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 L. Knowles, Tariki).  
 Cow, calved prior to June 1,  
 1958, R. Clement, Opunake, Al-  
 mon R. Lorraine (Hilltop R.  
 Hero—Almoh Vrouka Janet) 1,  
 H. J. Reid, Stratford), Braemar  
 R. Direct (Braemar Beauty  
 Roger—Toakaora Lana's Direct-  
 ress) 2; calved since June 1,  
 1958, R. Clement, Opunake,  
 Almon Roger Mandy (Kohitere  
 K. L. Rogers Ensign—Almon  
 Lucky Malta) 1, H. J. Reid,  
 Stratford, Braemar R. Dorma  
 (Braemar Beauty Roger—Arataki  
 R. T. Dora) 2, H. J. Reid, Brae-  
 mar T. D. Adrienne Turepo  
 Agnes Domino—Ratanui Princess  
 Aid) 3; heifer, calved since June  
 1, 1959, R. Clement, Lucernvale  
 Gay (Deloraine Balman—Lucern-  
 vale Ngairi) 1, H. J. Reid,  
 (Braemar R. Bonny (Braemar  
 Beauty Roger—Ratanui Star  
 Beauty) 2, H. J. Reid, Braemar  
 R. Dossie (Braemar Beauty Roger  
 —Braemar Domino Doris) 3;  
 heifers calved since June 1, 1960,  
 H. J. Reid, Braemar R. Bonny  
 and Braemar R. Dossie 1.  
 Heifer calved since June 1, 1960,  
 R. Clement, Opunake, Almon P.B.  
 Edna (Kauwhata Port C. Barclay-  
 Almon Princess Elsie) 1, and Almon  
 P.B. Lyla (Kauwhata Port C. Bar-  
 clay-Almon R. Lynette) 2, H. J.  
 Reid, Stratford, Braemar R. Elf  
 (B. Beauty Roger-B. Domino Elba)  
 3; two heifers calved since June  
 1, 1960, R. Clement, Opunake 1,  
 H. J. Reid, Stratford 2; heifer  
 calved since June 1, 1961, Reid,  
 Braemar R. Dorrie (B. Beauty  
 Roger-B. Domino Doris) 1, R. Clem-  
 ent, Opunake, Almon Skokie Molly  
 (Sunnybrae Skokie Domino—Almon  
 Royal Marion) 2, Reid, E.R. Maur-  
 een (B. Beauty Roger-B. Domino  
 Mandy) 3; two heifers calved since  
 June 1, 1961, Reid 1, Clement 2;  
 bull calved prior to June 1, 1958,  
 Reid, Braemar T.D. Prince (Turepo  
 Agnes Domino—Ratanui Princess  
 Aid 2nd) 1, Clement, Kauwhata  
 Port C. Barclay (Mahoe Mount  
 Colussus-Kauwhata M. Beverley)  
 2½ bull calved since June 1, 1959,  
 Reid, Braemar R. Don (B. Beauty  
 Roger—Arataki R.T. Dora) 1, L.  
 A. Martin, Inglewood, Ka-Iwi Prince  
 Royal (Colestra Regina Butter Boy-  
 Tarata Keyes) 2.

**AYRSHIRES**  
 (Judge: Mr J. Bailey, Huntly).  
 Breeders' senior group, one  
 bull and two females two years  
 or over, A. G. and D. M. Hall,  
 Lepperton, Lakeside High Bid,  
 Burnside Rosary, and Burnside  
 Lyola 1, S. W. Hooper, Lepperton,  
 Ora Dairy Prince, Grandvue

# Old 'grog' shop being demolished

Reputed to have been used by some of the regiments engaged in the Maori Wars as a "grog" shop, one of New Plymouth's oldest buildings, standing at the corner of Powderham and Silver Streets, is now being demolished. It is probably well over 100 years old.

Nearly two years ago test bore were taken on the site, which is to be used to house part of the proposed new courthouse building.

The building was partly occupied until recently. But it must have been many years since the attic, reached by a twisting and narrow staircase, was used. Old bottles, rubbish and thick layers of dust lay round the attic and in other parts of the house, when New Plymouth prison officials yesterday took men to the site to demolish the building on behalf of the Justice Department.

The old building, one of the city's worst eyesores, was used for many years as a residence. It was occupied by Mr Philip Moon, grandfather of Mr Hercules Moon, who can recall that he himself was taken there when a fire threatened the Brougham Street house in which he lived. The building was reputed to have a cellar underneath, but no evidence of this has so far been found.

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Construction of the building suggests that the corner section, with the attic, was the original house, the northern part being added in later years.

The building is the fourth to be demolished in Silver Street in recent years. The land has been owned by the State for Justice Department purposes for many years. On the western side of Silver Street, there remain only two tenanted two-storeyed houses to be removed before the whole site is available for the new courthouse.

The area is to be levelled off to provide additional car parking space for Government vehicles.

**WELLINGTON, This Day (PA).**—The case law which governed the admissibility of evidence as to the previous bad character of a complainant in a rape case was late Victorian in era, counsel, Mr R. Stacey, said in the Supreme Court today.

Tuta Taare, 26, workman, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by Mr Justice Hutchison on a charge of rape of a 16-year-old girl.

On behalf of Taare, Mr Stacey said he was a man of kindly and generous disposition and had a first class sporting record. It was unfortunate that so soon after he had come to the city he had been presented with a dangerous situation.

The jury had made a very strong recommendation for mercy and that in itself was unusual. The jury had probably been influenced by the girl's previous bad character, the silent invitation to the accused and the fact that there had been no damage to the girl's clothing.

Also, a young man had said to Taare in colloquial speech that the girl was one willing to go with men and that may have spurred him to his action.

### EDITORIALS

In the present session of the court there had been four rape cases, two of which ended in acquittals, and in the two cases where there had been convictions the jury had added recommendations for mercy.

Although there had been a call in newspaper editorials for the imposition of heavier deterrent sentences for rape, counsel said, he submitted that where the girl was of proven bad character and it could surely be said that no permanent harm had been done her, then leniency could be extended.

Rape was one of the most serious crimes but there were factors which justified leniency as against some other cases of the same crime. This was not a "gang" case, no great degree of violence or force had been used, and the jury had made a very strong recommendation for mercy.

The accused was not permitted to prove positively the bad character of the girl and had to depend on cross examination of her and her unwillingness to admit, out of conscience, her past history.

His Honour remarked that the

accused came of a good family, had served overseas with K Force and had a good army record, also a good work record, and was keen on football. Apart from this crime, there was a lot to be said in his favour. It seemed his life had been unstable so far as women were concerned.

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"I think the view of the jury may well have been that, starting from what was said by his friend that the girl was of easy virtue, the prisoner had caused himself wrongly to think that consent had been given. The jury may also have had regard to the fact of the girl's previous experiences and that there was no great permanent harm to her.

"But the crime is at any time a serious one and cannot be met other than by imprisonment. The sentence is a good deal less than might otherwise have been given."

## Demolition of railway station

Demolition work has started on the remainder of New Plymouth's 60-year-old railway station. The chief stationmaster, Mr. T. C. McSoriley, said today all the old building would be removed "in time."

Part of the old western section is to be left as temporary premises until a shunters' amenities block is erected. Offices and facilities formerly in the old building were all incorporated in the new building which was completed in two sections earlier this year.



**MAKING WAY** for New Plymouth's new courthouse building, one of the city's oldest wooden houses is now being demolished. Familiarly known as the "grog" shop, it has associations with the regiments engaged during the Maori Wars. It fronts on to Silver Street, which is to be closed at some future date.