



Caught in a lighthearted moment during the office shift today, these Taranaki Herald newspaper reporters were part of the editorial team re-locating the Herald in its new offices in Currie St, New Plymouth.

From left they are Rawiri Wright, Tracey Mehrtens, Valerie Bell-Barnes and Jill Graham.

The Herald will now occupy almost the same position as it did before the old building was demolished about 18 months ago.

Since just before the demolition, Herald staff have been resident in Roebuck House across the road in Powderham St.

It will now occupy the first floor offices of the recently constructed portion of the Taranaki Newspapers Ltd building on Currie St.

Some advertising and accounts staff were also forced to work in Roebuck House because of renovations and these departments will now be in the main office block on the ground floor. Other departments were also moving to their permanent offices within the building.

Herald editor Mr George Koea said the 18 months' work in temporary premises had been a trying time for all concerned.

All the company's operations would now be in the main offices, he said.

Herald staff would be glad to get into their new offices and on behalf of the staff, he thanked the public for being so understanding and co-operative.

From Monday the Herald will be operating "business as usual," from new upstairs offices in Currie St.

MOT catches low-flyers

Motorists travel no faster now on the open road than they did before the speed limit was raised to 100km/h, a Ministry of Transport survey shows.

NZPA reports the survey shows 85% of drivers travel at less than 110km/h with 15% obviously out to beat the limit. Nationwide, the average speed in 98km/h.

These findings by MOT traffic engineers are almost identical to a similar survey a year ago before the open road limit was increased from 80km/h.

In Taranaki, the estimated average speed of drivers is 95km/h, slightly under the national average.

Although the new limit has legalised the driving habits of the bulk of motorists, a hard core

speedster is still around, said MOT senior traffic sergeant John Mahoney, New Plymouth.

It seemed now when a driver exceeded the speed limit he really exceeded the speed limit!

During the past four days the Taranaki MOT has been using its new digitec speed trap machine for a total of 16½ hours.

Sixty-seven people were issued tickets for speeding during these times.

One driver was clocked at 156km/h and two others at 145km/h.

Most drivers booked for speeding were usually between 110km/h and 120km/h.

The digitec machine relies on measuring the time a car travels between two strips on the road.

Taranaki MOT officers using the digitec's - now in all of New Zealand's 21 traffic districts - have

been issuing an average of three tickets an hour.

The recent four-day stint was the first time the MOT had concentrated its use on rural areas instead of urban. The officers picked some prevalent streets for speeding and the digitec showed its worth.

There is only one digitec in the Taranaki region, which includes King Country, and the MOT will be moving the machine from day to day.

Areas among the worst in Taranaki for speeding are State Highway 3 about 7 to 8km south of New Plymouth near Lake Mangamahoe, State Highway 3a near Lepperton and State Highway 3 between Inglewood and Tariki.

Awantui St and Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth are also bad for "low-flying," said Mr Mahoney.

Rules split family

AUCKLAND, Today (NZPA). - Vaovai and Tausiagi Faaea today tearfully farewelled their daughter, Seleue, as she was deported to Samoa.

Seleue Faaea's final appeal to the Governor-General for mercy was denied and she had to leave, even though her parents and four brothers and sisters are New Zealand citizens.

The 19-year-old was caught by an immigration rule that limits a migrating family to mother, father and four children.

Seleue Faaea and her sister, Manuia, were the eldest of the six Faaea children and stayed behind in Samoa when their parents brought the youngest four to New Zealand in 1980.

Seleue flew to Auckland to join her family about June 1983 on a 30-day entry permit.

She had applied for permanent residency but was rejected. In January last year, she was charged with overstaying and ordered deported. One appeal to the immigration minister and two to the Governor-General followed, but all were rejected.

Clock tower wins award

New Plymouth's new clock tower (pictured) has won a design award in the annual competition run by the western branch of the New Zealand Institute of Architects.

The architects, Boon Goldsmith and Co Ltd, New

hotels and modern office blocks and its precise location turning it into a landmark at a prominent street intersection.

"It becomes once more an essential element in the townscape.

"Being glazed on all sides



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