

CHURCHILL HEIGHTS

WORK TO GO AHEAD

£2000 NEEDED BY DECEMBER

The plans of the Churchill Heights commemoration project had been approved and it was intended to go right ahead with the scheme. Mr. E. H. White, chairman of the committee, told a public meeting in New Plymouth last night. The time limit placed on the appeal for funds was December.

Nine of the 56 organisation and sports bodies contacted attended, but it was explained that many of them had not met in time to appoint a representative to the meeting.

The scheme was estimated to cost about £2000, added Mr. White, made up of £900 for improving the roadway, £500 for underground lighting, £250 for a direction indicator, £150 for retaining walls, £100 for the seats, one of which would be donated by the women's section of the New Plymouth R.S.A., and £50 each for steps and fencing.

After a discussion, all those present were added to the present Churchill Heights committee, with power to add, to investigate ways of raising the necessary funds. A street day will be held next month.

Mrs. J. Morwood suggested that the committee investigate holding a Churchill ball. Mrs. W. C. Weston suggested that the law society be asked to hold a mock court. Mr. A. H. Bone said a collection might be made at an important Rugby game. Other speakers proposed that the Mayor, Mr. E. R. C. Gilmour, who was present at the meeting, should hold a copper trail on the street day, and that an art union be held.

The West End Bowling Club had already raised £10, Mr. White said, and the support of most of the organisations contacted should be obtained without much difficulty. If each club and organisation gave an average of £10, over £500 would be given.

On behalf of the New Plymouth National Party, their chairman, Mr. K. Lippiatt donated £10 to the fund, and Mr. G. J. McNaught, principal of the New Plymouth Boys' High School, promised the support of his pupils. The Girls' High School would probably also help, he added.

The street day would reach the public, the drives by the various organisations would reach their members, and a direct appeal to the business houses could be made, said Mr. White. In answer to Mrs. Morwood, he said that this could be done later because of the demand on firms in the past month for the U.N. appeal for children.