



Official *Bulletin*

of

MARLBOROUGH

RETURNED SERVICES ASSN.



VAUXHALL CHEVETTE

Priced from
\$5695



HOLDEN SUNBIRD

With R.T.S.
Priced from
\$8165



HOLDEN KINGSWOOD

Sedan & Station
Sedan with R.T.S.
Priced from
\$9376



STATESMAN DEVILLE

With R.T.S.
Priced from
\$14699

Come on down now and see for yourself – it's the only way! (And there's no obligation.)

A superb new road car deserves a superb deal – and that's what we're offering.

If you're looking for trade-in values, for easy payments, for cast-iron guarantees – that's what we're in business to provide.

Come on down to see us: you'll drive out in the most exciting new car GM has ever built!

TERRY MOTORS LTD

LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER 55-59 SCOTT STREET BLENHEIM N.Z.

Editorial

We're pleased to say the magazine is catching on, and we are getting a much better response from members and most encouragingly, active participation in the form of letters to the Editor for publication. We hope we will get satisfactory answers to any of these queries and suggestions being raised by you. As an experiment we will send unsold copies of the magazine to some of our country members who we don't see very often, with a covering letter inviting them to pay for a year's subscription and have the copies posted out to them.

The social committee is coming to life to satisfy the need for Saturday evening entertainment and you will read more of their ideas in this edition. Plans suggested also envisage the use of the Pavilion Lounge with a roll down - roll up strip of carpet about six feet wide down each side of the hall with suitable tables and chairs for our future Saturday night dance patrons. The idea of the carpet strips will make for easy storage during the rest of the weeks activities. Nice to see our Past President back from his Cooks tour - a very warm welcome home from us all Jim and Mäidie.

Apologies to Stan Kidd for reporting the Air Force Association was in recess (temporary cessation from work). Apparently not and we hope to get an article from Stan about their acitivies.

PAUL BRODIE
EDITOR.

Letters to the Editor

Closing Time

This magazine will be published between the 8th and 10th of each month and available from the Bar. Closing date for any contributions is by the 30th of the previous month.

To Advertisers

To advertisers - copy for advertisements should reach the R.S.A. office Blenheim no later than the 25th of the month preceeding issue. Advertising rates may be obtained on application.

The Editor is Paul Brodie, the sub-editor is Allan Gardiner and the magazine is printed by Gards Print Limited.

All letters to the Editor must be in by the 30th of the previous month.

THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS PUBLICATION ARE ENTIRELY THOSE OF THE AUTHORS AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT OFFICIAL POINTS OF VIEW.

Presidents Page

Fairly quiet month last month. This is our third issue of "Crossfire" and still room for improvement in sales. Remember profits if any, go to hospital comforts.

If you have any grizzles, don't mutter to your mates or snipe from the side lines, put pen to paper and air your views in "Crossfire".

I was pleased to see "Quo Vadis" express concern for our older members. There is a lot to be done in this area and you the rank and file members can help. If there is an old "dig" living in your area, go around, have a yarn with him occasionally. Have a look around, there may be some chore you can do, dig a patch of ground, chop some wood, even change a light bulb which can be a major operation when you are over 80. Remember these members can't get around much and especially the ones living at home sadly miss masculine company. If you don't know anyone contact our Welfare Committee.

I called in on the Veterans afternoon run by our Ladies Section, they are doing a marvellous job. These old folk look forward to these afternoons from month to month. This is another place where you can help, pop in and spend half an hour talking to these people. Don't leave it all to the ladies. The next Veterans afternoon is the 16th October.

Renwick R.S.A. Ladies also call at Amersfoote and take inmates out for sight seeing tours, followed by afternoon tea at one of their homes. The inmates who are blind especially enjoy this outing.

Your executive have offered to lend N.Z.R.S.A. \$6,000 if required. This is to help buy office space as explained at the Annual meeting, it will be financed in part by cash at present in P.O.S.B., the remainder from a loan maturing in a few months time. The loan will be at 10% interest.

Vern and Netta Anderson, Keith and Edna Jamieson, Nola and myself attended the opening of the Omiao Pensioner Homes in Nelson. Unfortunately it was a wet and miserable afternoon and the opening was held in the Stoke Memorial Hall, with a visit to the complex afterwards and afternoon tea in a nearby hall.

There are 22 units occupied at present, with all units (41) expected to be occupied by the end of October. A 50 bed Hostel is also to be included in the complex. It is hoped that this will be ready by the end of 1970. The money Marlborough R.S.A. donated \$2,500 plus Government subsidy was enough to build a single unit which has been named "Marlborough Cottage". It may interest members to know Arthur Barratt, one of our R.S.A. members donated a cottage called "Edgely Cottage". In all \$210,000 was donated by the public. The Mayor of Nelson invited all occupants of the village to a luncheon in the City Chambers on his birthday, the 31st October.

I attended the closing of the Smallbore Rifle Club. The trophies were presented by Mrs Collett and Mrs Wallace. What these young people have done in the way of making the basement into club rooms and rifle range is a great credit to them. I congratulate them on winning all grades but one at the Inter-club shoots.

In closing I must ask members to be sure and sign your guest in.

Last Post

Ken Yealands

- J. Crapper (Havelock)
- Henry Lang
- G.W. Logan (Kaikoura)
- H.R. Mackey
- R.M. (Dave) McDonald
- D.H. Melville (Kaikoura)
- R.F. Parkinson

- F.J. Pinn
- A.J. Vercoe
- L.D. Waters (Picton)

They shall not grow old,
 As we that are left grow old.
 Age shall not weary them,
 Nor the year's condemn.
 At the going down of the sun
 And in the morning
 We will remember them.

 **DALGETY TRAVEL**

T
R
A
V
E
L

T
R
A
V
E
L

**Offer You The Complete Travel Service
 Whether It Be A Ferry Ticket To
 Wellington Or A Round The World
 Holiday. We Have The Knowledge
 And Expertise To Help You.
 Call And See IAN NIGHTINGALE, RITA
 WORKMAN Or RAEWYN ASHWELL At**

 **DALGETY TRAVEL**
 77 MARKET STREET. BLENHEIM
 P.O. BOX 142. TELEPHONE 6299

OBITUARY

Lance Waters who died recently, contributed a great deal to the Rehabilitation especially to those exservicemen seeking to be settled on farms. He was also National President of the Home Servicemens Assn plus Past President of Marlborough R.S.A. and District President of the Seddon Shield Area. For his efforts for R.S.A. he was awarded the Gold Star.

Lance also served on the Marlborough County Council for many years plus he was a Valuer on the Land Settlement Board. He also pioneered a Freight Service between Murchison and Blenheim, after which he served on the Board of Marlborough Transport, watching over the interests of exservicemen during the Post War Period.

During his retirement from Public Life he wrote a Book on his varied experiences within the Province. To his family we extend the sympathy of his fellow exservicemen.

"SCRIBE"

Cue Points

By Jigger

We took the Trophy from Spring Creek on September 13th but lost it on October 4th 7 - 5, after leading 4 - 1 with 7 games to play. Bob's missed black proved very costly.

Played Picton R.S.A. on 20th and managed a comfortable win to retain their trophy. Also a convincing win against the Terminus.

Andy and Len fined 20 cents for taking 20 minutes on a small table and 20 minutes on our own.

Frank Neame fined 20 cents for collaborating with the enemy.

More for the Down Trou Club - Theo, Jack and Dan, Frank and Bob W.

KIWI CATERING Co Ltd

For All Weddings

- **Parties**
- **Socials**

62 MAIN STREET BLENHEIM

Phone 4982

BUSINESS MACHINES (Services) LTD

**For all REPAIRS
OFFICE EQUIPMENT
WEIGHING SCALES
BATHROOM SCALES**

Phone 5985 after hours 88913

This is Your CLUB HAVE YOUR SAY

Somewhere in Vol 1, No 1 of Crossfire, you asked, "are we just a tavern or are we a club in the full sense of the word."

In Vol 1, No 2 you left the thought, "next time you walk into the club - was there an old dig you could have picked up from your neighbourhood."

Space would not permit me to give my thinking fully on these topics; however let's try in an abridged form.

I believe we are now at the high of our R.S.A. club existence - and I emphasize Club not R.S.A. With the exception of the relatively few ex letter force and ex navy people, most members are now of pension age or close to it. From now on I believe, we will see a fairly rapid decline in participation in club activities. Already the flag seems to be at half-mast most days.

So as a club, where do we go from here. Taking in social members could be a risk. I understand the Inland Revenue Department are looking at ways and means to tax profits or organizations who presently partially or completely enjoy freedom from tax. Maintaining profits by increasing sales to non-members (R.S.A.) would be playing into the tax-gatherers hands. Most tax privileges are provided to assist work in the welfare and social workers fields.

Tavern or Club. Now let's face it. Chaps don't visit the club to wile away an idle hour or two. Take away the bar and I believe you could close the doors for good, and operate the R.S.A. from a rested room. As for picking up an "old dig" - good idea - wouldn't he feel at home at the club between say, the hours of 5 and 6 on the latter days of the week, especially if he were a non-drinker.

Generally speaking, we have little genuine club atmosphere to offer apart from the availability of cheaper liquor which may be enjoyed in some comfort (one three evenings of the week anyway).

I know of cases where members have had to forego their privilege of a clubroom seat on a summers evening, even to the point of going to one of the local hotels. I wonder if this was brought about by increased numbers of visiting members, or let's face it, interlopers.

No, I believe a special committee should be formed to investigate completely, the use or non-use of the clubrooms. At least this would surely put an end to a lot of unhappy murmurings anyway.

Yes, I regretfully have to agree that we are at present more tavern than clubroom. A name? From October to April - "Bowler's Inn", for the remainder of the year, "B - All - Inn".

QUO VADIS.

Dear Sir

Details of the grants made from the General Account given in reply to Quo Vadis amounted to \$2284 was \$598 short of the total referred to in his letter and as shown in the last annual accounts.

Was something overlooked?

J R Naysmith

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

CROSSWORD PUZZLE 2

M	E	S	S		O	P	T		S	H	A	D
A	R	E	A		H	O	E		T	U	L	E
R	I	A	L		A	T	T	O	R	N	E	Y
C	A	N	T	E	R	S			V	A	S	E
			E	T	A		G	I	N			
B	R	I	D	E		M	A	D	D	E	N	S
L	A	D			F	U	R			R	E	A
Y	E	A	R	N	E	D			P	E	A	R
			H	E	N		V	A	S			
S	N	E	E	R		S	I	N	C	E	R	E
C	O	N	S	O	R	T	S		A	L	A	R
A	T	T	U		H	O	T		P	A	N	G
T	A	O	S		O	P	A		E	N	D	S

New Members

23289 Thomas Geoffrey Neal
 B84940 Raymond Jackson (Picton)
 415134 Frank Matthews

The hunter had missed the last six animals he had shot at. Embarrassed, he turned to his guide and said, "I guess I'm about the worst hunter in the world".
 "Oh no" protested the Guide, "There are lots of guys worse than you, but they don't hunt."

HISTORY R S A INDOOR BOWLS

HISTORY OF MARLBOROUGH R.S.A. MENS INDOOR BOWLING CLUB FROM IT'S OFFICIAL FORMATION IN 1954 TO THE CURRENT SEASON 1978

Foreword.

In this attempt to compile a condensed history of events persons and activities of the above Club the Author would like to point out that due to the loss of Minutes and Records for the first four years of the Clubs existence he has had to rely on the memory of several early members for information to try and bridge the gap. If readers of this period find anything factually incorrect or missing names and events I can only say sorry and do please let me know if you can fill those missing links.

HISTORY BEGINS

From reading of early Association minutes it is clearly established Wally Perkins was the initiator of our Indoor Bowls and its first resident and it is also clearly stated in our own minutes of 1959 that the official formation of the club took place in 1954. However even before this there are still some members around who can remember playing on the two old feltex mats in the bar-room of the old clubhouse with the late Hilda Shannon serving a tasty supper for all. From Fleet Burry then Manager of N.Z. Farmers Wally Perkins had secured two sets of Bowls and feltex mats, his idea was to encourage more members to make use of their club and from this humble beginning was laid the foundation for and birth of a club that has continued to grow and flourish over the past 25 years and has indeed brought many members to the club and has given enjoyment relaxation and a continuing interest to many hundreds of members and guests and for many years has been an integral part of the life and activities of Marlborough R.S.A. Over the years its contribution to the funds of the association have helped in no small way to keep the association in its present sound and healthy financial position. For the record in-so-far-as I have been able to ascertain, the first President was Wally Perkins, Secretary I.V.O. (Sam) Duncan Committee Doug Lucas and Nonie Thomas. After two years Wally Perkins who had started the ball rolling now stepped down as he became involved in the hierarchy of the association and went on to become President during the monumentous days and years of building the new clubhouse and its opening. He was followed as I.D.B. President by one Percy Johnson who later went as Barman to the Picton Club. Secretary was again Sam Duncan who in fact served in that position for 5 years, committee unknown except for Doug Lucas. Possibly they may have been Eric Perry, Norm Herd, Bill Thomason, Roy Beatson. The late Eric Perry Succeeded P Johnson as President. Secretary Sam Duncan, committee Doug Lucas, Roy Beatson, Benfell Raul Wedde C.M.J. (Reg) Watson, Norm Herd, Percy Johnson. In 1959 I.V.O. (Sam) Duncan finally moved into the chair as president with C.M.J. (Reg) Watson as Secretary. Committee Roy

Beatson, Paul Wedde, Eric Perry, Doug Lucas, Norm Herd, Match committee Benfell E Perry, P Johnson. About this time the club really started to blossom and branch out and the following is a list of interclub matches for that season.

Blenheim Working Mens Club 4 matches. Ward 1 match. Wairau Valley at Wairau Valley 1 match. Woodbourne Corporals Club at R.S.A. 1 match. Blenheim R.S.A. Ladies for Perkins Rosebowl 1 match. Combined clubs at Triple Links 1 match. Picton R.S.A. at Picton 1 match. Sometime in 1960 Reg Watson who had been an executive member of the R.S.A. for 2 years and was now a Vice President decided to step down as Secretary but remained as a committee member and Ren Drew was elected as Secretary with Sam Duncan still as President. Committee E Perry, R Beatson, N Herd, W Thomason. The following season Sam Duncan decided to have a spell and the late Les Shannon served for 1 year as president Ren Drew as secretary.

Committee E Perry, J Harris, L Jellyman, S Lucas, P Wedde. Match committee E Perry, J Slade, J Harris. The following season saw Sam Duncan back in the chair as president. Secretary Ren Drew. Committee C M J Watson, D Lucas, J Rose, T Neal, F Faulding. Match Committee R Strickland, T Neal, D Lucas. In 1962 Johnny Rose took office as secretary. Sam Duncan President. Committee R Strickland, D Lucas, T Payton, W Kirkwood, N Herd delegate to the association Reg Watson.

RUBBISH REMOVAL

WE CAN REMOVE YOUR DOMESTIC OR INDUSTRIAL REFUSE.
WE WILL LEAVE YOU A 44 GALLON DRUM WITH A LID
WHICH COSTS YOU ONLY \$1 -50 FOR US TO EMPTY.
ON A PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY BASIS.

GARDEN, HOUSEHOLD, BUSINESS PAPERS ETC.

HOUSEOWNERS - HAVE MORE LEISURE TIME, LET US
TAKE YOUR RUBBISH TO THE DUMP, ALSO SAVE
CAR RUNNING COSTS.

FLAT OWNERS AND RENTERS - SHARE WITH YOUR
NEIGHBOURS. CONCESSIONS ON MULTITUDE DRUMS.

RENT A DRUM

PHONE BLACK, 88-487 ANYTIME

At the annual General Meeting 1963 Sam Duncan finally decided to step down as president having served 5 years as secretary and 4 as President. An outstanding achievement of dedicated service to the club that was recognised by the award of the clubs first life membership and his appointment as patron of the club a position still held CMJ(Reg) Watson was elected as the new President. Johnny Rose Secretary. Committee R Strickland, E Rowe, F Faulding, T Neal, F Lightfoot. About this time saw the formation of the combined club that filled a growing need whereby a husband and wife and ladies generally could meet for weekly play each Monday night. At the time it was mooted that the two men and women combine fully with the mens club going into recess but after much discussion and for a number of reasons it was felt that there was good value and a place for both clubs and it was decided that the men retain their own identity as a club. Looking back I think this was a sound and wise decision because in a club as cosmopolitan as R.S.A. There are a number of members who for personal reasons would not have conformed in a dual set up and so would have been lost as bowling members. I would like to recall the names of some very early members some of whom served as committee member I guess no R.S.A. roll would be complete without the name of the legendary figure need I say Johnny McFarland. The pint sized Norm Herd whose famous saying when banana skins are falling I will come slipping home to you.

That inimitable character Doug (Gits) Lucas, a foundation committee member who was still serving the club as late as 1962. Although not an active playing member now, the club remembers and is grateful for your service. The evergreen Jim Slade was a committee member in those early days. In fact it was Jim who made and presented to the club the Triangular Shield for Competition between R.S.A, Blenheim W.M.C. and Woodbourne Sergeants Mess. Older members will still recall the numerous enjoyable evening home and away that this produced. It fell into disuse some years ago for a number of reasons. Perhaps now would be the time to try and revive it.

The late Eric Perry, an early president whose model of the new clubhouse still sits on a ledge in the Bar Lounge. Eric was a great stalwart of Indoor Bowls. Bob Strickland is another early member who is still serving and playing. The late Bill Pennington is another name that comes to mind together with Roy Beatson.

The late Paul Wedde, Peter Davis, Peter Atkinson, Vic Laird, Len Herd, Dubby Ford, Tommy Smith, Len Rogers, Jock Harris, Lindsay Jellyman, Don Formosa, and of course that quiet but very efficient and likable fellow Ren Drew who did Yeoman Service as secretary for several years and was followed by an equally popular and capable secretary. In the person of Johnny Rose. Sam Lucas currently Vice President must surely be one of our oldest serving and playing members. Trevor Neal was a great asset on committee for a number of years also the late Fred Faulding our first Vice President. Straw Thomas deserves special mention for his efforts on the match committee. Bob Bullen more than did his share in the

early days and still has an occasional game. The late Noel O'Sullivan, Gerald O'Neill, Wally McAlpine, Dave Cruickshanks, Clarrie Jamieson and Jack Woodham were another group of early members who still live on in our memories.

At the 1963 Annual General Meeting election of officers C.M.J (Reg) Watson was again elected as President Fred Faulding Vice President and Johnny Rose was succeeded as Secretary by George Hall a warrant officer from Woodbourne Air Force. Committee Bob Strickland, Bill Harland, Straw Thomas, Edgar Rowe, Sam Lucas, Bob Bullen, Paul Wedde. George Hall served as secretary until the end of the 1964 season when he was transferred out of the district by airforce. 1965 saw Johnny Rose back as Secretary with the same president and committee. At the end of the 1966 season saw Reg Watson step down as president for a brief period of one year. Bill Harland was the new president. V.P. Fred Faulding, Secretary J Rose with Alf Clark, Vic Laird and R Freeman as new additions to the committee. The following season saw C M J Reg Watson back in the chair as president a position he has held ever since. This time saw Jack Ahern appointed as secretary a position he has held ever since a really wonderful record of service that is unlikely to be equalled. I know that committee and members share with me their appreciation of your great efforts on their behalf. At this time also two new men joined the committee Stan Kidd who later became our second Vice President and still on committee plus Adrian Bishell a tower of strength on the match committee and still serving. The 1968 minutes confirm that the first ever rink to represent the club at the NZRSA National Indoor bowling tournament Stokes Valley June 1969 were the winning rink of the Diggers tour 1968 Orm Register (1) Vic Griffiths (2) Jack Ahern (3) Jack Sowman (4). The club made a grant \$20 towards expenses. Some early members will no doubt recall that before the alteration of the bar to its present position and before 10 O'Clock closing came into effect, that indoor bowls were often played in the original section of the bar lounge before the carpet was laid also that before carpet was laid in the executive meeting room and entrance foyer both were used for play in the Diggers tour. Before the advent of new clubhouse opened on 14 November 1959 we often hired Triple Links hall and Springlands hall to play visiting teas from Wairau Valley, Ward, B W M C, Woodbourne and our own club championships. The 1970 committee remained the same except for the addition of Charlie Bloxsome and Leo Simpson. 1971 saw Straw Thomas move up to Vice President and the president CMJ Reg Watson had the honour of life membership conferred on him only the second such awarded in the 25 years history of the club. About this time saw a change in the format for the Presentation of club Championship trophies from a purely male affair to a social evening including dancing whereby members could enjoy the company of wives and friends and perhaps get a cup if they had played well enough. This change proved to be a great success and is now an integral part of and an enjoyable wind up to our season activities. 1972 saw the addition to committee of Syd Robinson, Colin Campbell and Bob Gordon. 1973 saw

Stan Kidd elected as Vice President with Frank McKinly, Bob Miller, Murray Carroll and Vic Eade as new committee members. Mr Trevor Neal advised the annual general meeting that the president Reg Watson a past president of Marlborough R S A and a life member of the association and holder of NZRSA Merit badge and certificate had just been awarded the NZRSA gold star badge the highest honour NZRSA bestows upon a member. He then spoke in the highest terms of the work the president had done for the indoor bowling club over its many years of existence and also Marlborough R S A and on behalf of all members present offered congratulations to the president. 1974 same committee with addition of Wilf Fleming, Garry Smith, Lorry Brooks and Herb Anscombe. 1975 Status Quo with Irving Pollard, Ike Cameron and Steve Maddock the last named doing an outstanding job on the Match Committee for several years.

1976 Status Quo again with Johnny PcPherson and Lloyd Williams as new committee members. 1977 again the same committee with Herb Anscombe displacing Stan Kidd as Vice President.

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE

An angry taxpayer finally got his refund. A cheque for one cent. He went to the bank to cash it. The bank clerk looked at the cheque and asked "How do you want it - heads or tails".

PICKERING REAL ESTATE AGENCY LIMITED A.R.E.I.N.Z.

PORT UNDERWOOD

Attractive two level home on sunny 42 perch site 80 metres from water in sheltered Bay. Upper level has beautiful big lounge fully carpeted with water views over sun decks. Shower, kitchen and bedroom on this level. Large garage/workshop plus room for two bedrooms on ground floor. 120 cu ft freezing room included. Ideal home for retirement or working fisherman as pleasant locality with electricity and permanent water supply. Most chattels included plus colour Television. Price: \$42,000.

49 HIGH STREET
PICTON N.Z

R. J. PICKERING, MANAGER

TELEPHONES
BUSINESS 508-S
PRIVATE 508-M
961

Two loosies, two tighties
and a fullback
unanimously* agree
Lion Beer is best



** Well, almost unanimously.*

Lion Beer

If you know what's good for you



THIS MONTHS PERSONALITY



One of the best known of all R.S.A. members is this month's personality - John Mcfarlane, better known as Jock.

He has been one of the real characters of the club for many years and has a great memory for dates, names and places, as you will see by the story which we have created from his interview.

Jock was born on Boxing Day 1898 in a Pub (The Great Northern Hotel) at Waiau, in North Canterbury, his father being the owner of the Hotel. They came to Blenheim in 1896 when his father took over the Waihopai Hotel and when Jock became school age his mother built a house in Newtown, Wellington and he went to the Newtown Public School.

He has a great memory as he can remember the contingent leaving New Zealand for the Boer War. He remembers coming back to Blenheim in 1904 and he went to the Borough School and also had about four years at Springlands School. He had one year at the Marlborough High School when his father died and he had to leave to manage his father's flax mill at Wairau Valley. His father had started this Mill at Glengyle next to Mount Patriarch. Having learnt a little about the business during School holidays, he was able to step into his father's footsteps and manage the Mill. This was for a period of about twelve months then he sold it. Jock then took on various jobs such as fleece picking, harvesting, and eventually joined with N.Z. Loan & Mercantile Ltd in 1912 as an office boy where he stayed until he retired in 1950.

When the 1914 war broke out, Loan & Mercantile successfully appealed to stop Jock from going away but he became 21 years he volunteered of his own free will. On the 8th January 1917 he joined with the Canterbury Battalion who were stationed at Trentham, then at Featherston and then at Tauhereniku. He can remember marching over the Rimutakas on route marches, and many a good time was had by all during those exercises.

Eventually he was posted overseas and sailed from Wellington on the 15th April 1917, in the troop ship "S.S. Pakeha", Transport No 73. Jock being great on figures quoted 11,000 tons, 477 ft long and 64 ft wide and the Captain was Commander Lewis.

The very first morning out to sea he noticed that the sun was shining on the wrong side of the ship and soon found out that they were heading back to Wellington because the Troop ship was on fire. When they berthed in Wellington, the north island troops were allowed to go home for a few days but the south island troops had to stay put, but Jock and a few of his friends jumped the late Tom Eckfords boat, the "Opawa" and sailed to Blenheim.

Eventually they sailed from Wellington for the second time on the 26th April and went via Sydney where they spent 10 days waiting for Australian troops to arrive. They then proceeded on to Durban and Cape Town in South Africa arriving finally in England on 26th July. While in Cape Town, on 12th July (Orange Day) Jock played the pipes on the deck and this caused a little bit of a stir as a piper on the Battle Ship which was one of the escorts, answered the piping call my matching Jock tune by tune. While in England he was in Sling Camp at Wiltshire and went to France on the 15th September 1917 arriving at Bologne, then marching to Etappes Base Camp for final training before proceeding up the line.

He joined the second Canterbury Battalion, remained there until 11th November 1917 when they proceeded to march to Germany arriving at



Witherlea Meat Market

&

Seddon Butchery

Processors of

Beef Pork & Mutton

Bacon & Ham Curing

Also Small Goods

Special for August

Bacon \$1-40lb

Bill & Bev Lawson (Prop.)

Cologne on the 22nd February 1918, and served the rest of the time in Germany.

He first joined the R.S.A. in Blenheim in 1919 and has been a member ever since.



Jock is well known for his pipe music and has been a member of the Blenheim Pipe Band for many years, as a Drum Major. He was also judge for the Dominion Piping Championships in Dunedin in 1948. He learnt to play the pipes from John Gordon Bailey, the father of the Havelock Bakery. Well known for his piping on the Marlborough Walk, and a great entertainer at the R.S.A. on a new year's night.

He married Stella Glennie of Invercargill who was the champion highland dancer at the Canterbury Exhibition in 1907, so he has kept the Scottish side going.

He has three of a family, one son and two daughters who are still living.

The late Albert DeBoo (a Sgt), and the late Harry Turner (R.S.N.) of Blenheim were great favourites with Jock while in France. Another great favourite Sargeant is Alec Ford Watson of Havelock who is at present in Amersfoote Home. Jock is very proud to be a member of the R.S.A. and enjoys meeting people. He has been a great follower of Indoor Bowls and always enjoyed visits from other Clubs.

We take this opportunity of wishing Jock many more years of continued health and we all enjoy his pipes and stories of the past.

***Looking for
Timber & Joinery
Under One Roof?***

***see
D Murray Wemyss Ltd
in Freswick St.***

For

- ▶ Showers, Room Divisions
 - ▶ Windows, Doors
 - ▶ Kitchen Joinery
 - ▶ Wardrobes
 - ▶ Alplas Aluminium
 - ▶ Formica Tops
 - ▶ Wood Moulding
 - ▶ Timber for Fences
- Full Range in Stock**
Home Building

or Handyman

Open Saturday Mornings

GARDS PRINT

SEE US FIRST!

6 OPAWA STREET, TELEPHONE 3747

What's On This Mo

- OCTOBER 14th Music supplied in the Bar from 7.30 till 10.00 pm.
18th Pool - R.S.A. v Criterion at R.S.A.
21st Music supplied in the Bar from 7.30 till 10.00 pm.
25th Pool - Masonic v R.S.A. at R.S.A.
28th Music supplied in the Bar from 7.30 till 10.00 pm.

REMINDER

The following re-unions will be held:-

26th N.Z. Battalion - 10/11 March 1979

R.N.Z.A.S.C. - 27/28/29 April 1979

Ex Malayan Services - Labour Weekend 1979.

Marlborough Agents



Goodyear Tyres

FOR ALL

TYRE

SERVICES

Marlborough

5 FRESWICK ST

TELEPHONE
AFTER HOURS

FOR YOUR PRINTING REQUIREMENTS

Reports
Sales Letters
Business Cards
Price Lists
Circulars
Leaflets
Newsletters

Articles & Memorandums
Booklets
Invoices
Re-prints from magazines
Press Releases
Contracts
Labels

Letterheads
Catalogs
Manuals
Envelopes
Any Small Publications
Cardboard Printing

Month In Your Club

TROTTING NEWS



Horses to follow this month

BY "ARAPAHO"

I seem to be doing all right, if you had put one for a win and two for a place on all the horses I have picked so far, you would have been up \$54.00.

Here's hoping I can do the same for you this month:-

- MUSKET This horse won two last year, looks like he will win later on this month.
- JE-REVIENS Still a maiden but has been running on well.
- MARK SCOTT Is now trotting all the way and looks like it will improve quickly up North.
- ROYDON GALE Picked to be good. Look for first start.
- My pick for the Cup is "SAPLING".

High Tyre Co.

STREET, BLENHEIM

PHONE 6760

K. NEWMAN, 5551

AT ALL

TIMES THINK

GOODYEAR TYRES

Marlborough Agents



Goodyear Tyres

FULL CIRCLE

By our Political Reporter

As time went on, Vogel improved his standing in the House and in 1869 he became Colonial Treasurer in a Ministry of which Sir William Fox was Premier. His first budget took away the breath of even the boldest members. He proposed to embark upon an extensive scheme of borrowing. Ten million pounds were to be borrowed within ten years and spent upon bringing immigrants to New Zealand, and upon the construction of roads and main trunk railways, so that the colony might be prepared for the large increase in population.

Members of the House were astonished; but, upon consideration, the prospect of spending millions of pounds in the construction of public works proved very alluring. The proposals were carried without much serious criticism.

Events soon proved also that Vogel had not mistaken the temper of the colony. It was not long before he was the unchallenged dictator of New Zealand. The Fox Ministry went out of office in 1872, and, after a few months of uncertainty, Vogel himself became Premier in 1873. There seemed no limit to his ability to produce at least the appearance of wealth. "The one man whose transcendent ability was proclaimed not only all over New Zealand, but all over Australia, was the great borrower, the man who had shown the way to instant prosperity."

A few responsible leaders of the older colonists shook their heads at the new ways of getting rich quickly. Mr Waterhouse, who for a few months in 1873 acted as Premier of a Cabinet in which Vogel had most power, was afterwards a very strong critic of Vogel's policy. He pointed out that the good times, for which Vogel was getting all the credit, were mainly due to the very high prices of wool and other products. The Australian colonies also were very prosperous, though they had no great borrowing policy. There was, in fact, a great revival of trade after the war between France and Prussia in 1870. For a few years the demand for such raw materials of industry as wool and skins seemed almost insatiable. Prices therefore rose to heights that had not been dreamed of in the slack years before 1870.

Everything seemed favourable to the new policy. The good times, helped on by the spending of large sums of borrowed money, set the whole colony awl with excitement. Grand schemes of development were proposed in every province, and the pressure from all parts of the colony was so great that far more than the original sums proposed by Vogel had to be borrowed. The population of New Zealand was only a quarter of a million people; but over twenty million pounds, instead of ten millions, were borrowed in the ten years between 1870 and 1880.

Much of this money was borrowed with difficulty. The Premier himself went to London in 1874 to arrange for more loans. He was away for more than a year and there was much criticism of his absence for such a long period.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 23

FROM HERE AND THERE

Palmerston North R.S.A. have donated \$1,600 to the Army Memorial Museum Fund.

Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce has recommended that serious consideration be given to the abandonment of Anzac Day Commemoration in its present form.

D.E.C. is strongly opposed to this. R.S.A. members should be ever alert to see that there is no further eroding of "our day".

The D.E.C. noted that East Coast Bays R.S.A. had advised that their local power authority in Auckland had been persuaded to recognise them and other R.S.A.'s as charitable institutions and therefore became eligible to purchase power at a substantially cheaper rate. Perhaps Marlborough R.S.A. could try something similar.

Mr R. J. McCombe reported to the D.E.C. that the Government has approved increases in the War Veterans Allowance, War Service, Economic and Orphan's pensions and Mother's allowance from 26th July and that payments at the increased rate had started on 17th August 1978.

The D.E.C. was advised that a formal invitation had been received from the National Headquarters R.S.L. for a delegation of N.Z.R.S.A. members and wives to visit Australia, to take part in the 1979 Anzac commemoration and the secretariat had been authorised to plan the visit in the same form as the previous visit in 1977. Anyone thinking of going please contact the Secretary, Marlborough R.S.A.

Mr R.J. McCombe, Chairman, War Pensions and Related matters sub-committee reported to the D.E.C. on the War Pensions amendment Bill 1978, which had been introduced into Parliament recently.

Some of the provisions of the amending bill were considered not to be in the best interests of war pensioners. These included granting power to the Secretary for War Pensions, in his discretion, to direct the payment of a pension, with or without the consent of the pensioner to any person in payment of the pensioner's lawful debts or other liabilities and to forfeit unpaid pensions or allowances. D.E.C. have objected strongly to this clause.

Les Watson's Secret of Longevity

A noted French physician maintains that if a man consumes a glass of brandy each evening for 1200 months, he will live to be a hundred.

R.S.A. COMBINED INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

On behalf of our President Murray Carroll, we wish to report a very successful season. We ended with a Social Function with representatives from sister clubs on September 30th.

Apart from an earlier report in your first edition announcing our Championship Women we are pleased to add:-

Improved Junior	Kath Gane
Improved Senior	Bryan Harris
Aggregate	Joyce Clunies-Ross
Aggregate	Sam Lucas

Murray thanked all his committee, club captain Colleen Neal, secretary/treasurer Joyce Clunies-Ross and asked a Foundation member, Mrs Kath Faulding to make our Annual Presentations of cups and prizes.

Best wishes to your excellent publication of "Crossfire".

Begger: "Lovely lady, would you give five cents to a blind man?"

Lady: "If you are blind, how do you know I am a lovely lady?"

Beggar: "Frankly lady, I am not blind."

Lady: "Here's 20 cents."

BLENHEIM ELECTRIC HOUSE LTD.

(W. R BRUNTON)

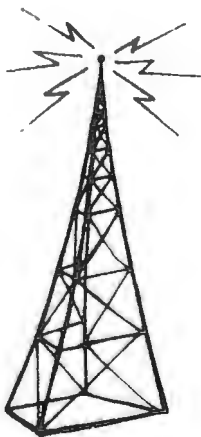
FOR ALL REPAIRS

RADIO & T.V.

SEE US

at 6 OPAWA STREET

Telephone 3564
Private 6812



By the time that Sir Julius Vogel (who had been knighted in the meantime) returned to New Zealand the stimulating effect of the borrowed money was passing away and not even the Premier's return could bring back the feeling of easy prosperity.

Time is Valuable - Don't Waste It

It's a bit like the blind snake who spent all Sunday afternoon trying to seduce the garden hose.



**We'll pack up
your troubles**

ANZ Travel

Getting away on holiday takes quite an amount of organizing. Particularly if you're about to embark on an over seas trip.

Let ANZ handle the details for you. We have many years of experience in the travel business. From hotel booking through to road, sea, air or rail tickets, visas and health certificate requirements - we can arrange every detail for you.

At ANZ Travel there's a big difference. We're always ready to lend an ear and answer any question. We know from experience that sorting out the small details means a smooth start to your holiday.

Enquire now at one of the ANZ Travel Centres below

Auckland: 101 Queen and Victoria Street Ph: 362 800
South Auckland: 42 Atkinson Ave. Christchurch Ph: 333 333
Wellington: 57 Willis Street Ph: 722 500
Christchurch: 85 Hereford Street Ph: 333 333



ANZ BANK
Ready to listen-Ready to help.

DO YOU NEED....



- CHINA WARE
- KITCHEN WARE
- TILT-A-DOORS
- GLASS SUPPLIES
- BUILDERS SUPPLIES
- PAINT & WALLPAPER
- PLUMBING SUPPLIES
- ALUMINIUM DOORS & WINDOWS
- HARDWARE ITEMS
- POWER TOOLS

CONTACT.....



HWB

CO.

MARKET St. & GROVE RD. BLENHEIM. PHONE 6329.
HIGH St. PICTON. PHONE 514.

Our Fair Ladies

Once again there was a good attendance at the September meeting of the Women's Section with Mrs Jo Allan presiding.

The entertainment for the afternoon was provided by the Blenheim C.W.I. and was most enjoyable. Our sales table and raffle table did brisk business. A welcome "cuppa" brought the afternoon to a close.

The November meeting will be held at night, November 1st at 7.30 p.m. It is to be a Tupperware evening and you can bring a friend or two, also a plate please for supper.

Our World War I Veterans afternoon was indeed a happy one with the entertainment coming from the Blenheim C.W.I. and with everyone joining in the singing. Items were also given by Mr J. Coutts, on his accordion. Les Watson gave us a song and Mrs Nees recited.

The next afternoon will be held on October 16th at 2 p.m.

R.S.A. SHOP DAY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH, 1978 AT 10.00 A.M. FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

Novelties galore. There will be a white elephant stall, plus cakes plants and sweets and produce stalls. Certainly we will be having a raffle stall too, as well as morning and afternoon tea.

We would like the support of all members.

Moira Wilson

R S A G O L F S E C T I O N

There is still time to enter the Marlborough R.S.A. annual golf tournament which will be held this year at the Fairhall Course on Sunday 15th October. The tournament is over 18 holes and has been very popular in recent years with good trophies in R.S.A., non R.S.A. and Ladies sections.

Entries close on Monday, 9th October for those who wish to be in the draw, but usually a limited number of post entries are accepted. Forms are available in the clubhouse and entries should be given to Roy Cunningham or Ian Glass.

Come on, golfers! Support your own tournament which this year, is offering increased sponsorship for two local R.S.A. golfers to attend the National Tournament in 1979.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a hole at our tournament please contact Roy Cunningham, Ian Glass or Duncan Robertson.

GARDENING HINTS.

Dig With David

Home gardeners are a neurotic mob, the more so because they are always prepared to blame factors other than those over which they have control, for failures.

I'm going to talk a bit about vegetable seed, but the remarks apply equally well to flower seeds.

Seeds and plants, like every other living organism, have fairly precise requirements for their development into a life form, and subsequent growth to a reproductive stage. Bear this in mind, a carrot seed doesn't germinate and grow into a carrot so you can eat it - the purpose of all plants (and many humans) is to grow and multiply.

To do this effectively, good conditions suitable for the particular plant are required. For example, tomatoes will NOT make satisfactory root growth when the soil temperature is less than 14 deg C. They won't die, but will more or less, stand still, and be prone to attack by the various lurgies that lurk about.

Carrots will germinate in seven weeks at 5 deg C. whereas seven days are sufficient at 28 deg C.

The optimum temperature for beets, beans, cabbage, lettuce, radish and tomato is around the 28 deg C. and lower temperatures will delay the act. Parsnips will grow quite well at a lower temperature, about 18 deg C. but

PICTON TRANSPORT SERVICE LTD

L.M.V.D.

50 WELLINGTON STREET, PICTON

Mobil

FOR MOBIL SERVICE

PETROL, OIL AND TYRES

LUBRICATION

BREAKDOWN SERVICE

CAR STORAGE

MECHANICAL REPAIRS

TELEPHONE 160 PICTON, 6222 BLENHEIM

P.O. BOX 144 PICTON

the minimum for establishment is around 10 deg C. This is quite a lot higher than many other vegetables. Unfortunately, soil temperatures are not shown in the met details given in the local paper. It could well be of interest to have these published. They are recorded daily - at three levels, I think.

POSITION OF SECRETARY/MANAGER

The above position was advertised in the Marlborough Express, the Christchurch Press, the Dominion, and the Nelson Mail.

There were thirteen written enquiries regarding the position.

When applications closed on Tuesday, 26th September 1978, eight written applications had been received. Five from Blenheim, one from Palmerston North, one from Westport, and one from Rangiora.

The Management Committee, plus the Chairman of the Marlborough Provincial Patriotic Council (Mr Frank Norton) met on Thursday 29th September, to look through the applications.

It was decided to reduce the number to two applicants, and they were interviewed on the recommendation of the committee:-

The Executive approved the appointment of Mr Paul Brodie.

Music At Last

It has been advocated in the Club for sometime, and at long last the Social Committee are going to proceed with the following ideas.

Providing we get the support from the members, first starting from Saturday 14th October, there will be music in the bar from 7.30 until 10 p.m. with a different group each week.

Some of the other ideas are to redecorate the Hall and have nicer furnishings with an open Bar and a small band for dancing every Saturday night. This will probably take place early in the New Year providing again, that we get the support from the members.

Two children were talking and one told the other that her Aunty has just had a baby.

"But isnt your Uncle in the Army?" objects the other child.

"Oh sure he is" says the first child airily, "but he writes her everyday."

He must have along pencil, says the second child wonderingly.



TODAY'S GREAT DRINK

Sub-Branch News

PICTON BRANCH

"Great, fabulous, haven't enjoyed myself so much in years, I enjoyed every second of it".

Such were the comments of the weary but happy visitors as they alighted from the bus on its return to Picton.

After a shaky start, when almost everyone was aboard the bus at 7.55 a.m and there was no sign of Bruce until a couple of minutes past eight, when he appeared at the end of the street, sauntering along reading his newspaper, the bus departed at 8.05 a.m and then the weekends programme went like clockwork for the party of 43.

The driver, Robbie Quin was an encyclopedia of information, commanding immediate silence each time the P.A. system crackled to introduce some more information about the scenery we were passing, or just to relate one of his stories.

After a brief stop at Lake Rotoiti, where we heard about the "International Toilets", and the pet fish were conspicuous by their absence, the coach stopped for a half hour at Murchison for morning tea. We arrived at Westport at 1.10 p.m. where people booked into their various hotels, had lunch, and then a large percentage of the party continued to Granity via Coal Town, which proved to be one of the highlights of the weekend. We arrived back in Westport in time to be educated in the art of selling raffles. They've certainly mastered the art in Westport R.S.A., taking \$300 in a one hour session, and people were still queuing for more.

The evening's social was another happy occasion, where old acquaintances were renewed and new friends made. The Editor will be pleased to note that copies of "Crossfire" attracted at least one confirmed order with our Secretary. The recipient, Ike Edwards and his wife were endeared by all of our party.

After breakfast the wharf and river bank had a magnet like attraction to the Pictonians, bombarding the whitebaiters with requests to purchase their precious few "silver ingots". Also only the early birds were lucky and there were no big feeds to take home.

WESTPORT VISIT



At 10 a.m. we enjoyed a two hour session of indoor bowls, pool and darts. There was no competition though, just informal fun in the same vein as the rest of the weekend. The Westport ladies turned on a lovely lunch for the party prior to our departure at 2.00 p.m.

On the journey home, Sherriff Stacey showed his unscrupulous capabilities, and nobody was safe from his "little black book". The theme of the Sherriff's session was to Sing or pay for your 'crime'. Although many did sing or do a thing, the hospital and welfare benefited by \$7.00, although that figure was boosted by \$2.00, by our Karori visitor, Bill Mathews. He wasn't booked by the Sherriff and thought he should've been.

The five and a half hour journey home was one of the quickest five and a half hours I've spent, with music and singing and a few more comfort stops than on Saturday.

The final word goes to the coach driver, who avowed that "it is the most organised party he's ever had the pleasure to escort."

My apologies for not having the history of the R.S.A. from 1945 onward as promised in the last "Crossfire", but every attempt will be made for its inclusion in the next edition.

SPRING CREEK SERVICE STATION (1975) LTD

Main Rd. Spring Creek



FOR ALL MECHANICAL REPAIRS PETROL AND
DIESEL ENGINES



■ TYRE & TUBE REPAIRS ■ BATTERY SERVICE

■ GAS & ARC WELDING ■ GENERAL ENGINEERING

■ GREASING & OIL CHARGING ■ STEAM CLEANING ■ PETROL

■ CIGARETTES ■ ACCESSORIES

FOR PROMPT EFFICIENT AND FRIENDLY SERVICE SEE US

Tel 899 Sck

Box 63

Tom Reeves & Bert Croft (Props)

Pictons Good News

At the club committee meeting on 26 September, plans presented by Mr Jim Maxwell, Chairman of the building committee, for extensions of 10 metres to the front of the clubrooms were accepted and recommended to be presented for approval to a General Meeting. The date of the general meeting should be advertised in the near future, so keep it in mind. The sketch plan will be on display in the club rooms.

Club activities for October include the monthly social on Labour Weekend, Saturday 21st. Socials haven't been as well patronised over the past 6 months as in previous years, so how about giving your social committee a shot in the arm, and bring along your visitors or friends.

The pool programme is:

Wednesday 4th V's	Terminus at Terminus
Wednesday 11th V's	Fire Brigade at Fire Station
Wednesday 17th	Club Night
Wednesday 24th	Club Night

MEETINGS

R.S.A. Executive	Thursday 12 October
Ladies Section	Tuesday 10 October
Clubhouse Committee	Tuesday 24 October

BAR DUTIES

Because of the efforts of our volunteer barmen/ladies, the prices of beer and spirits in our club are on par with the cheapest of any licensed club in New Zealand. We never have too many volunteers, so if you would like to help us with bar duties, please contact President Jim Taylor at the bar.

The Marlborough branch of the ex Malayan Servicemens Association held a foundation Social in the Picton R.S.A. clubrooms on 16 September. A crowd of about 80 ex Malaysians, wives and friends were treated to an evening's musical entertainment provided "free of charge" by a band re-formed by W.W. 11 member Des York. Des contacted musicians he used to "tinkle the ivory"s with in pre war years, and the association is extremely grateful to Les Evans, Bert Lawrence and Doug Stevens who all travelled from Christchurch to perform. For the majority for the band, it was the first time they'd played together since the war. The "old timers" were ably supported by Val Porteous on the piano, whose talent is exceeded only by her beauty. Thanks also go to Dennis Fletcher for his accordian accompaniment.

Full marks to Dave Porteous who organised the bulk of the evenings programme, including the super supper, which was enough to feed his entire regiment. Supporters arrived in 2 Mini buses from Blenheim, effectively beating the drink/drive blitz. Ian Hislop elected his own transport and must qualify for the sherriffs corner. When he arrived, he had to clear

the club of 8 or 10 hefties to give his car a lift back on to the road. He'd run the front left hand tyre over the boundary retaining wall, where there's a 4 ft drop. Well done Ian!!

Thanks must also go to the Picton social committee, who were on hand to supply help and/or advice when needed. Margaret Frisken was well rewarded for her efforts in the supper room. She won 4 bottles of wine and a duchess set in various prizes, but our thanks go to her all the same, for the way in which supper was presented.

Although the financial aspect of the evening was approximately a \$5 loss, the beneficial gain was an important step toward setting up the Marlborough ex Malayan Servicemens Association, having created awareness of others who up till now were only mildly interested.

The monthly meeting held on Wednesday 27 September, also at Picton, discussed plans for a barbecue, possibly on November 11th, the possibility of another social about December 16th and ideas for fund raising raffles. The committee was also advised that the National Re-union will be held in the South Island in 1987, and members were asked to give some thought to the viability of Marlborough staging a bid as a venue.

PICTON R.S.A. - FAREWELL - REX AND HETTY

On Saturday 23rd September, members and friends bid Rex and Hetty Gibb a fond farewell at the monthly social. The President Mr Jim Taylor presented the couple with an ornately carved model of a Maori Canoe of the Whaka-taua and a cheque. Mr Taylor thanked Rex for his service to the club, especially over the past 5 years when he was elected to the R.S.A. executive. Since that time, Rex has held the positions of R.S.A. Vice President, Clubhouse Vice President and Chairman of the Social Committee, all positions held were executed with efficiency and his departure will be our loss. Mr Taylor also noted that Hetty has done a sterling effort for the club, as barmaid on Thursdays. She was also a member of the ladies section and the games committee.

The finance for the canoe came from a collection from members, and the response was overwhelming.

Rex, a bake and pastry cook joined the freezing works in Picton in 1956 and since 1968 has been Freezer Foreman.

The couple are moving to Granity and will take over as proprietors of the Granity Tavern on October 12th. All Picton visitors may be assured of a warm welcome when visiting Granity. Rex and Hetty have decided not to sell their home in Picton, so we wish them all the best for the future, knowing that they will return.

Prize winners at the social were:-

Monte Carlo	D. Porteous and V. Spencer
Lucky Spot	T. Gifkens and I. Tapp.

PICTON R.S.A. INDOOR BOWLS CLOSE FOR 1978

An enjoyable evening to celebrate the closing of the most successful 1978 season, was held in the Navy League Hall on Monday 2nd October, where trophies were presented for:-

Biddis Cup	L. Rowlands (s), D. Dahlberg, A. Sixtus, J. Vorris.
Chalker Cup	M. Charters (s), A. Sixtus
Murrell Trophy	M. Charters
Silver Jubilee Triples	B. Topp, V. Owen, K. Wilkens.

R.S.A. LADIES PICTON :

To say that there was a good "muster" of members in attendance at the September meeting of the section would be rather appropriate, as although no sheep were present, some of their fleeces were on display. Two of our members, Mrs Phyll Wilkes assisted by Mrs Sybil Phillips, had done a great deal of preparation including carrying four spinning wheels up the stairs to give a demonstration of homespun wool. The various steps were explained right from the raw wool off the fleece through to the finished garments, which both ladies were wearing. Fellow members were invited to have a go at the spinning wheel, which several did with varying degrees of success -

BLLENHEIM JOINERY COMPANY

JOINERY

KITCHEN FITTINGS & FORMICA BENCH TOPS

▪ **WOODEN WINDOWS**

▪ **WOOD TURNING**

▪ **DOORS**

▪ **STAIRS**

Phone 4455 or 3232 private

G. Gardiner (prop.)

or lack of it!!! However, some potential talent was obvious among the tryers, and our two demonstrators were heartily thanked for providing a very interesting afternoon. During the meeting, President Mrs Betty Topp extended best wishes for the future to our departing member Mrs Hetty Gibb, who will be leaving shortly with husband Rex for the Granity Tavern. Members were assured of a warm welcome should they be in the area. Mrs Doris Parfitt was winner of the monthly raffle. Those taking part in the Christmas entertainment have now started practices.

Joan M Taylor.

PICTON R.S.A. VISIT TO WESTPORT CLUB

A "BIRD'S EYE" VIEW.

The ladies were well represented on the trip. Of the 19 women present, thirteen were Womens' Section members and every one of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. There was some surprising hidden talent discovered on the bus in the impromptu entertainment among the girls. All were good sports and contributed to making the time fly. We were pleased to see some of our Picton Club friends already at Westport, but even more surprised and delighted to meet several of our W.S. members at Granity. It seems whitebaiting was the lure - or the excuse in all cases. For those of us who had been on the previous visit it was good to meet again the friendly Westport W.S. Ladies whose catering abilities at both the Saturday night dance, and at the luncheon before our departure on the Sunday; were outstanding. We as W.S. Members knew just how much preparation had gone into the food provided.

Before we left, their W.S. President Betty Fox sang for us the lovely song "You need Hands", and invited us to join with her. Our retiring Vice-President Rex Gibb and Hetty then sang on our behalf. Eileen Mattingley, our W.S. Secretary expressed the thanks of the Picton ladies.

This Bird's eye View wouldn't be complete, however, without mentioning our wonderful little W.S. Member Mrs "Shorty Wilkins". Shorty is 80-plus and joined in completely with the entire programme. She not only joined in the dances on Saturday night, but outstayed some of us lesser souls who quietly retired before the end of the festivities. And there she was bright as a button the next morning, joining in the indoor bowls long before some of the more "sorry but wiser" souls were able to put in an appearance. All in all a most entertaining and well planned trip for which credit and a big thank you to John Frisken as Organiser.

Joan M Taylor.

(Clive's Bird.)

FLAXBOURNE SUB-BRANCH

Congratulations to Wally and Betty Bowers for their successes in the recent Marlborough Horticultural Society's Spring daffodil show.

The Bowers' retirement from active farming doesn't seem to have lessened their ability to produce the right blooms at the right time.

We wish Wally and Betty more success as they exhibit further afield.

NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

CONSPICUOUS BY ITS ABSENCE

The young maiden got herself involved in a divorce case and was being questioned in court.

"So", Miss Jones you admit that you went to a hotel with this man?"

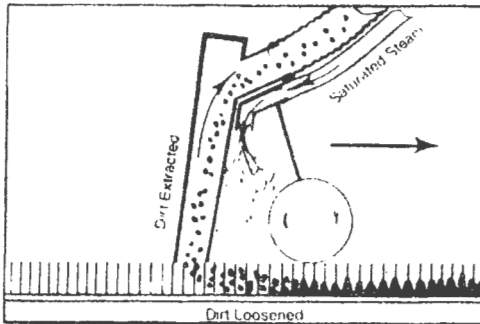
"Yes I do, but I couldn't help it - he deceived me."

"And how did he do that?"

"Well, he told the reception clerk that I was his wife."

BLENHEIM COMMERCIAL CLEANERS LTD

Steam Clean Carpet Cleaners Steam Clean



First of all, a fine spray of steam is forced into the carpet.

With a deep rinse* action the steam penetrates the carpet, loosening both clinging surface soil and deep down dirt and holding it in suspension.

The dirt is then immediately extracted by powerful suction.

REDUCES FREQUENCY OF REPEAT CLEANING — because the deep steam process is so thorough there is no sub-surface soil remaining to work its way upward. You can actually see the hidden dirt in suspension as it is removed — including that left behind from previous shampooing.

CUTS DRYING TIME TO A MINIMUM — from the usual eight to ten hours to a much more acceptable one to three hours.

ADDS YEARS OF USE AND GOOD LOOKS — because the grinding wear resulting in telltale traffic patterns is minimized by removal of grit and grime from the base of the fibers. Furniture marks disappear as gentle steaming action fluffs fibers back to their original appearance.

RESTORES DEEPER LUSTER AND COLOR—because simultaneous cleansing and extracting action penetrates to full depth of the fibers — not just the surface ends

Free Quotes

Phone 87075

crossword puzzle 3

Answers to this crossword will be in the next issue.

ACROSS

1. Beechnuts
5. Cut short
9. Evil
12. Culture medium
13. Den
14. Commotion
15. Trifle
17. Herd of whales
18. Coffeehouse
19. Shape or fashion
21. Swordlike arm
24. Food in general
25. Harem rooms
26. Pauper's haven
30. Roofing slate
31. Sport groups
32. Sorrow
33. Romulus and Remus
35. New Zealand tree
36. Cardinal number
37. Kingly
38. Garden shelter
40. Touch end to end
42. Jackie's spouse

43. The orpine, or live-forever
48. Cognizance
49. Charles Lamb
50. Roofing material
51. Old times (arch.)
52. Campus disturbance
53. Discharge

DOWN

1. Fairy queen
2. Turkish officer
3. Droop
4. Searches out
5. Character in music

6. Chest sound
7. Lubricate
8. Favors
9. Forerunner of lacrosse
10. Style of furniture
11. Cupola
16. Sailor
20. British military organization (abbr.)
21. European tree
22. Jewish month
23. Blowhard
24. Mothers
26. Equal
27. Large paddle
28. Roster
29. Repast
31. American author-cartoonist
34. Pedal digit
35. Turn
37. Regret
38. Cook a certain way
39. Russian city
40. Exchange premium
41. Cry, as a calf
44. Fourth caliph
45. Pep
46. Hebrew priest
47. Harden

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11
12					13	14	15	16		17	18	19
15					16	17	18	19		20	21	22
				18	A	F	E		19	20	21	22
21	22	23			R			24		25	26	27
25					26	27	28	29		30	31	32
30					31	32	33	34		35	36	37
33			34		T	E	R	S		35	36	37
			36		O	R			37			
38	39				E			40	41			
42					43	44				45	46	47
48					49					50		
51					52					53		



**MAKE A
WHOLESALE
SAVING**

ON YOUR HOME SUPPLIES

**FOR ALL YOUR
WINE & SPIRIT REQUIREMENTS,
CONSULT THE EXPERTS**

OPEN SATURDAYS 9am — 5.30pm

**Main St,
Blenheim**

**Wellington St,
Picton**



**Wrightson
WINES & SPIRITS**

WHEN YOU THINK OF

ASSURANCE

THINK OF ME

• FIRE

• LIFE

• ACCIDENT

• MARINE

• ESTATE PLANNING



ERROL HANCOCK

P.O. Box 662
Blenheim
Bus.: 87-016 Res.: 4996



PRUDENTIAL

The Prudential Assurance Company Limited

INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND