

# Waikato Gazette

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## A BAD 'AD' FOR TUATAPERE

Disappointment at the state of the women's toilet—the only one available to female visitors to Tuatapere—was expressed by one party recently.

"It was filthy and looked as if it had not been cleaned out for weeks," she told The Gazette.

This state of affairs reflected badly on the town and she hoped that whoever was responsible would be encouraged to have the toilet better looked after in future.

## Sawdust Shield To Port Craig

The Port Craig rugby team won the Sawdust Shield when they defeated McIntyre's sawmill team by 11 points to 5 in the final played recently.

For Port Craig, M. K. Kuru (2) and T. Gutsell scored tries and T. Henderson converted one.

M. Murdoch scored a try for McIntyre's. It was converted by M. Fluerty.

## Steve Kokay—The Happy Wanderer

"I'll never live anywhere else but in New Zealand if I live to be a thousand years."

Such a pronouncement, and not uttered in such a determined tone, might have been expected from a "stay-at-home." But Tuatapere's Mr Steve Kokay is anything but that.

In a recent interview, Mr Kokay gave some of his main impressions after his most recent trip abroad—one of several tours in the past 13 years.

His main mission on this occasion was to attend an international assembly of Lions, a service club which has a great record in many countries throughout the world. But having been there several times previously was a great advantage.

"I have made many friends through Lions, and I have made it is my business to get to know the Japanese as people. As an ordinary tourist I would never have got to know them," Mr Kokay said.

Through his friends—mostly middle-class people—he had had the chance to visit many in their homes. For centuries the Japanese people have literally "lived off the floor" for economic reasons, because they could

not afford furniture. But through rising standards of living and closer ties with the western world, Japanese were now following our style and using tables about 15 inches high.

However, the space beneath the tables was recessed to a depth sufficient to enable the feet to dangle. They still did not have chairs, but instead of the bare floor they now sat on thick, comfortable matting.

The national custom of taking off one's shoes before entering a private home was still observed.

### ADAPTABLE PEOPLE

"The Japanese are a very adaptable people," Mr Kokay said. "As soon as they see a better idea they adopt it."

In meals, they tended to prefer western meals such as porridge, bacon and eggs, and cereals to their own traditionally cold breakfasts.

Mr Kokay went on to describe how Japanese women had taken to cooking their own meals in ovens, another recent trend. For hundreds of years

homes had no ovens. Food was very dear to buy in Japan, but by buying ingredients and cooking their own meals families were able to manage quite well.

### NEW TREND

Asked about recent developments, Mr Kokay made special reference to high-rise buildings in Tokyo. Because it was in a dangerous earthquake area, Tokyo had hitherto limited buildings to 12 storeys in height.

But more recently their engineers had found a new way of constructing floating foundations which absorbed earthquake shocks. The outcome was that buildings of 35 storeys were now going up everywhere.

### HUNGARY

From Tokyo, Mr Kokay went to Hungary by way of Constantinople, and in a fortnight's stay had had a wonderful reunion with many friends. He had had no trouble in getting in or out of the country.

This was quite a contrast from his first visit. That was back in 1956, when he had been caught up in the revolution. At that time he vowed never to go back again; but he had.

And so this well-travelled man is back to the routine of a busy farm life coupled with his community activities.

But who knows? Wanderlust may catch up with him again before long.

## Southland Boxing Title To P. Fluerty

P. Fluerty (Tuatapere), won the Southland light-middle-weight boxing title in fine style with a points decision over C. Morrissey (Conical Hills) at the Invercargill YMCA in August.

Several Southland championship bouts were fought in conjunction with a tournament well run by the Kapuka Boxing Club.

Fluerty set Morrissey back with a hard punch early in the first round, and tried hard for the knockout, but Morrissey hung on.

Again in the second round, Fluerty had Morrissey in trouble using a good right punch.

The Tuatapere boy bounced into the third round and drew blood from Morrissey, who was missing with wild swings by this time.

### DUNEDIN WINNER

The swarthy P. George (Dunedin) beat G. Williams (Tuatapere) on a t.k.o. for the featherweight title.

George was more agile, but Williams landed some hefty punches before stopping a powerful punch from George. The referee then stopped the fight.

Results were: M. Tepuna (Kew) beat T. Patterson (Mataura). P. Twiss (Kew) beat I. Kini (Waikiki). K. Glozier (Kew) beat P. Grey (Dunedin). B. Clouston (Kew) beat D. Willis (Kew). T. Enright (Kew) beat R. Strong (Oamaru). K. Henderson (Tuatapere) beat D. King (Nightcaps). W. Braithwaite (Mataura) beat R. Kini (Waikiki). P. Borland (Conical Hills) beat L. Emmerson (Oamaru). P. Fluerty (Tuatapere) beat C. Morrissey (Conical Hills). I. Cleverley (Oamaru) beat K. Black (Oamaru). P. George (Dunedin) beat G. Williams (Tuatapere).

## PLENTY OF TOHEROAS AT TE WAEWAE

(Contributed by "A Visitor.")

Old-timers in Tuatapere tell me that when they were young nobody worried unduly about toheroas. The toheroas had always been at Te Wae-wae, so if you were there you took some home. Rather like whitebait in the Clutha—plenty for everybody, and hard to give away in those days.

But it's all changed now.

Somebody declared a season, and so toheroas became more keenly sought.

Several thoughts are prompted by the news item earlier this week that in the North Auckland area toheroas have become so scarce that the season is down to a fortnight.

First of all, most ignorant North Islanders don't know about the treasures to be found beneath the sands at Te Wae-wae and, to a lesser extent, Oreti. When you tell them they look at you with disbelief.

But the truth must eventually filter through, for each year people are making the pilgrimage to Te Wae-wae Bay from further afield.

### BENEFIT TO TUATAPERE

And Tuatapere, the town nearest the bay, must benefit.

The town has one of the finest hotels in the province and

some splendid shops, equipped not only to service a huge farming and sawmilling district, but all that the tourist could reasonably expect to find. There's also a camping ground if you take your caravan.

When I was there two week-ends ago, there were hundreds of people spread over at least two miles of the lovely beach; and surely all must have obtained their limit catch of 20 per person. Even small children were getting their share.

### BE EARLY!

You should time your arrival for the tide to be about half out, for then you will have the best part of two hours in which to look for the tell-tale air-holes that appear in the sand as the waves recede. After that it's only a matter of scratching down to a depth of about six inches till you strike the hard shell. At first you'll be surprised at the reluctance of the toheroa to budge; so you dig a little deeper until you can get a better grip. Then—out he comes!

At first the water seems perishingly cold, but you forget about that after the initial shock and anyway the success of the hunt brings its own warmth, especially when occasionally you drag three, and sometimes four toheroas from the same small hole.

Dress for the occasion ranges from thigh gumboots and parkas to bathing suits.

The novice will certainly need to take a change of clothing, for it's easy to forget that waves, like everything that goes out, also come in.

And after you've got your bag, what better than a "cuppa?" At week-ends, an enterprising Tuatapere Lions Club runs a well-stocked stall on the beach where you can obtain refreshments if you haven't taken any of your own.

If you are lucky enough to be able to go on a week day, competition is very light. On a Monday I was one of only about 30 people on that magnificent beach.

Even if you aren't particularly keen on toheroa soup or patties, it's a grand outing.

But first check on the tides. On a few days each month there are two low tides in the hours of daylight, and you can take your twenty on each occasion.

And remember that the season ends on September 30.



## A PAT ON THE BACK FOR

For Peter Fluerty (light middle weight) and Errol Templeton (light welter-weight), who have been named as members of a five-man team to represent Southland at the New Zealand amateur boxing championships to be held at Gisborne on September 22, 23 and 24.

## OIL DRILLING PLANNED FOR WAIKOU AREA

New Zealand Petroleum Exploration, Ltd. plans to drill for oil in the Waikou basin, in Southland, the company's chairman, Mr O. F. Downer, says in his annual report.

This decision follows a ground survey of the area by an American consulting firm, De Golyer and MacNaughton, of Dallas, Texas.

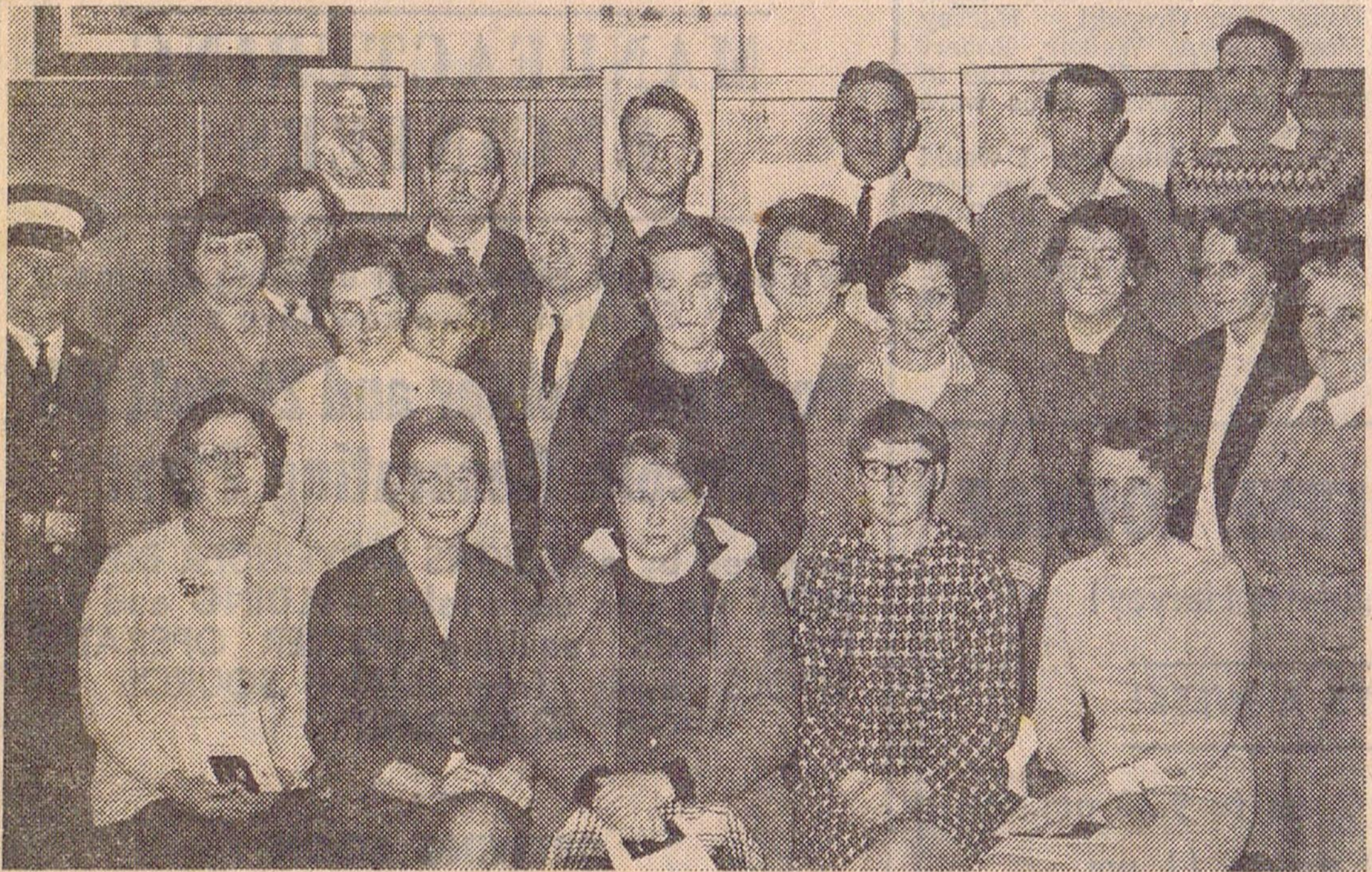
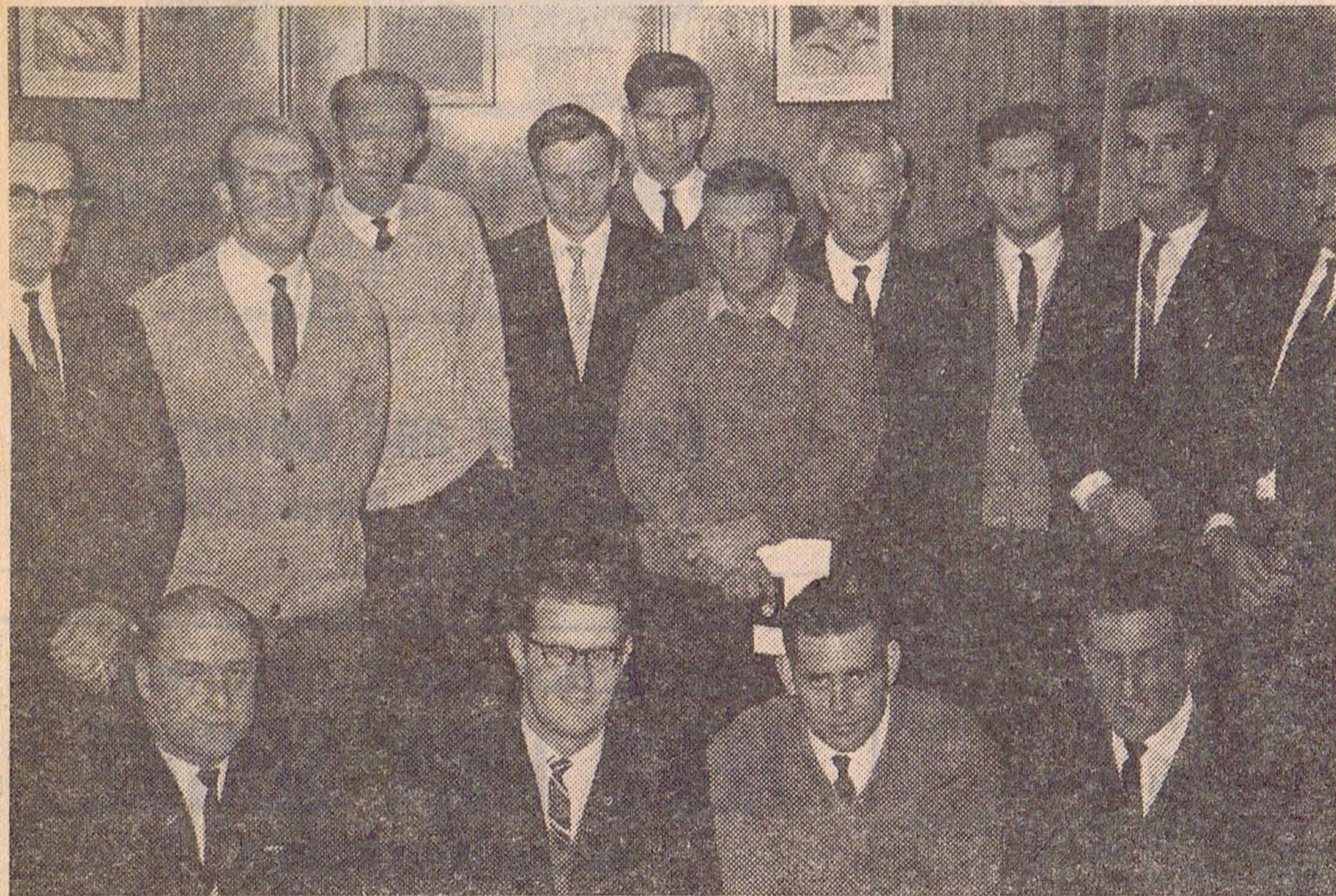
Plans for deepening the test well at Waimaku, near Hokianga, from 4175ft to 9000ft were also announced.

This work will be done as soon as equipment ordered overseas arrives.

On the property of Mr A. P. Miliar, Beacon Hill Farm, Waipahi, is a large white sow which must be feeling very proud of her achievement. She gave birth to a litter of 21—a number believed to be a record, at least in this district. Unfortunately, two of the litter died about 10 minutes after birth, but the remainder were doing well. The sow which was having her third litter, was described as being "as fit as a fiddle". It is believed that the previous highest number of piglets ever born to one sow in this district was 17.



**KEVIN HENDERSON**, New Zealand junior lightweight boxing champion, 1969. Kevin won this title when he defeated P. Borland on points at Invercargill on September 2. In August, Kevin won the cup for the most scientific boxer at a tournament run by the Kapuka Boxing Club held at Invercargill. In 1967 he was runner-up in the 7st 7lb to 7st 12lb class.



**ON TUESDAY, August 5**, the successful candidates in the recent St. John First Aid course were presented with their certificates by Mr Stevens, president of the St. John Association, Invercargill. The evening, held in the R.S.A. Lounge, was hosted by the Tuatapere Lions Club who sponsored the course for ambulance drivers and general public. Ambulance drivers (above): Back row, left to right—Messrs Stevens (Invercargill), G. Sauness, J. Robins, K. Stronach, R. Bennetts, B. Thomson, E. Alderson, Robertson (secretary, St. John Association, Invercargill), J. Harvey, F. Brown (president, Lions Club). Front row—T. Bryan, M. Freeman, D. Egerton, R. Drake. Absent—I. Bates, J. Sanford. Other candidates (below) were: Back row—Messrs S. R. Eason (Otatau St. John Brigade), J. Harvey (secretary, Ambulance Association), A. McDonald, H. G. Davidson, P. McConnell, C. H. West, L. McConnell, J. D. Munro. Middle row—Mesdames F. Dennison, L. Sherriff, J. Pahl, Pearce, J. Griffin, D. West, A. Mill, B. Trainor, Dorricot (Otatau St. John's). Front row—Mesdames M. C. Davidson, V. McKay, Miss B. Jones, Mesdames P. Devery, S. Freeman. Absent: Mesdames Higgins and M. Froude.



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## BUILDING PROGRESS IN TUATAPERE



### ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Progress of building in Tuatapere has been steady since the early days.

A man by the name of J. Davies, who came from Wales, came to the district in 1907. He was keen to see the township develop. He could turn his hand to any trade, so he started to erect buildings in the so-called township of Tuatapere. With the mills in the district, timber wasn't hard to come by, and at a very low price compared with today's prices.

Mr Davies built many halls in the district.

The first was the Cymric Hall in the main street, opposite the railway engine sheds. It had two rooms in the front of it which were leased to Mr L. Cross, of Orepuki, as a draper's shop and on the side of the hall there was a tobacconist's shop with billiards at the back.

It was in this building that the banquet was held for the opening of the railway by the Hon. Mr Bedoe, then Minister of Railways in 1910.

It was also in this hall that the first Tuatapere School commenced in 1909. The teacher was Mr Hugh McFady.

Also the Presbyterian and Methodist churches held services there until their respective churches were built.

Entertainment was not to be denied as the first movie pictures were held in the hall by Mr Massey, from Bluff, in 1909; then later on by Mr Stevenson, from Balclutha, and Mr Hull. Eventually, J. Pont took over the picture show.

It wasn't long afterwards that the Cymric Hall was burnt to the ground. Jack rebuilt another hall further north in the township, with his residence beside it and in the front of it he had a shop. The old building was taken over by Rattray's and the front section is now used as the T.A.B. agency. This hall also had pictures showing in it.

Although he had opposition further up the town, Davies continued to show pictures no matter what audience he had. He had been known to show to one person and his determination to please the public stood to him.

But fate came again. This hall was also burnt to the ground in 1939.

I may mention in passing that there was another hall built in the township by Mr Fitzgerald. It had concrete walls. It was later sold to J. J. Lawson. This hall also had pictures, as well as a miniature rifle

range and even a fish shop on the side. It too, was destroyed by fire.

Had this hall been constructed of wood, there would have been an awful fire, including the shops next door. There was no fire brigade in the district at that time. A temporary lead was taken from the high railway tanks which no doubt helped to save the adjoining shops.

Mr Davies set about to build another picture theatre. His interest was still for the public, so to this present day a theatre called Britonia now stands, which is a credit to him.

Halls weren't all his work, for he started the boarding house in 1910. Although not complete it was bought by Mr Rodgers.

Another shop he built was the general drapery store owned by H. Lobb. Behind it he had a billiard room, also a hair-cutting saloon, and beside this building he built a small hall used for many small functions. Even the Post Office used it temporarily until the main office was built. It was at one time a fish shop owned by another Joe Davies (no relation), then it was later sold and shifted to be rebuilt as a residence in Tuatapere.

Building wasn't Davies' only interest. He took on farming in the Glencoe Hedgehope area in 1920, but returned to Tuatapere in 1929. He even held the land on the east bank of the Waiau behind the present hotel, later selling to Mr Stuck, Then T. J. Henderson bought it, and afterwards Mr Knapp. J. J. Lawson held it for a while then it changed hands to Bruce Brookes (hotel proprietor) and later on it was sold to its present owner, Mr Roy Campbell.

Mr Davies' health wasn't of the best, so he took a trip home to Wales. His health gradually failed and he passed away in 1964 at his residence at Tuatapere.

#### OTHER BUILDERS

Many other builders of note started in Tuatapere.

Jacob Karlson and McIver were here in the early days. Bone from Orepuki, Harvey Morris, S. A. Walker, Robert Sherriff and J. Harper and in later years Evan Bros were others.

While on buildings I would like to mention J. Mangan, who came from Orepuki to Tuatapere in early times. A painter by trade, he is still on the job—and looking hale and hearty!

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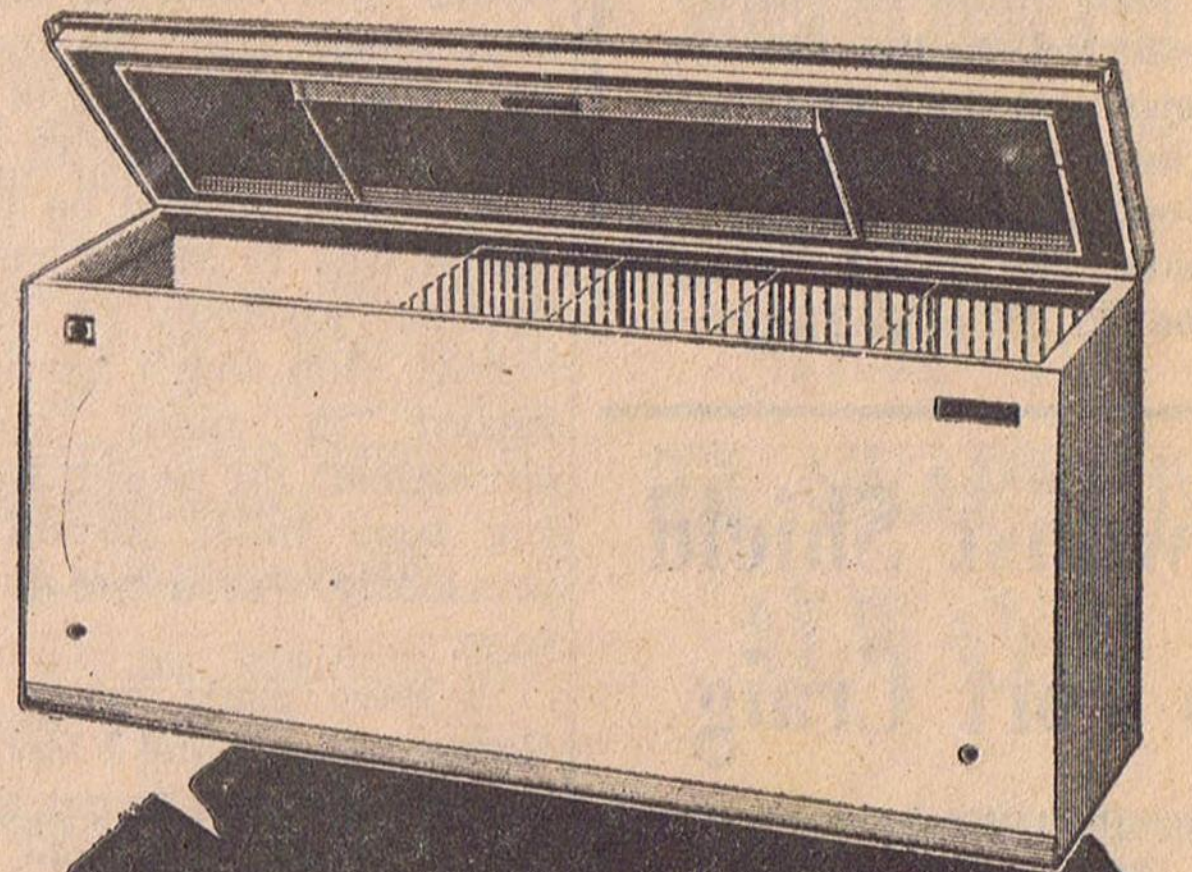
Newspapers tell us how the unexpected does happen.

And small children are pathetically helpless to escape without adult aid. Too often they try to hide in the house.

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## Experts Explain Effects Of Lower River Level

No water will flow from Lake Manapouri into the Waiau river during dry periods after about mid-1971, a New Zealand Electricity Department engineer said recently.

Mr C. M. Bamberly told farmers along the Waiau river at a meeting at Tuatapere that some water would flow down the river during the winter months after the Bluff aluminium smelter came into operation, but during some dry months only the tributaries below Manapouri would feed the river.

By 1973, Mr Bamberly said, the Te Anau dam and the Mararoa weir would control lake outflow so well that water would be discharged down the river only during periods of high flood.

Farmers along the river met representatives of the Electricity Department, Lands Department and Ministry of Works after a request by a committee representing landowners.

Mr C. M. Bamberly represented the Electricity Department; Mr J. S. Engel, Commissioner of Crown Lands at Invercargill, represented the Lands Department; and Mr R. F. D. Ritchie, chief engineer of the power division, was the senior Ministry of Works representative.

Mr V. C. Davies, Ministry of Works liaison engineer for Manapouri told farmers at the meeting, "We thought we were doing quite well with remedial works, and you obviously thought we weren't getting on quite so well. We want to reassure you that everything is going along quite well."

### FENCING STARTED

Mr Davis said remedial fencing had been started at the top of the Waiau.

The idea of remedial works, he said, was to keep one jump ahead of the need for them. All the work could not be done in six months or a year, as each problem had to be dealt with individually.

Simply fencing both banks along sixty miles of river would create problems which had not existed before in some areas. It would cut stock off from water and could well result in fencing two or three thousand acres of usable riverbed grazing, causing a noxious weed problem, Mr Davies said.

The next problem to deal with would be the extension of boundary fences into the river, he said, and asked for information on how the bores and wells along the river behaved when the water level dropped.

### TIMETABLE

Mr Bamberly told the 20 or so farmers attending the meeting that the Manapouri timetable would begin next month with the first turbine coming into operation. By the end of the year all four turbines would be available for operation, but the smelter would not require the power until early in 1971.

During the next year, the Electricity Department planned to use the power in the national grid. This gave it control over water use, so that engineers planned to lower the river level only to its lowest natural flow, thereby giving farmers the whole of next year to tidy up problems along the river.

However, Mr Bamberly warned farmers that although there were no plans to drop the river below this level, extremely dry conditions throughout the country or a generator breakdown elsewhere could necessitate a further reduction of the flow.

This was most unlikely, Mr Bamberly said, but he felt that he should warn farmers of the possibility.

In 1973, the Te Anau control dam was to be built, and the Mararoa control structure was planned for 1974, after which no discharge could be expected.

### WHAT'S NEW?

A new seamless acrylic flooring which can be applied in a simple paint-on process has just been introduced.

A new industrial vacuum cleaner is now available which can be operated with complete safety in areas of high fire hazard, and can handle highly combustible waste chemicals and liquids.

Inaccessible places in ships and aircraft can be inspected for contraband with a new telescopic mirror, which also has a variety of industrial uses.

A new communications technique which helps management to control what it wants from computer systems is now on the market.

The first questioner was Mr S. Kokay, who asked what would happen when the water level in wells fell beyond the level at which present pumps could cope. He explained that most of the farmers around Papotara Flat depended on wells for their stock water, and most wells there were down almost to the limit of pump capacity.

Mr Ritchie replied that if water was still in the wells after the river level fell "we will get it for you." He was sure the pumps could be altered or replaced to cope if necessary.

### WHO PAYS?

Another farmer asked who would pay for new fencing along the river after the level fell. He said Ministry of Works representatives had told some farmers they were not sure who was responsible for fencing the river reserve, and had told others the farmers would have to pay half the cost.

Mr L. H. Spencer, Ministry of Works resident engineer at Invercargill, said there had never been any suggestion that farmers would be called on to do the fencing. It would be done by the Government or the Electricity Department.

There had been some discussion about who would maintain the fences once they were up, but he said farmers further up the river had agreed to leave that aspect aside until later.

Mr Spencer emphasised that fencing would be done where it was necessary as a result of the power scheme.

### MAINTENANCE

The next questioner immediately asked for information about the maintenance of fences.

Mr Bamberly replied that the question would have to be discussed further. The problem was complicated by various factors. For example, he said, if the cost of maintaining fences was taken care of by a lump sum of compensation and the land was later sold, the next owner could be left with the maintenance of the fences, but might not get the compensation which had been paid out for this purpose.

The questioner suggested that the NZED consider taking over the ownership of the fences and maintaining them.

### SUGGESTION

Another farmer said the department should retain ownership of the fences and also any new pumps needed for wells.

"That way they will put in decent stuff that will last," he said.

A third said that at present the river gave farmers a permanent boundary and unlimited stock water. They should be paid a lump sum in compensation for the loss of these, and that way "the thing would be finished and done with."

The first questioner then asked what would happen if a fence was damaged in a big flood and the compensation did not cover the cost of repairs.

His query remained unanswered.

### EXTRA LAND

Mr Kokay asked what would happen to extra land resulting from the fall in the level of the river.

Mr Ritchie said he thought the river reserve would increase rather than the land being added to farmers' titles. There would possibly be more land to graze and he thought farmers would be able to use it.

Mr Spencer said the Ministry of Works intended to erect fences as stock barriers rather than to define boundaries, so the grazing could well remain.

Mr Engel immediately commented that the Ministry would run into trouble by fencing across Crown land and adding land to farms.

Mr Spencer said he planned to leave one chain on the river side of the fence, where possible, and again said the Government would fence only where the stock barrier had been removed by the river level drop.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### LIONS DEFENDED

Sir,—In reply to Justice Mac's letter in The Gazette last month, I would like to say that I think that the Lions Club is to be congratulated on their efforts to supply the public with refreshments at the beach.

Justice Mac accused the Lions of "stabbing the businessmen of Tuatapere in the back," but if the businessmen lack the initiative to provide this service is it not better that a local organisation such as the Lions should give it rather than a firm from outside the district? At least we the public of Tuatapere will eventually profit from it.

Also Justice Mac stated that the Lions Club would be better employed "cleaning up the stinking creek," but is this not the responsibility of the Wallace County or the Town Board? What are our rates for?

Regarding the statement about Lion Park, how about a children's play ground? I know that it is on a bad corner, but with a good fence, the gate opening by the library and a zebra crossing to the footpath by the coffee bar, it would be safe for children. Also the crossing would provide a safe crossing for children wishing to attend the library.

How about it? Has anyone else got a suggestion.

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## OVER THE FENCE

From Peter Daly

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And the Apple & Pear Board is better than anybody else, in packaging, presentation and producing, and in its organisation for and exploitation of export opportunities.

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This is because we in New Zealand want apples fresh as possible, quickly as possible and as cheaply as possible. We have never faced up to the dreadful fact that our internal transport costs are criminally high.

This is all background. The board faces, ironically because of its own success, its greatest problem in the selling of apples and pears by growers anywhere, anyhow and any time.

Growers who sell apples and pears outside of the board know very well what they are doing and know very well that they are hurting the board and, therefore, themselves and every other grower. But they go on doing it and they will go on doing it. Unless, of course, the board gets out of the local market. This, of course has been argued. It cannot be done, first because the board needs control over the bulk of apples and pears produced so that it can market off to the best advantage. Second because the board was set up primarily to manage the distribution and sales of apples and pears on the local market and dispose as best it can of the surplus overseas.

But in 20 years many things can change. And the reasons and beliefs which have operated over that period do not necessarily apply with the same force in 1969.

So Kiwi fruit (our old friend the Chinese gooseberry now becomes naturalised) is coming to be a real money spinner for us overseas. At least so the Minister of Agriculture (Mr Talboys) told the Fruitgrowers' Federation. Isn't it time Mr Talboys and his department, the Fruitgrowers' Federation and the vegetable growers, and the

suppliers of our other smaller primary producing authorities such as tobacco, honey, eggs, etc., really sat down and took a look at what worthwhile things we also produce in New Zealand and how we are producing it?

We do not need new exporting authorities, and experience shows that individual merchants can't undertake the extremely expensive research and service where needed to test and prove our markets. An organisation like the Apple and Pear Board which already has a vast and efficient network of overseas agents and firms, could and should be used as the framework on which to build and widen export organisation, that would get orders for everything from soup to nuts.

"The Dairy Board has made the necessary arrangements to obtain from dairy industry funds, and from an investment by the New Zealand Meat Producers' Board, the funds required to cover the loan commitments of the Dairy Industry Loans Council in the coming year," the board's recent statement read. "In consequence, there is no necessity to invite the public to subscribe to a further Dairy Industry Development Loan this year."

Interesting isn't it, and perhaps a portent of things to come, that the money to help a dairy industry should come from Meat Board funds.

Common Market countries are likely to import 482,000 to 652,000 tons of beef and veal in 1969/70 to make good an expected shortage in supplies. This follows a fall in the rate of cattle herd expansion this year and the continuing rise in beef and veal consumption in the E.E.C.

Should this forecast be borne out it will mean that imports of the last few years will at least be maintained, if not substantially increased.

According to figures published by the EEC Commission, imports are expected to include 110,000 tons of frozen beef for the processing industry and 40,000 to 50,000 tons of veal, as well as 205,000 to 340,000 tons of other beef and veal.

At the beginning of 1969, the cattle herd was estimated at some 52.4 million head, representing an increase of only 0.87 per cent on 1968, and about half the rate of increase in 1966-67.

What a pity, in view of this, that there is no sign as yet that the dairy beef incentive scheme is swerving our "cow cookies" into budding beef barons—for instance in Waikato.

Up to the end of August, Waikato calf pools had delivered 246,000 bobby calves to the works, a reduction of 800 calves or 0.3 per cent, on the tally last year. At this time last year 247,000 calves had been killed compared with 252,000 in 1969, a reduction of 2.3 per cent. By the end of 1968 season, however, the tally was about 98,000 or 2.75 per cent higher than for 1967.

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## County Corner

### Waiau Riding Notes

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Our traffic officers in their last report have reported six accidents, including one fatality; also that 78 traffic offence notices were issued.

At our September meeting we let a contract to Mr Ray McIvor for a new bridge over the Thicket Burn on the Lilburn-Hauroro road. The same contractor is also getting on well with a new bridge over the Ordeer Burn on the same road, and hopes to have this bridge completed in the near future.

The approaches to the new bridge over the Orawia at Pukemaori have been completed and we plan to have them sealed early summer. The last and final job coming up on this road is taking down the one-lane railway bridge, filling up the place and completing it to a full width road.

The roads in the Waiau riding are all in quite fair condition at present. One factor, however, is giving us some concern. That is, gorse and broom which is getting a problem on some of our roads. We are compelled to ask all our farmers to spray their roadsides.

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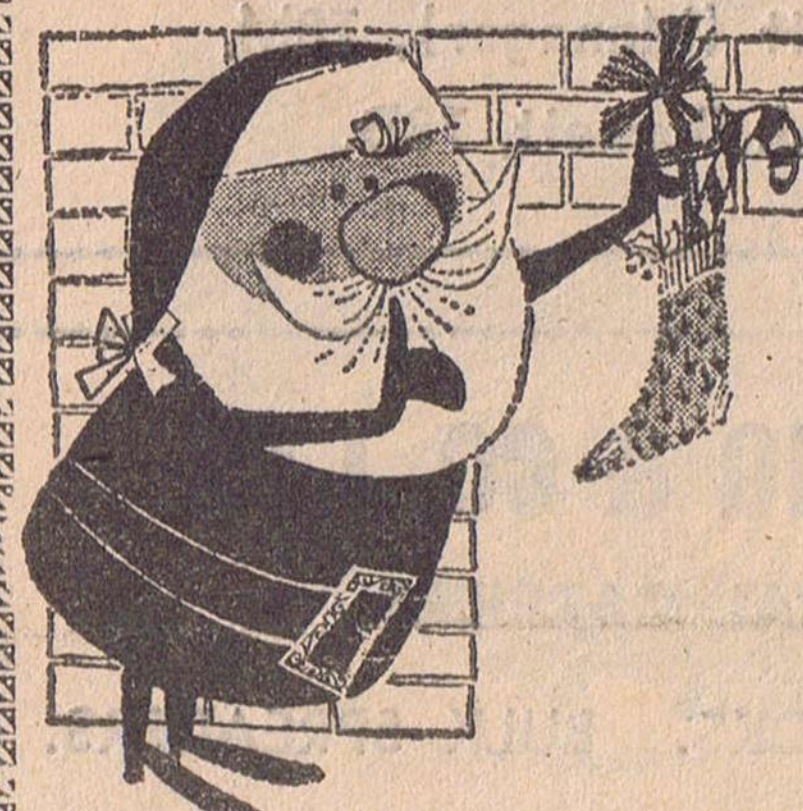
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