



Late Mr. J. E. CAMPBELL

Mayor of Hawera

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MR J. E. CAMPBELL'S DEATH

Long Career of Service
to the People of Hawera

MAYOR OF TOWN SINCE 1933

LIFETIME SPENT IN DISTRICT

The death of Mr James Ernest Campbell, Mayor of Hawera, occurred at Craigholm Private Hospital shortly after mid-day to-day. He was 57 years of age. He suffered a comparatively brief illness and entered hospital last week.

Born in Hawera, the late Mr Campbell came of pioneering stock. He was the eldest son of the late Mr Malcolm J. Campbell, who came with his parents to New Zealand in 1861, settled temporarily at Patea in 1870 and came to Hawera in 1872 to establish himself in business, and the late Mrs Mary Campbell, daughter of Mr William Douglas, who came from Canada in the early '60's and settled with his family in Hawera in 1866. Like his mother, who was a foundation pupil, Mr Campbell was educated at the Hawera Main School. Mother and son took part in the school jubilee celebrations in 1935, but in the following year a memorial to the late Mrs. Campbell was unveiled in the school.

In his youth Mr Campbell entered the grocery business of his father, but he aspired to become an optician and to that end saved his earnings, went to England, took his diploma and returned to New Zealand to join the ranks of the very few English qualified opticians then in practice in this country. He set up an itinerant practice with consulting rooms in many towns before finally establishing himself in Wanganui, with periodic visits to Hawera. Mr. F. C. Foden, now of Hawera, who had been encouraged to give up his watchmaking business in Inglewood and qualify for the same profession in England, returned to take over Mr Campbell's practice in Wanganui, while the latter took a visit to Australia.

Mr Campbell joined in an estate agency partnership at Hawera with Mr Athol Grant and the two conducted business under the title of Grant and Campbell. Within the period of his partnership Mr Campbell enlisted for war service and left New Zealand with the New Zealand Rifle

Brigade, Reserve Battalion, but hostilities terminated shortly after he reached England, where he demobilised and returned to New Zealand via the United States to acquire New Zealand agencies for trade lines. The post-war land boom saw the sale of much property throughout South Taranaki and of building sites in and around Hawera, one of the biggest undertakings in which the partnership was associated being the sub-division into 72 building sections of the Whakapai Estate in Nolandown owned by Mr Campbell's mother and his aunt, the late Mrs J. Cowper. Mr Campbell retired from the estate agency business in 1925 and subsequently toured England and the Continent. He had then and still retained up to the time of his death the farming of a property at Whenuakura.

OTHER BUSINESS VENTURES.

Two business ventures with which Mr Campbell was associated were the bringing of the Besses O' The Barn band to Hawera and the purchase in partnership with Mr A. M. Conroy of the Hawera Opera House from the old Hawera Town Hall Company, of which Mr W. G. White, of Hawera, was secretary. Mr Campbell afterwards disposed of his interest in the Opera House to Mr Conroy, who in turn sold to the present Hawera Theatre Company. The corner section between the Opera House and Princes Street was sold about the same time to the late Mr Joseph Wilson and afterwards acquired by the National Bank of New Zealand.

Mr. Campbell took a prominent part in the formation of the Hawera Star Publishing Company which purchased this old-established evening newspaper in 1934. He was elected chairman of directors at the time of the formation of the new company and continued to hold that position up till the time of his death.

A number of secretaryships held by Mr Campbell at one time included the Hawera Patriotic Society, held just after the war under the chairmanship of Mr E. Dixon, and at an earlier date the Hawera Poultry Society, the Hawera Band and the Hawera Association Football Club, of which he was a foundation member with Dr. Deck and the Rev. J. A. Jacobs.

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED.

Mr Campbell's active participation in the affairs of public institutions was confined to the very busy period of his life in the last 10 years or so, his entry into that sphere dating from a public meeting in the Winter Show Buildings at which was formed the Hawera Unemployed Relief Committee. Mr Campbell consented to undertake

the secretarial work, which became more difficult as the depression deepened and intensified the hardships of those who, in increasing numbers, found themselves without work and dependent upon meagre relief allocations to the extent that the finance made available by the State would permit. Mr Campbell's ready sympathy with the men and their families and his endeavours on their behalf won for him the respect and admiration of all with whom he came in contact and acknowledgment from the then Unemployment Board and later by the Employment Division of the Department of Labour of the merits of his service and recognition of his suggestions for the removal of many anomalies in the restrictions upon employment. He was assisted towards the end of his association with relief work by Mr L. G. Pearce until in June, 1937, when the Labour Department appointed a resident officer and terminated the activities of the Hawera committee with suitable recognition of its work. One of Mr Campbell's proudest possessions was a fountain pen given to him by the unemployed.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the constitution of Hawera as a borough in 1932, Mr Campbell undertook the task of organisation to such purpose, aided by a citizens' committee fired by his own enthusiasm, that results far exceeded expectations. Reminders of that occasion are the Neon beacon on the water tower to the memory of the pioneers, and Hawera's Mayoral chain which bears as its inscription in Maori, "Hei Mua Tatau Puritia te Tika" ("Let us go forward, cleaving to that which is right").

ELECTION AS MAYOR.

His introduction to municipal affairs came with the retirement from office of Mr E. A. Pacey, Mayor from 1925 to 1933, and the nomination of Mr Campbell, who contested the position in May of that year against Mr W. G. Simpson, a former councillor. In the 1935 and 1937 elections he was returned unopposed, and throughout the unbroken period of six years of his Mayoralty, with the exception of some months in which he toured the East with Mrs Campbell, his service to the community was notable for the consolidation of the affairs of the borough and its many improvements, including the water supply at a cost of £2,000 for main scraping, the sewerage system renovated at a cost of £4,900, the reconstruction of the outfall to the sea, and the commencement of the Nolandown drainage scheme to cost £6,000.

In the wider sphere Mr Campbell represented the Hawera Borough Council on the New Zealand Municipal Association and in his first year became

a member of the executive and, at the time of his death, was one of three representatives of the smaller local bodies of under 6,000 population and was this year one of the assessors appointed in connection with the North Island Borough Labourers' disputes. To whatever subject he devoted his attention Mr Campbell gave no mere cursory examination but a thorough study and the fullest investigation which at all times enabled him to speak with authority and to be upheld throughout the Dominion as such. He represented the borough on the Taranaki Local Bodies' Association, of which he was also a member of the executive, on the South Taranaki Power Board, likewise an executive member and deputy-chairman, on the Taranaki Provincial Centennial Committee, the Taranaki Provincial Court Committee, and was chairman of the C Zone Committee, as well as a member of the Hawera and Waimate West Historical Records Committee. To countless committees and institutions in the public interest he gave his patronage not lightly, but with a desire to advance the town to which he was so loyally devoted. In his official capacity he had welcomed to the town many distinguished visitors, among them the Duke of Gloucester, Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Galway, Sir Harry Battenberg, High Commissioner for Great Britain in New Zealand, two Prime Ministers in their time, the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage and the Rt. Hon. G. W. Forbes, as well as numerous Ministers of the Crown.

INTEREST IN MAORIS.

Two of his activities in which he did much in a practical way were the planting of trees and the restoration of Turuturu-mokai as a reserve under the control of the Borough. The railway gardens, Brett's garden corner at Normanby, the entrance grounds to Turuturu-mokai, Naumai Park and the booster station site all owe something of their beauty to his enthusiasm and personal effort. Always uppermost in his mind, however, was his desire to see Turuturu-mokai restored to what it was like three or four centuries ago, and also to encourage ancient Maori arts and crafts. He was a member of the Aotea Maori Association and had considerable mana among the Maori people, whose good relationship with the pakeha had been cemented by events during the borough jubilee and by his frequent efforts on their behalf to bring about a better understanding between the two races.

In very many ways and as a man able to give of his time gratuitously, Mr Campbell served his native town well as a staunch advocate of all its

interest and ever as an earnest worker towards the achievement of unity between town and country. His service and the esteem in which he was held among men had marked him for service in an even wider sphere in the years that would have been before him but for his untimely death.

He is survived by his widow who, as Mayoress, has given her husband loyal support on those occasions demanded by her public position, and to whom will be extended the sympathy of a widespread community.

A brother of deceased is Mr Owen D. Campbell, of Mauku, and two sisters are Mrs McKenzie Peffers, of Putaruru and Mrs F. Burgess, of Morrinsville.

The funeral will take place on Sunday, leaving the Presbyterian Church for the Hawera Cemetery at 2.30 p.m. The body will lie in state in the Mayor's room at the Hawera Borough Chambers from to-morrow morning.

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 (Saturday, August 12th.)

Draped with the Union Jack, the casket containing the body of Mr J. E. Campbell was taken to the Mayor's room in the Hawera Borough Council Chambers last night. Throughout today there was an almost constant stream of people in attendance at the chambers, citizens generally taking full advantage of the opportunity to pay their respects to the late Mayor.

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The Hawera Star

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 SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1939.

PASSING OF MR J. E. CAMPBELL.

With the passing of James Ernest Campbell, Mayor of Hawera, the town has lost not only its chief magistrate—it has been deprived of one of its sons who possessed a unique place in the esteem of the people, Maoris as well as pakeha, throughout a wide area in the province of Taranaki. His part in civic affairs was a big one and he fulfilled his position with distinction and dignity. Few men who have filled the office of mayor in the towns of the Dominion have shown such a deep personal interest in the day-to-day affairs of their community, as well as in the business of civic administration as that displayed by the late Mr Campbell. For him the mayoralty represented a full-time occupation and a real labour of love. Born in the town 57 years

ago, it was perhaps natural that the welfare of the town and district should lie close to his heart; but there was something more in his devotion to civic advancement than just that. There was a pride and a faith in his town that was paramount; there was a deep-rooted desire to give of his best in the service of his fellow citizens. True, there were times when some associated with him in civic administration did not see eye-to-eye with him, but none ever doubted his honesty of purpose; and such was the breadth of his knowledge of local affairs that in the large majority of cases in which there might appear to be room for difference of opinion it was found that his view of what might be best in the interests of the town proved to be the soundest. Mr Campbell was invariably armed with the fullest possible information on any subject touching upon the administration of his borough; he made it his business to examine every channel of information, whether it touched on the legal, engineering or financial phases, and he was at all times closely in touch with officials in Wellington upon any subject which might bring civic administration into contact with departmental authority. Many outstanding instances of his civic service can be recalled, but one that will remain vivid in the lives of many was his magnificent work for the unemployed. In that, Mr Campbell proved he was a humanitarian. Long before he ever thought of holding the mayoral office he acted as full-time, unpaid secretary for the workless, ready to help any at all times. But his help did not end with the administration of organised relief measures. Never an ostentatious giver, little was known publicly of his many acts of generosity, but there are persons who remember being tided over a dark period, though only a few intimates knew the extent of the assistance he gave anonymously.

It is difficult to convey in a short space the widespread nature of the activities of one who devoted himself so fully to the affairs of his community, but any reference to his interests that neglected his association with the Maori people would be inadequate. Though his interest in the native race and his wide acquaintance with Maori citizens throughout South Taranaki was known to his personal friends, few realised how widely he was known in a closely personal way to the Maori people of this coast. His concern for Maori welfare was always present and he lost no opportunity in demonstrating on official occasions his desire to see the native race regarded as standing on a basis of full equality with the pakeha.

In addition to his high sense of duty and the ability which he brought to

bear on the administration of civic affairs, the late James Campbell had other attributes which made him an outstanding figure in his community, and, indeed, in any company in which he might be found. Those attributes can only be summed up in the vague word "personality." He was a man of the finest character, genial, sympathetic, strong and even dominant, but above all lovable. He had "a way with him" with children, with the Maori people, and with the aged; he combined dignity and good taste with a boyish humour and an optimistic outlook; and it is because of those qualities of the heart, as well as his selfless devotion to public affairs that his passing after a brief illness has left the community with a stunning sense of loss.

(Saturday, August 12.)

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE MR. J. E. CAMPBELL.

Most sincere was the regret expressed yesterday by the citizens of Hawera when they learned the news of the death of the man who had served as Mayor for a period of six years, Mr. J. E. Campbell. Representatives of the various local bodies and public organisations in Hawera, in paying tribute to his services, are unanimous in their opinion that the death of Mr. Campbell leaves a gap in the community life of South Taranaki that will prove very difficult to fill.

"Admired His Sincerity."

"During the six years I was associated with Mr Campbell on the council I always admired his sincerity of purpose in his duties to the borough. As Mayor, he proved a man of sterling worth, which was what was expected of him. In the council he did his best to get a complete understanding of any matter under discussion, and his advice and sound judgment will be greatly missed in the future. The ratepayers were his first consideration always, and he would give place to no man in his loyalty to Hawera."—A. Reid.

"Unparalleled Service."

"In paying my last sad tribute to a great leader of our town and district no words of mine can adequately express the high sense of duty, and the untiring, unstinted and unparalleled service our late Mayor has done for Hawera and district. I would like to make particular reference to the great service rendered by the late Mr

Campbell in bringing about a better understanding between the pakeha and Maori of the district. This is much appreciated by the whole of the Maori people as has been shown on many occasions at the different Maori functions attended personally by Mr and Mrs Campbell. This appreciation since the sad news has been received is further shown by the many inquiries and messages of sympathy which I have been asked to convey from every Maori elder of the district. Personally, I have lost a friend and a respected leader, and to Mrs Campbell and relatives I wish to extend my own personal sympathy and those of the Maori people."—M. R. Jones.

"Great Loss to Borough."

"I say unreservedly that his passing is a great loss to the borough and to myself personally. He was an admirable man to work under, and was always ready to do things that he thought would benefit the borough, while at the same time he was most sympathetic. Whether any decision went against him or not he always accepted it in a gentlemanly manner, and he has left behind him a record of which any man might justly be proud. In him the cricketers had a most sympathetic and helpful supporter. Although it is not generally known, Mr Campbell took a great interest in the game, and it was due to his efforts that we shall receive a consignment of Longburn soil for wicket improvement in the near future. He was just as sympathetic towards cricket as he was towards anything else he took an interest in."—G. B. Mann.

"Estimable Character."

"During my association of 35 years with Mr Campbell I always found him a man of the most estimable character, and I admired him very much indeed. He was humane and sympathetic in every way, and in my opinion Hawera never had a mayor who put more time and energy into the affairs of the borough than Mr Campbell."—J. L. Carter.

"Irreparable Loss."

"Only the passage of time will make clear to the citizens of Hawera the irreparable loss that they have suffered in the passing of their Mayor. Those of us who were closely associated with him in borough council work realise it now, but cannot find words to express adequately our sense of loss. Mr. Campbell was a man unique in New Zealand's municipal administration. He made the mayoralty his only occupation, and possessed all

the attributes which are necessary to perform it with distinction to himself and with honour to the borough. Those associated with him saw that he frequently placed his sense of duty to the ratepayers before his own generous inclinations, often seeking to conserve their money when appeals were made to the council, yet giving gladly and freely to the same appeal from his own personal resources. Such was the greatness of Mr Campbell that we who worked with him ever realised that we served under him, and yet he inspired us all by his deep friendship, and secured our co-operation as friends and colleagues. We mourn the passing of a close friend and realise that his like will never be found again."—P. O. Veale.

"Honesty and Sincerity."

"Mr Campbell became chief citizen of Hawera because, in this community, he was pre-eminently endowed with the qualities that made his selection for that position inevitable. That selection was soon endorsed by the Municipal Association of New Zealand when it elected him, and later re-elected him, to its executive. His whole attitude to life with its duties and responsibilities was one of absolute honesty and sincerity in the broadest sense of those terms. And on that basis, his tremendous capacity for work, his keen business ability, his painstaking thoroughness and wide understanding, combined to crown his labours with success. It naturally followed that he should be a leader, and that those who were privileged to work with him should do so with loyalty and affection. He might have retired years ago to one of the favoured spots, and lived a life of ease. Those who were closest to him knew that his love for his home town was so compelling that such a course had no appeal for him. It is highly gratifying to know that this community recognised during his lifetime the true value of his splendid services."—J. Edmondston.

"Outstanding Qualifications."

"It is with extreme regret that I learned of the death of such a worthy citizen, and who was recognised far and wide as a man of outstanding qualifications. During my term as councillor, no man could have done more to further the interests of the district I represent and of the borough generally. Always courteous, obliging and definite, never bearing any malice against those who may have differed from his views. His place will be hard to fill and Hawera and Taranaki generally will be the poorer by his death."—H. Thrush.

"Unselfish Devotion."

"During my six and a-half years as a councillor it has been my privilege to be closely associated with the late Mr Campbell on several committees and sub-committees, and this afforded me ample opportunity of recognising and appreciating the outstanding ability which he so whole-heartedly and unselfishly devoted to the interests of the borough. His sympathetic consideration was always assured on all matters which were brought before him, either at the council table or otherwise, and no sacrifice of time or energy was too great in his service to the community. I regret exceedingly his death, which came with such tragic suddenness, and which has robbed us of a highly esteemed Mayor, a worthy citizen, and a true friend to us all."—L. H. Clapham.

"Example of Energy."

"Any words that I can write can ill convey the great sense of loss I feel in the passing of Mr Campbell. As Mayor of Hawera he has set a wonderful example of indefatigable energy and public spiritedness, but possibly only those of use who have been in close touch with him in public life can realise the great amount of thought and work he put into all he undertook. His tenacity of purpose, determination to succeed, and ability to gather round him a band of workers brought to a successful conclusion many an undertaking. His unflinching sense of humour, his willingness to assist in the cause of charity, and his ever-ready hand of friendship, endeared him to all, and I, along with very many others, can only say that I am proud to have known him and to have been his friend."—R. R. Henderson.

"A Mighty Totara Has Fallen."

"He hinganga totara no te waonui o Taane.

Tae ana tea haruru ki nga patate;
He toko toko tao, kotahi te turanga,
He toko toko rangi, ka ngaro te tangata.
Haere e te ihi,
Haere e te mana,
Haere e te pou herenga o te whakaro."

(A mighty totara has fallen in the great forest of Taane,
Its resounding echo vibrating through the undergrowth
Now bereft of its shelter;
A thrust from a spear makes but a single wound,
While a thrust from fate makes mortal doomed.
Depart, O, esteemed one,
Farewell, thou pillar of authority,

Thou repository of noble thoughts,
Farewell.

From the members of the Taranaki Maori Trust Board and the Associated Maori tribes of Taranaki from Parinihihi to Waitotara, Te Atiawa, Ngatamaru, Taranaki, Ngaruahine, Ngati-ruanui and Ngarauru.

"Heavy Blow to Hawera."

"In the passing of Mr J. E. Campbell, the Chief Magistrate of the town, a heavy blow has fallen on Hawera and the tragic suddenness has left citizens stunned at the realisation of their great loss. Himself successful in business and with a wide range of knowledge, Mr Campbell was outstanding in his support of the activities of the Hawera Chamber of Commerce. Throughout his extensive public life Mr Campbell set a high example by the regularity and punctuality of his attendance at meetings. The supremacy of humility was manifested in all his service and this earned for him the sincere respect of citizens extending far beyond the confines of his own town and district."—E. K. Cameron, president, Hawera Chamber of Commerce.

"Highly-Valued Friend."

"In common with other organisations in South Taranaki, the Egmont A. and P. Association has lost a very highly valued friend in the death of the Mayor. His interest in our activities extends over a long period of years, and never at any time did he hesitate to give us his assistance when needed. He possessed a surprising knowledge of the work of our association, but this was characteristic of all his undertakings and not confined to us alone. He was a man who earned the respect of all with whom he came in contact, and his death is a distinct loss to the community."—E. A. Washer, president, Egmont A. and P. Association.

"Life Spent in Service."

"Our friend and fellow citizen has passed over, but we do not mourn as they without hope. A life spent very largely in the service of others, James E. Campbell, our Mayor, has passed to a higher service. During his term as Mayor, Mr Campbell devoted all his time and strength to the needs of the town. Elected to the high office of Chief Magistrate, he invariably conducted himself with the dignity attached to that high civic position. Courteous, friendly and of a kindly nature, he was always so easily approached by his fellow citizens. We pay tribute to his genuine character, his integrity in our business life, and

his honesty and singleness of purpose. Trusted, honoured and reliable in all matters, the town sustains a great loss through the death of James E. Campbell."—L. A. Bone, president, Hawera Retailers' Association.

"Ex-servicemen's Loss."

"Ex-servicemen generally and in Hawera particularly, have suffered a very severe loss to-day in the passing of James Ernest Campbell, Mayor of Hawera. On behalf of all ex-soldiers of this district I desire to take this opportunity of mentioning the great help given to the R.S.A. by the late Mr Campbell and his encouragement of our efforts to serve 'old soldiers.' He has been most liberal in his grants of financial aid to our less fortunate members, this assistance always having been given in a very unostentatious manner. Mr Campbell was a member of the committee in which was vested the control of the Returned Soldiers' Club in Hawera and we have always received the greatest possible benefit from his experience and advice. As an instance of his practical interest in this direction I might state that it was only a few weeks ago that we gratefully acknowledged his gift to the club of a full-sized billiard table. This table has already largely added to the amenities of the club and with its suitably engraved plate inset will serve to remind 'Diggers' of 'Jim's' benevolence. I believe our sorrow at the passing of our leading and most worthy citizen will be tempered by a thankfulness that we have had association with one who at all times has been so willing to give such outstanding and unselfish service. We remember also that his service has been rendered with the heartiest co-operation of Mrs Campbell and all ex-servicemen will join with me in offering to her our most sincere sympathy in her bereavement."—F. C. Foden, president, South Taranaki R.S.A.

"Happy, Genial Nature."

"It is with feelings of profound regret that we record the demise of His Worship the Mayor of Hawera, Mr J. E. Campbell. By his happy and genial nature, Mr Campbell endeared himself to all with whom he made contact. In his capacity as Mayor he fully appreciated the dignity and responsibilities attached to his office and did not at any time spare himself in carrying out his duties. This brought him in close contact with the county on many occasions. As chairman of the Hawera County and the Power Board, I found it always a pleasure and, indeed, a privilege to meet Mr Campbell in conference on matters of common interests to the borough and county. His know-

ledge of local history and his active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the district extended far beyond the confines of the borough boundary, and we always welcomed his interest and assistance in county and Power Board matters. His passing will be deeply mourned by my council and those whom we represent."—J. B. Murdoch, chairman, Hawera County Council and South Taranaki Power Board.

'No Detail Overlooked'

"I desire to pay a sincere tribute to our late Mayor, Mr Campbell, as a fellow citizen and a personal friend. His life-long experience of Hawera and its needs, his firm grasp of the borough's finances, and the fact that he never overlooked the smallest detail in connection with any business which he handled, made him an ideal Mayor. His work for and sympathy with the unemployed during the depression years will never be forgotten in Hawera. We were indeed fortunate during those troublous years to have as our chief citizen a man who was able and willing to devote the whole of his time to the needs of Hawera and its people. He was a Dominion figure as far as municipal politics were concerned, and when making representations to Ministers and heads of departments he placed his case with that lucid manner which showed a close study of every detail. Always cheerful and full of energy, his sudden passing is a great shock, and the sympathy of everyone will go out to his widow and relatives."—H. G. Dickie, M.P.

'Loss to Savage Club'

"In the death of Savage J. E. Campbell the Hawera Savage Club has lost one of its most valued members. Savage Campbell was one of the early members of the club, and during the many years of his membership he retained a very keen interest in the club's welfare and activities. Of particular interest to his fellow Savages were the many talks which he delivered at the koreros relative to such municipal projects as the reconstruction of the redoubt at Turuturu-mokai, and members readily recall the many humorous Maori episodes in which he delighted in recounting. Mr Campbell was always keen in upholding the true principles of Savagery and, on practically every occasion, he accompanied the Hawera tribe when raids were carried out on other hapus. Who, of the older members in particular, can forget his performances on the stage, and his ready assistance as a performer at the Christmas cheer concerts prior to his undertaking of the onerous duties of "first citizen." Our late Brother

Savage "Jim" has left us much the poorer for his passing, but the Hawera Savage Club and his fellow citizens have gained much by the evergreen memory of a "True Savage." To his "wahine" the club extends its sincere sympathy.

"Haere e pa kanui te tangi mo ou." ("Farewell respected friend, we deeply mourn for you.")—C. V. Spragg, Rangatira, Hawera Savage Club.

'Man With a Vision'

"It is with profound regret that we learned the news that our esteemed Mayor, in the midst of life, had passed on. This is a distinct loss to our town. We were fortunate in having the services of a gentleman of his calibre, one who could devote all his time in the interests of the borough. He was a man with a vision, keen on building up some of the historic places and in this way making history and handing down to posterity memories of the past that might be forgotten. It is well to have such public men in any community. Some of us looked forward to the day when he would have been Member of Parliament for Patea."—E. Dixon.

'Assistance Appreciated'

"As was the case with every other organisation in South Taranaki, the Winter Show Company had Mr Campbell's fullest support. He was keen on the company and his invaluable assistance was very much appreciated and highly valued. He gave us his full weight and support, and we shall feel his loss very much indeed. He was always so willing to offer suggestions because of his deep interest."—B. C. Bennett, Chairman of Directors, South Taranaki Winter Show Company.

'Ideals of Rotary'

"Mr Campbell was elected an honorary member of the Hawera Rotary Club in April, 1934, since when, although a busy man, he regularly attended weekly meetings of the club. He took a keen interest in our activities and carried out the ideals of Rotary in every way, and he will be very much missed by his fellow members. Men such as 'J.E.' are invaluable in any community and their loss is one that is keenly felt indeed."—H. N. Lester, President, Hawera Rotary Club.

Unemployment Relief Services.

"As one who had a lot to do with the late Mayor during the depression period, the unemployment trouble and the jubilee celebrations, I feel I would like to add my tribute to Mr Campbell's outstanding services. When the

public meeting was called and it was decided to set up a committee to deal with the unemployment question, it was necessary that the services of a good man be obtained to act as secretary. Mr F. Gillanders and I approached Mr Campbell and asked him to take over these duties, which after some consideration he agreed to do. It was a full-time job, but he worked like a Trojan and carried out his duties to the satisfaction of everyone, and was of great help to me. Later he became chairman of the committee and I served under him for a time until I resigned from the committee. I consider that the manner in which he carried out his duties as secretary of this committee, and later as Mayor of Hawera, is deserving of very great credit. It will be very difficult to find a man to replace him. As a member of the executive of the South Taranaki Power Board he also rendered valuable service, and the members of that body will miss him very much indeed."—E. A. Pacey, ex-Mayor.

High School's Tribute

Pupils of the Hawera Technical High School, assembled yesterday by the principal, Mr J. Dash, paid tribute to the memory of the late Mr J. E. Campbell by observing a short period of silence. With the passing of Mr Campbell, South Taranaki had lost a man whose work had stood for a great deal through self-sacrifice and consistent effort, said Mr Dash.

(Monday, August 14.)

FINAL TRIBUTES PAID

BIG PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

REMARKABLE SCENES AT HAWERA

MAORI JOINS WITH PAKEHA

Probably never before in the history of Taranaki has such a remarkable tribute been paid to a public figure as was the case at the funeral of Mr J. E. Campbell, late Mayor of Hawera, yesterday. The number who attended was in excess of 2,000. Nearly every local body in Taranaki was represented, while there were also representatives of local bodies outside the Taranaki.

naki province, including the Mayors of Masterton and Lower Hutt. In addition to those who formed the cortege from the Presbyterian Church to the Hawera cemetery, the footpaths on each side of High Street were thronged with people.

In the procession Maori rubbed shoulders with pakeha, for they, too, had lost a friend who had such a full knowledge of their problems. At the church and at the graveside the Maoris played an important part in the service, and at the same time paid their last tribute to a man whom they looked upon as a Rangatira. In this respect the ceremony was probably unique in New Zealand, and certainly in Taranaki, for it is thought that never before have the Maoris gone to such length to pay tribute to a person not of their race. This in itself was a striking tribute to Mr Campbell, but one that was expected from the people for whom he had done so much.

Adorned with a Union Jack as a symbol that he had served his King and country, and with a feathered cloak to show that the Maoris ranked him as a rangatira, the casket containing the body of Mr Campbell was borne from the Borough Council Chambers by seven borough councillors, Messrs R. R. Henderson, M. R. Jones, G. B. Mann, H. Thrush, P. O. Veale, J. L. Carter and J. Edmondston, and taken in the hearse to the St. John's Presbyterian Church, where a service was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Irvine, M.A. Following the hearse through High Street were members of the staff of the Borough Council, Crs. L. H. Clapham and A. Reid, Mr E. Dixon, a former Mayor, and Mr A. Grant, a former business associate. Behind this party came the three lorry loads of wreaths and several cars carrying close friends of the late Mayor.

MAORI PARTY'S WELCOME

Near the church the cortege was greeted by a Maori party chanting the welcome to the dead—Toia mai te whaka, meaning in this case "Haul in the Canoe of Death." At the church door was stationed another party, in this case wahines, green-bedecked, chanting a wail of grief.

At the head of the procession to the church was the Hawera Highland Pipe Band, under the command of Drum-Major J. R. Nairn. With muffled drums, the band piped the lament, "Lochaber No More," in slow-march time, and in a very impressive manner.

Mr J. L. Rowe, who presided at the organ in the church, played three well-known hymns prior to the commencement of the service, these being "Abide With Me," "Rock of Ages," and "O Rest in the Lord." Later he provided the organ accompaniments for

the hymns "O God Our Help in Ages Past" and "Abide With Me," which were sung by the congregation, and "Peace, Perfect Peace," which was sung by the choir alone, under the baton of Mr J. E. Davies. As the casket was borne from the church Mr Rowe played the "Dead March in Saul."

"The best Man who ever lived, and whom we call Saviour and Lord went about doing good," said the Rev. Irvine in his panegyric. "Through all time this must be the hall mark of man," he said. "Has he done his best for others, or has he eaten his crust alone as the Bible says he can so easily do? The hand of our departed friend was outstretched to help others . . ."

"Born in Hawera, and educated through the Hawera school and church, he rose to the position of chief magistrate to do so well for the people of Hawera," said Mr Irvine. "He learned to love Hawera, and he saw it grow from infancy; he came from parents whom he revered . . . and his service was inspired to everyone, pakeha and Maori. His love and devotion to the Maori race were well known and the Maori people appreciated it.

"In the troublous years of the depression he did so much in the alleviation of distress," said Mr Irvine, "and for the returned soldiers he always did what he could. He upheld the dignity of his office as chief magistrate, and took it as his daily work, going to the office each morning as though he were going to business; no borough could have been served better. He looked forward to the time when he could do more for the community, but God, in His infinite wisdom, had other work for him to do. In life, his nature was genial, and his one thought was what he could do for the people of Hawera."

Following the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Rev. Irvine and the playing of the "Dead March in Saul," the casket was borne from the church to the waiting hearse, the pall-bearers being Messrs H. G. Dickie, H. S. Elliott, A. Reid, B. C. Bennett, A. Grant and D. G. Smart. The cortege was formed on the street, and the procession to the cemetery began.

Immediately behind the hearse came Mr Campbell's car, draped in black and carrying only a driver. This was followed by the motor lorries carrying the wreaths, and then the cars with the chief mourners, these being Mr Owen Campbell (brother), Mrs Peffers (sister), Messrs George Hutton, Colin Hutton, Russell Douglas, Phillip Baker, John Price, William Feeney and Mr and Mrs Ryder, these all being relatives. Mrs Campbell and Miss Nancy Feeney were present in the church, but did not take part in the procession.

The procession was led by the Hawera Municipal Band, playing Chopin's "Funeral March," the Hawera Pipe Band, and the firing party consisting of members of the Hawera platoon of the Taranaki Regiment.

Behind the mourners' cars came the R.S.A., there being 120 ex-diggers in this section; all the officers attached to the Hawera Police District; Boy Scouts; St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hawera Division; staff of the Hawera Star Publishing Company; Hawera Savage Club; Hawera Fire Brigade; members of public bodies, and then the general public, the latter being on foot and in cars. On either side of the cortege in the vicinity of the hearse were parties of Maoris, these forming up in single file.

Following the service at the graveside and prior to the military conclusion to the ceremony, Tamaka Awarua, on behalf of the Maori people, paid a tribute from his race to their departed friend. His address was interpreted by Mr M. R. Jones.

"Depart my friend Mr Campbell," said Tamaka, "depart to the Lord; depart; your two peoples have gathered here to wish you farewell; we mourn your great loss to-day, because you have done good work. I refer to your great work for our historic pa at Turuturu-Mokai in memory of your people and our people who died there. We wonder who will carry on the work."

Speaking to the relatives of Mr Campbell, Tamaka said: "We also express deep sympathy to the widow. Your dear one has departed to the place from where no one returns, a place where we must all gather in the future."

The lament, "Flowers of the Forest," played by Piper Stuart Nairn, the firing of three volleys by the firing party, and the sounding of the "Last Post" and "Reveille" by members of the Hawera Municipal Band brought the service to a close.

Subsequent to the service, the Maoris carried out the traditional custom of depositing their mourning leaves in the grave. Members of the public who were present filed past the grave prior to taking their departure.

LOCAL BODIES REPRESENTED.

Many local bodies were represented at the funeral, including the following: Mr A. L. Campbell, chairman Hawera Hospital Board and Eltham County Council; Mr B. C. Bennett, chairman of directors, South Taranaki Winter Show Co.; Mr A. J. Brennan, Mayor of Opunake; Mr G. H. Meuli, chairman, Joll Dairy Co.; Mr P. Thomson, Mayor of Stratford; Mr T. Jordan, Mayor of Masterton, and President,

Municipal Association of New Zealand; Mr J. W. Andrews, Mayor of Lower Hutt; Mr R. S. Allwright, stationmaster, Wanganui; Mr R. Lewis, Mayor of Eltham; Mr A. R. Bates, chairman, Kaponga Town Board; Mr E. R. C. Gilmour, Mayor of New Plymouth, and Crs. P. E. Stainton, F. S. Grayling, and F. Hill; Mr J. Gibbs, ex-Mayor of Inglewood; Mr W. A. Sheat, president South Taranaki Provincial Executive, N.Z. Farmers' Union; Mr E. F. Hemingway, Mayor of Patea, and Mr F. Ramsbottom, ex-Mayor, Mr L. W. Austin, town clerk; Mr J. B. Murdoch, chairman, Hawera County Council, and Mr J. W. J. Harding, county clerk; Mr J. Harding, secretary, Hawera Women's National Reserve; the Hon. Jas. McLeod, M.L.C., chairman, Taranaki Rugby Union; Mr F. Mourie, chairman, Waimate West County Council; Mr E. A. Washer, president, Egmont A. & P. Association; Mr R. B. Sutton, Mayor of Inglewood; Mr L. A. Walters, chairman, Manaia Town Board; Lieutenant-Colonel B. W. H. Smart, O.C., Q.A.M.R., and Captain J. N. Henry, Adjutant; Mr J. W. McMillan, ex-Mayor of Stratford; Mr D. J. Malone, president, Stratford Racing Club; Messrs W. Rothery, J. W. Snowdon, A. J. Christie, D. J. Hurley, F. Parsons and E. A. Pacey, members, South Taranaki Power Board; Pougharemu Toi; Mr J. S. Tosland, Egmont County Council; Mr J. A. G. Cosgrove, Manaia Town Board; Mr J. Dash, M.A. (principal) and five prefects of the Hawera Technical High School.

Included among the others present were representatives of business houses, and practically every organisation in South Taranaki. The Maoris present were drawn from the pas at Weri Weri, Ohangai, Fraser Road, Taiporohenui, Ketemarae, Okaiawa, and Manaia.

PUBLIC FLORAL TRIBUTES

Floral tributes from public bodies included the following:—

Manaia Town Board; Ladies' Branch St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hawera; Hawera Men's Hockey Club; Committee members, Hawera Plunket Society; Mayor, Councillors and staff, Patea Borough Council; Officers and members Hawera Volunteer Fire Brigade; Taranaki County Council; President and members of executive Municipal Association of New Zealand; Directors, staff and management, Taranaki Daily News; Members, Hawera Borough Council; Hawera Amateur Swimming Club; Mayor, Councillors and staff, Inglewood Borough Council; National Dairy Association; Staff, Newton King Ltd.; Hawera Football Gymnasium Committee; Hawera Football Club; Officers, N.C.O.'s and men Q.A.M.R.; Egmont Racing Club; King Edward

Park Croquet Club; Egmont A. and P. Association; Taranaki Electric Power Board; Hawera Pipe Band; Hawera Retailers' Association; King Edward Park Tennis Club; Okaiawa Womens' Institute; Burgess Fraser and Co.; Hawera Borough Council outside staff; Staff Hawera Star Publishing Company; South Taranaki Dairy Federation; Hawera Croquet Club; South Taranaki R.S.A.; Hawera branch W.D.F.U.; President, executive and staff Automobile Association; Turuturu Women's Institute; St. Joseph's Tennis Club; Ketemarae Pa Maoris; Manaia Centennial Committee; Ohangai Maori Women's Institute; Directors and Management Hawera Theatre Co.; Turi-town Women's Institute; Hawera Chamber of Commerce; Boy Scouts' Association; South Taranaki executive N.Z. Farmers' Union; Workers on Nolantown drainage; Hawera Aero Club; Athletic Football Club; Women's National Reserve, Hawera; Chairman and members, Hawera Hospital Board; Committee and members, Hawera Club; Sincere and Co., Hawera; President and Members, Taranaki Journalists' Union; Hawera Scottish Society; Directors and shareholders, Hawera Star Publishing Co.; Hawera Borough Council, office staff; Staff, Mortlock & Co.; Eltham County Council; Hawera Winter Show Co.; St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hawera Division; South Taranaki Power Board; Johnston and Co.; T. H. Walker and Sons; Commissioners, Guides, Committee and Guides; Chairman and Commissioners, Kaponga Town Board; Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses, Stratford; Tokara Women's Division; Chairman, Councillors and staff, Waimate West County Council; Committee and members, Hawera Women's Club; Members, Taranaki Maori Trust Board, and tribes of Taranaki; Technical High School staff and pupils; Chairman, councillors and staff, Hawera County Council; Hawera Orchestral Society; Ngati-Ruanui Football Club; Farmers' Co-op.; Hawera Association Football Club; Directors, Geo. Syme and Co.; Welsh, McCarthy, Houston and Coleman; Aotea Maori Association; Normanby Town Board; South Taranaki Primary Schools' Association; President and members, Hawera Trotting Club; Taranaki Rugby Football Union; Teachers and committee, Turuturu School; Taiporohenui Women's Institute; President and members, Hawera Rotary Club; Mayor, councillors and citizens of New Plymouth; Chairman and members, Stratford County Council; Hawera Savage Club; Taranaki Local Bodies' Association; Hodder & Tolley; South Taranaki Federation of Women's Institutes.

Tributes from others were:—

Father, Mother and Brian; Robb family; Mrs Henderson and boys; Lovell Bros.; Mr and Mrs Pierce; Mr and Mrs H. McKay; Mr and Mrs A. Grant; Mr and Mrs W. J. Meyer; Mr and Mrs W. Adams; Mr and Mrs Percy Stainton and Lynne; Mr and Mrs Geo. Meuli and family; Miss and Mr E. C. Constant; N. and A. and S. Paterson; Mr and Mrs C. H. Bowman; Mr G. A. Burgess and Misses E., M., and H. Burgess; Mr and Mrs J. A. Duffill and family; Mr and Mrs Allan Evans; Mr and Mrs H. Washer and Mr and Mrs V. J. Stratton; Mr and Mrs S. Larcom; Mr and Mrs G. W. Williams; Mr Tamaka; Mr and Mrs J. Barrow and the Nicholas family; Miss A. Craine; Mrs Sutton and family; Connie; Eleanor Hamerton; Geoffrey Harrop; Mr and Mrs V. Duff; P. Hutton and family; Frank and Flora Lacey; Mary Webster and Effie; Mr and Mrs J. H. Horton; Mr and Mrs Swinburn; Mr and Mrs R. D. Chamberlain; Mr and Mrs A. G. Barley; Misses J. and K. Buchanan; Mrs Murray and Ken; Mrs M. A. Barley and Mrs L. S. Tarrant; Mr and Mrs G. H. Ryan and family; Mr E. H. Harrop and Mr and Mrs Arthur Harrop; Mr and Mrs A. Huntington; "Mokoia"; Wee Peter Henderson; Nell and Niemann; Messrs G. W. and H. Taylor; Mr and Mrs McL' Dowie; H. G. Good; Mr and Mrs J. Baker and family; M. F. and Mrs Purser and family; Mr Emil Meuli and family; Mrs W. Wilson; H. S. and E. Elliott; Mr and Mrs L. A. Ablett; Mrs Henson and family; Mr A. Galloway and staff; Mr and Mrs J. S. Barrow; Mr and Mrs J. W. J. Harding and family; Mr and Mrs Geo. Good; Mr and Mrs Bennett; All at "Glenholm"; Miss M. Tumaroroa; Mr and Mrs D. G. Smart; Mr and Mrs J. T. Barkla; Mr H. Fryer and Mrs Sam Campbell; Mr Nuku and friends; Mrs H. G. Gibson; Mr and Mrs L. H. Clapham and family; Mr B. C. Gibson; Mr and Mrs P. O. Veale; Mr and Mrs L. A. Bone; Carrie, Jean and Will; The Cowper family; Miss Swadling and Doris; Mr and Mrs J. D. Tait; Mr and Mrs A. J. Corrigan; Mrs A. Westaway; "An Old Associate"; Mr and Mrs A. Murdoch; Mr and Mrs F. Ramsbottom; Ev. and Tom; Norman Chan; Mr and Mrs H. T. Lovell; Mr and Mrs F. Cameron; Aunt Mary, Claude and Linlay; Mr and Mrs W. C. Fyfe; Phil and Betty Baker; Mr and Mrs M. J. Burns; Meg and Alex Smith; The MacRaes; Mr and Mrs Gillanders; Mr and Mrs B. W. H. Smart; Mr and Mrs R. H. Leece; Messrs O'Dea and O'Dea; Mr and Mrs S. A. Chisholm; Mr and Mrs J. Rowe; Mr and Mrs Aston and Barry; Mr and Mrs R. Mortlock; Mr and Mrs F. W. Horner; Mr and Mrs V. Lord and

family; "George and the Boys"; Mr and Mrs H. Sargent and family; Mr and Mrs M. R. Jones and family; Horace E. Nowell; John Ngeru; Mr and Mrs C. J. McLean and family; Mr and Mrs T. F. McKenzie.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

Over 200 telegrams have been received by Mrs Campbell to date, these conveying messages from all parts of New Zealand. Among those received were messages from the following:

W. J. Rogers, Mayor of Wanganui; Toc H. Stratford; Rev. and Mrs Basil Metson; The Hon. Peter Fraser and Mrs Fraser; J. W. Andrews, Mayor of Lower Hutt; President and executive, Municipal Association; Taranaki Provincial Scottish Society; Inspectors and staff, Health Department, New Plymouth; Sisters of St. Joseph, Hawera; Aotea Maori Association; Taranaki Maori Trust Board; Hawera Boy Scouts and Officers; Mayor, Councillors and staff, Patea Borough Council; Chairman, Councillors and staff, Waimate West County Council; The Rt. Rev. Monsignor P. F. Cullen and the Rev. Father W. Heavey; Tamaka Awarua and Pikau Pokau; Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of Stratford; South Taranaki R.S.A.; J. Hughson, Mayor of Waitara; Mr F. L. Frost M.P., New Plymouth.

Letters of condolence were received from over a wide area also. Among those received to date are messages from the following:—

Hawera County Council; Ramanui Women's Institute; Women's National Reserve; Turitown Women's Institute; Hawera Main School staff; Hawera Croquet Club; South Taranaki Power Board; Waitara Borough Council; South Taranaki Provincial Executive W.D.F.U.; Turuturu School Committee, teachers, and pupils; Taranaki Court Centennial Exhibition Committee; Hawera Club; President and Members, Taranaki Journalists' Union; Old People's Home, Hawera; Ohawe Surf Club; South Taranaki Winter Show Co.; Egmont A. and P. Association.

APPRECIATION

An appreciation of the wonderful public demonstration of esteem of his brother, the late Mr J. E. Campbell, was expressed by Mr O. D. Campbell, of Mauku, Pukekohe, in a statement to the "Star." He said that he felt that he could not leave Hawera without making an attempt to convey to the public and to the host of his late

brother's personal friends how deeply appreciative he and his sisters, Mrs M. Peffers, Putaruru, and Mrs F. Burgess, Morrinsville, were. They had been away from Taranaki many years, and though they knew that their brother was successfully filling the public offices he had undertaken, they had not realised that his work was so widely and so highly valued, nor that he himself had enjoyed the personal friendship, and even affection, of so many people.

Mr Campbell added that he would like to thank everybody who had made such complete arrangements for the funeral. He would not attempt to discriminate in this connection, but would just like to let it be understood that he thanked everybody from the bottom of his heart.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE

At the Baptist Church, Hawera, on Sunday, the acting-pastor, the Rev. W. S. Rollings, referred to the deep regret they shared at the passing of Mr J. E. Campbell. The 46th Psalm, "God is Our Refuge and Strength," was read, and the 90th Psalm, "Our God Our Help in Ages Past," sung, and the congregation stood while a special prayer was offered by the preacher.

At the service in the Presbyterian Church, the congregation was represented by the attendance of the acting-pastor, the Rev. Mr Rollings, the secretary, Mr H. Barker, the treasurer, Mr J. Gabbie, and Mr Glover (deacon).

(Tuesday, August 15.)

TRIBUTES TO LATE MAYOR

Hawera Borough Council Records Mr Campbell's Services

"HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP"

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At a meeting of the Hawera Borough Council last night, a motion expressing appreciation of the services rendered to the council by the late Mayor of Hawera, Mr J. E. Campbell, together with an expression of condolence to the members of his family, was recorded. The council then adjourned until Wednesday night.

Cr. R. R. Henderson presided, others present being Crs. A. Reid, H. Thrush, L. H. Clapham, J. Edmondston, G. B. Mann, M. R. Jones and P. O. Veale. An apology was received from Cr. J. L. Carter.

"I regret very much the necessity for moving this motion," said Cr. Reid, in moving the following resolution, which was seconded by Cr. Henderson:

"That this council places on record the outstanding services rendered to the borough by the late Mr J. E. Campbell during his term of office as Mayor of the borough and the harmonious relationships which at all times prevailed in the conduct of the council business during his tenure of office; and this council tenders its sincerest sympathy to Mrs Campbell and the members of his family in the great loss they have suffered."

The Town Clerk, Mr H. S. Elliott, read a letter from Mr B. C. Bennett, conveying to the council the personal thanks of Mrs Campbell for everything that had been done for her during the last few days. Mrs Campbell included not only the council, but also the administrative and outside staffs, in her expression of gratitude.

"I now move that the council do now adjourn until Wednesday night as a mark of respect to the late Mayor's memory," said Cr. Henderson.

This course was agreed to, and the council rose. On Wednesday night the routine business of the council, that of the meeting of the council as the general committee, will be resumed.

TRIBUTES FROM ALL SOURCES.

Tributes to the services rendered by the late Mr Campbell have been paid in several quarters since his death on Friday. Among these were references in the Hawera churches, special prayers being offered.

At St. Mary's Church, the vicar, the Rev. D. B. Stote-Blandy, made reference to the death of Mr Campbell in the prayers for the evening, while at the end of the service the "Dead March in Saul" was played by Mr C. J. Thompson, church organist.

Special prayers were also offered in the Hawera Methodist Church on Sunday morning, and the congregation stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mayor's memory. Mr C. Bell offered a special prayer. A letter of sympathy will be sent to Mrs Campbell on behalf of the parishioners.

At a rehearsal of the Hawera Municipal Band last night, sympathy was expressed with Mrs Campbell and relatives of the late Mayor, members of the band standing in silence.

A similar vote of condolence was expressed at a meeting of the Hawera Technical High School Board of Managers last night.

General regret at the death of Mr Campbell has been expressed by the residents of Mokoia, states the "Hawera Star's" correspondent in that district, where he was held in the highest esteem. Mr Campbell had assisted the committees of the school and the hall at various times when these bodies were in need of funds, by taking parties from Hawera. He had also taken a great interest in the children and their education, and would be sadly missed at their sports gatherings.

The Inglewood County Council at its meeting yesterday passed a resolution of sympathy with Mrs Campbell and the relatives, members standing in silence. The chairman, Mr P. Laurence in moving the resolution, said Mr Campbell would be greatly missed in local body affairs.

(Thursday, August 17.)

LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE

MESSAGES TO MRS CAMPBELL.

TRIBUTES TO LATE MAYOR.

Letters of condolence from all parts of the Dominion have been received by Mrs J. E. Campbell since the death of her husband, the late Mayor of Hawera. Local bodies and Members of Parliament have joined with friends in expressing regret at the death of a man who was a prominent figure in local body politics.

Included among these letters was a personal message from Sir Harry Batterbee, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand, who recalled the pleasure he had received from meeting Mr Campbell during his visit to Hawera on the occasion of the South Taranaki winter show.

"I shall always remember his great kindness to me during my first visit to Hawera and our happy tour together in the afternoon when he showed such delight in showing me the surrounding country," wrote Sir Harry Batterbee. "I looked forward to renewing our acquaintance on many occasions. During my short visit to Hawera I heard how greatly loved and respected he was, and his loss will be widely felt."

"Life has many happenings that are hard to understand," wrote the Hon. Adam Hamilton, leader of the Opposition. "He was indeed a useful citizen, and one of whom it could truthfully be said that he served his people and his country well."

"Mr Campbell has left behind him a fine record of public service, and many friends in Hawera and the Dominion to mourn his loss," was the text of the message sent by the Hon. W. E. Parry, Minister of Internal Affairs.

"Your husband was an outstanding public man of great promise, and he could have served New Zealand to a still greater extent if his life had been spared," wrote Mr C. A. Wilkinson, M.P. "Consequently his passing is not only a loss to Hawera, but to the whole Dominion. We can certainly ill afford to lose such men."

OTHER MESSAGES RECEIVED.

Other messages received included the following:—

Mr A. E. Mansford, Mayor of Palmerston North; Mr W. J. Rogers, Mayor of Wangauui; Mayor and Councillors, Feilding Borough Council; Mayor and Councillors, Lower Hutt Borough Council; Mayor and Councillors, Patea Borough Council; Chairman and Commissioners, Manaia Town Board; Chairman and Councillors, Patea County Council; Mr G. H. Mackley, General Manager, N.Z. Railways; Miss A. C. Tocker, Child Welfare Officer, Hawera, Mrs C. Benton, president, Auroa branch W.D.F.U.; Normanby and Tawhiti Women's Institutes; Hawera Savage Club; South Taranaki Basketball Association; Normanby School; Hawera branch, Red Cross Society; Hawera Park Croquet Club; Hawera Men's Hockey Club; Manaia Croquet Club; Opunake branch R.S.A.; Hawera Fire Brigade; Hawera Bowling Club; St. John's Presbyterian Church; Hawera Methodist Church; Girl Guides' Association; Hawera Co-op. Dairy Co.; Hawera Young Farmers' Club; Taranaki Croquet Association; the Hon. Jas McLeod, Mrs H. Atmore; Rev. G. F. Stockwell; Rev. Canon D. B. Malcolm; Envoy Jenkins, Salvation Army, Eltham; Adjutant Parker, Salvation Army, Hawera.

Prior to the social function in the Hawera Returned Soldiers' Club last night, those present, including members of the Women's National Reserve and the Hawera detachment of the Red Cross Society, and ex-servicemen, observed a brief silence in memory of the late Mr Campbell.

Reference to the death of Mr Campbell was made by the Mayor (Mr R. Lewis) at last night's meeting of the Eltham Borough Council. He said he was privileged to know him and he realised what a fine and likeable man he was. He was most devoted to his duties, and had done a great deal of good for the public not only throughout Taranaki, but also much further afield. He was always prepared to do anyone a good turn, and the town of Hawera would find it extremely difficult to find a man who could so capably perform the duties carried out by him. As representing Eltham he had attended the funeral on Sunday and he could not help being struck by the wonderful demonstrations of appreciation both by pakeha and Maori alike. The council expressed sympathy with Mrs Campbell and relatives, and stood in silence as a mark of respect.

(Wednesday, August 16.)



A Column for "Diggers"

Notes by "Ten-Bar"

"Ten-Bar" joins with diggers throughout South Taranaki in expressing regret at the death of a fellow digger, Jim Campbell, who has done much for the R.S.A. in this portion of the province. The fact that diggers held him in such high esteem was evident in the number on parade at the funeral on Sunday, when there were 120 in the official party. In addition, there were diggers scattered at intervals throughout the cortege and also in attendance at the graveside. It was a remarkable tribute from his former coppers.

At every function arranged by the R.S.A. Jim could be counted on for his valuable assistance; when arranging the service for Anzac Day each year he always deferred to the wishes of the returned soldiers; in other activities of the R.S.A. that are never made public he was always to the fore, and in a quiet unassuming way did a great deal of good. His most recent gift to the soldiers' club, that of a billiard table, was typical of his generosity, and he was particularly embarrassed when he received the special thanks of the diggers at the last reunion for the gift. "It is a small thing that I have done," were his words on that occasion, and this was typical of his manner on all such occasions. The position was that the table was needed, but the funds of the association would not permit of its being purchased; he knew the position, and out of his goodness of heart he provided the money. Although he was embarrassed at the time, he received a genuine measure of appreciation from the diggers present—and to him that was sufficient reward. "If I can do anything to make the life of the old soldiers happy," he said, "I am only too happy to do so."

That was Jim Campbell. South Taranaki diggers regret his passing.



Borough Councillors and 'Diggers' marching in the procession to the cemetery. There were 120 ex-servicemen in this section. At the rear are the representatives of the Police Force, followed by representatives of Taranaki local bodies, the New Zealand Municipal Association and local organisations.