



ST CHAD'S CHURCH, Westown, gets a new coat of paint during a working bee by parishioners today.

Renovating St Chad's

Parishioners have been renovating the 38-year-old St Chad's Church, in Westown, New Plymouth, over the past few weeks.

Church authorities had been unable to lay carpet in the building because of dampness which rose through the floor in wet weather. Teams of men have removed the old concrete floor and replaced it with a properly undersealed one.

The outer walls have been repainted, paths laid and the grounds tidied.

While the work was in progress services were held in the St Chad's parish hall.

The first service in the renovated building will be held tomorrow.

This will be the second face lift for the church in a year. Last year the Rev. R. J. Nicholson said it was enlarged from 80 seats to 150.

Grim reminder

Members of the Pukekura Lions Club are organising a grim reminder to climax road safety week in Taranaki next week.

On Friday afternoon a wrecked car followed by 680 children—one for every expected road fatality this year—will parade through central New Plymouth.

This is believed to be the first parade of its kind held in New Zealand.

The man heading the organising group, Mr D. M. Stewart, chairman of the club's youth committee, said today they considered this the most practical way of bringing home the size of the death toll on this country's roads.

"We believe that some people have trouble in appreciating just what 680 road deaths represents," he said. "We have organised the parade to give these people a better idea of what it means."

mouth schools will follow and tailing the parade will be a Ministry motorcycle.

Some of the children will also carry placards.

The group is expected to take 15 to 20 minutes to reach the Egmont St intersection from where buses will return the children to schools.

SUPPORT

Mr Stewart said the project had received the full support of all the headmasters approached for assistance.

The parade has also received the support of the Minister of Transport, Mr Gordon.

In a letter to the club he said that too often New Zealanders tended to think of the road toll as a figure to be talked about casually and sometimes even ignored.

"We need reminding from time to time that these figures represent people," he said.

"Perhaps it is because these figures are so vast that we seem to have become inured to them, or to have adopted a fatalistic acceptance of them."

PRIZES

As well as the parade, the club has gained the support of the Ministry of Transport for a programme to give prizes to children who show particular care in road use.

A club member and a traffic officer will tour the streets of the city while children are going to and from school next week.

Any child who shows outstanding care in using the road will be rewarded with a gift of six bottles of soft drink donated by the Western Bottling Co. Ltd.

New patrol car