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More than 10 years of planning and work and many thousands of dollars have gone into converting the formerly run-down boarding house into an eating place with distinctive traditional lines. Proprietors Phil and Judith Jefferies see it as filling a gap in the busy dining out scene in the city.

"We wanted to provide something with elegance and style and we believe we have achieved it," she said.

Considerable care has obviously gone into retaining the character of the old house, originally built by Bone Brothers about 1914 for city dentist Mr Harold Parker.

Several pieces of the original built-in joinery have been renovated and retained as focal points for its spacious rooms.

Eye-catching

A high fire surround in carved rimu and pink tiles is an eye-catching feature of the bar and reception area and next door in the main dining room an equally imposing carved rimu dresser dominates.

Another large wooden fireplace will feature in one of the conference rooms being developed on the first floor.

Although fire requirements meant replacing the ceilings with modern fireproof linings, care has been taken to retain the original mouldings in several rooms.

The spacious feeling of the building with its large rooms and old style 14ft stud has been added to by careful selection of colours with white ceilings and white or grey walls.

Rich maroon velvet curtains on wooden curtain rails cover the high windows and will eventually be draped in the large openings which have been created between rooms.

Rimu

The rimu floor in the reception area has been sanded and stained and richly coloured scatter rugs, carefully selected furniture, art works and decorations add to the old world charm.

A soft pink carpet covers the dining floor in what was once apparently the ballroom, back in the days when Te Ara was known as one of New Plymouth's stately private homes.

Period designed brass and glass electric lamps with summer controls provide the lighting which can be adjusted to suit the mood of the occasion.

Mr Jefferies with two builder's assistants Leo Horne and Clarry Lockley did all the renovation work. His wife was involved in most of the painting.

"Basic design work was done by a city architect Mr George Richardson architect but the decor is Mrs Jefferies' work and she has used selected art works and items borrowed from the Taranaki Museum to set it off."

For example, a well painted stag's head at the entrance was in the build-



The main dining room at Te Ara Lodge showing the dresser which was part of the original built-in furniture.

Restaurant with old world style

Old world charm has combined with modern renovation techniques to produce a restaurant with a stylish difference in the old Te Ara Lodge on Devon St East, New Plymouth.

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ing when the Jefferies took it over and several other game heads have now been obtained to join it. The stag was apparently shot back in 1952.

Candles are lit on each table and dining room staff dress in traditional black and white formal uniforms.

Service

Our party of four found the service surprisingly quick and efficient considering the restaurant had only been in operation for 11 weeks and was heavily booked.

The three course menu is simple, but well presented and clear, and offers a good range.

We ordered Avocado with crab (\$7.20), Seafood barquette (\$8.50), Camembert stuffed with asparagus tips and fried (\$8.80) and Chicken liver bouchee (\$8.95) for starters.

The breast of turkey was \$2.50 and the other items we did not try. Plungers punch (\$4.90) and Porf and venison plate (\$4.95).

Our main courses were Avocado roughly stuffed with seafood and grilled (\$15.90), Sautéed breast of turkey steak (\$15.50), Venison steak (\$16.50) and Baked rack of lamb (\$13.50).

The lamb was the cheapest main course and the most expensive.

While we waited for the food we munched on warm garlic bread which was at our table when we arrived and ordered a bottle of Mission white burgundy (\$8) from wine list which, while not extensive,

contains a number of popular and highly rated New Zealand and imported wines.

The food generally got a high rating from our party although there was comment that the portions could be a little larger.

We finished our meal with sweets from the dessert trolley at \$4 each and liquors (as much as you like, on the house) and coffee in the comfortable two seats in the bar reception area.

The whole meal, with two pre-dinner drinks each at \$1.50 a drink and two \$9 bottles of wine came to \$112.

The building would be an ideal place for a small wedding, or a formal gathering with dinner.

"Our only complaint was that when we arrived there was no one at the door to greet us. Stepping through the main entrance is like stepping back in time and personal welcome would make a big difference.

Normally this would be the case but Mr Jefferies said one of the few commissions he has since opening had called him away just before we arrived.

Old fuses were decided to give up the ghost. Now all the fuses have been replaced.

Te Ara Lodge is serving dinner from Tuesday to Saturday nights while things settle down and may extend this winter."

Mr Jefferies says they are waiting to see what the demand will be and will then review the possibility of extra-nights and lunches.

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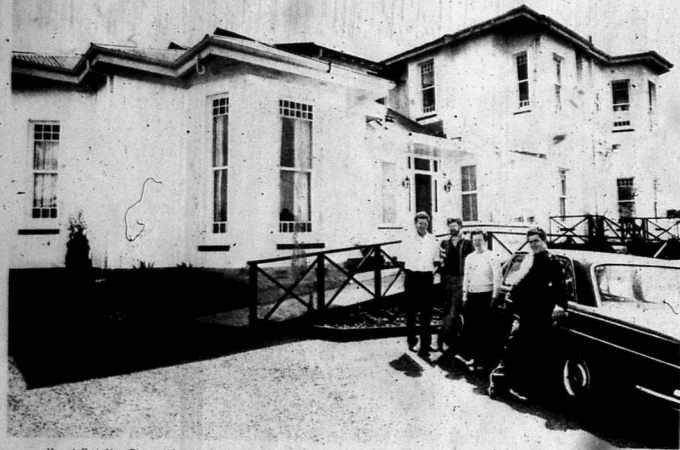
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Key staff at New Plymouth's new Te Ara Lodge are proprietors Mr Phil and Mrs Judith Jefferies (left and centre) and manager Mr Alex Ashford (between them) with chef Richard Corcoran (right). At the moment only the downstairs floor is being used but the first floor is being developed into conference rooms. Stage two of the development includes a 30-unit motel next door.



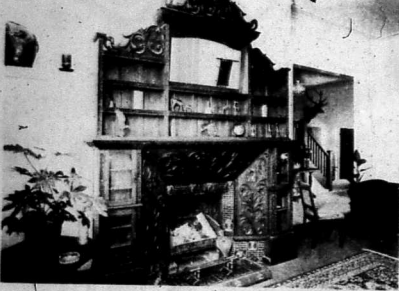
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formerly the
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The carved fire surround and fireplace in the bar and reception area at Te Ara Lodge. The stag's head in the passageway was another decoration bought with the building and is believed to be from a hunting exhibition in the South Island in 1929.

Answer service turns diners off

After a few rings a machine answers the phone at Windows on the World. The tape recording says: "Thank you for calling Windows on the World reservations and information. Presently, all agents are busy. Your call will be answered by the first available telephone agent."

"Agent" is this restaurant, or People Express? What kind of a message is that for a restaurant with white tablecloths and a spectacular view of New York?

The disgruntled patron who called the message to my attention said it was only the spectacular view that

By Marian Burros of the New York Times.

persuaded him to go there with his out-of-town guests. "Otherwise," he wrote, "I would have been turned off entirely."

William Johnson, guest service manager for the restaurant, said the 16 reservation agents at the restaurant functioned very much like an airline.

"Maybe it's because I once worked for an airline that the message sounds that way," he added.

Perhaps the next step is the advance purchase of a ticket for food service.

The increasing use of answering machines at busy restaurants — even when the messages don't sound like those of a business office — is an annoyance to many people. This is especially so when the machine says they have called at the wrong time and will have to call the next day.

"No matter when I call," wrote one frustrated would-be patron of the Quilled Graffe, "I never seem to call them at the right time."

Barry Wine, who owns the restaurant, says with his wife Susan, says, "There is no sense in answering the phone 12 hours a day if all you have to say is 'no, no, no.' With the number of seats we have and as full as we are, the restaurant just fills up during that period of time."

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