

# Waiau Gazette

## Winners Of Children's Essay Competition

The results of a Lions sponsored essay competition for children, in which the schools of the Waiau district sub-branch of the NZ Educational Institute took part, have been released. The large number of entries were judged by a panel independent of the Lions Club. Results:—

Section A.—Standards 1 and 2. ("How Captain Cook Landed in New Zealand"): First, Kathryn Neill (Blackmount School); second, Mary Verstappen (Waiau DHS); third, Kathryn Stoddart (Waiau DHS); highly commended, Janetta Cassidy (Waiau DHS), Helen Evans (Waiau DHS) and Racwyn Pay (Waiau DHS).

Section B.—Standards 3 and 4. ("Life as a Cabin Boy," by Nicholas Young): First, Dorothy McDonald (Orawia); second, Susan Jeffrey (Waiau DHS); third, Jillian Davidson (Clifden); highly commended, Karl Crack (Orawia), Kenneth Devery (Orawia), Sheena Robertson (Patatotara).

Section C.—Forms I and II. ("Captain Cook's Contributions to Science"): First, Peter Verstappen (Waiau DHS); second, Susan Stoddart (Waiau DHS); third, Jan Lawrence (Waiau DHS); commended, Robin Jeffrey (Waiau DHS); Barbara Levett (Orawia), Allen Horrell (Waiau DHS).

Winners and second and third place-getters will each receive a book prize, while the schools of the section winners will each receive a book for their libraries. Individual prizes will be presented by Lions Club members personally at a time suitable to each school.

The three first prize essays were:—

### SECTION A:

"Captain Cook Lands in New Zealand" by KATHRYN NEILL aged 8, Blackmount School.

Two hundred years ago Captain Cook left England to discover new land and to study the stars. His ship was a sailing ship called the Endeavour. Captain Cook had a crew of eighty-five men. He took a scientist called Joseph Banks. Joseph Banks had eight men with him. He took a man who knew lots about plants. His name was Dr Solander.

Captain Cook also took an artist because there were no cameras in those days. The artist's name was Sydney Parkinson. Sydney Parkinson drew pictures of what they saw. The holds were filled with salt meat, bread, biscuits and barrels of water and things to repair the ship.

Captain Cook went to Tahiti first to study the stars. Nicholas Young was the first man to see New Zealand. Captain Cook named that part of New Zealand Young Nick's Head.

When Captain Cook went to land the Maoris were unfriendly. Captain Cook got no fresh water or green vegetables for his men, so he called it Poverty Bay. Captain Cook sailed south.

One of Captain Cook's boys, a Tahitian boy, was kidnapped by the Maoris because the Maoris thought he belonged to them. The Maoris were fired on and the boy escaped from the canoe. Captain Cook went on past Cape Kidnappers and thought it was too rocky so he turned back. Captain Cook called this cape, Cape Turnagain. Captain Cook found plenty of fresh food on the way north. He called this bay the Bay of Plenty.

Captain Cook kept a log book in which he wrote what he did and saw. He wrote many things about the Maoris in it. Captain Cook named Hawkes Bay, Young Nick's Head, Poverty Bay, Cape Turnagain, Cape Runaway, Cape Kidnappers and Bay of Plenty and lots more.

Captain Cook planned to be away two years and was away three years.

### SECTION B:

"Life as a Cabin Boy," by Nicholas Young (by Dorothy McDonald, aged 10, Orawia School).

My name is Nicholas Young. I just get called Nicholas on special occasions, other times I get called Nick.

I went to school at Mt Roskill in Scotland but never really liked it. I used to sit at my desk and dream of being captain on a ship.

When I was fourteen my father, who was a doctor, got a job on the ship Endeavour. The Endeavour was a 105-foot collier which had been converted. On the Endeavour I was given the job of cabin boy. I had duties such as serving dinner, cleaning captain's boots and keeping watch in the crow's nest. On this voyage we sailed from England to Tahiti. Our captain, Captain James Cook, had been sent to study the transit of Venus (a transit occurs when a planet or star passes over the face of the sun.)

We sailed for about six months before we finally reached Tahiti. On the first week of the voyage I was so seasick I couldn't walk. At night when the sailors always drowned their sorrows in rum, I always had a drink. After a few seconds it felt as if a cannon was going off inside me. I soon got my sea legs and acquired a real taste for rum.

Although I was just a mere cabin boy, everybody liked me, especially the captain. He would tell me a lot about pirates and battles on the sea.

It was very nice in Tahiti with all the sun and tropical fruit, but I was glad to start sailing again. Captain Cook then ordered us to sail further south. It was October the 7th, 1769. I was up in the crow's nest keeping a look-out for land. I saw what I thought was a long white cloud. I looked closer and saw that it was land. I was so excited that I almost fell out of the crow's nest.

The captain had offered a gallon of rum to the person that saw land first. I had won the gallon of rum. I had to wait until my birthday to get it, though.

In this strange new land there was a fearful race of people called Maoris, who were very war-like. We had few encounters with them and sailed round the coast quite safely. We named many places such as Queen Charlotte Sounds and Young Nick's Head. Young Nick's Head was the place where I first saw land.

Then we sailed off to Australia. In Australia we struck the Great Barrier Reef. I thought the end had come. The sailor's, who were all heathens began (though they didn't know how) to say what they thought were prayers.

We laboured on the reef for about two days. When we finally got off the reef it took us a month to mend it. After we mended we returned to England.

### SECTION C:

"Captain Cook's Contributions to Science and Knowledge," (by Peter Verstappen, Aged 11, Waiau DHS).

Cook was born on October 27th, 1728, in Yorkshire. He was only the son of a farm labourer but he grew to be one of the greatest men in naval history. He went to sea at the age of 18, and right from the start was a natural born leader of men. He started by becoming an apprentice on a collier, and later he declined the rank of captain, for he wanted to join the navy.

Cook's greatest achievement was when he conquered the disease of scurvy. This scurvy was caused through lack of fresh meat, vegetables and fruit. Cook made his men and officers eat cabbage cooked in vinegar, and he set the example by eating it himself. He also kept livestock on board his ship so his crew would always have fresh meat. Whenever they landed Cook sent his men to look for fresh water, fruit and vegetables. He even planted seeds which he had brought from England. When he returned to England he hadn't had one case of scurvy. For this he was awarded the Copley gold medal, which he valued above all else.

In the days Cook sailed around the globe, people believed that there was a great southern continent below the equator to stop the earth from rolling over. Cook proved that there was no great southern continent in his first and second voyages. While doing this he became the first person to sail below the Antarctic Circle. On these voyages he found many lands, including New Zealand, and claimed them for Britain.

Cook also earned an excellent reputation as a map maker. This started when he mapped the St Lawrence river in Canada. Because of the accuracy of this he enabled the British soldiers to capture the French-held city of Quebec. This talent became useful when he discovered many lands in his later life.

Cook could not boast about being an artist, but he encouraged men around him to draw and write about the people they visited. That is how we have so much information about the Maoris and the natives of the Pacific Islands.

Among his many talents Cook was also a zoologist, botanist and astronomer. When they stopped on their journey for fresh meat he had the skins mounted to show people some of the animals they found. He also did the same with many plants.

The reason for Cook's first voyage was to observe the transit of Venus and thus he became interested in astronomy.

So you see Cook was one of the greatest explorers who ever lived and his name will be remembered for ever.

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## Japan's Most Beautiful Island Has A Fascinating History

(By Steve Kokay.)

A little island, Mikimoto's Pearl Island, is the most beautiful island in all of Japan. A little over 300 miles from Tokyo, it is only about 10 acres in size, but there is a direct train service to it.

As the airfield is only for small planes, not many European tourists get to this island, but the Japanese go there by the thousands.

The three days I spent here were most pleasant, for that is where I learned all I know about pearls today.

First let me say a few words about cultured pearls. Cultured pearls are no cheaper than natural pearls, nor are they in any way inferior. In fact they are superior, for the simple reason that they are cultured and harvested when the pearls reach their highest peak of lustre, which takes three years. Also the oyster is three years old before it is used for culturing.

Kokichi Mikimoto got the idea to culture pearls some 80 years ago. He went to an exhibition of marine products in Yokohama, where he saw tiny seed pearls selling at exorbitant prices.

There he also learnt that pearls were caused by a piece of foreign matter, a sand grain or a shell chip lodging in the oyster and irritating its sensitive membranes. To protect itself the oyster sheds tears of calcium carbonate which it manufactures from ocean chemicals. These solidify and eventually the lowly oyster has converted its affliction into the loveliest of gems.

There he also learnt that if a pearl was the result of an accident there should be no reason why it could not be caused by human manipulation. So he started experimenting not realising the gigantic job and the failures he would endure and all he would have to learn before he could succeed. In fact, he had four years of complete failures before he produced his first pearl on 11th July, 1893.

It was only a semi-spherical pearl and that was all he could produce for several years until one day he found that by inserting the bead right inside the mantle the oyster would produce a perfectly round pearl.

During all these years Mikimoto and his wife lived in dire poverty. His friends and relatives branded them as cranks.

Even when Mikimoto was able to produce perfect pearls he still had a great deal of trouble to overcome. The pearl dealers in all the large cities of the world put out propaganda that cultured pearls were fakes.

Even after he had conclusively proven that cultured pearls were real pearls the dealers would still not accept them because of the vested interest they had in the industry themselves. So Mikimoto opened his own pearl shops in most of the major cities of the world.

The first shop he opened was in Tokyo, on Ginda Street. I have often been in there admiring the most beautiful pearls that it is possible to see today. I saw a pearl there with a \$4000 price tag on it, and two other pearls at \$2000 each. They were certainly beautiful pearls.

Needless to say I did not buy them, but when I was in there again last July, all three had been sold.

### STATUE ERECTED

Mikimoto, like Henry Ford who put the world on wheels, made it possible for millions of women to be adorned with pearls. But to tell all about Kokichi Mikimoto, his many inventions and what he did for Japan and the world would take many hours of writing.

On his island there is a large statue to his memory. He died in 1954 at the age of 96 years. He was only a slight man of 105lbs, but he had a big heart. He became very rich and gave millions to charitable causes and a great deal towards promoting goodwill for Japan.

But during the last war he refused to put any of his money into Japanese war industries. He said he was a man of peace and his money would not be used to make instruments of destruction.

For that reason the Government confined him on his little island for the duration. One army officer sent him a sharp samurai sword suggesting that he commit hari-kari, but he ignored the insult.

He never spent any of his wealth on himself. In Japan a silk kimono is a status symbol, but the best he ever owned was a cotton one. He slept on the floor in his house. In the winter he never heated his room, while in the hot summer he never had an electric fan or a refrigerator. He was not mean and did not value money for its own sake, as he paid the best wages in Japan to his employees.

He was deeply religious and was a Bhuddist. As Bhuddists believe that all living beings have a soul, he built a shrine for the souls of the thousands of oysters that perished during the years he experimented with them.

I have pleasant memories of pearl island. You may see pearls there by the barrow loads. I admired the many little Japanese girls who work there; the dexterous little hands they have, the speed they can work with and their beautiful tolerant good nature.

I examined their tiny hands and "read" some of them. They hung on to every word I said when I showed them what was marked in their hands. Their biggest surprise was when I showed them my own large hands, more than twice as large as their own. They were amazed, to say the least.

For the benefit of the tourist, there are six diving girls employed on the island. They are called "ama." They are there just to show tourists how girls dived for oysters in the early days. Today that method is not used now. These girls can swim like fish. They are beautifully built girls. It's a treat to see them. I am sure any normal man's heart-beat changes into higher gear when they come close!

(Next month, Nikko, the origin of the three wise monkeys, and the greatest Shinto shrine in all of Japan.)

## Letters To The Editor

### LAKE HAUROKO TOURIST SERVICE

Sir,— I feel the time has come when some unwarranted and uninformed criticism cannot go unanswered.

For two years the launch concession at Lake Hauroko went begging without any interest being taken. The opportunity was there for any interested parties to run a boat, and when I applied for the concession to a jet boat it was granted by the Fiordland National Park Board.

After running this boat for a season I found that because of rough lake conditions it was unsuitable. I now operate a launch capable of carrying 20 passengers in all weather conditions and equipped with the latest diesel motor and radio telephone equipment.

I have upwards of \$7000 invested in this boat, and I assure you that any bookings made through either the Waiau Hotel or any other source have been honoured.

As there is a large sign at the start of the Lilburn Valley road, together with one at the lake giving my phone number for bookings, I cannot see how any interested tourists have been unable to get a trip.

I have taken out hundreds of tourists from all parts of NZ and from overseas and have had many letters expressing thanks and satisfaction for their trip.

Publicity for the lake is something I have gone into, and I have a coloured brochure which I hope will be in the hands of every tourist and publicity office throughout New Zealand, as well as distributed overseas.

I agree this district has a great future for the tourist, but let us put things right in our own garden before criticising over the fence.

J. R. GARDNER,  
Hauroko Launch Service.

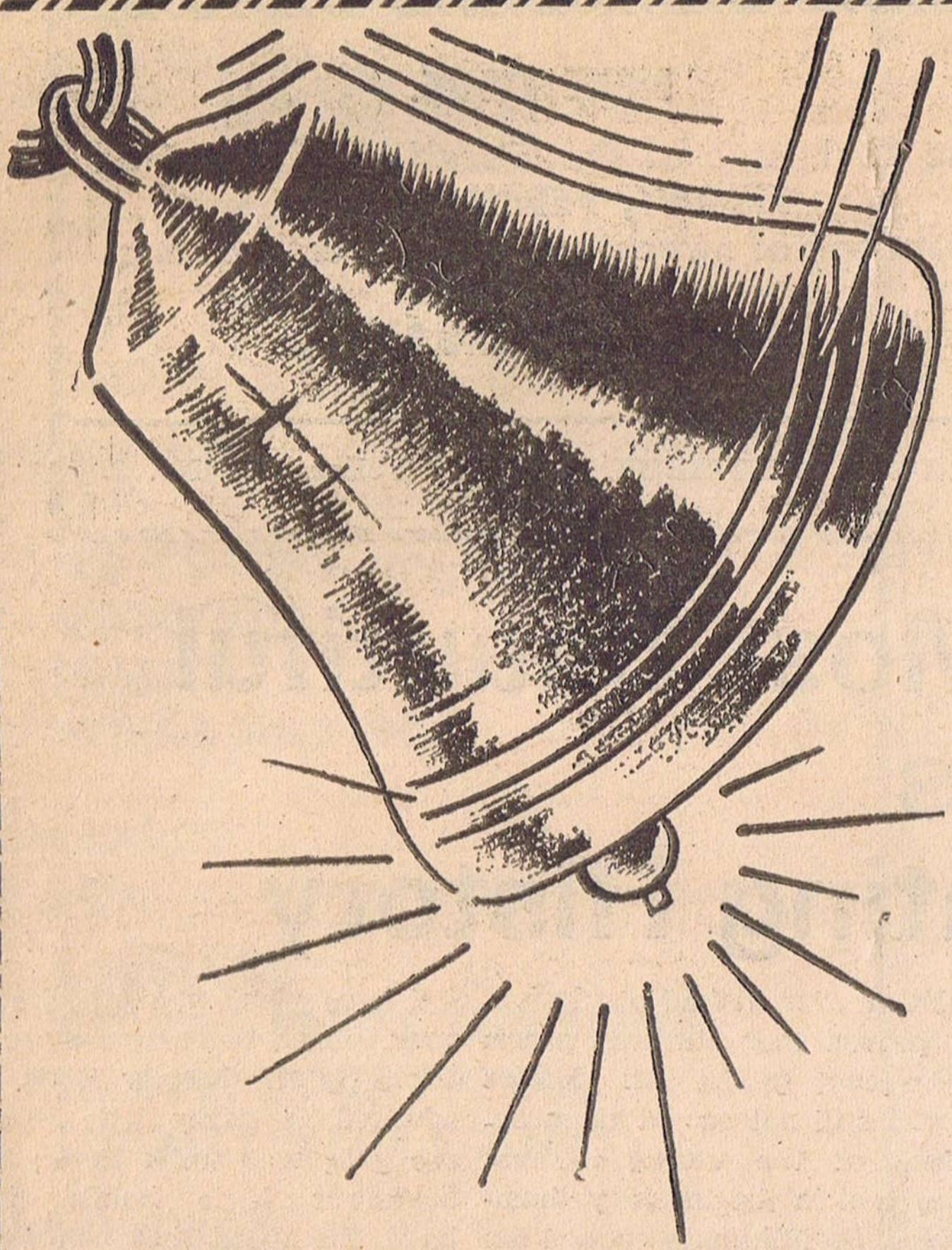
## Misuse Of Dump Causes Concern

It has been brought to the notice of the county council that some people are dumping dead sheep, sheep offal and timber from sawmills into the dump.

Also some people dump their rubbish with no regard for other users of the tip. This behaviour is contrary to the regulations, which are all stated clearly on the notice board.

The county council takes a serious view of these breaches and may have to take remedial measures should further instances occur in future.





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## OVER THE FENCE

So the common market comes closer. It seems certain now that it will be Britain's own decision to join or not to join. An ironic reversal of the situation of even two years ago. New Zealand's position is exactly the same, perhaps slightly stronger.

For we are now able to reinforce the British doubts and hesitations and to remind them of exactly what is going to happen to the price of foodstuffs when they join. Butter will cost three times as much, and so on. These are the most powerful arguments that we have, for no one, whether politician, economist or banker can afford to ignore them. But in the long term would it not be better for New Zealand to not merely acquiesce in Britain joining but to actively help?

Advocates of this point of view quite rightly say that we must grow up. We must become self sufficient, not dependent upon any one market for the sale of too narrow a range of produce. Fair enough. This argument has its dangers too, dangers that always come when you over-simplify. Because we have done so well for so long with such a narrow range of produce, we have been able to establish ourselves, and our economy. If we had to switch from growing barley and wheat back to dairying, or on to sheep grazing, we would have to spend a lot of money on changes.

Because our farmers have not had to, they have been able to improve and refine their techniques. Because pastures have become established, because techniques of pasture management have become established, we are now in a better shape to face the future. Ten years ago, even, when Mr R. A. Candy suggested that we should prepare toward dairy beef, he was a prophet and right in his prophesy. But (and no one knew it better than he) the swing could not be made over-night. Indeed he did not suggest that it could. And the steps that have had to be taken to produce even a mild and moderate swing from dairying to beef raising in dairying areas show just how much the New Zealand farmer, and therefore the New Zealand economy has gained because of the settled, long-term nature of his production.

If, therefore, we have to swing from dairying to beef raising and or other diversifications of production, we must

### Easy To Make

Home candied peel is an easy gift to make or a useful addition to the housewife's store cupboard. Miss M. Cockburn, home science instructor with the Department of Agriculture, has supplied the following recipe.

#### CANDIED ORANGE OR GRAPEFRUIT PEEL

Peel of two oranges or one large grapefruit.  
One quart water.  
1/4 teaspoon salt.  
One cup sugar.  
2/3rd cup water.  
1/2 cup sugar (for coating).

Select smooth-skinned fruit with thick peel free from blemishes. Remove peel and cut into quarter-inch strips. Heat water and salt to boiling, add peel and boil till tender (about one to one and a half hours). Drain. Dissolve sugar in 2/3rd cup water in a small saucepan; add the peel. Boil rapidly for 20 minutes, then cook slowly until only a few tablespoons of thick syrup remain in the bottom of the pan. Lift each strip out with a fork and spread on a sheet of heavy waxed paper to cool. When cool, roll the peel in granulated sugar and store it in an airtight container.

be prepared for time lags, for expenses in the change-over, and for extensive retraining of farmers. None of these will be easy or cheap to achieve.

Therefore then, we must preserve, protect and defend our market in Britain for as long and as hard as we can. We have allies. The president of the National Farmers' Union, Mr G. T. Williams, who was here a short time ago, made it plain that so far as possible the British farmer is with us, and agrees with us and will help us to defend our position.

Not all the way. After all, long term his interest must be to expand his production as much as possible so that as much as possible of Britain's foodstuffs are produced in Britain.

This must be the aim of the British Government too. But both recognise realities. Those who suggest that we gaily throw over the British market and proceed, somehow (they never seem to be able to tell us exactly how) to spread 180,000 tons of butter around the world in other markets, or forget about producing it entirely, would do well to remember realities. Butter production may seem ridiculous, and sometimes more than ridiculous. But if we do not continue to produce butter and in quantity too, then where will we be in ten years time? When, DAO tells us, it will be in short supply again.

The very change in Britain's situation, whereby now it is Common Market Countries that are quite keen to have Britain in, and the British according to recent polls who are becoming more and more dubious about the advantages of joining suggests that we should keep a few of our eggs in the old basket.

Well the first month of the main wool selling season is over and it is not really encouraging. When one realises that the average price per lb is down by 3.22 cents on last season's price for the same number of sales and that we have actually sold 4000 more bales this season at the lower price, one realises that all is still not well. Well, at least for the grower. Exports of wool for four months up to the end of October were considerably higher for the same period in the previous season, so that wool is in demand. The fact is often overlooked. We have had the spectacle of politicians of many parties going up and down the country in the last month bleating about unsold stocks of wool, as if this were 1966/67, and as if the commission had not already disposed of nearly half the stockpile. One expects politicians to be ignorant, but one does not expect them to display their ignorance quite so clearly.

Two other factors worth noting are that not only were exports higher, but that the largest increase in quantity going to any country was that to Japan. And about 7000 bales more wool has been sold outside of auction than during the same period last year. A significant trend?

The Department of Statistics tells us that this year is going to be our worst for industrial stoppages. In the first six months alone \$1,036,800 in wages and 106,327 working days were lost. In all of 1968 only \$1,096,790 and 130,267 working days were lost. "Only" is a relative word in this context, and it is a sad and sorry record, ending as it does with the Wainui and the container disputes.

What can be achieved? Well Sweden hasn't had a major strike since 1945, and Norway hasn't had a strike of any kind for four years. In this enlightened age, surely

we should have techniques whereby these idiotic affairs that the Wainui and the container dispute typify, just don't happen.

If they don't then the figures above show what happens. A million dollars more in wages, and 130,000 more day's productivity. If we're going to hit the National Development Conference targets then these figures are the ones we must avoid.

Perhaps we'd better send people to Sweden to find out how it is done. Especially when one reads that productivity there has risen by seven per cent, on average, over the last nine years. That's per year, too, not just over the whole period.

## New Books At The Library

"The Shivering Sands" (Victoria Holt), "Puppet on a Chain" (Alistair McLean), "The White Schooner" (Anthony Frew), "Seven League Boots" (Wend Myras), "Season of Doubt" (Jo Cleary), "Blueback" (Bill Knox), "Leopard in the Fold" (Joy Packer), "Wild Irishman" (Peggy Hamilton), "The Spoilers" (Desmond Bagley), "The Saint of TV" (Leslie Charteris), "Kate Mulholland" (Catherine Cookson), "Crooked Adam" (E. Stevenson), "The Ice Admiral" (Jack Clenaghan).



LADY HELEN WINDSOR, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, photographed recently on her fifth birthday as she set off with her dog for a walk along country lanes near her home at Iwer, Buckinghamshire.

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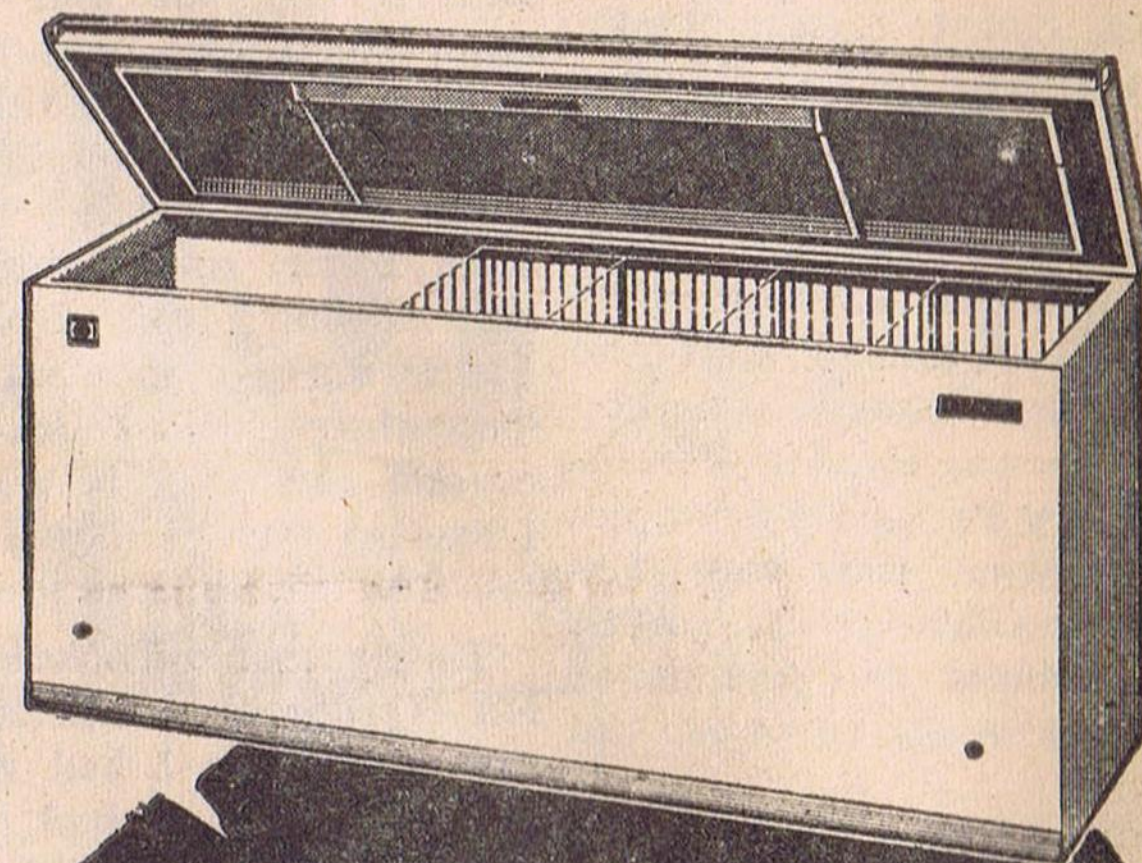
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As I came to the quiet town just as the night did flee,  
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things one can see,

I met a group of people walking slowly down the road.  
Old Misery was in the lead, he'd such a heavy load.  
He said they weren't wanted, that they'd try for room  
elsewhere—

Nobody seemed to need them at this time of the year.  
Mr and Mrs Gossip looked a most dejected pair,  
No matter how they'd tried around they couldn't find  
an ear.

Envy walked with Jealousy, I'm sure they are related,  
And Mr Self Importance, he looked quite deflated.  
Self Pity, Pride and Old Man Greed were really in a  
huddle,

Self-righteousness he wondered who had got him in this  
muddle.

All these and more were in the crowd that I met leaving  
town.

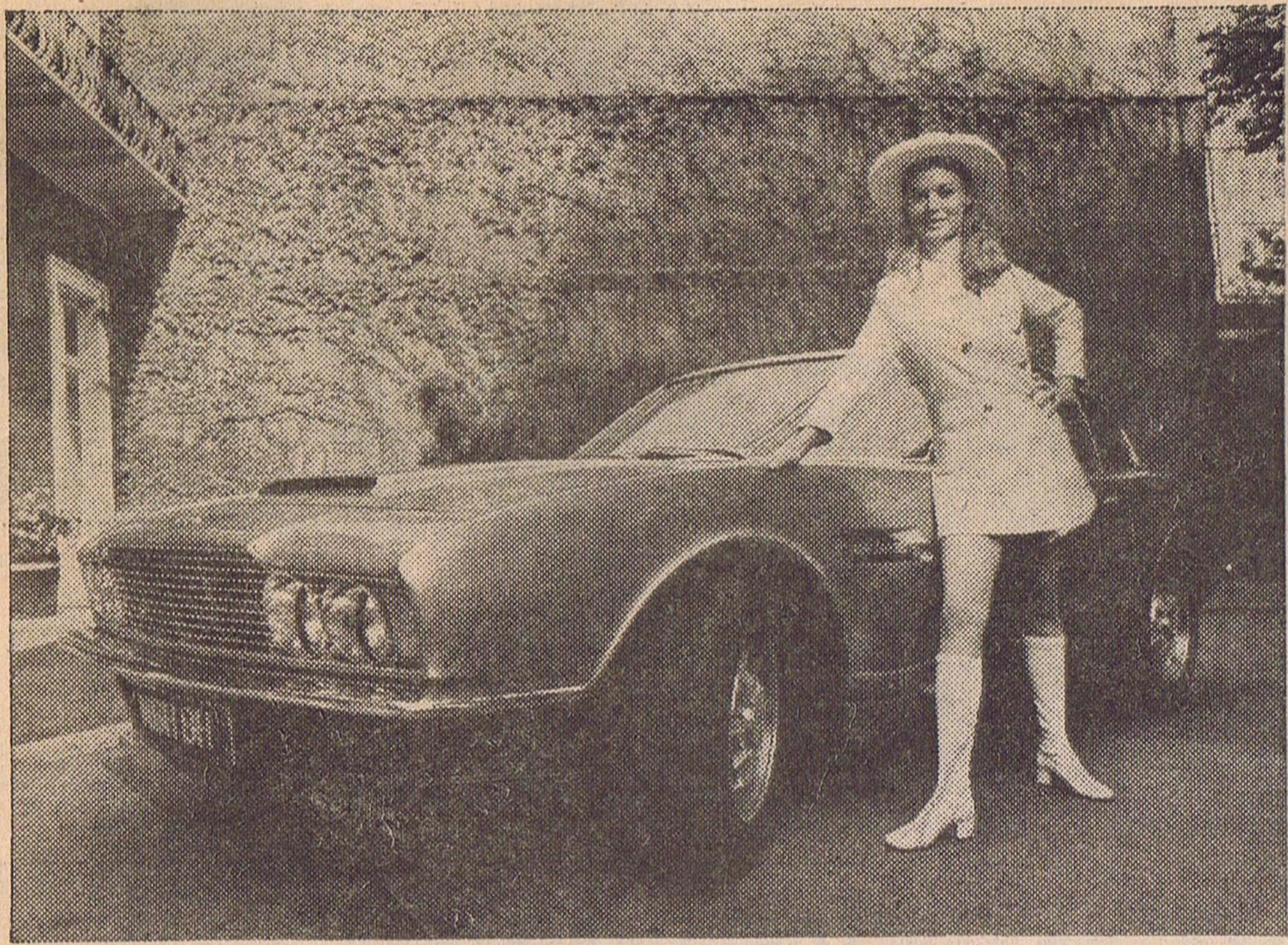
I got a glimpse of Selfishness (I knew her by the frown).  
And then the sight that met my eyes; the street was full  
of cheer—

Kindness, Helping Hand and Joy, Goodwill was everywhere.  
Friendliness and Charity were walking arm in arm,  
Understanding walked with Youth protecting her from  
harm;

And Tolerance on the notice board a notice he did pin.  
It read: "We're really here all year if folks would let us in!"

(Contributed by "M").





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## DO WE NEED A 'VET' CLUB IN WESTERN SOUTHLAND?

Farmers in this area have had to look very closely before calling in a "vet" from Invercargill because of high mileage costs. Therefore in this age of increasing knowledge of stock health, we have had to deny ourselves the best use of Veterinary services.

Some farmers who consider the present position cannot be allowed to continue have formed a committee to organise a veterinary club. A lot of preliminary work has been done but it is considered that at least 300 members are necessary, each one subscribing \$10 (this is only the price of one ewe hogget) as the first year's sub, and also lending the club \$25 which can eventually be refunded.

The club must start with at least \$10,500 because "vets" must be housed and provided with clinical facilities.

Members will receive a prompt and efficient emergency service (probably centred at Otautau) which will cut down travelling and thus save more stock and this should be done at a visit fee of approximately \$3.10. (As well, members will be able

to ring for expert advice on all aspects of stock health, and as vets become familiar with our area valuable research on deficiencies, etc, can be carried out.

Advice on drenching is on avenue where many hundreds of dollars could be saved annually by the analysis of lamb dung samples.

Veterinary clubs have been operating throughout New Zealand for many years with success.

In fact, Western Southland is one of the few areas without this valuable service. Can we afford to allow this situation to continue in view of the increasing value of livestock and the lower profit margins entailing higher stock numbers?

It can be rectified if farmers pull together and join in to enable this important service to operate. Don't sit back and let the preliminary work of the committee be wasted.

For further details contact one of the following: W. H. Scott (Eastern Bush), S. R. Allen (Mōtu), A. Ward (Pahia) or V. Griffin (Te Tua).

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## New Recipes For Cooking Chicken

There is no doubt that chicken is becoming ever more popular in New Zealand.

With this development have come a number of new and different ways of serving chicken. The latest is in a particularly convenient form — a frozen chicken Rissole consisting of a blend of chicken, mutton, veal, rice and seasoning in golden breadcrumbs. They are prepared ready to cook.

Here are some suggestions which will add even more appeal to this new product, including one designed for standard Country Style Rissoles.

### ITALIAN SCRAMBLED EGG WITH CHICKEN RISsoles

Cook 2½oz spaghetti according to instructions on the packet and drain well. Meanwhile heat the chicken rissoles according to directions and keep hot. Beat 3 eggs, add salt, pepper, a little mixed mustard, 3 tablespoons milk and chopped parsley. Add the egg mixture to the drained spaghetti. Heat gently 1 tablespoon butter in a saucepan, pour the spaghetti and eggs into the heated pan and as the mixture cooks stir lightly with a spatula for about 5 minutes. Serve at once onto four warmed plates with a chicken rissole on top of each, and a dash of tomato sauce.

### SAVOURY RICE AND CHICKEN RISsoles

1 pkt chicken rissoles,  
1 onion finely sliced,  
1 cup long grain rice,  
½ cup raisins,  
salt and pepper,  
2 oz butter,  
1 stalk celery, chopped,  
1½ cups boiling stock or water,  
½ cup apple peeled and diced,  
chopped parsley.

In the saucepan melt half the butter and fry onion and celery until tender. Add rice, stir and fry for 2-3 minutes, add the boiling stock and seasonings, cover and cook gently for about 20 minutes. By this time the rice will be cooked and the liquid absorbed. Add the raisins, apple and remaining butter, stir well and keep hot. While the rice is cooking, heat the chicken rissoles according to instructions. Pile the rice onto a hot dish, arrange rissoles on top and garnish with chopped parsley.

### COUNTRY STYLE RISsoles SWEET AND SOUR

1½ cups cooked rice,  
1 small can pineapple pieces,  
1½ tablespoons cornflour,  
3 tablespoons vinegar,  
salt,  
1 pkt standard rissoles,  
3 stalks celery, chopped,  
½ teaspoon soy sauce,  
½ cup sugar,  
1/3 cup stock.

Heat rissoles according to instructions and keep hot. To a saucepan add 1/3 cup liquid (pineapple juice and water) and gently simmer the pineapple and celery for a few minutes. Blend together cornflour, soy sauce, vinegar, sugar, salt and stock. Pour this mixture into the saucepan, stirring continuously until the sauce thickens. Simmer for 3 minutes. Serve rissoles on a bed of cooked rice, and pour the sauce over the top.

## Windy Weather For Gun Club's Xmas Shoot

Forty shooters attended the Western Southland Gun Club Christmas shoot held in fine but slightly windy conditions at Pukemaori on December 6. Results:—

10 Bird Sweep; A grade (18 entries): T. Dale, K. Hailes, H. West, J. Eden, R. McCrostie, D. Tippet 10

B Grade (20): R. Pahl, J. Pratt 10, S. A. Diack, D. Peek, M. Green, P. Ryley, R. Drake, J. Whyte, G. Little, D. Whyte 9.

15 Bird Bennett Cup, A Grade (16): W. Shaw 15, T. Dale, T. S. Richards, D. Tippet, W. Todd 14.

B Grade King Cup 15 Bird (8): R. Little, J. Pratt 14, D. Whyte, V. Bennett 13.

15 Bird Xmas Shoot, A Grade (18): W. Shaw, R. Marshall, R. McCrostie, J. Hawkins, H. Aburn, T. Dale 15. A fine shoot-off reaching into the 35's was the feature of the day and placings were as stated above, J. Eden, D. Tippet and W. Todd scored 14.

B Grade (20): Don McCracken shot a 15 possible and was the outright winner with R. Little, R. Pahl, S. A. Diack shooting 14.

5 pair Double Rise, A Grade (14): J. S. Richards 10, J. Hawkins, W. Todd 9, R. McLean, W. Shaw, D. Marshall 8

B Grade (15): J. Whyte, G. Little, R. Drake 8, R. Pahl 7.

### WAI AU CWI

Mrs B. Bartlett presided at the November meeting of Waiau CWI and welcomed voluntary organiser Mrs A. H. Webster, who spoke to members on institute procedure and showed slides of the pioneers of the institute movement. She was thanked by Mrs Bartlett and presented with a small gift.

Mrs C. Diack reported on the half-yearly council meeting held at Waiatiwa and Mrs Kokay on the most enjoyable day members had recently spent visiting places of interest in Invercargill to celebrate the tenth birthday.

The president and Mrs E. Peters, two members who are leaving the district, were farewelled and each presented with a gift.

Final arrangements for the shop day and Christmas party were made. Dale, T. S. Richards, D. Tippet, dering florin.

Competitions: Chocolate cake —Mrs F. Peters and Mrs H. Horrell 1 equal, Mrs F. McLaughlan and Mrs A. Erskine 2 equal, Mrs F. Thomson and Mrs W. Keating 3 equal; rhubarb chutney—Mrs E. Peek 1, Mrs F. Thomson 2, Mrs G. Sutherland 3; cluster—Mrs F. Thomson and Mrs B. Bartlett 1 equal, Mrs C. Diack and Mrs A. Erskine 2 equal, Mrs E. Peek and Mrs G. Sutherland 3 equal; single bloom—Mrs A. Erskine and Mrs W. Keating 1 equal, Mrs C. Diack and Mrs W. Mellon 2 equal, Mrs G. Sutherland, Mrs E. Peek and Mrs F. Thomson 3 equal.

### Summer Dessert

Quick and easy desserts are popular with those responsible for holiday meals. This recipe has been supplied by Miss M. Cockburn, home science instructor with the Department of Agriculture.

#### APPLE SURPRISE

1 packet red jelly crystals.  
1 medium sized apple, diced.  
2 ozs chopped dates.  
2 or 3 slices or ½ cup crushed pineapple.  
1 oz chopped nuts.  
1 oz chopped marshmallows.

Prepare jelly according to directions on the packet. Pineapple juice may be used as part of the liquid. When jelly is beginning to thicken, beat with rotary beater. Fold in the fruit, nuts and marshmallows. Turn into a mould. Chill till firm.

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## County Corner

### Waiau Riding Notes

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(Riding Member)

Our meeting on November 13 was the annual meeting, a most important one. This meeting and also our special meeting on October 13 are the two meetings no councillor can afford to be absent from.

One good news item I have for taxpayers is that the Government has restored a further share of petrol tax to the National Roads Board, amounting to \$5½ million. We hope to benefit from this substantially.

Counties, of course, will not get the full benefit, as the Roads Board is planning to build more motorways in Wellington and Auckland, costing several millions in each city, to cope with serious traffic congestion.

However, we are hoping that with increased contributions from the Roads Board we may have about \$594,000 for capital works such as re-sealing, strengthening of existing seal, reconstruction and new sealing and to rebuild 11 bridges.

Heavy traffic (not including cars) on our roads in the county in the last five years has increased by 50% and is still increasing. For this reason we are against strengthening parts the Pukemaori - Merrivale road, as this road was built only as class 2 and we are, by re-laying about 1½ miles each year, raising it to Class 1.

A further indication that we are prospering in Wallace County is that building permits approved for



this year are likely to be  
50% more in value than  
last year's.

We have let a contract to A. M. Bye (Otautau) for lowering the Fenhem Hill. The only solution I could see to the slipping here is dropping a section of this road by 3 or 4 feet, thereby reducing the weight of it. I have faith in this idea and I am hoping to see this slip heal up in a couple of years.

We are holding our monthly meetings in the Otautau Town Hall now, as we are in the near future letting a contract for extensions to the present county offices, which are now quite inadequate for our purposes. We also had to make a room available for our new engineer.

The traffic counter we had on the Lilburn road has been damaged. Somebody cut the expensive rubber tube of it with a knife.

I take this opportunity also to wish all my friends and rate-payers in the Waiau riding a merry Xmas and a prosperous new year.



JEWELLERY and watches worth \$500,000—designed for the International Watch and Jewellery Trade Fair—are seen here on one model during a preview at the Goldsmith's Hall in London recently. Principal jewellery includes a specimen black opal weighing 12½ carats set in a ring and 29 carat sapphire also set in a ring (on the left hand) while on the wrist is a bracelet with matching emeralds and diamonds. Adorning the right wrist is what is claimed to be the world's smallest watch, set in diamonds. The necklace is in diamonds and on the right shoulder is a diamond and sapphire flower brooch with a shimmer effect. The hair decorations are also diamonds.

## Trophy Winners For Ladies' Golf Season

Winners of trophies during the recent ladies' golf season were:—

Silver Division championship, Mrs H. Clarke; runner-up, Mrs A. Campbell.

Bronze A championship, Mrs B. McPherson; runner-up, Mrs W. McEwan.

Bronze B championship, Mrs R. Knowler; runner-up, Mrs D. Broughton.

Medal aggregate, Mrs E. Chamberlain; runner-up, Mrs A. Bennie.

Double knock-out, Mesdames R. Rowley and B. McPherson. Single knock-out, Mrs B. McPherson; runner-up, Mrs A. Carr.

Scott Cup, Mrs I. Miller. Putting, Mrs A. Campbell.

Wednesday Ringer: Silver, Mrs A. Carr and Mrs R. Rowley; Bronze A, Mrs B. McPherson; Bronze B, Mrs H. Stoddart; Saturday ringer, Mrs E. Souness.

LGU Buttons: Silver, Mrs A. Carr; Bronze, Mrs D. Smeaton.

Officers elected to committee for 1970 are: Past president, Mrs O. Everett; president, Mrs H. MacGibbon; club captain, Mrs A. Campbell; deputy club captain, Mrs B. McPherson; secretary, Mrs W. McEwan; treasurer, Mrs H. Stoddart; handicapper, Mrs A. Carr; delegate to association, Mrs A. Bennie; committee, Mesdames G. Bain, D. Broughton, R. Rowley, D. Smeaton and R. Watson.

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