

# CARILLON NEEDS MORE VOLUME

Adjustments would have to be made because of the lack of volume of sound from the Marsland Hill carillon, said the donor of the carillon, Mr George Kibby, in New Plymouth yesterday.

The carillon was commissioned on Saturday afternoon. Mr Kibby said there was no volume in the bells. With one octave from bells from 100lb up to 850lb, there should not be any difficulty in hearing the carillon five miles away under suitable conditions.

Instead, on Saturday there was difficulty in hearing the bells from pensioners' homes one block away, said Mr Kibby.

Mr Raymond Ashworth, who chose the music for the automatic tapes and who played a peal of the bells on Saturday, said he expected the carillon to be heard over a wider area.

The Dutch technician who installed the bells said they should be audible within a radius of 2 1/2 miles in good conditions, said Mr Ashworth.

Mr Kibby suspects the problem is caused through lack of insulation between the bells and the steel frame to which they are attached.

The city engineer, Mr N. G. Harris, said the bells and the steel frame had come to New Zealand and were assembled here. The engineers' depart-

ment put down the base and concrete towers.

Although the carillon bells did not ring yesterday, this was not because of the loudness, said the Mayor, Mr D. V. Sutherland. The reason was that a timetable had not yet been arranged to work in with church services.

He said the question of insulation would have to be checked with the company which manufactured the carillon.

## TRAGEDY AVERTED

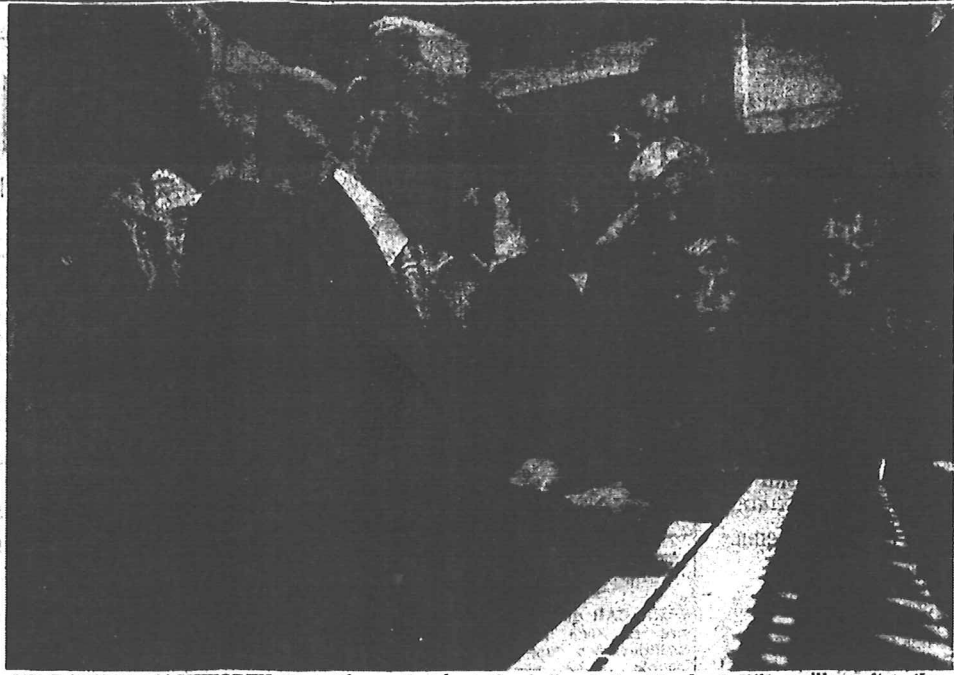
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MARGATE, Sunday. — A major rail disaster was narrowly averted on Friday night by the drivers of two express trains who found themselves speeding towards boulders and concrete piled across the tracks.

More than 500 passengers were aboard the two trains approaching each other near Margate, on the English south coast.

Both drivers jammed on emergency brakes and their locomotives ploughed into the wreckage at less than 20 m.p.h. No-one was injured, but both engines were damaged.

Police blamed vandals for the sabotage attempt.



MR RAYMOND ASHWORTH, New Plymouth, plays the bells of the Marsland Hill carillon after the official commissioning by Mrs N. M. Humphrey, the daughter of the donor, Mr George Kibby, on Saturday. Mr Ashworth played a peal of the bells showing the highest and lowest notes.

ther at the same rate, tax free, from reserves.

The company paid an interim dividend of 6 per cent on capital before the February bonus and is paying a final of 8 1/4 per cent on present capital. Total is equivalent to 11.95 per cent on present capital.

The directors expect to pay 1 1/2 per cent next year after the coming bonus issue. This would be equivalent to 12.65 per cent on present capital, or 13.9 per cent on capital before last February's bonus.

Pre-tax profit for the year to March was 11 per cent up at about \$753,000. In the previous year tax took \$330,996 and net profit was \$348,236, representing 26 per cent on ordinary capital. Dividend was 12 1/2 per cent.

After last week's announcement the 50c shares rose 14c to 120, cum final dividend of 3 1/4c and cum bonus. They would average out at about 106, ex dividend and ex bonus, and yield from an 11 1/2 per cent dividend would then be 5.4 per cent.

Christchurch Gas is raising its dividend from 6 to 7 1/2 per cent after increasing profit by \$28,602 to a record \$100,592. Earning rate is up from 9.9 to 13.4 per cent. At the last sale price of 83 cum final dividend of 4c, the \$1 shares yield 9.5 per cent.

### District secretary



## PORT OF NEW PLYMOUTH

**Arrived**  
Today: CAP MELVILLE at 7.50 a.m. from Marsden Point.

**Sailed**  
Yesterday: BRNE at 2.20 p.m. for Marsden Point.

**In port**  
Newton King Wharf—  
CAP MELVILLE (6813 tons) (HK)  
STRAAT LUZON (683 tons) (NK)  
Moturoa Wharf—  
ENGLISH STAR (9664 tons) (BSPL).

**Expected arrivals**  
Coastal  
LIGAR BAY (1330 tons) due tomorrow from Tarakohe to discharge cement, (GBC)  
HAMILTON (12,215 tons) due Thursday from Marsden Pt to discharge petroleum (USS).  
CALM (767 tons) due Saturday from Lyttelton to discharge general cargo.  
PATRICK (600 tons) due Sunday from Timaru to discharge general cargo (USS).  
Translaman  
KOWHAI (3528 tons) due Friday from Sydney to discharge general cargo (USS).  
Overseas  
TAUPO (10,989 tons) due tomorrow from Picton to load general and refrigerated cargo.

## Tribute to yacht club contribution

"Young people, while enjoying the facilities and organisation of this yacht club and other similar clubs, should take time to spare an occasional thought for parents and adults who work so hard to provide the amenities for them," said Mr R. M. Barclay, MP, on Saturday night.

Mr Barclay, patron of the New Plymouth Yacht Club, was speaking at the club's prizegiving.

He praised the club's high standards of sailing and safety and said its success in these areas, as well as its contribution to recreational amenities, could be judged by its rapid growth in membership over the past two years.

This year's prizegiving, with more than 170 members present, was the best attended in the history of the club as far as the commodore, Mr D. E. Paul, can remember.

With 71 awards, the prize list was impressive for a provincial yacht club.

Another feature was the high proportion of junior and

## MARSLAND HILL CEREMONY

The \$30,000 carillon on Marsland Hill, New Plymouth, was commissioned on Saturday.

Mrs N. M. Humphrey, sister of the donor of the carillon, Mr George Kibby, pulled the switch which started the 37 bells ringing.

Welcoming the guests, the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr D. V. Sutherland, rang a miniature bell cast by the same company who made the carillon bells.

About 500 people attended the opening. Mr Sutherland said this large attendance showed the interest in the project.

A former Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr A. G. Honnor, said New Plymouth would get much pleasure out of these bells.

This was not the first gift Mr Kibby had made to the city. About two years ago he donated the Begonia house in Pukekura Park. These two donations cost Mr Kibby \$50,000, Mr Honnor said.

Mr Kibby said after all the faults had been found and ironed out he hoped the bells could be heard up to five miles away. "These are the best bells available," he said.

## Double puzzle

