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Not One Plane To Shepherd Warships On Voyage To Egypt

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(Received June 4, 0.10 a.m.)
LONDON, June 3.
It is revealed that three cruisers and five destroyers were responsible for the evacuation of the first batches of troops from the Candia sector on the night of May 28. The destroyers took on the men after dark and transported them several miles off the coast, where the greater part were transferred to cruisers despite dive-bombing, high-level bombing and machine-gunning from hundreds of German planes, says the Associated Press Alexandria correspondent.
The cruiser Orion alone brought back 1100, successfully repelling repeated attempts to sink her.

Scores of soldiers mounted their own Bren guns on the warships, firing continuously at the Stukas while the warships' six-inch and four-inch guns fung hundreds of shells at the oncoming groups of German planes.
Some of the evacuated troops told the cruisers' officers that they had not seen a British plane for days.
The Australian cruiser Perth was bombed solidly for seven hours one day and 13 hours the next.
The evacuation was an almost incredible epic, giving the world a new record of courage and daring. The odds were heavily against any ship reaching Egypt since not a single British plane appeared in the sky to help keep off the enemy bombers.

At Least 20,000 Drowned

GERMAN CASUALTIES
Killed Before Taking Part In Battle

NAVAL ESTIMATE
(Received June 4, 2.10 a.m.)
ALEXANDRIA, June 3.
The latest unofficial estimates given by naval commanders engaged in the Crete operation were found to have had 20,000 troops in Crete, a good three-quarters of whom were evacuated.
"At least 20,000 Germans were drowned in the waters around Crete, not even sighting the battle."

ATROCITIES ALLEGED BY BERLIN

Soldiers Mutilated
(Received June 4, 1.15 p.m.)
LONDON, June 3.
The Berlin Radio is whipping up stories of alleged Cretan atrocities against German soldiers and claims that the bodies of 12 were found in the harbour of Candia with their eyes gouged out.
Ten Cretan women have been arrested for murdering parachutists, some of whom are said to have been crucified. Female bandits put on the uniforms of dead German soldiers and thereby ambushed and killed a number of Germans, it is claimed.

GLORIOUS PAGE TO MILITARY HISTORY

Australia Congratulates Freyberg
(Received June 4, 1.10 a.m.)
CANBERRA, June 3.
A warm message of congratulation has been sent by the Governor-General (Lord Gowrie) to Major-General Freyberg, it reads: "I am thrilled with admiration of the heroic achievements of all ranks under your command in Crete. Under your inspired leadership and side by side with our gallant Greek allies, they fought with courage and tenacity which will add another glorious page to the military history of the Empire."

PERSIANS DENY RUMOURS

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(Received June 4, 1.10 p.m.)
LONDON, June 3.
The Iranian Press denies Axis Press reports that the British Government is seeking permission to land troops in Iran to protect the Abadan oil installations.

IRAQ'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

(Received June 4, 11.55 p.m.)
LONDON, June 3.
A message to Vichy from Baghdad states that the Regent (Abdul Ilah) has entrusted Jamil Madihi with the formation of a new Government.
Rashid Ali is reported to be at Teheran, in Iran.

HARDEST BATTLE OF WAR

ANOTHER REARGUARD ACTION

CRETE WITHDRAWAL

New Zealanders' Last Hours On Island

(From Official War Correspondent with the N.Z.E.F. in Egypt)
CAIRO, June 2.
After the most strenuous battle of the war and with rest snatched only at odd hours, the New Zealanders in Crete marched more than 30 miles across the island to embark on the southern coast. Tired, bearded and with the drone of the Luftwaffe still ringing in our ears, we were placed again for the second time in a month in the hands of the navy, and the swift voyage back over the Mediterranean spelt relief from the toughest campaigning any soldier ever dreamed of.

The Germans dogged us all the way in the vain hope of cutting us to pieces before we could reach the beach and our men, side by side with the Australians and British, fought them off continually. Once they scampered nearly a mile away before the bayonets of the Maoris, and we left more German dead among the rugged southern hills.
The New Zealanders once more helped to form the rearguard for the British withdrawal. Just as in Greece they bestrode the road while thousands of other troops made their way to the beaches.
Our fighting men set another magnificent example in the way they marched back as ordered, cohesive forces, always able to turn again and fight should the necessity arise.

Over the Hills
So far from our minds were thoughts of giving up the struggle that few connected the first 12 miles of the night march back from the Suda Bay area with the idea of evacuation. We stamped a bomb from port and southwards over the hills into a wooded valley as if entering some new stronghold. The enemy followed up our gradual withdrawal most extravagantly and a line of Maori, Wellington and Australian infantrymen. As fresh as if it was their first engagement, the Maoris led a bayonet charge so spirited that after a most strenuous battle the Germans dropped everything and ran.
With breathing spaces made for us like that we tramped southwards again by night.

Upwards for Miles
In the nine hours between dusk and daylight we crossed one mountain range and reached the top of another, marching steadily over a rough metal road which twisted upwards for miles through wild gorges. For a brief couple of hours we dozed beneath the stunted growth on the mountainside and then we were on the move again.
In broad daylight our battalions made the most extraordinary move I have ever seen. We filed off the road onto the mountain tracks which wound to the crest of a steep 1500-foot drop to the fertile basin north of the coastal town of Sphakia. Then, to avoid the vigilant eyes of German air spotters above the road, we slithered one by one in intervals of about five minutes down the slope and gathered under cover on the flat in small parties.
The night of the following day we trekked on to the rugged mountains overlooking the sea and then moved down to be ferried to two awaiting destroyers.

Egypt Again
The next day, as the yellow Egyptian skyline rose above the sea ahead of us, we tried to make ourselves believe that it was all over. The Australian crews of our ships helped us to do that with their unbounded hospitality and in the morning, when German dive-bombers made one last attempt to stop our escape, we handed the war over to their naval guns.



AIR-RAID SEQUEL.—A shot-down German airman on his way to a British camp. The sight of captured enemy pilots passing through the railway stations has become familiar in London.

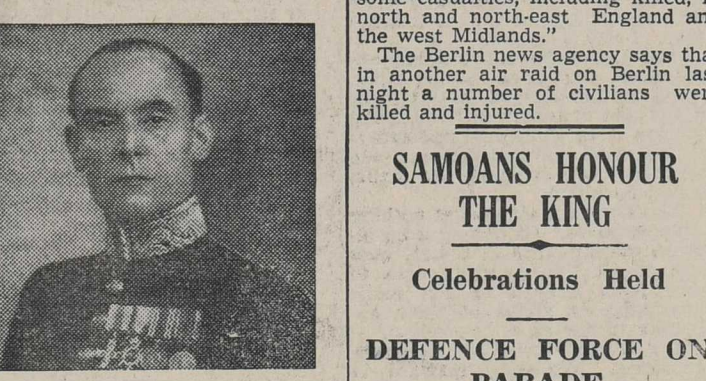
Crete Lost Through Inability To Strike Triple Blow At Nazis

(British Official Wireless.)
(Received June 3, 7.45 p.m.)
RUGBY, June 2.

The withdrawal from Crete and the implications inherent in the island's occupation by the Nazis are frankly faced by the British Press.
The "Daily Telegraph," after paying a tribute to those who fought their last fight so well, comments on Mr Winston Churchill's statement that the British Imperial troops were deprived of vital air support because there were no aerodromes. "If the reason was inadequate defences," says the "Telegraph," "we have paid a heavy price for the lesson that aerodromes must be well armed."

After emphasising the necessity for equipment on a scale to meet "the last foreseeable need," the "Telegraph" continues: "Complete interplay between naval supremacy, air power and the army—our weakness in Crete—must be assured now that the danger to Egypt, Cyprus, Syria and our whole Mediterranean campaign has been made greater. If such unified operations of aircraft and feet as we saw in the chase of the Bismarck had been practicable over the Aegean the Battle of Crete would have had a very different ending."
"To read the lesson aright we must not, of course, exaggerate the advantages which the Germans have gained. Their losses in men and aircraft have certainly been very great. The battle, it is apparent, not only

devastated areas must have brought to the minds of all who saw or read of them a feeling of the deepest resentment that so grievous a hurt should have been inflicted on our capital and unoffending people."
The "Irish Independent" writes: "This is the eighth time within the months on which bombs have been dropped inside our territory.



BRITISH SECRETARY FOR WAR.—Captain the Rt. Hon. David Margesson, Secretary of State for War. He was formerly Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury.

cost them more heavily but lasted much longer than they expected, so that by the time our troops left Crete we had made an end to their quailing in Iraq.

Urgent Lesson
"Yet Britain will read as the most urgent lesson of Crete superiority in the air. That, alas, is an old story, though on this occasion it has been the air arm alone, unaided by armoured fighting vehicles, which proved the superiority."
"Undoubtedly there will be some questioning of the conduct of this brief miniature campaign but it is highly important that it should be reviewed without passion or hasty jumping to conclusions. Some material for such a review will doubtless be available very shortly; for the moment it will suffice to point out that Crete was defended on its merits and on account of its strategic importance, without any such moral obligations as were present in the defence of the Greek mainland."

Irreplaceable Losses
"At present it is possible only to express satisfaction that extremely heavy losses have been inflicted upon the most specialised and least readily replaced of the enemy's forces; regret that such a heavy sacrifice has not availed to secure victory, and warmest admiration for the magnificent courage and determination displayed from first to last by all the forces which took part in the epic defence of Crete."

SIX TIMES WHAT THEY WANTED

WAR WEAPONS WEEK CONTEST

TWO TOWNS

Winning Mayor To Dine With Loser

British Official Wireless
(Received June 3, 8.5 p.m.)
RUGBY, June 2.
Last week Maidenhead and Windsor held a War Weapons Week. Both towns set out to raise £125,000 and a challenge was made as to which would raise the most.
The totals, issued simultaneously, show that Windsor won by £310. It raised £712,358 against Maidenhead's £712,043.
The losing Mayor will pay for a dinner to the winning Mayor.

DEEP RESENTMENT IN EIRE

Recent Raids On Dublin

GRIEVOUS WRONG TO A NEUTRAL

Protest Supported

British Official Wireless
(Received June 3, 7.45 p.m.)
RUGBY, June 2.
Commenting on the raid on Dublin on Saturday morning, the Dublin newspaper the "Irish Press" refers to the protest to Germany sent by the Eire Government and says: "In this protest and demand the Government has the support of every Irish citizen. This neutral State has maintained its neutrality with a correctness which is evident to all the belligerents. That it should, nevertheless, suffer the horrors of last Saturday morning calls for the most vehement condemnation. Devastated areas must have brought to the minds of all who saw or read of them a feeling of the deepest resentment that so grievous a hurt should have been inflicted on our capital and unoffending people."
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BRITAIN DISTURBED AT CRETE CAMPAIGN

Strategic Island Lost And Tobruk Gravely Menaced

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LONDON, June 2.

The evacuation of Crete is producing questioning from the public and the Press which is more widespread and more heart-searching than after any previous withdrawal. All newspapers underline the necessity for a revision of ideas of what can and cannot be done in 1941.
"When are we really going to get down to the job of winning the war?" the "Daily Mail" asks. "The country is seriously concerned with the way things are going."

"Mr Churchill declined to believe that there was uneasiness about Greece, perhaps he can be persuaded that the people are deeply disturbed about Crete."

"The pattern of the British evacuations has unfolded with almost mathematical exactitude, leaving territory of immense strategic importance in the enemy's hands. We are now worse off than before Greece because the Greek islands are hostile and Tobruk is menaced from Crete."

"In Norway, France, Greece and Crete there has been miscalculation or misinformation."
"The Times," in a leader, says: "We cannot afford in Cyprus a repetition of the events in Crete. It was not general inadequacy of equipment which lost us Crete though the equipment may not have been all it ought."

"To almost every observer it appeared from the first that the success of our defence of Crete depended to a very large extent upon constant air support. That is the point where criticism deserves an answer, and one essential question is whether and at what moment it was known that the defence would have to be conducted without that support."

STRONGER DEFENCES FOR GREENLAND

America Preparing Airfields

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WASHINGTON, June 2.
The United Press understands that President Roosevelt is hastening the strengthening of Greenland's sea, land and air defences and troops are preparing airfields.

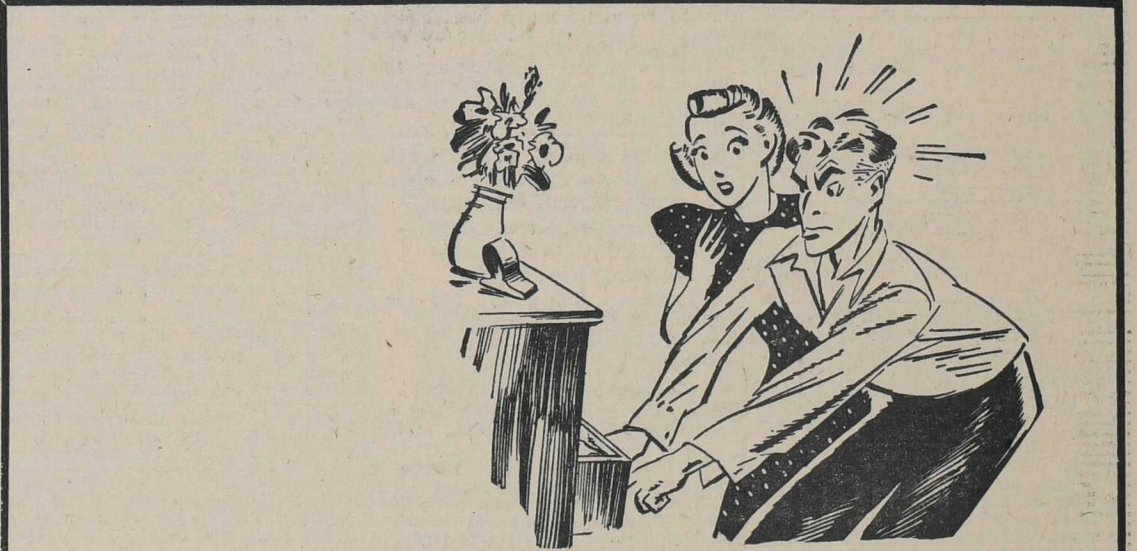
NEW NAZI FIGHTER OUTCLASSSED

RECENT DEFEATS OVER BRITAIN

R.A.F. ON TOP

Much Vaunted 'Plane Is Not Efficient

British Official Wireless
(Received June 3, 9.45 p.m.)
RUGBY, June 2.
A Messerschmitt 109F, the newest type of German fighter, the qualities of which have been much vaunted by the enemy, has proved little more effective against fighters of the R.A.F., than the types which were so outstandingly defeated in the Battle of Britain last autumn.
This newest German fighter has only recently made its appearance in the skies of Britain. On May 26 six of them were chased back to France and two damaged by two Hurricanes. On May 28 one was definitely shot down and others seriously damaged, and to-night there is news of another being shot down over the Channel.
During Monday evening a Junkers 88 was also shot down off the north-west coast shortly before dark.



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State CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "THE GREAT DICTATOR" The great and inimitable Charles Chaplin, who for a generation has maintained pre-eminence as the leading comic actor on the screen, returns in "The Great Dictator," the master work upon which he has bent his tireless energies these past two years and the picture which is causing international repercussions. It is now screening at the State Theatre, Hastings. Chaplin portrays "The Great Dictator" in the spirit of satire, comedy and denunciation.

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State CHARLIE CHAPLIN in BRILLIANT COMEDY Charlie Chaplin is back. After two years of incredible confusion of rumours as to whether he would make "The Great Dictator" or not the news is that the first Charlie Chaplin comedy since "Modern Times," now showing at the State Theatre, Napier. It cost in the neighbourhood of more than 2,000,000 dollars. That it is the most ambitious and the most expensive production that Chaplin has ever attempted is less important than the fact that it involves the little clown in artistic responsibilities and caricature that he has never before attempted.

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Yesterday On 'Change' Transaction List

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INVASION LESSONS

It can be said that both sides have learned a great deal from the Battle of Crete. The British have once again lost a battle because the odds against them were too great to be withstood, but the Germans have been forced to the conclusion that, without command of the sea, anything other than direct land invasion must inevitably involve an appalling sacrifice.

The London "Daily Express" has said that to take an island possessing even limited resources for defence, such as Crete, there must be a colossal effort. "They set out to take Crete and deliberately sacrificed as many men as were needed for the task. The waste of life was prodigious, but the German war machine never faltered. It became an adding machine, making calculations for an ultimate attack against Britain."

Exactly what was the result of those calculations will not be known for a long time, but it is certain that it cannot be regarded as encouraging to the Germans.

On the other side, this morning's cabled Press comment from London indicates a certain amount of uneasiness about the repeated withdrawals in the Mediterranean, and it is reported that the evacuation of Crete is producing some very widespread and heart-searching questioning. Such a development is inevitable, if only for the reason that, after Dunkirk, Mr Churchill himself said that wars were not won by withdrawals.

Much of the blame for British failures—at least as far as the Mediterranean is concerned—can be traced back to the fall of France and the subsequent swing of both unoccupied France and the French colonies towards Germany. With the active participation of the French forces in Tunis and Algeria, the Libyan campaign would have been successfully concluded shortly after the British capture of Benghazi, and without French connivance German reinforcements could not have reached Tripoli in time to save the Italians. Further, Syria would not constitute to-day a direct threat to Palestine, Iraq, and Egypt.

All chances of a change of heart in France have now vanished and all French territory must be regarded as enemy territory. In view of this it may be asked whether a British invasion of Syria is an impossibility. Unless there are exceptionally strong military reasons why this move cannot be undertaken by the British forces in Palestine, it appears to be the most logical way of stemming the German advance into the Middle East.

In every other case, from Norway to Yugoslavia and Greece, the Germans have been two jumps ahead of the British Government, and if there is any diplomatic squeamishness about attacking French territory, the answer is that Syria was granted to France by mandate from the League of Nations which, even if it is not regarded as defunct, no longer has any official recognition from what remains of France. Again, when French factories are working for Germany, when French ports are open to the enemy, and when French leaders like Darlan have brought about a state of undeclared war between France and Britain, there should be no compunction in taking measures dictated by the laws of self-preservation and commonsense.

The loss of Crete is another stage in the German march towards Suez. Without the slightest justification, Germany has overrun Europe and is now moving into Asia. Is Britain to go on indefinitely waiting for Germany to make the next move?

The London "Daily Mail" says that in Norway, France, Greece, and Crete there has been miscalculation or misinformed. It might be added that in each of these cases British action was undertaken too late and a situation was created somewhat similar to that in Gallipoli in the last war.

The criticism of British war policy can do no harm, and the unanimity of the British national Press is evidence that in Great Britain there is a growing belief that the tide of German success can be stopped. If the invasion of Greece and Crete leads to immediate British action to forestall the clearly-indicated enemy plan for the encirclement of Suez, the lesson will have been well worth while.

Personal

Mr C. Lassen was re-elected chairman of the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board at yesterday's meeting of the board at Napier.

Mr E. M. Fenton was yesterday admitted to membership of the Hastings Rotary Club, when he was welcomed by the president (Mr G. H. Roach).

Mr S. Ashcroft, who has been elected deputy-Mayor of Hastings, received the congratulations of his fellow Rotarians at yesterday's luncheon of the Hastings Rotary Club.

Dr Evan Denham, the son of Dr H. G. Denham, rector of Canterbury University College, has passed his final examination for a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Able-Seaman H. M. West, Napier, who received a fractured skull when H.M. Minesweeper Puriri blew up in the Hauraki Gulf, has made a remarkable recovery and is out of danger and doing well.

Commissioner of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks since 1925, Mr H. T. Atkinson is retiring on superannuation. Mr S. G. Barnett has been appointed acting-Commissioner of Patents, says a Press Association message from Wellington.

Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, K.C.B., K.M.G., Inspector-General of the New Zealand Military Forces, is paying an official visit to the Auckland district. He went to Whangarei early this week, and later will visit districts further north.

Captain J. H. Hall, public relations officer with the New Zealand Forces, was reported to be missing after the evacuation of Greece. However, Mrs Hall, of Wellington, who had already been advised that her husband was missing, received word from him that he had arrived safely in Egypt.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr A. Cole (Christchurch), Mr and Mrs A. Gay, Miss Davey, Mr and Mrs Davey (Wairoa), Mr W. P. Maule (Palmerston North), Miss R. Bagnall (Gisborne), Mr S. Patmore (Woodville) are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

Hon. Mr Justice Smith, Mrs F. MacArthur, Major G. F. Vance, Mr J. Stacey, Mr and Mrs N. L. Ward, Mr H. Reed, Mr G. Buxton, Mr and Mrs R. R. Turnbull, Mr W. Percival (Wellington), Miss Pointon, Mr and Mrs J. R. Paterson, Mr C. Wheeler, Mr and Mrs J. Patterson, Mr Chas Wheeler (Auckland), Mr and Mrs C. Bidwill, Mr B. Bidwill (Featherston), Lady Sargood (Dunedin), Mr and Mrs Conway (Cheltenham), Mrs Gerald Wilson (Otago) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr and Mrs W. Ensor (Roto-iti), Mr Alan K. Gray, Mr G. Stott (Wellington), Mr H. Whittaker, Mr J. B. Curd (Palmerston North), Mr E. C. Everett (Wanganui), Mr C. H. Sewell (New Plymouth), Mr N. McC. Queen (Waipukurau) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr F. P. Fotheringham, Mr A. Powell (Wellington), Mr T. Thompson, Mr G. Inwood, Mr R. Christie (Edin.), Mr B. Morris, Mr T. Morley (Palmerston North), Mr G. Nickolsen (Dannevirke), Mr T. Waters (Wanganui), Mr A. Allen (Carterton), Mr H. McAllister (Masterton), Mr M. Graham (New Plymouth) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Corporal Mackenzie, Of Waipukurau

News was received yesterday by Mrs M. A. Mackenzie, of Waipukurau, that her son, Corporal Kenneth Mackenzie, had been killed on active service.

When he broke out Corporal Mackenzie immediately enlisted and sailed with the First Echelon. Born in 1895 at Wainstead, Corporal Mackenzie was the son of Mrs and the late Mr Alex Mackenzie. Others of the family are four sisters, Mrs H. Peers (Waipukurau) and Mrs R. K. Booth (Martinborough) and the Misses Janet and Jessie, and a brother, Mr A. E. Mackenzie, all of Waipukurau.

Letters To The Editor

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

The New Anzacs

Sir,—A correspondent signing himself "No Chocolate Soldier" criticises a statement which I did not word as he alleges. I certainly did not say "better soldiers." I said that I had come out of camp with a different opinion of the younger generation than that which I had had when I entered and that, in my opinion, the younger generation need have no fear that the young soldiers of to-day will not do all that is asked of them and that the honour of this country is in as good hands now as in our time.

I think the young men of to-day are a courteous and thoughtful lot—not the type who would take someone to task without signing his name to the criticism.

The correspondent says that there was less fear of invasion of Britain and Australasia in the last war than to-day because there were then the right type of leaders and soldiers. If this statement is untrue it is rather disproved, as our present-day leaders are in the main men who went through the last war—I am, etc.

J. H. WINTER. Tutira, June 2.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Battle-Dress Issue The issue of battle-dress to men on home service, Territorials and all troops, such as guards at vital points and fortress troops, has been decided upon, and some of the troops have already been equipped. —Press Association.

Not So Simple "I thought the questions were fairly simple," commented Mr Justice Smith in the Napier Supreme Court yesterday, when Mr D. F. Scannell, counsel for the plaintiffs, sought permission to amend an originating summons he had issued seeking the interpretation of a will. "They may prove more difficult in answering than propounding," replied Mr Scannell. "We are a very simple people and along with the other afflictions of old age I am growing deaf, so that if your Honour is remanding me I may not be able to hear!"

Labour Shortage It is really serious from a national point of view if fully-qualified journeymen have to step into the breach like that and do a boys' work, declared the chairman of the Armed Forces Appeal Board (Mr W. F. Stillwell) when a butchery firm appealed on behalf of a member of its staff who had been called for overseas service. It was stated for the firm that the journeymen were actually doing delivery because of the difficulty in getting boys. Applicant said that he knew of one case where a second shopman was doing delivery work. Three months' adjournment was granted.—Press Association.

Search for Car Inquiries are being made in Hastings concerning a car which is stated to have struck a railway bus on the Mangatere corner at 5.55 p.m. on Saturday evening. The car is alleged to have been travelling at a high speed towards Hastings, and failed to stop after the accident. The bus driver back bumper which was torn from the car is of the type which was fitted to American makes of about 1929 model. There were traces of black paint left on the bus. The Railways department is anxious to trace the vehicle, which must be showing clear signs of the mishap.

Truck Driver Killed The driver of a motor-truck at Dairy Flat, on the northern side of Waitemata Harbour, was killed instantly on Monday night when he was crushed by a ten-ton tractor which was being carried on the back of the truck. The victim was Mr Fredrick Grinwald Baskett, 30, St. Heliers, managing director of Dominion Roadmakers Ltd. Mr Baskett was driving a four-ton truck which sank into soft surface of the edge of the main road, slowing down suddenly and causing heavy tractor to run forward into the cab of the truck, crushing the driver. The truck then left the road and ran into a ditch.—Press Association.

Youths for Service The Director of National Service (Mr J. S. Hunter) said yesterday that youths who were now 18 years of age and consequently members of the first division of the General Reserve are not sending in their enrolment forms as promptly as could be wished. These youths became members of the first division on the issue of a proclamation on May 21, said Mr Hunter, and those who had not done so must register at once. Employers, he said, should note that the age limits of the first division are now 18 to 45 years inclusive and should satisfy themselves that all 18-year-old employees of theirs are duly enrolled.—Press Association.

Soldier's Death Private Daniel Maybin Blair, a prisoner of war whose death has been reported by the headquarters of the Red Cross at Geneva, was a well-known resident in the Eskdale district before he enlisted at the outbreak of war. Private Blair, whose mother still lives at Eskdale, was educated at the Eskdale Primary School, as it was then known. After working in various parts of the district for a number of years he accepted a position with the Hawke's Bay County Council, and was responsible for the maintenance of a "stretch" of the Napier-Taupo main highway. Private Blair was prominent among the volunteers engaged in the restoration of communications in the Eskdale Valley, after the earthquake and the Anzac Day floods of 1938. He is survived by three sisters and two brothers as well as by his mother.

Letter from Egypt

A letter from the Rotary Club of Alexandria, Egypt, was read at yesterday's luncheon of the Hastings Rotary Club. The Alexandria Club, the letter stated, had a membership of 42, comprising no fewer than ten different nationalities, a practical demonstration of the ties of internationalism existing in the organization.

Short Session of House The session of Parliament to commence next Tuesday will be short, the House probably adjourning before the end of the week. After formal business on Tuesday afternoon, a secret session will be held to discuss the war situation. The acting-Prime Minister (the Hon. W. Nash) said yesterday that the only legislation would be the Imprest Supply Bill.—Press Association.

Snow at Chateau For the first time this winter snow is lying all round the Chateau Torngard. It came with a sudden southerly change to a relatively mild weather, and conditions were ideal for ski-ing over the weekend. The Chateau was full for the holiday week-end, with 260 guests. They have experienced a snow-storm and now are eager to try winter sports. The alpine season properly begins in mid-June.

Women Truck Drivers Girls of the Women's National Service Army transport vehicles when called upon, and during the past few weeks they have been seen crouched over the wheels of heavy lorries or negotiating traffic in six-wheeler trucks with the greatest efficiency. The service is voluntary. Last week a convoy of 15 trucks arrived in the city with female drivers. Military experts say that the girls are giving excellent service. Members of the corps are also being employed as cooks at Wairoa Camp.—Press Association.

Saturday Polls While expressing gratification at the result of the election for the Riccarton Borough Council, the Mayor, Mr Kyle, M.P., said at the first meeting of the new council that he did not think Saturday was a favourable day for the holding of a municipal election. There were too many people away. A lot of the people said they would vote later in the day, but later in the day found parties on the bowling green or somewhere else. It was everybody's duty to exercise his or her vote, said Mr Kyle.

River Erosion "I understand that the Government does not intend to proceed with the proposed River Control Bill at the next session of Parliament," said the chairman of the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board (Mr C. Lassen) at yesterday's meeting of the board. The Government had set up a committee to take evidence on the subject, and that was as far as it had gone, he said. There was a brief discussion on the Bill, which provides for the setting up of organisations to control afforestation and protective measures on the catchment areas of rivers which are liable to severe flooding. Members considered that such a comprehensive task should not be undertaken in wartime, and the chairman and the clerk (Mr W. J. O'Connell) were deputed to watch the position.

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

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR CLOUD AND DRIZZLE

The "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay is as follows:—Winds: Fresh north-easterly winds later backing to north-westerlies. Weather: Cloudy to overcast with drizzle at times but mainly north of Wairoa and in the ranges. Temperatures moderate.

Seas: Slight but rising north of Mania Peninsula.

NAPIER WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutcheon) are as follows:—Dry bulb temp. 55.6deg. Wet bulb temp. 37.5deg. Maximum temp. 51.8deg. Minimum temp. 36.2deg. 1ft. underground 56.5deg. 3ft. underground 57.5deg. 25.8deg. Sun 4.5hrs. Cloud 8. E.S. Rain 0. Humidity 72 p.c.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:—Dry bulb temp. 52.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 38.0deg. Maximum temp. 50.0deg. Minimum temp. 30.0deg. Grass 44.0deg. Rain Nil Wind S.E.2. Cloud 8

DOMINION FORECAST

Winds: Strong north-easterlies over the northern and western districts; gale force at times over the Auckland province from the north. Elsewhere moderate but freshening north-easterlies to northerlies. A change to fresh north-westerlies later extending over the Auckland province from the north. Seas:—New Zealand waters: Rough to high north of the East Cape; moderate on the east coast south of East Cape. Elsewhere becoming rough. Eastern Tasman Sea: Storm north-easterly winds backing later to fresh north-westerlies. Seas rough.

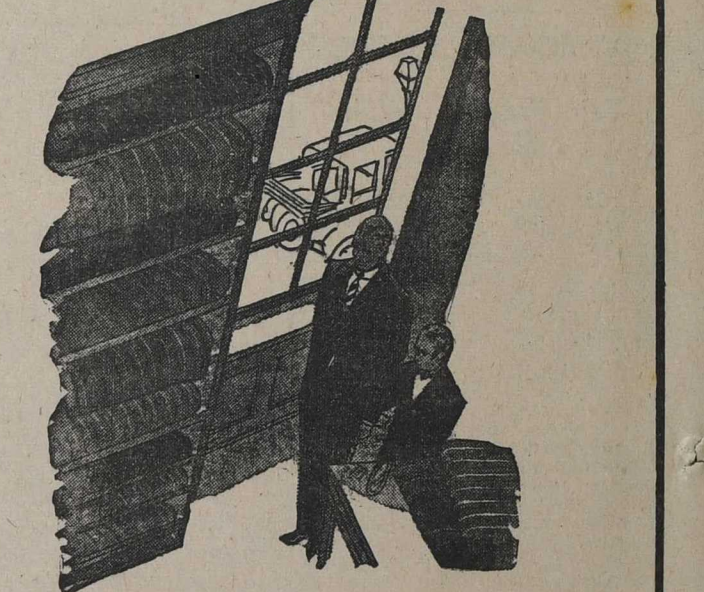
Weather: Cloudy to overcast generally with intermittent rain over the Auckland province and extending southward over Taranaki, Nelson and Westland. Scattered falls also in other districts from Marlborough northward. A temporary improvement commencing shortly in the far north. Temperatures milder.

To-day's Diary

NAPIER The Theatres: "The Great Dictator," State, 2 and 8 p.m. "King of Introduction," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Lover of Chinatown," and "Unmarried," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

HASTINGS The Theatres: "Nice Girl?" Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "The Great Dictator," State, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m. "Lucky Devils," and "Prairie Schooners," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

Eggs Up Again Another increase in egg prices, the second in four days, took effect at Hastings yesterday. Eggs are now retailing at 3/2 and 3/3.



VALUES FOR MEN at Westerman's!

Westerman's famous low prices for Men's Clothing are being maintained in spite of present day conditions.

WARM WINTER WEAR!

MEN'S SMART OVERCOATS—Body fittings and full belted styles. Prices 25/15/-, 24/15/-, 26/10/-, 28/10/-. MEN'S CAMEL CLOTH COATS—Double breasted with full bell very smart. Prices 27/10/-, 28/10/-. FAWN MILITARY TRENCH COATS—Double breasted with full bell, leather buttons and self lined. Prices 28/10/-, 24/15/-. STYLISH WINTER SUITS—Smart styles. Blues, Fawn, Green and Navy. Prices 26/10/-, 27/10/-, 28/10/-. SPORTS COATS—In latest styles, new patterns, each an wonderful. Blues, Greens, Browns, Fawns. Prices 49/6, 58/6, 63/6 to 89/6. Very large sizes in Sports Coats also stocked. SMARTER SPORTS TROUSERS—Latest cut, wide legs. Greys, Greens, Navy. Prices 29/6, 35/6, 39/6 and 45/6 pair. MEN'S WOOL CARDIGANS, FULLOVERS—With or without roll collars; Siltons in all colours and fancy knit; Storm Collar Cardigans... Price 29/6 each. "SISALRAFT" BLACKS OUT. WE STOCK IT. 1/4-SQUARE YARD.

Westerman's MODERN STORE HASTINGS

CONFUSION OVER ELECTIONS

VOYERS AND LOCAL BODIES

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Too Many Issues On One Day

The result of holding all local body elections on one day had again been confusion and uncertainty on the part of electors...

Notes Not Recorded

"This is the second time that local body elections were held throughout the country on one day...

Light Poll

"When it is pointed out that in Ward 5, of a roll of 2859 ratepayers, only 437 persons recorded their names...

Improvement In Finances

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RACE CLUB CHAIRMAN LAUNCHES AN ATTACK

Too Many Meetings And Too Much Betting, Says Speaker

(By Telegraph—Press Association.) CHRISTCHURCH, June 3. "If New Zealand can pay so much for racing it surely can pay it to help save this country from destruction."

Mr Elworthy, who is also President of the New Zealand Racing Conference, advocated a considerable reduction in the number of racing days in the Dominion.

The attitude of racing to the war effort was a subject which had been troubling him for some time, Mr Elworthy said.

He was now stating his private opinion. Members might think he was choosing the wrong time to express it and they might be right, but he felt he could not conclude his report without saying something about a matter which was of so much greater importance than anything else.

320 Race Days. "At the present time 240 days are set aside for racing in New Zealand, and 80 days for trotting meetings."

"Are we, as the representative body of responsible men, justified in encouraging the public, including ourselves, to waste so much time about a matter which is of so much greater importance than anything else."

"I know the arguments brought forward in favour of continuing as we are—the enormous revenue derived from racing, the sums of money given by different clubs for patriotic purposes, the need for relaxation at a time like this, and the injustice that would be done by putting men out of employment."

"These I believe to be the main points, and to a certain extent I have agreed with them."

"But as the war continues and the struggle becomes more and more violent from day to day, and now that so many of our men are facing death and many more worse than death, can we really make ourselves believe that we are facing up to our responsibilities?"

"I say we cannot. The sum of £5,490,024 was put through the totalisator this year on all races and a large amount on trotting. This certainly represented a large amount of revenue. As for the 'necessary relaxation' so often referred to, are those who are suffering most—the relatives and friends of the men fighting the battles—looking for relaxation?"

Seeking Peace of Mind. He much doubted it, said Mr Elworthy. They achieved more peace of mind by work, and the majority had no wish to rush about looking for enjoyment while their men were going through hell.

"Necessary relaxation" was chiefly enjoyed by those who looked upon a war as an inconvenience and a sport from that took little interest.

"I am certainly not in favour of putting a stop to racing altogether," Mr Elworthy concluded, "but I am strongly in favour of making a considerable reduction in the number of days set aside for that purpose."

"Has To Be Faced." "I know it is a very difficult subject, but it has to be faced, and I hope that the Canterbury Jockey Club and other racing clubs in New Zealand will give it their earnest consideration."

"Our country has been alluded to very often as 'God's own country,' and I have better see that it does not end up as 'Hitler's own country,' which is quite possible if we don't all face up to our responsibilities and make a far greater effort and sacrifice than we are doing."

Views Supported. Mr G. R. Macdonald said he supported Mr Elworthy's views, and particularly that part of the address which dealt with the responsibility of continuing to provide increased attendances and betting at races.

"That may come wrongly from me because of my racing interests," he said. "Personally I would like to get out of it, but I am tied up and I do not know how to get out of it."

"I want to say how much I agree with you in your remarks about the present race—shall we call it?—for betting in New Zealand."

WORKING HOURS

MINISTER'S REPLY TO AGITATION

Matter For Emergency Council

Interviewed concerning the agitation for an extension of working hours, the Minister of Labour (the Hon. P. O. Webb) stated that there was a question for the Industrial Emergency Council's consideration.

"I would again emphasize," said the Minister, "the fact that this Council consists of an equal number of representatives of the employers and workers."

Council's Work. "The council deals with all applications for extended hours of work in the respective industries, and wherever a case has been put up that, in the council's opinion, justifies the introduction of shift work or extended hours or any variation of the award under which the industry operates, a recommendation to that effect is made to me and a regulation is issued embodying that recommendation."

"I say quite plainly that in no instance where a case has been made for an extension of hours or a variation of the award has it been turned down by the council."

Government's Policy. "In regard to the general question of extending working hours, it is not the intention of the Government to make any alteration unless on the advice of this council."

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AXIS HURRYING TO SEIZ

PLOTS HATCHED AT BRENNER PASS

DICTATORS MEET

Another Early Move Expected

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received by cable.) LONDON, June 2. It is officially announced in Rome that Hitler and Mussolini met today at the Brenner Pass, the talks lasting for some hours.

The German and Italian Foreign Ministers (Joachim von Ribbentrop and Count Ciano) were present.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Associated Press of Great Britain, the German and Italian Chiefs-of-Staff, General Keitel and General Cavallero, participated in the talks.

It is commented by official German quarters that the meeting will not be without a sequel.

Suez Next? While everyone debates the importance of Crete, the military authorities in Cairo say that one thing which the Germans will not be long in launching is a new attack on Suez is the magnet, and the Axis plans to get there in a hurry.

The British are busily preparing for the next move on the grim and fateful chessboard as the survivors from Crete are still reaching friendly shores.

A new defence zone has been created in Egypt called the Western Defence Zone of Cairo. It extends westwards from the left bank of the Nile.

Meanwhile telegraphic and telephonic communication between Syria and Egypt has been suspended by order of the Vichy Government.

The French High Commissioner (General Dentz) has proclaimed a state of siege. General Weygand, who is perhaps the greatest French authority on Syria, has arrived in Vichy and has reported to Marshal Petain. It is understood that he will remain in Vichy for a few days.

Cyprus Prepares. A message from Nicosia says that the situation in Cyprus is tense. Elderly people and children have gone to the hills, and some English women and children have gone to the mainland.

Cyprus regulations issued in Nicosia prohibit looting and spreading alarmist reports, and also give the authorities wide powers for commandeering.

The "Cyprus Post," in discussing the German chances against Cyprus, points out that the enemy is farther from his Greek bases but that invasion is possible from the Dodecanese Islands and Syria.

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Power Failure Blackout

WIDE AREA AFFECTED

Insulator Breakdown At Auckland

CITY IN DARKNESS

By Telegraph—Press Association. A complete blackout of the whole of the North Island north of Wairoa, and parts of the West Coast, was experienced when a 110,000-volt pillar insulator at the Penrose sub-station broke down a few minutes after seven o'clock to-day.

Short-circuiting to the earth, the insulator flashed a huge multi-coloured light which illuminated the Penrose district for a few seconds.

The breakdown threw open switches at Arapuni of the lines feeding the north and also pulled out the Auckland Electric Power Board's sub-station at King's Wharf, which was running in conjunction with the other system.

The damaged insulator was quickly isolated from the rest of the system, and the position at Arapuni was rectified with a minimum of damage. The power supply was resumed after 15 minutes of darkness.

All electrical services in Auckland were suspended for about 23 minutes, the only visible lights being those of traffic and ferry steamers.

Tramcars were delayed and disturbances occurred on some routes after the power had been resumed.

Hold-Up Occurs In Wellington

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, June 3. An unusual electrical fault developed in Wellington about 7.10 p.m. yesterday, and it continued for nearly five minutes and trams and lifts were out of action for half an hour.

A city corporation engineer said the fault occurred in the original system, setting up a heavy surge which cut off the supply from outside, leaving the Evans Bay power station to meet the whole demand of the city.

Western Defeats Eastern

Fast And Rough Game At Wairoa

Soldiers Are Honoured

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"FACTS KEPT FROM PUBLIC"

Board Members' View

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MORE THAN 15,000 MEN EVACUATED FROM CRETE

2800 New Zealanders Still Unaccounted For, Says Report

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, June 3. The acting-Prime Minister (the Hon. W. Nash) announced to-night that while there are still large numbers not accounted for, the news to-day suggests that a larger number than the 15,000 mentioned yesterday have been evacuated from Crete.

"This is good news, but until they are checked up, I cannot give the exact figures," he said.

"Of the number of our men who were on the island, some thousands have arrived in Egypt, including some 768 wounded, and there are still approximately 2800 of our men unaccounted for."

"Some of these may still arrive, but the majority can probably be correctly regarded as missing."

"Immediately further advice is received in regard to every soldier, and does not include numerous of the information later made public."

Air Victories In Middle East

R.A.F.'S HIGH SCORE

Total Of 2243 To Date

SUCCESS OVER BRITAIN

British Official Wireless. (Received June 3, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, June 2. Commenting on the figure of 244 enemy aircraft destroyed during the month of May in the Middle East, a communique issued to-day by R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East states: "This brings the total for the first five months of the year to 2243."

It will be appreciated that this figure relates to enemy aircraft definitely known to have been destroyed, and does not include numerous others badly damaged and which probably became write-offs.

The figures for the month have certain points of special interest. The East African front, which has been a most fruitful source of success for the Imperial air forces since the war began, dried up with the collapse of the Italians in Eritrea and Southern Abyssinia. Only two enemy aircraft were destroyed in East Africa. One was shot down by fighters and the other by anti-aircraft fire.

Iraq Clean-Up. During the disturbances in Iraq, the rebel air force was wiped out in a week by our fighters. Towards the end of the month these included several German aircraft. Over Malta, four enemy machines were shot down by anti-aircraft fire and four by fighters. On the other hand, the British include Crete, Syria, and infrequent theatre of operations such as Suez and Sicily, 37 enemy aircraft were shot down by fighters and 27 by anti-aircraft fire, and 72 German bombers were destroyed on the ground. The largest proportion of these were shot down in the Crete operations, where the enemy poured in aircraft and men without regard for loss of life and material.

The total of the month was 244 for the Middle East front, and against this, the R.A.F. lost 65 aircraft, but the pilots of a number of these are safe.

Detailed Figures. An analysis of communiques issued in London during the month of May reveals comparative aircraft losses in the various theatres of war to be: Over Britain and British coastal waters: British 18, enemy 20. Over Germany and occupied territory: British 67, enemy 31. At Sea: British 2, enemy 25.

An Air Ministry communique says that a Coastal Command plane, while on patrol yesterday, encountered an enemy fighter off the west coast of France and shot it down into the sea. An aircraft of the same command is missing from patrol yesterday.

Fire At Freezing Works

WANGANUI, June 3.

What might have been a serious outbreak affecting the New Zealand Refrigerating Co.'s extensive plant at the Wanganui works was prevented by the Wanganui Fire Brigade, assisted by auxiliaries, E.P.S. personnel, and the works' employees, when a fire started in this manner in an insulated chamber on the top floor of a new building being constructed to provide additional cold-storage space for meat.

The fire broke out for more than an hour and a half under exceptionally trying conditions. The firemen wore respirators and operated in a confined space heavily charged with carbon dioxide from smouldering bitumen and cork.

After a long and exhausting fight the fire was brought under control. One fireman had to be assisted from the building.

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LATE SPORTING

Saturday's Fields At Dunedin

THIRD DAY OF RACES

By Telegraph—Press Association. DUNEDIN, June 3. Following are the acceptances for the third day (Saturday) of the Dunedin winter meeting:

GREENFIELD HURDLES, of 117s; one mile—Burrup 9.1, Ararat 9.1, their Cloud 10.1, Half and Half 9.3, Waka 9.4, Made Money, Sir Hugh, Monpere, Kippen, Lay Down, Merry Simon, Prince Ruenail, Rosaleen Dhu, Remembo 9.6.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP, of 120s; six furlongs—Fleet 9.9, Milton Abbas 8.13, Royovney 8.9, Paladeo 8.3, Paper Whistle, Desamp, Filippant, Inveitible, Pink 8.6, Strathgill 8.6.

EMPIRE HANDICAP, of 117s; six furlongs—Rebel Mate 10.3, Boswell 9.13, Doreen—Strip 9.1, Ararat 9.1, their Cloud 9.0, Peony Rose 8.13, Laybones 8.9, Secret Flight 8.9, halibut 8.9, Astor 8.6, Confiant 8.6, Lady Dun 8.4, Kohara 8.1, Palmer, Prince Whistle, Royovney 8.0.

DUNEDIN STEEPCHASE, of 220s; two miles and a quarter—Slayer 12.7, Whir 10.12, Surcoat 10.9, Pride of Central 9.7, Gay Boy 8.9, Superst 9.3, Astor Flame 9.2, Golden Glow 9.1, Attire, Panara, Polar Star, Prince Fleuret 9.0.

KING GEORGE HANDICAP, of 200s; one mile—Royal Lancer 10.5, Rebel Mate 9.5, Boswell 9.4, Cherokee 8.5, Peony Rose 8.5,

STRANGE DIVORCE CLOSED DECREE ABSOLUTE GRANTED NAPIER COURT

By granting Toko Pakai (Mr W. E. Bate), a decree absolute in his divorce proceedings against Polly Pakai (Mrs E. J. W. Hallett) when the matter was heard by him in the Napier Supreme Court yesterday, Mr Justice Smith concluded one of the strangest divorce cases ever heard in a New Zealand court.

Originally the matter came before the Chief Justice (Sir Michael Myers), when it was revealed that the parties had entered into a unique arrangement many years ago. The petitioner and his wife had 11 children before they separated.

The respondent went to live with the petitioner's brother and the petitioner co-habited with the respondent's sister. Counsel for the petitioner told the court that the parties were perfectly happy with the arrangement, but that it was desired to make matters a little more regular.

In answer to Sir Michael, the petitioner said that he was the father of 17 children, and that his Honour also granted decrees in the following cases before him: Alice Eugenia Booth (Mr G. B. Aimes) v. Charlie Booth, decree nisi to be moved absolute after three months; interim custody of the child was granted to the petitioner.

Mary Ellen L. Green (Mr John Mason) v. Leonard Thomas Green, decree nisi to be moved absolute at the expiration of three months; costs on the lower scale to the petitioner. Ivy Winifred Martin (Mr H. P. Dowling) v. Victor Baden-Powell Martin, decree nisi to be moved absolute after three months; interim custody of the children and costs on the lower scale were granted to the petitioner.

Percy Thomson (Mr H. R. Bannister) v. Ivy Isabel Thomson, decree nisi to be moved absolute after three months and custody. Georgina Rose Webby (Mr H. de Denne) v. Howard William Webby (Mr Bannister), decree nisi to be moved absolute after three months; interim custody of the child Molly and costs on the lower scale.

Ether Dorothy Smith (Mr A. H. Robinson) v. Percy Thomson (Mr C. W. Nash) v. Thomas A. H. Smith, decree absolute and custody. Norman Devenie (Mr E. J. Hallett) v. Ellen Mary Devenie, decree absolute and custody. Treve Alice Colvin (Mr Hallett) v. Peter Basil Colvin, decree absolute and order for custody by consent.

Walter Harold Charles Lee (Mr W. E. Bate) v. Dorothy Lee, decree absolute and order for custody. Arthur James Rathbone (Mr W. A. McLeod) v. Violet Edith Rathbone, decree absolute and order for custody by consent. Ellen Annie R. Russ (Mr C. G. E. Harker) v. Charles Henry James Russ, decree absolute and order for custody.

Larsen v. Kristian Larsen, decree absolute and custody to the respondent. Theodore Hercules Gunderson v. Una Gunderson, decree absolute and order for custody. Francis Isabella Stevens (Mr Dowling) v. Percy Rupert Stevens, decree absolute and order for custody. James McDonald (Mr H. B. Lusk) v. Martha Te H. McDonald and John McBryde, decree absolute and custody.

Toko Pakai (Mr Bate) v. Polly Pakai (Mrs Hallett), decree absolute. Eric Kenworthy (Mr J. Langley) v. Wil Kenworthy and Toki Carroll (Mr Robinson), decree absolute.

SERIOUS CHARGES HEARD MAORI PLEADS GUILTY

Is Committed For Sentence NAPIER POLICE COURT

Pleading guilty to four charges of incest, Naita Takahi, 47, a Maori farmer, Raupunga, was committed to the Supreme Court for sentence when he appeared before Messrs A. E. Bedford and F. S. Tarrant, J.P.s, in the Napier Police Court. Detective K. W. Mills conducted the case for the prosecution, while Mr C. W. Nash appeared for the accused. Takahi will appear before Mr Justice Smith to-day.

Hemi Huata, an ordained clergyman of the Anglican Church, told the court that he married Naita Takahi and his wife, Roka Nikora, at the Mohaka Church in 1916. The witness said that he knew the parties well. Thomas Tomlinson, a farmer living at Paki Paki, said that he was the witness at the wedding he recalled. Although he was not present at the wedding he recalled the parties living close to him and a girl, Hariata, was born at Paki Paki.

Hariata Takahi told the court that she was a single woman aged 23, living with her father at Raupunga. The witness said that she was brought up by her mother, Roka Nikora, at Paki Paki. In 1933 she was in trouble and went to live with her father at Raupunga, where she had since continued to live until the accused was arrested. For some years a European woman had lived with the accused and witness. The first offence was committed at Raupunga and the witness subsequently bore a child at Waeroa, which the accused registered in the European woman's name. The offences had continued regularly over a period of years and the accused was the father of her three children.

Her father had been good to her, but at first gave her severe thrashings and forbade her to go off the farm alone. Nobody ever came to see her. Cross-examined by Mr Nash, the witness said that her father was drunk when the first offence was committed. There were other people about and she could have called out to them.

The European woman, whose name was suppressed, said that she met the accused when he was working in Hastings in 1931. About six months later she went to his home at Raupunga and remained there until late in 1933. She was not married then and the accused always led the witness to believe that Hariata was his daughter. During the whole of the time that the witness was staying at the farm the girl never left it.

The witness said that she took the girl to the home in Waeroa and made arrangements for her to be admitted to the day care centre. She took the child and looked after it. She knew that the accused registered the child at the schoolhouse at Mohaka, but was surprised to know that he had registered it in her name. She was quite satisfied that the accused was the father of the child.

Alleged Confession. Constable L. Campagnola, Mohaka, said that he interviewed the accused in company with Detectives Field and Campbell. The witness formed the accused of the nature of their mission and he admitted the offences, saying he would confess to God and man. This concluded the case for the police and the accused pleaded guilty to all charges.

RUGBY FIXTURES ARE ANNOUNCED Teams Matched For Play In Napier. The following are the Rugby fixtures for next Saturday in Napier: Senior Grade. Havelock North v. Marist, McLean Park No. 1, at 3 p.m. (Mr. E. Bell). Tech-High v. Clive, McLean Park No. 2, at 3 p.m. (Mr. J. Laws).

Napier H.S.O.B. v. M.B.O.B., McLean Park No. 1, at 1.30 p.m. (Mr. C. Campbell). High School v. Clive, Nelson Park, at 3 p.m. (Mr. J. Fulton). Junior B. High School v. M.B.O.B., Nelson Park, at 1.30 p.m. (Mr. G. Toothill). School A v. H.S.O.B. v. Pirates, McLean Park No. 2, at 1.30 p.m. (Mr. Gray); Tech. O.B. a bye. Ball Boys (Marist Brothers' School); E. Martin, M. La Broome, D. Herbert, B. Jackson, T. Andrews.

HASTINGS RUGBY FIXTURES Grounds And Referees For Saturday. Hastings Rugby fixtures for Saturday are as follows: Senior. Hastings v. Celtic, Nelson Park No. 1, at 3 p.m. (Mr. W. Scott); Pirates v. H.S.O.B., Nelson Park No. 2, at 3 p.m. (Mr. H. Davison). Junior. M.A.C. v. Havelock North, Havelock, 2.15 p.m. (Mr. E. Singleton); H.S. win by default; H.S.O.B. a bye. This. H.S.O.B. v. Celtic, Nelson Park No. 2, at 1.30 p.m. (Mr. J. Drummond); School A v. Hastings, Nelson Park No. 1, at 1.30 p.m. (Mr. R. Whitworth); St. John's, a bye. Fourth. H.S.O.B. v. Primary School, School No. 2, at 1.30 p.m. (Mr. G. Toothill); School A v. School B, School No. 3, at 1.30 p.m. (Mr. J. Chadwick); Havelock North, a bye. Fifth. School A v. St. John's B, School No. 4, at 1.30 p.m. (Mr. B. Galvin); Celtic v. St. John's B, School No. 5, at 1.30 p.m. (Mr. J. Bacon). Touch Judges, Nelson Park No. 1: W. Whitlow and T. Fisher, No. 2: R. Whitworth and J. Drummond, No. 3: M. Golding, D. Single, J. Henderson.

Guthrie appropriated the trust funds vested in her. In answer to his Honour, Mr Scannell said that there was no chance of the widow's estate making up the deficiency. "Acting on instructions from the Official Assignee I investigated the documents and papers in the estate of Mrs Jane Guthrie," said Mr Willis, "and I am satisfied that four mortgages and a considerable amount of insured stock are the rightful property of the estate of W. H. Guthrie."

LATEST OFFICIAL N.Z.E.F. CASUALTY LIST Hawke's Bay And Gisborne Names Included

The following list of N.Z.E.F. casualties, additional to the list published yesterday morning, has been received through the United Press Association, Wellington:

KILLED IN ACTION (Rank driver unless otherwise stated). Kuru, Second-Lieutenant George Arapata. Mother: Mrs T. Kuru, Porangahau. Cant, Ivan Ernest. Father: Mrs A. R. Cant, Onetangi. Dawson, Private David. Miss A. Rikea, Kaiakohe (relationship not stated). Gillies, Ronald Harvey. Father: Mr T. Gillies, Claudelands, Hamilton. Gordon, Private William Keith. Mother: Mrs J. Gordon, Napier. Gray, Gunner William Clarke. Wife: Mrs E. V. Gray, Dunedin. Hopley, Sergeant Henry Russell. Mother: Mrs M. Hopley, Wellington. Isherwood, Edward. Father: Mr H. Isherwood, Auckland. Mackinder, William Arthur. Mother: Mrs M. C. Mackinder, New Plymouth. Pickering, Earle Vaughan. Wife: Mrs I. A. Pickering, Westport. Rummy, Harold Patrick. Mother: Mrs K. Rummy, Wanganui. Sisariach, Private Victor. Mr V. Sisariach, New Plymouth (relationship not stated). Toner, Eric Thomas Henry. Brother: Mr A. W. Toner, Morrinsville. Ziman, Sergeant Arthur Myer. Father: Mr R. L. Ziman, Auckland.

PRISONERS OF WAR The headquarters of the Red Cross at Geneva advises that the following soldiers are prisoners of war: McLaggart, Lance Sergeant Norman Joffre. Father: Mr J. McLaggart, Musselburgh. Madden, Temporary Lance-Corporal William Leonard. Mother: Mrs D. H. Madden, Western Australia. Scoones, Private Arthur Ernest. Mother: Mrs E. E. Scoones, Dunedin. Toohill, Private Patrick William. Brother: Mr P. J. Toohill, Christchurch.

WOUNDED—PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING. Love, Captain Edward Tawhiti. Wife: Mrs E. T. W. Love, Petone. Bennett, Second Lieutenant Frederick Tiwha. Father: Bishop Bennett, Hastings. WOUNDED. Mules, Lieutenant Charles Norwood. Father: Dr R. H. Mules, Woodville. McKay, Second Lieutenant Wattie Horton. Wife: Mrs R. McKay, Hastings. Ngata, Second Lieutenant William. Wife: Mrs M. A. Ngata, Hastings. Barker, Harold Leslie. Aunt: Mrs Wallis, Hawera. Elliot, Christopher William. Mother: Mrs P. Elliot, Gisborne. Hayes, James Eric. Daughter: Miss S. J. Hayes, Carterton. Horne, Gunner Gordon Innes. Wife: Mrs S. E. Horne, Auckland. Keddell, Corporal Phillip James. Sister: Miss C. Keddell, Wellington. Knowles, Roy. Father: Mr J. Knowles, Petone. McIlwraith, Private John Paliser. Mother: Mrs J. McIlwraith, Nelson. McNae, Sergeant Kimberley Murray. Father: Mr K. McNae, Opunake. Manser, Corporal Charles William. Sister: Mrs P. E. Prime, Napier. Pollock, Corporal Reginald. Wife: Mrs O. Pollock, Dunedin. Prentice, Donald John. Mother: Mrs A. L. Prentice, New Plymouth. Ruback, Albert Henry August. Wife: Mrs M. C. Ruback, Point Chevalier. Smithson, William Francis. Wife: Mrs E. B. Smithson, Wellington. Stannett, Anthony Douglas. Mother: Mrs M. V. Stannett, Wellington. Stewart, Erle Raymond. Mother: Mrs W. H. Stewart, Invercargill. Widdowson, Acting-Corporal Cecil Henry. Wife: Mrs H. Widdowson, Christchurch. Willis, Lance-Corporal Clarence Arthur. Wife: Mrs P. A. Willis, Te Aroha.

R.N.Z.A.F. PILOT KILLED Pilot Officer Howard Fleming Irving, R.N.Z.A.F., is officially reported to have lost his life as a result of air operations. His father is Mr H. R. Irving, Tolaga Bay.

COLONEL WILDER SAFE WAIPUKURAU. Cable advice was received yesterday by Mrs A. S. Wilder, Waipukurau, that Colonel Wilder is safe and well. KING'S DAY SOCCER A fast and interesting soccer match was played at Nelson Park, Napier, on King's Day between Napier United and Gisborne Mercantile and resulted in a win for the Napier side by three goals to nil. The referee was Mr A. Macky. The teams which played as follows: United: White, N. Lister, S. Bryan, W. Dobson, W. Clark, D. Boyce, T. Bellerby, W. Munroe, G. Tolley, C. Merritt, D. Monzarie. Mercantile: Williams, McCullum, McKay, Dunsmore, Lowe, Harrison, J. McCullum, Allen, J. Harrison, M. Lean, Cameron.

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MISSING (Privates unless otherwise stated) Ivey, Ned Seymour. Father: Mr L. S. Ivey, Timaru. Reid, Staff/Sgt. Alister John. Father: Mr G. W. Reid, Dunedin. Stafford, Luther. Father: Mr J. Stafford, Te Aroha. White, Alfred George. Miss I. Stanley, Auckland. MISSING, BELIEVED PRISONER OF WAR Jones, Gr. Stanley Norman. Mother: Mrs I. W. Jones, Wanganui. Long, Mr Frederick Ernest Selwyn. Mother: Mrs A. E. Long, Wanganui.

REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED NOT MISSING Courts, Lieut. Percy Erick. Wife: Mrs P. E. Courts, Auckland. Acland, Second/Lieut. Thomas S. Hill. Father: Mr J. D. Acland, England.

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Car Conversion Charge "NOT USUAL CASE" Conviction Entered At Hastings

YESTERDAY'S COURT

"This is not the usual case where a complete stranger takes a car to which he has no right; it appears to be more of a case of conversion," commented Mr J. Miller, S.M., at Hastings yesterday when he sentenced a defendant before him to plead guilty to charges of converting a car valued at £45. The property was taken from the defendant, Pinea, and of driving a car without being the holder of a licence. On the first charge the defendant, who was represented by Mr T. E. O'Dowd, was convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within six days. On the second he was fined 10/-, with costs 15/-. For the police. Senior-Sergeant E. Quire said that the defendant, Pinea, had driven into town yesterday. They had separated and Pinea had parked the car in a public place. The car had later seen the defendant driving through Heretaunga Street, and stopped him. Pinea's explanation was that he had mistakenly taken the car to go and see Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P. The vehicle was not in any way damaged.

Other Cases Found drunk for the third time within six months. Walter Frederick Palmer was fined £1, costs 10/-. Another offender charged with drunkenness was remanded to appear at Napier on Friday, the delay being granted to permit medical examination of the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Debt Hearings Judgment for plaintiffs in default of defendants was entered in the following cases by Mr Justice Smith: Peach and Co v. H. G. Adams, £10/5/-, costs £2 14/-; H.B. Newspapers Ltd. v. C. T. Keeble, £3, costs £1 10/-; Flynn v. A. E. Urwin, £8/8/-, costs £1 14/6; A. C. Gieble and Sons Ltd. v. Kelly, £24/5/7, costs £4/4/6; J. Molait v. Alex. Armstrong, £1 1/10, costs 8/11/-; J. A. Dick v. N. G. Dick, £1 1/10, costs 10/-; Hastings Bakery Ltd. v. W. Jackson, £1 1/10, costs 10/-; Peck and Co v. B. Collins, 1/6, costs 9/-; W. H. Corlett v. Ken Newlands, £7/10/-, costs £1 10/-; H. B. Publishing Co. v. J. Franklyn, 19/6, costs 8/-; same v. D. Blair, £5/10, costs 10/-; same v. Kelly, £14/10, costs £4/4/3, costs £1 4/6; H.B. Newspapers Ltd. v. J. H. Wood, £2 8/6, costs £1 10/-; H.B. Newspapers Ltd. v. J. M. Attwood, £1 12/-, costs 8/-; H.B. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. v. A. B. Fitz-Watson, £23/8, costs £2 8/-. Judgment summonses: F. Pyne to pay E. J. L. Phillips, £4/10, in default 15 days imprisonment; Ray McCormick to pay Whyte and Fitzgerald, £8/8, in default four months imprisonment; A. Katranski to pay Public Trustee, £3, in default 38 days imprisonment; Leslie Herbert Pyne to pay Public Trustee £14/3/3 at the rate of 7/- per week, in default 15 days imprisonment.

"Scouts" Said To Be Used Aiding After-Hours Trading HASTINGS HOTELS LICENSING SITTING

A position described by the chairman (Mr J. Miller, S.M.) as startling for its nature and size of Hastings was referred to at the annual meeting yesterday of the Hawke's Bay Licensing Committee. There were the usual number of convictions against licensees and against persons found unlawfully on licensed premises after hours said Mr Miller, but a feature of the police reports was that of the six hotels in Hastings there was strong suspicion that four of them used "scouts" to protect after-hours trading.

Applications Granted The following applications were granted: New Licences—Mrs E. G. Luttrell, Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings; William Theodore Eyre, Pukekohe Hotel; Stanley Nicol, Mohaka Hotel; C. Matches, New Wairoa; Albert Law, Ferry Hotel, Wairoa. Renewals—Harold Ernest Connop, Albert Hotel, Hastings; J. A. Gallagher, Hastings Hotel; E. G. P. McDuff, Pacific Hotel, Hastings; S. M. Dockery, Stafford Lodge Hotel; J. T. Evans, Pukekohe Hotel; P. D. O'Reilly, Hot Springs Hotel, Tararua; S. W. Ewan, Walkare pens, Hastings; E. Sweeny, Clyde Hotel, Wairoa. Wholesale Licences—de Felichet, McLeod and Co., Ltd., Marton; Ann Starnes, C. L. V. Vidal, D. H. Newblain, Dalziel and Co., Ltd., Wairoa; Wines and Spirit Co. Ltd.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS Loyal Hastings Lodge Meets The adjourned meeting of the Loyal Hastings Lodge was held in the lodge room last evening, N.G. Bro. Edwards presiding over a good attendance. Sick pay amounting to £25 was passed for payment. A vote of confidence was accorded the wife of the late Bro. E. Lucree. One candidate was proposed for initiation and one member was initiated. P.G. Bro. L. Cooper was elected Noble Grand of the lodge. It was reported that both the A and B teams won the second round of the bowls match. The installing officer, P.D.G.M. Bro. Priest installed the following officers: N.G., P.G., Bro. Cooper; V.C., Bro. J. Hodges; E.S., P.G. Bro. R. L. Gigg. Lodge honours were accorded the newly installed officers.

A Melbourne paper has been inviting opinions about smoking. One man wrote: "When faced with some tough problem, as sometimes happens, I decided how to act. I got by myself and light up the old briar, and after a quiet smoke I generally find a way out. I owe a lot to Ormond's Well, we all know that the right tobacco clears the brain and soothes at the same time. That's why writers find it so helpful, especially before novelists, who have to depend so much upon the imagination. But if tobacco is to help it must be good, and for thinkers, as well as for those who smoke simply for pleasure, there's no cutt plug at all comparable with our famous toasters. New Zealand blends: Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullhead), Cavendish, Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), Riverhead Gold and Desert Gold. The first few whiffs will tell you what careful selection of leaf, expert blending, and the elimination by toasting of excess of nicotine will do, and no matter what tobacco you've been accustomed to, you'll become a convert to 'toasted' for life."

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Burglar Sent To Prison NAPIER OFFENCES Prisoners Appear In Supreme Court

YESTERDAY'S COURT

"From the depositions it would appear clear that Gay was the ringleader and that Kearney was merely the tool of an older man," said his Honour Mr Justice Smith, when Francis Rui Gay, 21, a labourer, and Brian William Kearney, 18, a hotel porter, appeared before him in the Napier Supreme Court for sentence. East week Gay pleaded guilty to four charges of breaking and entering, while Kearney, who was represented by Mr C. G. E. Harker, pleaded guilty to three charges of a similar nature. Gay was sentenced to two years' reformatory detention, and Kearney was admitted to probation for a period of two years on the usual terms and special terms, which his Honour enumerated, subject to the approval of the probation officer. Mr Harker said that his client was a mere youth who gave up his job and joined the Territorials. After coming out of camp, he left Christchurch and came north, where he got into the company of older men. Sister's Action Without knowing that the prisoner was involved in a number of thefts, his sister came to Napier and sent him back to Christchurch, but she was too late, said counsel. In view of the probation officer's report, it was only reasonable to suppose that Kearney had learnt a lesson and would reform. His married sister had taken a great interest in him and was prepared to provide him with a home. "It is just a case where a youth has done his military training and has emerged a man," said Mr Harker. "If Kearney is given the benefit of the First Offenders' Act, I am sure he will realise the folly of his crimes."

In dealing with Gay, his Honour said that he had read the prisoner's letter asking for mercy but the probation officer's report did not support the application and he did not intend to grant it.

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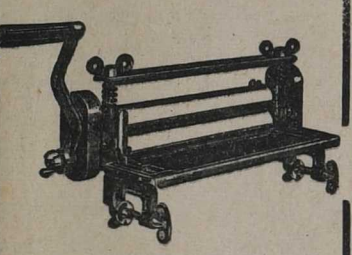
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Hawke's Bay Winter Meeting
Next Saturday
SIXTY-THIRD FIXTURE
Performances Of Recent Starters
Reviewed

(By The Barb)
The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club will celebrate its sixty-third winter meeting anniversary next Saturday, when the first of its two 1941 winter fixtures will be held. Nominally it is but the one meeting but with seven days in between the two days, under the Rules of Racing, must be two separate gatherings.

With Napier Park racing last Saturday and Monday and Hastings again on Monday it is essential to have this interval in fairness to the horses, more especially the jumpers.

Several of the horses competing at Napier last Saturday and Monday are engaged at Hastings this week-end plus a fair percentage that have been reserved for the local fixture. Winning form has been shown by some, while others will have benefited by racing, so there is every reason to anticipate another successful meeting.

The Hawke's Bay Hurdles will be run this Saturday and the time-honoured Hawke's Bay Steeplechase the following week, when the 100 guinea challenge cup, donated by Mr Wilkinson. Clive, will be the main attraction.

THE HURDLERS
The hurdlers seen out at Napier was hardly "national" although Whetu is a handy sort and will always pay his way when in his own company or not overburdened. Here we find a gelding that has won only at Gisborne and Napier, which are accepted in the racing world as fair races. This Mimetic gelding awarded 11.8 in the Hawke's Bay hurdle race, in which Mataru and Curie (dead) were withdrawn before the weights were framed.

Last season Limbomh won at the summer meeting at Marton with 9.6 and came out the second day to run second with 10.4. He next raced at the Hawke's Bay hurdle race, in which he won the Hawke's Bay Hurdles, following this up by winning the Trial Hurdles and the Great National Hurdles at Riccarton. No doubt Limbomh in next Saturday's race has been awarded his right weight, but it is difficult to see why a horse of Whetu's grade should have to give a recent National winner 5lb.

JUNGLE KING STAYS ON
Jungle King ran two fair races at Greenmeadows for a novice and in the manner in which he stayed on both days suggests there are possibilities with this Commandant horse. Next season as a steeplechaser, he should develop into a performer above the average.

Harry Greene's Vengeance on Monday showed promise but being untrained she may be handicapped in jumping races. There have been small high-class hurdlers and steeplechasers but are few.

Both Misurina and Chequers should benefit by Napier Park racing experience but perhaps it will not be obvious for a while.

A CLASS FILLY
Vin d'Honneur created a fine impression at Napier Park on those who had seen her for the first time. She looks a high class filly even if she is inclined to have a horse's head. Her win was easily achieved as the finish she was galloping comfortably. She is now to be eased before commencing her spring preparation. She is being selected as a typical type and class for an Oaks but there are Guinness races in the spring that she may take an active part in. She impresses as one that might make the Classic grade without difficulty and also gives every indication of stamina.

Nalla has now had a fair 80. Although she has shown promise she is not making the grade. In the meantime she is passing over as only ordinary. The same may be applied to Loch Molgh. She has had every chance to come right but on Monday, with B. H. Morris in the saddle, she was only equal to fourth after being right up all the way until the business end of the six furlongs.

NOVICE JUVENILES
Outside Vin d'Honneur there were good promising types at the meadows. Ruling Moments, who has been gradually on the improve, did his best on Monday when running second over six furlongs. He did not enjoy the best of runs down the straight so the black son of Rulanat and Spare Moment may be worth following in the future.

Parvati and Sivana had an educational run but did not show the want of actual race experience. Both should next season prove at least useful, the same applying to Captain Star, who never appeared as a two-year-old. This gelding impresses as one who will require a middle distance before revealing his true worth.

MIDDLE DISTANCE HACKS
In this grade there was nothing outstanding with Catanach, Malacca and Pretty Lass the winners. On form they were the best and Monday as expected they will be a "big noise" if ever raced in open company.

Gold Crest did not run up to her Easter Tauherenika form and never appeared really dangerous either days. Val Pere was in a little better mood at Nased second on Monday on each occasion, but maybe it was the poor company that helped him to show up a little better than usual.

Of the hack sprinters Khurja was easily the best and this three-year-old should furnish the useful stayer earner next season. He impressed "The Barb" as one that should run out a middle distance as a four-year-old.

FOUR STARTS—FOUR WINS
Birkology has now started in four steeplechases and won on each occasion, so is 100 per cent. a cross country winner. Last October he won the Fergusson Gold Hunt Cup at Gisborne and then last month won both the "big lumber" events at the Poverty Bay winter meeting; again on Monday he was first past the post. He is a solid jumper and also stays well so that over time he should win a far better stake this season than he has already done. The handicapper's view is that he is not star as his owner has the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase in view.

Cherry Plum's exhibition last Saturday pleased every one and he is being selected as a likely winner for the Wellington or the Grand National Steeplechase. He is a fine jumper and every obstacle he sights, measures and jumps in grand style. Never will he risk a fence—he appears to know too much for that. He is another of the fine jumpers who had their early tuition in the "Beaton Nursery." Luna Lux, Sobor, Gay Bobby, Oak Rose, Padishah, Conoor, Power Chief, and many others were first taught the rudiments of jumping at this private schooling track and all with the amateur rider, Mr G. G. Beaton, in the saddle.

RAKANUI CLASS
Rakanui proved himself a tip-topper by his easy win in the open sprint on Saturday. Many were heard to say, "Fancy him paying that price." Well, the television figures were clear for all to see so why did they not participate? Owner-trainer Mr "Bob" Jeffares did the black and white order and even with a non-favourite rider on top Rakanui played with the opposition, which was right

STREAMLINE IS FANCIED
GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLES
AT ELLERSLIE
Hastings Horses Are Engaged

(By "The Barb")
The second day of the Auckland winter meeting will be held at Ellerslie to-day. Local interest will be centered in the efforts of Battle Gain, Dozie Boy and Black Majesty, who are reported to be in great order.

The following may carry most investments—

11.50—Ranfurly Handicap—First Division: Sealaw, Esquire, Princess Val.

12.10—Hunt Club Cup: Pertinax, British Sovereign, Hornpipe.

12.50—Ranfurly Handicap—Second Division: Arctic Dawn, Bronzo, Foxwood.

1.35—Remuera Hurdles: King Rev, Master Appellant.

2.20—Great Northern Steeplechase: Streamline, Dozie Boy, Rey Lu.

3.10—King George Handicap: Battle Gain, Brazen Bold, Gold Money Song.

3.50—Panmure Hurdles: Wharemanea, Hot Shot, Night Hawk.

4.35—Carbine Plate: Black Majesty, Etruscan, Chain Ace.

TO-DAY'S FIELDS
By Telegraph—Press Association
AUCKLAND, June 3.
Following are the acceptances—

RANFURLY HANDICAP of £350; seven furlongs—Esquire 6.13, Classic 9.2, Sealaw, Arctic Dawn 9.3, Calla Boy, Foxwood 9.10, Chumma 8.8, Steelant 8.7, Miss Jose, Bronzo 8.6, Lady Vain 8.5, Princess Val 8.4, Herold Star, Beeswing, Rara Avis 8.1, Joy Vaals, Korotanki, The Pacifier, White Chief, Aubrey, Bourne-mouth, Hinkler, Bronze Melre, Bronze Ora, King's Cross, Flying Vixen, Miss Eureka, Lady Acacia, S. Shiloh, Miss Valerie, Golden Bonnet, Dublin Show, Koura Eka 8.0.

HUNT CLUB CUP, of £350; about two miles—King Rev 10.10, British Sovereign 10.7, Hornpipe 10.0, Pertinax 9.11, Lap Top 9.3, Brazen Bold, Red Appellant, Valorous 9.0.

REMUERA HURDLES, of £350; two miles—King Rev 10.12, Eritation 10.10, G. G. Fraser 9.11, Master Appellant 9.7, Hessekoon 9.2, Bright Idea, Knight of Australia 9.0.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE, of £2000; about three miles and three-quarters—Streamline 10.10, Car 10.1, King Rev 10.0, Eritation 10.0, King Rev 10.1, En Tour 9.9, Bairie 9.2, Dozie Boy, Vain 8.9, Kinkie, Jevha, Lark, Smiler, Thru, Beverley, Dark Rose, Clansman, Bells of Bow 8.0.

KING GEORGE HANDICAP, of £550; seven furlongs—Kentucky 9.6, Brazen Bold 9.3, Rex, Matiland, Monte Cristo 9.0, R. Fraser 8.1, Merry Vaals 8.1, Gold Money Song 8.7, Erndale 8.5, Foxola 8.3, Sir Cameron, Bronze Melre 8.0, Flying Padon 7.10, Aero King 7.7, Lord Waltang, Outcast, Tea Gong 7.6, Brazilian 7.5, British Talent 7.1, Radiant Vaals, Trig Station, Erlick, Royal Message, Etruscan, Little Rascal, Loy, Whirly 7.0.

PANMURE HURDLES, of £350; one mile and three-quarters—Night Hawk 10.5, Wharemanea 10.7, Blisnet 11.1, Hot Shot 9.10, Very Glad 9.7, Paint 9.5, Sylvan, Ringshot, Stokowski 9.0.

CARBINE PLATE, of £350; one mile—Acreman, Black Majesty, Etruscan, Expellant, Gay Movie, Gold Land, Golden Rey Lu, Kinkie, Jevha, Lark, Smiler, 11.4, Chain Ace, Surpal 11.0.

STATISTICS FOR NAPIER PARK
£1455 STAKES
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(By "The Barb")
The prize-money at the Napier Park Racing Club's winter meeting amounted to £1455 and was distributed between 35 owners, with Mr A. B. Williams the only double winner, but both Mr and Mrs J. Duggan won a race with Pretty Lass.

The following were the successful owners:—

Mr A. B. Williams	150
Mr G. D. Beaton	108
Mr C. J. Stowe	108
Mr G. Wilton	95
Mrs J. Duggan	83
Messrs Shaw and Taylor	75
Mr J. Macrae	75
Mr J. Jeffares	75
Mr A. Macdonald	75
Mr J. Duggan	75
Mr J. H. Lowry	75
Mrs J. Duggan	50
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Mr W. C. Gregory	50
Mr C. Haldane	50
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MISSING RACEHORSE FOUND
All Irish's Adventure Ends In Injury

By Telegraph—Press Association
AUCKLAND, June 3.
The missing steeplechaser All Irish was recovered on a farm at Howick, eleven miles from Ellerslie. The horse was identified by the owner, Mr A. J. Smales, this morning.

A sharemilker on the farm noticed a strange horse straggling to the police. All Irish has a cut on his right shoulder and his feet are puffed, due, apparently, to walking on the concrete road. He will be unable to race for some time.

RACING FIXTURES

June 2, 4, 7—Auckland R.C.
June 7—Dunedin R.C.
June 7—Hawke's Bay J.C.
June 14—Bay of Plenty R.C.
June 14—Hawke's Bay J.C.
June 14—Gymnasia R.C.
June 21—Waipa R.C.
June 21—Aburton County R.C.
June 21—Manawatu R.C.
June 21—Manawatu Hunt.
June 28—Oamaru J.C.
July 5—Hawke's Bay Hunt Club.
July 5—10—Wellington R.C.
July 12—Manawatu Hunt.
July 12—Waimate District Hunt Club.
July 26—South Canterbury Hunt Club.
July 26—Rangitikei Hunt.

ACCEPTANCES CLOSE TO-NIGHT
Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter Meeting

Owners and trainers are reminded that acceptances for all events for next Saturday's Hawke's Bay winter meeting close with the secretary, Mr A. E. Wishart, Queen Street, Hastings, at 8 o'clock to-night.

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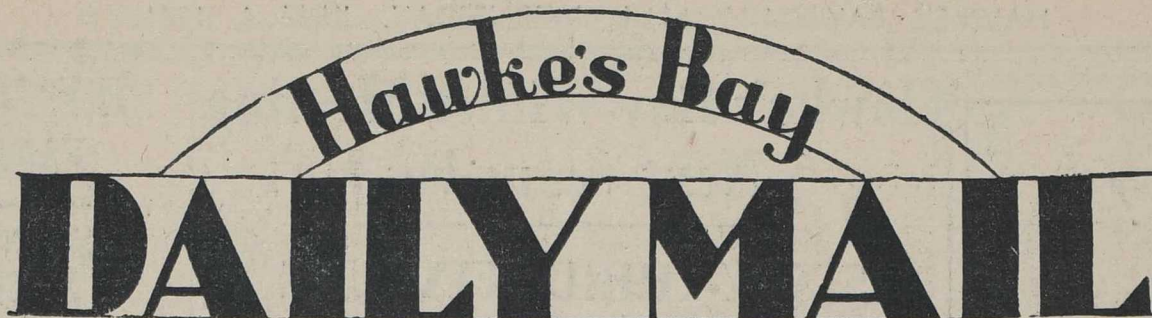
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LAND AGENTS CHANCE OF A LIFETIME. ACRES 15 — ACRES 15 — ACRES 15. 10 Acres in Full Bearing Orchard, mixed; Apples and Pears. Balance 5 Good 6-roomed Dwelling in Tip-top location. Electric Stove and Electric Hot Water System. Garage and Packing Shed. (6,000 Cases). Mortgage: £1400 at 4 1/2 p.c. renewable.

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FLORISTS IN NAPIER TRES BON FLORISTS. RESON FLORISTS. HUTTON & THEAKSTONE, Hastings Street, Napier. Phone: 3242 3797

HASTINGS WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB. THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1940—8 p.m. Gardens in New Zealand. Miss Cecils Johnson, Lecturer. Travels in Africa. Admission 1/-. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross.

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MRS. CECIL B. SPINNEY, R.M.T. Teach of ELOCUTION Studio: Central Buildings, Hastings. Home: 900 Fitzroy Avenue, Hastings.

H.B. CHEMISTS' GUILD. BOROUGH OF HASTINGS. UTILISATION OF WASTE MATERIALS. COLLECTION OF SOFT CLEANING RAGS.

WANTED: General Farm Work or day work, fencing, etc. Ring 3776, Hastings.

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CECIL B. SPINNEY, L.R.A.M. (London). Pianoforte, Organ, Singing, Theory. Studio: Central Buildings, Hastings. (Corner Heretaunga and Market Sts.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hastings and District Branch of the Girl Guides Association of New Zealand, has undertaken the collection of soft cleaning rags, which are wanted urgently for cleaning aeroplanes and Defence equipment.

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BALLOON DANCING. Private Lessons by Appointment. Class on Mondays, 8 p.m. Ring 2091.

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HAIRDRESSING AND BEAUTY CULTURE. LEARN at the Busy New Zealand College, Union Bank Buildings (established nine years, Auckland), phone 3973, Hastings.

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R. E. HOPE-PEARSON, D.O., D.H.C.T., Ph. D. Wishes to announce that he has moved from the Commerce Buildings to the CLIFTON BLDG., QUEEN ST. EAST (Four doors round the corner from the Post Office).

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TRESPASS NOTICES TRESPASS NOTICE. TUTIRA BIRD SANCTUARY. TRESPASSERS on Tutira Lake with Dog or Gun will be prosecuted. Trustees Estate W. H. Guthrie-Smith.

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