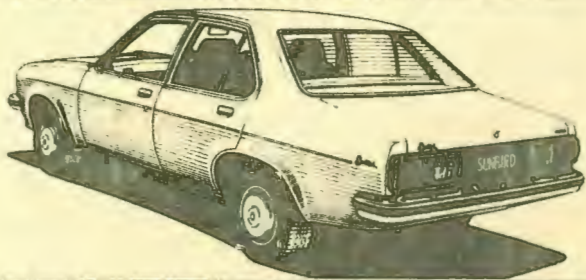


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Editorial

In our first edition we published an article entitled "Protecting a Club Charter". One of the major comments made by the Licensing Control Commission in their annual report to Parliament was their never-ending source of wonderment that a small number of Clubs place their Charter in jeopardy by breaches of the Visitor's Rule. We still see non-member visitors walking into the Club as large as life and not signed in by a member and "member" in this sense means a full member of the R.S.A. - not an associate or affiliate of one of our off-shoot clubs.

A complaint, (say from a jealous publican) passed to the Licensing Control Commission that we are serving non-members or allowing non-members the use of the Club could, if up-held, result in our Charter being revoked. If this happened the premises, by law, could never again be used as a chartered club. It's up to each individual member to protect the interests of the majority in this respect and make sure guests are always signed in.

There could be a lot of thirsty Sunday bowlers about the RSA this year. Because the Bowling Club uses the main RSA Club premises and do not have their own separate building, for which they could apply for an Ancilliary Licence, it will be necessary to make an application each time they want to sell liquor on a Sunday for an extension of the trading hours granted under the Charter. Such an application must be made at least ten days in advance, be approved by the local Magistrate and be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00 with each application. We have also been advised that it is Police Policy to oppose any such applications for extended trading. It can be expected that any extensions will be closely monitored and the Charter could be in danger if liquor is served without a permit.

One of our members has suggested that the answer to this problem could well be one for NZRSA to take up on behalf of all RSA clubs similarly affected by the new laws.

PAUL BRODIE
EDITOR.

To Advertisers

TO ADVERTISERS Copies of your advertisement to reach the R.S.A. Office, Blenheim no later than 25th of the month preceding issue. Advertising rates may be obtained on application.

The Editor is Paul Brodie, Sub-editor Allan Gardiner, the printers Gards Print Limited. All letter to the Editor must be in by 30th.

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

Presidents Page

During the month a Social Welfare worker rang me to say that during the course of her work she comes across many Returned men and widows of returned men who are very lonely and at times very depressed. They badly need, she said, some one to visit them occasionally, just to spend an hour or two talking with them.

We have a very dedicated Welfare Committee but of course they cannot do the impossible so if you know anyone who is sick or lonely and you haven't the time to visit them yourself, please contact one of our Welfare Committee or myself.

The contract for the construction of Ladies Toilets and Cloakroom at the western end of our building plus alterations to the roof of the bars has been let. Bob Forbes was the successful tenderer. Bob hopes to have the toilets finished by Christmas.

Keith and I spent an hour or so with the Senior Sgt of Police discussing extended hours permits for the bowling season. As our Club rooms are licenced premises we cannot obtain a Booth Licence nor can the Bowling Club get ancillary licence. The law does not allow two separate licences for a building. We can however, apply for an "extended hours permit". As it is Police policy to oppose all Sunday permits, extended hours permits can be granted only by a magistrate. If the permits are granted the hours will probably be 12 noon to 8 p.m. during daylight saving time.

Our Clubhouse Committee lost a valuable member in tragic circumstances during the month. Jim didn't seek the limelight but was always there to do his share and more if required. He will be sadly missed.

Registration slips for our Doomsday Book are slow coming in. If you haven't filled yours in yet, get a slip from the box near the notice board, fill it in and return it to the box as soon as possible. We would like to have the book completed early in the new year.

I have had several inquiries lately re eligibility of Merchant Seamen who served on the New Zealand coast. Rule 1 (III) B indicates that Merchant Seamen who did not proceed outside territorial waters are not eligible for full membership, nor is there any provision in the rules for admission as service members.

Nola and I had the honour of presenting the prizes won at the R.S.A. Golf Tournament held at Fairhall. We spent an enjoyable couple of hours in the Clubhouse. We thank the Golf section for extending this invitation to us.

There are still some members not signing in their guests. Never let it be said that you placed our Charter in jeopardy. Sign in your guests.

KEN YEALANDS

SOME MEMORIES OF 'SMITHY' WHO MADE THE FIRST FLIGHT ACROSS THE TASMAN

IN SEPTEMBER 1933 - 45 YEARS AGO

As a Lieutenant under training in the RFC 1916 "I am a criminal about to be charged with poaching. Two of us went up in a machine to shoot some game for a dinner we were going to have. I flew the machine and Dawson had a shotgun in the back seat. We managed to shoot a few partridges from the air but were caught when landing to pick them up" - The charge was dropped.

HIS LAST WARTIME FLIGHT 14 AUGUST 1917

One of the eight fighters returning home, he was attacked by a German scout plane. Said Smithy "I sort of recollect a fearful clatter just in my ear and a horrid bash on my foot which made me think my whole leg had gone." He came home by instinct with blood gradually filling his flying boot past his knee. There were 180 bullet holes in the aircraft and two of his toes were amputated.

** An original poem appears in this month's Crossfire and the R.S.A. acknowledges the gift of a painting by Harry Greer now displayed in the T.V. Lounge - there's obviously some talent in our midst.

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RAIDING PARTY SUCCESSFUL

Four of our members re-enacted wartime experiences when they boarded a landing barge at Picton to invade the small island to our North. They beached unobserved shortly before dawn and a recce party comprising Big Rex and Little Jimmy penetrated the defences as far as Courtenay Place before encountering the enemy. After some discussion with the defenders they were finally convinced that it wasn't cricket to attack before all defence forces were awake and ready. So the kindly enemy drove them back to their landing barge in an armoured car with most unusual blue lights on the roof. A council of war was then held with the remainder of the raiding party made up of Big Jim and Dusty 'D' and a second attack launched at 0800 hours successfully captured their objective - the towns only fuel dump open at that hour. After holding their ground for some hours under heavy fire the shell-shocked heroes managed to stagger back to their barge nursing their wounds and minus the large flightless bird which someone lacking a sense of humour had chained to the wall in the Royal Mint of the enemy town.

(Editors note: If they don't contribute 50c each to the Hospital Comfort Fund the full story will be told in public!)

WHO DUNNIT ?

Following my controversial article in the September issue of Crossfire, it was suggested that I am hiding behind the cover of 'Crossfire' to express my own personal views.

Make no mistake, I am responsible alone for all articles so far published under the heading of Picton R.S.A. (with the exception of our fair ladies reporter, Joan Taylor) and emphatically 'yes' opinions expressed are my own!

In the August edition of Crossfire, the executive were introduced and among the other responsibilities, E. John Frisken was introduced as publicity officer, so I don't think I'm guilty in either charge. However I am always glad to receive constructive criticism. Many thanks to the minority of members who have so far fitted into this category.

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NEWS ITEMS

** Levin R.S.A. have donated \$1000 to the Waiouru Museum.

An Auckland Spirit Merchant has been refused permission to use the R.S.A. badge on a whisky label. The brand was to be called "Old Comrades" R.S.A. membership for sons and daughters - Mr Carson has been asked to investigate the position with the R.S.L. and the Royal Canadian Legion and report as soon as possible.

The Greek National Radio and Television plan to produce a Television film on the "Battle for Crete". The programme plans to cover New Zealand, German and other nations who participated in the battle. The producer may visit New Zealand to interview N.Z.R.S.A., 28th Maori Battalion and Crete Veterans Association.

** D.E.C. has ruled that Womens Section Badges are customarily worn on the right lapel.

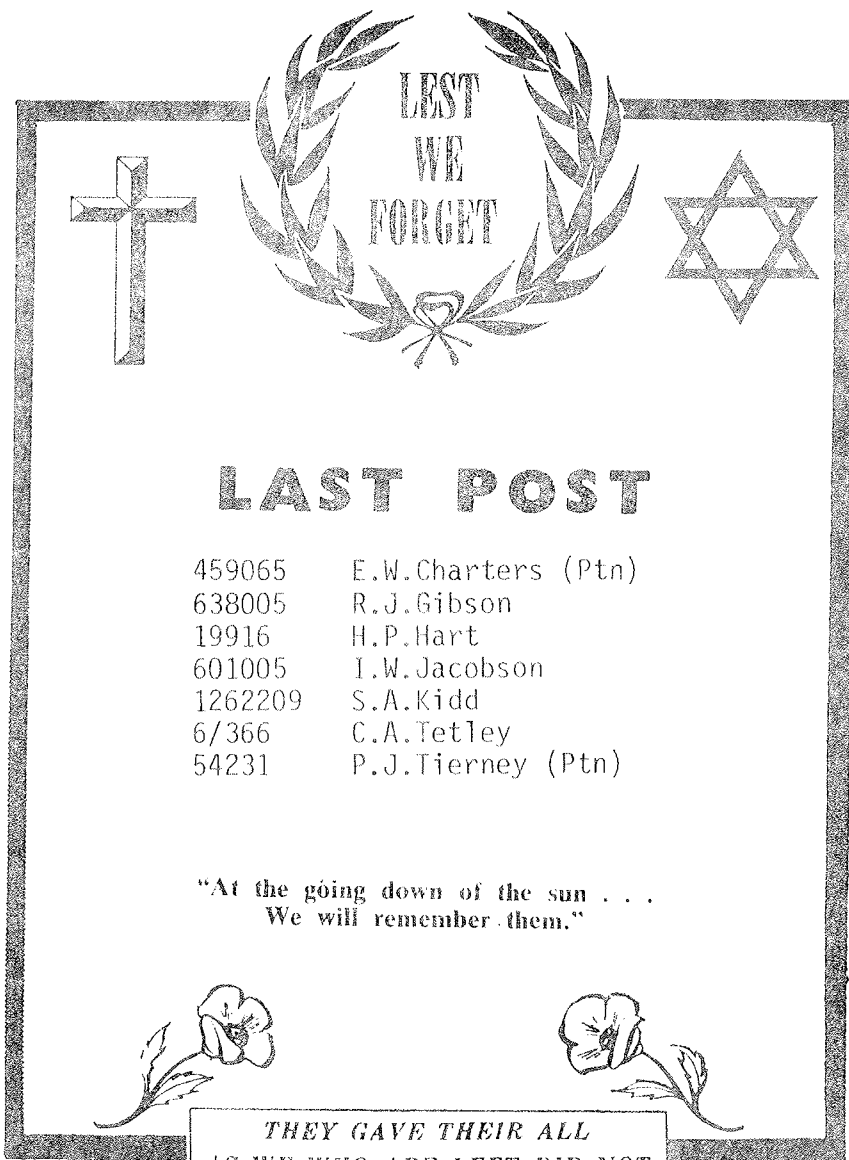
** As insufficient loan money was forthcoming from local R.S.A. to purchase office space, N.Z.R.S.A. are going to lease the fourth floor of 220 Willis Street in Wellington.

** From enquiries received recently at Dominion Headquarters there appears to be an impression in some quarters that Service Members of R.S.A.'s are permitted to compete in N.Z.R.S.A. Sporting Tournaments.

The Dominion Council decision on this question is contained in the 1978 Dominion Council Resolution 5/3 sub-para (c), which is quite clear in respect of who is permitted to compete in N.Z.R.S.A. National Tournaments; viz:

"(c) That all participants in tournaments shall be restricted to financial Returned Servicemen and Returned Servicewomen members of an affiliated local R.S.A."

Until such time as the Dominion Council amends the above ruling, all N.Z.R.S.A. national tournaments will continue to be conducted on this basis.



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"At the going down of the sun . . .
We will remember them."

*THEY GAVE THEIR ALL
AS WE WHO ARE LEFT DID NOT
FORGET THEM NEVER OR BE
YOURSELVES FORGOT.*

1978 XMAS DRAW

Sales this year are only about half those of last year and the kitty has reached \$2,500.00. Twenty hams and about \$500 worth of liquor were purchased early in the year before prices escalated but all in all there must be fewer prizes. Meat, grocery, clothing and petrol vouchers, so popular last year, will again figure prominently in the prizes.

The draw will take place on the 16th December, not the 9th as arranged earlier, and full details will be published in our December issue. This year we have a proper marble for each prize and ticket number, not tickets like last year. 6

HISTORY R S A INDOOR BOWLS

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH'S MAGAZINE

For the current season the election of officers and committee resulted as follows:-

Patron and First Life Member - Mr I.V.O. (Sam) Duncan
President and Life Member - Mr C.M.J. (Reg) Watson
Vice President - Mr Sam Lucas
Secretary - Mr Jack Ahern
Committee - Stan Kidd, Leo Simpson, Irving Pollard,
Adrian Bishell, Johnny McPherson, Bob
Gordon, Percy Haack.

This season saw the innovation of Club Championship play from the normal club night of Thursday, to all day on two Saturdays and this move was a great success and proved very popular with members. The playing and organisation of the Annual Diggers Tournament for the Fleetway Shield and Silver Buttons which the club runs on behalf of the association, has played an important role in the life and activities of the club from the beginning of 1962. However I mention it only briefly as I have already dealt with its history in a previous article for Crossfire. I have no doubt that over the years many members will have forgotten that they were part of a winning club Championship Rink, - Pairs or Singles Cup and so to refresh memories I will give a list of winners from their inception in 1954.

The Rinks Cup has quite a history, the original inscription on the Cup reads - Best Turn Out. Light Draught Horses, Harness and Wagon Limbered GS or R.E. presented by Lieut. R. Riddiford M.C. won by Headquarters Co Division Train, redonated to M.R.S.A. Indoor Bowls by Lieut. Col. F.W. Parker O.B.E. Frank Parker was an early President of Marlborough R.S.A. and a Gold Star member of NZRSA. Frank will be remembered especially for his visiting in hospital of R.S.A. members. Due to those first four years of missing committee minutes and despite researching the memories of early members, it unfortunately has not, to date, been possible to clearly establish how the Club came to acquire the Singles and Pairs Cups, although it is reasonably certain that the Pairs Cup and possibly the Singles Cup were donated by the association. In 1962 the late Tom Payton then a member of the committee, and a bar steward of R.S.A., made and presented to the club a new trophy in the form of a Bowling Ball mounted on a black column and pedestal to be know as the Aggregate Trophy. Winner to be the member who at the end of the season had the best aggregate score compiled from Thursday night club score of points. The idea was to encourage members to attend regularly on Club nights. Also to the winner goes a further prize very generously donated by our Patron Sam Duncan ever since he retired as President and First Life Member in 1963. Over the last few seasons Garry Smith has very generously donated a prize for the best aggregate score in Club

Championship play. A \$10 parcel of frozen food. However he has really fouled it up this season by winning his own prize.

Another trophy that has engendered much enjoyment and competition over many years is the Wally Perkins Rosebowl for annual play between members of the Womens and Mens Indoor Bowling Clubs. Minutes of a Special Committee meeting held R.S.A. May 13th 1958, drew up rules for the playing. They are annual match of Singles, Pairs and Rinks to decide holders, to be played under Marlborough Centre Match Rules. Points to be on number of games won. Draw to count as half a point. At this season's match won by the ladies, the result was based on a total number of points for each game and not on games won as stated in the Rules. However, congratulations to the Ladies for a good win. A recent perusal of the Trophy shows that from its beginning in 1955 the Men have won 17 matches and the Ladies 6.

At the recent Social Evening to mark the retirement of the Clubs Head Steward, Mr Len Biddis, the I.B.C. President Reg Watson, on behalf of members presented to Len a framed illustrated address of good wishes as a token of appreciation for his countless acts of kindness and assistance to Indoor Bowls over many years. I think that the Mens Indoor Bowling Clubs greatest contribution to the life of R.S.A. has been and still is its creation of a club within a club with a social atmosphere that brings members together for an evening of relaxation and mutual

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enjoyment and winning is a secondary consideration. I am reminded of a quote from the writings of Libid an ancient Arab poet, 'that the riches of a man as well as the meaning of life is not in things, but in people'.

Some two years ago, with the sanction of executive, it was decided to amend the Club Rules to allow sons of members to become associate members on reaching 20 years of age. It is not necessary that the father be a member of the Indoor Bowling Club but the father must be a returned serviceman.

When asked to write this history of the Mens Indoor Bowling Club, and if it was to be factually correct, I found myself in the invidious position of having to record my part which though considerable has given me great satisfaction in serving my fellow members, and I hope I shall be forgiven for recording it because otherwise I would have presented a false picture.

Appended is a list of Presidents and Vice Presidents and Secretaries with number of years served:-

1st President	Wally Perkins	2 yrs	1st V. President	Fred Faulding	3 yrs		
2nd	"	Percy Johnston	1 "	2nd "	"	Stan Kidd	3 "
3rd	"	Eric Perry	2 "	3rd "	"	Straw Thomas	2 "
4th	"	Sam Duncan	4 "	4th "	"	Stan Kidd	4 "
5th	"	Les Shannon	1 "	5th "	"	Herb Anscombe	1 "
6th	"	Reg Watson	13 "	6th "	"	Sam Lucas	1 "
7th	"	Bill Harland	1 "				
8th	"	Reg Watson	Current President				

1st Secretary	L.O.V. Duncan	5 yrs	
2nd	"	Reg Watson	2 "
3rd	"	Ren Drew	3 "
4th	"	Johnny Rose	2 "
5th	"	George Hall	2 "
6th	"	Jack Ahern	11 " Current Secretary

Early this season the Committee decided to investigate the cost of acquiring a modern style magnetic name plate scoreboard. Percy Haack a new member of the committee offered to look into the matter. Not only did he do this but in fact he made and presented to the Club an up to date and very efficient score board complete with magnetic name plates and draw sheets that has simplified the work of the match committee.

On behalf of members I would like to thank Percy very much for his splendid contribution. It is interesting to note that for 20 off years the club subscription remained at 50c and mat fees at 10c a playing night Now \$1.00 and 20 cents. I hope that readers of this narrative will not find it too pendantic and hopefully it may recall at least to some members, happy memories of old friends and enjoyable hours spent on the bowling mat and pay a tribute to those many dedicated men who served the

Club so well over many years in an honorary capacity and in so doing, have kept alive this thriving and popular club whose proud record I have done my best to record.

C.M.J. (REG) WATSON

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SINGLES

<u>SINGLES</u>		<u>PAIRS</u>			
1954	W.L. Thomason	P. Johnson	and	W.L. Thomason	Skip
55	J.D. Woodham	P. Johnson		W.L. Thomason	"
56	E. Perry	A.C. Thurlow		J.D. Woodham	"
57	R. Bullen	J. Harris		J.D. Woodham	"
58	J.D. Woodham	D. Cruickshanks		A. Montgomery	"
59	L. Jellyman	W. McAlpine		J. Ahern	"
60	E. Perry	E. Neal		C.M.J. Watson	"
61	G. O'Neill	W. Maughan		C.M.J. Watson	"
62	G. O'Neill	R. Beatson		J. Neal	"
63	R. McKillop	O. Register		J. Rose	"
64	C.M.J. Watson	O. Register		R. Wedde	"
65	N. Smith	H. Ashwell		R. Bullen	"
66	J. Rodger	N. O'Sullivan		J. Rose	"
67	J. Rose	N. Waters		O. Schwass	"
68	W. Maughan	H. Mogridge		A.W. Clark	"
69	C. Jamieson	R. Strickland		O. Schwass	"
70	T. Thomas	L. Marson		C.J. Jamieson	"
71	T. Thomas	N. Lynch		S. Lucas	"
72	O. Register	J. Howe		O. Register	"
73	O. Schwass	H. Anscombe		J. Ahern	"
74	O. Register	D. Carpenter		T. Neal	"
75	S. Robinson	W. Duff		L. Simpson	"
76	C.R. Gibbons	Les Simpson		C.R. Gibbons	"
77	C.R. Gibbons	E. Rowe		P. Haack	"
78	S. Robinson	A. Bishell		G. Smith	"

RINKS

1954	W. McAlpine, T. Smith, H. Colston, E. Tresidder	Skip
55	R. Bullen, E. Lucas, W. McAlpine, B. Teuton	"
56	K. Yealands, R. Drew, A. Hurcomb, R. Beatson	"
57	J.C. Lucas, A. Montgomery, W. McAlpine, R. Beatson	"
58	W. Pennington, W. Perkins, K. Dyer, R. Drew	"
59	E. Perry, J. Ahern, A. Montgomery, N. Brown	"
60	L. Shannon, P. Davies, J. McFarlane, G. O'Neill	"
61	T. Payton, T. Thomas, F. Faulding, T. Neal	"
62	R. Bullen, J. Todd, C.M.J. Watson, J. Rose	"
63	P. Wedde, J. Todd, G. Hall, G. O'Neill	"
64	C.M.J. Watson, W. Harland, J. Naysmith, J. Rose	"

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| 65 | M. Hope, H. Mogridge, E. Rowe, T. Neal | " |
| 66 | A. Hope, O. Register, W. Maughan, T. Neal | " |
| 67 | G. Smith, N. Waters, R. Strickland, J. Ahern | " |
| 68 | B. Clarke, N. Waters, T. Thomas, O. Schwass | " |
| 69 | S. Kidd, N. O'Sullivan, J. Sowman, O. Schwass | " |
| 70 | V. Hutchens, L. Simpson, R. Strickland, S. Lucas | " |
| 71 | L. Robbins, R. Ferris, A. Hodson, S. Robinson | " |
| 72 | A. Wilkes, M. Carroll, S. Maddocks, O. Register | " |
| 73 | F. McKinley, W. Duff, R. Drew, J. Ahern | " |
| 74 | R. Hemming, J. Capill, R. Fleming, S. Robinson | " |
| 75 | A. Wilkes, A. Bishell, S. Maddocks, J. Knowles | " |
| 76 | H. Mogridge, L. Brooks, S. Hair, P. Haack | " |
| 77 | H. Mogridge, N. McKay, G.P. Cameron, C.R. Gibbons | " |
| 78 | B. Simpson, R. Gilmour, D. Carpenter, G. Smith | " |

WHO GOT THE GOAT?

The Catholic charity organisation in Australia, the St Vincent de Paul Society, must be wondering what to do with a recent gift from the widow of a wealthy businessman. She is a devout Catholic, he was a senior Mason. Cleaning out his dressing room, she found his Masonic apron and other apparel. Not knowing what to do with it she gave to - guess who?

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Here was a ship that could carry a large number of troops and had the speed to run away from any hostile opposition that she would be likely to meet so the British Government requisitioned her as a transport. She sailed from America for Sydney, arriving there on 17th April 1940. Here she was transformed into a troop carrier. Most of her beautiful furnishings and fittings were ripped out and bunks were installed. Shortly afterwards she sailed from Sydney with 5,500 Australian troops on board.

Later, Sydney saw more of the Queen Mary, and as the war progressed she was fitted out to carry greater numbers of troops.

On 2nd October, 1942 she was bound from America to England with more than 10,000 United States troops on board. Due to the high speed she was able to sail unescorted. On this date Queen Mary was about 140 miles to the west of the north-west coast of Ireland. At about 8 a.m she was met by the anti-aircraft cruiser Curacoa, whose function it was to protect the transport from bombing attacks by German long range aircraft. Curacoa took station about five miles ahead of Queen Mary who was doing over 28 knots and running on an anti-submarine zig zag course, changing direction every few minutes in accordance with a set plan. Curacoa, built in 1916 as a 28 knot light cruiser of 4,290 tons, could only maintain a maximum speed of 25 knots and was, consequently steering a straight course.

Throughout the forenoon and into the early afternoon Queen Mary's mean course on her zig-zag was slowly overtaking Curacoa until she was well up on her port quarter and some hundreds of yards away. Queen Mary then altered course to starboard on her timed zig-zag. Personnel on the upper deck of Curacoa were admiring the great liner which was painted battleship grey. Two large waves spurted out from her bows which were swinging towards the cruiser and kept on doing so until they were pointed directly at her. She was only 400 yards away, then 300, then 200, until the viewers on board Curacoa realised that the unbelievable was going to happen - a full light, unlimited visibility, and a calm sea, a high speed collision was inevitable. They could see tiny figures on her bridge towering above them and other figures lounging on her decks. Then her bow seemed to fill the whole sky and she struck with an appalling crash. The

initial impact swung Curacoa around like a toy boat until she was broad-side on and then she was cut into two pieces. The liner ploughed on leaving the sections of the cruiser on each of her wake and in a sinking condition. The stern sank almost at once and the forward end shortly afterwards. Those of the complement of Curacoa who survived the sinking watched in growing disbelief as the Queen Mary held her course and disappeared over the horizon. They did not know that her Commander was under strict orders to stop for nothing until he reached port. All he could do was to request destroyers in the distant vicinity to pick up survivors. Two hours later the destroyer escorts Braham and Cowdray reached the area and rescued 101 out of a complement of 430.

In June the Admiralty Commissioners brought an action in the Admiralty of the Cunard White Star Line, the owners of the Queen Mary, claiming that the liner had been at fault in the collision.

The Captain of the Curacoa, who had survived the sinking, explained to the Court the Queen Mary's zig-zag course, and that she had been overtaking his ship before sinking.

He had been surprised when the liner kept turning to starboard - in the direction of the cruiser - so that the distance between the two ships narrowed alarmingly. It seemed inconceivable to him that a ship steaming at such high speed and so close should make an appreciable alteration of course towards him. At 2.12 p.m. Queen Mary struck Curacoa on the port side and she heeled right over on her beam ends. Then the forepart, which was the larger portion of the ship, righted. For an instant he thought she could be saved but as the liner steamed on and left the two parts of the cruiser, it became clear that there was no chance of saving her.

The First Officer of the Queen Mary had the bridge watch at the time of collision. He had taken over at 2 p.m. Curacoa was then 500 yards away and four points on the starboard bow. He stated that at the time he had no thought of danger. The cruiser was close but it never occurred to him to question that. He expected the cruiser to alter course. He quoted his Captain saying not to worry about the cruiser as she would keep out of the way. They were used to escorting and would not interfere.

The Captain of the Queen Mary told the court that he was under strict instructions to maintain a zig-zag course no matter what happened, also that it was laid down principle that escorting warships should always keep clear of convoys.

The court ruled that Curacoa was to blame. It stated that the normal marine rule of overtaking - that the overtaking vessel should give way to the other ship - did not apply in the situation of escort and convoy. The Admiralty appealed and the Appeal Court ruled that the blame should be shared, one-third to the Queen Mary and two-thirds to the Curacoa. As the parties were not satisfied an appeal was made to the House of Lords where it was decided that the appeal court had apportioned the blame. In this judgement the following decision was given:

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GUADALCANAL — AFTERWARDS

I stand upon the beach at history's door
And gaze along the moonwake out to sea
To where the bulk of Savo off the shore
Looms, sullen, in my vision. And to me
It seems to guard the battered hulls that war
Has strewn around its feet indifferently.

Their sluggish oily lifeblood used to stain
This place whereon I stand, in sombre show
That ships and men had died beneath the rain
Of fire from Hell, in searing, shattered glow.
Their mark has gone, and only now remain
The crumbling rust, and silence once again.

Around me palm leaves rustle in a breeze
That whispers in from where Tulagi lies.
But once again I see this grove of trees,
Steel splintered stumps, askew, in dumb surprise,
Hurled from the riven Earth as though to ease
The lust of guns, unfeeling of what dies.

Now, through the years I see again the flare
Of cannonades that lashed and rent the night,
And hear the whine of shrapnel shred the air
And vicious coughing mortars spit their spite.
Time's healing hand has gently, unaware,
Re-clad Earth's wounds and veiled her scars
from sight.

I turn to where the glowing gleaming stars
Outline the glooming rows of hills ahead,
Which shouted back the thunderous voice of Mars,
That boomed from squatting metal snouts and sped
Across the crests in rolling, juddering jars.
And died up there amongst the other dead.

The silvered sky around is now complete,
No longer cut by seeking shafts of blue
That fingered round the blatting planes to greet
The grip of radar's hand. And then there grew
The flowers of flame around them in a neat
And gun-sewn frame, in joyless rendezvous.

The buried lie not far along the coast
Beneath the yard of dirt they died to hold
In endless lease. Now this, the final post,
They stay on unrelieved through time untold.
I am alone, yet mingled with their host.
And they are young, while I am growing old.

CLANGERS CORNER

Russ Matthews fined 50c for
driving the wrong way down
Wynen Street.

Rex Thorstensen fined 50c for
trying to appropriate the first
prize ribbon from the winning
bull at the A & P Show (said he
wanted to present it to Jimmy
Slade).

Paul Brodie fined 50c for
showing an Indian how to throw
a boomerang at night.

Allan Gardiner for enclosing
blank pages in "Crossfire"
fined 50c.

Keith Jamieson for going home
in the Mini at 5.30 and making
his wife walk. I think this
is worth 50c.

SPECIAL THANKS

The staff of Crossfire would
like to thank Mr Reg Watson
for the amount of research and
writing he did in compiling
the history of R.S.A. Indoor
Bowls. Thanks Reg this was
a wonderful job well done.

The maharaja of an interior Indian
province decreed that no wild animals
could be killed by the populace.

Soon the country was overrun by
man-eating tigers, lions, panthers,
elephants, and boars.

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22ND Grovetown v R.S.A. at Pool at the R.S.A.
25TH Music supplied in the Bar from 7.30 till 10 p.m.
DECEMBER 2ND Music supplied in the Bar from 7.30 till 10 p.m.

REMINDER

The following reunions will be held:-

- 26TH N.Z. BATTALION - 10/11 March 1979
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TROTTING NEWS



Horses to follow this month

BY "ARAPAHO"

I hope you followed me last month, if you did you would have made on the deal and Im sorry we only got second in the Cup. Here's hoping we have good luck this month.

- IN TO VIEW Destined for top class in quick time.
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The Air Cadet League of New Zealand (Inc)

As the result of a local remit to its National Council in 1977, the constitution of the League was amended to allow R.S.A.'s and allied service clubs (A.F.A. Brevet Clubs and U.S.A.'s) to enrol their total membership as "affiliated members" of the Air Cadet League. Such organisations to nominate their own annual fee calculated at say 10cents per member.

This type of membership gives the National Council of the League the boost in total membership that is so important to their efforts to keep the Cadet Forces in operation, and it also financially assists the Local Branch to maintain the unit in their area. In this case, it is the No 27 (Blenheim) Squadron A.T.C.

It should be pointed out here that the Marlborough R.S.A. has always been a staunch supporter of the Cadet movement and over the years has given generously both Flying Scholarships and cash grants for equipment. The League appreciates and gratefully acknowledges this assistance.

To the Marlborough R.S.A. goes the honour of becoming the first such organisation to be affiliated members.

The Air Training Corps

The Air Training Corps is one of the finest youth organisations in New Zealand. It was founded in 1941 when the country was in some danger of invasion. It has a magnificent tradition of service (with over 10,000 members at its peak) and this tradition is maintained to this day by more than 2,500 officers and cadets — the latter aged from 14 to 18 years — in 44 town squadrons from Kaitiaki to Invercargill, besides eight school squadrons. It is a very desirable organisation because it helps train youth for responsible adult citizenship; but it is also potentially useful for such community services as Search and Rescue and Civil Defence. As the country's largest disciplined volunteer youth organisation trained on military lines, it is unique.

The Air Cadet League

The Air Cadet League is not a social club. It is not in any way controlled by the Ministry of Defence. Its primary purpose is to support the Air Training Corps and assist in its development. The League was formed as an incorporated

society in 1971 as a result of the Government of the day announcing its decision to abolish the New Zealand Cadet Forces. The Cadet Forces were not abolished because certain ex-service and other organisations, seriously perturbed at the announcement, went to Government, emphasised the importance of the cadet system to the community, and urged Government to reconsider its decision. The petitioners were successful; the decision to abolish the Cadet Forces was revoked but the Government stipulated that sufficient community support must be mobilised to help in maintaining the Air Training Corps. To this end, the Air Cadet League of New Zealand was formed by the organisations that had waited upon Government, notably the New Zealand Air Force Association, the New Zealand Returned Services Association, the Air League of New Zealand and the Federation of Brevet Clubs.

The League is an all-civilian body, dedicated to the retention of the New Zealand Cadet Forces but with a primary obligation to support the Air Training Corps. Its first action in 1971 was to approach

those parent groups and support committees which were already working in towns alongside ATC units and invite them to band together in becoming one organisation, still with the emphasis on local assistance to cadets but co-ordinated at district and national levels in order to give the League a national identity and a strong, united voice

What does the Ministry of Defence contribute?

The Ministry of Defence conducts cadet training courses similar to those for the Army, Air Force and Navy, and provides skilled instructors, uniforms, technical aids and rations for weekend and annual camps. Its training programme places emphasis on leadership and good citizenship and teaches self-reliance and self-discipline.

The main problem facing the ATC is the limited finance available in the Cadet Forces allocation from the Defence Vote. This, coupled with inflation, has brought about a situation where the Air Training Corps cannot expand or even develop existing units without public support. The Air Force can no longer afford to give flying experience to the Corps as a whole and flying training is limited to annual scholarships for 15 out of more than 2,000 cadets

How does the League help?

The League helps by financing flying and gliding tuition at district and national camps; by providing 14 additional flying scholarships each year for selected cadets; and by operating a Gliding Club with a fleet of basic gliders for instructional purposes. It helps, too, by raising funds both locally and nationally; by renovating, painting and extending exist-

ing ATC premises; and by providing road transport, recreational aids and training facilities. It can do these things only with public support. Several major companies, corporations, and charitable Trusts have contributed generously to make possible the aid mentioned above; and parents and others assist locally in many ways. But the League needs *continuing* financial support, otherwise all forms of aid to the ATC will dry up and the Corps eventually could be lost to New Zealand.

Our appeal

Our appeal is to individuals and families, and in particular to business houses, firms and corporations to support the Air Training Corps by becoming members of the Air Cadet League which carries only one essential obligation — to support the League's assistance programme either by annual subscription or with periodical grants.

ATC service teaches boys to become intelligent, disciplined and responsible citizens; it trains them in leadership, physical fitness, bushcraft, hobbies and other useful practices. It inculcates in them a healthy respect for properly-constituted authority; it makes them more responsive to reasonable discipline. It does all this while introducing boys to elementary aviation studies and guiding those who are contemplating a career in the Air Force or in commercial aviation. All this is good for youth, good for the country's future. In our free society we commend this movement to you and earnestly seek your active support.

NOTE: The Air Cadet League has been registered as a charitable society for the purpose of tax concessions

AWARDS

Awards Mr G. Cameron tabled a written report on Awards committee recommendations (on file) G. Cameron/T. Neal be approved.

Honorary Membership David Beaumont (Bugler)

NZRSA Awards W. Hathorne and N.K. Jellyman

EXTRACTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Marlborough Cricket Association Appointment of former Pakistan Test Cricketer, Khallid Ibadulla, as a cricket coach - 3 year contract at \$2000 a year. G. Cameron/J. Griffiths as this coaching was assisting the youth of the province a grant of \$100 a year be made.

Amendment R. Hemming/T. Neal. A grant of \$50 immediately and figure to be reviewed next year. Amendment put, and carried - became motion and carried.

Property Three tenders received for extension of roof and new Ladies toilets west end. P Brodie/V Anderson. The tender of R.C. Forbes of \$15783.83 be accepted. Mr Boddington to act as Clerk of Works.

** Presentation T.V. set to Len Biddis J. Griffiths/P. Brodie. D.B. Nelson be contacted tomorrow and Secretary to write to Len apologising for delay.

T.V. set now arrived delivered by time this goes to print.

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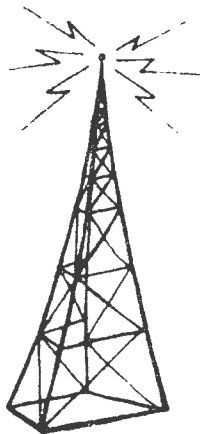
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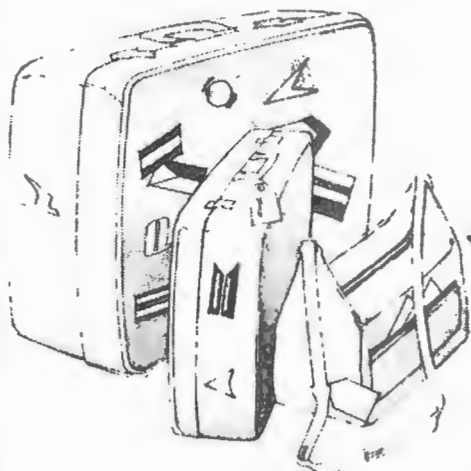
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Our Fair Ladies

Novelty bowls was the order of the afternoon at the closing of the Ladies Indoor Bowling Club. Colleen Neal welcomed members and also Jo Allan, President of the Womens Section who presented the trophies as follows:-

Rinks:	I. Smith
	R. Henson
	K. Gane
	G. Harnet
Triples:	L. King
	R. Fuller
	A. Woodfield
Pairs:	P. Molineaux
	E. March

Miss Mary Boddington was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Women's Section, Blenheim Branch. Mary spent 18 months in England and on the Continent and members were treated to a fine commentary of her trip. Mary is now back at her nursing job at Wairau Hospital.

Mrs Jo Allan President of the Women's Section presented Mary with a small gift. There was a good attendance of Members at the meeting. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Shop Day which was to be held on Friday November 17th, will now be held on -

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There will be a cake stall, sweets and produce stalls, white elephant stall and novelties galore.

Raffle stall also. Members please support our Shop Day.

Take notice of our change of date and venue.

Blenheim Section members paid a visit to the Kaikoura Women's section recently and enjoyed a lovely sunny spring day and fine hospitality, after a visit to the Caves and a tour around South Bay.

Mrs Miro Smith President of the Kaikoura branch welcomed the visitors at the R.S.A. rooms where a sumptuous afternoon tea was partaken of. Mrs Jo Allan President of the Blenheim Section thanked Kaikoura members for the lovely day.

R S A GOLF SECTION

Approximately 90 players, both R.S.A. and non R.S.A., took part in the annual golf tournament at Fairhall on 15th October. The course was in excellent condition and the day was reasonably fine. With one or two exceptions, however, the scoring was not spectacular.

The R.S.A. senior gross winner was Terry Wereta, and the net winner was Rangi Brown, on, surprisingly, a handicap of 18 (worth a fine surely). These two will be offered the Golf Section's Sponsorship to attend the R.S.A. National Championships in 1979.

President, Ken Yealands, spoke at the prizegiving and Mrs Yealands presented the trophies.

The Golf Section would like to thank those who took part in the tournament, the Marlborough Golf Club for their course and other assistance given, the Golf Section Committee for their hard work and in particular, the firms and individuals who donated trophies.

Professor: "This twig is composed of bark, hardwood, and pith. You know what pith is dont you?"

The class looked blank.

"You" Miss Brown, do you know what pith is?"

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BACK

JOHN W. WALTON - CHURCH ARMY OFFICER - NARROW NECK CAMP AUCKLAND

Acting Padre and Social Welfare Officer (running Canteen etc) from January 1939 to December 1939.

January 6th 1940 sailed with 18th Auckland Battalion No 3883 from Wellington on the Oran.

May 27th, P.O.W. Camp. Seven weeks at Salonika before eight days and seven nights on cattle truck journey to Lubek, North Germany, P.O.W. No 3332. Sent by Germans to act as Padre to Stalag Luft 1 at Barth, Pomerania on the Baltic Coast in September 1941.

Whole camp transferred to Stalag Luft 3, Sagan in March 1942.



TODAY'S GREAT DRINK

Repatriated in January 1945 returned via Egypt to New Zealand arriving in April. Married in 1946, one son born Havelock 1948, two grandchildren now,

Ordained in Nelson 1950, Vicar of Cobden Runanga 1950/54, Naenae (Hutt) 1954/59, Mangaweka 1959/64, Titahi Bay 1964/72, Shannon 1972/76 - Retired ?? 1976. Now resident in Blenheim.

National Padre of P.O.W. Association 1953.

President Greymouth P.O.W. Association 1952.

President Hutt Valley 1955, Naenae R.S.A. Foundation President.

O.O.W. Central Executive for a number of years.

President of Wellington Branch twice, second time for two years.

Life member Wellington 1973, Life member Wellington 1973, Life member Gisborne 1976, Committee member Horowhenua (Levin) 1972/76. Committee member Marlborough 1976.

Now aged 68 (November 1978).

SAY IT WITH MUSIC

I was an inmate of Stalag Luft 3 Sagan, about 150 km south east of Berlin. This camp became famous because of the two widely publicised escapes that took place from there.

First the Wooden Horse escape and secondly the Great Escape after which 50 P.O.W. were shot by the Germans in retaliation. They were cremated so that there was no evidence of how they were killed but those of us left knew, shot in the back. I know, I assisted in the service for their burial of their ashes in a vault especially constructed by members in Luft 3, as a Memorial to them.

In the compound in which the Wooden Horse Escape took place (in the early days of Sagan, not long after its opening) there were two amusing instances that took place. Many people ask, where did you put all the sand from the tunnel, well if you were observant you would see that outside someones window the small patch of garden was about two feet higher than the day before, or groups would be shuffling around the perimeter and if you were in the know you would be able to detect the sand trickling underneath their trousers, but the third and biggest way of disposing of the sand was in the ceiling of the 'abort' (toilet to you) block.

One day after a considerably dry period (about a fortnight without rain), the ferrets (German guards in blue overalls with steel rods for prodding the ground to hopefully detect a tunnel) walked into the 'abort' and the vibration caused by their footsteps (and jackboots) shook down some sand from the ceiling. Nailed to each end of the block was a ladder leading to the ceiling. On noticing the sand one good guy climbed up, shone his torch round the ceiling and gave a yelp of excitement and called his companion up to take a look. The combined weight of two well fed (in comparison to us anyway) 'goons' plus the

Letters to the Editor

This is Your CLUB HAVE YOUR SAY

Sir,

I think this is an appropriate time to re-open the question of applying for an addition to our Charter to enable members to purchase bottled beer from their Club. Now I am fully aware that our Charter has never allowed this and that the case is regarded as closed; but I do not think the average R.S.A. member is satisfied that it is impossible to change this, mainly because the law, and customs, in the country are continually changing and we must change with them.

I think first of the breathaliser, which when we opened, was well into the future but is now a very hard fact; and twenty years ago a lady in a public bar was out of place, nowadays (bless 'em), they raise the tone of the surroundings; it is reasonable for us to consider changes within the Club.

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The breathaliser is no respecter of persons, and an utterly steady and realiable old dig with a few beers in, gets no different treatment to an irresponsible and hare-brained teenager, and it is few men, indeed, who can honestly say they would always and invariably, year in and year out, pass a breathaliser test, therefore, members should be able to get a bottle or two of beer from their Club as and when they wish. For times when they've had a busy day and don't want to drive to the Club for a beer and in fact would be wiser not to do so, since fatigue, driving, and beer can be a bad thing. I honestly think that a correctly worded and explained application to the appropriate authority would receive more sympathetic consideration now than here-to-fore, since most of the local pubs are brewery owned and we are supplied by both Lion and D.B., I cannot see how any real objection can be substantiated.

Finally, why should our members have to go outside our Club in order to buy the beer we drink inside.

Sir,

FRANK HARVEY

Congratulations on your appointment to the position of Secretary/Manager of our R.S.A. and Club.

Your administrative background should prove invaluable as we progress into the 1980's. I wonder if we appreciate the magnitude of some of the problems that the future holds in store for us; and the far reaching effects that the decisions that have to be taken will have.

The immediate future I believe, sees the acceptance or not of home servicemen and women to the membership of the Association. This in itself will call for all the managerial skills available along with a real depth of tolerance and understanding by those involved.

I remember the months of debate - sometimes quite bitter - leading up to the acceptance of ex J. Force people to Association membership. Sometimes I wonder where the word 'returned' will finish up.

Your magazine continues to prosper, and seems to be enjoyed by all who read it; but where are the grippers and snipers. One would think Crossfire and excellent outlet through which to express themselves.

Again, congratulations on your appointment.

QUO VADIS

In answer to J.R. Naysmith's letter in the last issue of "CROSSFIRE", the office have advised that all that was asked for was the amount spent on relief and welfare. However included in the total grants is the President's allowance of \$500.

Don't forget any member may obtain full details of any accounts if HE so wishes from the office during working hours.

and caused the ceiling to collapse. Unfortunately for the 'goons' the block had some coppers and tubs for washing clothes, wash handbasins and a row of a couple of dozen holes for the 'great drop' to the pit below. These goons had gone up the ladder at the opposite end to the coppers and tubs. Within a few seconds every Air Force Officer in the compound had surrounded the block as distressed cries from two very very dirty goons endeavoured to get out whilst we sang the old English ballad "Sweet Violets" etc ... ???

FINGER TROUBLE

An eccentric Wing Commander who made all sorts of Heath Robinson things (as a cover for other activities), made a very good impression on the Pine wood floor, of a trap door. The good impression was added to be a knot hole just where one would expect to put in a fender to pull (or push) the trap door open. One day I was in his room during roll call (appell) and some 'ferretts' were snooping round underneath the barracks (built high to facilitate these activities), wings was waiting with a wooden maul and sure enough up came an inquisitive ferrett finger and with a sudden bang the wooden maul came down upon the unsuspecting finger. Some classical German followed, a rush of guards came in and rushed the Wing Commander off to the cooler and the damaged 'ferret' to the hospital where his finger was amputated ... sequel ...

Wings gets a fortnight in the cooler and a parcel of thanksgiving articles from the 'ferret'. It was his trigger finger so no Russian Front.

Sub-Branch News

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Executive members could be forgiven for feeling disappointed with the number who attended the meeting being only 38, as they had done their best to advertise the meeting to as many members as possible.

Our President Jim Taylor welcomed members and mentioned that he hoped the meeting would reach a decision in favour of the extensions, as the club had suffered in the past through good ideas being shelved until they became too expensive to be feasible. He then invited property and building committee chairman Jim Maxwell to advise the meeting of, and explain the plan on display.

Mr Maxwell gave a brief explanation, advising that the plan was only a draft copy and that the intention is to excavate the bank to the existing front wall, thereby making a ground floor room large enough for four indoor bowling mats, with ladies and gents toilets and an area for sink and zip under the stairway. The upper floor is to be flush with the existing ground floor, with an area large enough for two billiard tables and three dart boards.

R.S.A. LADIES PICTON

The October meeting held a great deal of interest for most of the twenty six women present. Mr Richardson of the Social Security Department covered many different types of Payment available for various domestic situations, and at the conclusion of his talk answered individual questions which were of considerable help in clarifying members present of future finances. Our President Betty Topp expressed the thanks of all present to Mr Richardson for sparing time from his busy schedule to make the visit to Picton.

Our popular secretary Eileen Mattingley was the successful winner of the October raffle.

Once again the Renwick Ladies are to be congratulated for the very enjoyable Ball and fabulour supper which they held on October 14th. The small group of us who attended from Picton were all taken by the warm and friendly atmosphere as soon as we entered the hall. An added and unexpected bonus was our pleasure at being present for the presentation to their secretary Avis Newman, of an Honorary Life Membership Award.

This report must end on rather a sadder note, as we fellow committee members, and indeed all members of the Picton Womens' Section; offer our heartfelt sympathy to Margaret Charters in her very recent and sudden loss of a dear husband and companion, Lofty. Joan M. Taylor

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G. Gardiner (prop.)

Four members opposed the plans for differing reasons, but mainly that:- the club has a good set of plans and that now we have proven our financial capabilities, we should go ahead and use them (a conservative estimate of those plans would now cost around \$180,000). One objector claimed that the tables will be too far away from the bar?

A motion that the building proceed as recommended by the Clubhouse committee was then put and passed with four dissenting.

A motion was put 'that the building committee proceed to preserve the existing clubrooms on a long term basis' was put and passed unanimously.

PICTON SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE NEWS

The committee have been advised that the Drakes Band, by mutual agreement, have relinquished their services to the club, in favour of the newly formed Club Band, as yet un-named and led by Mr Des York.

Margaret and Ellis Drake first played for a social in July 1973 (and almost every monthly social since), accompanied by their sons Tony on the drums, and Brian on guitar and singing. The boys acquired a regular fan club, especially Brian who had all the talent required to be Mr Casanova.. Unfortunately, the boys grew weary of the scene and eventually Margaret and Ellis acquired the services of Jack Rarity on the drums for about 12 months when he joined a regular band leaving Margaret and Ellis alone for the past nine months.

Past and present committee members are extremely grateful to the Drakes who have never let us down and were always on the job ready to go by 8 p.m. We've had a lot of fun together, and look forward to seeing them at our future socials with the crowd, enjoying the clubs own band. This band led by Des York (Saxophone) will comprise Les Moody (trumpet) Les Evans (saxophone), Dennis Fletcher (Piano Accordion), Val Porteous (piano), Malcolm Baxter (drums).

This impressive lineup will have their official debut on December 23rd, however they are to play for the Ex-Malayan Servicemen's Social on December 16th. Rumour has it that Dennis is brushing up on his vocal chords! Is it possible we have our own Ray Wolfe?

Wanted: Old sheet music for piano, saxophone and trumpet and suitable for dance work.

Des York would be grateful to any person who could lend him the music to photo-stat, and the original returned to the owner if required. If you can help, please advise the club, phone 114 Picton, or drop it in. If you require it back, please label it clearly.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

The committee have decided to cancel the social on election night, November 25th. In lieu thereof, a sing-along will be held in the bar lounge on Saturday November 11th. This is Christchurch Show weekend,

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE - N459065 - EDRED WILLIAM CHARTERS

Known throughout Marlborough and indeed in many other parts of New Zealand as "Lofty".

I am at a loss for words to express the heartfelt sympathy and know my efforts to explain the many achievements of such a very respected member of our club, in obituary form, would only fall short of the mark.

Suffice to be consoled however, by the simple reassurance that every reader of this article will know, and remember, their own kindly thoughts of Lofty.

The many hundreds of mourners at the funeral would bear out my thought, and I know all Picton members are behind me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Margaret.

RENWICK R.S.A. LADIES

On October 14th, the R.S.A. Ladies at Renwick organised their Cabaret and the hall was packed for this popular occasion. This may be the last Cabaret in the old hall, as negotiations are in process for a new hall on the same site. If, however, the hall is still there next year we will run another cabaret and we hope to see you all again to enjoy yourselves to Tim Mead's band. The supper was done by the R.S.A. ladies and in true country style - there are some excellent cooks amongst them.

It was my pleasure during the evening to present to Mrs Avis Newman the Certificate and Badge making her a Life Member of the Renwick Branch of Marlborough R.S.A. Avis has been our secretary for fifteen years, a member for sixteen years and has done a lot of work for Renwick R.S.A., always willingly with a smile and we were proud to be able to bestow this honour on her.

It was lovely to see so many visitors from Blenheim and Picton, all helped to make the evening such a success.

Ron and Sheila Hemming celebrated their 24th Wedding Anniversary and we wished them well during the evening, as they did their turn around the hall.

Our best wishes to to Cyril Wadsworth, who has been on the sick list. I hear you are doing well, Cyril, look after yourself and keep up the good work. To Mrs Maud Blick (Granny), our love and best wishes we hope you are feeling better too.

NOLA YEALANDS
PRESIDENT.

FLAXBOURNE SUB-BRANCH

Members of the Flaxbourne sub-branch are pleased to accept the invitation of the Awatere sub-branch to their annual dinner.

This function is to be held at the City Hotel on 16th November.



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