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Historic house in demand at auction

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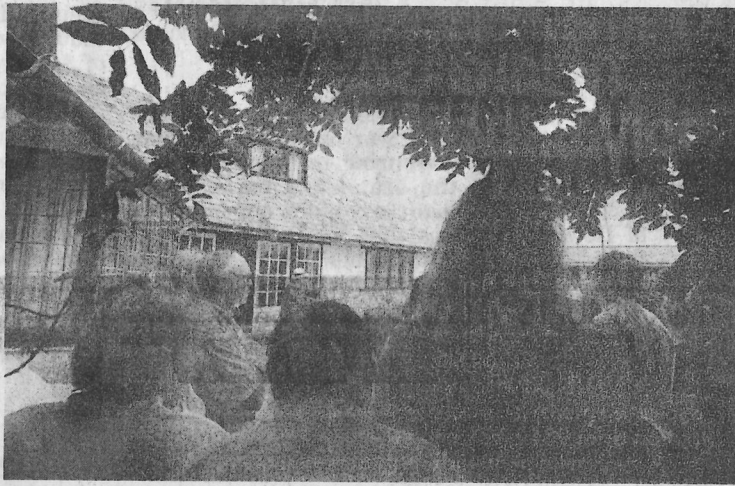
By LINDSAY DAVIS

AN OUTSTANDING historic house, Plas Mawr, designed and built by Chapman Taylor, attracted spirited bidding on Saturday morning and was eventually sold for \$279,000 to a New Plymouth buyer.

"It is the only one of its kind in New Plymouth and that's why it attracted over 100 people to the auction," said Real Estate agent Max Murrow, of Harcourts.

Mr Murrow said the Standish St property's new owner was an unsuccessful bidder 15 years ago and this time was determined to buy it.

The house was built in 1913 for £1000 and is one of 80



GOING, GOING: The bidding pressure mounts during the auction on Saturday. Photo: DWAYNE SENIOR

Chapman Taylor houses in New Zealand.

The property, which has an Historic Places Trust Category 1 rating, attracted interest from bidders as far away as Auckland and Wellington.

"It is one of his better designs because he used slate on the roof instead of tiles. The spouting is copper. In the kitchen the marble is an inch thick, the windows are made

out of Australian jarrah, which is expected to last between 400-500 years," said Mr Murrow.

The 190m² house even has its own air conditioning — a series of concrete tunnels that circulate air through the house.

Mr Murrow said the Chapman Taylor interpretation of the name was My Place, but several Welsh people had told him Plas Mawr meant My Palace.

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A unique opportunity to purchase at auction one of Chapman Taylor's finest architecturally designed homes. Built in 1913, "Plas Mawr" has an Historic Places Trust Category 1 rating.

For further information please contact Max Murrow.

To be auctioned on site at 11am, on February 11, 1995.
(No offers prior to auction).

Viewing strictly by appointment only.

Piece of NP history to go under the hammer

A NEW PLYMOUTH house, designed by what the Historic Places Trust has described as one of New Zealand's most accomplished architects, goes up for auction early next month.

The three-bedroom house, set on a 739m² section at the top of Standish St, was designed and built by James Chapman-Taylor in 1913 for former New Plymouth mayor Charles Burgess and

his wife. Plas Mawr (Welsh for My Place) as the property is known, has a category 1 rating by the Historic Places Trust.

The classification recognises the house as a building of architectural significance and means the exterior cannot be changed without the permission of the trust.

A trust report on Plas Mawr says the

house is one of the earliest examples of Chapman-Taylor's work in New Zealand.

He designed and built about 80 houses throughout New Zealand, most of them in the Wellington and Here-tunga areas.

The property, which has a Government Valuation of \$230,000, will go under the hammer on February 11.

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