With Nine Lives," and "Give Us Wings," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

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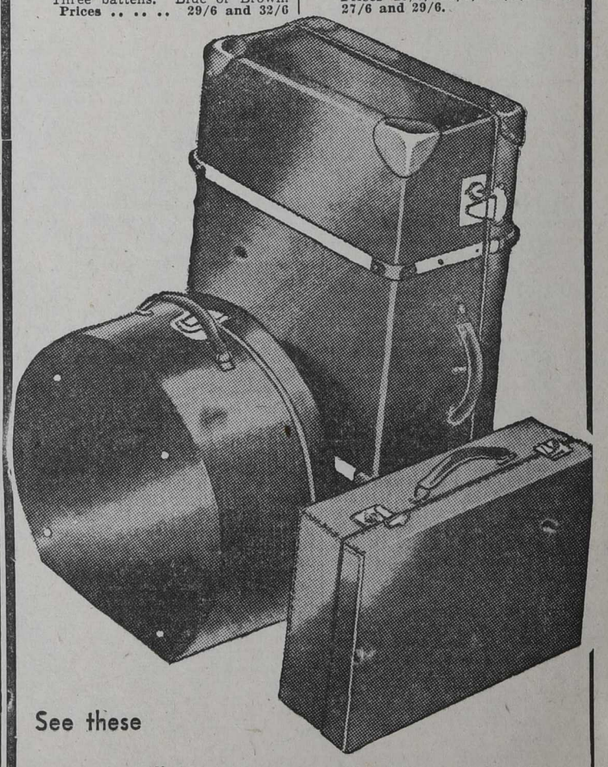

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TRIBUNAL'S TASK ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, SAY FARMERS

Aim Should Be To Prevent Rising Costs In Dominion

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WELLINGTON, April 17.

"At the present time the tribunal has been given a task that is almost impossible," said the secretary of the New Zealand Farmers' Union (Mr A. P. O'Shea) in a statement to the Price Investigation Tribunal on the application of the Wellington Harbour Board to increase charges by 10 per cent.

"It is to be hoped that the Government will realise the futility of the position and take the step that we have indicated. The tribunal should be placed in a position where it can actually prevent the rising costs rather than continue the present practice of merely seeing to it that only actual increased costs authorised by other bodies or incurred by reason of factors outside the control of the Dominion are added to prices."

In a comprehensive review of the situation in the Dominion the Farmers' Union stated:—

Financial and Economic Situation

Before proceeding to an examination of the details of this particular case, it is fitting that some thought should be given to the general economic and financial situation in the Dominion to-day. With the advent of the meat restrictions, and the further notification that the Dominion will not be able to ship as much butter as it shipped previously, it is obvious that the national income which is used (in the sense of the sum total of the goods available for distribution and consumption) must be seriously diminished.

For the production year ending September 30, 1941, it seems that £10,000,000 worth of our export products will be unexportable, and for the coming season £20,000,000 worth. The situation is liable to change rapidly, but prudence and the realities of the situation suggest that we should expect changes to be towards increased difficulties. The income from our exports is to be seriously curtailed, and at the present time a very large amount of our manufacturing production is being diverted to war purposes, and, therefore, the goods available for consumption in the Dominion will be greatly diminished.

There will be, of course, a surplus of meat and butter, but the demand for this surplus is relatively inelastic. Further, the fact that there is a surplus of these commodities cannot help very much in the problem of a less supply of consumption goods because the great shortage which must become apparent before very long will be in regard to manufactured articles.

It is submitted that this fact must be borne in mind by every governing authority in the Dominion, for it has a great bearing on the policy which should be pursued by every governing body.

Financial Situation Reviewed

At the same time as we are faced with a serious shortage of manufactured goods, the credit and currency position in the Dominion is in a very expanded state. The bank note issue which before the setting up of the Reserve Bank never averaged above £6,750,000 is to-day somewhere in the region of £23,000,000, and advances to the State for purposes other than the financing of the marketing of produce have reached a similar figure.

There is a considerable amount of loose money in circulation for which no consumable goods can be found, and for this reason alone no steps should be taken by any legislative authority—local or general—which may tend to accelerate the present inflationary trend.

Up till the present there has been no real attempt to implement the views of the Economic Stablisation Conference, and it must be stated with regret that more than one public authority has deliberately ignored the recommendations made by that gathering, and it must also be regretfully stated that there appears to be in New Zealand very little sense of financial responsibility at the present time.

Position of the Farmer

Attention must be drawn to the position of the farmer at the present time, because it is through the farmer that the great proportion of business and industry in New Zealand is affected. Once the income of the farmer decreases that decrease is in turn transmitted to those who serve the farmer and sell him goods.

The farmers' income has already been curtailed by the exclusion of certain classes of stock from the freezing works, and it is quite possible that if the war continues this process may be carried still further. It is vitally necessary that New Zealand's productive resources should be kept intact so that we can start when the war is finished to attain our previous living standards. If these productive resources are not kept intact then there will be a great leeway to make up at the conclusion of the war, and the longer will be the time that the country will have to labour under the handicap of a crippled farming economy. This fact does not appear to be generally recognised, but it is a fact nevertheless and one which will destroy many beautiful theories.

In any case the price of the farmer's produce has been fixed while his costs have been steadily mounting. He is the last man in the line and, therefore, cannot pass on increased costs and it is vitally necessary, therefore, that this process of loading increases on to the farmer should be checked.

Otherwise the result to the Dominion as a whole cannot be other than gravely harmful, as the farmer must restrict his expenditure on maintenance and production to a point where income again balances expenditure. This will be at a lower level of production and at the expense of future production capacity.

Wellington Harbour Board

It cannot be over-emphasised that there is no intention on the part of the New Zealand Farmers' Union to quarrel with the financial policy of the Wellington Harbour Board. This body is to be commended for the wonderful position which it has reached and for the careful and conservative methods which it has followed in all its financial operations. One has only to look at the tremendous reserves which the Harbour Board has, as divulged by the values at which some of its assets are standing in its books, to see that a very careful and prudent financial policy has been followed.

There is a further matter which must be carefully considered by the Tribunal, and that is the question of cost to the British Government. Whereas increases in costs of imported goods are loaded on to the consumer in the Dominion, the extra loading and charges of this nature in connection with our exports are borne by the British Government, and it is submitted that the idea that we can repeatedly ask the Government of the United Kingdom to foot the bill for war-time increases without any thought of the extra burden we are loading upon it cannot be too strongly condemned.

As a matter of fact, New Zealand, when it does this, is not doing the fair thing by the Empire, and it cannot be stated too pointedly that the man in the street in Great Britain has had his bill of fare further curtailed to pay for the war, while certain sections in New Zealand have actually made a profit on their peace-time rates. We must repeat that this is not doing the fair thing by the Old Country when she is fighting with her back to the wall.

Under the new arrangement restricting the number of ports of call, Wellington Port has to handle practically the whole of northern South Island and southern North Island overseas goods to avoid calls at additional ports. Consequently this application will affect a very wide area, and is of national and not local importance.

Prospects for the Future

It is relevant at this stage to refer to the fact that economy is essential on the part of everyone—Government. Local Body and individuals included—because a reduction in the standard of living of the people of the Dominion is inevitable. In this connection we would quote a memorandum attached to the general order of the Arbitration Court admending wages, industrial agreements, and apprenticeship orders, published on Friday, August 9, 1940. In this memorandum the judge of the Court stated, inter alia:

"It, of course, must not be forgotten that our present ecenomy depends on the maintenance of existing overseas shipping facilities. . . . the war must be paid for, and a reduction in the standard of living for the people of the Dominion as a whole is inevitable. The extent of that reduction so long as Britain is able to purchase our produce at present prices and our shipping facilities are maintained is principally influenced by our production."

It should be noted:—

(1) Our shipping facilities are not, and will not be, maintained;
(2) Britain is not able to purchase all our produce;
(3) The reduction in the standard of living of the people of New Zealand which the Judge stated to be inevitable is now imminent.

In the above circumstances it would appear that when next industrial wages and agreements come up for consideration, the Court will apply the principle stated in the memorandum as quoted above, and it would appear exceedingly likely, therefore, that the Harbour Board will obtain relief in its wages bill by an award of the Court in regard to wages which is lower than the present Award, the Court having indicated its views so plainly. In which case it may be anticipated that the Board will be able to so readjust its expenditure as to do without the increase for which it is now applying.

In view of the above considerations, we would suggest that the application of the board be held over for a period of 12 months, and that the board be urged to readjust its spending so as to bring its outgoings into line and more in keeping with the level of expenditure that the present financial and economic situation in the Dominion demands.

In conclusion we must point out that this application demonstrates the need for much wider powers to be given to the Price Tribunal.

WAR FRONT IN GREECE.—Black arrows show where the original German break-through occurred on the Greek frontier. The River Vistritsa, which the Germans have now crossed, takes a curving course into the Gulf of Salonika on the west and Mount Olympus (not shown on map) is situated near the town of Katerini. The main Allied defence line, should withdrawal be necessary, would run from the island of Corfu on the west to Volo on the east. Durazzo appears on the west, this being the town which is believed to have been occupied by Yugoslav troops driving to the rear of the Italians.

ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING

PRICE TRIBUNAL CASE

HARBOUR CHARGES

Wellington Board's Application

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, April 17.

An application by the Wellington Harbour Board for authority to increase by 10 per cent the dues and charges payable under its by-lays, and also to amend the cool-storage charges on cheese and fruit was heard by the Price Investigation Tribunal to-day.

The grounds for the application were increased working costs, principally due to increased wages paid to the board's permanent staff and to watersiders.

Mr A. P. O'Shea, secretary of the New Zealand Farmers' Union, appeared to oppose the increase.

Mr F. W. Reed, opening the case for the Harbour Board, said the increase on wages and income was estimated at £12,000 and that there would also be an increase of a like amount to the watersiders if the proposed increase of 10 per cent were granted.

The Board's Policy

The policy of the board had always been directed to frame its by-law charges with a view to producing only such a margin of revenue over expenditure as would suffice to cover the working and standing charges and to provide a reserve fund for contingencies.

After the statement on behalf of the Farmers' Union had been made, the hearing was adjourned to enable the board's representatives to obtain certain detailed information required by the tribunal and, incidentally, to give the board an opportunity to reconsider its application.

The tribunal, said Mr Justice Hunter, was loth to approve increases at present. Through a misunderstanding the case had not been presented as they would have wished. It would therefore be adjourned to enable the board's representatives to fill certain gaps in the information available.

Suggestion to Board

He suggested that the board might also take advantage of the adjournment to consider the whole matter afresh and to see whether it were not possible to hold over the application at least until the end of the financial year.

It was a long time since the decision to apply for increases was made, he said. The position of the country had radically altered since then and the board might feel that the question should be considered afresh.

The adjournment was made provisionally until after the May meeting of the board, but his Honour stated that if the board wished to resume earlier the tribunal would agree to do so.

"Under a Misapprehension"

Replying to his Honour, Mr Reed said he had come to the tribunal under a misapprehension. An officer of the tribunal had investigated the case and the facts had been placed before him. Consequently he concluded that when he attended the hearing it would be merely for cross-examination.

"We are not blaming you at all, Mr Reed," said his Honour.

"At one stage there was not to have been a public hearing, but when it was decided that the hearing should be public, it was essential that the board's case should be fully presented. I don't think any harm has been done," he added. "probably the adjournment is all to the good."

Support For War Savings Plan

NATIONAL SCHEME

Labour Conference Endorsement

BRITISH EXAMPLE

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, April 17.

The National Savings Scheme was unanimously endorsed by the annual conference of the New Zealand Labour Party to-day. Members of the party were urged to foster it wherever and whenever possible.

The national president (Mr James Roberts) said that the National Savings movement was specially planned to enable the working man to assist in this direction. It followed closely the English scheme to which British workers had subscribed £150,000,000.

He urged delegates, when they went back to their homes and work, to tell people of the value of national savings to the war effort and to encourage workers through the unions to open and operate National Savings accounts either privately or through a group at their places of employment.

Empire Pensions Plan

The Conference recommended that the Government should again endeavour to make reciprocal arrangements regarding all pensions with the British Commonwealth of Nations.

ENEMY CONVOY WIPED OUT

NAVY IN ACTION IN MEDITERRANEAN

DESTROYER LOST

Other Vessels Sunk At Valona

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LONDON, April 16.

Intercepted in the Mediterranean between Sicily and Tripoli, a strong south-bound enemy convoy of three destroyers and five transports and supply ships was wiped out by ships of the British Navy last night. Two other ships were sunk by aerial attack in Valona harbour.

Two of the enemy supply ships were of 5000 tons. These were heavily laden with motor transport, and were both sunk. Another ship was of 4000 tons, laden with ammunition, and the remaining two were of about 3000 tons and were probably transports. These were blown up.

One of the escorting destroyers was the Luca Tarigo, and this and two smaller destroyers were sunk.

Destroyer Sunk

The Admiralty regrets to announce that one of our ships, H.M.S. Mohawk, a destroyer, was hit by a torpedo during the operations and sank. The majority of the ship's company, however, including the commanding officer, were saved.

The Mohawk was a vessel of the Tribal class, many of which have distinguished themselves in various operations since the war began. They are ships of 1870 tons armed with eight 4.7 inch guns, and carry a complement of 190.

The Luca Tarigo was launched in 1928, and was a vessel of 1628 tons displacement. She had a main armament of six 4.7 inch guns.

Additional activity by the Fleet Air Arm over Valona harbour southern Albania, resulted in the sinking of a 6000-ton merchant ship and a 7000-ton ammunition ship.

CONSCRIPTION IS SUPPORTED

MEN, MATERIALS, WEALTH

LABOUR VIEW

Conference Rejects Repeal Remit

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, April 17.

A remit asking for the repeal of conscription was considered and rejected at the annual conference of the New Zealand Labour Party at Wellington to-day. The conference reaffirmed the motion adopted at a special conference last year providing for the conscription of men, materials and wealth to the extent made necessary by war requirements.

Another remit suggested that the Emergency Regulations should be repealed. The conference decided that these regulations were necessary for the complete control of the Dominion in connection with its war effort, and expressed confidence that the Labour Government would not operate the regulations longer than absolutely necessary.

Defence Report.

A report by the committee on defence, which outlined the measures taken by the Government to assist the Mother Country and to defend New Zealand was presented. The following motion was carried unanimously:

"That the conference congratulate the Minister of Defence on the manner in which he has carried out his onerous and highly-important duties. It has every confidence in the Government and in its ability to direct New Zealand's war effort and is confident that the Government will give ample consideration to the sphere of activities to which New Zealand soldiers are sent overseas while giving particular attention to the requirements of the defence of New Zealand.

Camps as Health Centres.

The post-war use of military camps to provide holidays for mothers with families was suggested in a remit.

The Hon. F. Jones said that this proposal had been before the Government when it set out to establish military camps and the lay-out of each camp, especially of the three mobilisation camps, had been designed to some extent at least with the ultimate object of making them available for a community health purpose after the war.

The conference congratulated the Government on its foresight in this connection.

The Minister of National Service (the Hon. R. Semple) addressed the conference on the work of his department. The following motion was carried: "That the conference recommend the Labour Party unreservedly to support the Emergency Reserve Corps organisation, the Home Guard, the Emergency Precautions Scheme and the Women's War Service Auxiliary as at present organised."

STRUCK BY SCOOP OF EXCAVATOR

Man Fatally Injured At Orakei

By Telegraph—Press Association
AUCKLAND, April 17.

Struck by the scoop of a large excavator which he was helping to load on a trailer at Orakei railway overbridge, an employee of the Public Works Department suffered injuries from which he died almost immediately. He was:

Alfred Edward Phelan, 60,. Ponsonby.

Phelan, a married man, was struck on the head by a scoop which dropped during the loading operation. He was extensively injured and died before help could be brought.

He was a brother of Mr E. J. Phelan, No. 1 Transport Licensing Authority.

Whole Front In Contact

WAR IN GREECE

Germans Exert Greater Pressure

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LONDON, April 16.

To-day's communique from British General Headquarters in Cairo, says: "Our troops in Greece are now in contact with the enemy along the whole of our front."

While heavy fighting is going on in more than one sector in Greece, the Germans have not yet launched a major attack against the Allied line.

There is one report of the Germans having crossed the Vistritza River, which runs from a point north of Mount Olympus to the south, and then north-west to Kastoria.

Line Unbroken

The British War Office, however, state: that there is no confirmation from the Greek or British commands in Greece of a rumour, derived from German sources, that the Allied line has been broken in the Mount Olympus sector and that the Plain of Lerisha has in consequence been laid open to a German advance. Heavy fighting is taking place in more than one sector of the Allied line.

The Athens Radio states that the position is still characterised by all the difficulties of the withdrawal of our troops to strongly fortified positions, but that it will take shape in a few days.

The whole front is, however, now in contact with the enemy.

The Allied defence lines run through mountainous country where there are only two negotiable passes which are considered unsuitable for rapid mechanical advances.

Test of Strength

A message from Cairo says that each side appears to be testing the other's strength by means of patrols. The initiative in most cases is being taken by the Germans.

A report from Athens says that in western Macedonia the Germans have thrown into the battle considerably heavier forces, supported by the air force, to improve the slight thrust westward made a few days ago. The Greeks are inflicting severe losses on the enemy, and tank attacks have been repulsed by Empire forces.

The Germans are using numbers of dive bombers in Greece but these are being steadily defeated.

The New Zealand and Australian units in the Middle East will now be known as the Anzac Corps.

FIERCER GERMAN ATTACKS

GREEKS SHORTEN THEIR LINES

LONDON, April 16.

Military circles in London declared to-day that the enemy pressure on the Allied lines in Greece was increasing. The Empire forces and the Greeks, holding the line from Mount Olympus on the right and stretching north-west towards Koritza, in south-east Albania, they added, were facing fierce German attacks.

An Ankara report that the Germans have penetrated the Allied lines is emphatically denied. Further there is no truth in a report that the British are withdrawing from Greece.

The Athens correspondent of the British United Press says that the Greek army is waiting confidently in new defence lines which have been shortened and now run across mountains which are difficult for mechanised forces. Peaks tower 3000 feet over rocky valleys, and are strongly held.

The German motorised units in the central area of northern Greece, after battering their way to Kozhani and Siatista, are now confronted with what appears to be an almost suicidal path through the Saranda-poro and Kalambaka passes, the only two which are negotiable.

Japan Awaits Her Chance

SOUTHWARD POLICY

Future Hangs On Events In Europe

BRITAIN'S FATE

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TOKYO, April 17.

The "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" asserts that the Japanese Government is ready to dispose of pending diplomatic issues one by one with the new Soviet Pact as a trump card.

The paper said that Prince Konoye was planning to re-examine all foreign policies after Mr Matsuoka's return from Europe, adding: "Paralleling the German advance in the Balkans and the bottling up of the British fleet in the Mediterranean by a blockade of the Suez Canal and the British Isles, Japan's Greater East Asia policy will be pushed with renewed vigour.

"The Government, however, will continue to push negotiations with Washington, making every effort until the last moment to avert further aggravation."

PRIME MINISTER REPLIES TO NATIONAL PARTY PLAN

Coalition Proposal Deferred Until Mr Fraser's Return From England

(By Telegraph—Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, April 17.

In a statement made at the Labour Party conference on the Opposition proposal to form a National Government, the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) while not rejecting the proposal, said it was impossible to agree to it on the eve of his departure for Britain. It would receive full consideration immediately on his return.

Mr Fraser's attitude was approved by the conference.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr S. G. Holland) commenting on Mr Fraser's reply, said the statement would receive his careful consideration in consultation with his colleagues.

Mr Fraser's statement is as follows:

"Shortly after the recent adjournment of Parliament, Mr Holland, Leader of the Opposition, and I discussed the war situation and the possible course of events both at home and abroad during my absence on the projected visit to the United Kingdom.

"I expressed the opinion that it was most desirable that during my absence political controversy in the Dominion should be reduced to a minimum, and that both the Government Party and the Opposition Party should agree at least to suspend active public platform propaganda.

War Cabinet Invitation

"I verbally invited Mr Holland to join the War Cabinet and expressed my earnest wish that he could see his way to do so. I stated that I proposed to follow this verbal invitation with a formal written one after he had time to give adequate consideration to the matter.

"Yesterday afternoon Mr Holland informed me that a caucus of the Opposition Party had met and had come to the conclusion that the formation of a National Government was necessary and that the Opposition was prepared to participate in a National Government.

"Leading to Confusion"

"I pointed out to Mr Holland that it was not possible for me to agree to the proposal on the eve of my departure for the United Kingdom. I felt that such a step at the moment would lead to undesirable confusion and therefore would not promote national unity.

"I further made it clear that I did not reject the proposal, and undertook that immediately on my return from the United Kingdom it would receive full consideration in the light of the circumstances then prevailing, and that a decision would be made.

Election Postponement?

"I stated that in the opinion of the Government the question of the postponement of the general election which might be advisable and even inevitable owing to war developments, would necessarily involve the question of the formation of a National Government and that neither I nor my colleagues would even suggest a postponement if its only effect was to retain the Government in office.

"I again invited Mr Holland to join the War Cabinet and to assist in the all-important work being ably carried on by all members of that body pending my return to New Zealand.

A Party Truce

"I also expressed the hope that during the period of my absence on war work and consultation with the British Prime Minister and War Cabinet a party truce, to be made as effective as possible, could be mutually arranged.

"Last evening Mr Holland was good enough to furnish me with a copy of the statement which appears in this morning's Press. I hope that in view of what I have said and the additional fact that I am leaving sooner than I anticipated, the question can be further considered by the Opposition Party and that Mr Holland can see his way to serve during my absence in the War Cabinet which directs and controls New Zealand's war effort."

SUPER-ENVOYS FROM GERMANY

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NEW YORK, April 17.

The "Daily News" states that the German Foreign Office has decided to appoint a roving super-envoy to every continent in both hemispheres.

Dr Kurt Reith has already arrived in South America and Heinrich Stahmer has been allotted Asia.

The Foreign Office has withheld appointments in North America, Africa and the Antipodes "pending a few adjustments."

Heavy Raid On Belfast

ATTACK ON HARBOUR

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LONDON, April 16.

A communique issued in Belfast states that Belfast bore the brunt of indiscriminate enemy air attacks on Northern Island last night. High-explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped at random over the city. Many fell in residential and shopping areas, causing numerous casualties, many fatal. Other bombs damaged industrial and commercial premises.

Many of the enemy aircraft in the raids against Northern Ireland passed over Dublin and other neutral territory in Eire and used the city lights as a guide to their Ulster targets.

Fire brigades from other towns were sent to Belfast to assist in the fire-fighting.

Protest Expected

The Belfast correspondent of the "Evening Standard" says: "There is strong feeling here about those lights in Eire. A protest may be sent to the Eire Government asking it to speed up its preparations for the blackout of Dublin."

A feature of the reaction in Ulster to the raids is a rush on the recruiting offices to join the Army, Navy, and R.A.F.

A German communique says: "Strong formations attacked Belfast, scoring direct hits on the harbour and armament works, and causing extensive fires at the Harland and Wolff shipyard."

NO MILITARISTIC POMP

BRITISH ENTRY INTO ADDIS ABABA

SOLEMN SCENE

Welcomed By Natives And Europeans

British Official Wireless
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RUGBY, April 16.

Describing the entry into Addis Ababa of British Imperial forces, an event which virtually ended the Italian East African Empire, a war correspondent says: "The Italian soldiers and police left in Addis Ababa maintained order and gave us the British salute. Abyssinians flocked towards us with arms outstretched in the Fascist manner. European men and women welcomed us with occasional smiles, but for the most part they stared goggle-eyed at this most unwary occupation.

"My African servant in the truck behind mine exclaimed with astonishment: 'Why, they're happy!' Small boys ran forward to sell us newspapers whenever one of our cars stopped. There was no trace of hosility anywhere although soldiers looked down on us from the windows of houses, puzzled because there were no armoured cars to protect our procession."

When the palace of the Duke of Aosta was reached the correspondent saw an Italian guard of honour drawn up and a crowd of notables assembled.

"General Mombrine, Military Governor of Addis Ababa, stood with the Mayor in the middle of a doorway and received the British general. A civilian secretary came forward from the palace and helped us to spell the more difficult names of the Italian generals and we assisted him with probable details of the arrival of British vehicles.

"The surrender ceremony, when the British leaders arrived, was the shortest possible. High British officers came up preceded by a squad of Italian motor-cycle police. Their staffs accompanied them, but they brought no troops or arms except one armoured car flying the Union Jack, which was home made by the daughter of a former acting-Governor of Kenya, General Harrigan. The British general, after being greeted by the Italian representatives and receiving the salute from the guard of honour, went quietly to the house.

Pageantry of Flags.

"The only pageantry was provided by the flags. An Italian flag which had been hauled down was flown again in order to be ceremoniously struck with full honours, after which it was an extraordinary sight to see one. The Union Jack was greeted with the Fascist salute by Italian officers and the guard as it was broken at the top of the mast.

"None but the British could have so unostentatiously occupied a city which had been the object of such arduous fighting.

"The attitude of the Abyssinians showed that they were delighted with the British occupation and even the Italians did not appear to mind losing the campaign. They were relieved at having escaped a major rising of the Abyssinians in Addis Ababa."

The correspondent says that later he found himself in the midst of an immense crowd of Abyssinians coming from a conference with the British general where problems had been discussed, and the general asked the inhabitants to refrain from committing reprisals against the Italians in order to save the British forces from the necessity of spending too much energy in policing Addis Ababa so that the fullest use of as many troops as possible to break the Italians' final resistance could be made.

Drive Through Streets.

The correspondent later drove through the streets where, when he was recognised as English, he was received with remarkable demonstrations of thanks.

Summing up his impressions of the drive he says: "I have never seen emotion to compare with this demonstration. We drove off deeply moved, feeling that for one moment we stood as the personification of Britain."

NO REQUEST MADE TO EIRE

Bases For Britain

AMERICA STAYING NEUTRAL

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WASHINGTON, April 16.

The Secretary of State (Mr Cordell Hull) stated to-day that the Government had no intention of asking the Eire Government to grant the use of naval bases to Britain. He said there had been no discussion on the question with Eire officials here. The Eire Defence Minister has been conferring with Mr Hull in an effort to purchase supplies of arms.

Festival Winners Demonstrate

CONCERT AT NAPIER

Championship Cups Presented

AUDIENCE DELIGHTED

A demonstration concert in the Municipal Theatre, Napier, brought to a close the Competitions Society's Easter festival. A large audience was given a splendid musical entertainment, and the enthusiastic reception of each item left no doubt as to the ability of the various performers.

Every phase of the musician's and dancer's art was represented, and the wealth of talent available augurs well for the cultural future of Hawke's Bay.

The high praise given by the dancing, vocal and elocutionary adjudicators at the conclusion of the competitions was amply justified.

Successful Festival

During the interval the awards were presented by the president of the society (Mr W. Harvey), who had that from the society's point of view the festival was a complete success, the only disappointing feature being the poorness of the houses.

To those competitors who had failed to win events he proffered a word of encouragement, urging them not to lose heart but to determine to succeed at a later attempt. Mr Harvey stated that the eulogistic comments of the adjudicator should be a source of pride to Hawke's Bay people.

The winners of awards were as follows:—

The Awards

Champion vocalist, Leider Cup: Miss K. Galbraith, Napier.

Champion vocalist, man: Mr W. Bentley, Hastings.

Champion elocutionist: Miss Valerie McCombe.

Elocution, Challenge Cup presented by Miss Patricia Trower, Wellington: Miss Megan Ace, Napier.

Medal presented by Miss Meryl K. Daniels, Wellington: Miss M. Crawford, Wellington.

Champion piano, challenge rose bowl, presented by Mr J. D. Briasco, Napier: Mr T. Hanlon, Hastings.

Dancing: Silver challenge cup presented by Miss Dorothy Daniels, Wellington: Miss M. Croskery, Gisborne.

Challenge cup, presented by the Joan Raine School of Dancing: Miss Shirley Clarke, Napier.

Challenge cup, presented by Napier Dance Teachers' Group: Miss P. Thompson, Napier, and Miss I. Pothan, Hastings, equal.

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.

Hastings Election

Sir,—I have to thank you for enlightenment regarding the characters of the Hastings Ratepayers' Association.

The representative quoted, however, points out that the association is not opposing the Labour Party in the Borough Council elections. This does not seem logical.

There will be, I understand, seven official Labour candidates for whom the party will ask the electors' support. The Ratepayers Association will also seek support for its "ticket." Does not this mean opposition?—I am, etc.,

MINEHAHA.

April 17.

Mr Simson's Address

Sir,—Your report of my meeting meets with my approval, except that you did not convey the substance of my advertisement when I asked the Hastings electors to come and hear me speak on "World Affairs," "Our Yesterdays," and "The Future in the Distance."

I never in word or advertisement asked them to enter to an address on the past administration or the maladministration of the borough's affairs.

I keep my powder dry, as, like benzine, I easily explode and the years of experience in these matters tell me that it is the duty of the Mayor (Mr Rainbow) to give an account of his stewardship. After Mr Rainbow I will come along and give you my own view on local matters.

Mr Plumley and Mr Rainbow were both in the field before me "but the last shall be first" and it will be my privilege and pleasure to do the correct thing before election day.—I am, etc.

H. IAN SIMSON.

YUGOSLAV ARMIES BEATEN

UNIFIED RESISTANCE ENDED

BRITISH REPORT

Geurillas Continue To Fight

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It is authoritatively announced hat information received in London ndicates that the situation in Yugolavia is bad and that unified and ontrolled resistance to the Germans as ceased. There is still some reistance, however, and guerilla warare is continuing against the Gerans, particularly against their nes of communication, but the ituation cannot be regarded optiistically.

According to a British United ress correspondent, German bombrs killed between 2000 and 3000 ersons when they bombed Belgrade n April 6, and one-fifth of the city as destroyed.

MONROE DOCTRINE IS AGAIN IN THE NEWS

A Vague Policy That Has Been Interpreted In Many Ways

Greenland, it is announced, has been brought within the scope of the Monroe Doctrine. What is this fundamental basis of United States foreign policy? How did it originate? Who was Monroe? These questions are answered in the following article.

The Monroe Doctrine is neither a law nor an agreement, but a policy. It exists for Americans only, and, being unilateral, has no place in international law. It is, above all, unwritten.

All Americans talk about it, each interpreting it in his own vague way. Taking the average of their utterances, we conclude that the Monroe Doctrine means simply: "Hands off America," and generally also implies the converse: "Don't let the United States get involved in European squabbles."

James Monroe (1758-1831), America's fifth president, did not invent his doctrine. When he referred to it in widely-separated paragraphs of his Presidential message on December 2, 1823, he was summing up what most Americans took for granted. True, he had published, 26 years before his pamphlet, "A View of the Conduct of the Executive in the Foreign Affairs of the United States," and earned by it Washington's strong disapproval. But the special circumstances of 1823 made his idea timely and important. Then it was the Holy Alliance against a dictator that America feared, not Napoleon himself.

Spain's South American colonies had just broken away from her, and the United States were determined that this contact with Europe should not be renewed. Great Britain approved of America's attitude in Canning's famous claim. "I called in the New World to redress the balance of the Old."

Monroe's Message

Here are the key passages of Monroe's message: "In the wars of the European Powers in matters relating to themselves we have never taken any part, nor does it comport with our policy so to do. It is only when our rights are invaded or seriously menaced that we resent injuries or make preparations for our defence. . . .

"With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European Power we have not interfered and shall not interfere. . . . It is impossible that the Allied Powers should extend their political system to any portion of either continent without endangering our peace and happiness. . . The American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonisation by any European Powers."

Note that this contains no actual compact with other republics in the American continents to protect them from European aggression. It is cautious, "peace-and-safety," even selfish; and that it helped the newborn nations of South America was quite accidental. Thus the United States took no part in any congress with Latin America until 1889.

Nevertheless the doctrine has been enforced when convenient: e.g., against Maximillian, Mexico's one-year Hapsburg Emperor, and against De Lessep's proposed Panama Canal.

Distrust of Europe

The United States regarded Europe as the old slave-master, the enemy of her republican institutions. That distrust still lurks under many American hats. It makes the doctrine a good old election cry, and links up naturally with "short-of-war," "isolation," and "our-Way-of-Life."

It is also seen by some critics as a cloak for "American imperialism" beginning in 1898 with the acquisition of Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines, after the Spanish-American War, and the annexation of Hawaii. This was the era of Theodore Roosevelt's "Big Stick" policy, gravely feared by Latin Americans, who saw the Monroe Doctrine threatening to become an international police power in the Western Hemisphere—very different from Monroe's own time, which was called "the era of good feeling." Not until Franklin Roosevelt's "Good Neighbour" policy did they feel at all reassured.

The doctrine was also United States' reason for not joining the League of Nations; instead, she formed her own Pan-American Union. Now, even Japan, persuaded by the Axis, has a "Pacific Monroe Doctrine" to cover her "sphere of influence" in the totalitarian "New World Order."

D.F.C. For Two N.Z. Airmen

FURTHER AWARDS

Both Serving With R.A.F.

WELLINGTON MEN

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, April 17.

Advice has been received by Air Headquarters that two more New Zealanders serving in the Royal Air Force have been awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses. They are:

Wing Commander Geoffrey Tyford Jarman, and Flying Officer Charles Aylmer Pownall.

Wing Commander Jarman was born in 1906 and was educated at Wellington College. He represented North Otago at Rugby football in 1930. He was later accepted for a short service commission in the Royal Air Force. He is a son of Mr A. Jarman, Penrose Street, Lower Hutt. He was married in England, and his wife and two children arrived in New Zealand late in 1940.

Flying Officer Pownall was born in Wellington in 1915 and was educated at Rongotai and Wellington Colleges. He was selected for a short service commission in March, 1939, and after training in New Zealand at the Wanganui Aero Club and the R.N.Z.A.F. Station at Wigram, left to join the Royal Air Force. His father is Mr A. E. Pownall, Matai Road, Wellington.

NIGHT FIGHTERS BEAT BOMBERS

March Record Already Broken

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Fifty-six night raiders have been destroyed over Britain so far in April—nine more than for the whole of March, which was a record month.

Eight German bombers were shot down last night—six by R.A.F. fighters and two by anti-aircraft guns.

"In mid-Victorian days," writes Dr. Ernest Chatemore, in a medical journal, "doctors seemed to regard smoking with less favour than does the modern practitioner who, while recognising that tobacco may sometimes prove highly injurious, nevertheless contends that when this happens the smoker is generally himself to blame for failing to exercise more discrimination in his choice of brands. Impure tobacco, i.e., tobacco with a high nicotine content, is certainly to be avoided, but if really good it may benefit the smoker, for it dispels worry and may prove very helpful in assisting mental effort." But really pure tobacco is not so common as may be supposed. Fortunately for New Zealand smokers our Dominion is the home of "toasted," famous throughout the land for its exquisite purity and comparative freedom from nicotine, eliminated by the toasting process in the course of manufacture. For flavour, fragrance, and all-round excellence "toasted" stands alone. Ask for any of the five genuine toasted brands: Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullshead), Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), Cavendish, Riverhead Gold and Desert Gold, and you'll avoid imitations.*

BALANCE OF DRAFT FOR TRENTHAM

Overseas Training

MEN FROM NO. 7 AREA

Mobilisation Next Week

A further list of men completing the draft from the No. 7 Area which is to go into the Trentham Mobilisation Camp on April 22 for overseas training was released by the Staff Area Officer at Napier last night.

For the sake of convenience, the men have been grouped under their respective sub-areas.

The men affected are as follows:

NAPIER.—Anderson, J. W. G.; Birse, J. N.; Gibbs, W. D.; Newman, T. F.

HASTINGS.—Britten, R. T.; Burnard, J. J.; Campbell, W. D.; Currie, D. M.; Driscoll, V. M.; Evans, L.; Graham, T. M.; Hallagan, J. D.; Haworth, M.; Hemingson, E. J.; Humphreys, F. E.; Kelleher, J.; McKay, D. G.; Meldrum, H. W.; Mangos, B. C.; Vercoe, R. H.; Lincoln, L.; Magnussen, E. F.; Mahon, H. G.; Tibbles, D. A.; Underwood, T. W.; Walford, T.

DANNEVIRKE.—Galloway, H. J.; Hackett, L. T. J.; Harvey, J. M.; Hanaray, E. J.

GISBORNE.—Bookcock, J. S.; Edelsten, J.; Hillyard, G. F.; Holter, W. H.; Johnson, G. H.; McKay, R. B.; McMillan, N. R.

Men to join the Medical Corps at Trentham on the same day are: Hooper, R. D., and Mayo, H. P.

The above Hastings men will parade at the Drill Hall, Hastings, at 8.15 a.m., and will depart for Trentham on the morning express. Waipawa and Waipukurau men will also catch the morning express.

Men proceeding for the 10th Heavy Regiment (Fort Dorset) on Wednesday, April 23, are:—

Borrie, R. A.; Campbell, J. S.; Crook, S. E.; Heaton, J. D. D.; Rasmussen, A. H.

The above men will report at the railway station, Hastings, at 8.40 a.m. and will proceed by the morning express to Wellington.

N.Z. Women Are Safe

SHIP SURVIVORS

Whereabouts Not Yet Known

MESSAGE RECEIVED

By Telegraph—Press Association
CHRISTCHURCH, April 17.

Six months ago the ship in which Miss Phillipa Acland, Christchurch, was returning to New Zealand was lost as a result of enemy action and no definite information about the fate of the passengers and crew was received by her relatives.

Yesterday Miss Acland's parents, Mr and Mrs H. D. Acland, received a cablegram from a relative in England stating that a message dated January 12 had been received from Miss Acland: "We are quite well and are being well looked after." The message added that there was no need for relatives to worry.

Another passenger by the same ship was Miss Harcourt, Wellington.

"FARMERS BEING LET DOWN"

PROBLEM OF COMING SEASON

STRONG PROTEST

Mr W. W. Mulholland's Objection

By Telegraph—Press Association
DUNEDIN, April 17.

"The National Council of Primary Production, of which the Minister of Agriculture (the Hon. J. H. Barclay) is head, is letting the farmers down."

In these words, Mr W. W. Mulholland, Dominion president of the Farmers' Union, to-day concluded a spirited protest dealing with the fact that the farmers have not as yet been apprised of what will be expected of them in the coming season.

"There is no earthly reason why this information should not have been given to the farmers," he said. "There has been no meeting of the national council since February, and during that time we have been trying to adjust the most serious crisis that primary producers in the Dominion have ever faced.

Need For Information.

"I have stressed to the Minister and the respective officials again and again the urgency of getting out to the farmers information as to what they should do in the coming season.

"At the request of the Minister I stayed in Wellington helping to draft a programme. So far the only result is that a wheat programme has been published.

"Since then things have come to such a pass that farmers in New Zealand have every cause for complaint. Again I say that there is no earthly reason why the new season's programme should not have been drawn up, particularly as it affects cattle and sheep."

The "Oolazah Oozings"

STRANGE NEWSPAPER

Town Barber Was The Editor

CEASED PUBLICATION

The "Oolagah Oozings," the world's most unusual weekly newspaper, the five-star final of the hot stove league, has ceased publication, says an American writer.

"The danged thing just wouldn't pay, and I couldn't afford to carry it," explained the editor, Bill Hoge, who also is Oolagah's only barber.

His editorial sanctum and tonsorial parlour, both housed in a one-room frame shack at the intersection of Cow Trail Boulevard and Coo-Wee-Scoo-Wee Avenue, look like something that was left after a tornado passed through.

The collapse of the "Oozings," which ranked second only to the native-sonship of the late Will Rogers as this town's greatest claim to fame, ends one of journalism's most original experiments.

"Bill" never allowed the facts to interfere with the preparation of his copy for the "Oozings," which circulated in 40 States and seven foreign countries.

He invented the "Panther of Skunk Hollow" to thrill his readers. There hasn't been a panther near Oolagah since the last circus train went through. But "Bill" even organised a posse to track it to its lair.

Bill Rogers, son of Oklahoma's Will Rogers, and publisher of the Beverley Hills Citizen, was "Art Editor." Cal Tinney, columnist and radio entertainer, was "Hog Editor."

"Wild Hoss" Cholley, a Tulsa physician, whose name was never published, was "News Common Tater." A Browder Reser, retired Oolagah jeweller, was "Weekly Weather Forecaster."

Nobody asked for or received any pay.

WHEN DARWIN WENT WITHOUT MILK

Dairyman On Jury Kept From His Cows

Daily Mail Special Service.
SYDNEY

Recently Acting Judge Bathgate had to decide between keeping a Supreme Court jury locked up for the night and letting Darwin's children have their milk the next day.

When his Honour told the jury on a case that they would have to be locked up for the night the foreman asked to be excused. He said that he had a dairy and if he could not go home his cows would not be milked and next day there would be no milk for the children of Darwin.

His Honour said that he could not excuse the foreman as a jury was not allowed to separate.

The Court adjourned to seek a way out. Finally the foreman suggested that the Court should sit that night to try to finish the case.

The case was not finished, however; the jury, including the foreman, was locked up and the cows were not milked.

BLAZE IN AUCKLAND FACTORY

£4000 Damage In Half An Hour

By Telegraph—Press Association
AUCKLAND, April 17.

Loss estimated at about £4000 was caused in half an hour by a spectacular fire which destroyed stock and damaged the premises of G. C. Goode and Co., a cabinetmaking firm in Lorne Street, late this afternoon.

Speedy work by two brigades confined the flames to the back of the three-storey building, saving stocks of veneers and completed furniture worth hundreds of pounds.

In its brief course the fire filled a portion of Queen Street between Victoria Street and Wellesley Street, with acrid smoke, which attracted hundreds of spectators.

Poppy Day At Hastings

TO-DAY'S OBSERVANCE

Significant Emblem Of Remembrance

FLOWER OF BATTLE

"People are giving with their usual generous spirit," said a woman collector yesterday who was one of the many helpers visiting Hastings homes this week selling poppies for the R.S.A. Poppy Day will be observed in Hastings to-day and in Napier next Thursday.

It is interesting to recall events leading up to the adoption of a common emblem of remembrance by the Allies of the War, 1914-1918.

Soldiers first saw the red European poppy growing in Gallipoli. They grew profusely in the coastal area of Palestine in the spring, and on every front in Europe they appeared in profuse quantities in spring and early summer. Particularly where trenches had been dug, where the earth had been torn up by shells, where men had fought and died, they seemed to grow more luxuriantly than elsewhere. It was a common experience during the trench warfare in France that "No Man's Land," between the trenches of the opposing armies, was a glorious mass of crimson poppies—about the only life that was there.

The Poppy Immortalised

John MacCabe immortalised the poppy, before it was adopted by the Allies as a symbol of remembrance, when he wrote:—

"In Flanders Fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below."

Shortly after the Armistice widows and orphans in the devastated areas in France commenced making artificial poppies as a means of augmenting their livelihood. Later, to assist ex-servicemen and others, each of the Allies adopted the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and now in the British Commonwealth alone, millions of the emblems are sold each year.

Made In Christchurch

In England to-day, the British Legion Poppy Factory provides employment for approximately 350 disabled men, but although New Zealand originally got its supply of poppies from France and later from England, its supplies are now made by disabled New Zealand soldiers in Christchurch, under the control of the N.Z.R.S.A.

The late Earl Haig, our leader on the Western Front for the greater period of 1914-1918, who was chiefly responsible for welding the many ex-servicemen's organisations of Europe into a single unit, the British Empire Service League, was keenly aware of the need of funds to assist men who suffered from the war but who, whether in receipt of a pension or not, required further assistance, threw his whole energy into the effort to make "Poppy Day" in the Empire, a truly national day of remembrance and thanksgiving.

Napier Athletic Club

TROPHIES PRESENTED

Activities To Continue During War

ECONOMY MEASURES

The wisdom of carrying on sport in time of war was stressed by the president of the Napier Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club (Mr John Mason) at the annual trophy presentation ceremony held in the Victoria Hall, Napier, last night.

Mr Mason said that the club had experienced a difficult year, but that no doubt was common to every English-speaking country. In spite of that, he thought that the club was right in its decision to carry on.

Unfortunately, the club was not in a position to be as lavish as it had been in former years and this year trophies were taking the place of the "orders" customarily issued, he said.

Mr Mason said he felt that competitors would appreciate the position. After all, they did not participate in sport for what they could get out of it, but nevertheless the club had provided them with some recognition of their achievements.

Keep Sport Alive

The position was further explained by Mr N. A. McKenzie, who said that the club was quite financial and was only making provision for the future. Nobody knew how long the war would last and the paramount consideration was to keep sport active.

Mr McKenzie paid a tribute to a number of athletes who, although living nearly 50 miles from Napier, had attended every weekly gathering during the past season. He said that the enthusiasm of these men did not wane after the first season as might have been expected, but on the contrary their interest had become greater.

"That is the true spirit of sportsmanship and I would like to see it permeate all branches of sport," he said.

Continuing, Mr McKenzie said that he would like to see all competitors avail themselves of the training facilities offered by the club. Natural ability was not sufficient. Sport to-day was a highly specialised undertaking and success could not be achieved without training.

The Awards

The following awards were presented by Mr Mason:—

Tom Parker Sprint Cup—R. V. Phillips; Distance Cup—J. McIntosh; Hurdles Cup—J. Cumming; Herbert Cycling Cup—R. Miller; Tremewan Cycling Cup; Corbett Cup (aggregate)—R. V. Phillips; Annan Trophy—P. Collett; Ascot Cup (juniors) and Hurdles Cup—J. Cumming; Queen Eunice Cup—W. Williams; Puketapu Cup—R. V. Phillips and K. Orman; Tom Parker Cup—D. Butler; Trixie Cup—Miss J. Greaney; Blythes Rose Bowl—J. Metcalf; Corbett Rose Bowl—Miss E. Franklin; Mrs J. Parker's Trophy—Miss J. Elliott; Puketapu Cup (women)—Miss G. Symes, [illegible]

SCIENCE AND COOLNESS COMBINED IN GUNNERY

Modern Achievements In Naval Actions With Long Range Weapons

Naval gunnery, such as that achieved by the British fleet in the battle with the Italians off Cape Matapan, is a remarkable achievement in the co-operation of science, judgment, courage and coolness.

The task of a land gunner—firing from a steady platform at a visible enemy on a target area that has been methodically plotted beforehand—is child's play in comparison.

The naval gunner fires from a rapidly moving and rocking platform, at a target which constantly alters course and speed, which may be partly, or even completely hidden beneath the horizon. Even so, modern standards of gunnery have improved vastly—thanks to the intricate and costly fire-control apparatus which constitutes the brains of a warship.

During the Battle of Jutland, the British Grand Fleet fired over 4000 heavy shells and registered only 82 direct hits. The German percentage was lower still. The proportion of successful hits in an equivalent battle between modern ships would probably be far higher.

In the last war the fire-control apparatus in a battleship cost about £10,000. The figure for the battleship King George V. was nearer £250,000.

Web of Gadgets

It is an incredibly intricate web of optical, electrical, mechanical and human gadgets, rather like an exaggerated anti-aircraft "predictor," which takes such factors as range, course and speed, of the opponents' wind speed, air density and temperature, and visibility, juggles with them, and somehow or other arrives at the exact elevation and direction of the guns.

Here, briefly, is the procedure. Directly the Italians were sighted, word would be sent to the control towers of the British ships. These control towers are steel compartments perched 50 feet or so above the water-line, far above the smoke of the guns.

About six officers are stationed in the control towers. Two control officers; one observer to watch the fall of the shells; a direction layer and direction trainer; and a range taker. The principal control officer sees that, in the confusion of battle, the attentions of range taker and gun layers are confined to enemy ships. The direction people fire the guns.

Control Tower In Action

The control tower gets to work as soon as action is ordered. The range-finder adjusts the twin telescopic sights on his range-finder until a sharp picture of the target is in the sights. He then reads off the recorded range and signals it down to the transmitting room, deep behind the thick armour in the bowels of the ship.

The control officers calculate the speed and course of the Italian ships, and transmits this, together with weather and other details, to the plotting officers.

Armed with electrical and mechanical calculators, the plotting officers correlate all the factors and work out exactly the direction and elevation of the guns, so that the one-ton shells shall fall just on their moving objectives after a 20-second flight through the air.

This sounds a long job, but it is only a matter of seconds before the details are passed on electrically to the great turrets. Although weighing hundreds of tons, these turrets turn easily on steel rollers to the touch of a control.

The Broadside Fired

Hydraulic power lowers and raises the gun barrels. As orders come through on the electric dials, the gun layers swing their guns as ordered. Hydraulic rams push shells and cordite charges from the magazines below, and a hydraulic ram forces them into the breech.

A few seconds more and the guns are loaded and laid. A switch is pressed in the turret. In the transmitting room lights flick on as each turret signals the ready. The order "Fire!" is flashed up to the control tower. And the direction layer, his eye glued to the telescope, pulls a pistol trigger by his side.

The whole ship quivers as a broadside of metal flings towards the enemy. As simple as firing an air gun.

Now the observer has his job to do. As each turret fires, an automatic device signals up to this officer in the control tower the length of time it takes the shells to reach their objective. In this way he can identify the bursts, or splashes, of his own fire, and signal a correction for the next salvo to the transmitting room.

Quick Work

A few seconds more and the guns again crash out. At modern range in a stand-up battle the third or fourth salvo may well register direct hits.

It all sounds a long business, but actually in the thick of battle, the whole cycle takes less than a minute. Nine or ten tons of explosive and metal despatched every 60 seconds.

Control towers, perched high above the decks, cannot be so heavily armoured as the turrets and may be destroyed by direct hits. So duplicate, or even triplicate, controls and control officers are provided and manned in modern British battleships. Even if these extra controls are carried away, individual fire from the turrets themselves, each of which has its own range-finder, is possible.

At extreme range of big guns the targets are invisible, even from the control towers. But battle can still be fought at these 20-mile ranges and hits registered on invisible targets, if a spotting 'plane can observe the enemy, radio back his speed and course and correct the fall of the shells.

First Prize To Waitara

ART UNION DRAWN

Hawke's Bay In Smaller Money

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, April 17.

The following are the major prize-winners in the "One For Fun" art union:—

First prize, £2000, 165,648, Dud Car, Waitara.

Second prize, £500, 110,163, Annie, Mornington, Dunedin.

Third prize, £250, 89,444, James Williams, 30 Orakau Avenue, Epsom.

Fourth prize, £150, 126,874, Mother's Birthday Present, Wellington.

Fifth prize, £100, 172,258, Gran's Birthday, Taurikura, North Auckland.

Following are the £10 prizes in Hawke's Bay:—77229, Blackout, Napier; 168145, G. Hutton, Box 185, Napier.

£5 prizes:—130590, Here's Hoping, Box 34, Wairoa; 154828, S. Tucker, 29 Kabul street, Wairoa; 168324, We Two, Colenso Avenue, Napier; 77347, 38268, Napier; 131094, Parker Rarere, Opoutama, Mahia; 131168, Unexpected, Whakatu; 77074, Jack Tar, Napier; 83230, H.B., Pahiatua.

Two Children Killed

ACCIDENT NEAR MINE

Knocked Down By Skips

WAIKATO TRAGEDY

By Telegraph—Press Association
AUCKLAND, April 17.

Two Maori children, both aged two, were killed at Waikokowai, near Huntly, to-day, when they were knocked down by mine skips on a rope road from the Macdonald coalmine. The victims were Dorothy Rawiri and Ngare Aterangi Rawiri.

A Maori settlement is only a few chains away from the rope road, which was working at the time conveying loaded skips from the mine.

The parents of the boy lost sight of the children for about five minutes. A relative of the children saw them climbing on to the rope road but before she could reach the scene to stop them the boy was knocked down by two loaded skips, which passed over him. Death was instantaneous. The woman arrived in time to pull the girl away as one of the skips passed over her hand, which was partly severed. She was taken to the Waikato Hospital, where she died.

SHIPPING MAN'S PLEA

TOLERATION OF THE BLACKOUT

NAVY'S TASK

Criticism Of Measure Not Desired

A strenuous plea for a more passive acceptance of the inconveniences and hardships brought about by the imposition of blackout restrictions was made by the general manager of Richardson and Co., Ltd. (Mr K. McLeay), when the subject of the blackout was brought up at the monthly meeting of the Napier Chamber of Commerce last night.

"We should demur before we criticise the blackout," said Mr McLeay. "The restrictions have been imposed on the advice of competent naval men who are entrusted with the protection of the Dominion's ports," he added.

Mr McLeay deplored the suggestion that the regulations had been gazetted on the advice of some over-zealous officer of the Navy Department. Auckland and Wellington had partial blackouts, but they could not be compared with a port like Napier.

Third Power Threat

"If some Power caused trouble in the East, the situation would soon become serious here," he continued. "It is the Navy's responsibility to safeguard the Dominion and I think they know what they are doing."

Mr M. S. Spence said he thought that people would tolerate the hardships caused by the blackout if they were acquainted with the vital necessity for the measure. He had expressed that opinion to the Borough Council.

Mr McLeay said that the glow from Hastings was clearly visible 23 miles out at sea and other members said that although the blackout was in operation in Napier, a considerable amount of light was still reflected in clouds passing overhead.

MISSING ON AIR OPERATIONS

Palmerston North Man In R.A.F.

By Telegraph—Press Association
PALMERSTON N., April 17.

A cablegram has been received by Mr A. R. Buchanan, Kairanga, from the Air Ministry stating that his son, acting-Flight Lieutenant Lindsay Buchanan, who was recently awarded the D.F.C., is now reported missing as a result of air operations.

LATE SPORTING

Acceptances For Randwick

TWO CHIEF EVENTS

High Caste To Have A Rest

RECENT INJURY

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SYDNEY, April 17.

Following are the acceptances for the final day at Randwick:

CROPPER PLATE: Gold Salute 9.5, Mildura 9.0, Rinveil 8.2, Reading 8.0, Amiable 7.7, Evergreen 7.1.

A.J.C. PLATE: Mosaic 9.4, Hope 9.1, High Caste 9.0, Beauvite 9.0, Dashing Cavalier 9.0, Tranquil Star 8.0.

High Caste is receiving a rest until the winter to enable him to recover completely from the recent injury caused by a kick.

Jockey McCarten had intended to retire and become a trainer but, owing to the uncertain outlook for racing, he is carrying on as a jockey.

Mr Stewart, owner of Beauvite, admits that he is now convinced of the truth of McMenamin's statement that Beauvite is not so good as last spring.

YEARLING SALES AT SYDNEY

Midstream's Progeny

TOTAL OF 4355 GUINEAS

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SYDNEY, April 17.

At the yearling sales eight colts, the first of Midstream's progeny, aggregated 4355 guineas. Top price of 950 guineas was paid for a Midstream-Loquacicus colt, 900 guineas for a Midstream-Social colt, and 600 each for two other of Midstream's progeny.

Ten Midstream fillies brought 2700 guineas.

Mr Alan Cooper bought a Beaupere-La Corporale colt for 800 guineas. Several others of Beaupere's progeny were passed in.

Five Veilmond colts sold at prices ranging from 220 to 350 guineas.

The top price for Brueghel fillies was 650 guineas. Four colts and two fillies by The Buzzard realised 3900 guineas.

Selections For Avondale

TO-MORROW'S RACING

Daily Mail Special Service.
AUCKLAND, April 18.

The track will be fair in the absence of rain for Avondale on Saturday. The win-and-place system will operate. Possibilities are:—

11.45—Avondale Hurdles: Glen Abb, Rival, Boy Lu.

12.30—Rosebank Handicap: Sea Law, Veyana, En Volee.

1.15 — Chevalier Handicap: Joy Vaals, Kaalooa, Lady Vixen.

2.0—Foley Memorial Handicap: Sir Cameron, Lou Rosa, Foxsen.

2.45—Oakley Handicap: Balblair, Panoni, Cambria.

3.30—Railway Handicap: Surveyor-General, Rex Maitland, Marshal Hall.

4.15—Whau Handicap: Valley Maid, Aguilo, Radiant Vaals.

5.0—Titirangi Handicap: Tea Gong, Clipper, Brahman.

Brackets: Chevalier Handicap—White Chief and Fairfield, Harmony and Royal Son; Oakley Handicap—Don Pasar and Kincaid; Whau Handicap—Chain Acre and Radiant Vaals, Korotangi and Gold Bloom, Lady Acushla and Karatoki; Titirangi Handicap—Tea Gong and Valmint, King Rey and Esquire.

DIVORCE CAUSES ARE THE SAME

"In-Laws, Tin Can Meals And Flats"

"Causes of divorce are the same the world over," said 71-year-old Judge Joseph Sabath, of Chicago, after having heard his 52,679th divorce trial.

"I've sat in the divorce courts of London, Paris, Munich, Rome, Prague, and Vienna," he said.

"In laws, tin-can meals, working wives, biscuit-box flats are the cardinal causes of unhappy marriage."

THE MAN WHO STANDS ALONE

I honour any man who, in the conscious discharge of his duty, dares to stand alone; the world with ignorant, intolerant judgment may condemn; the countenances of relatives may be averted, and the hearts of friends grow cold; but the sense of duty shall be sweeter than the applause of the world, the countenances of relatives, or the hearts of friends.

Memoranda

Napier's shores will be invaded tomorrow afternoon by Hitler and his minions, the landing point being opposite the Sound Shell. The invasion fails however, and Father Neptune will be on the spot to see that Hitler suffers the humiliation he deserves. Proceedings commence at 1.45 p.m., with items from the Hukarere girls and other sports and games will be provided to entertain young and old. Soft drinks and ice cream also available. Come and have a final flutter.

The queen election closes to-morrow at 9 p.m. at the Napier Municipal Theatre. From eight o'clock a variety concert will be staged, and the votes recorded will be shown at intervals. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend to see the grand finale of the contest.

Elsewhere in this issue the Army Queen Committee advertises a series of attractions for to-night—the last night of the queen carnival.

There will doubtless be a variety of bargains at St. Luke's Church Bazaar at Havelock North, and a reminder is given that the bazaar will be held in the Village hall this afternoon.

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LITTLE ROBIN FANCIED

CANTERBURY AUTUMN MEETING

FAIR PROSPECTS

Easy Track Conditions Expected

(By The Barb).

For the second day of the Canterbury Jockey Club's autumn meeting, postponed from last Tuesday until to-day, the going promises, at its best, to be easy.

With the exception of the Hurdles all the races have filled well, so that the racing should be interesting, but with the under-foot conditions different, recent form may not be too reliable, however, it will be the same to all.

The most important event on to-day's card is the Great Autumn Handicap run at 2.47 p.m. over a mile and a half.

Royal Chief heads the list with 9.12. While his chances were not previously highly regarded, now that the tracks have had the sting extracted by rain the Chief Ruler horse has had his chance enhanced. Willie Win won this race last year when at liberal odds. Although this unsound horse, who once ran second in a Melbourne Cup, might have a chance under the present conditions he can hardly be recommended on form.

INITIAL DISTANCE ATTEMPT

Sir Crusoe has proved himself a first class galloper up to a mile but beyond that is an unknown quantity. By Defoe from an Arausio mare, there is no reason why he should not run out 12 furlongs. Wardress, at best, is only an average middle-distance handicap performer. The same is applicable to Thermidor, while Winning Rival may hardly see this distance out but she is reported to be in fine order. Little Robin, by virtue of his surprising fourth in the Great Easter, has come into prominence and it would occasion little surprise if he started favourite this afternoon.

Hearth is passed over in favour of Knight Commander, who has proved the better stayer of this pair.

FANCIED CANDIDATES

For some time Happy Ending has been a fancied candidate in many quarters. However, he failed to weigh-in in the Sockburn Handicap on Easter Monday.

Siglow should run the mile and a half out and, being a Siegfried, should perform well in the going. Don't Forget, on his Easter showing, can be ruled out, but Iceland Spar must be highly rated after Monday's win, as also must the light-weight, Prudent Price, who was bred at Flaxmere and comes from the family that produced such first class stayers as Cuddle and Padishah.

NOT CONSISTENT

The Wrecker ran a fair race in the Sockburn but has never been accepted as a genuine trier with the colours up. Merry March has no performance to warrant monetary support, but King's Toast, on his fine finishing run into second finishing place in the Great Easter, appears a dangerous light-weight. Happy Night makes up the field.

NEXT IMPORTANT

The two next important races are the Forty-ninth Challenge Stakes for two-year-olds and upwards and the Templeton.

In the Stakes the form of those who filled the places in the Champagne will be followed although the extra furlong may suit Willow Wood who, however, could do no better than fourth in Monday's classic.

The Templeton Handicap will see Rakanui having his only run down south. He is by Hunting Song and reputed to do best on a firm track but this writer, having seen him in action so often, is strongly of the opinion that he is no exception to his breed.

Following may be entrusted with the most monetary support on the win and place totalisator:

12.2: Peerswick Hurdles.—**Master Dingle, Dividend.**
12.37: Challenge Stakes.—**Monetary, Palfrey, Willow Wood.**
1.22: Yaldhurst Handicap.—**Hurry Girl, Arctic Dawn, Rue.**
2.2: Gimcrack Handicap.—**Military Maid, Rawhamai, Khurja.**
2.47: Great Autumn Handicap.—**Little Robin, Iceland Spar, Royal Chief.**
3.27: Autumn Nursery.—**Corn Prince, Egyptian Rose, Espionage.**
4.12: Templeton Handicap.—**Circular Note, Rakanui, Kentucky.**
4.45: Addington Handicap.—**Eulogist, Stabilise, Ferriby.**

The Acceptances

12.2—PEERSWICK HURDLES, of £300; one mile and three-quarters and 50 yards.—Dividend 11.3, Master Dingle 10.7, Roseman 9.6, Donadea 9.0, Waka 9.0, Fairy Hours 9.0.

12.37—49th CHALLENGE STAKES, of £500; seven furlongs.—Density 8.13, Shikari 8.8, Stylist 8.2, Pay Roll 7.9, Corn Prince 7.8, Monetary 7.8, Palfrey 7.8, Gay Genet 7.2, Willow Wood 7.1, Salutation 6.13, Espionage 6.10.

1.22—YALDHURST HANDICAP, of £250; seven furlongs.—Rue 9.0, Stylist 8.6, Arctic Dawn 8.6, Hurry Girl 8.6, Ann Mie 8.1, My Abbey 8.0, Lockheed 8.0, Portadown 8.0, Alias 7.12, Gentility 7.11, Enticing 7.11, Avenal Force 7.9.

2.2—GIMCRACK HANDICAP, of £300; six furlongs.—Military Maid 8.11, Khurja 8.5, Treasurer 8.2, Lord Midas 8.0, Retrogression 7.12, Rawhamai 7.12, Lady Derby 7.9, Star Wink 7.7, Palo Alto 7.7, Dispense 7.7, Citizen 7.7.

2.47—GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP, of £1000; one mile and a half.—Royal Chief 9.12, Willie Win 9.1, Sir Crusoe 8.7, Wardress 8.4, Thermidor 8.2, Winning Rival 7.12, Little Robin 7.10, Hearth 7.8, Knight Commander 7.7, Happy Ending 7.6, Siglow 7.5, Don't Forget 7.5, Iceland Spar 7.4, The Wrecker 7.0, Merry March 7.0, Prudent Prince 7.0, King's Toast 7.0, Happy Night 7.0.

3.27—AUTUMN NURSERY HANDICAP, of £350; six furlongs.—Corn Prince 8.8, Salutation 8.3, Egyptian Rose 8.1, Espionage 7.7, Full Pitch 7.4, Patria 7.0, Sir Grey 7.0, Good Scout 7.0, Lady Nottava 7.0, Princess Myosotis 7.0.

4.12—TEMPLETON HANDICAP, of £500; six furlongs.—Kentucky 9.1, Doria 8.8, Enrich 8.7, Hearth 8.4, Lord Nuffield 8.3, Rakanui 8.2, Circular Note 8.0, Night Eruption 8.0, St. Cloud 7.10, Pleading 7.3, Leighnor 7.0, Gay Parade 7.0, Synthetic 7.0.

4.57—ADDINGTON HANDICAP, of £350; nine furlongs.—Stabilize 9.6, Blue Border 9.2, Muffle 9.0, Ferriby 9.0, Foxette 8.9, Eulogist 8.8, Phyto 8.5, Blue Abbey 8.1, Roman Son 7.8, Halt 7.8, Good Health 7.7, Sweet Mystery 7.7, Gay Thread 7.7, Rye Town 7.7, The Joker 7.7.

Final Gallops At Ellerslie

SPRINTS DONE

Best Half-Mile By Duvach

FAST THREE FURLONGS

By Telegraph—Press Association
AUCKLAND, April 17.

As most of the horses engaged at Avondale raced at Ellerslie, only sprinting work was indulged in at the final gallops at Ellerslie to-day. The course proper, with the poles 30 feet out, was in first-rate order.

Black Thread and Babrow reeled off three furlongs in 35 4-5secs., and finished on terms. The best half-mile was credited to Duvach, who finished clear of Golden Bonnet after running 49secs. Cherry's Ticket beat Dependable over a similar distance in 49 2-5secs.

There was nothing between Pirate King and Marshall Hall at the end of five furlongs run in 1.2 4-5. Happicoat ran a similar distance in 1.3 2-5.

Sir Cameron and Brazilian traversed a mile in 1.44 4-5. Lou Rosa, alone, completed a similar journey in 1.44, going comfortably at the finish.

Other gallops over four furlongs were: June Tide 49 4-5secs. Pocket Venus and Golden Survey, 49 3-5 secs., Radiant Vaals and Balblair, 49 3-5secs., Kadina 49 3-5secs., Clinch and Venture 50 3-5secs., Kawariki 50secs.

Five-furlong Gallops

Gallops over five furlongs included: Aero King 1.4, Surveyor-General 1.4 1-5, Lady Vixen 1.3 3-5, Classic and Trevor 1.4 3-5.

Six furlongs.—Royal Message, Ivy Willonyx and Muscatine, 1.18 4-5, Chain Acre 1.18 3-5, Valmint and Lady Reynard 1.19 1-5, Esquire 1.19 4-5.

Right Royal, Loyal Grant, Clooneen, Ring Shot, Prival and Paint were all schooled over the hurdles, jumping satisfactorily.

MANAWATU TROTTING ACCEPTANCES

Opening Day

TO-MORROW'S BIG FIELDS

Many Visitors Engaged

By Telegraph—Press Association
PALMERSTON NORTH, April 17.

Acceptances for the first day of the Manawatu Trotting Club's meeting, to be held on Saturday and Wednesday, April 19 and 23, are:—

12.0—AWAPUNI HANDICAP, of £100 (trotters; 3.49 class), one mile and a half.—Desert Wind, Douglas McElwyn, Elephelet, Excellent, Flash Bye, Jack Parrish, King Newton, Native Bell, Red Knight, Twice Worthy, scr.; Alf Parrish, 12yds.; Sea Meal, Vera Worthy, 24yds.; Lee Berry, Mac's Jimmy, Native Bird, 36yds.; Frontier Boy, 60yds.

12.40—LADIES' BRACELET, of £100 (3.43 class), one mile and a half.—Agent, Andy Direct, Centaurus, Fly Across, Fulwood, Golden Star, Zinora, scr.; Ayrshire, 12yds.; Bingen Fashion, 36yds.; First Call, 48yds.

1.20—POHANGINA HANDICAP, of £110 (2.27 class), one mile.—Don Walla, Kia Kaha, Nawton Junior, Pearloro, True Guide, Shannon Lass, scr.; De Reske, Kaulala, Lady Nessa, Neutrality, Radio Queen, Ranger, 12yds.; Tennessee's Child, 24yds.; Arapai (T.), Prince McElwyn, 36yds.

2.5—MANAWATU TROTTING CUP, of £250 and trophy (4.46 class), two miles.—Bonnie Direct, Loch Leven, scr.; Grattanita, 12yds.; Franco, Arietta, 24 yds.; Gay Lady, 36yds.; Warship, 72yds.

2.45—LONGBURN HANDICAP, of £100 (3.5 class), one mile and a quarter.—Agent, Centaurus, Du Lux, Fly Across, Fulwood, Golden Star, Lady Tornado, Stylish Lady, Zinora, scr.; Ayrshire, 12 yds.; First Call, Shannon Lass, 48yds.

3.25—McDONALD HANDICAP, of £120 (trotters; 5.7 class), two miles.—Desert Wind, Douglas McElwyn, Flash Bye, Jack Parrish, Native Bell, Red Knight, scr.; Alf Parrish, 12yds.; Sea Meal, Vera Worthy, 24yds.; Lee Berry, Mac's Jimmy, 36yds.; Native Bird, 48yds.; Frontier Boy, 84yds.; Redmond's Pride, 96yds.

4.5—STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of £120 (3.38 class), one mile and a half.—Don Walla, Kia Kaha, Nawton Junior, Pearloro, True Guide, scr.; De Reske, Marina Rey, Radio Queen, Kaulala, 12yds.; Kosha, Lady Nessa, Neutrality, 24yds.

4.55—PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, of £130 (2.56 class), one mile and a quarter.—Albertini, Bonnie Direct, Mullard, Night Beam, Te Roto, scr.; Franco, Grattanita, Handicapper, Royal Navy, 12 yds.; Electric Bell, Gay Lady, Hardy Oak, 24yds.

NAPIER PARK WINTER PROGRAMME

All Grades Are Well Catered For

The programme for the Napier Park Racing Club's winter race meeting has been released and appears in this issue.

This bill of fare is well balanced and should meet with the requirements of the lesser lights who will not be racing at Auckland.

A hack hurdle race is provided each day to the value of £100 and run over a mile and a half course.

The Napier Park Steeplechase is the main attraction the first day with the added money £150 and the distance about two and a half miles. The same conditions are attached to the cross-country event on the second day, Monday, June 2.

The maiden events are for two-year-olds and upwards, the distance the first day being five furlongs and on the second day six. Conditions are for maidens at time of entry but the first day's winner, who will be penalised 10lb., will not be barred from competing the second day. The set weights are: Two-year-olds 8st., three-year-olds and upwards 8.10.

Hacks will have a six furlong and a mile event confined to them on the opening day while on the second there will be a six, seven, and a mile and a quarter for them.

The Ladies' Handicap (gentlemen riders) to be decided on the first day, carries trophies for the first, second and third lucky lady owners. The rider of the winner will be presented with a gold-mounted whip.

The two open races, one each day, are run over six and seven furlongs.

The first race on opening day will be at noon while on Monday the time advertised for the first is 11 a.m., to allow patrons to see the Rugby representative game in the afternoon as the last race is to start at 2.45.

The club has ten loose-boxes on the course which are available free of charge.

Nominations for all events will close on May 19.

EASTER RACING CARNIVAL

STANDARD HAS BEEN WELL MAINTAINED

EVENTS REVIEWED

Bloodstock Breeders' Success

(By "THE BARB")

A review of the Easter Racing Carnival shows that the high standard of bloodstock breeding continues in the Dominion, as at all the meetings the good class of the thoroughbred was proved by various performances. In this matter it is safe to assume that on the present lines our breeders are following there is no need to worry in the least in New Zealand.

The outstanding performance over the Carnival was undoubtedly that of Kindergarten in the Auckland Easter Handicap.

As great as this three-year-old colt is, that hard race in the mile handicap took its toll of his strength. In the St. Leger he had to be hard ridden at one part of the journey to defeat Lou Rosa, and even if he had a little in reserve at the finish the fact remains that his effort in the Easter momentarily sapped a little of his wonderful vitality.

Over the Easter Carnival there were all sorts of racing from maiden events, weight-for-age, classics, sprints, handicaps, hurdles and steeplechases and in all grades an analysis will show that our thoroughbred continues on the upward grade, or at least maintains the standard set by breeders years ago in this country.

WELL-BRED NOVICE.

Kinstep, who won the Novice event the first day at Tauherenikau, is a three-year-old filly by Kincardine from Warvane, a mare that was got by the Lemberg horse, Weathervane, from the Martian mare, Warstep, who was one of the best mares ever raced on the New Zealand Turf. Last Saturday's winner only commenced racing at the recent Hastings meeting, so that she has had but little experience to date. She may never reach the top of the tree, for although stout, she is small.

CONSISTENT CENTENNIAL.

The Gisborne-owned and trained Centennial (Mimetic - Threadless) was twice second at Wairarapa, thus repeating his Hastings performance. This gelding has been most consistent this season, as in 15 starts only thrice has he failed to weigh-in. He is a rare cut of a hurdler or steeplechaser, and it is a wonder that some owner who goes in for jumpers has not snapped him up.

Kinneff failed to race up to reputation in his one race at Tauherenikau, being only equal to third, and a moderate one at that. He was not produced the second day so maybe his old trouble which prevented him from fulfilling his last summer engagements, has returned. It is to be hoped that it is not serious, as fit and well, this Kincardine three-year-old is a class galloper.

MINORITY NOWHERE.

The second day at Wairarapa it certainly looked as though Minority would just about make it four on end, as the three previous races he attempted proved easy to him. However, a greasy track may have been the direct cause of his running nowhere.

The Hastings-owned Royal Star II was out of the money both days at Feilding, in fact, this is becoming a habit of his lately. When it was known that the track was easy on Easter Monday many opined that the Irish-bred gelding would have conditions ideal to his liking, but it was no good, he was down the lane again. This is not accepted as his right form and when they say "go" all will be in again.

PROMISING SORT.

A promising four-year-old was seen out at Ellerslie in the four-year-old Monte Cristo, by Bronze Eagle out of Archeno. Just out of the "hack" grade, he ran third in the Easter Handicap and then on Monday, in a smart field of open sprinters, won the Huia Handicap. On this form he should develop into a first-class performer for owner Mr T. F. Hodges.

Steeplechasing was indulged in at the Auckland and Riverton meetings. Nothing special was seen out at either fixture, but for a five-year-old Spendthrift (Paper Money-Fleet Lady) performed well enough down in the far south to say that his prospects are good.

At Auckland, with the exception of Gar Vaals, there was very little to enthuse over as likely national winners. Gar Vaals won easily, although he ran about a great deal at his fences.

IS HE THE GOODS?

When Night Pilot won a Hack Cup early in the autumn he was proclaimed to be something above the average, which more than convinced his admirers when later he came out and won the Taranaki Cup. His next race was not until the first day at Auckland when the President's Handicap fell to his lot.

On Monday he was started in the H. O. Nolan Handicap, this being the first time he had been pitted against class handicap horses. At 8.7, for a three-year-old, he was set a fairly stiff task which he failed to accomplish. His failure to run prominently in this mile-and-a-half race makes one ask if he is as good as reputed? However, in the spring he was not equal to winning a maiden event at Randwick, and as he has made the grade fairly quickly he may yet, with a little more time, develop the class his admirers claim he belongs to.

GISBORNE ENTRIES ON MONDAY

Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for all events at the Poverty Bay Turf Club's steeplechase meeting to be held on May 10 and 12, on the Makaraka Racecourse, close with the secretary (Mr G. H. Sceats, Gisborne) at 8 p.m. on Monday next, April 21.

EGMONT ENTRIES ON MONDAY

Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for all events at the Egmont Racing Club's winter meeting to be held on May 8 and 10, close with the secretary, Mr A. K. Fyson, Hawera, on Monday next, April 21, at 9 p.m.

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(By THE BARB)

Kindergarten was the most outstanding performer in the Easter Racing Carnival, and no doubt his performances overshadowed any of the other gallopers in the Dominion, yet Royal Lancer certainly is entitled to recognition for his fine showing at the Riverton meeting, when he won the chief handicap on each of the three days at that meeting.

Royal Lancer is a bay gelding, four years of age, by Irish Lancer from Winsome Sister, owned by Mr W. Swale and trained by W. F. Ellis. The first day he won the Riverton Cup, one mile and a quarter, by five lengths, carrying 8.2. On Easter Monday, penalised 10lbs. in the Easter Handicap, also a mile and a quarter, he won by two lengths in 2min. 5sec., a very good gallop for the track.

On Tuesday the handicapper placed him on the 9st. mark in the mile Fiord Handicap, but this did not stop him from again winning. These three wins netted his owner £875 in stakes.

Middle Distance Find

It is by no means unique for one horse to win the three chief races at a three-day meeting, but if one went to the trouble of going through old files it would be found that very few have accomplished such a record. Irish Lancer certainly appears to be the find of the Easter meetings among the middle distance handicap grade, and it is unfortunate that his owner had not entered him for the Great Autumn, as in that race he would have received somewhere in the region of the minimum.

Although a four-year-old, it was not until this season that the Irish Lancer gelding opened his winning account, when he won the Novice event at the September meeting of the Ashburton Racing Club. That day, when 8-7 in the betting, he beat a hot favourite in Pleading.

After winning minor hack races his first open success was in the Wairio Cup, when he beat a very ordinary field.

Four Successive Wins

At the Dunedin autumn meeting he drew attention to his future prospects by annexing the Stewards' Handicap with 8.1 from Boloyna and Knight Commander, and then again at the same meeting he won the Flying Handicap from a very fair field of seven furlong performers. That was his last start until his recent triple success, so that he has won four races on end.

Altogether this season he has contested 21 races and only four times has he failed to weigh-in, so he has been most consistent.

Previous to his recent Riverton cheque this four-year-old had won £1005, so that his total for the season now stands at £1880, which is most creditable as he has not been racing at meetings that provide big stake money.

RACING FIXTURES

April 18—Canterbury J.C.
April 19, 21—Avondale J.C.
April 19, 21—Greymouth J.C.
April 26—Reefton J.C.
April 26—South Canterbury J.C.
May 3—Waverley R.C.
May 3—Amberley R.C.
May 3—Southland R.C.
May 3—Franklin R.C.
May 3, 5—Nelson J.C.
May 8, 10—Egmont R.C.
May 10—Ashburton County R.C.
May 10, 12—Poverty Bay Turf Club.
May 10, 12—Marlborough R.C.
May 15, 17—South Canterbury J.C.
May 17, 19—Otaki Maori R.C.
May 17, 19—Waikato R.C.
May 24—Foxton R.C. (at Levin).
May 31, June 2—Napier Park R.C.
May 31, June 2—Wanganui J.C. (at Awapuni).
May 31, June 2—Dunedin J.C.

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The list is open for public inspection and any OBJECTIONS will be heard by the Magistrate on TUESDAY, 6th May, 1941, at 10 a.m.
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OF
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TO-MORROW TO-MORROW
At 10 a.m. Sharp
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On
FRIDAY, APRIL 18th
At 10.30 a.m.
MESSRS HARVEY, FULTON AND HILL, Russell Street, Hastings, under instructions from various clients, will sell:—
POULTRY:
200 Head of Table Poultry.
25 B.O. and W.L. Pullets.
30 B.O. and W.L. Cockerels.
25 B.O. and W.L. Roosters.
12 Ducks.
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500 Super Feet of New Timber, 8 x 1, 6 x 1, 4 x 1, without reserve and in lots to suit purchasers, carpenters and gardening tools, potatoes, lettuces, beetroot, and sundries.
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TAKAPAU YARDS
FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1941.
At 12.30 p.m.
370 SHEEP, Comprising—
140 Fat Wethers.
80 Fat Ewes.
130 Woolly Ewe & Wether Lambs.
20 2/4/6-th. Wethers.
16 CATTLE, Comprising—
8 1/2-yr. Steers.
5 Empty Cows and Heifers.
2 Dairy Cows and Heifers in profit and to calve.
1 Jersey Bull.

ONGAGONGA YARDS
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1941.
At 11.30 a.m.

WAIPUKURAU YARDS.
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1941.
Sale will commence at 10.30 a.m. with cattle followed by fat and store sheep. Sale of sheep will commence not later than 12 noon.
1043 SHEEP, Comprising—
50 Fat Wethers.
300 2/4/6-th. Wethers.
218 4/5-yr. Ewes.
200 4/6-th. Ewes.
30 Fat Ewes.
245 Woolly Ewe & Wether Lambs.
550 Wether Lambs.
155 CATTLE, Comprising—
3 Fat Cows and Heifers.
46 1/2-yr. Steers (P.A.).
106 1/2-yr. Heifers (P.A.).

STORTFORD LODGE YARDS.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1941.
The sale will commence at 10 a.m., with fat cattle.
No stock will be yarded before 5.30 a.m. until further notice.
The times for commencing selling will be as follows: Beef Cattle 10 a.m., Store Sheep 11 a.m., Fat Sheep at 30 minutes after completion of fat cattle or at 12 noon if fat cattle are finished before that hour. Store Cattle not earlier than 12 noon.
SALES FOR APRIL.
Waipukurau: 22, 29.
Stortford Lodge: 23, 30.
Ongaonga: 21.
Takapau: 18.
SALES FOR MAY:
Waipukurau: 6, 13, 20, 27.
Stortford Lodge: 7, 14, 21, 28.
Ongaonga: 19.

WAIROA STOCK AUCTIONEERS' ASSOCIATION.
THE CATTLE FAIR scheduled for the 18th April will now be held on the 24th April next.

WAIROA SALE YARDS.
THURSDAY, MAY 1st, 1941.
All Sheep should be dipped before being offered for sale.
SHEEP—
CATTLE—
CATTLE FAIR
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1941.
200 2½/3½-yr. P.A. Steers.
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