

NEWS OF THE DAY

False Alarm.

At 7.35 p.m. on Saturday a false alarm came from the box at the corner of Licham and Brougham Streets, and the New Plymouth Fire Brigade turned out. It is not known whom the alarm was.

Beer or Food?

Discussion brewing of beer so that barley should be saved for food is to be urged by the Government by a Christchurch delegate, called to discuss means of saving the ration. The motion was opposed by the speaker, Mr. E. H. Andrews, who feared it would do more harm than good by causing the meeting to be ridiculed.

Week-end at Mountain.

Overcast weather 14 cars made the trip to North Mount Egmont yesterday, bringing many visitors to the Taranaki Alpine Club's meeting. On Saturday the weather was ideal there were four car-loads of visitors. Three Taranaki Alpine Club members stayed at Ahurangi Hut and a party of eight in the cottage. On Saturday one party made the climb to the hut.

Winter Rail Bookings.

Ordinary services from the New Plymouth railway station over the Easter holidays were full, stated a railway official this morning. Bookings were being received for extra cars. Although the queue at the ticket office this morning was not large next Monday's Auckland excursions are very heavily booked. The official stated that although reservations over the holiday period were heavy they were no heavier than previous years.

British Composers.

The New Plymouth branch of the British Music Society held its monthly meeting on Saturday night. Items by British composers were contributed by Seth Harris, Misses J. Cocker, W. and F. Bamforth (songs), and piano by Miss D. Bamforth, who with R. L. Cooper and G. J. Fredric played piano accompaniments. It was announced that piano duos would be a feature of the next meeting and the branch had been invited to meet at the home of Mrs. P. C. Davie.

Week-end.

The planes flying in the first post-air pageant conducted by the Te Anau Aero Club on Saturday, with the exception of a Puss Moth from Wellington, belonged to the New Plymouth Aero Club or its members. Six aircraft, including a new Tiger Moth, Z.K.II., which landed at New Plymouth on Friday to add to the club's fleet flew from Block to Te Kuiti on Saturday and returned at 4.20 p.m. yesterday. During the week-end the club's planes made more than 200 passenger flights.

Funeral of Mrs. Foreman.

The funeral of Mrs. Laura Foreman, who died in her 94th year on Friday, will take place in New Plymouth this afternoon. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends at the services at

NEW CLUBROOMS

READY BY CHRISTMAS

OLD FOLKS' ASSOCIATION

In keeping with the growth of the organization, a new and up-to-date assembly hall is to be built by the New Plymouth Old Folks' Association on a site in Liardet Street, close to the seaward side of its intersection with Devon Street.

A building permit has been obtained and work is at present in hand on the demolition of the old wooden house at present on the site. The new club will be a one-storey, all concrete building, and will include a ladies' room, a men's room, a storeroom and kitchen. When completed the building will measure about 82ft by 40ft., and will embody an impressive 10ft. wide entrance slightly recessed, flanked by two strong concrete pillars. Lighting has been carefully studied and 10 skylights are to be a feature of the club's roof. Once the clearance of the site has been completed, tenders are to be called for the building of the hall, and it is hoped to have the building completed and ready for occupation before Christmas.

A member of the association pointed out this morning that the present clubrooms in Currie Street were rather small for the growing membership. At present the association had a roll of 550, including honorary and ordinary members, and it was only possible to accommodate 100 members at a time with any degree of comfort, whereas when the new building was completed, this figure would rise to the 400 mark. Recently the Old Folks' Association accepted the advice of the New Plymouth branch of the R.S.A. and the Chamber of Commerce to enrol honorary members as a means of ensuring a steady annual revenue, and to date 90 such members have been enrolled. The association first started in 1941 and has occupied its present clubrooms from that time.

With the completion of the demolition of the old house at present on the site of the proposed assembly hall, there will disappear one of the old landmarks of New Plymouth. The house was built about 1870 by Edwin Perry, a carpenter and cabinetmaker, where he lived until the time of his death, and was erected on part of a section selected by his father, who came to Taranaki on the Amelia Thompson. In days gone by, the present Liardet-Devon Streets intersection was known as "Perry's Corner," and was noted for the fact that the house was just on the edge of the line of trenches built to defend the town of New Plymouth during the Maori War. One of the main gates, the north gate, was near that spot.

UNUSUAL DESIGN

SHIP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

NEW HOUSING BLOCK

88 STATE UNITS

CARRINGTON ROAD SITE

Containing sites for 79 State houses, nine of which will be double units, making a total of 88 units, a block of land in Vogeltown, New Plymouth, has recently been bought by the Housing Department.

The block is on the western side of Carrington Road at the intersection of Carrington Road and Brooklands Road. Thirteen of the sites front on to Carrington Road on the town side of the intersection.

New streets giving access to the housing block have already been surveyed. One of these will go from the town side of the intersection, through the block and out on to Carrington Road above the intersection. Two no-exit streets will branch off it.

WILL BENEFIT SCHOOLCHILDREN.

Provision has been made for a street that will eventually link with Broadmor Street. This will enable children from the housing estate to get to the Vogeltown school without going along Carrington Road or Smith Street, which is a stock route.

Building is unlikely to start on the new block until other groups of State houses in New Plymouth are finished, it was stated in New Plymouth to-day, but the new streets will probably be at least partly formed in the near future.

A part of the block that slopes steeply down to a stream will be reserved as a recreation area.

Heavy Loss

P.A. WELLINGTON, This Day.
The Patrick-Caltaux boxing match on Saturday, was conducted at a heavy loss by the Hutt Valley Association, the attendance at which was about 3600, falling below expectations, particularly for ringside seats. Part of the expenses involved is for 1600 forms, which will probably have to be written off after the Patrick-Murphy fight as the association has no means of storing them under cover until the next season. Caltaux asked the Hutt Valley association to express his thanks to Patrick for not slaughtering him quicker than he did.

PARACHUTE JUMPS

NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT
ABANDONED

P.A. WELLINGTON, Sunday.