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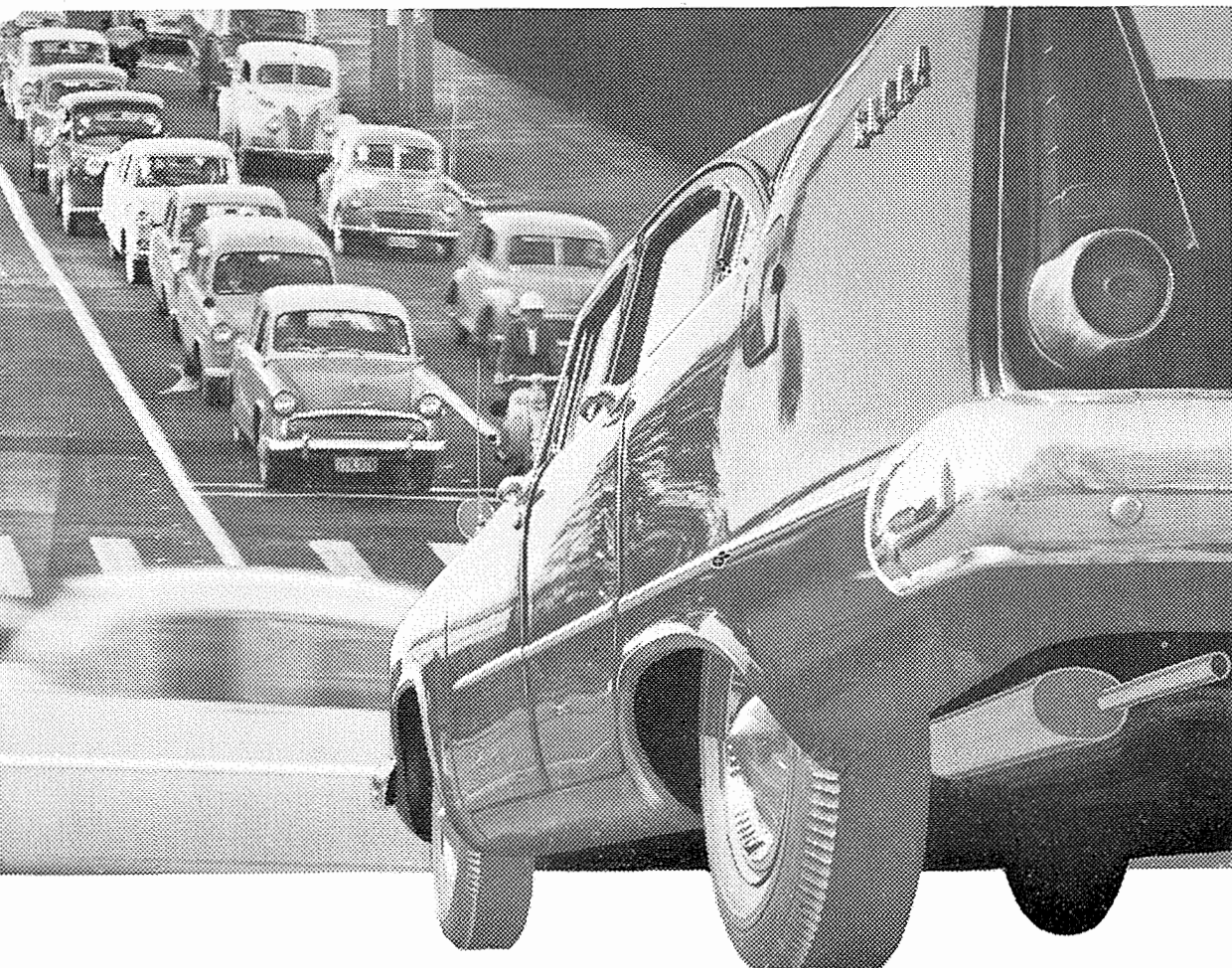


— N.Z. Herald.

Mr Albert Flay, of Auckland, deaf and crippled, but full of fun, shows off one of the baskets he is expert at making and a present he has bought at the Civilian Maimed Association Christmas Fair.

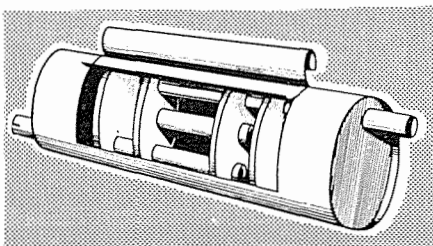
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FIRST DEAF WELFARE OFFICER

At last the deaf people of the Auckland district have their own full-time Welfare Officer, or Social Worker, as he is also called. His appointment should be of interest to the deaf right throughout New Zealand, as he is the pioneer of his kind and what he uncovers in the way of need among the deaf could lead to the appointment of other Welfare Officers in other parts of the country.

His name is Mr Trevor Fear, There is a picture of him on page 35. He is only 33 years of age, he is married with three small children, and he is very well qualified for the work he has undertaken. He has been Baptist city missionary for the last five years, a job in which he has learnt a lot about people's problems and how to deal with them. He is still an ordained minister and can conduct wedding ceremonies and funeral services. He is also trained in advising people who are having marriage troubles.

His office is in the front room of the Deaf Welfare Centre in Balmoral Road. Since he started his job early in October has already handled more than 30 Welfare cases. He has negotiated with the Government on the scheme to build pensioner flats for the elderly deaf as well as other matters. He has got to know pupils about to leave the School for Deaf so that they will know who to go to if they need help in the future and to gain experience in communicating with them. More details of his work may be seen in his article on page 35.

There are many of the deaf who no doubt think, "I'm doing all right. I don't need the help of a Welfare Officer." This is true, particularly of those who are members of deaf clubs, and one must admire their spirit of independence. No one should lean on anyone if they can help themselves. But experience has shown that many of the deaf badly need the help of a trained hearing adviser from time to time. Many of them are never seen at deaf clubs because they are too far away from or can't afford to attend them. Life to some of them is a lonely, hopeless struggle because of their handicap and their circumstances.

As the president of the Friends of the Deaf says in his letter on page 37, Mr Fear must have co-operation if he is to be a success in his job. We are confident that he will get it from those of the deaf who care about each other.

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Club and District "Round-up"

NORTHLAND

For the first time Northland sent a team to the deaf sports convention at Labour week-end. The four members of the team enjoyed the trip to Christchurch by Viscount with the Aucklanders and the activities of the convention they took part in.

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A popular member of our club, Terry Bailey, recently turned 21 and held a most successful party at his residence to celebrate the occasion. Terry has worked for the Northland Catchment Board as a draughtsman for five years. His job will be very useful if his home gets flooded!

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Lois Nelson and Ann Curle enjoyed their trip to Auckland for the Indoor Basketball Social. Ann's boy-friend, Brian Stronge, of New Plymouth, visited Whangarei a while ago. A long trip for a week-end!

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Colin Goodhue is still working delivering meat. He's been having trouble lately with his truck - 4 tyres punctured in 2 weeks! His job is very heavy, hard work. Sometimes he has to lift an ox weighing over 800 lbs in four pieces. Mrs Goodhue, who is a life member of the Northland Deaf Club, has sold her house and intends to live at a beach resort one day. She has been in the South Island lately.

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Alison Gordon is still enjoying her work for H. Bradly as a machinist. She has been working there for 18 months now. Ann Curle is working with her.

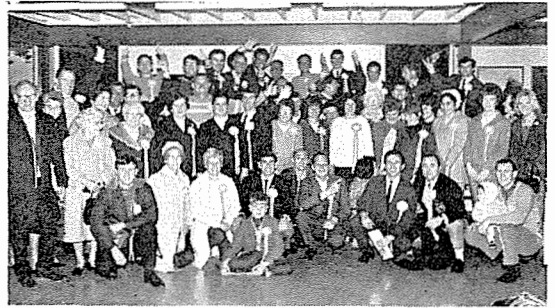
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We wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

W. Bird.

AUCKLAND

Sixty-two people from Auckland journeyed down to Christchurch to attend the New Zealand Deaf Convention held there over Labour Day week-end. A Viscount plane was hired for the purpose and left Mangere airport at 9.30 p.m. on the Thursday, arriving at Harewood airport two hours later.



Ready to depart.

Christchurch members who were hosts for the Convention were out in force to meet us and drive us to our respective places for the week end.

The Convention was a great success for we Aucklanders. We made a clean sweep of every competition we entered for and even won the Miss New Zealand and Mr New Zealand contest. Must be Auckland's climate which makes our people attractive!

The get-together was really wonderful; our chins wagged as we caught up on the years since we left school. The visit to our old "Alma Mater" at Sumner brought back nostalgic memories of our happy days at school. Mention must be made of the sumptuous morning tea supplied by the Principal and Matron of the school.

The hospitality of the Christchurch people was such that words cannot be found to thank them adequately enough. Their many kind thoughts made our week-end a wonderful and memorable event. We Aucklanders will have to work very hard to make the next Convention to be held here in October, 1969, even better.

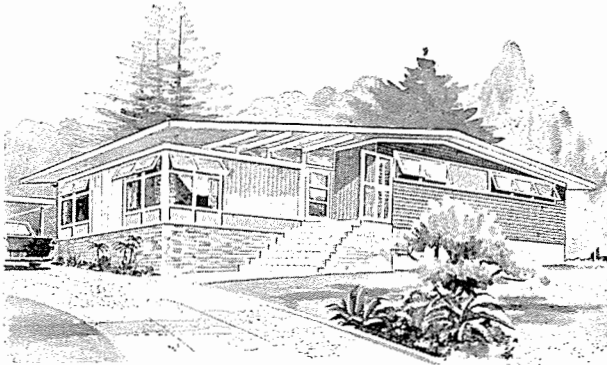
It was noticeable that several of the younger Aucklanders were reluctant to board the aircraft for the return journey from Harewood at 10.10 p.m. on Labour Day. Many firm and lasting friendships had been cemented. We landed at Mangere at 11.50 pm after a quick trip north due to a tail-wind.

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Albert Flay, whose photo appears on the cover, is well-known among the older deaf of New Zealand. Unmarried, he lives in his own home and until recently was a keen gardener in spite of being crippled. He usually attends meetings of the Civilian Maimed Association twice a week and sometimes comes to the deaf club.

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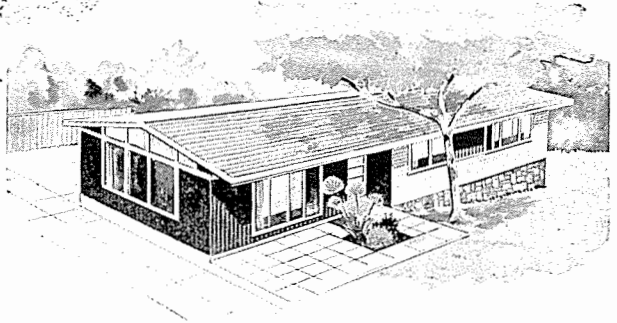
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John and Graham Mansell, twin brother members of the Auckland Deaf Society, are keen gymnasts and act as instructors at the Mount Albert Gymnasium Club.

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Mrs A. Lawrence has received letters from Eunice Costley who went to America last August for a holiday. She finds the way of life there much different from New Zealand. She misses her friends here.

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Kath and Stewart Smith popped in to say hello to Polly and Ray Forman in Napier last September. The Forman family of five children were looking very well and growing up fast.

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Several lady members of the Auckland Deaf Society helped serve the supper at the Westhaven Cabaret one Sunday evening recently when the Auckland Branch of Altrusa International presented an evening's entertainment in aid of funds for the Eddowes Memorial Village for the elderly deaf. Top-class artists gave their services without charge and approximately \$200 was raised. It was the second effort by ladies of the Altrusa branch for the benefit of the Village which is to be built next to the Auckland Deaf Centre. They raised \$600 by means of a ballroom dancing festival the first time. Their target is \$1200 altogether. It is good to know we have such friends.

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Among the pale-faced survivors of one of the coldest, wettest Springs we've had who boarded the Viscount at Auckland to fly to the Christchurch Deaf Sports Convention recently one brown face stood out. It belonged to staunch hearing supporter of the deaf, Bruce McHattie, who had arrived the same day from Fiji where he'd spent ten days basking in the sun. Bruce sure gets around!

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Older deaf people in Auckland will recall what great workers Mr and Mrs Graham. Bill Graham's parents, were for them in their younger days. Mr Graham was in Middlemore Hospital with heart trouble for four weeks in August, but Mrs Graham has been keeping all right. They are living at Waiuku these days. We wish them well.

Another keen supporter of the deaf of former years, Miss Sylvia Street, who is herself deaf, has been ill for a long time. Partly paralysed by a stroke, she was in Greenlane Hospital for a long period. She is now in a nursing home. Her best friend, Miss Elaine Deed, is still as devoted to her as ever. Our sympathy and best wishes to Sylvia.

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The recent death of Mrs Phyllis McMillan recalls a brave act she once performed. While still a pupil at the School for Deaf, Sumner, in 1926, she swam out to Cave Rock and rescued a hearing boy from drowning. Her brave deed brought admiration from the citizens of Sumner and as a result a collection was made and a gold engraved watch was presented to her at a reception in her honour in the Sumner Town Hall. I believe that Mrs McMillan was still wearing the watch up to two years ago.

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Very proud parents at the Kumeu Spring Carnival show on November 16th were two members of the Auckland Deaf Society, Mr and Mrs W. Katu. They entered their bonny baby boy, James, in the Baby Show and he came 3rd out of about 50 competitors, winning some baby foods. Congratulations, Bill, Elizabeth and James!

Christmas and New Year Greetings.

K. Smith.

WAIKATO

We mentioned in the last magazine that Leslie Wood was not going to Australia as he had planned, as he wished to save his money, and that we may have further news of him later. Well here it is: Leslie has announced his engagement to Gaynor Hickey of Bridge Tavern Waitara. We understand that the wedding will be early next year.

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We hear that John Gilmour and Joan Hutton are to be married in March.

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After being overseas, including some time in Australia, Glenys Dudding is returning very soon.

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Sally and Keith Rae left Mangere on Oct 6th for three weeks holiday in Australia. They left by Qantas plane for Brisbane. Owen and Nola McCorkindale, Pat Oxspring and several relatives saw them off.

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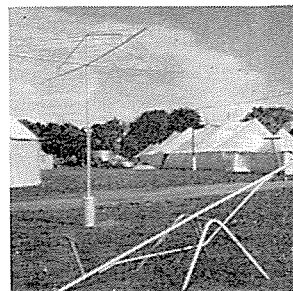
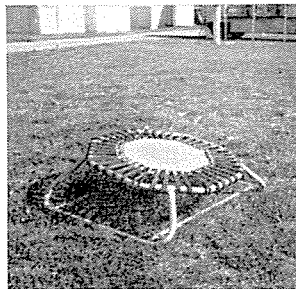
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They stayed one night at the Canberra Hotel in Brisbane, leaving by bus next day for Surfers Paradise where they stayed at the Golden Gate Motel. They visited the Porpoise Pool at feeding time and went on a bus tour to the Bird Sanctuary. After returning to Brisbane for one night, they went to the Lone Pine Zoo, then caught the plane to Sydney, where they were met by Keren Scott, John Hughes and John Gilmour. They stayed with Keren, Annette and wee Michael who was five months old.



Snake charmers, Mr and Mrs Rae.

They met nearly all the New Zealand deaf who are at present in Sydney including Graham Dawson, who has now returned to Christchurch. They visited Luna Park, climbed the harbour bridge, the 207 steps to the top of Australia square, a round building with a revolving restaurant 50 stories higher. Annette, Keren and John Hughes took them both to a School for Deaf Fair at North Rock and a picnic African Lion Safari where the lions came right up to the car, and they had to keep the doors and windows closed. They also visited Canterbury Bankstown League Club and Roselands which Sally thought was wonderful.

On Sunday, 27th. Oct., Annette, Keren, John Hughes, John Gilmour, Mike Gibson and his girl friend, Rex Cuniffe and girl friend and Bob Noonan were all at the airport to see them off. Keren, Annette and John Hughes acted as chauffeurs, taking them to various places.

Table tennis champions of the Waikato Club this year were Miss J. Cummins (Ladies), and Mr I. Churchfield (Men).

Leslie Porteous has returned to her people in Melbourne to prepare for her wedding to Bob Noonan in January.

Happy Christmas and New Year everybody!

J. L. Hughes.

HAWKE'S BAY

Barry and Sally Smith and their two children were at Rolland June's place in Clive for a few days in July, and they came to see us. They stayed with Rolland June again recently.

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Malcolm Ward and his wife and three children also visited Napier from Christchurch. They were here for a week and visited a number of deaf friends. We were very pleased to see them again as we hadn't seen them for years. I think they liked Napier but it was cold for them at the time.

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Gordon and Barbara Brown, of New Plymouth, visited us at Labour week-end. They stayed with Gordon's parents.

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Our baby was christened on 13th October. His name is Gary Peter.

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A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from Hawke's Bay.

P. Atkins.

TARANAKI

We have held a social for the first time at Brian Stronge's mother's place on a farm a few miles north of Opunake. Brian showed us his souvenirs from overseas, also some British deaf magazines much like our Deaf News. He introduced some games he had got from overseas. It has matured him going overseas.

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Leslie Wood, of Hamilton, spent his three weeks holiday between New Plymouth and Waitara to be with his fiancée, Gaynor Hickey, of Waitara.

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There was another gathering of the deaf at Gaynor Hickey's parents' hotel to celebrate her and Leslie Woods's engagement. Some silent films Leslie showed added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

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On September 7th we had an unusual games evening consisting of car-racing with toy-cars. Each competitor had a toy car with a long length of string attached and had to wind-up the string. It was quite simple after a few practises. Bob Kirk carried off the evening with three wins and Barbara Hazelwood came 2nd with two wins.

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On 19th October we had a Parents and Friends evening. It was a great success. We had some good games to entertain them with.

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Several of our club members were fortunate in meeting the deaf wrestler, Harry Kendall, called the "Silent One" at two wrestling bouts held in Palmerston North. They found him an interesting person to talk to. He was in Feilding during Labour Week-end, visiting Keith and Irene Gordon.

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Daniel Beech, Kevan Funnell, and Jim Henry went to Christchurch for the N.Z. Deaf Convention during Labour Week-end and enjoyed themselves very much.

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On 25th October the Jaycees held a Paddy's Market Day in the Square and our club had a stall. It was a success, too, making about \$108 a bit down on last year. The Women's Group provided most of the sewing which had been done at their monthly meetings. The stall was under the capable charge of Mrs B. Hazelwood.

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The Women's Group is still functioning well. Recently members had a lady showing them the art of floral work. She made six lovely different floral arrangements to give them ideas on how to do them. In the near future they will have a lady showing them how to decorate cakes.

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From 11th November to 16th November was Physically Handicapped Week in Palmerston North at the New Zealand Display Centre. There were stands representing various organizations who cater for the handicapped. Our club was invited to participate by having a stand displaying our activities, our members' hobbies etc.

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On 2nd November we had a barbecue at Aokautere and about 20 members turned up. We let off crackers and other fireworks and everyone enjoyed themselves very much.

Gloria and Barry Fage have moved to a home of their own at 9 Bristol St., Palmerston North.

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Mrs Mona Kirk lost her father at Auckland on 25th October. Our club's sympathy goes to her. Mona, Bob and family were at Auckland for Labour Week-end.

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Best wishes for Christmæ and the New Year

D. D. Beech

St. Dominic's Silver Jubilee

On the 7th of March, 1969, the St. Dominic's School for the Deaf, Feilding, will enter its 25th year of service to deaf children. Founded at Island Bay, Wellington, it was moved to its beautiful surroundings at Feilding in 1953.

A committee of ex-pupils has been formed to organise the Silver Jubilee celebrations which will be held during Queen's Birthday weekend in 1969. Full information on the celebrations will be sent to ex-pupils, but any who are not advised or have changed their address since leaving St. Dominic's are requested to please contact the Secretary, Miss M. Ward, 44 Rangitane Street, Palmerston North.

WELLINGTON

Unfortunately, we have no news to offer for this issue. We hope that our members will really rally round, with lots of news for the next issue.

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We extend Heartiest Christmas Greetings to the Editor, Editorial Staff, and all readers of the Deaf News.

Best wishes for a very Happy and Successful 1969, to members of all Deaf Clubs.

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As Dean Martin says, on his T. V. show; "Keep those cards and letters coming in folks— we sure appreciate them."

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Until next issue, Happy Holidays, one and all.

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MOTUEKA

Kevin Rhind is enjoying himself in Australia, although jobs have been scarce. He worked for a time on a sugar plantation in Queensland. Now he has teamed up with David Armon, from Christchurch, and they are planning to work at fruit picking when the season begins soon. At the deaf club rooms in Melbourne, Kevin found the finger spelling rather too fast for him.

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Robin Thorp and Lynette Potts are at the car assembly plant near Nelson. Robin is a painter and Lynette is in the upholstery department.

Robin, who is a spray painter has been promoted to charge hand. Well done, Robin!

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Yvonne Doyle enjoys her work at the fish factory, because she meets many people there. She celebrates her 21st birthday on 22nd. of December, and on the 23rd. she leaves for a holiday in Auckland.

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Eric Palmer, Kevin Manson, and Max Hart all flew to Christchurch for the Labour Weekend reunion, and enjoyed it very much.

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Frances Westbury has a friend who has promised to teach her spinning and weaving. She should do well at these, because she is very clever with her hands.

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We had a visit from Allison Paxton. She visited Bruce Dron at Richmond, near Nelson, for a few days first, then came across to Motueka, and went to Christchurch in time for the Labour weekend convention.

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Christmas and New Year greetings to all

Hazel Fry.

WEDDING

NESBITT — HALCROW

Brenda Nesbitt and Murray Halcrow were married at the Riwaka Presbyterian church on 16th November.

Before the service, the minister, the Rev. Hind, handed each of them a typed copy of the service. Inserted were instructions telling them just what they would be expected to do and say. There was also a copy of his address to them to be made when they had taken their vows.

The minister spoke slowly throughout the service, and the deaf among the audience were able to follow it quite well.

Both Murray and Brenda made their responses well. At the close of his address to them, Mr Hind gave them a copy of the Bible as a personal gift from himself.

Brenda looked lovely in a princess style white satin gown with half lace sleeves and lace hem. Her sisters, Lynette and Karen, were charming in short mauve frocks, with long sleeves. They all carried white carnations. Murray's brother Graeme was best man and Ken McDiarmid was groomsman.

Guests from Christchurch included Ken and Heather McDiarmid, Richard Hanson, Terry Gibson, Mr and Mrs. David Chilwell, Alan Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne, and Helen and Garth Hammond.

Jim and Margaret Cheyne came from Blenheim, and David Smith from Wellington. Robin Thorp, of Motueka, was there too.

The reception was held in the Riwaka hall which Hazel Fry had decorated with masses of roses.

Mr Malcolm Thorp made a very good toastmaster. The reception was followed by a dance—everyone had a wonderful time! Murray and Brenda will live in Christchurch.

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Group taken at Christchurch Deaf Society's Prizegiving Dinner on October 5th. Top row, left to right: W. McLachlan, M. Halcrow, L. Fechny, G. Hammond, G. Beale, H. Penman, V. Pope, M. Sauer, 3rd row: K. Harker, P. Fechny, G. Harker, M. Smart, M. Bennett, S. Penman, J. Chandler. Sitting: M. Sinclair, M. Still, B. Bryson, A. Berrett, D. Sinclair, M. Coutts, L. Pope, L. Congreve, D. Todd, M. Butcher. Front: F. McDiarmid, E. Hare, R. McAlpine, A. Todd. The Dinner was held in the Clubrooms on Saturday evening, October 5th. A good crowd of members attended and a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by all. Miss M. Richard was given the honour of presenting the various trophies, shields, awards etc. After the presentations, games and dances were indulged in by some members.

CHRISTCHURCH (Cont.)

have to race 250 yards with a 60lb pack on their backs, climb a pole 12ft high, walk along 25feet of wire rope, climb down a pole, run 15 yards, rock hop for 25yds, and then, if they have any energy left, sprint 100yds to the finishing line. Tom hopes to attend next convention in Rotorua next year.

Good Luck Tom!

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On Wednesday evening, Oct 9th. four deaf visitors from London paid us a short visit in the course of a Commonwealth tour. The Clubrooms were a busy scene, as we were participating in friendly games of indoor bowls against a hearing club, as well as having two table-tennis tables in use for those who had been selected to play at Labour Weekend. Our visitors were Mr and Mrs Whitty and Mr and Mrs Murphy. They seemed disappointed that their stay in New Zealand was so short.

Mr and Mrs W. Stonex Nelson, spent two

weeks holiday in Christchurch from mid November. This is their first holiday here since leaving for Nelson 2 years ago. It was nice to see them again.

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Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all.

Canterbury Correspondent

Mrs Susan Penman, Senior Machinist in the Post Office Zone Accounts Branch, Christchurch, has been deaf since birth.

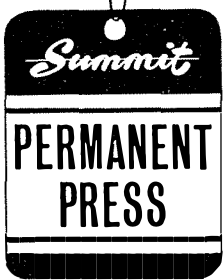
Mrs Penman is an outstanding example of handicapped people, who, with much courage and determination, have been able to make valuable contributions to the community.

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CHRISTCHURCH DEAF WOMEN'S GROUP

The first baking demonstration by Mrs B. Bryson was held last July and so members of the group could keep building their knowledge of baking we have had similar demonstrations every month. In September Mrs M. Coutts had a turn showing the "Peanut Cake"

Recipe: 3 eggs, 3 tablespoons hot water, 4 ozs sugar, 1lb minced peanuts, 1 teaspoon baking powder. Beat eggs thick, add hot water, then sugar peanuts and baking powder. Line a 9in tin with greaseproof paper, put in mixture and bake about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour at 350° f. When cold ice with chocolate icing.

We were pleased to welcome from Auckland Mrs Mellow who is the mother of Mrs Nita James and also a member of the Friends of the Deaf Society Auckland. Mrs Coutts donated the prize for guessing how many beans there were in a jar. It was won by Mrs L. Pope.

In October Mrs A. Charman demonstrated "Black and White" Cake. Here is the Recipe: (Bottom) $\frac{1}{2}$ lb butter with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sugar, 2 yolks of eggs, 6 ozs flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, pinch salt. Mix and press in sponge tin or baking dish (meat) (Top) Melt 1 cup brown sugar, 2 egg whites, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb dark chocolate, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup walnuts (chopped), $\frac{1}{4}$ cup coconut. (If liked I always put 1 tablespoon coconut spread on short cake). Bake in moderate oven, 15 or 20 mins, 375 degra.

Mrs Charman donated a box of chocolate for the raffle which was won by Mrs Peggy Swindale.

In November Mrs Capel demonstrated "Fruit Square" mince filling. The recipe is: Make pastry what you like to use for mince filling, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb mixed fruit (currants, dates, sultanas, raisins) 2 grated apples, 1 teaspoon spice, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cloves (small) $\frac{1}{2}$ lb crumbs (cakes), $\frac{1}{2}$ glass brandy $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar. Mix altogether and put in jar will keep well for up to six months. Be lovely for Christmas mince tarts.

Mrs P. Swindale donated a beautiful Christmas cake for a raffle which was won by Mrs Hicks. Mrs Hicks of Auckland made a visit to the Women's Group and enjoyed herself very much.

On 20th November a party from the group made a bus trip to Ashburton to visit "Ashford" factory and "Tudor" house.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Break-up in December. Wishing all the readers of New Zealand Deaf News a Very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the coming Year, 1969.

Margaret. E. Coutts

Dunedin Indoor Bowls

Alistair Gibson who plays indoor bowls for the Dunedin Hard of Hearing Club has again won the Singles Championship. He also won the Pairs Championship and he played in the winning Fours team. This year is the 7th year in succession that Alistair has won the Singles title. He has been playing indoor bowls for 8 years.

Kiwis in Australia

Some news of New Zealand deaf folk in Australia is contained in a letter from Keren and Annette Scott to Mr and Mrs Cyril Allen, of Auckland.

Keren, who is now the very proud father of a bonny baby boy, Michael John, said that he has become a leading hand (Chargerman) at his work. He has three men working under his direction and his boss is very pleased with him.

Dennis Cunniffe has also got a baby son. His brother, Rex, has an Australian girlfriend.

Keren has had a letter from George and Margaret Kake. They wrote from Perth and said they hoped to be back in Sydney next year. They have been on a working holiday around Australia.

"Red Carpet" Reception

In last Autumn's issue the Deaf News reported that an American deaf couple, Mr and Mrs J. Miller, had visited the Auckland Deaf Society's clubrooms when their ship called here on a Wednesday. John Hunt, Editor of the Deaf News, showed the couple around Auckland.

"Speaking Out," a Washington publication of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf writes as follows in regard to the Miller's visit.

"Jane Teweles Miller and her husband of Flushing, New York, received "red carpet" reception from oral deaf adults 'down under' in New Zealand during their recent five-week trip through the Orient and South Sea Islands."

Could it be me?

Two years back the women's basketball team was posing for a picture and the camera broke.

This year the badminton team posed for the same photographer with the same camera.

After one successful attempt, the flash wouldn't go off and then the camera wouldn't work. One face was present both times—mine—could that have been the cause?

Noeline Still, Christchurch.

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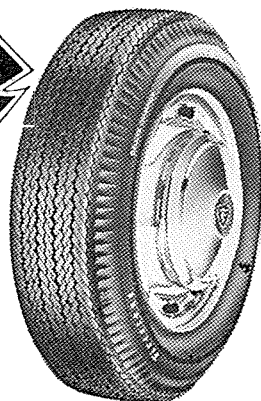
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Weddings



ST JOHN—DROMGOOLE

Mr and Mrs Peter St. John, who were married at the Presbyterian Church, Orakei, Auckland, on October 26th, 1968. The Rev. F. Green officiated.

The bride, Patricia, is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. S. Dromgoole, of Mission Bay, Auckland, and the bridegroom is the elder son of Mrs E. St. John and the late Mr W. St John, of Blenheim.

Pat is a former pupil of the Titirangi School for Deaf and has been a member of the Auckland Deaf Society for several years.

For her bridal frock Pat wore a frock of white crimpline with a matching pill-box hat and short veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses, stephanotis and lily of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Lynette Collett, wore a frock of champagne sparkle crepe with a matching headband, and carried a super star rose and matching carnations.

The best man was Mr Trevor Rabbits, of Hastings.

The young couple are now living in a flat at Devonport.



TOWNSHEND—MARTIN

Mr and Mrs Richard David Townshend, who were married at the Onehunga Methodist Church, Onehunga, on 24th August, 1968.

The wedding was of interest to the deaf in both the North and the South Islands. The bride Jennifer Wendy, is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. L. Martin, of Onehunga, and the bridegroom is the only son of Mr and Mrs R. Townshend, of Christchurch. Jennifer is a former pupil of the Titirangi and Kelston Schools for the Deaf and Richard, is a former Summer pupil. They have been members of the Auckland and Christchurch deaf clubs respectively for a number of years.

The Rev. P. H. Taylor, of the Onehunga Methodist Church, performed the wedding ceremony. The bridesmaids were Mrs Erica Siviter, a schoolfriend of the bride, Miss Philippa Townshend, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Ruth Ballard, the bride's cousin. Mr Hugh Penman, of Christchurch, was the best man.

The young couple are now living in Christchurch.


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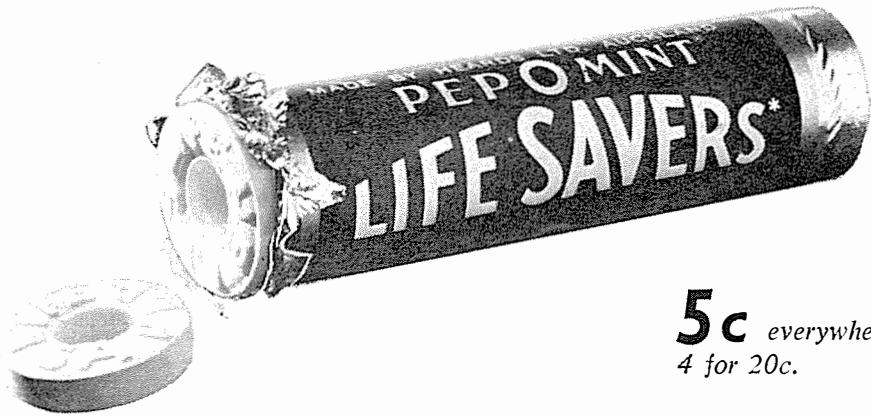
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School News



ST. DOMINIC'S PUPILS — 1968

The calendar says Winter is finished but you would doubt it if you were here with the winds, rain and cold days. The boys and girls were very brave to have their first swim at the end of October and many of last year's paddlers are now swimming in the larger pool. The school's centre-of-interest lately was "The Maori People" and the children learned much about Maoris and their culture. They made Maori headbands and mats, learned to swing the pois and swish the piu piu and the boys tried carving and the haka. Mr Mihare's Concert Party gave an enjoyable entertainment and helped in many ways to make a successful and live way of learning history. Mr Lawton organised a hangi and even the little ones came up for second helpings. Mother Caterina who teaches at a Dominican School for the Deaf in Melbourne was happy to be present with us for "Maori Week".

During the August holidays Sisters M. Jacinta and Anastasia visited Sydney to attend a Conference for those connected with the education of the Deaf. They said that the discussions and lectures given by Dr Hardy and his wife from America were very valuable.

Mrs Michael comes for ballet and this year the ballerinas are learning "The Sleeping Be-

auty." Mr Michael, who brought the bread to St Dominic's for many years, has retired from driving the van. Our two good friends, Mr O'Driscoll and Mr Kinsella, have found the vegetable gardens a bit too much for them now and were sad to give up their good work after many years. We are sorry too. We are very grateful to Archbishop Liston for giving the School an Elekon Speech Trainer. We were glad to have a visit from Mr L. Williams of Auckland and his granddaughter, Mrs Hopkinson, and her little son, Peter.

Next year the School will have its SILVER JUBILEE when we hope to welcome all the ex-pupils during the Queen's Birthday Weekend. D. Beech, A. Carroll, Maree Ward, Marlene Rush and Suzanne Hanson are the local ex-pupils who are on the Jubilee Committee and they are working very hard at organizing, and will be posting circulars to all ex-pupils before Christmas. It should be a happy re-union.

Last, but not least, we must mention how the School enjoyed Mr Mandhl's visit to take photographs. The happy faces in the group photo show you the children did not mind giving up school lessons for the occasion.

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This has been an eventful and a rather sad year for education of the deaf in New Zealand as it has been necessary to complete planning for a record intake of youngsters during 1969 and 1970. Every one connected with Education of the Deaf has been involved in providing all the facilities for over 200 children. Arrangements for additional classrooms, teachers, transport, and equipment and all the hundred and one things essential for educating deaf youngsters are now reaching completion.

At Kelston an additional classroom block will be added during 1969. This will include a speech room and an office for the Supervisor of Junior Classes. One or two extra classrooms will be added to the units at Hamilton West School and a new unit class will be established at the Rotorua Primary School in February. This will be the first unit in Rotorua and will initially cater for five-year-old pupils.

To provide the teachers of the deaf necessary for the next few years the Department of Education has arranged to train 40 teachers next year and the wide publicity campaign has encouraged a record number of applicants. Of special interest to Kelston has been the decision to establish a training course Education of the Deaf in Auckland Teachers' College. Mr Walls, a staff member at Kelston who has recently completed the Diploma of Education Course at Manchester University, has been appointed Lecturer in charge of the training. The Auckland trainees, who are all experienced teachers, will be attached to Kelston for the practical section of the work and will be working in our classrooms next year.

We have been fortunate this year to have had relatively stable staffing in both the school and the hostel. The only changes that have occurred to our permanent teaching staff has been the appointments of Mr Walls to Teachers' College and Mrs L. Stancliffe to the Advisers' Training Course, in Christchurch.

A. J. Young
Principal

SUMNER

LAST year, seven pupils at the School for the Deaf in Sumner entered the third form at Hillmorton High School.

Until then, their lives and futures had been bound by the limits of any deaf person in a community. They had been well educated. They had been taught to understand others and to make themselves understood by others, but they had had very little contact with the "hearing" world.

Their enrollment at an ordinary secondary school came as a suggestion from the Department of Education in 1965. In co-operation with the board of governors of Hillmorton High School and the head master (Mr P. W. Murdoch), the experiment began.

The seven deaf girls were grouped together in the same third form. They attended several classes with the other pupils but always had the security of their own small classroom and specialist teacher of the deaf, Miss Jan Holst, who was appointed to the school as guardian and mentor for the girls.

Apart from this form of retreat, the girls received no specialised treatment.

But, as they were all doing the same subjects they tended to stay together too much. They became known to the other pupils as the "deaf" group.

This year, the girls were divided into three streams of the fourth form which not only caters for their different scholastic abilities and talents but encourages them to mix more with the other pupils.

"There are three girls in the Commercial A class who do all subjects with the class except English, social studies and science. The other two are in Commercial B doing similar subjects and returning to me for specialised instructions with the others."

Miss Holst said that there had been problems in establishing the deaf girls at the school.

"One of the hardest things for them was increasing their lip-reading vocabulary. They could usually understand as long as teachers and pupils spoke words they had had before. They have learnt many new words now and as long as people don't talk too quickly, they can usually understand."

The girls have made many friends and have proved themselves outstanding at sport—five are in the first hockey XI.

Mr Murdoch, evaluating the scheme at this stage, said that there is no question of the value that entry into secondary school life has provided for the seven girls.

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N.Z. DEAF CONVENTION



Watching the sports.

The Labour week-end Convention at Christchurch was in all respects a very successful gathering. We hope that future conventions will be as well patronised as this one was, when approximately 230 deaf from one end of New Zealand to the other competed in various sports indoor and outdoor.

Results were:

Athletics

Auckland were a much superior team in winning the Athletics with 37 points. Christchurch were 2nd, with 20 points, Northland 3 points, 3rd. and Wellington, 1 point, finished 4th.

Table Tennis

Auckland beat Wellington, 8 games, 16 sets to 1 set. Christchurch beat Northland, 7 games 15sets, to 1 game, 2sets. Auckland beat Christchurch, 5 games, 11 sets, to 3 games, 7 sets. Wellington beat Northland 5 games, 11 sets, to 3 games, 7 sets. Auckland beat Northland 8 games, 16 sets, to nil. Christchurch beat Wellington, 8 games, 16 sets, to 2 sets. Final scores were Auckland, 1st, 21 games, 43 sets. Christchurch 2nd 18 games 38 sets. Wellington 3rd 5 games, 14 sets, Northland 4th, 4 games, 9 sets.

Bowls

In the first round Christchurch were superior to Wellington winning 20 games to 8. The winning team scored 106 points to 63.

The second round between Auckland and Christchurch was keenly contested, and at times thrilling, to both spectators and players alike. The final result was: Auckland 1st; 15 games, 73 points, Christchurch 2nd, 13 games, 71 points.

Badminton.

Christchurch beat Wellington, 5 games, 10 sets, to 3 games, 7 sets. Auckland beat Northland, 8 games, 16 sets, to nil. Final Auckland, 5 games, 11 sets, beat Christchurch 3 games, 7 sets.

Indoor Basket-Ball.

Auckland and Christchurch were the only three (3) teams entered for this trophy, Auckland being the winners.

Social Evening

On the Saturday evening a social was held in the Club rooms. There was a large attendance of deaf people. A gorgeous buffet tea was partaken before the President (Mrs M. E. Coutts) presented the Shield and trophies to the winning team captains.

Picnic

On the Sunday a picnic was held at Queen Elizabeth No 2. Park, and although a shower of rain dampened the ground it did not dampen the spirits of the many who attended. Miss Pat Oxpring of Auckland was judged Miss Deaf New Zealand 1968, Mrs N. Still, of Christchurch was placed 2nd. and Mrs M. Smart, (Christchurch) Miss R. McKie, (Rangiora) Mrs R. Williams, (Dunedin) and Miss K. Johnson (Christchurch) were placed 3rd equal.

Mr K. Pivac, of Auckland was acclaimed Mr Deaf New Zealand 1968, Mr W. Bird (Northland) was placed 2nd, and Mr N. Norris (Auckland) 3rd.

Ladies Tug-O-War:

Auckland beat Christchurch, 2—1., to win the Shield. North beat South, 2—0.

Men's Tug-O-War:

1st round: Christchurch beat Wellington 2—1, Auckland beat Dunedin 2—0.,

Final: Christchurch beat Auckland, 2—0. South beat North, 2—0.

On the Sunday evening the Clubrooms were open for a while, for some tongue wagging. They were also open Monday evening for those who wished to go there before departing by plane late at night.

All in all it was a most enjoyable Labour weekend.

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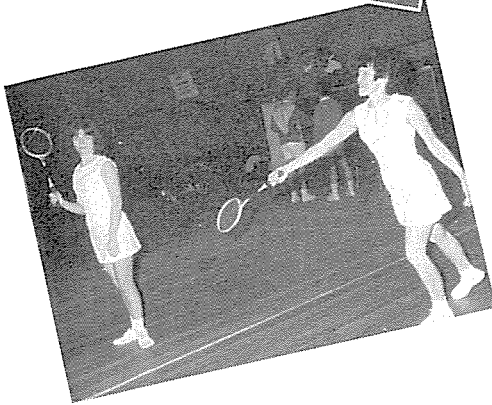
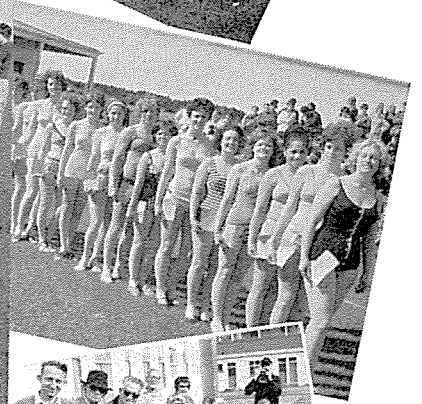
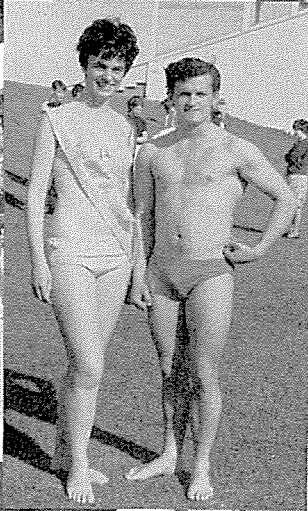
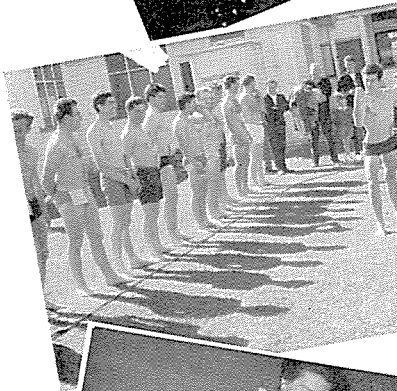
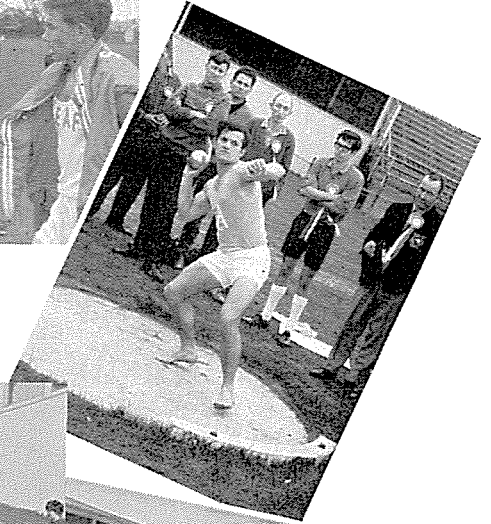
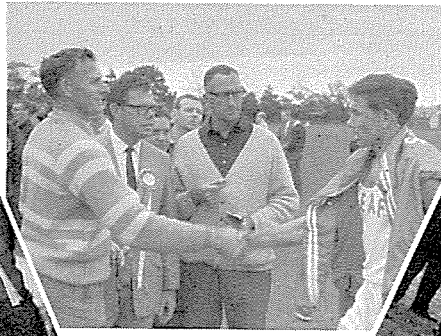
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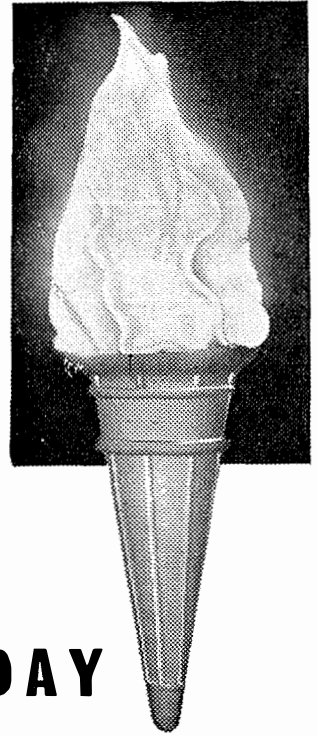


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AUCKLAND PRIZEGIVING

Successful competitors in the Auckland Deaf Society's indoor games and sports throughout the year were rewarded for their efforts on Saturday evening, 16th November, when the annual Prize-Giving Dinner was held in the clubrooms. An appetising meal was enjoyed by those who attended following which the prize-winners came forward and were warmly applauded as they received their prizes from Mr C. Kay, President of the New Zealand Deaf Amateur Sports Association.

The Patron of the Society, the Hon. Mr J. Rae, M. P., was, unfortunately, unable to attend and apologies were received from him and his wife. Along with Mr and Mrs Kay at the official table were Mr J. McRae, President of the Society, and his wife, the Principal of the Kelston School for the Deaf, Mr A. J. Young, who is a Vice-President of the Society, and his wife Mrs Margaret E. Coutts, President of the Christchurch Deaf Society, Mr Bruce McHattie, Publicity Officer and Organiser of the N.Z.D.A.S.A., Mr Harry Kendall, of London, visiting deaf professional wrestler, Mr A. D. Anton, Secretary of the Society, and his wife, and the M.C., Mr D. Powell, and his wife.

President's Speech

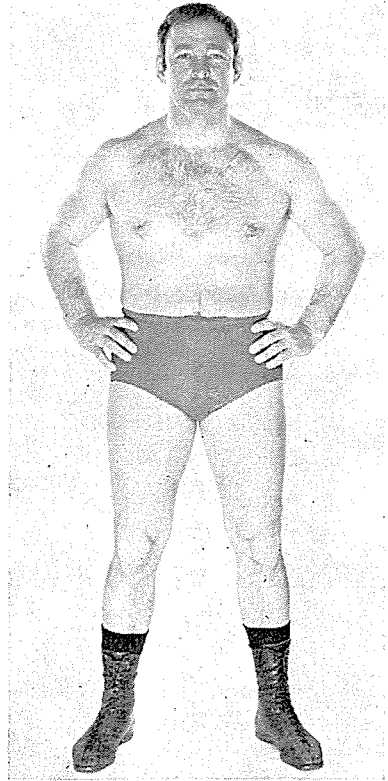
Mr McRae extended a special welcome to Mrs Coutts and said he hoped she would enjoy her stay in Auckland. He wished Mrs Rae who was in hospital a speedy recovery and in welcoming Mr and Mrs Young he thanked them for the use of their school's swimming baths and grounds. He referred to Mr Colin Kay's effort in organising a 24 hour sponsored run which resulted in the N.Z.D.A.S.A. benefiting by over \$3000. He also thanked Mr McHattie for his efforts to raise funds for the elderly deaf village. He congratulated members of the Society who had played a part in the success achieved at the Convention and who had done well in activities outside the Society. He presented Mr Harry Kendall with a fine book containing scenic views of New Zealand on behalf of members of the Society, wished him a good trip back to England and said he hoped he would return with his wife and daughter.

Mrs Coutts expressed great pleasure in being able to attend the prize-giving and thanked Mr McRae and other members of the Society for their invitation. She said she was very interested in encouraging members of the deaf clubs to play sports and thought the Auckland society was very lucky to have the members who had been to the World Deaf Games and brought back knowledge to pass on. She

congratulated the Society on its success at the Christchurch convention and said that every one who took part had tried very hard. She said she was sorry Mr Kay had been unable to attend and she especially thanked Mr McHattie for all he had done. She hoped some of the members would be lucky enough to go to the next World Games and all would keep up their interest in sport.

Challenge of Sport

Mr Young also expressed his pleasure to be at the dinner and said he was always happy to see deaf people striving to do better. Sport was something at which the deaf could do as well as the hearing. He wished that everyone present was going to the next deaf olympics, and urged those trying to go to aim high. He raised laughter with teasing remarks for the benefit of Mrs Coutts about Auckland's victory at Christchurch and, finally, welcomed the Society to make further use of his school for sporting activities.



Mr Kendall, too, thanked the speakers for their welcome and members of the Society for their hospitality. He said he liked New Zealand very much. He said he would be wrestling in Japan next year. He thanked members very much for the presentation and passed it around to be signed by everyone present.

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Mr Kay said he was very pleased to be present and expressed regret at being unable to attend the Convention. In the course of his remarks he made special mention of Mr Kendall whom he said had done very well in this country. He thanked Mr McRae for his reference to the 24-hr run and those present who had participated in it. He said he really enjoyed doing his best for the Deaf Sports Association.

The following members were then presented with their trophies and prizes:

TABLE TENNIS

Ladies Singles: Miss Pat Oxspring runner-up Miss Kay Hunia.

Women's Bracelet: Mrs E Powell

Men's Singles: J. McRae; runner-up P. Murray

Men's Plate: C. Goodhue.

Ladies Doubles: Miss K. Hunia and Mrs. M. Graham; runner-up: Miss P. Oxspring and Mrs. J. Pearce.

Men's Doubles: J. McRae and W. Dennis; runner-up: G. Mansell and P. Murray.

Mixed Doubels: Miss. K. Hunia and J. McRae; runners-up: P. Murray and Mrs. J. Pearce.

INDOOR BOWLS

Singles: Sen. Smith; runner-up: Owen Gibbons.

Pairs: B. Kinnaird and Mrs. C. Norris; runner-up: Mrs. B. Gibbons and O. Gibbons.

Fours: Mrs. K. Smith, Mrs. B. Gibbons, W. Graham and P. Downie; runners-up: O. Gibbons, D. Powell, Mrs. E. Siviter, Miss. R. Mullins.

SNOOKER

Ladies: Mrs. G. Kinnaird; runner-up: Miss. P. Oxspring

Mens: W. Katu; runner-up: Mr. L. Fry.

DARTS

Ladies: Miss. P. Oxspring, runner-up: Mrs. N. Doherty.

Mens: B. Kinnaird; runner-up R. Neeley.

GHESS

Mrs. J. Pearce, runner-up D. Nunes

DRAUGHTS

Ladies: Miss. K. Oxspring; runner-up Mrs J. Pearce.

Mens: G. Howard; runner-up, D. Nunes.

NON CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE—TENNIS

Ladies: Miss K. Hunia; runner-up Miss P. Oxspring.

Mens: P. Murray; runner-up W. Dennis.

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Most improve indoor basketball player: B. Clews

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Most points for Indoor Sports: Miss. Pat Oxspring.

Following the presentation films of the Christchurch convention were shown by John Mansell and slide by "Bimbo" Grieves. They were much appreciated.

Clever Cartoonist.

A good laugh was enjoyed by those who attended the prize-giving over the cartoons brought back from the Christchurch Convention by John McRae. They were very cleverly done by Michael Hope, of Christchurch.

How about a cartoon for the Deaf News, Michael?

1500 ATHLETES EXPECTED

The Secretary of the organising committee for the XIth World Games of the Deaf to be held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 9th to 16th August, 1969, has advised the Deaf News that he is expecting about 1500 athletes to take part.

He says that Belgrade, the principal city of Yugoslavia, is already making big arrangements to welcome the athletes and the thousands of tourists expected with them. Belgrade's huge sports stadium will be an ideal place for the Games and there will be a very rich cultural and artistic programme as well.

The following countries have already entered competitors: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Canada, Columbia, Hungary, Germany, Norway, New Zealand, Poland, Rumania, U.S.A., Switzerland, Sweden, Great Britain and Venezuela. Another ten countries are expected to enter.

The sports will be athletics, cycling, football, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, swimming, handball, wrestling, table tennis, shooting, tennis and water polo.

WAIKATO INDOOR BOWLS

Champion Pairs: E. Wood (skip) and Mrs Rae; runners-up, S. Reid (skip) and Miss Howell.

Men's Singles: O. McCorkindale; runner-up, S. Reid.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs H. McCorkindale; runner-up, Miss C. Howell.

Most Improved Bowlers: Mrs Mumford (Ladies), K. Rae (Men).

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2, v 8-20

IF deaf or hard of hearing are interested in the Deaf Christian Fellowship, please write Miss M. Parry, 17a Ngapuhi Road, Remuera.

THE DEAF LOVE TO SING

Members of the New Zealand Deaf Team who went to Washington in 1965 will remember the Rev. Father Springer, writes Kath Smith of Auckland. He was a speaker at the luncheon put on in our honour by the New Orleans Rotary Club during the team's stop over in that city.

THE Rev. Christopher Springer's parish is unique in two respects: it stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and from Mexico to Alaska; and his parishioners are all deaf.

As a kind of Roman Catholic Billy Graham to the deaf, Father Springer travels more than 30,000 miles a year across the United States and Canada conducting silent Masses and preaching in sign language.

His chapel is a 17ft by 7ft camper. It is also his home away from home, and houses his ham radio equipment.

The 41-year-old, cigar-smoking, genial Redemptorist from Louisiana has been a missionary to the deaf since his ordination in 1954.

In the past 13 years he has become so fluent in sign language that he can use it as fast, or even faster, than he talks audibly.

Father Springer considers sign language a universal means of communication. Most words—about 80 per cent, he said—are represented by gestures which are the same in English, French, Spanish or any other language.

Father Springer has used sign language in Mass and preaching.

"I've interpreted for deaf persons in court, in labour negotiations, and translated movie sound-tracks," he said. "I've even been called in on medical consultations."

Apparently all the features of ordinary speech pop up in sign language in a different guise.

"There are people who stammer in sign language just as in spoken language," Father Springer said.

"If I get a splinter in my finger, I say that I'm talking with a lisp. If my arms are tired from a lot of sign-talking, I say that I've got laryngitis of the shoulders.

"You can even make Freudian slips in sign language, and that can be embarrassing."

The deaf sing in sign language.

"You sing by getting lots of rhythm into it," Father Springer said. "Some hymns have a slow, dignified rhythm. Others are livelier. The deaf love to sing. No doubt about that."

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OUR WELFARE OFFICER



Mr Trevor Fear, who writes as follows in regard to his appointment as the first full time Social Welfare Officer for the deaf.

What does a Social Worker amongst the Deaf Do?

This is a question that has been asked of me a number of times since undertaking the task in Auckland. I value this invitation to write for the Deaf News, giving you a few of my thoughts concerning this new position.

The Need.

Already I have realised the tremendous need there is for social welfare work amongst the deaf community. A need that has only been half attended to by dedicated voluntary workers in past years.

Employment opportunities and difficulties—

Several people have been unable to locate employment, they have told me of their difficulties and I have been able to negotiate on their behalf. One man was having trouble with other young fellows who were not treating him as they should—I was able to speak to the management before things got out of hand. I have also spent time negotiating with possible employment placements for Deaf School leavers, and during school terms intend to spend some time with the older pupils at Kelston. Already I have found time spent at the school most rewarding as it has assisted me greatly in understanding and trying my hand in the field of communication.

Accommodation— A number of deaf people have contacted me concerning accommodation. Some from country districts who desire to live

and work in the city, others who are looking for some alternative place to live such as renting or buying their own home. Here we are able to look at the market, work out what best suits the circumstances and ensure that anyone buying a house is fully protected.

Court work — Here I have valued the guidance and assistance of Mr. Bruce McHattie who for so long has accepted responsibility for this and other aspects of social welfare work. Communication with the deaf is always a problem when court cases arise and often misunderstanding can cause tension. Not only the Magistrates Court, but other establishments within the city have welcomed the appointment of a full time Social Worker.

Family Situations — There is a need to assist families who have been experiencing difficulties (what family doesn't have difficulties?). Here through experience and guidance help has already been given to a number of families—this has been a very rewarding aspect of the work.

THE SCOPE.

Already I have given you some indication as the scope of the work, but the possibilities for development are tremendous. There are numerous situations that apply to the realm of the social worker, visiting the sick and aged, letters to write, plans to be made, predicaments to be looked into.

Eddowes Memorial Village — Many of you will have heard of the plan to build a pensioner village for elderly deaf. Already I have negotiated with Government looking into the possibility of obtaining a subsidy towards the erection of such a scheme.

Fund raising — Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing not to have to worry about money? But it's an established fact that wherever social, source of financial income must be found. A large fund raising project has been accepted by the Auckland Licensed Victuallers Association and they estimate that over a year they will achieve some \$10,000 towards the Eddowes Memorial Village project — but we must do our part in assisting.

Public Relations — There are many people who have no knowledge of deafness and what it is. Already I have been able to speak at a number of functions and create a community awareness of the incidence and associated problems relating to deafness.

I realise that a number of people have felt no need for a Social Welfare Officer, others have realised the need that does exist. I have been in the position only for a few weeks and have more than enough work to cope with. I value with admiration the work that has been

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done on a voluntary basis by Mr. Bruce McHattie and cannot speak too highly of his firm The Farmers Trading Company, who have allowed him time off to deal with matters relating to deaf welfare. I also trust that as the work develops, he and others will continue to work with me in this very important field.

I value greatly this opportunity of writing and with my wife Margaret, look forward to the privilege of meeting many of you, and sharing in your activities.

Trevor G. Fear

22 November 1968

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

I thought you would like to hear how the appointment of Mr. Trevor Fear, our new Welfare Officer, was made and I am using the medium of the current Deaf News to give the details.

There were over 50 replies to our advertisement, from applicants throughout New Zealand, many from men with experience overseas or within the country and many from people with high ideals but little else. The list was reduced to 8 names and the furthest distance anyone had to come for interview was from Napier.

A Committee, formed of 4 deaf and 4 hearing members met at the centre to interview each applicant and his wife. Finally the Committee was unanimous in inviting Mr. Fear to be the Society's Welfare Officer.

Mr. Fear had had considerable experience and was held in high regard as Baptist City Missioner in Auckland. He had dealt over a period with other welfare organisations in the city and specialised in dealing with young people, which we felt was of great benefit. Not only was Mr. Fear young and enthusiastic but he also had a charming wife whom we felt would be a great asset to him in his work. Incidentally, Mrs Fear is a trained nurse, and all in all we felt that we were indeed fortunate to find someone of such high calibre.

Naturally, for Mr. Fear to make a success of his job it is essential that he has the co-operation in full measure of the hearing members, but more particularly of deaf members who are the ones to gain utmost benefit from his appointment. We are confident that you will like him and give him the assistance he will need.

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Said John, "I've always enjoyed drawing, and I wanted to design women's clothes for a long time. But my mother told me I had to learn to speak first, then I could think about designing. Now I can manage English, I would like to learn Maori."

John was born in Waikato, and attended a school for deaf children in Titirangi. Then he moved to a similar school at Feilding, and at 13 he went to the Marist Boys' High School at Hamilton, and started speech lessons in earnest at a clinic.

He progressed so well he was able to join the display staff of the Farmers' Trading Company as a ticket writer and window dresser, at Hamilton. Four years later he was transferred to Auckland, where he is now employed.

"I love my work, I do a lot of display work and help dress the windows, and I'm very happy. I don't think I would leave to become a dress designer. I would like to do that in my spare time," he said.

— Extract from N.Z. Women's Weekly

Christmas Parties

Both the Auckland and Hamilton Christmas parties this year were a great success.

The Auckland Deaf Club's party was held in the clubrooms which had been very gaily decorated for the occasion so that a real Christmas spirit prevailed. The feature of the decorations were the clever drawings on the walls and windows by Jean Pearce.

More than 130 attended the party and there were more dances and items than usual thanks to Mrs Des. Powell who did a very good job as M. C. The ladies report that the boys even got up and danced with them!

There were 95 present at the Hamilton party, including a good crowd from Auckland and a party from Taranaki. There were some nice raffle prizes, the winners being: T. Gibling, of Auckland, a Xmas hamper; Miss F. Yates, a ladies handbag and Mrs Laura Hunt, a table lamp beautifully made by one of the Wood brothers.

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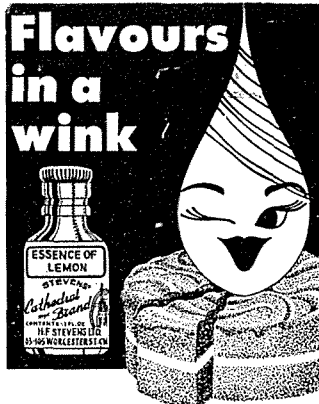
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OVERSEAS TOUR MEMORIES

by C. L. Allen



Mr Cyril Allen, former Principal of the Kelston School for the Deaf, who described his 22,000 miles caravan tour overseas in last year's Winter edition of the Deaf News, has kindly consented to write further on his experiences. It is hoped that Mr Allen will write in future issues on his memories of his teaching days. They should be well worth reading.

Perhaps one of our most memorable experiences whilst overseas was our meeting with Verna McRae and her two English deaf friends, with whom she was staying while in London. Associated with her two friends was a little white dog, which is the point of interest in my story. However, I cannot let this episode pass, without mentioning how impressed we were with the ability of the Deaf to find their way about in strange places.

We were living in a flat a mile or so outside Cambridge in an area called "A close" which is something equivalent to our New Zealand "No Exit" streets. It was quite a difficult place to locate, and all our hearing friends seemed to experience some difficulty in finding it. Not the "Deafies" though. Verna and her friends asked only once and then came straight to it. We thought that was pretty clever of them — don't you?

Now for the little dog which turned out to be ever so well behaved while in our house, and even more charming in its own home as you will realize from the following.

Verna's friends, a married couple both deaf, lived high up in their London flat. I'm not sure but I fancy they were about three storeys up, and their hearing friend, a woman, lived on the ground floor of the same block of flats.

From time to time this hearing friend had messages for the "Deafies" but of course shouting, whistling, or calling out or even ringing a bell, was quite out of the question. No, she called the little dog instead. He or she, I forget which, bounded down the stairs to the caller, who would hand out a written message which in turn was speedily carried by mouth to the waiting mistress above. We are all well aware of the extreme helpfulness of dogs to the blind, but this was a clear example of doggie service for the Deaf.

Perhaps we in New Zealand have not yet exploited the possibilities of "Dogs for the Deaf." What do readers think?

Surprise Meeting

While on the subject of Cambridge I should mention too, the delightful surprise we had when we almost literally bumped into Pat Barningham, her fiancee, and Judith Crosby. Cambridge is noted for its very narrow winding streets and the footpaths too, are so narrow that a pedestrian is constantly bumping past other users of the sidewalks. You can imagine then our pleasant surprise, when among the many hundreds of passerbys, most if not all of whom were total strangers, we should most unexpectedly "bump into" these New Zealand friends who were making the odd visit to this famous University City, to do some brass rubbings.

We were also exceedingly proud of our Sydney ex. New Zealanders, in particular Keren Scott and John Hughes. We were met by them at the Sydney Airport, and Keren most expertly conducted us by car through the maze of Sydney's traffic to Circular Quay and thence to our ship. The way in which these young men looked after us was a happy experience and we were extremely proud of the way they were not only looking after themselves, but also looking after their New Zealand visitor friends.

Communication Barrier Overcome

A happening which I'm sure will remain impressed upon my mind for many years to come, was the chance meeting with a young Greek deaf man, at a quiet watering place on the northern coast of Greece. Meeting deaf people was of course in itself no new experience for me, but when you realize that Greek writing and English writing are totally different there was no hope of communicating through writing; neither of us knew each other's language so there was no hope of either speaking or writing; nor did we have at our command any form of universal sign language. So you can imagine that my meeting with this young man was something quite different from any ex-

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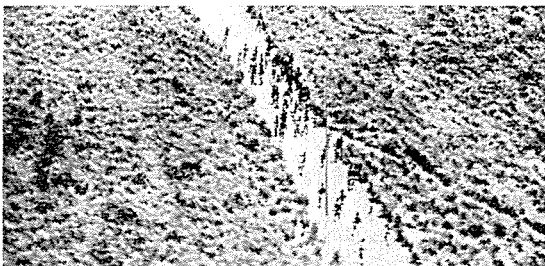
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Lt. Col. Mayer, brother of Mrs Laura Hunt, wife of the Editor of the Deaf News, continues his personal account of the daring United Nations operation in the strife-torn Congo in January, 1965, in which he bargained with his life to secure the release of missionaries held by savage rebel tribesmen. He was awarded the George Medal for his courage.

CONGO RESCUE MISSION

By Lt. Col. Paul A. Mayer



Rebel tribesmen gazing up at helicopters.

In the previous instalment of his story. Lt. Col. Mayer told of how he laid his plans and arrived in the vicinity of the rebel-held mission station with a force of two light planes and three helicopters to find the place swarming with Jeunesse tribesmen. Leaving orders with his men, that if he was killed or captured they must shoot their way in and take the missionaries out at all costs, he dropped to the ground and hurried towards the chief of the Jeunesse. The throng around began to yell and scream and throw earth and stones at him as he moved. The chief was standing with two of his sons. Their eyes had the look of madmen. The chief commanded that the Col. order his helicopters to land and hand over their guns and ammunition, then he would release the missionaries. Col. Mayer would not agree to do this and the chief pointed his lance at him. The story continues:

As I turned my head to avoid blows, I saw that some of the rebels from the south were coming toward us, away from the smaller group of missionaries behind me. I looked at the main group of sisters beyond the chief. One sister was shaking her head wildly, her hands clasped in prayer.

I wanted to walk over to them but the chief's lance stopped me. I looked at him intently and held up my right hand. He shouted an order and the mob quieted down.

"You wish to speak?" he demanded.

"Yes."

"I command you to speak."

"You are the chief and president of the Jeunesse and I am chief of United Nations here. I ask that we go to the mission to discuss these matters as chiefs should, peacefully and without interruption."

"They Will Kill Us All"

He barked out another order and the tribesmen turned toward the mission. The crowd pushed me along, throwing dirt and rocks at me as we moved. I glanced at the sisters as I passed them and one cried out: "You should never have come here. Now they will kill us all." I was inclined to agree.

Suddenly a loud cry went up; we all stopped. The mob pointed to the south in great excitement. I, too, looked down the road to see Von Bayer's helicopter picking up the two sisters and three fathers who had been left unprotected when their guards had decided to move along with the rest of us toward the mission.

Some of the men ran screaming toward the helicopter, shooting arrows and throwing spears, but Von Bayer had moved too quickly.

The chief was furious; he accused me of tricking him. The spitting, dirt-throwing and pounding at me started again. Then another shout. The man who had first struck me demanded why I had brought Congolese troops in the machines. I explained they were not Congolese troops, but Nigerians of the UN force.

Now the slick-haired man pointed at me. "See," he shouted, "they have brought one African brother against the other."

Both sons were now making uncomfortable and rather rude gestures toward me. Pangs of fear struck me, for it was quite clear what they were contemplating. A screaming tirade was directed against me demanding that I be killed there and then.

Time Running Out

There seemed little hope. Our time over target was going fast and my stomach was full of butterflies.

Meanwhile, Lt. Glantz had ordered all helicopters to stand aside in their allotted areas while he took a closer look. He came in low and saw that I was in real trouble. If I fell, he knew what he must do.

My slick-haired "friend" was waving his hand toward me now. He seemed to be trying to pacify the chief and his sons, but with little success.

One of the sons grabbed my hand and tried to pull off my ring. When he found he could not he drew a knife. A shout from his father stopped him.

"What is that thing? Is it gold?" asked the chief, taking a step nearer and brushing his son aside.

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perience I had ever had before. Nevertheless I was able during an interesting half hour, to converse more with him than I was able to do with any other non-English speaking person, during our whole trip. He told me where he lived, that he had a motor scooter on which he could travel from home to the beach in about twenty minutes; he related also that his work was cleaning cars ready for spray painting. I was amused too, when he told me that as a pupil at school he was rather stupid and slow. He found learning to read and write very difficult and many were the times when he had his bottom smacked and his ears twisted because of his stupidity.

Oh! thought I to myself that has never happened in New Zealand, surely?? Ooo—oo! naughty naughty! Don't sign.

ENGAGEMENTS

COVENTRY—PRINCE. Between Carolyn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. J. Prince, of Milford, and Noel Coventry, eldest son of Mrs Ferguson, of Titi-rangi.

WOOD—HICKEY. Mr and Mrs T. P. Hickey, of Bridge Tavern, Waitara, announce the engagement of their first daughter Gaynor Ann, to Leslie Wood, second son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Wood, of 22 Stanley Street, Hamilton.

BIRTHS

CRAYTON. On November 11th, 1968, at the Motueka Cottage Hospital, to Marlyn (nee Sweeney) and Andrew, a son, Bruce James — a brother for William.

CUNNIFFE. On 20th September 1968 at Sydney to Sue and Dennis formerly of Wellington, a son.

PRIESTLEY.—On October 5, 1968, at Howick Obstetric, to Alison (nee Gray) and Owen, a daughter. A sister for Pauline and Robert. Both well. Thanks to doctor and nursing staff.

DEATHS

ELLIS, William Gordon. Suddenly, on 25th October, 1968, at Auckland. Loved father of Mona Kirk, 22 Holdsworth Ave, Palmerston North.

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