

Waiau Gazette

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VOLUME 1.

Conservation Of Game Is Association Aim

The pressure of meat hunting by helicopter was on the wane, Mr L. C. Johnston said in his annual report to the Western Southland branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association. Companies operating in the area were finding it more difficult to work economically as deer numbers decreased.

The association would like to see the Fiordland National Park zoned so some areas could be classed as lightly populated and not worked from the air. The board was prepared to listen to submissions and co-operate where possible.

"We must stick together and keep the pressure on, or our sons will have no where to shoot," Mr Johnston said.

Officers elected were: President, Mr L. C. Johnston; secretary, Mr D. J. Heenan; treasurer, Mr R. M. Freeman; vice-presidents, Messrs N. L. Sinclair and B. O. Townsend; executive, Messrs A. T. Armstrong, L. J. Bellamy, D. W. Cleghorn, M. D. Harpur, N. K. Jones, E. A. Mason, G. Muir, E. N. Ryan, R. K. Sim and J. H. Templeton.

SCOUT GROUP NEEDS MORE ASSISTANTS

The Tuatapere Scout Committee would like to ask all parents of cubs and scouts and anyone else who is interested to come along to meetings, which are held on the first Monday evening in the month at 8 pm to find out just what their boys are learning and perhaps assist with some of the activities.

The secretary states: "We are desperately short of leaders, particularly in the cub pack, and if you are interested, or know someone who might be, please come along and let us know. Our present cub mistress needs assistance urgently and surely there must be some who are willing to give us about two hours a week. If we could get three or four people interested then they could work a roster system and this wouldn't involve much of their time. The extensions to the den are now complete except for the painting which is well under way, so it would be a shame to see this group not functioning properly just for the lack of support. So please, parents and others, come along and find out what's going on. Maybe you might take an interest in this group."

Social Credit Activity In Wallace

Since the first meeting of the recently formed sub-branch of the Social Credit Political League in Tuatapere, there has been a sharp increase in membership. There are already 40 paid-up members, with more being signed up every week.

Social Crediters will be at work for the local Plunket Society when the Plunket rooms fence is repaired, while a big publicity campaign is planned to build up between now and November.

"We have every chance of winning the Wallace seat this time," said Mr Frank Wiggins, "and I am proud to have so many local people behind me."

VETERINARY CLUB LIKELY SOON IN WESTERN S'THLAND

The formation of a Western Southland veterinary club was taken a big step forward by an enthusiastic meeting of about 50 farmers at Otautau on Thursday, July 3.

When at least 300 firm applications for membership have been received a further meeting will take place to form a club and elect an executive.

"We expect that this meeting will be before lambing," the convener (Mr Ward) said.

SOUTHLAND'S THIRD

The meeting was addressed by Mr T. A. Blackmore, of Morton Mains, a member of the Veterinary Services Council,

Golden Jubilee For Local Pipe Band

This week-end will be a memorable one for past and present members of the Tuatapere Caledonian Pipe Band. The occasion is the band's golden jubilee celebrations.

On Friday night, 18th, a grand ball will be held in the RSA Memorial Hall to open the round of festivities. This function, it is hoped, will be well attended by the general public as well as those more intimately acquainted with an organisation that has served the district well through five decades.

On Saturday evening, a banquet will commence at 6.30 pm in the same building with an attendance (according to tickets sold) in excess of 150. Some members of the public may wish to attend and for these people an enquiry from the jubilee secretary (Mrs Helen McKay) would secure information as to availability of accommodation.

A Drumhead Service on Sunday morning at 10 am in the RSA Hall, conducted by the Rev. Mr Mackie, open to all, should provide a fitting conclusion to this memorable occasion.

Like most other organisations, the local band has had its share of good and bad times. Its full and detailed history is incomplete, due to the fact that most of its early records are missing and such information available has been gleaned from the somewhat uncertain memories of a few early members.

In 1919, after the arrival in the district of the late Mr Gavin Dickson and his family, these men, all pipers, were keen that some action should be taken to set up a pipe band.

On July 11, 1919, a meeting was convened at the residence of Mr Dickson under the chairmanship of Mr Peter Hamilton. Present also at that meeting were Harry Lascelles, Sandy Robinson and Jack Brown. It was resolved that a band be formed, called the Western District Caledonian Pipe Band. Mr Dickson Senior was the first pipe major, H. Lascelles brass drummer and Jack Brown the side drummer.

Another early piper was Mr Donald Campbell, whose son Roy is the pipe major at this time with more than 40 years service.

Another brother is still an active piper and his brother Donald only ceased to be a member on his departure from the district.

SCHOOL FOR PIPERS

Six old uniforms were borrowed from the Southland (now Invercargill) Pipe Band and a school for young pipers was soon actively supported by several pupils. Some names remembered today are Jack Frew, Bill Burns, Harry Burns, George Hamilton, Alf Hoare, Ben Erskine, Bill and Doug McKenzie.

Some pipe majors whose names are recalled were Gavin Dickson Senior, Gavin Dickson Junior, George Hamilton, Alex Sutherland, Bert Gray, Bob Irwin, Dave Pearce, Ian Miller and Roy Campbell.

As presidents there were Peter Hamilton, Hugh Erskine, Arthur Nairn, George McLeod, John Bennett, Bill Langmuir and George McKay, who oc-

cupies that position at this time.

Drum majors included Gavin Dickson Senior, Bill Erskine, Harry Whitehead, Joe Coughlan, Allan Dickson, Dave Jenkins and John Harvey.

As time passed the need for more uniforms became more acute and on the initiative of Mr Hugh Erskine, funds were advanced by him and a complete set, in the Erskine tartan was purchased.

These early bandmen were soon hard at work to repay the cost of this equipment and no effort was spared in travelling far and wide to attend various functions. Eventually the full sum was recouped which, according to an early member, amounted to £623, no mean feat in those days. Many tales have been told of long and eventful journeys by horse, railway jiggers and, later, the first and most unreliable motor car.

As time passed, the band ventured into the field of competitions and has fared with vary-

ing degrees of success through the years.

NAME CHANGED

In the mid-fifties the band's name was changed to Tuatapere Caledonian Pipe Band and became an incorporated society. Shortly afterwards the boxing gymnasium was acquired as the first home of the Band, and by means of voluntary labour it has been repaired and repainted.

Today, on the occasion of its golden jubilee, the band is financially sound, reasonably well equipped, but unfortunately, due to no doubt to the reluctance of the local young men to undertake the long and tedious task of learning the pipes, the personnel is at a low ebb as far as younger players are concerned.

However, it is hoped, that with the expert tutors available, some of the younger generation will accept the privileges of joining this fine institution.

The band is appreciative of the material supplied by Piper Roy Harris and Mr Gavin Dickson, a foundation member.



A PAT ON THE BACK FOR

To Misses Karen Dixon and Beverley Gutsell, both from Tuatapere, who have been selected for the Western senior and intermediate basketball teams. Beverley was appointed captain of the intermediate team.

McIntyre's Mill Wins Sawdust Shield

The first of four Rugby games for the Sawdust Shield was played between Sherriff's and McIntyre's mills at Tuatapere recently, McIntyre's winning 3-0.

A wet ground meant the game was confined mainly to the forwards.

John Marshall scored the winning try for McIntyre's.

The five teams competing for the trophy are from local timber mills — Sherriff's, McIntyre's, Port Craig and Lindsay and Dixon's — with one team from the New Zealand Forest Service.

The game attracted a good attendance and \$23.38 from contributions will be donated to a fund to support local charities.

PUKEMAORI BOWLS OFFICERS

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Pukemaori Women's Bowling club were: President, Mrs M. Clarke, senior vice-president, Mrs E. King, junior vice-president, Mrs K. Black, secretary-treasurer, Mrs P. Sturgess.

Intensive Search For Minerals

While one company did their mineral prospecting on foot, another has a much easier way — by flying a helicopter trailing a Gieger counter up and down the creeks. Residents near Tuatapere may have seen this machine recently working on the western slopes of the Longwood Range.

The intensive search for minerals in New Zealand has now reached Western Southland, where prospecting licences now include all of the Longwood Range and a coastal strip from the western end of Te Wae Wae to the Knife and Steel boat harbour.

Domain Board Election

The following were elected for the Domain Board for the next term. Only one change was made to the committee, which is Dr E. Elder, Messrs A. Campbell, J. Templeton, J. Hansen, P. Daley, B. Thwaites, W. Faulkner, R. Shepherd and a new member, H. R. Evans.

CHEESE FACTORY AT PAHIA CLOSED DOWN

The Pahia Co-operative Dairy Company, Orepuki, has closed after operating for 58 years, adding another chapter to the continuing story of dairy factory amalgamation in Southland.

The factory was built by Mr J. Blue, at a cost of \$1100, and began operations on October 11, 1910.

Mr A. McKenzie was the first factory manager and Mr W. Conner the first company secretary. The longest serving manager was Mr L. Molloy, who was with the company for 23 years.

The factory was originally built to accommodate two

cheese vats, but by 1924 extensions were necessary to make room for a further vat.

Some time later, the factory was again extended to make room for the whey tank, separator and another vat. In 1944 the storeroom was extended.

The peak production season was 1953-54, when 342½ tons of cheese were produced.

Cheese production for the final season, 1968-69, was 210 tons.

Over the 58 years of operation, the average payout of the company was 27c a lb of butterfat. In 1910-11, the first season's payout was 9c a lb and in the depression years of 1932-33 the payout reached the all-time low of 8c a lb.

The highest payout was for the 1966-67 season, at 38c a lb of butterfat.

Three Orepuki families were supporters and shareholders of the company for three generations. They were the Crow, Christie and McPherson families.

The original directors who formed the company were Messrs L. Garden, A. McPherson, J. A. Winton, J. O'Neil, W. Watson and J. Fitzgerald.

The longest serving director was Mr J. Dunfield, who was

WAIUAU STUD HEREFORDS SOLD WELL

The second annual sale of Waiau horned Herefords was held on Mr E. E. Edmund's property at Lilburn Valley recently. Buyers from all parts of Otago and Southland attended, as well as Australian visitors.

The rising two-year-old bulls were offered in excellent condition in spite of the bad weather.

The Waiau herd has strong English blood lines and only imported stud sires or sons of imported bulls have been used in the stud.

Included in this year's offering were the first sons of the imported bull, Sunbridge Favourite, which was junior champion and second top-priced bull at the 1966 Hereford sale.

A total of 30 bulls were sold at an average of \$554. Three bulls made \$1000 or better.

Top price of \$1025 was paid for Waiau Arthur, by the imported bull, Springfield Halifax. The buyer was Wright, Stephenson and Co., Ltd., Kelso.

Mr N. S. Fox, of the Te Peka Hereford stud, paid \$1000 for Waiau Archer, by Sunbridge Favourite.

Mr H. M. Aspinall, of Tussock Creek, paid \$1000 for Waiau Alrick, by Springfield Halifax.

Three rising three-year-old-in-calf heifers were offered. Messrs J. L. Falconer and Co., of Patearoa, Central Otago, paid \$700 each for two and the third was bought for \$600 by Mr J. G. Speight, Cheviot Downs, Te Anau.

ICE HAZARD TO BE ALLEVIATED

The Wallace County Council have decided to take action to alleviate the frost hazard on the Otautau-Tuatapere highway at Piko Piko.

The problem was strongly put to last month's council meeting by the Waiau riding member, Cr S. L. Kokay, who said trees growing by the roadside cut off the sunshine, and ice on the road in winter did not melt during the day.

There have been several accidents on the stretch of road affected.

The council decided to prune the offending trees to allow the sun to shine on to the road through the branches.



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New Books In The Library

Recent additions to the library are: "Preserve and Protect" (Allen Drury); "The Landlord's Daughter" (Monica Dickens); "Pearls and Dragons" (Susan Graham); "Clutch of Constables" (Ngaio Marsh); "Dirty Story" (Eric Amber); "Making Good Again" (Lionel Davidson); "A Yak for Christmas" (Louise Hilary); "Home at Sundown" (Lucy Walker); "Labours of Hercules" (Agatha Christie); "The Clinic" (James Kerr); "Force 10 from Navarone" (Alistair McLean).

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

(From the Te Wae Wae Correspondent)
Orepuki Advocate, November, 1912.

Under the management of Mr L. D. Evans, the cheese factory has started this season well. With up-to-date knowledge and machinery this factory has under the present management, graded first class on every occasion. The season, compared with that of last year, is considerably better, and the output for October was three tons in advance of the corresponding month last season.

Mr Victor Dawson was successful in the recent examination for engine driver's certificate (2nd class).

It is pleasing to note the interest taken by the school children in the agriculture plots recently established. Experiments will be carried out this season with potatoes (20 varieties), swede and white-fleshed turnips, and clovers. Two general plots will be also worked with a view to exhibiting a collection at the forthcoming Orepuki show.

When a team of three horses harnessed to a sledge, makes use of the highway between Te Wae Wae and Te Tua as a racecourse something unusual is looked for to happen. However, nothing did, and Mr Geo. Flanagan was relieved to find his team quietly waiting for him a mile or so along the road. The horses had met no one and returned to their discing after their "breather" none the worse of wear.

The area under cultivation from the potato crop in and about the district must be considerably over 150 acres. The yield cannot be heavy when the wet is taken into consideration. Early crops suffered greatly in this respect. Approximately 25 per cent of the seed perished.

Mr Moody (agriculture instructor for Southland Education Board) recently paid a visit to this district. He remarked that the clovers were more advanced in growth than in any

THROUGH A WET LAND

(Story by Peter Taylor, Wellington, from NZ Weekly News, June 30, 1969.)

The man in the yellow oilskin dripped with water. It ran down his neck, puddled over his face, splashed around his boots. I asked him why he worked in the rain. He wiped his eyes and grimaced: "Hell, man—the money!"

There could have been no other reason. There was nothing comfortable about the place. It seemed as if the whole of Fiordland was awash, as if it was about to go floating off somewhere—if it wasn't already afloat.

But when Fiordland gets so waterlogged it could not possibly float. It could only sink. Like a sponge, it soaks up water until it can soak up no more. And then it just lets it run away, gurgling, splashing, rushing, roaring.

And when the rain stops, Fiordland drips as though its forest canopy is a huge watering can, and when the sun comes out it starts to steam. And inevitably it rains again. Or snows. Or does something that makes men cold and wet.

Through this wild and wet land men who prefer to earn more in the wet than less in the dry, like the man in the yellow oilskin, are hauling and handling thousands of tons of steel and concrete and hundreds of miles of wire conductor, building the transmission lines that will carry the electricity from the Manapouri power station to Comalco's aluminium smelter at Tiwai, near Bluff, over a hundred miles away.

They have had to blast roads across the virgin land, through valleys and over mountains, across streams and rivers, in heat and cold, and despite the sandflies and midges and the wet.

One road is an incredible thing that zigzags up a mountainside with grades of 1-in-3.5—fit only for bulldozers and Land-Rovers. They tried a four-wheel drive truck once, but "it was such a hairy ride that we gave it away."

They were not to be blamed. Even a Land-Rover heaves and bucks and twists and groans until you begin to think that it must surely be impossible that a machine could survive such treatment. Coming down the road the grade is so steep that you have to brace yourself with hands and feet to stop from falling into the windscreens of the slithering vehicle.

The Fiordland part of the job is divided between three camps, West Arm, South Arm, and Monowai.

In charge at West Arm is Laurie Petersen, a grizzled man

with a voice so soft that each time you answer him, chances are that you are saying the wrong thing because you could not hear him properly. Even when the wind is howling and it's pouring with rain, his voice doesn't rise, you simply have to get nearer to hear what he has to say.

Not that he has much to say. He will tell you that he has been on such work for 13 years and before that worked on farms in North Otago. In the New Zealand Electricity Department, he started on the survey side of the job, surveying transmission line routes.

On his present job, he began by surveying and building the access roads to the various tower sites after the main road of the West Arm section was finished by the contractors. After that, there were concrete foundations to be laid, and towers to be built and strung with their conductors.

And that is about all he will say without embarrassment. But if you stand in the middle of Wolfburn Flat over three thousand feet up in the Turret Range, above the bushline in the cold, bleak wind, with the occasional screech of a kea, and look at some of the nineteen towers in this portion of the job, you will see that there is little room for talk. Work is the thing.

Bill McChesney, the boss at South Arm, and Allan Puke, of the Monowai Camp, also don't have much to say.

Bill has been 20 years with the Electricity Department on survey work and line construction and has been at South Arm for the past nine months. Before that he was at Winton where his wife and two children live while he works in the bush.

Allan has been on the job, too, for the last 20-odd years and at his present post for the last three. A senior engineer in the department's head office in Wellington commented that men like Allan Puke were particularly adaptable to this type of work. "The Maoris are cheerful men," he said, "and good companions, and are well suited to the communal life of a line camp."

Between the three of them they are responsible for the erection of over 700 steel towers between Manapouri and Tiwai, the stringing of some 2500 miles of aluminium conductor, and the supervision and welfare of some 230 workmen.

(To be continued.)

Record Crowd Attends Hunt At Blackmount

A record number of people attended the Birchwood Hunt Club's Blackmount branch meeting on June 7. Conditions were ideal.

Results: Pony trot: Golden Arrow (K. McHugh) 1, Smithy (A. Hogg) 2, Dollyvarden (D. Mowatt) 3.

Small pony sprint: Apache (G. McRae) 1, Goldie (N. Thomas) 2, Trigger (J. Hillis) 3.

Large pony sprint: Goldie (A. Adcock) 1, Scuber (B. Lloyd) 2, Harrigan (K. Pearce) 3.

Hack steeple: Black Tom (D. Young) 1, Wee Bob (B. Horrell) 2.

Small pony jump: Sandor (B. Forde) 1, Apache (G. McRae) 2, Toby (C. Keast) 3.

Large pony jump: Binkie (G. Horrell) 1, Redwood (H. Forde) 2, Charmaine (A. Mavor) 3.

Pony steeple (small): Pueblo (B. Ridley) 1, Apache (G. McRae) 2, Toby (C. Keast) 3.

Pony steeple (large): Golden Arrow (K. McHugh) 1, Amber (B. Lloyd) 2, Harrigan (K. Pearce) 3.

Maiden Hack: Blackie (C. Wallace) 1, Cecilia (J. O'Brien) 2, High Noon (G. McRae) 3.

Open jump: Creamy (N. Terry) 1, Mark Anthony (J. Robins) 2, Valetta (L. Insall) 3.

Handy hunter: Black Prince (G. McRae) 1, Mark Anthony (J. Robins) 2, Jolly Good (Hogg family) 3.

Consolation hack: Grey Mist (G. McRae) 1, Moana Isle (D. Stalker) 2, Eldorado (C. Glynn) 3.

Hack sprint: Nifty Lil (T. Sherbourne) 1, Sand Dune (N. Ridley) 2, Big Boy (R. Beck) 3.

Pony consolation: Pueblo (Brian Ridley) 1, Toby (C. Keast) 2, Mister Black (M. Boyle) 3.

Special awards winners were: G. Bell cup (Old Timers): T. Glynn 1, S. Reid and H. Johnstone equal 2, J. North Cup (Local Hack): Miss J. O'Brien, J. Nicholson Cup (Local Pony): K. Pearce, Special Prizes: Hammer, Sandy Reid; Vanity Set, Peter Stewart.

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Move To Help Combat Stock Thefts

A remit asking that in view of a wave of sheep stealing, Federated Farmers (Southland) offer a reward of up to \$1000 for information leading to the conviction of individuals engaged in sheep or cattle stealing in Southland, won unanimous support at last week's meeting of the Gore sub-executive of the federation.

The remit will now be forwarded to the provincial executive. The remit was presented on behalf of the Otama branch by Mr K. Kelly, who told the meeting that a survey dealing with this particular topic had been held among farmers in the province two years ago but had met with the "usual apathy" and had been of little use.

Mr Kelly said he had learned that over the last 10 years at least 1400 sheep had been unaccounted for in the Southland province, presumably stolen. He had been told one farmer had lost as many as 1000 sheep in the period.

WESTERN SMALLBORE CLUBS HOLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

The Western District Miniature Rifle Association championships were shot at Tuatapere recently, championship winners were:—

Master: N. Jones (Ohai) 199.14; J. Watson (Nightcaps) 198.14.

A grade: H. Erskine (Waiau) and Mrs M. Falconer (Ohai) 187.12, D. Davel (Waiau) 197.11.

B grade: Mrs E. Riddell (Ohai) 197.12; D. Norman (Waiau) 195.14.

C grade: H. Reynolds (Ohai) 193.7; R. Peterson (Nightcaps) 192.9.

Women: Mrs M. Falconer (Ohai) and Mrs E. Riddell (Ohai) 197.12.

TEAMS

Speights Shield (five-man handicap): Nightcaps 1011.58, Riverton 994.65.

WDMRA Shield (five-man aggregate): Ohai 977.60, Waiau 972.53.

PAIRS

Master: G. Wright and C. McKay 399.34; G. Wright and M. Clements 399.34; G. Wright and P. Goodwin 399.29; W. Winn and W. Frame 398.35.

A grade: Mrs and Mrs J. Falconer 392.26; D. Peek and H. Erskine 391.26; Mr and Mrs H. Erskine 391.23.

B grade: C. L. Hazley and N. Scott 396.29; Mrs E. Riddell and L. Mackie 391.21.

C grade: R. J. Gardyne and Miss N. Grimwood 387.20; R. Peterson and B. Smith 384.17.

OPEN TEAMS

Four men aggregate: Wyndham 795.66; Gore 795.58.

Four man handicap: Mossburn 798.52; Otapiri 798.49.

Payne King Trophy: Ohai 982.61; Mossburn 980.60.

MASTER GRADE

Match 1: G. H. Wright 100.10, R. T. Rowley 100.9, A. W. Jukes 100.9, A. Pomeroy 100.9, Miss M. Thomson 100.9, T. J. Davidson 100.9, W. J. Winn 100.9, W. Frame 100.9, A. Evans 100.8, R. F. McKee 100.8, M. Clement 100.8, M. Jack 100.8, R. McEwan 100.8, C. Carstensen 100.7, P. Goodwin 100.7.

Match 2: R. T. Rowley 100.10, L. King 100.10, C. McKay 100.9, Mrs T. Blee 100.9, R. Philpott 100.9, B. Story 100.9, R. F. McKee 100.8, R. Crosbie 100.8, Miss L. Robertson 100.8, R. Queale 100.8, E. McMaster 100.8, S. Woods 100.8, Mrs L. Noble 100.7, G. Wright 100.7, N. Jones 100.7, Miss M. Thomson 100.7, J. Peek 100.7.

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When you "feel crook," you are not well. If you "go crook," you are angry.

"Chutty" or "chuddy" is described as a slang word for chewing gum.

Boo-ay, never-never and wopwops are common words for remote isolated districts.

Immigrants have several amusing names, as have girls and stupid people.

Terms commonly used in New Zealand are explained at length—freezing works, All Blacks, and so on.

Here is a selection from the new official "Anzac" dictionary.

ACID (to put the acid on someone): Exert pressure on a person for a loan, favour, etc.

ALL BLACK: Member of the New Zealand international Rugby football team (colour of uniform).

BIG SMOKE: Large town or city.

BLUDGE: Shirk responsibility or hard work; scrounge; impose on.

BLUE: Traffic summons; argument, row; blunder; red-headed person.

BLUEY: Bushman's bundle, swag.

BOBSY-DIE: Fuss, pandemonium.

BOO-AY (also boo-ai, booye, boohai): Remote rural districts. Up the boo-ay: Completely astray.

BOOZEROO: Drinking spree; squalid public house.

BULLISH: Nonsense.

BUNG: Dead; bankrupt; ruined, useless.

BUSH TELEGRAPH: Rapid spreading of information, rumour, etc.

CHOOK: Chicken, fowl. Also dim.

CHOOM (chum): Englishman.

Aggregate: R. Rowley 200.19, G. Wright 200.17, R. F. McKee 200.16, Miss M. Thomson 200.16, W. Frame 199.18, C. McKay 199.17, M. Clement 199.17, R. McEwan 199.17, W. Winn 199.17, R. Crosbie 199.16, B. Story 199.16, A. J. Walker 199.15, K. McBride 199.15, N. Jones 199.14, P. Goodwin 199.12.

A GRADE

Match 1: J. A. George 100.8, H. Erskine 100.6, J. Graham 99.9, E. Black 99.8, D. Favel 99.7, R. W. Dunstan 99.7, R. Smithies 98.8, P. Buckingham 98.8, J. N. Sutton 98.7, E. Blackmore 98.7, J. Falconer.

Match 2: J. Graham 100.9, Mrs B. McKee 99.8, J. A. George 99.8, Mrs D. McBride 99.8, Mrs M. Falconer 99.7, P. Brotherton 99.6, J. N. Sutton 99.5, D. Peek 98.8, Miss M. McDonald 98.8, K. Kennard 98.7, Mrs J. Erskine 98.7.

Aggregate: J. Graham 199.18, J. George 196.16, P. Buckingham 197.15, H. Erskine 197.12, N. Sutton 197.12, Mrs M. Falconer 197.12, D. Favel 197.11, J. Falconer 195.14, J. C. Telfer 195.13, Mrs M. McKee 195.12, E. Black 195.12.

B GRADE

Match 1: I. Tippet 99.9, C. L. Hazley 99.8, Mrs A. E. King 99.7, S. MacDonald 99.6, L. Mackie 98.7, Mrs E. Riddell 98.5, N. Scott 98.5, C. Gilligan 98.5.

Match 2: C. L. Hazley 100.9, Mrs E. Zwies 100.7, Miss L. Ritchie 99.9, D. Norman 99.8, Mrs E. Riddell 99.7, N. Scott 99.7, C. Gilligan 99.7.

Aggregate: C. L. Hazley 199.17, Mrs E. Riddell 197.12, N. Scott 197.12, C. Gilligan 197.12, Mrs A. E. King 196.14, Miss L. Ritchie 197.16, D. Norman 195.14.

C GRADE

Match 1: Mrs E. McDermott 100.10, Mrs C. Whyte 100.8, P. Courneane 100.6, R. Peterson 100.5, Miss N. Grimwood 100.5, M. Courneane 100.5, E. Lock 100.4.

Match 2: R. Peterson 100.10, R. Garyne 100.9, Miss S. Pownceby 100.8, B. Smith 100.8, Mrs C. Whyte 100.7, Miss N. Grimwood 100.7, J. Courneane 100.7, Mrs E. McDermott 100.7.

Aggregate: Mrs E. McDermott 200.17, R. Peterson 200.15, Mrs C. Whyte 200.15, P. Courneane 200.13, B. Lock 200.12, Miss N. Grimwood 200.12, R. Gardyne 199.14, B. Dockerty 199.13.

OVER THE FENCE

By now the famous bill which seeks to limit lamb imports into the United States will, according to my information and the hopes of all of us, have got its "comeuppance" in the United States. Which doesn't mean the end of danger, for there are many more to come and any western senator is likely to be more receptive to the idea of pleasing cattlemen and lamb producers than senators from other areas are to suggestions that this means reducing the freedom of choice of the consumer and that New Zealand is a country whose friendship is well worth the keeping.

American Ambassador John Henning (whose return to the United States leaves us, as a Cabinet Minister said at the Independence Day Celebrations, "all desolated") is practically, seeking to increase the amount of lamb eaten in his country. He just makes sure that friends get a lamb order. There are freezing companies in New Zealand who will, if given an order, and paid, send a gift order to a person. This sort of publicity is the best, since the recipient gets lamb and a warm glow of friendship plus a feeling of amazement at how much meat there is in a nice young lamb, and the giver gets a feeling of friendship and the knowledge that he or she is backing New Zealand.

So go to it, those of you with American friends. Every lamb eaten is a potential friend.

Thanks, too, to the friends in Central Otago who sent me a box of the finest apples in the world. These are the Star King Delicious that they grow there.

Of a size and flavour that is quite out of this world, they are eagerly sought after by the knowledgeable and I will probably be cursed forever for making them scarce.

If I were a grower in Central Otago I would plant Star Kings. The Apple and Pear Board's famous agent in Hong Kong is another who knows what these aristocrats among apples are like, and I can well imagine that in years to come he will ask for special planes to get them over to his discriminating customers.

Surely these are the sort of specialties that we New Zealander's tend to neglect? Paua steaks, toheroa soup—we should take steps to see that these gourmets' delight bring in plenty of cash and credit to the country.

The world wheat glut shows signs of continuing, according to a report of the US Department of Agriculture's foreign agricultural service.

Three trends were clear at this point, the report said: A decline in world wheat trade, continuing high stocks, and prospects for a reduced northern hemisphere harvest in 1969.

World wheat and flour trade is expected to decline about 10 per cent this year, said the report, dropping from last year's 1,900 million bushels. Trade has been moving downward for three years in a row, from a high of 2,300 million bushels in 1965-66.

Most of the decline this year could be traced to a decline in exports from the five exporting countries to India, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Just imagine how fortunate we are when one reads some of the rubbish that is published about farming elsewhere! Solemnly, Rewi Alley has informed readers of the New Zealand Monthly Review in its June issue how the way in which the enlightened peasants near Peking, spurred on by the "power of the thought of Mao Tse Tsung," have solved the problem of breeding enough fungus to ferment feed for pigs. The pigs, he says, do well on it and "their disease resistance is increased as well as their excretion of dung."

And these are the people who sneer at the reports of miracles in the mediaeval church! Heaven preserve us from the thought that anyone will ever listen to them in New Zealand. But I suppose it's only natural that town bred irresponsibles will think this great stuff.

Land Owners' Committee

The following have been selected as Waiau Land Owners' Committee to represent their areas at a meeting with the Government in regard to the lowering of the Waiau River: Messrs S. R. Allen (Motu, chairman), J. O'Brien (Sunnyside), D. Erskine (Papatotara), E. A. Peak (Te Tua), W. Speight (Red Cliff), G. Pierce (Otahau), B. Campbell (Lilburn Valley), D. M. Broughton (Lilburn Valley), J. Knowler (Clifton) and R. Shepherd (Tuatapere).

How about that . . .

If you drive a blue car watch out. A world survey shows that blue cars are in more accidents than cars of any other colour. White cars, although almost as popular, are involved in only half the accidents and bright orange is the safest colour of all.

A liquid now being manufactured is claimed to reduce shaving time to as little as 14 seconds. All the user has to do is to wet his face, spread some of the liquid from a dispenser on to the cutting edge of the razor blade and shave.

A big advance in wool washing has been made possible by an aqueous jet scouring process which prevents the wool tangling, and gives more economic use of water and savings on space to provide increased production.

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ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, TUATAPERE. Services—Holy Communion: 11 a.m. 1st and 3rd Sundays. Evensong: 7.30 pm when there is a 5th Sunday.

At the annual meeting of parishioners on June 19, the election of officers resulted: Vicar's warden, Mr D. Broughton; people's warden, Mrs B. Bartlett; committee, Mr and Mrs Broughton, Mrs B. Bartlett, Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Pahl, Miss J. Earle, Mr Buddle, Mrs Buddle (treasurer) and Mrs Neave (secretary); central vestrymen, Mrs B. Bartlett, Mrs Buddle and Mrs Neave.

ENGAGEMENT

HABGOOD - MAXWELL. Mr and Mrs A. B. Maxwell, 6 Railway Row, Tuatapere, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Nola Ann, to Rodger James, only son of Mr and Mrs S. J. Habgood, 13 Filleul Street, Invercargill.

Waiau CWI

Mrs B. Bartlett presided at the June meeting. An interesting report on the "country women's school" was given by Mrs McLaughlan. An auction of produce from the sales table proved most profitable. Competition results: Madeira cake, Mrs W. Keating 1, Mrs B. Bartlett 2, Mrs E. Peek 3; knitted hottie cover, Mrs G. Sutherland 1, Mrs E. Peek 2, Mrs B. Bartlett 3; cluster, Mrs F. McLaughlan 1, Mrs F. Thomson 2, Mrs W. Keating 3; single bloom, Mrs F. Thomson 2, Mrs W. Keating 3; single bloom, Mrs F. Thomson and Mrs W. Keating equal 1, Mrs F. McLaughlan 2, Mrs E. Peek 3.

PERSONAL

Mr and Mrs J. A. Bennett left on Thursday, July 3, for a two-month visit to Australia.

Dr E. M. and Mrs Elder left on Tuesday, July 1, on the first stage of their visit to South Africa. Dr Elder will be in South Africa at the invitation of the South African Medical Association as the representative of the Royal College of General Practitioners from New Zealand and will join in discussions on attracting general practitioners to rural areas. Dr Elder has been practising at Tuatapere for 30 years and on the eve of his departure, he was given a send off by the Tuatapere Pipe Band, which turned out in full force for the occasion.

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