



Stratford blessing

The blessing of Stratford's new Catholic Church, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was conducted by the Archbishop of Wellington, Peter Cardinal McKeefry (centre), at the opening yesterday.

More than 750 people attended the service, which was followed by Mass, and 120 parishioners, mostly children, were confirmed.

The Mass was celebrated by the cardinal and nine priests, including the parish priest, Father J. McGrath, the parish administrator, Father J. Dermody, and the assistant priest, Father J. Parry.

The five other priests, all born or brought up in Stratford, were Fathers P. Griffin, T. O'Neill, B. O'Neill, D. Mossman and G. Moutat.

HAWERA SPOTLIGHT ON JAYCEES

A call by Mr J. Garside, Wellington, national president of Jaycee, for a typically New Zealand project, a senatorship award and a remit seeking instant fines for litter offences were features of the Taranaki regional Jaycee conference in Hawera on Saturday.

Mr Garside criticised Jaycees for their lack of enthusiasm and a tendency to copy overseas projects.

The senatorship went to Mr G. Hogarth, Hawera, for outstanding service since 1961.

Mr Hogarth was a board member of Hawera Jaycees in 1965 and 1966, was chapter vice-president in 1967 and 1968, president in 1969, chapter sec-

retary in 1970, and was awarded membership of the international Jaycee movement, and the award to Mr Hogarth could be operated on the same basis as similar legislation in Australia and could go a long way to preventing the indiscriminate littering of New Zealand's highways.

Sixteen remits were considered by the conference plenary session, five of which dealt with national problems.

The only other remit seeking Government action to be carried was a Hawera proposal for a Government investigation into the effectiveness of the child welfare division.

The remit prompted a spi-

and do more youth work, instead of harassing the Government."

The Government had neither the time nor the resources to strike at the heart of the problem in every small community.

Further remits seeking stricter enforcement of legislation controlling fishing in New Zealand territorial waters, the use of petrol tax income to purchase power and telephone lines underground, and nationalisation of the breweries in New Zealand all failed to find the support of the conference.

An internal remit seeking amalgamation of the Taranaki, Wanganui and Manawat