

# OWNED DEVON ST PROPERTY

Mr Jacob Wincent Kurta, owner of the building in Devon St central which was occupied until recently by Woolworths Ltd, died in New Plymouth yesterday. He was 88.

Born in Podgora, Yugoslavia, Mr Kurta came to New Zealand in 1896. He worked on the northern gumfields for three years and then settled in New Plymouth.

He set up business in New Pymouth and owned two restaurants and a fancy goods shop before retiring in 1927.

Mr Kurta was a keen bowler. He was a member of the West End Bowling Club for many years and later joined the New Plymouth Bowling Club. He was an active bowler till three years ago.

In 1938 Mr Kurta returned to his homeland for a visit.

Mr Kurta leaves his wife, two daughters, Mary (New Plymouth), and Catherine (Mrs R. C. McCleave, Masterton), and three sons, Jack (Wanganui), Victor (Palmerston North) and Alexander (Hastings). A son, Bernard, and a daughter, Mavis (Mrs K. Johnston), predeceased him.

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