



Auction of historic site

Part of New Plymouth's history will change hands when this 1734 sq. m property at the Gill St-Liardet St intersection is auctioned by Newton King Ltd on July 2. Owned by Raedde Developments, the commercial property's office (to the left of the picture) was part of New Plymouth's original Baptist Church, of which the foundation stone was laid on March 12, 1868. The church used it until its sale in 1913. Mr E. O. Ledingham's New Plymouth furniture business occupied the premises from 1935 to 1949, after he bought it from a plumber, Mr Ledingham then sold the property to a Mr L. Grundy, who has operated a garage until recently.

Probation on strict terms

"In the past you have been given an opportunity to rid yourself of drug habits," Mr D. B. Pain, SM, told John Devlin Scurr (23) student teacher, in the New Plymouth Magistrate's Court today.

Defendant had been convicted on three admitted charges of breaking and entering chemists' shops at Kaponga, Opunake and Eltham with intent to commit a crime.

Mr Pain released defendant on probation for two years. Defendant is to live and work where directed, pay \$90 restitution and do 170 hours of community work. Other conditions are voluntary admis-

sion to hospital if directed by the probation officer and attendance for such medical and psychiatric treatment as is warranted.

Mr Pain said no real penalty had been imposed for earlier drug charges. A period of supervision would give defendant something to work on.

He said he did this with reluctance because of the lack of responsibility in the past. The terms were stringent and if conditions were not complied with defendant could be brought back before the Court.

Counsel, Mr T. E. Knowsley said the psychiatric report was the first ray of light in defendant's life for some time. He had returned from a holiday through Turkey to

take into account by imposing as short a term as possible.

Other traffic cases were: Excess blood alcohol: David McCallum (195mg) \$150 (medical expenses \$11) and disqualified for 15 months failed to produce licence \$10, careless use \$50 and six months' concurrent disqualification. Christopher John Puke (182mg) \$150 (medical expenses \$16.75) and disqualified for 12 months (failed to keep left \$15). Failed to stop after accident: Anthony Gordon Mack \$125 and disqualified for eight months (careless use \$35). Drove in manner which might have been dangerous: Allan George Tynan \$100 and disqualified for nine months (careless use \$150).

Talks order

AUCKLAND. Today (NZPAY) — All parties in a strike by 15 boilermakers at Steel Construction Ltd have been called to a compulsory conference tomorrow.

The conference before the Auckland industrial conciliator, Mr F. M. Gerbic, comes three weeks to the day after the boilermakers went on strike over an alleged breach of a company hiring agreement.

It follows a Government inquiry into the use of automatic welding machines at the steel works last week, led by a retired Assistant General Manager of Railways, Mr J. W. Dempsey.

Mr Dempsey made a report to the Minister of Labour, Mr Gordon who in turn called the compulsory conference.