



MR. L. H. SKELTON (left), retired of New Plymouth, a regular customer of Chequers for over six years, makes the most of the last few days before Chequers closes down. He discusses the problem of eating houses with the proprietor, Mr Sadler, and Mrs Dot Cronin who has been a waitress at Chequers for 16 years.

TEAROOMS CLOSING

Friday will be a sad day for many regulars at Chequers Tearooms in Devon St, New Plymouth. They will eat their last midday dinner in the place that has become "home" to many lonely people who exist in single rooms.

After 35 years, Chequers is closing down.

The proprietor, Mr S. W. Sadler, said today: "When I took over Chequers 18 years ago, there were four other tearooms like this, but they've all gradually disappeared."

His lease had expired and structural alterations were required under health regulations which could cost about \$600, Mr Sadler said.

About 40 customers eat their midday dinner regularly at Chequers. Some are businessmen, but many are old people who live in one room, or retired business-

men living alone.

Chequers provided meals on wheels for the hospital board for two or three years and still has a regular cus-



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At 93 Mr Sole lives on his own. He is active and independent and keeps his home spotless. For the last four years Chequers has been sending him his midday meal.

"I don't know what I'll do now they're closing down. I'll have to make some other arrangements," he said.

Mr Sole was born in New Plymouth and farmed at Warea until he retired.

"I have a married daughter in New Plymouth but I like to be independent," he said.

Mr Sadler said it would be a definite loss to the city. "These old people have got to find somewhere else to eat. We charge them only 60 cents for a three-course meal, and they'll find that difficult to get anywhere else in the city."

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