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Germans Failed To Give Iraqi Rebels Help They Expected

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It is reported that Germany is exerting pressure on Vichy for permission to land troops in Syria. The "Daily Mail's" Cairo correspondent says: "There is definite information that the rebel leader Rashid Ali has been negotiating with Germany, with the Italian Minister at Baghdad (Bagrielli) as intermediary. Germany definitely promised a quantity of planes and big stores of ammunition by May 2, after which Rashid Ali repeatedly protested to Germany about their non-arrival. The Iraqi insurgents feel that they are in a desperate plight and that they can be saved only by last-minute Axis help. It is believed that this situation has induced Germany's demands regarding Syria. An Iraqi communique states that as a result of enemy surprise action at Habbaniyah their troops were compelled to take up new positions, but they are immediately counter-attacking."

LEGAL RULER MAY RETURN PREMIER TO MEET REBEL IN TROUBLE

Reported Flight From Capital

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 9, 10.30 p.m.) CAIRO, May 9. Tewfik Suweidi Bey, Prime Minister in the former Iraq Government, is reported to have gone to Amman from Baghdad to meet the deposed Regent, who is returning to restore the legal Government. It was earlier reported that Rashid Ali, leader of the Iraqi rebel Government, has left the capital following public demonstrations against him. This was not confirmed in London. The Cairo correspondent of the British "Somerset" says that Rashid Ali's supporters complained that the Axis had let them down. They expected swarms of German planes to come to their aid and even left signal fires at night to guide the German pilots. The Jerusalem correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says that Empire patrols are now crossing the Jordanian frontier into Iraq without opposition.

Moslem Sorrow A telegram has been sent by the Moslem tribes of India stating that they have heard with great sorrow of the action of Rashid Ali in making common cause with the enemy of the Empire at a time when the whole Islamic world is in danger from Nazi aggression. They called on him to desist and to restore friendly relations with Britain.

Successful Action Following our successful action on Tuesday against that portion of the Iraq Army which, at the instigation of military adventurers, treacherously attacked Habbaniyah, the situation both at Habbaniyah and Basra has remained quiet," says today's communique from British General Headquarters at Cairo. "Our captures include six guns and more than 400 prisoners."

A communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East says that the Baghdad airport was bombed by the R.A.F. yesterday and that some damage was caused to buildings and the aerodrome road. Violent explosions occurred when direct hits were obtained on a magazine at Washash, near Baghdad. Other bombs exploded under buildings. Bombs were also dropped on dispersed aircraft at Hanadi.

There was little activity to report in the Habbaniyah area yesterday, the communique adds. Our troops occupying high ground outside the cantonment met with no opposition except for occasional sniping. Hostile forces seen to the east of our positions were heavily attacked from the air.

CARGO SHIPS FOR BRITAIN American Move

VESSLS CHARTERED TO CANADA First 200,000 Tons

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 10, 0.5 a.m.) WASHINGTON, May 9. Twenty-five ships totalling 200,000 tons, belonging to the Alcoa Steamship Company, have been chartered to Canadian interests under President Roosevelt's 2,000,000 tons shipping pool plan to assist Britain.

Moslems Not Misled GERMAN PROMISES

Quisling Activities In Iraq ISLAM WARNED

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 10, 2.5 a.m.) MADRAS, May 9. Sir Mahomed Usman, former acting Governor of Madras, in a statement, said: "I feel sure that no Moslem who has the interests of Islam at heart will support the intrigues of Rashid Ali. I am convinced that the present hostilities are the culmination of a long period of intrigue by Nazi-paid quislings in Iraq. "Germany holds before the eyes of the Arabs the goal of a Pan-Islamic State, but those who know the worth of the German promises realise that the German promise of help is made only with a view to the domination of Iraq, Mesopotamia and the Middle East in furtherance of the scheme for world domination."

Danger Not Yet Over FIGHTERS' SUCCESSES

Greater Numbers Take Bigger Toll NIGHT OPERATIONS

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 9, 9.5 p.m.) LONDON, May 9. "It should not be assumed that the problem of night raiders has been solved or that our night fighters will always be able to maintain such a high average of success," says "The Times."

United Purpose In Canada GREAT WAR EFFORT

Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies Impressed INCREASING SPEED

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 9, 9.45 p.m.) TORONTO, May 9. The Australian Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies) told the Press that he was convinced that the North American continent could do more than any other part of the world to overtake Germany's enormous superiority in material, which was the enemy's only superiority. "I have been very much struck by the unity of purpose of the Canadian people and the enthusiasm for the war effort. "As far as I can see, everything possible is being done to aid Britain and it is being done with increasing speed."

FAMOUS BUILDINGS DAMAGED



THE RUSSIANS WAIT.—Despite the German invasion of the Balkans and the threat to Turkey, Russia has not followed up her diplomatic move with Yugoslavia. Here Russian soldiers are seen listening while the Army newspaper "Red Star" is read.

WHAT DID VICHY OFFER?

RECENT ARRANGEMENT WITH BERLIN SINISTER SILENCE Much Speculation In Britain

British Official Wireless (Received May 9, 7.45 p.m.) RUGBY, May 8. The omission of mention of concessions by the Vichy Government to the Nazis in the Franco-German agreement just reported to have been concluded is commented upon in London, where it is thought unlikely that the Nazis will give anything without something substantial in return. Furtherance of Nazi plans—which in this case will probably include the passage of troops through France to Spain for operations against Gibraltar, increased influence in North Africa and greater control over French shipping—is the usual consequence of such an agreement and speculation is made in the Press whether concessions on these lines will be made known later or are even now a closely guarded secret which it is not wise to reveal to the limelight of world opinion at present.

Apathy Over Elections POLLING TO-DAY

New South Wales Seats BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 9, 6 p.m.) SYDNEY, May 9. Seldom has a State election evoked such little public interest as that which will be held in New South Wales to-morrow. The party organisers of both sides have found it most difficult to judge the general feeling of the electors, and many candidates have had to explain their policies to mere handfuls of supporters. Both sides express confidence of victory. The Labour Party goes to the poll with 32 seats, and must win 14 more to give it a majority of two, which would be reduced to one after the election of the Speaker. The present state of the parties is:

Government 55 Labour 34 Independent 1

One Labour seat has been abolished by redistribution, and another has so changed that Labour has not nominated a candidate. ADMIRALTY YACHT SUNK

British Official Wireless (Received May 9, 7.35 p.m.) RUGBY, May 8. The Admiralty announced that the yacht H.M.S. Fiona has been sunk. D.F.C. FOR DOMINION PILOT

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, May 9. Advice has been received at Air Headquarters, Wellington, that the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Pilot Officer Irving Stanley Smith. His next-of-kin is his mother, Mrs H. A. Smith, 49 Trafalgar Street, Onehunga. Pilot Officer Smith was born at Invercargill in 1917 and was educated at the Whangarei Junior High School and the Seddon Memorial Technical College, Auckland. He was selected for a commission in the Royal Air Force in 1939, leaving New Zealand in July of that year.

German Parachutists Mass For Attack On Mediterranean Front

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received May 9, 9.5 p.m.) LONDON, May 8. The Cairo correspondent of the "Daily Express" says that first-hand information indicates that the Germans are gathering parachute troops and airborne troops in the Middle East for attacks on Crete, the Western Desert, Syria and Iraq. Sicily, Benghazi, Athens, Rhodes and the recently-seized Greek islands are being used as bases for the large numbers of Junkers that are being assembled, each capable of carrying 30 men equipped with extra parachutes for supplies.

These parachute troops carry more hand grenades and ammunition than ordinary infantry. They are distinct from airborne troops, which carry petrol, pumps, motor cycles, machine guns and small armoured vehicles. The Germans are reported to have begun an intense re-equipping campaign in Greece, Bulgaria and Rumania and to be concentrating airborne contingents. Some of these are already employed in carrying supplies to Tobruk from Benghazi. The Italians and Germans are also building up their forces in Rhodes and Leros, for which reason an attack on Crete may be expected soon. In the meantime, General Wavell, Admiral Cunningham and Air Chief Marshal Longmore are building up their forces. It is estimated that Palestine and Crete are twice as strong as they were a fortnight ago. German infantrymen with flamethrowers made an unsuccessful attempt to dislodge the Australians from their dugouts and underground concrete posts at Tobruk, reports the British United Press correspondent inside the fortress. The alarm was given from a listening-post near the front line, and the attackers were driven off by heavy fire from the main defence posts. The Australians are full of praise for the British artillery. "The Germans will never get through," said one Australian. "From the posts we see truckloads after truckloads of Germans go sky-high as they are caught by the accurate fire of the British artillery." A communique issued to-day by Cairo announces that in the Tobruk and Sollum areas, British patrols have again been active. In Abyssinia, further positions covering the approach from the north to Amba Alagi have been captured and a number of prisoners taken. In all other areas, operations are continuing satisfactorily.

Newsprint From Tasmania AUSTRALIAN MOVE

Dollar Exchange Assisted IMPORTANT DECISION

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 10, 0.5 a.m.) SYDNEY, May 9. History will shortly be made when several Australian newspapers will be printed entirely on local newsprint. Thereafter the steady flow of newsprint from newsprint mills in Tasmania will be used to the utmost to replace imported paper and thus relieve the dollar exchange position. Ten Australian daily newspapers are associated with the newsprint mills.

N.Z. MISSION TO AMERICA Announcement Of Personnel

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, May 9. The personnel of the delegation to accompany the Hon. F. Langstone and the Rt. Hon. J. G. Coates on their mission to America was announced to-night by the Hon. W. Nash. He said that in addition to their personal secretaries they would be accompanied by Mr G. A. Duncan (Director of the Marketing Department), Mr L. J. Schmitt (Minister of Supply) and Mr J. P. D. Johnson (Customs Department).

AUCKLAND AIRMAN IS REPORTED MISSING

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, May 9. The following official casualty is announced: Pilot Officer Richard Hope Crush, R.A.F., missing on air operations. His next-of-kin is his father, Mr E. H. Crush, Patumahoe, R.M.D., Auckland.

FIGHTERS PONCE ON BOMBERS TRAPS SET OVER AERODROMES

THREE VICTIMS Coastal Command Bombs Bergen

British Official Wireless (Received May 9, 7.45 p.m.) RUGBY, May 8. Details of a combat over France and Belgium which gave three enemy raiders to last night's record Fighter Command bag show that one pilot spent more than an hour over an enemy aerodrome in France where returning bombers were coming in to land. Although he claimed as a confirmed victim the only one which he saw crash, he severely damaged at least two others. As he was leaving the aerodrome the pilot narrowly avoided a head-on collision with one of the returning enemy.

Another fighter pilot visited the aerodrome an hour earlier. His gunner gave one enemy bomber a burst which sent it plunging down through the clouds. Immediately afterwards he encountered and attacked a second. He is only claiming one of these as destroyed. Both were shot up in the 35 minutes which the fighter spent over this aerodrome.

Bombed at the Base A young D.F.C. pilot shot down his third bomber as it was returning to its base in Belgium. He identified it as a Heinkel 111 by the light of the flashes from his own gun. The British pilot arrived over the aerodrome just as the enemy aircraft was trying to land. The German pilot was unsuccessful at the first attempt and overshoot. He turned to circle round and make another attempt but before he could do this the R.A.F. fighter dived. One of his bursts from the pilot's front guns set the enemy on fire. Several attacks were then made by the rear-gunner on the Heinkel, which crashed in flames. There was a terrific explosion followed by a fire which lit up the whole countryside. Other night fighters dropped bombs on enemy aerodromes, starting fires in hangars and buildings.

Bergen Bombed Another force of Coastal Command Blenheims raided the harbour and shipping at Bergen, Norway, last night. In a cloudless sky, with visibility extremely good, the crews were able to make perfect runs over the target and carry out precision bombing.

Chicago Opposes Britain ANTI-WAR PLACARDS

Lord Halifax Strikes Trouble HOTEL PICKETED

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 10, 0.45 a.m.) CHICAGO, May 9. The British Ambassador (Lord Halifax) embarking on a seven-day test of "public sentiment" in the mid-West, encountered placards reading "Send Halifax to Halifax" outside his hotel. Lines of women representing anti-war organisations paraded at the hotel entrance. One banner read: "Remember Dunkirk. Beware the Doublecross," and another: "Drive the British from Washington." The police kept the pickets moving but did not interfere with their activity.

AMERICAN ARMS VIA RED SEA

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 10, 2.5 a.m.) WASHINGTON, May 9. It is learned that 27 American-crewed merchantmen in a few weeks will begin carrying war materials into the Red Sea for British use despite the Axis threats to sink them.

FRIENDLY ISLANDERS' HELP £20,000 A Year Given For Defence

British Official Wireless (Received May 9, 7.35 p.m.) RUGBY, May 8. The Colonial Minister (Lord Moyne), in a message of thanks to the Queen of Tonga—the Friendly Islands—for the offer to contribute £20,000 a year for two years towards the defence of Tonga, says: "The Government and people of Tonga have given under your leadership much encouraging evidence of their determination to further the common cause."

ENEMY RAIDER SUNK IN INDIAN OCEAN

Twenty-Seven British Prisoners Released: Victor Scarcely Damaged

LONDON, May 9. A German sea raider has been sunk in the Indian Ocean by H.M.S. Cornwall. An Admiralty communique announces: "A German armed merchantman acting as a commerce raider in the Indian Ocean has been intercepted and sunk by the cruiser H.M.S. Cornwall. Twenty-seven British merchant seamen who were prisoners aboard the raider have been rescued. Fifty-three members of the German vessel's crew survived and are now prisoners of war. The Cornwall suffered only superficial damage and her fighting efficiency was in no way impaired. (The above news was received direct on a "Columbus" calibrated short-wave radio.)

New Bombers Are "Deadly" GERMAN PRAISE

Berlin Radio Describes Clashes FAST FIGHTERS

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 9, 8.25 p.m.) LONDON, May 8. The Berlin Radio, describing the clash between German bombers and British night fighters, said that the latter are extremely fast. It also described British bombers attacking German minesweepers, saying: "These new bombers are monstrous. They are magnificent and deadly machines. One must get in first to save one's own skin."

Loans To Britain Expected AMERICAN MOVE

Forestalling Liquidation Of Holdings STOPPING INFLATION

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 9, 6 p.m.) WASHINGTON, May 8. Mr Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, to-day asked Congress for legislation permitting the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend money to the British Government generally with the welfare in the United States, increasing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's borrowing power by 1,500,000,000 dollars, authorising the creation of additional corporations to engage in varied activities such as financing pilots while they are being trained, and laying down Government-owned external airlines to Latin America.

"Distress" Prices Mr Jones explained that the proposed Bill would enable him to forestall the liquidation of British holdings of American securities and British investments at distress prices. He expressed a desire for Britain to retain the ownership of some holdings in America while using collaterals to pay for armaments. He indicated that last month the Reconstruction Finance Corporation authorised a loan of 40,000,000 dollars to Brown-Williamson Tobacco, which is wholly owned by the British-American Tobacco Company. The British economist (Mr J. M. Keynes) has arrived at New York to confer with Treasury officials and to study the problems created by the Lend-and-Lease Act. He issued a warning that the United States economy would not be able to function if Germany won, and said that Germany had succeeded in the prevention of inflation. Britain's present steps were successful, and it was absolutely essential that the United States should stop inflationary movements.

ALIEN DOCTORS IN BRITAIN Possible Employment In Hospitals

British Official Wireless (Received May 9, 7.45 p.m.) RUGBY, May 8. The Minister of Health (the Hon. Ernest Brown), replying in the House of Commons to a question, said that alien doctors in the Pioneer Corps were being considered for employment in hospitals and institutions equally with others of Allied or enemy nationality.

GERMANY SUFFERS ITS HEAVIEST RAID OF WAR Hamburg And Bremen Badly Battered: Ten R.A.F. Planes Missing

LONDON, May 9. The R.A.F. offensive against Germany last night reached its highest level since the outbreak of war, Hamburg and Bremen receiving special attention. Huge fires were seen to break out all over the dock area. From this raid, which is described as the heaviest of the war, 10 of our planes are missing. (The above news was received direct on a "Columbus" calibrated short-wave radio.)

EIGHTY-TWO RAIDS ON MALTA

British Official Wireless (Received May 9, 7.35 p.m.) RUGBY, May 8. Since September Malta has been raided 82 times. This was disclosed in a reply to a House of Commons question, when it was also stated that particulars of civilian casualties caused in these raids are not available in Britain.

HASTINGS THEATRES

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"THE LAMBETH WALK"
—With— LUPINO LANE — SEYMOUR HICKS — SALLY GRAY!
(Both Approved for Universal Exhibition.)

APPEAL FOR GIFT OF PIANO

Daily Mail Special Service.
Wairoa, May 8.

The "Keep Fit" classes for the Wairoa Auxiliary will be continued to-day under Miss Morland, the Gibson, and Miss Malcolm, the permanent instructor for the W.W.S.A. will be absent on holidays. Physical training will be followed by classes in motor mechanics taken by Mr Peet in the Patriotic Rooms from 8 to 10 p.m. Mr Whitehead will instruct the Cycle Corps, and this will be followed by signalling practice.

The following Saturday, the physical training session will be followed by classes in first aid from 8 p.m. onwards. Mrs Thompson, of the Wairoa St. John Ambulance will be in charge.

A piano is urgently needed for the physical training work, and an appeal for one is made to the public of Wairoa.

POOR ATTENDANCE AT SALE

(Daily Mail Special Service)
Wairoa

There was a poor attendance of the public at the Wairoa sale yards on Thursday. Bidding was keen for hogs showing size and quality but medium and cull were dull.

A number of horses and good hacks were eagerly sought after, but unbroken and heavy horses were unsaleable. The following prices are quoted:—
Williams and Kettle Ltd.: Best wether lambs 15/3, medium 15/3, 11/6, 12/-, 13/-, to 13/3, medium shorn 11/-, small 9/- to 10/-, culls 5/- to 6/-; medium ewe lambs 18/7, small 12/10; aged ewes, i.e. S.D.R., 8/-; useful 2 and 4-th. wethers were passed at 16/-; Horses: Best hacks, 15 to 15 10/-; others, 15, 17, child's pony, 10 15/-; pack horse, 14; H.B. Farmers Ltd.: 39 wed. hoggets (good), 13/3; 33 Down hoggets 12/2; 23 wed. hoggets (medium), 9/-; 25 ewe hoggets 13/3; 1 chestnut hack, 10 10/-; 1 Bay hack, 17 10/-; 1 black mare, 13.

Cosy

BROADWAY "HIT" ON THE SCREEN

As a stage success "The Boys From Syracuse" is rated one of Broadway's smash musical comedies. As a motion picture now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, it should have even greater success. From its opening on a beautiful ancient Grecian scene into a series of whirlwind modern "gags," the film proves full of surprises. Its setting is the Greece of yesterday, but its comedy is up-to-date as tomorrow. Allan Jones has a dual role as twin brothers, one an overbearing Grecian general and the other a romantic, golden-voiced lad from Syracuse (Greece). He has twin slaves, both played by Joe Penner. Martha Raye is married to one of the Penner twins. Irene Hervey is married to one of the Jones twins and Rosemary Lane becomes the nearest of the other. When the interloping twins are mistaken for the husbands the ensuing situations are among the most hilarious ever screened. But to tell more of the story than its basic situation is to "sprinkle" many of the genuinely amusing twists.

Several of the screen's younger players score notable hits in "Tear Gas Squad," highly interesting, thrilling and romantic melodrama of the police force which is the second feature. These are Dennis Morgan, John Payne and Gloria Dickson. Morgan in particular gives the impression that there is no limit to where he might well go on the screen. He is the virile, masculine type, and the possessor of a glorious baritone voice which he uses to good purpose.

State

WILL HAY IN "WHERE'S THAT FIRE?"

The trio of play-writers for "Where's That Fire?" now showing in Hastings at the State Theatre, have seen to it that the stars' fans get what they want from beginning to end. Will Hay, Moore Marriott and Graham Moffatt dominate the film and put over a crazy comedy with every sequence a welter of riotous slapstick. It is, in effect, a picture comprising some really funny detail work, bright dialogue and repartee. Will Hay plays an excellent part as Captain Viking, head of a village fire brigade, and is ably supported by Moore Marriott and Graham Moffatt.

The best sequence is when Viking decides to install a pole in the station, like the one he had seen in London, down which the men slide. He gets it wedged across the street, causing great traffic confusion. A petrol store blaze lends itself to wild fooling, and finally leads to the capture of the villains of the piece in the Tower of London. Technically, the film reveals all the efficiency and ingenuity for which the studio unit is noted. The settings and atmosphere are realistic, and the authentic shots of fires ablaze are masterpieces. There is an interesting long shot descriptive of the approach to the Tower of London at night. Photography is at all times effective and responsible for a general sense of realism.

Regent

"A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN"

Gloria Jean's personality, performance and amazing soprano voice comprised a major motion picture surprise when "The Under-Pup" reached the screen. Therefore it is no surprise that Gloria gives another outstanding performance in "A Little Bit of Heaven," which will open to-morrow at the Regent Theatre, Hastings. Gloria herself gives further evidence that she will soon rank among the foremost stars of the screen, if she has not already attained that position. She gives an assured and compelling performance as an East Side girl who sings on a sidewalk broadcast, becomes a famous radio star, and finds her family fighting as a result of her success.

Story of the picture concerns Gloria's family, of the "brownstone front" district. That family, as lovable and funny a clan as has ever been assembled, including Hugh Herbert as "Pop," C. Aubrey Smith as "Grandpa," Nan Grey as the older sister "Janet," and Frank Jenks as "Uncle Dan." All deliver winning portrayals. Robert Stack and Stuart Erwin are effective as a pair of bachelors who discover Gloria and places her on the air. Stack also provides romantic interest for Maise Grey. Eugene Pallette and Butch and Buddy, teamed successfully for the third time.

Municipal

"MAISIE" STORY AND "LAMBETH WALK"

Ann Sothorn, who characterises the entitled dowager with a whirl-lash tongue and the heart of gold as no one else can, returns to her familiar and popular role with more hilarious results than ever before in "Gold Rush Maisie," which is now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings. This time Maisie, who began her screen career in a ranch setting and then jumped to the African jungle in her second adventure, is adventuring in the midst of the Arizona desert when her old palop breaks down while she's en route to a cafe-singing job. By the time she's through she has even the coyotes tamed. A case of thorough trouper surrounds her. Lee Bowman, as Bill Anders, hermit owner of a desert ranch who finds Maisie welcome company until she dodges his advances, wins leading man status in this picture. Slim Summerville, as his hired hand, Fred Gubbins, brings riotous comedy, and Virginia Weidler, as Julie Davis, appealing young daughter of a family of itinerant crop followers, more than holds her own with the adults.

On the same programme the hilarious musical comedy, "The Lambeth Walk," with Stanley Lupino, of English musical hall fame, and Sally Gray in a sparkling story of a Cockney who inherits a title. The famous title-song of the picture is introduced in spectacular fashion, and the whole production is bright with laughter from start to finish.

NAPIER THEATRES

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6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news 7.30.
Breakfast session 9.0. Entertainment 10.0. Devotional service 10.30. Bronson's Huberman, the Polish violinist 10.45. "A Few Minutes with Women Novelists" 11.0. "Domestic Harmony" 11.15.
12.0: Lunch music 12.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news 1.15. Headline News and Views 1.30. Children's session 5.45. Dinner music 6.15. B.B.C. news 7.0. News 7.15.
7.30: London Palladium Orchestra 7.30. Studio recital by the Celeste Quartet: 8.0. Devotional singing Ensemble 7.53. Studio recital by William Arnold (bass), 8.15. Flinlay (pianist), 8.17. Rossario Bourdon (violin), 8.19. Devotional singing Ensemble 7.53. Studio recital by John O'Malley (tenor), 8.33. "Incant. Gomez guitarist" 8.35. Doris Van der Grinten (soprano); Frank Westerdale's Orchestra 8.37. Station notices 9.0. N.B.S. news 9.25. Variety, featuring: Grock, Tommy Handley and his Pals, and Harry Roy and his Orchestra 10.10. Dance music 11.0. B.B.C. news 11.15.

2YA WELLINGTON

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news 7.30. Breakfast session 9.0. Morning variety 10.0. Devotional service 10.30. Popular melodies 10.45. "For My Lady" 11.0. "A Few Minutes with Women Novelists" 11.15. Something for Everybody.
12.0: Lunch music 12.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news 1.15. Headline News and Views 2.0. Saturday Matinee 3.0. Rugby football match 4.30. Afternoon variety 5.0. N.B.S. news 5.45. Dinner music 6.15. B.B.C. news 7.0. Reserved.
7.45: Victor Silvester's Harmony Music 7.45. "The Music of the Miniature" 8.0. "Who's Hooper?" A musical comedy. 8.55. Station notices 9.0. N.B.S. news 9.25. "The Old Time Radio Orchestra" Vocals by the Variety Singers 11.0. B.B.C. news 11.15.

3YA CHRISTCHURCH

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news 7.30. Breakfast session 9.0. Morning variety 10.0. "Discover My Lady" 10.30. Devotional service 10.45. "Marching with the Guards" 11.0. "A Few Minutes with Women Novelists" 11.10. Light orchestral session 11.30. Popular tunes.
12.0: Lunch music 12.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news 1.15. Headline News and Views 1.30. Saturday Matinee 3.0. Rugby football match 4.30. Bands and dances 4.30. Rhythm and melody 5.0. Children's session 5.45. Dinner music 6.15. B.B.C. news 7.0. Topical War Talks from the B.B.C. 7.30. "Exploits of the Black Moth" 8.4. The Xavier Cugat Orchestra 8.14. Some English Humour 8.45. Richard Lieber (organist), 8.51. Gerardo and his Orchestra 8.58. B.B.C. news 9.0. N.B.S. news 9.25. B.B.C. news commentary 9.25. "The Kentucky Minstrel" 9.25. Dance music 11.0. B.B.C. news 11.15.

4YA DUNEDIN

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news 7.30. Breakfast session 9.0. Random ramblings 10.40. "A Few Minutes with Women Novelists" 11.0. Melodious memories: Novelty and humour.
12.0: Lunch music 12.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news 1.15. Headline News and Views 2.0. Vaudeville matinee: Bands, banjos and baritone 2.45. Revels, recital and rhythm cafe music 3.0. Children's session 5.45. Dinner music 6.15. B.B.C. news 7.0. News 7.10. "Hospital Day" 7.15. Topical War talk from the B.B.C.
7.30: Light Orchestras with Studio Recitals: "The Kissed" 8.0. Bertha Rawlinson (contralto), 8.55. Station notices 9.0. N.B.S. news 9.25. B.B.C. news commentary 9.25. Dance music 11.0. B.B.C. news 11.15.

2YH NAPIER

7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news 7.30. Breakfast session 9.0. News 10.0. Headline news and views 10.30. Dance music 10.45. "Ernest Maltrevers" 11.0. Melodious memories: Novelty and humour.
12.0: Lunch music 12.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news 1.15. Headline News and Views 2.0. Vaudeville matinee: Bands, banjos and baritone 2.45. Revels, recital and rhythm cafe music 3.0. Children's session 5.45. Dinner music 6.15. B.B.C. news 7.0. News 7.10. "Hospital Day" 7.15. Topical War talk from the B.B.C.
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Mayfair

THRILLS IN "KING OF THE LUMBERJACKS"

Warner Bros. "King of the Lumberjacks," now showing at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, with John Payne, Gloria Dickson and Stanley Fields as the cast, has enough thrills for a couple of films. Those who prefer virility to sophistication will grip the edge of their chairs when a huge tree is sent crashing down and pins a man under its huge bulk, and this is typical of the thrills.

Modern styles for the average American girl, displayed by dozens of models during colourful musical reviews, are glorified for the first time on the screen in Universal's "Ma! He's Making Eyes at Me." The story deals with the hilarious schemes of Tom Brown to save a swanky Fifth Avenue gown shop from going broke. Constance Moore portrays the beautiful Broadway model who becomes famous overnight.

State

ORIENTAL DRAMA "THE CHINESE BUNGALOW"

"The Chinese Bungalow," now showing at the State Theatre, Napier, is based on the time-honoured theme of East is East and West is West. Paul Lukas plays Yuan Sing, wealthy mandarin, who marries a European cabaret girl (Kay Walsh) and keeps her prisoner in an isolated room. She falls in love with an Englishman but, to save her from discovery, her sister (Jane Baxter), on a visit, claims to be betrothed to her lover.

Sing, unconvinced, plots the murder of his wife's betrayer, presses his unwelcome attentions on her sister, and, to give himself a clear field, stages a poisoned drinking cup show-down with a young naval lieutenant whom she really loves, which makes for good substantial, dramatic entertainment.

Regent

SENSATIONAL THRILLER "DR CYCLOPS"

A power-mad scientist with an invention that will rock the world, and five helpless victims turned into capsule creatures one-fifth of their normal size are the principals in the screen's most startling drama, "Dr Cyclops," adventure thriller in Technicolor, now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

Hair-raising adventure strikes, when the five victims, Janice Logan, Thomas Coley, Charles Hutton, Victor Kilian and Frank Yaconelli, invade the hide-out of "Dr Cyclops" (Albert Dekker) high up in the trackless Andes mountains of Peru. Lured into the madman's laboratory and in front of his infernal machine the five are turned into humanettes and awake in a world that turns their blood cold with terror.

The current attraction is "The Man Who Talked Too Much," starring George Brent and Virginia Bruce.

Traitor to Die—George Johnson Armstrong, aged 39, an engineer, was sentenced to death at the Old Bailey after trial in camera for an offence under the Treachery Act. This is the fifth death sentence under the Treachery Act. The others were three aliens and Mrs O'Grady, who was sentenced in February for being in possession of important documents and articles.—U.P.A.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF FREE KINDERGARTEN

Report Given Of Successful Year's Activities

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Hastings Free Kindergarten Association was held in the Wesley Hall when the president, Mrs Joseph Wilson, presided.

The hon. secretary, Miss Helen Ford, presented the annual report, extracts from which are given below.

Miss Shaw, the hon. treasurer, in her financial statement showed a year of generous giving on the part of the mothers and yet in spite of this there was a substantial debit balance.

Miss Ford and Miss Shaw were thanked for their untiring and loyal service to the association and also the Mothers' Club for their very generous and devoted support.

The resignation of Miss E. Howard, and Mrs Hewitt were received with regret and it was decided to place on record the appreciation of the four years' service rendered by Miss Howard, also to forward her a letter of sympathy in the death of her father.

A resolution of appreciation of the services rendered to kindergarten, and to the women and children of New Zealand by the late Mrs T. E. Taylor was expressed and it was resolved to send a letter of sympathy to her daughters. It was decided to invite the general public, and women's organisations in particular to visit the kindergarten and see the children at work and play.

The election of officers resulted in all being re-elected. Also the council, with the addition of Miss Saunders.

Votes of thanks to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the kindergarten were carried with acclamation.

The president, Mrs Joseph Wilson, in her address stressed the fact that in these changing times and conditions the service one could render to little children did not change. The opportunity to give love and understanding to them and to win their trust and confidence was unchanging amid all the stress and turmoil of these or any other world conditions. She wished the new director every success in her efforts in this direction.

Mrs Wilson expressed appreciation of the services of the staff and to the honorary secretary, Miss Helen Ford, who had completed her fourteenth year in kindergarten service.

The Annual Report
Extracts from the annual report are as follows:

"The council of the Hastings Free Kindergarten Association expresses its sincere appreciation of the ever increasing growth of interest evinced on every side by the people of Hastings. As a philanthropic organisation the kindergarten has

become an integral part of the life of this community, working primarily for the welfare of little children.

The health of the children has been remarkably good, only mild cases of sickness occurring, with no serious epidemic. It is very gratifying to report the great improvement noticed, especially among the younger children, who have greatly benefited through kindergarten activities, developing their independence and individuality.

"Through the generosity of friends the equipment has been constantly added to, toys of all descriptions, books, and a large room's house. Mr W. A. Bryant very generously erected a sand pit.

"As a result of a jumble sale, a bring-and-buy stall, street collection and fancy dress party the funds were increased.

"The Mothers' Club continues to function very successfully. Interesting talks and discussions on various branches of child welfare and child education have been given also several instructive demonstrations. The helpful co-operation of the Plunket Nurse is of very real benefit to the kindergarten. Dr Anderson, the Government Schools' Medical Officer, visited the kindergarten during the year.

Tributes were paid to members of the staff who had retired during the year. Miss M. Stewart, the director, Miss Delcia Johnson and Miss Florence Olds, also to a council member, Mrs D. H. Hooker, who had left the district.

Early in December the council executive met to consider the appointment of a successor to Miss Heale, and Mrs Gwen Pool was appointed the director.

Officers Elected

Officers were elected as follows: Patron, Mrs H. M. Campbell; president, Mrs Joseph Wilson; vice-presidents, Mesdames A. Bauchop, G. F. Roach, McDuff Boyd, Crompton-Smith, T. H. Lowry, A. F. Redgrave, W. A. Bryant and A. D. S. Whyte; hon. secretary, Miss Helen Ford; hon. treasurer, Miss J. Shaw; council members, Mesdames E. Y. Comrie, A. N. Stewart, W. N. Brathwaite, H. Harvey, F. J. Hull, V. L. Westerman; hon. physicians, Drs. E. Y. Comrie, A. D. S. Whyte, R. L. A. Kitchen; advisory board, the Mayor, Messrs C. Griffiths, H. Holderness, G. Rochford, A. F. Redgrave, W. E. Bate, E. Phillips; hon. auditor, Mr R. D. Brown; hon. solicitor, Mr H. Holderness; hon. auditor, Mr Eric Phillips.

The council extended thanks to the many friends of the kindergarten for the help they have given throughout the year, also the trustees of the Methodist Church, the honorary auditor and physicians, Walker's Nurseries, Mr and Mrs Bunker, Women's Community Club, Mr G. Muir, the Mayor and Borough Council, Mr J. Wilson, Mr Parker Smith, the many donors of gifts, and all who have rendered service in any way to the kindergarten.

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Five o'Clock Gossip

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Mrs F. McRae, Wairoa, is staying in Napier.

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THIS WEEK'S RECIPES

If You Have A Brace of Wild Duck Serve Them Like This

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A mistake frequently made by the amateur is the dressing of wild duck too soon after it has been shot. There are many people who do not enjoy game hung overlong, but it is certainly robbed of its flavour if cooked without hanging for a few days, especially if the weather is cold.

The oven in which duck or any game or poultry is put should be very hot and the heat reduced later. With smaller birds it is advisable to wrap the legs in pieces of cloth dipped in lard to prevent overcooking. These should be removed just in time to brown them. The extra trouble is well worth while.

DUCKS IN ORANGE JUICE

Half roast a duck, then take from the fire and carve so that the meat will be attached to the bone. Dust over with pepper and salt, and squeeze over the duck the juice of two large oranges. Then turn the ducks over on a plate and press down. Set on a hot stove until very hot, then turn over and let the breasts cook a golden brown. Serve hot with apple sauce.

STEWED DUCK

Prepare the ducks by cutting them in the same way as for chicken fricasee. Lay two or three very thin slices of pickled pork on the bottom of a stew pan and place the pieces of duck on top of the pork. Let them stew slowly for an hour, closely covered.

Then add seasoning of salt and pepper, half a teaspoonful of powdered sage and one small chopped onion. Stew another half hour or until the duck is tender. Strain up a large tablespoonful of brown flour, a little worcester sauce, and a teaspoonful of parsley together with pepper and salt to taste and a teaspoonful of wine.

ROAST WILD DUCK

After hanging pluck and singe the duck and then stuff with either of the following stuffings:

(a) Chestnut stuffing—Take 1lb. chestnuts, sprinkle a tablespoon of melted butter over after cutting a slit in each chestnut and cook in a hot oven for 10 minutes. Remove the shells and cook in boiling water until tender. Put through a mincer and mix with one cup of bread-crumbs, a little minced onion, 2 tablespoons of melted butter and a teaspoonful of parsley together with pepper and salt to taste and a teaspoonful of wine.

(b) Sage and onion stuffing—Cut the crust from a stale loaf and rub the bread into crumbs. Rub in three tablespoonfuls of good dripping and add one onion chopped small, pepper, salt, thyme, sage and bind with a beaten egg.

Stuff the bird and put into a hot oven for 10 minutes reducing the heat to moderate and cook for 1 1/2 hours, according to the size of the bird. A few rashers of bacon placed on the breast of the bird prevents it from becoming too dry and to prevent the legs from becoming too brown they may be wrapped in oiled cloth as suggested above. Baste the bird frequently with plenty of fat.

Stew the liver and giblets with a little onion, one chopped apple, 1lb. beef and a little seasoning and cook with water to cover for three hours. Thicken with flour, pour part of the gravy over the duck and serve the rest in a gravy boat.

SERVED WITH ROAST DUCK

With hot roast wild duck serve red currant jelly or apple sauce made as follows: Take 1lb. apples, 1 teacup of water, 1 teaspoonful each butter and sugar. Peel and slice the apples, boil them with the water until soft, add the butter and sugar.

Another sauce is made as follows: Put into a small saucepan a tablespoonful of Worcestershire sauce and a tablespoonful of mushroom catsup. Add a little salt and pepper and the juice of half a lemon. Mix well, make the sauce hot, remove from the fire and stir in a teaspoonful of cold mustard.

DUCK PIE

Cut the duck into neat pieces and put it in a saucepan with a little water. Skim off any skum that rises. Then add salt and pepper, a tablespoonful of minced celery, one onion chopped finely and 3 whole cloves.

Cut up a little pickled pork into dice, and add to the pan, taking care that there is still sufficient water to cover the duck. Thicken the gravy with a little browned flour, let it boil up, and stir in a piece of butter the size of an egg.

Have ready half a pint of potatoes cut into dice. Make a good crust, and line the sides of a buttered pie-dish. Lay in some pieces of duck, then some potato dice, then duck and so on. Pour the gravy over, cover with a top crust, make a slit in the middle and bake.

SALMAI OF DUCK

Any remains of roasted duck may be used in this dish, but when a superlative salmai is desired the birds should be scarcely more than half roasted. In either case carve them neatly and strip every particle of skin and fat from the legs, wings and breasts. Bruise the bodies well and put them with the skin and other trimmings into a stew pan. Add to them two sliced onions, a bay leaf, a small blade of mace, and a few peppercorns.

Pour in a pint or more of good veal gravy or broth, and boil it briskly until it is considerably reduced. Strain the gravy, pressing the bones well in order to obtain all flavour. Skim off the fat, add a little cayenne and lemon juice, heat the game very gradually in it, but do not on any account allow it to boil. Place pieces of fried bread round the dish, arrange the pieces of duck in the middle and pour the sauce over it.

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This is borne out by a budget of review volumes recently received. They include the English edition of a notable American novel, an unusually entertaining travel book about China, a collection of sermons by Pastor Niemoller, and two stories of Crime in Polite Society—one of them by Ngaio Marsh.

The modern American novel was the subject of an article in the "Daily Mail" some weeks ago, when "Chad Hanna" was reviewed. Now, from the same publishers, comes "Foundation Stone," by Lella Warren.

It is somewhat unfortunate for "Foundation Stone" that it has come about three years after "Gone With the Wind" and consequently will inevitably be compared with and judged by the standard of Margaret Mitchell's mammoth production. A publisher's note states that "Foundation Stone" was commenced in 1928. It is plain, therefore, that this new tale has not owed its inspiration to the story of Scarlett O'Hara, although it deals with the same period and is similar in scope.

It is a story of the golden age of the southern States of America—the days when the cotton kingdom had reached a stage of apparently boundless wealth and had evolved a picturesque and gracious civilisation which owed more to the aristocratic traditions of England and France than to the pushing republicanism of New England and the north.

"Foundation Stone" like "Gone With the Wind" follows the Far-south pattern of family chronicle. The central figure is Gerda van Fort, who comes from a New York Dutch family to marry into the Whetstone clan of South Carolina. This was in the 1820's, when the Whetstones were on the down-grade financially. They leave their great house and move south to Alabama, to the Indian lands of untouched forest, and set about establishing new plantations.

There is plenty of colour and movement in the story, and the sections dealing with backwoods pioneering and the Indian wars are well managed. But the main interest is the development of the girl Gerda into a magnificent and unconquerable character. Her Dutch stability is a good contrast to the more impetuous imagination of the southern she-marrs. In Alabama they create a new plantation, establish an enormous family with nineteenth century rapidity, and build new traditions to carry the new generation of Whetstones through the Civil War.

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The case of the dispossessed Indians is presented with both fairness and pathos, and a good deal of evidence is given to support the present-day theory that it was in most cases the settlers and not the Indians who began the long feud between the races.

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What Happened in the Lift? If you enjoy books about the more vivid forms of crime, you will like Ngaio Marsh's "Surfeit of Lampreys" and possibly Peter Cheyne's "You Can't Keep the Change."

Most detective novels are based on the time-honoured theme of Who Left the Body on the Doorstep?—and the versatile New Zealander's latest production is no exception. In this case, however, Lord Wuthero was left in the lift of a block of flats in London. His Lordship was in a considerable mess.

The surfeit of Lampreys has nothing to do with King John, who, history tells, killed himself by eating too many of the repulsive creatures. Lord Charles Lamprey and his family are a collection of characters rather like the Bliss family in Noel Coward's "Hay Fever." At the beginning of the story they are living in New Zealand, somewhere in South Canterbury to be precise, but that is only in the prologue. The story proper is set in London and the only link with New Zealand is a very colonial young woman called Roberta through whose eyes much of the action is seen.

The plot is clever, and the mystery is brilliantly sustained to the end. Miss Marsh takes much more care with her characterisations than most writers of thrillers, and her Lampreys are an amusing and likeable lot. For the greater part of the story the author endeavours to throw suspicion on one or other of the family, but most readers will prefer to suspect Lady Wuthero, who dabbles in the occult and black magic. But Lady Wuthero didn't do it.

Incidentally, as it is the reviewer's privilege to find fault, there is a slip on Page 278. The late Lord Wuthero could not possibly have refused a loan to his brother on December 12, 1939, because when he went down in the lift the war had not begun. However, that point does not affect the story or spoil any of the ingenious clues.

If you like the Lampreys it is probable that you will not like Slim Callaghan and the Vendayes in "You Can't Keep the Change." In this book almost everyone is excessively tough in the American sense, and they all talk American slang and are thoroughly unpleasant. The following extract from a telephone conversation gives a line on the dialogue:

"What can we do for you, Mr Layne? . . . I see . . . yeah . . . I'm ahead of you . . . well, what's the stuff worth? . . . One hundred thousand . . . you don't say . . . Say, Mr Layne, 'bye."

Mr Peter Cheyne's style is full of dots, and his characters, although they live in London, belong entirely to Chicago.

If Slim Callaghan (of Callaghan Investigations) is typical of modern English detectives, the race has degenerated sadly since the days of the courteous and chivalrous Mr Holmes. The "hundred thousand," incidentally, refers to some fabulously valuable jewels spirited away from a Devonshire manor, thus providing a plot in which murder, although duly present, takes a subordinate place.

Most of the people concerned spend a considerable part of their lives in Mayfair nightclubs and country roadhouses. The indefatigable Slim Callaghan unravels the tangled mystery with expected brilliance, but any admiration felt by the reader is dampened by his manners and habits, which are quite inexcusable. Certain characteristics are repeated by the author with exasperating monotony. One loses count of the occasions on which Mr Callaghan "swears softly under his breath" and "lights a cigarette, in hales, and allows the smoke to trickle from one nostril." Quite an achievement, but why say so on almost every page?

Pageant of China To-day The British and American world is beginning to realise what a tremendous debt it owes to China which for years has striven to repel the Japanese advance. Further, the hopeless mess into which the mechanical civilisation of Europe and America has landed itself has led to a vague suspicion that there may be something wrong with the Western ideas of civilisation and there has been a gradual awakening of interest in the immeasurably more ancient civilisation of China.

"Through China's Wall" is a book written by an American artist who went to China in 1936. He planned to stay only a short time, but he found a unique fascination in the land and its people, and six months passed before he left Peking. From the ancient capital he made a leisurely journey through China, out to the western territories of Mongolia, and south to French Indo-China.

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Pastor Niemoller's Sermons Martin Niemoller is one of the most notable victims of Nazi religious persecution. On July 1, 1937, he was arrested, but his trial did not commence until February, 1938. The special court which tried the case found the Protestant leader not guilty of dis honourable conduct and sentenced him to a period of confinement in a fortress, but declared that this sentence had been expiated by Niemoller's long imprisonment "on remand." Instead of being set free, however, the prisoner was taken to the concentration camp of Sachsenhausen.

This story of persecution has made Niemoller something of a martyr and, as much as any other individual case, has drawn world-wide attention to Nazi methods. Not long ago a cablegram suggested that the pastor had been received into the Roman Catholic Church, but in view

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The Minister for N.E.S. (Mr Primrose) said:—"We are receiving full co-operation, but if there is any deliberate obstruction the Government will unhesitatingly invoke these clauses."

"The penalties will apply to householders, employers, corporations, and even Government agents."

"Air-raid wardens will have authority to enter any building in which a blackout breach occurs."



The Letterbox

Bab, Hastings: It will certainly be grave that dear little baby kitten, Bab, and I shall be anxious to hear when you have it and what you intend to do with it. I was very pleased to receive your story and I shall see if I can find a little bit of room to include it in our page. I have your marks for it and for your poem.

Bab, Hastings: Yours was a most welcome letter this week, Bab, but I will just have to see how much space I have and whether I can manage your story. It was quite a good story and you made a good try with your poetry, too. You will see I have given you marks for them all and you will very soon have enough to receive your badge. When you have 25 you can call and collect it.

Marigold, Hastings: Well, I was pleased to see that you had written for me that clever riddle-me-ree, Marigold, and I wonder whether it will keep the Playmates guessing a good deal. I'm glad you managed the film star names also. Do write and tell me what you are going to do in the holidays.

Bib, Hastings: I was most interested to hear all about your cooking classes, Bib, and was only sorry that you were not able to attend them more lately. I was pleased also to hear about the Girls' Life Brigade and your special marks for a most interesting letter and you will see that you earned your badge. Would you call for it when you bring your letter next week.

Quick Silver, Hastings: I was very pleased indeed to receive a letter from you, Quick Silver, and am so glad that you have decided to write to me. Will you send me your age and birthday. Thank you for your letter and the clever tongue twister. Sometimes I find it hard to read a poem copied from a book if it is an especially good one and I like any little puzzle that I can do. You can reach 25 marks and win a badge.

Garthowen, D.S.O., Hastings: It will be a pleasure to have you write to me on Sundays, Garthowen, because I do like to receive your letters and to hear how you are getting on. I am interested to see the Silver Jubilee paper and would take great care of it. In Hastings I have some spare time we will use this for a competition. You forgot to give me the riddle-me-ree—some time ago.

Valerie Kale, Clive: I was very pleased indeed to receive another letter from you this week, Valerie, and I am glad to hear that you are not having room to include the story today but will see how much space there is. I hope the story didn't really happen.

Genevieve, D.S.O., Whakatu: Yes, I have had a lot of new Playmates recently, Genevieve, and I am so pleased to welcome them. I am so glad that you have made yourself a dress and think that it is splendid. You may be able to get your visit to the dentist over in one day at the beginning of the holidays. You should have all the rest of the time to thoroughly enjoy yourself.

Chris Austin, Whakatu: I am sure it is much easier to draw than to write, Chris, and I wondered if you have any coloured pencils because you have a lot of letters to draw with. Someone who helps you draws very good cows and horses and bunnies and you draw from—much better than I could.

Ginger, D.S.O., Whakatu: I suppose you do have a laugh at the drawings, Ginger, but you have to be a bit of a good tries and I like to receive them. I am so pleased that your jersey is going so well and I think it is splendid that you are working for the refugee children. Saturday certainly was a terribly wet day and I hope you had a good time.

Pauline Jones, Clive: Your story was a good one, Pauline, but I was not quite sure whether you had written it. I would like to see it like you always say because I know better how many marks to give you. I am glad that you have entered the film star competition as well.

Diana, Clive: I was very pleased that you sent me a story, Diana, but I am sorry that you do not have very much space. However, I will see what I can do but in any case you will see that I have allowed you to write marks for your story. I am pleased with you because I know you can cook at all will soon be busy testing it as I certainly shall. I am glad that you have enjoyed the lion and thank you for the tongue twister.

Wendy, Hastings: I do hope that you are quite better by now, Wendy, but it will be good to have the holiday so that you will be well and ready to go to school again next term. When you go to school, I will like you to come and see me very much. Your story was good and I will try and include it. Also, I shall certainly try your competition idea sometime quite soon.

Pippin, Port Ahuriri: I do look forward to hearing from you, Pippin, each week, Pippin, and I was glad to receive a letter from you this week. I am sure you are very busy and do wish that even if she was too busy to write in the summer time that she would start again now. Also I hope that you are well. Blue Mask but she has gone such a long way away.

Lois Sticland, Hastings: I am very glad to hear that you and your friend to our Playtime Club. Lois, but I think if you don't mind I would like you to choose a different name. I have already so many just like your choice and they are not very attractive. Would you and your friend choose some pretty name and I shall look forward to meeting you.

Bo-Peep, D.S.O., Pakowhai: Yes, Bo-Peep, it will be a very good idea if you could write to me each week, Bo-Peep, and it will be all ready for you. I am so pleased to hear that you are enjoying your hobby. It is quite all right to answer the competition in pencil and I am hoping that you are not ill in bed.

Pop-eye, Hastings: Well I was pleased that you found some mushrooms after all, Pop-eye, and I wish that you had been able to eat them if you don't like them. I am very fond of them and have been unlucky in the past. I am sure it is difficult to write a letter each week, but I do like to hear from you and to answer the competition.

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Isla Read, Hastings: I am very pleased indeed to welcome you to our Playtime Club. I liked your piece of poetry very much. I like you to write poems or stories as long as you keep them fairly short because we have not very much space. I give marks for all these and for the poems. I do think it must be very good fun to be a Girl Guide and they do such splendid things all over the world. I am most interested to hear of your names Distinguished Service Order and is given when you have gained 25 marks.

Shirley Hannah, D.S.O., Hastings: I was very pleased indeed to have two new Playmates who are friends of yours, Shirley, and I think it is splendid for them to have a race for 25 marks. I shall take a great interest in it. I am sure that you have risen to second in geometry and I look forward to a first place next term. I shall look for another short letter from you.

Nancy Paulsen, Takapau: I was sorry that you had no special news for this week, Nancy, but was pleased that you answered the competition. As you will now be having holidays I expect that will give you some news because I am most interested to know how you are spending your extra free time.

Tiki, Hastings: Yes, Tiki, you now have 13 marks, not counting those you have gained this week so do have a special try and see how soon you can reach 25 marks. I am so sorry you haven't been well and hope you are now better and up again. Thank you for your riddle and I do like your pretty blue notepaper.

Mabel, Hastings: I liked your little poem this week, Mabel, and the other poems which you wrote. I am glad to hear that Tinkerbell is in your class at school. Also I think it is very good that you are fond of reading because both are very interesting hobbies for the whole year round and as you say swimming is good in the summer.

Clare, Hastings: I shall be very pleased to have you as a Playmate, Clare, and I think that you write your letter very well. I have given you 7 marks. Thank you for the story that you sent me and you will see that I have given you 7 marks. I hope you will try hard each week to gain lots more.

Busy Bee, D.S.O., Hastings: And I am pleased to hear that you are becoming an Inspector Scott. I like you very much, Busy Bee. However, now that holidays have started I shall look forward to receiving from you a good long letter with lots of news all about what you are doing.

Jo Naps, Yes, I did just manage to include you last week, Jo, and I meant to tell you that if you ever go past the Daily Mail Office in Hastings it would be quite all right to leave your letter there because it would be sent out to me, but always leave a note to tell me that you have written. I shall look for your drawing and I only wish we were able to publish it. I have already marked this week for good neat writing.

Blossom, Hastings: Yes, I thought that yours was a good little poem, Blossom, and I am sure that your Playmates will enjoy reading it too. I am pleased that everyone likes your little babies so much and you must love him a great deal. It is such fun to hear babies know you and smile at you, isn't it?

Chick-a-Biddy, Hastings: I was pleased to receive another letter from you this week, Chick-a-Biddy, and to find that you did the competitions for me. I am sure that you will enter very nice and neat because I often give an extra mark if I think that it is especially good.

Hazel Lukey, Hastings: Yes, Hazel, I thought the competition might be rather hard for those who did not go very far in the first two. However, I really will read your stories carefully and will write to you without fail. I am so pleased at your interest.

Rose Marie, Hastings: Your letter reached me very late this week, Rose Marie, and so I am afraid I can only just give you 2 marks. I am sure that I couldn't include your marks in the honours I have allowed me. I am most interested to read all about your Home Guard parade and the marks you got for it.

Daffodil, D.S.O., Hastings: I am very sorry indeed if I made a mistake with your marks last week, Daffodil, but I will give you 25 marks for this week to make up for it. Do write and tell me how you are spending your holidays and whether you have had any pleasant outings.

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Elaine Russell, Napier: I am very pleased indeed to welcome you to our Playtime Club, Elaine, but I am sorry to say that last year I had a Playmate whose pen name was Faith and just in case she should write to me again I would like you to choose another if you will. I was very interested to hear all about you and your friend and would like to hear more.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail

Letters To The Editor
Your Own Morning Paper

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1941.

THE QUESTION OF FRENCH AFRICA

One of the disappointments of the early campaign in Libya was the fact that the British victories did not inspire General Weygand and his army to throw over the humiliating so-called armistice which put the French colonies out of the war before the war had ever come near them, and to join forces with the Free French loyalists who have remained faithful to the British alliance.

As it was, Weygand did nothing, and the opportunity to end once and for all the power of the Axis in Africa—which constitutes as much of a threat to French Tunisia and Morocco as Egypt—was lost. Even so, one of the most important elements in the strategic situation in the Mediterranean to-day is the fact that France controls about 1,250 miles of the north African coast. The most important harbours, the finest hinterland, and the densest population in this region of the African continent are under French rule.

There is reason to believe that Hitler by now realises that he committed a fundamental error in signing an armistice which left unoccupied France in more or less complete control of its colonial empire, making it difficult for Germany to obtain strategic benefit from French North Africa. There can be no doubt that the German dictator would never have given France so much rope if he had not believed that Great Britain would agree to a patched up peace as soon as her strong ally on the Continent was defeated and overrun. However that may be, Hitler to-day urgently needs France's African coastline, and he is compelled to attempt to achieve his purpose through negotiation and threats and by using and abusing the friends he has in French officialdom.

Recent cablegrams have reported that a number of Germans, under one pretext or another, but usually in the guileless form of "tourists" have found their way into Algeria and French Morocco, but this is nothing like the free use of the seaboard that is necessary for German operations against Gibraltar or as a short cut to Dakar for adventures in South Africa.

For the time being the stout (and unexpected) resistance of Marshal Petain who, perhaps, realises that he must preserve some shadow of French independence or be evicted by the French themselves, keeps the situation as it is. But that situation obviously cannot last indefinitely, and the present German demand for a passage through Syria to Iraq may be the preliminary to a showdown involving the entire French colonial empire.

Up to the present there have been very few signs of unrest in those French colonies which have not already declared for General De Gaulle. This, however, does not imply any particular affection for France. In Algeria, in Tunisia, and in Morocco, the French are still regarded by the native peoples as intruders, and the hope is cherished that the present world conflict will give them the chance of regaining their independence.

Nevertheless, the people of North Africa are not prepared to revolt against the French if revolt means the institution of German, Italian, or Spanish domination. On the whole, they regard French rule as a lesser evil than Axis rule, and it is therefore reasonable to suppose that the warlike tribesmen of Africa would fight loyally for France against direct Axis attack. But if Germany achieves the elimination of unoccupied France without the too-obvious use of force the situation in Africa will be changed, and the change will not be to the advantage of Great Britain and her allies.

Not long ago General Weygand, as Commander-in-Chief of the whole north African territories of France, declared that he would remain loyal to Marshal Petain. And the Marshal himself solemnly pledged his word that French forces would not be used against former allies (meaning the British Empire); that the French ports in unoccupied territory would not be given over to the enemy; and that the French colonial empire would remain neutral. It may be supposed that Marshal Petain will strive to stand by his oath. His honour and the future of France are at stake.

But Marshal Petain and the Vichy Government are constantly under German pressure and under the influence of French supporters of the New Order in Europe. How long a resistance be maintained? If German troops are landed by plane in Syria, can Marshal Petain, or anyone else in France do anything about it?

Personal

Miss P. Barker and Miss Black are Gisborne visitors to Napier.

Mrs A. H. D. Mayne, Napier, accompanied by her two small sons, leaves to-day on a visit to Marton.

Mr G. A. Maddison, Hastings, has been elected to the council of the New Zealand Rugby Union.

Mr J. Taylor has returned to Matamoras after spending holidays in Makotuku with Mr and Mrs M. Carruthers.

Mr R. P. Fish, who was recently appointed engineer to the Hastings Borough Council, is expected to arrive from Invercargill on May 25.

Mr J. R. H. Cooksey, Dominion Commissioner for Boy Scout training, is touring New Zealand in the course of an inspection of Boy Scout and Sea Scout troops.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr and Mrs Noel Cole, Mrs M. Read, Mr R. Waters (Auckland), Mrs D. S. Donkin (Sydney), Mr N. H. Mackie (Wellington) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr W. Moss, Mr J. Donahie (Wanganui), Mr A. Jefferson (Wairoa), Mr E. E. Solomon (Christchurch), Mr D. H. Lillier (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs J. B. Beeson (Auckland), Mrs J. Hunter (Porangahau), Mr H. N. Turner (Hastings), Mr G. Clarke, Mr E. Dooling, Mr R. Millar (Masterton) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

Mr S. B. Edwards, Mr G. S. Griffiths (Auckland), Mr M. Jenkins, Mrs M. L. McCubbin, Mr C. Herman, Miss E. Ewart, Miss J. Gillingham (Wellington), Mrs M. E. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mrs T. H. York, Mr M. A. Conwy (Feilding), Miss Black (Gisborne), Miss N. Butler, Miss E. Butler (Wai-pawa), Mr and Mrs Henley (Brisbane), Mr A. Franklin (Christchurch), Mr H. N. Turner (Hastings), Mr and Mrs J. C. Bidwill, Mrs Prudence Bidwill (Featherston) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr W. S. Surridge (Waitaki), Mr McIntosh, Mr C. Cremins, Mr L. Clayton, Mr L. R. Robinson (Wellington), Mr McKay (Gisborne), Mr C. J. Ball (Napier), Mr C. Mann (Hastings) are at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

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Burglaries in Napier

Using a sharp and heavy instrument, thieves forced their way into Napier premises late on Thursday night. The burglaries occurred in the morning. Two cases of whisky valued at £16 were removed from the bulk store belonging to Dominion Breweries Ltd. From the Hawke's Bay Steam Laundry packages containing clothes laundered and ready for delivery were stolen, in addition to a number of blankets. Although thieves gained entrance to the premises of Electric Laundry Ltd., nothing appears to have been removed.

Lighting Restrictions

To ascertain the type of light best suited to the reduction of sky-glow over Hastings at night, alterations were yesterday made to lamps in Eastbourne Street. The shades on a standard of street lamps and six ordinary street lamps, standard in each of three varieties of painted bulb was fitted. The Reduced Lighting Committee will inspect the lights to decide which type will be adopted.

War Expenses Fund

The following interest-free loans and donations to the War Expenses Fund have been acknowledged by the Hon. W. Nash: Anonymous, Napier (gift) £50; A. E. Ginn, Wanganui (duration) £1000; Anonymous, Lower Hutt (duration) and six months) £1000; Wellington Resident (duration and six months) £500; B. J. Ball (N.Z.) Ltd., Auckland (monthly contribution) £500; C. Hooper, London (duration), £500 in addition to the above. Donations of interest, totalling approximately £4900 have been received from 850 depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank. The total to date is £2,978,350.—Press Association.

Linen Flax Industry

Further expansion of the linen flax industry in response to a request from Britain for increased sowings, is envisaged by the Minister of Supply (the Hon. D. G. Sullivan) who opened the new linen flax factory at Blenheim yesterday. Arrangements for the extension of the area of the crop to at least 25,000 acres is under way, he said in an interview. This means the erection of six new factories and additions to five existing plants. The ten existing factories, said the Minister, already provided employment for 600 men and it is estimated that no fewer than 1000 men will find employment when all the sixteen factories contemplated are working.—Press Association.

Customs Regulations

To ease the congestion at the wharf sheds in Wellington special provision has been made by the Customs Department to facilitate the delivery to importers of goods arriving at New Zealand ports before the documents relating to them. In a letter to the Associated Chambers of Commerce in the New Zealand Controller of Customs (Mr E. D. Good) says that where the delivery of goods is authorised on condition that they will be held intact pending the production of the documents necessary to enable the entry of the goods to be completed, and the importer is prepared to arrange for goods to be examined by a Customs officer and a complete inventory made in his presence, collectors of customs may, upon being satisfied that the revenue and any other provisions of law are safeguarded, authorise the release of goods from the conditions mentioned.—Press Association.

Breakfast Table

"The belles were unusually beautiful, each Mission having one either in a tower or in a tree in the patio."—Capistrano (Calif.) Gazette.
Ring out, wild belles!
First Partner: "Who's that ravishingly pretty girl you've got in your office?"
Second Partner: "Applicant for the post of stenographer that we advertised this morning."
First P.: "Well, old chap, I'd hire her."
Second P.: "I have."
First P.: "Can she take dictation?"
Second P.: "I don't know. I didn't want any obstacles to crop up."

Country Newspaper Editor:

"But what did we put in that gets you so excited? Why make such a fuss over something that can easily be corrected? It can't be very serious."
Local Fire Brigade Captain: "Oh, ain't it? Look here: Your paper says 'the blaze was extinguished before any damage had been done by the local Fire Brigade!'"

The "West of England" has faced up to fierce bombardment. There has been much damage, but the mills producing those wonderful suitings, for which England is world famous, are still pouring from their looms an unabated flood. Parkers always imported direct, and are therefore, in these times of restrictions, one of the few firms still able to do so. Ladies will be particularly interested as tailored costumes have never before been so popular.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Banana "Famine"

Bananas are unobtainable in Hastings and will not be on sale until some time next week, according to inquiries among retailers. The arrival of a shipment will relieve the shortage of this fruit in Hawke's Bay.

High School Board

As a result of the biennial election of three parents' representatives on the Hastings High School Board of Governors, the poll for which closed last week, Mr A. D. Ross (277 votes), Mrs R. M. Lovell-Smith (232) and Mr R. P. Tabley (212) have been elected to the positions.

Gathering for Troops

Soldiers at present on leave will be honoured at a gathering at the Hastings Assembly Hall on Wednesday afternoon next, in connection with a decision reached at last night's meeting of the Hastings Zone Patriotic Committee. Soldiers and their relatives are invited to attend, and gift parcels will be presented.

Dutch Royal Broadcast

It being a year to-day since the Netherlands was invaded, Queen Wilhelmina, according to advice received by the Netherlands Consulate at Wellington, will speak from London on Radio Oranje. In New Zealand this broadcast will be heard to-morrow between 6.45 and 7 a.m. (New Zealand time) on the wavelengths 40.59, 41.49, 30.96 metres.—Press Association.

Elderly Man Injured

An elderly man, thought to be Mr George Griffiths, an engineer living near Shakespeare Road, Napier, was seriously injured last evening in a collision with a motor car in Clive Square, Napier, yesterday. It is understood that the injured man was riding a bicycle at the time of the accident. He was subsequently removed to the Napier Public Hospital and it was ascertained late last night that his condition was satisfactory.

Clothing Still Needed

The fact that used clothing is still needed by the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild was stressed at last night's meeting of the Hastings Zone Patriotic Committee. The condition of the garments was not important, it was stated, and the Guild would find a use for all the clothing it received. Shipping space was still a problem, but a consignment had recently been dispatched for refugees and people in the bombed areas of Britain.

Sale of Power Plant

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Let There Be Light!

Motorists anxious to meet their obligations arising out of the black-out regulations, but equally anxious to avoid running down the batteries of their cars by prolonged use of parking and tail-lights, are seeking a solution of the problem. Small kerosene lamps, firmly fixed to the front and rear bumpers when the vehicle is left on the road for long periods at night, may be seen in Napier. Some motorists have experimented with dry cell torches as improvised parking lights, but the cost of battery renewals does not make this proposition attractive.

Don't Forget

Wool Cardigans—With or without collar, ribbed or straight at yoke. 1.8 0. Shades navy, teal, black, winberry, gunmetal, etc. N.W. W.O.S. Prices 25/- to 79/6

Wool Jumpers

With long sleeves. Crew neck, in plain and fancy weaves. Assorted shades, all sizes. Prices 17/9 to 35/-

Blouses

In Georgette, Crepe-de-Chine, Satin and Kabuki. Trimmed with lace or plain tucks with or without collars. Prices 11/6 to 35/-

Evening Sets

In ribbed, plain and fancy designs. Shades mist grey, rust, navy, green and gold. Prices 49/6 to 79/6

Shirts

In tweed and worsted pleated styles. Prices 29/6 to 37/6

Underwear

Interlock Nighties & Pyjamas—In cream, sky, peach, lil and corn. Plain and trimmed, with lace or without collars. Prices 10/9 to 25/-

Woolcard Nighties & Pyjamas

In dainty pastel tones, trimmed with lace or contrast shades. All sizes. Prices 25/6 to 35/-

Vests, Bloomers & Panties

In wool back, wool and silk and wool. Prices from 5/6 to 12/6

Wool Spencers

Short or long sleeves. Shades peach, cream. Prices from 9/6 to 11/6

Drapers, Hastings

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR FAIR, MILD WEATHER

Following is the Daily Mail's special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area:
Winds: Light to moderate north-westerly winds gradually freshening in the south.
Weather: Fair and mild, some drizzle developing later in and about the Ruahines.
Seas: Slight to moderate.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park were as follows:—
Dry bulb temp. ... 50.0deg.
Wet bulb temp. ... 48.0deg.
Maximum temp. ... 63.0deg.
Minimum temp. ... 31.0deg.
1ft. underground ... 36.0deg.
3ft. underground ... 35.0deg.
Grass ... 53.0deg.
Rain ... Nil
Wind ... S.E.L.
Cloud ... 6

NAPIER WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the government recorder (Miss G. Hudson) are as follows:—
Dry bulb temp. ... 48.6deg.
Wet bulb temp. ... 45.5deg.
Maximum temp. ... 57.5deg.
Minimum temp. ... 37.5deg.
1ft. underground ... 42.0deg.
3ft. underground ... 37.0deg.
Grass ... 57.8deg.
Sun ... 8hrs.
Cloud ... 6
Wind ... calm
Rain ... Trace
Visibility ... 6
Humidity ... 86 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST

Winds: Northerlies prevailing and later tending to westerly in the far south. Force fresh to strong in the central provinces and in the far south but elsewhere moderate.
Seas: New Zealand waters: Becoming rough in and about Cook and Foveaux Straits; rather rough south of Kawhia. Elsewhere slight or moderate. Eastern Tasman Sea: Moderate northerly winds gradually becoming strong. Sea moderate but rising.

Weather: Intermittent light rain and drizzle in Westland and later in western Wellington and Southland. Elsewhere fair to cloudy. Moderate temperatures.

To-day's Diary

NAPIER
The Theatres:
"Dr. Cyclops," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m.
"The Chinese Bungalow," State, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Ma, He's Making Eyes at Me," and "The Americanists," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

HASTINGS
Celtic Football Club's Dance. Assembly Hall, 8 p.m.

The Theatres:
"Dear Gas Squad," and "Boys From Syracuse," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m.
"Where's That Fire," State, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m.
"A Little Bit of Heaven," Regent, 7.15, 8 and 8 p.m.
"Gold Rush in the States" and "Lambeth Walk," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

Balkan Telegrams

The New Zealand Controller of Censorship directs that the acceptance of telegrams for Greece (except Crete), Yugoslavia and Bulgaria is no longer permitted.

Remember - - - MOTHER'S GIFT DON'T FORGET
Illustration of a woman in a dress and hat.
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MORE POWER TO THE R.A.F.

SIGNAL SUCCESSES ACHIEVED

24 NIGHT RAIDERS

Air Battles At Height Of Five Miles

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The R.A.F. combined a brilliant feat of defence with an equally brilliant feat of attack last night when it destroyed the record number of 24 night raiders over Britain and sent whole salvos of armour-piercing bombs crashing into the German battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, which for some weeks past have been sheltering at the French naval base of Brest.

Then, following on the 24 enemy raiders brought down last night, our planes destroyed a further 14 during daylight to-day. The day's air battles were fought at a height of five miles. One of our machines was lost, but the pilot is safe.

The "Daily Mail's" aeronautical correspondent says that the Luftwaffe, alarmed by the increasing toll of R.A.F. night fighters, is now sending a fighter escort for its night bombers. The first moonlight dog-fights between British and German fighters occurred on Wednesday.

Congratulations Of the 24 raiders brought down during last night, 20 were destroyed by our night fighters, three by anti-aircraft fire, and one by the balloon barrage. Others severely damaged ran into double figures. Some were almost certainly destroyed, though no claim is made for them.

A telegram has been sent by the War Cabinet to the Fighter Command concerning congratulating its outstanding success in last night's operation.

Last night's record bag of enemy raiders brought the total score by the night fighters for the first seven days of May to 74. Allowing four members to the crew of each plane, these losses mean that more than 300 experienced airmen have been lost by the Luftwaffe in the space of a single week.

The weather was very favourable for fighter operations last night, and this was a most important factor, but there is reason for much satisfaction in the general but not so constant increase in the casualties inflicted on the enemy since the early part of the year.

Thus, while January and February showed totals of each of 47 and 48 respectively, in March 47 were brought down, which number was increased to 90 for April. With 74 for the first week in May, the increase appears likely to continue.

It is estimated that the Nazi Air Force lost about 100 of its trained night fliers last night.

Battle-Cruisers Bombed

Precise Manoeuvre

Hits On Scharnhorst And Gneisenau

Effective Damage

British Official Wireless (Received May 9, 6 p.m.)

RUGBY, May 8.

Last night's weather in the north-west corner of France gave the R.A.F. an opportunity to make sure of going effectively against the German battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, states the Air Ministry.

The docks and harbour of Brest lay exposed in moonlight, and our crews could plainly see the Gneisenau in dry dock and the Scharnhorst moored up against a jetty near the torpedo-boat base.

The attack was made with no less deliberation than precision. The bombs had to be dropped not only in the right place, but from the right height, and battle-cruisers make a very small target when seen at a height from which a heavy armour-piercing bomb will fall with enough force to penetrate the specially-protected decks of battle-cruisers.

Some of the pilots used the alternative method of diving rapidly on to the target so that the speed of the momentum of the bombs would be added to their own.

One such dive was made from over 10,000 feet, and the bomb was released on the way, the pilot continuing to dive to about 2,000 feet before straightening up. One of his crew were confident that the Gneisenau had been hit.

Another crew claimed direct hits on the vessels.

One very heavy armour-piercing bomb burst immediately forward of the funnel of the Gneisenau. An equally heavy bomb was seen to burst in the forepart of the Scharnhorst, and a large, brilliant explosion which followed it lit up the whole ship.

There were also many near misses beside both ships which may well have done further substantial damage.

STILL ACTIVE DURING WAR

Wairoa Young Farmers Club

(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIROA, May 8.

The president of the Wairoa Young Farmers Club (Mr W. T. Powdrell) in his fifth annual report to be presented at the annual meeting of the Club, to be held on Friday, May 16, states: "The club is holding together well in spite of the war. We do not expect progress during the war period but by continuous effort we can expect to remain an active unit of the federation."

"Financially the year has not been as successful as others and for the first time our balance sheet records a loss, certainly a small one, but provision for writing off bad debts to the amount of £4 2/- has turned profit into loss. The Post Office Savings Bank account has increased slightly and now stands at

GOVERNMENT AND B.M.A.: "BIG STICK IS NEEDED"

Minister Of Health Launches Attack: Social Security Plan

(By Telegraph—Press Association.) CHRISTCHURCH, May 9.

"Nobody likes to wield the big stick or cares to have to force people to do things that they will not do voluntarily, but at the same time the actions of some people make that course not merely desirable but imperative," declared the Minister of Health (the Hon. A. H. Nordmeyer) to-night. The Minister condemned an action of the British Medical Association, as disclosed in a letter which he read, in advising doctors to terminate their present arrangements with lodges if the lodges accepted the Government's subsidy.

A copy of a letter purported to have been signed by Dr. T. H. Pullar, of the Pathological Department of the Palmerston North Hospital, in his capacity of honorary secretary of the Palmerston North Division of the British Medical Association was read as follows by the Minister at a social of the Christchurch South branch of the Labour Party:

"Dear Sir—I have been asked by the chairman of the National Health Insurance Committee of the British Medical Association to notify all secretaries of local Friendly Societies as follows: 'If Friendly Societies accept the subsidy from the Government's Social Security Fund, they will be asked to terminate their present contracts or arrangements with lodges if this Government subsidy is accepted by lodges.'"

Provisions Fulfilled After outlining the provisions of the Social Security Act fulfilled by the Government, Nordmeyer said he was pleased to say how much he and the Government appreciated the co-operation of the chemists in helping them to implement the provisions of the Act. That co-operation had been in pleasing and direct contrast to the non-co-operative spirit shown by some other people.

"I suppose you will want me to say something about the doctors," the Minister continued. "I know you have been saying something yourself and that what you have been saying will not bear repetition. I know that from one end of this Dominion to the other there are people who feel very strongly about the non-co-operative spirit shown by the B.M.A."

"War-time Excuse" "They remember, for example, that before the war started, the doctors raised an objection to the Government's scheme. Now they are saying that there might be something to be said for the scheme, and that they might operate, but they cannot possibly do it while the war is on."

"The war represents a splendid excuse for some people and for the non-co-operative medical profession. I have said before and repeat it to-night, that I am convinced that if the rank and file of the medical profession were to have their way we would have the medical scheme operating to-day."

"Tyranny Exercised" "Because of the tyranny exercised by persons in responsible positions in the B.M.A. the rank and file are not unwilling, but are only unable to co-operate as they personally would like."

"I said on one occasion recently that we were being urged from different parts of the Dominion to bring greater pressure to bear on the B.M.A."

Sentiments Understood "I said I understood the sentiments of the people who expressed those views, and that if only people would be patient it might not be necessary for the Government to use strong methods. Further, I said that if it were necessary the Government would not flinch from its duty to the people."

"Actions such as this latest taken by the B.M.A. brings the day closer when the Government, however, might be anxious it may be to extend the olive branch, and however anxious it may be to have this agreement made amicably, will use the term advisedly—to the tactics revealed in the letter I have read."

Medical Attitude The Minister continued that he understood that medical men were saying that the people did not want the scheme, that only the politicians wanted it, and that the people had not demanded that they wanted it put into operation.

He had advised the people to go to the doctors and show how much they wanted the scheme.

The doctors replied that it was unfair to coerce them in that way.

Public Opinion The plain fact was that men and women of all shades of political opinion had reached the stage when public opinion would be such that no Government would be able to right itself or neglect the demand for action.

Just as the Government was asked during wartime to take strong methods against those who sabotaged the nation's war effort, so the Government in consistency must take strong measures against those who stooped to the level indicated in the letter.

"Still One Thing" "The greater part of the Social Security Scheme has come into effect, but there is still this one thing to do," the Minister concluded. "The Government is not going to allow its promise to the people to be unfulfilled. It is not going to be balked in its desire to implement its election pledges by a small section of the community—unquestionably a valuable section."

"A small section cannot possibly be allowed to usurp the function of the Government."

£40 18/6, while a small surplus is in the current account of the Trading Bank.

"During the year many of our members have left New Zealand under the Service Forces and members will be pleased to know that the club continues to send the Journal of Agriculture to members as they leave the Dominion. Letters show that these are appreciated."

Opportunity For Youth

Reconstruction Job GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ADVICE

The New World

By Telegraph—Press Association

AUCKLAND, May 9. Sound advice to young people on the mental attitudes they should adopt after the war and the part they should play in reconstruction was given by the Governor-General (Sir Cyril Newall) in a speech at the Auckland University College capping ceremony to-night.

"These are no ordinary times," said his Excellency. "At no moment in history have there been greater opportunities for people of your age, nor was there ever a time of greater difficulties."

"Each of you will have a part to play in the prosecution of the war, and you must play those parts unflinchingly and without hesitation."

"I cannot impress upon you too strongly how heavy is the responsibility which every individual citizen must shoulder. Our victory depends on that. When that victory is won it is to you and your contemporaries that will fall the chief share of the reconstruction that will follow."

"It will be your job to see to it that the new world you start to build is laid on such sure foundations that it will be worthy of all the pain, suffering and loss of life which will be the price of your opportunity."

"You must see to it that your new world is impregnable to the storms which have sent the old world crashing about our ears."

INVALIDED HOME FROM FIJI

New Zealand Troops MAINLY SICKNESS CASES

AUCKLAND, May 9.

Three officers and 26 men invalided from Fiji have reached Auckland, but several of the men are injured. They commented favourably on the life in Fiji; the camps were comfortable and the food was good. All will be returned here for their holidays.

The party was commanded by Major C. D. Anderson, M.C., of Dunedin. Their names are: Lieutenant H. C. Parsons (Auckland), Lieutenant A. D. Sinclair, Sergeant K. M. Maben (Auckland), Lance-Corporal F. J. Dunnam (Waikato), Lance-Corporal J. H. Borten, Sapper L. C. Gribble, Sapper E. R. Hayman (Christchurch), Driver G. S. Harrison (Napier), Signalman F. W. Mackay (Auckland), Private H. N. Short, D. S. Donaldson, H. J. Henderson, A. T. Day and R. J. Sycamore (all Auckland), Private R. H. Townsend (Dunedin), Privates N. Moran, D. Foster, G. A. J. Smith, H. R. Davies, H. N. Willetts and J. H. Gardner.

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL CLOSED

No Visitors Until Further Notice

By Telegraph—Press Association

AUCKLAND, May 9. "While the action taken is not to be taken as a scare, I have ordered that as from to-night the hospital shall be closed to visitors until further notice," said Mr Allan Moody, chairman of the Auckland Hospital Board, to-day in referring to the outbreak of spinal meningitis in Northland.

PARACHUTE TROOPS THREATENED

Demands On Syria

United Press Association—Copyright. LONDON, May 8.

According to Swiss reports, Germany has demanded permission to land forces in Syria for drives on the Iraq and Iran (Persian) oilfields and on the Suez. The Germans have served the demands on the Vichy Government's High Commissioner in Syria (General Dentz).

Germany is also reported to have threatened to land parachute troops on the Syrian coast and to have declared: "If the landings are resisted, Syria will be considered to have taken up arms against Germany."

Under a Vichy date-line, the New York newspapers recently reported that Russia was demanding the right to occupy the northern provinces of Iran (Persia) in order to protect the Baku oilfields and also to obtain a possible outlet to the Persian Gulf in the event of a German drive to the Dardanelles. Russia, it is stated, is concentrating troops at Tiflis, and there is, in consequence, tension on the border of Russia and Iran.

To-day will be the official opening day of the Hawke's Bay Rugby Union's competitions, which were postponed last week on account of heavy rain.

Reports from Hastings are unanimous that the teams that did turn out last Saturday played football under adverse conditions which augurs well for the coming season.

Every team in action this year will face the handicap of depleted ranks through the demands of war service, and at present many teams will have difficulty in maintaining their strength later in the season.

GAOL SENTENCES IMPOSED

CHRISTIAN PACIFIST MEMBERS

FIVE REMANDED

Three Men Dealt With At Wellington

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, May 9.

Sentence was delivered by the Chief Justice (Sir Michael Myers) to-day on three of the eight members of the Christian Pacifist Society found guilty at the current session of the Supreme Court in Wellington of breaches of the Public Safety Emergency Regulations.

Five were remanded for a week so that it might be decided whether they had or had not been sentenced in the Magistrate's Court for the same offence as that for which they had been convicted in the Supreme Court.

Arthur Herbert Carman, 38, a bookseller, was sentenced to imprisonment for 12 months for publishing a subversive statement. Archibald Charles Barrington, 34, the secretary of the society, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment on each of the charges of publishing a subversive document and of attempting to procure a meeting which had been prohibited by the police, the terms to be concurrent.

John Henderson Woodley, 21, a teacher, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for attempting to conduct a prohibited meeting. Those remanded were: Ormond Edward Burton, minister of religion; John Whiteley Boal, 28, a carpenter; David William Silvester, 28, a clerk; John Robert Hamerton, 25, a plasterer; and James Doherty, 32, a commercial artist.

Board's Final Session

Taradale District FINANCES FOR YEAR REVIEWED

Creditable Position

(Daily Mail Special Service) TARADALE.

At last evening's meeting of the Taradale Town Board the chairman (Mr John Williamson) in bidding farewell to the present board paid tribute to the interest taken by the members of the board during the past session. Also he pointed out that the board left behind it a balance sheet for the year which was highly creditable and which showed the healthy position of the district.

Though there was a small debit balance of £174 8/5 compared with a debit of £107 for last year, the increase in the debit balance was offset by extra heavy payments during the past 12 months. Among such expenditure are found wages with latest increases £92 13/11; Main Highways loan instalment £177 3/8; and purchases £200, all big items but barring the first, not likely to occur again in the coming year.

Annual Meeting At the annual statutory meeting of the accounts for the year ending March 31, 1941, were received and the chairman and board took the opportunity of expressing satisfaction with the clerk (Mr W. G. Jarvis) and his staff for another balance so carefully drawn up.

General Business Details of population, buildings, etc., in Greenmeadows area which comes into the merger with Taradale have been obtained and forwarded to Government for Record purposes. Sanitary arrangements are being prepared for the new area.

During the month the members of the board were conducted around Greenmeadows to allow of inspection of drains and conditions in new district under their control and details requiring adjustment, etc., with the County are in train.

Accounts amounting to £210 9/4 were passed for payment.

Mr Williamson gave thanks to members, Press and staff of Town Board for service during his term of office and Mr J. B. Waincott returned thanks on behalf of the board.

Mr Brown said in severing his connection with the school he was not necessarily severing his interest in it or the district. He had been happy during his stay here and he was intensely proud of the school and the children.

CHARGES OF COMMUNISM REFUTED: AUCKLAND VIEW

Reply To Recent Allegation At College Capping Ceremony

(By Telegraph—Press Association.) AUCKLAND, May 9.

Allegations and suggestions that the student body of Auckland University College was infected with Communism and pacifism were controverted with some vigour by three speakers at the College capping ceremony in the Town Hall to-night.

The president (Mr W. H. Cocker) referred to the suppression of university freedom under totalitarian rule. "There are those in our community and in other communities who think they detect some lack of loyalty in our university institutions," he continued. "These people are in the main unversed in university traditions and unacquainted with university life."

Emphatic Statement "I want to say with all the emphasis of which I am capable that there is no section in the community more conscious of the dire consequences of a Nazi victory, or more resolved that no effort must be spared and no sacrifice neglected to secure a Nazi defeat."

Those who think otherwise do not know our universities. "It has been well said that if democracy ever falls the last stand will be made in the university common-room, but do not seek to impose upon the university a dead uniformity of opinion."

MR R. BROWN GOING TO WESTPORT Presentations Made

FAREWELL SAID TO HEADMASTER

Taradale Gathering

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Daily Mail Special Service.

MR R. BROWN, headmaster of the Taradale School, was yesterday farewelled prior to his departure on promotion to take over control of the Westport School. Occasion was taken by the staff and children and the committee and parents to show their appreciation of Mr Brown's five and a half years' stay in the district and at the children's farewell in the afternoon and at the district farewell in the evening every endeavour was made to honour Mr and Mrs Brown and work hard.

The children and staff of the Taradale School and the Greenmeadows Side School presented Mr Brown with a beautiful travelling rug, the presentation being made by Frank Baylis, head prefect of the school. Speeches were made by Mr R. J. Pattison (first assistant) and Mr T. B. McDonald (chairman of the School Committee). Mr Brown replied, thanking the children for their gift and thoughtfulness and at the same time stressing upon them to honour their parents and teachers and to play hard and to work hard.

In the evening the School Committee held a public gathering in the Parish Hall to honour Mr and Mrs Brown and family. Speakers were Mr T. B. McDonald (chairman of the School Committee), Mr E. V. Howard (secretary of the School Committee and chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee) and Mr J. Williamson (a past head of the Taradale School and the chairman of the Town Board). All speakers spoke of Mr Brown's high ideals and praiseworthy work in the school and district.

Mr McDonald, on behalf of the School Committee, presented Mr and Mrs Brown with a handsome electric heater and expressed the wish that they would enjoy long years of happiness and health.

Mrs McDonald also presented Mrs Brown with a bouquet. Mr Brown said in severing his connection with the school he was not necessarily severing his interest in it or the district. He had been happy during his stay here and he was intensely proud of the school and the children.

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Volunteer Territorial. A lad, T. K. Needham, was a volunteer member of the Territorial Force, who was ordered to report for mobilisation training and who applied for reinstatement the day following the completion of his military duties. He was told that the matter would be considered and he was later informed that the firm would not re-instate him.

In the other case a fine of £10 was imposed, and the payment of six weeks' wages at 32/6 and the payment of costs of the information.

PROBLEM OF CHEESE PRODUCTION

By Telegraph—Press Association DUNEDIN, May 9.

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SALE AT FEILDING

By Telegraph—Press Association FEILDING, May 9.

An optimistic tone continued at the Feilding stock sale when to-day's prices generally compared favourably with those of last week.

A fat yarding of fat and store sheep and fat cattle with a small offering of run cattle and a few dairy cattle came forward. Good quality fat sheep were in demand at the following prices: Fat wethers prime 23/10 to 24/-; good 22/7 to 23/4, others from 18/10; fat ewes prime 12/10, good to 11/7, fair lines from 9/4; fat Friesians prime to 22/10, good from 20/1 to 22/1, others from 17/7.

Store sheep ewe lambs in very good condition 25/9 to 27/9, good to 14/0, other wethers; wether lambs good to 16/8, fair average 12/8 to 13/3, unattractive from 11/3; b.f. lambs good 14/-, fair lines 11/6 to 13/-, poor from 8/4, two-tooth ewes, run, range 20/3.

Dairy cattle: Springing cows to 10/5/-, springing heifers to 5/17/6, Jersey yearling heifers 22/15/-, weaner heifers to 4/-, potter cows to 4/5/-.

Fat Cattle: Prime ox and heifer beef made to 34/- and prime P.A. steers 27/2/6 to 29/12/6, P.A. bullocks prime heavy 11/2/6, R.P. heifers to 18/12/6, Hereford P.A. heifers 10/-, P.A. heifers prime 18/2/6 to 19/7/6, ex dairy cows to 17/2/6, runners 15/10/-, vealers 13/10/- to 16/5/-, run cattle 21-year P.A. steers 15/4/- to 18/-, similarly aged heifers to 14/7/6, 15-months heifers to 13/3/-.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

DANNEVRKE MAN'S ACCIDENT

FELL FROM TRAIN

Plunged Into Ditch In Dark

By Telegraph—Press Association TAUMARUNUI, May 9.

Mr J. D. Moss, 52, Dannevirke, fell from the Limited express going north near Taumaranui at 4.30 a.m. and broke an arm in three places. Mr Moss opened a wrong door and landed in a ditch containing a foot of water. He had a very narrow escape from death.

He spent two hours wandering about in the dark and eventually found a farmhouse. The owner, Mr R. F. Cauton, brought him to Taumaranui.

Waipukurau Fire Siren

Charge For Power

LENGTHY DEBATE BY POWER BOARD

Claim For Rebate

WAIKURAU.

Considerable discussion arose at the monthly meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board yesterday, when a letter was received from the secretary of the Waipukurau Fire Board (Mr R. B. Smart) seeking a reduction in the rental of 210 poles and the Fire Board by the Power Board for conveying the alarm wires to the fire siren in the borough. The secretary pointed out that the amount his board had paid exceeded that of the other siren in 1927 represented 53 5/8 poles.

The engineer (Mr G. L. Beer) explained that 42 poles were involved which worked out at 5/4 a pole for the rental, and the amount of power used was not great, but nevertheless it was always there.

When Mr J. McCarthy inquired if there was any agreement drawn up between the Fire Board and the Power Board regarding the installation and maintenance of the alarm wire, the secretary-manager (Mr G. E. Fowler) replied that the only agreement was the exchange of correspondence. He referred to the letters when the installation was made and it was disclosed that the Fire Board forwarded an agreement of the board's charge over such matters to the Power Board to be responsible for maintenance.

Mr McCarthy was of the opinion that it would have been better for the Fire Board to buy the poles outright and obviate the continued annual rental.

Mr W. H. Rathbone said that the Power Board was making no profit out of the charge of £10 10/- per pole, stating that it was a business proposal and he was of the opinion that the Fire Board was receiving a good deal and as the matter was a small one the board should not quarrel over such matters at their meetings as it gets nowhere.

Mr McCarthy: "I resent the statement by the Waipawa Borough representative that this is a quibble. The Fire Board considers that there is an injustice which can be removed. Mr Rathbone says that the Power Board is not making anything out of the installation, yet the Fire Board is actually towards it. Only one pole is actually required for the siren while the other poles used by the wiring, are revenue-producing in other ways."

"Narrow Viewpoint" Mr Rathbone thought that Mr McCarthy was looking at the matter from the narrow point of view. After further discussion, during which the chairman called the meeting to order, Mr McCarthy moved that the Fire Board consider this being seconded by Mr C. F. Bainbridge.

As an amendment, Mr A. C. Holms moved that a return be submitted to the Fire Board by the board showing the approximate expenditure in service maintenance on the siren lines since their erection. Mr McCarthy seconded. However, the secretary stated that it would be impossible to secure the information as separate records of all maintenance work were not kept by the board's office. Mr Malcolm then agreed to alter the motion to the effect that the Fire Board be informed that a reduction in rental could not be made. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was lost and the motion carried.

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HUGE QUANTITIES OF N.Z. GOODS SENT TO TROOPS

Patriotic Fund Board's Work For Dominion Forces Overseas

Substantial quantities of comforts are now required to provide for the continually growing number of men in the New Zealand fighting forces overseas. By the last transports that left the Dominion great supplies of goods of all kinds were sent by the National Patriotic Fund Board.

One item alone was 2,999,100 cigarettes and 11,124lb., or over four tons, of assorted tobacco. The New Zealanders prefer the cigarettes and tobacco they have been accustomed to smoking at home.

Some of the cigarettes and tobacco was placed aboard for use on the voyage by the men proceeding in the ships to join their comrades. By far the greater proportion, however—1,500,000 cigarettes and 7500lb of tobacco—was for free distribution to the troops in the Middle East, in accordance with the new policy adopted by the board of sending cigarettes and tobacco separately in bulk, instead of asking contributors of gift parcels to include them in their parcels.

This policy was introduced following the discontinuance by manufacturers of packing in tins. There were also in the consignment cigarettes and tobacco for sale at cost in the New Zealand Forces Club, Cairo. In addition, more than 2000 packets of cigarette papers were placed on board for use during the voyage.

Another consignment of undressed gift parcels was sent. There were approximately 31,250 of these parcels, and an additional supply for a ship of the New Zealand Naval Station.

The opportunity was also taken of sending more woollen goods to augment stocks previously forwarded, 6504 pairs of mittens, 3834 scarves, 158 balaclavas and 226 pullovers being shipped.

Hospital Stores. Hospital stores were another big item, the nature and quantity of the comforts sent under this heading providing a further illustration of the necessity of adequate funds being available to enable everything possible to be done for the welfare of New Zealand's forces, the sick and wounded as well as the fit.

These stores covered a wide range. They included tins of oysters, glucose, tomato and vegetable soups, baked beans, peaches, pears, apricots, bottles of malted milk, vegetable and meat extracts, tins of tongues, biscuits, cocoa and milk powder, cocoa, tomatoes, coffee and milk, condensed milk, honey, packets of jellies, tins of toheroa soup, butter, cheese, sweets, dried milk and so on. The quantities of these supplies were large, and the tinned goods were in tins much larger than the average household size. The tinned fruit, for example, was in gallon tins, the soup in 22oz. tins, the cocoa and milk in 9lb tins, the tomatoes in 28oz. tins, the jellies in 1lb packets sent in tin-lined cases. The amount of butter shipped for hospital use was three tons, and of cheese one ton. Sweets weighing 800lb. also went.

Special comforts were packed for the Maori Battalion and the members of the New Zealand Nursing Service.

Consignment to Cairo. Outstanding items among goods sent for the New Zealand Forces Club, Cairo, apart from the cigarettes and tobacco already mentioned, included a half-ton of tinned bacon, 11 tons of potatoes, well over a ton of chocolate, a ton and a half of tomato sauce, 3000 cases of apples, 1056 tins of toheroa soup, 148 dozen packets of luncheon sausage, 150 boxes of cigarette papers, 324 dozen cans of whitebait, 16740lb. of honey, 188 dozen lb. tins of butter and 160 5lb. boxes of butter, 420 sides of bacon weighing 16,792lb., 333 hams weighing 6789lb., and 47 cases of milk.

Besides these great quantities of goods, comforts, in addition to cigarettes and tobacco, were sent aboard the transports for use by the troops during the voyage. There were large supplies of writing materials, also sets of deck games, equipment for various indoor games (such as draught, backgammon, tennis, etc.), soda water, cordials, lemons, biscuits, books and magazines, and each ship was supplied with a number of full length motion picture films, featuring well-known stars, as well as a number of shorts.

Soldiers and airmen from this country stationed in the United Kingdom and in others parts, as well as New Zealanders serving with the Navy and the Fleet Air Arm, are also being well cared for by the National Patriotic Fund Board. Substantial dispatches of parcels and other comforts are being made to them.

A Big Task. The purchasing of the vast volume of comforts now required has in itself become a major activity of the Board's operations. The knitted comforts and parcels are provided through the Provincial Patriotic Councils and are sent to the Board's goods store in Wellington from all parts of the Dominion, but the other goods have to be bought, and that work is carried out by officers of the Board in Wellington. They also attend to its delivery to the Army transport shipping officer. It is a tribute to them that not once have they failed to deliver the comforts to time, properly packed and complete with the necessary shipping documents.

FOR NEXT-OF-KIN OF SOLDIERS. Social Gatherings. INNOVATION AT HASTINGS.

A decision to organise a monthly social afternoon for the next-of-kin of soldiers serving overseas was reached at last night's meeting of the Hastings Zone Patriotic Committee.

The question was discussed on the receipt of a letter from the Canterbury Patriotic Council describing the activities proposed in Christchurch, and the formation of an association of soldiers' relatives. A press report of a similar organisation in Auckland was also read.

The chairman (Mr G. A. Maddison) said he was in favour of holding social gatherings at which the soldiers' relatives could gather and perhaps discuss the letters from overseas. It would not be necessary to have anything as elaborate as was proposed in the cities.

The meeting generally expressed approval of the scheme, and it was decided to hold gatherings on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning in June. The expense will be borne by the Mayor's Patriotic Fund.

New Zealand R.S.A. Badge THREE HASTINGS BOYS BEGIN 300-MILE TREK

Journey On Horseback From Otahuhu To Hawke's Bay In 10 Days Planned

The difficulty experienced by branches of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association in dealing with unfinancial members is referred to in a circular issued by the general secretary of the organisation (Mr S. J. Hart) in which badges issued by the association must have a date attachment showing that the member concerned is financial, and details are given as follows: "The badge of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association is today a familiar emblem, which is proudly worn on the coat lapel of ex-members of the forces who served the Empire overseas during previous wars, and also by soldiers who have returned to New Zealand from the present war.

"It is not generally known, however, that this badge is not the property of the soldier concerned, but is issued to him by the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association, for use only as long as he remains a financial member of the association.

"When the New Zealand ex-servicemen visited Australia in 1938, they found that their Australian comrades were wearing a date attachment to their badges, indicating that they were financial members of their organisation. This was considered to be an excellent scheme, and it was later adopted by the N.Z.R.S.A.

"The first date attachment issued to its members was coloured red and was for the year ended March 31, 1941. The date attachment for the present year is coloured blue, and it is the intention of the association to issue to its members a different coloured attachment for each year.

"The N.Z.R.S.A. advises that in future no badges should be worn without the date attachment, and returned soldiers who are unfinancial with the association are now called on either to obtain a date attachment, or to return their badges to the nearest secretary of the R.S.A., or to the general secretary, Wellington."

Adult Education Lecturer MISS COCKS-JOHNSON

A tutor under the adult education scheme, for gardening, soils, manures, and food preparations has arrived in Hawke's Bay. She is Miss M. Cocks-Johnson, who intends to pass about six weeks in the district lecturing to various women's organisations in Napier, Hastings and country districts.

Miss Cocks-Johnson's work is of importance to New Zealand and women who grow their own vegetables, flowers and fruit will find her series of lectures a tremendous help.

The scope of the classes and lectures is wide and covers thoroughly the fundamentals of good gardening. Miss Cocks-Johnson will speak on such diverse subjects as principles of gardening, soils and the mixing and application of manures, fruit and vegetables, pruning, preservation of fruit and herbs, flowers and their growing.

Her itinerary has been planned by the Northern Hawke's Bay Federation of Women's Institutes and begins with a field day at Maraetotara on May 12. Miss Cocks-Johnson will also hold classes at Waimarama, Hastings Community Club, Parkvale Townswomen's Guild, Mangatere, Paki Paki, Waihaui branch of the Farmers' Union, Havelock, North, Haumoana, Awatoto, Pakowhai, Bay View, Sherenden, Eskdale, and at Taradale, Maraekakaho, Kereru, Mangatahi, Clive, Tongioio Women's Institute. Miss Cocks-Johnson has a very good collection of lantern slides which she is willing to show for patriotic purposes.

The Reel Class of the Hastings Scouts Society will open the season with a long night (8 till 1 o'clock) on Wednesday, May 11, in the Oddfellows' Hall, Market Street, Hastings. There will be a special feature in the way of a 500 card tournament (prizes given), and a Monte Carlo. McKay's Orchestra will supply the music. Admission will be card players 1/-, dancers 2/-. A special invitation is extended to members of the society and their friends, and also to old and new Reel Class patrons.

TO THE ELECTORS OF HASTINGS. I would like to congratulate Mr Maddison on the result of his management of the affairs of the Borough of Hastings. On reading the report published in the "Daily Mail" this morning I was agreeably surprised to learn the true position and Mr Maddison should be a very proud man knowing that he retires from office with a record that any person would be proud to have on retirement.

When I was asked for a statement of policy at one of my meetings I told the audience that I could not criticise the outgoing Council until I had a chance of reviewing their work and balance sheet.

This is now before me and I take the first opportunity of saying that I am agreeably surprised. If one listens to the man in the street and the propaganda that is used for and against the present Council, one would get nowhere and the time has come when this sort of criticism should be dropped in the bud.

I only hope that (if I am elected) I shall be able to give a similar result and the Electors will not be let down. There is one fly in the ointment—the increase in our Rating charge that can be taken notice of—and this is the huge increase in payment to the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board and as their disapproval of this at present I leave the matter in their hands. Before Election Day I hope to be able to arrange further meetings so that the Electors will have the opportunity of hearing the facts and not the idle talk of street politicians.

H. IAN SIMSON, (P.B.A.)

MR DALLEY DEPLORES COUNCIL'S ACTS

The conditions in which some of the town's services were being left by the outgoing council, which had shown no consideration for the demands of the citizen in providing a better service in return for the rates paid, were deplored by Mr E. H. Dalley, council candidate at Hastings, addressing a meeting of electors.

By the disposal of its electric supply plant the council had deprived the ratepayers of the greatest revenue-producing asset that the borough could ever possess.

His objective was to have all services of the borough efficiently administered in the interests of the citizens as a whole. He favoured all work being carried out by the day-labour system under proper supervision.

He favoured the development of artistic talent by providing an art gallery in commemoration of the valley being shown by the men serving overseas.

After answering several questions the speaker was accorded a vote of thanks.

MANY MEN CALLED UP BY BALLOT

Up to 30,000 Left in General Reserve. The list of 19,000 reservists called up for overseas service in the third ballot leaves only between 20,000 and 30,000 more single men in the first division of the general reserve.

Whether they will all be called up by proclamation or whether another ballot will take place depends upon the number required to meet the needs of the general reserve.

Many of those whose names appear in the present list are serving territorials. It has been laid down that a serving territorial may not be transferred to the overseas forces until he completes his territorial training. As this training will practically be completed with the conclusion of the present field manoeuvres this will affect few men in the future.

LATE ADVERTISEMENT DR. H. H. BARNETT

Will be absent from Napier from May 10 to May 17, both dates inclusive. Patients may consult Dr. W. D. Fitzgerald, Dr. G. E. Waterworth, or Dr. A. C. Will.

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HAUMOANA MINIATURE RIFLES

Results Of Second Shoot

There was another good attendance on the Haumoana Miniature Rifle Club range on Wednesday night when the second shoot was held. Members will have to be at their best for the opening of the championship next Wednesday.

The winners of the Ladder Badges were: Women's, Mrs Olsen, 68-69.30; Mrs Olsen, 65-68.75; Mrs McCarthy, 64-68.30; V. Manning, 64-69.40; I. Rule, 63-68.83; B. Douglas, 63-68.25; H. Boaler, 62-69.20; P. Milliken, 62-69.00; Miss G. Letford, 61-68.49; J. Walker, 60-69.00; A. Speedy, 47-68.99; D. McLeod, 45-69.00; C. Meick, 40-68.99; A. Manning, 38-68.40; C. H. Hart, 38-69.30; B. Rule, 24-68.99; Miss Cantwell, 31-68.99.

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RACING FIXTURES

May 8, 10—Egmont R.C. Ashburton County R.C. May 12—Poverty Bay Turf Club. May 13—Marlborough R.C. May 15, 17—South Canterbury J.C. May 17, 19—Otago Maori R.C. May 17, 19—Waikato R.C. May 24—Foxton R.C. (at Levin). May 31, June 2—Napier Park R.C. (at Awapuni). May 31, June 2—Dunedin J.C.

RIDING ENGAGEMENTS FOR TO-DAY

Poverty Bay Turf Club's Meeting

Following are some of the riding engagements to-day at Gisborne: J. Nicholson: Queen's Dream, R. Williamson: Proclamation, R. Marsh: Silver Bat, Acranna, Defenella. L. Aitken: Kinstep, Grey Spy, Boldstep, Callcardine. W. J. Mudford: Support, Iritekura, City Song, Black Thread (2nd day). P. Fenton: No Wonder, Big Wonder, Boat Song. I. Galvin: Flying Spy. C. L. Kerr: Kikiroki, Hyderabad. J. Rae: Royal Stuart.

WANGANUI WINTER FIXTURE

Nominations Due On Monday

Nominations for all events at the Wanganui Jockey Club's winter meeting, to be held on the Awapuni racecourse on May 31 and June 2, close with the secretary, Mr. S. R. McCallum, Wanganui, on Monday, May 12, at 8 p.m.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB

Nominations For All Events Close On May 19

Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for all events at the Napier Park winter meeting to be held on May 31 and June 2, close with the secretary, Miss I. I. Flapard, Bowman Building, Market Street, Napier, on Monday, May 19.

EVEN QUALITY ENGAGED

POVERTY BAY WINTER MEETING

BRIGHT PROSPECTS Straight-Out Betting In Use

By The Barb The Poverty Bay Turf Club's winter meeting, which commences to-day and continues on Monday, opens the steeplechase season in the Hawke's Bay Metropolitan racing district. The fields are up to the average of recent years and with the even quality an increase in all receipts is anticipated.

The course is reported to be in excellent condition while the betting will be the single pool system. The meeting opens this afternoon with the

GISBORNE HURDLES, of £105; one mile and a half.—Queen's Dream 11.11, Whetu 10.7, Hyderabad 9.6, General Riske 9.0, Royal Stuart 9.0, Jungle King 9.0, Show Day 9.0.

Queen's Dream, who won at her last time of asking, heads the list with 11.11. After winning at Hastings she was laid aside for a few weeks with a bad knee, so possibly may not be at her best. Whetu is a useful sort and is expected to prove dangerous, while Hyderabad, on his second last March to Malacca, is worthy of consideration. General Riske has shown fair form in the Auckland district. Royal Stuart is being reserved for the steeplechase later on in the day. Jungle King and Show Day, both winners on the flat, are new in this department, so cannot be recommended without definite information. The favourites appear most likely to be

WHETU GENERAL RISKER HYDERABAD

12.40.—HACK FLAT, of £95; six furlongs.—Smiling Personality 9.0, Centennial 8.9, Waikawa 8.9, Silver Bat 8.7, Dusky Morn 8.0, Ashaby 7.3, Support 7.1, Kitesurf 7.0, Tea Drop 7.7, Akarana 7.7, Acquest 7.7, Sporting Sister 7.7.

At her best, Smiling Personality is a useful hack and now, with the sting out of the going, will be suited. Centennial has been four times second in as many starts in succession, but may be reserved for the Hack Cup, when the distance will be more to his liking. Waikawa is smart and has an open race to her credit when beating Bold Step at Tolaga Bay last February. Dusky Morn is passed over in favour of Silver Bat. However, the former will be bracketed with the top weight. Ashaby is engaged in three races to-day and whatever started in must race prominently on his recent Hastings track form. Support, too, comes in for recognition. Kitesurf appears more than the other light weights do. The betting order may read

WAIKAWA SMILING PERSONALITY ASHABOY

12.0.—MAIDEN RACE, of £75; five furlongs (all 2-year-olds).—Egmont 8.7, Lovell 8.1, Vitemint 7.3, Ashaby 7.1, Kura 8.7, Kindred 8.0, Grey Sky 8.0. Etruscan has not raced since the end of December, when he won two highweights at the Manawatu Cup meeting. That he is a useful sort is not denied, but want of a race may tell against him. On form Centennial must be given a good chance of winning. Waikawa may prefer the hack sprint but if started here must be considered a danger. Lovell, with hurdling and steeplechasing, may have lost her speed, but it must be remembered that last winter she won a gentleman rider's race at Hastings. Vitemint, from Auckland, is fair, and may upset Gisborne calculations in this trophy event. Ashaby is fit. City Song appeared to go off the last week before leaving Hastings. All the same, she is preferred to anything beneath her in the handicap. Three that should not lack for monetary support—

STRONG THREAD PINOCCHIO RICH BLOOD

2.0.—HACK CUP, of £115; one mile.—Etruscan 9.0, Centennial 8.7, Waikawa 8.7, Lovell 8.1, Vitemint 7.3, Ashaby 7.1, Kura 8.7, Kindred 8.0, Grey Sky 8.0.

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CENTENNIAL VITEMINT ETRUSCAN

2.45.—WINTER OATS, of £115; one mile and a quarter.—Gay Mimic 8.2, Boldstep 7.7, Five Cing 7.2, Flying Spy 7.2, Cross 7.0, Proclamation 7.0, Boat Song 7.0.

Gay Mimic has proved himself capable of winning over this distance and most in this race have not. Boldstep must be tough on Tauerhenikau and Hawke's Bay autumn form. Native Chief, a full brother to Kindergarten, for that reason alone is worthy of respect and he should find little difficulty in running out ten furlongs with 7.2 on his back. Both Flying Spy and Proclamation should do better on Monday when the distance is three furlongs shorter. Charing Cross reads as a lightweight possibility. Last January Boat Song finished ahead of Black Musk in a highweight at Trentham and the latter went on to win the Rotorua Cup. Three that may appear—

GAY MIMIC NATIVE CHIEF BOLD STEP

3.25.—TE HAPARA HACK STEEPLES, of £125; about two miles and a half.—Birkology 10.8, Kikiroki 10.5, Lap Up 9.4, Hyderabad 9.1, General Riske 9.0, Royal Stuart 9.0.

For hack and hunters. Birkology is a useful sort, but unfortunately is not too sound though a good stayer. Kikiroki is a splendid fencer, which may pull him through despite lack of racing condition and he is preferred to the Auckland, Lap Up, Hyderabad is, I believe, contesting the hurdles as also is General Riske. Royal Stuart is a good jumper, but

Steeplechase Season Opens In Hawke's Bay

POVERTY BAY MEETING

Racing People Well Catered For This Afternoon

By The Barb The racing public are well catered for to-day as there will be racing at Poverty Bay, Ashburton, Egmont (concluding day) and Marlborough, while trotting fixtures will be staged at Waikato and Forbury Park, Dunedin.

The win and place betting systems will be in use at all excepting the Poverty Bay and Marlborough meetings. Steeplechase events will be run at Gisborne and at Hawera. While there is a hurdle race at Ashburton, the Blenheim fixture is entirely on the flat.

The Marlborough meeting is practically the last of the flat season and from now on at most meetings for the next two months, cross-country and hurdle events will be listed, so that it is in jumping events that the racing public will for a while be most interested.

Hawke's Bay stables will be represented at the Poverty Bay and the Egmont meetings and they promise to take their share of the plunder, judging on the horses that have departed from here.

The first day at Egmont saw horses from this centre perform well, as Battle Gain and Sunny Knight, especially the latter, enjoyed decisive wins. Dozie Boy was third in the Egmont Steeplechase and Authores in a similar position in the McRae Cup, after losing ground during the running. Arabice once again failed to run up to his connection's expectations.

Sunny Knight must have impressed the Egmont handicapper as, over a furlong further than on Thursday, the Gainscourt three-year-old has been penalised 10lb. That he is brilliant has been twice proved within the last five days, but now for one of his age has been given a tidy impost to carry.

KATESBRIDGE SUITED

On Thursday Katesbridge was started over six furlongs, a distance which, it was pointed out in the "Daily Mail," was too short for her, but to-day in the Hack Cup she will be at her best and should take an interesting part in the race.

Authores ran such a fine race on opening day that now down to the grade lower she looks the potential favourite. She has 9.5, but being a big mare a little weight should not affect her as it might others.

Battle Gain is not starting to-day, but Dozie, who was specially reserved for the Adamson Steeplechase, will be an interesting competitor.

UP THE COAST

Eleven horses from here have made the trip up the East Coast to compete at the popular Poverty Bay winter fixture. They should take an active part in the finishes, but with so many dual acceptances it is not easy to know what event they are likely to start in as the horsemen offering will have a bearing on this matter.

The Ashburton and Marlborough meetings will have a certain amount of following here as Beau Ciel's attempt to make it three on end will be eagerly watched, while King's Toast is being selected to repeat his Timaru victory. He won well two weeks ago and as he then came from well back, should be again difficult to master with anything like an equal run.

However, with all the meetings provided for each patron, it is any amount to think of this weekend.

Well-Bred Colt Purchased PRIVATE TREATY

Mr Howard Glazebrook's Acquisition AN ARISTOCRAT

(By The Barb) Mr Howard Glazebrook of Washpool, Hastings, who at the last National Yearling Sales purchased privately a handsome black colt by the Dominion premier sire Foxbridge (imp.) from Merry Way, by Arausio-Merry Jest, by Absurd-Yox (imp.) has now added another Foxbridge colt to his small but select team.

The new addition is the Flying Juliet colt, for whom Mr T. H. Lowry paid 500 guineas at the same sales and it was from Mr Lowry that Mr Glazebrook acquired this colt on Wednesday last but the price is not divulged.

This Flying Juliet colt was greatly admired when brought to this district. His dam was sired by Flying Fox's son, Romeo from Penella (by Penury-Sealonia) a half-sister to Luella, dam of Supremacy and The Begum (dam of Stretto and High Castle). So it can be seen that on breeding this colt should develop into an outstanding turf performer. By a coincidence these two colts of Mr Glazebrook's were Nos. 150 and 151 in this year's catalogue. P. H. Glazebrook has been entrusted with both valuable colts.

his stamina is doubted. What will carry more money than BIRKOLOGY KIKIROKI or ROYAL STUART?

Small Fields Carded

MARLBOROUGH RACES

Beau Ciel Attempting Hat Trick

OPENING DAY

By The Barb The Marlborough autumn meeting opens at Blenheim to-day with only fair fields engaged. There will be seven races, two trotting and the balance for gallopers.

The Marlborough Cup, an old race on the New Zealand Racing Calendar, has drawn only five acceptors. On his Nelson running August is not recommended, but a horse can improve a lot from last week-end. Roy Bun is a fairly consistent performer at the West Coast (S.L.) meetings and it may be his turn to-day but on last week's Nelson form it looks as if the Beau Pere gelding, Beau Ciel, will go close to collecting again. Esperance Bay might surprise with last week's racing under his belt but Pretty Lass has not been tried over a middle distance.

The following may be the best backed on the single pool totalisator:—

- 12.20—Waihopai Trot: Airline, Centaurus, Portfolio. 1.0—Novice Stakes: Miners Hope, First Round, Tristan. 1.40—Blenheim Handicap: Gemara, Light's Out, Half Caste. 2.20—Marlborough Cup: Beau Ciel, Augment, Roy Bun. 3.0—Blenwick Trot: Lough Derg, Centaurus, Airline. 3.40—Awatere Handicap: Pretty Lass, Citizen, Gemara. 4.20—Flaxbourne Handicap: Skyrena, Lady Montana, Flame Queen.

The Acceptances

12.20—WAIHOPAI TROT, of £75; 3.43 class. One mile and a half.—Oxford King scr, Lawn Rose scr, Centaurus scr, Airline scr, Maurice McKinney 12, Rough Deal 24, Chelidon 48, Cavatina 72, Portfolio 72. 1.0—NOVICE STAKES, of £60; Five furlongs.—Tristan 9.3, Flying Fortress 8.7, Smiling Morn 8.7, Rebel Lady 8.7, Red Lace 8.7, Rautoro 8.7, Make Play 8.7, First Round 8.7, Bismarck 8.0, Golden Thoughts 8.7, Miner's Hope 7.13, Te Aweawe 7.13, Autumn Fawn 7.28.

1.40—BLENHEIM HANDICAP, of £75; Seven furlongs.—Gemara 9.0, Titter 8.13, Lights Out 8.12, Half Caste 8.10, Citizen 8.9, Esperance 8.9, Dark Water 7.12, Haughty Rival 7.7. 2.20—MARLBOROUGH CUP, of £160; One mile and a quarter.—Augment 9.2, Roy Bun 9.0, Beau Ciel 8.6, Esperance Bay 8.2, Pretty Lass 7.0. 3.0—BLENWICK TROT, of £75; Six furlongs.—Pretty Lass 8.13, Militaire 8.7, Gemara 8.6, Citizen 8.2, Tristan 7.10, Lady Magellan 7.7, Impersonator 7.7, First Round 7.7.

3.40—AWATERE HANDICAP, of £75; Six furlongs.—Pretty Lass 8.13, Militaire 8.7, Gemara 8.6, Citizen 8.2, Tristan 7.10, Lady Magellan 7.7, Impersonator 7.7, First Round 7.7. 4.20—FLAXBOURNE HANDICAP, of £25; One mile.—Skyrena 8.3, Lady Montana 8.9, Flame Queen 7.9, Aggravate 7.2, Philibun 7.0, Titter 7.0.

BRIDEGROOM LIKED AT EGMONT

To-day's Card

CHAMPION PLATE CONTEST

Last Acre's Chance

By "The Barb" The fields have thinned down a little for the conclusion of the Egmont meeting to-day.

The going promises to be first class and the favourites may work out something like this:— 11.45—Manawapu Hurdles: Eupatrid, Segra, Mataroa. 12.25—Shorts Hack: Tavoy, Verulam, Parlato. 1.5—Mokalo Handicap: Circular Note, Surveyor-General, Screen Star bracket. 1.45—Champion Plate: Authores, Young Charles, Katesbridge. 2.25—Adamson Steeplechase: Bridegroom, Iddo, Kalkawa. 3.5—Davidson Handicap: Last Acre, Sir Crusoe, Alexella. 3.45—Borough Handicap: Mountain Fox, Le Marquis, Gitana Lass.

TO-DAY'S FIELDS

MANAWAPU HURDLES, of £175; one mile and a half.—Mataroa 11.11, Tidewater 10.11, Segra 10.4, Rollicker 10.2, Eupatrid 9.6, War Lap 9.1, Debreets, Golden Pam 9.0. SHORTS HACK, of £150; six furlongs.—Parlato 8.13, Ringling 8.12, Sea Link 8.7, Star Mark 8.5, Verulam 8.5, Tavoy, Valiant Lady 8.5, Keruanah 8.4, Barry Boy, Desert Tide 7.12, Night Ray 7.10, Fly-by-Night, Salvation 7.9, Captain Gale, Lucky Lulu, Miss Hallomet, Calliope, Teasoff 7.7. CHAMPION PLATE, of £300; nine furlongs.—Authores 9.5, Young Charles 9.2, Sanction 8.13, Le Marquis 8.10, Talenta 7.6, Phyo 8.6, Katesbridge, Val Perle 8.1, Arabice 7.10, Valtour, Ra Hou Hou, Acrobat 7.8, Israel, Goldburn, Vin Rouge, Tau-uru, Squeers 7.7.

ADAMSON STEEPLCHASE, of £300; two miles.—Kalkawa 10.13, Aussie 10.7, Bridegroom 10.4, Katesbridge, Val Perle 8.1, Arabice 7.10, Valtour, Ra Hou Hou, Acrobat 7.8, Israel, Goldburn, Vin Rouge, Tau-uru, Squeers 7.7.

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DAVIDSON HANDICAP, of £300; nine furlongs.—Sir Crusoe 8.10, Royal Star 11.2, Night Eruption 7.10, Alexella 7.6, Last Acre 7.5, Katesbridge, Val Perle 8.1, Arabice 7.10, Valtour, Ra Hou Hou, Acrobat 7.8, Israel, Goldburn, Vin Rouge, Tau-uru, Squeers 7.7.

BOROUGH HANDICAP, of £175; seven furlongs.—Le Marquis 9.0, Tavoy 8.6, Mountain Fox 8.6, Val Perle, War Cloud 8.3, Gitana Lass, Miss Clipper 8.0, Arabice 7.13, Ra Hou Hou 7.10, Natal, Minvaal 7.8, Israel, La Rosita, Seafoe, Gainly, Hinehou, Sunfire 7.7.

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Tech-High vs. Crates, No. 1 ground (old stand), 8 p.m.
Celtic v. Clive, No. 2 ground (new stand) 3 p.m.
Lower Grade games at 1.30 p.m. on Nos. 1, 2 and 3 grounds.
Admission: Grounds 1/-; Stands Free.
Ball Boys—Intermediate: School, D. Hoeg, A. Stevens, J. Lloyd, J. Hayes.

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MESSRS HARVEY, FULTON AND HILL, under instructions from MR. D. CRANKO (who is giving up his Milk Bar business) will sell—
One Electric Cash Register (issues tickets and details of all sales and cost £120); four Electric Hamilton Beach Milk Shake Machines; 1 Electric 7-hole Refrigerator in perfect order; 1 Electric 14-gallon Milk and Cordial Cooler; 1 Set of Confectionery Scales; 11 Shop Mirrors; 7 Slot Machines in Perfect Condition; 6 Tables, 6 Double Seats, 3 Stools, In-laid Linoleum, Fittings, Glassware, Goblets, Banana Dish, Milk Shakers, Soda and Ice Cream Spoons, Cutlery, Crockery, Lollie Jars, Electric Hot Milk Unit, Confectionery Case, Coir Mat, Pots and Pans, 8 Electric Toasters, Ice Cream Servers, Milk Measures, Moffat Electric Range, 20 Ice Cream Cans, 1 Electric 50-gallon Hot Water Service with booster element, Quantity of Lockwood Essences, Counters, 6 Glass 1-gallon Essence Jars, Electric Iron, 45 feet Brass Foot Rail and Standards, and Sundries.
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FUNERAL DIRECTORS
Karamu Road :: HASTINGS
Phone 162
After Hours—
Bert Tong 3665; Geo. Tong 2491

PUBLIC NOTICES
MOTOR DRIVERS' LICENSES.
HEAVY TRAFFIC LICENSES.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above licenses expire on the 31st instant. Applications forms are available at the Borough Offices and licenses on personal application may now be renewed.
Applicants over 70 years of age are required to produce a medical certificate on the prescribed form and undergo a practical driving test.
The licensing period for the ensuing year is 13 months and the fee 5/6d.
F. R. WATTERS,
Town Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICES
HASTINGS HARRIER CLUB.
MEMBERS are asked to meet at the Hastings Post Office for the visit to Napier for their official opening run. Bus leaves at 1.30 p.m.

TRESPASS NOTICES
ANY Person Trespassing on "Home-wood" or Waipukurau properties with Dog or Gun, will be Prosecuted. EST. A. V. COLLINS.

LAND AGENTS
KELSEY & ROGERS
Queen St.
Phone 4300—Private 2083.

AUCTIONS
M'GLASHAN'S LTD.
POULTRY SALE
TO-DAY At 10 a.m. TO-DAY
Table and Laying Hens
Young Roosters
Ducks
B.O. and W.L. Pullets
BY AUCTION.
Two rolls 1-inch 8/1 Wire Netting.
Also
30ft Garden Hose, Spades, Fork, L.H. Shovel, Axe, Head Hook, Gas Ring, 14-gal. Copper, Lined, Cast Cistern with Lead Downpipe and Lavatory Seat complete, Glass and Panel Doors, Glass-top Partition, odd sheets Corrugated Iron, 2 Lawn Mowers, Stewart Warner Radio, pair Gent's Shoes and first class 2-part Kauri Wash tub (with lead waste piping and wash complete), and a lot of sundries.
NOTE—The Poultry will be wanted for Mothers' Day.
M'GLASHAN'S LTD.,
TENNYSON STREET :: NAPIER
AUCTIONEERS.

STOCK SALES
ASSOCIATED AUCTIONEERS
WAIKURAU YARDS.
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 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.
1256 SHEEP, Com