

# CARILLON COMPETITION 'ABSURD'

The suggestion that a competition be held for the design of the proposed carillon for Marsland Hill was absurd, the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr A. G. Honnor, said today.

Mr Honnor made this comment after reading of the proposed competition in yesterday's Herald: "I think it is essential that I should make some remarks on what is reported."

"There is no tower, as such, required; neither is there, as far as I know, any firm in Australasia with sufficient knowledge of carillons to carry out such work. I checked this when a carillon was first suggested," Mr Honnor said.

(Yesterday, the president of the Taranaki Society of Arts, Mr A. J. Reeves, and a New Plymouth architect, Mr T. W. Boon, suggested an Australasian competition to provide a design for the carillon. In October last year, Mr George Kibby, donated \$20,000 for it to be built on Marsland Hill.)

## FIELD GLASSES

"Mr Boon's comment concerning the use of field glasses is equally silly, as I doubt if he could see the suggested clock even if he

used field glasses. This was a suggestion that could be used if automatic time control was used and never intended to be seen at any distance," Mr Honnor said.

The remarks concerning bells and the wind had already been discussed and would not be a problem.

"We have had a visit from a representative of a firm which had over 300 years' experience of designing and erecting carillons, and after viewing the site, stated 'Marsland Hill is ideal for the project'."

Mr Honnor said the design for the carillon was especially prepared for the site which was not finally chosen until after consultation with the expert.

"I would remind readers of the old saying 'Don't look a gift horse in the mouth; you either accept or decline.'"

"I also would suggest that the amount of criticism this gift has received is not likely to encourage other residents to make gifts to the," said Mr Honnor.

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