

## MEMORIAL BELL TOWER UNVEILED

### DEDICATION AT WESTTOWN SCHOOL

About 550 people, including 200 Westtown School pupils, attended the unveiling and dedication of the Westtown School memorial bell tower in New Plymouth yesterday.

The Minister in charge of Tourist and Health Resorts, Mr. Halstead, told the gathering it was appropriate that the bell tower should be dedicated in New Plymouth in August, because it was approximately the same time in 1942 that many men who were commemorated by the tower, fell in the battle for Egypt.

"How appropriate that it should come from Plymouth to New Plymouth," he said. "It emphasises the deep links that bind the two countries, and reminds us that many of Taranaki's founders came from Plymouth and Devon."

Mr. Halstead also referred to the fact that it was very appropriate that representatives of the Government and the Returned Services' Association should unveil the memorial.

The proceedings opened with the National Anthem, played by the New Plymouth City Band, after which Mr. R. D. Yates, president of the Westtown Home and School Association, thanked all those who had been responsible for the erection of the tower.

#### REMINDER OF SACRIFICES

The Mayor, Mr. E. O. E. Hill, congratulated the committee on its great achievement. He said that the erection of the bell tower had been a wonderful idea, for it was very fitting that there should be in New Plymouth a bell from old Plymouth, a reminder of the link between the two countries in the wars.

"By this ceremony today we see two strands of history converge, as well as two peoples," said Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P. for New Plymouth. "May this memorial for all time continue to symbolise the unity of two cities and two nations."

The tones of the bell would remind all of the sacrifices which had been made, said Mr. Aderman. It was scarred, as was the church it came from and the city of Plymouth. It symbolised the sacrifice of all those young men and women who, in the fullness of life, yielded it for the future freedom of the nation.

"I would like to express a wish that this bell has rung for the last time in war and that its new listeners will hear it in peace only," said Mr. T. T. Murray, M.P., chairman of the Taranaki Education Board. "This is a memorial," he told the boys and girls, "a memorial to the wonderful life you are living in this beautiful city and this beautiful country. It serves to tell that we get nothing for nothing in this world. Our country has sacrificed much; the war cost us some 28,000 men and women, who would have been the leaders of today. We owe our freedom to them and to the people of Britain."

Mr. Halstead, together with the president of the Returned Servicemen's Association, New Plymouth, then performed the unveiling ceremony.

#### TRUSTED TO PUPILS

Canon W. E. W. Hurst dedicated the bell tower, and then invested the trust of the tower to the school through the headmaster, Mr. A. C. Dannafaerd.

Mr. Dannafaerd said before presenting the trust to Eleanor Lander and Richard Anderson, two senior pupils of the school, "Let it not be said that this memorial will become just an edifice of brick and stone."

The trust will be passed on to successive senior classes at the end of each year.

Another pupil, Brian Smith, then unveiled the Union Jack at the masthead over the bell tower as the band played the National Anthem. The official party inspected the memorial, and the calm, clear notes of the bell tolled out briefly as the Minister pulled the bell rope and the assembly of people dispersed.

Included in the 169 official visitors were the Minister, Mr. Halstead, the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr. E. O. E. Hill, and Mrs. Hill, the member of Parliament for New Plymouth, Mr. E. P. Aderman, and Mr. Aderman, the chairman of the Taranaki Education Board, Mr. T. T. Murray, M.P., the headmaster of the Westtown school, Mr. A. C. Dannafaerd, and Mrs. Dannafaerd, the chairman of the Westtown school committee, Mr. R. D. Yates, and Mrs. Yates, the president of the Westtown Home and School Association, Mr. J. Renwick, and Mrs. Renwick, the president of the New Plymouth Returned Services Association, Mr. J. Joll, the town clerk, Mr. N. H. Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson, Canon and Mrs. W. E. W. Hurst, the president of the New Plymouth Home Servicemen's Association, Mr. E. G. Latimer, and Mrs. Latimer, the deputy chairman of the Taranaki Education Board, Mr. L. T. Aylward, Mr. D. Patterson, a member of the Taranaki Education Board, and Mrs. Patterson, inspectors of the board, Mr. A. H. Hoskins and Mrs. Hoskins, Mr. O. E. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. C. Gilmour, and the architect of the bell tower, Mr. M. G. B. Harvey, and Mrs. Harvey.

#### Traffic Offenders



#### THE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF TOURIST AND HEALTH

Resorts, Mr. Halstead, speaking at the dedication ceremony of the Westtown School, New Plymouth, bell tower yesterday afternoon. Seated in front of the beflagged bell tower, which is on the street frontage in Sanders Avenue, is Canon W. E. W. Hurst, vicar of St. Mary's, and in the centre of the group on the right is the Westtown headmaster, Mr. A. C. Dannafaerd.

### ASKED CONSTABLE FOR BOTTLE OPENER

#### LIQUOR NEAR DANCE AT WAITOITOI

A man who asked Constable A. J. Goodwin for the loan of a bottle opener in the grounds outside the Waitoitoi Memorial Hall while a dance was in progress, was one of six who were fined by Mr. W. C. Harley, S.M., in the New Plymouth Magistrate's Court today in connection with liquor in the vicinity of the hall.

He was Garry Edward Cooper, charged with David Edward Herlihy for having liquor in the vicinity of the hall on May 28 while a dance was in progress. A third man, James Ronald Jones was charged with having liquor under his control.

He saw a number of men going into the paddock from the hall, said Constable Goodwin, and Cooper was endeavouring to open a beer bottle on a gate post when he made the request for an opener.

Constable G. A. Parry said he had confiscated liquor at the dance hall. On leaving the hall he noticed a carton of beer and what appeared to be a four gallon container. He ascertained that the owner was Jones who had made a statement admitting that he had allowed a team of Matangi footballers to place the beer in his car.

Mr. Harley: Do you have much trouble with this hall?

Constable Goodwin: It is only a new hall, and that has caused trouble. Since the police have visited it, I understand it is getting quieter.

Fines of £2, with costs £1 were imposed in each case.

Kevin Herlihy, Bruce Andrew Moncur, and Brian Herbert Seston who did not appear, faced similar charges relating to July 14.

Constable Goodwin said he saw two men come out of the dance hall and take beer out of a car. They were Herlihy and Seston. Moncur owned the car, and he later produced two bottles of beer.

Each was fined £2, with costs £1.

### Man's 69 Convictions Increased to 74

Appearing on what Senior-Detective P. C. Smeaton described as "washing-up" charges of issuing valueless cheques, Albert George La Hood pleaded guilty to five charges and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on each by Mr. W. C. Harley, S.M., in the New Plymouth Magistrate's Court today.

The charges related to cheques issued in East Coast cities in June. They were of obtaining £5 from Peter Barrington Smythe, at Morere, on June 23; and £5 from Leonard Charles Satherly, at Morere, on the same day; obtaining £10 from Finlay John Parquhar at Kotesmaori on June 24; cigarettes and matches valued at 6/3 and cash £18/13/3 at Westshore on June 25, and a carburettor valued at £9/15/2 and 4/4 in cash from Walter Ross Harrison at Waiouru.

La Hood was already serving a sentence of three years imposed on July 8 in the New Plymouth court, said Mr. Smeaton. He already had 69 previous convictions.

La Hood who admitted the previous convictions had nothing to say.

### Inglewood County Engineer Resigns

The resignation of the engineer for the Inglewood County Council, Mr. E. H. M. Adams, was accepted with regret at a meeting of the council at Inglewood today. The chairman, Mr. F. Lawrence, commented Mr. Adams' work for the county during the five years he had been engineer.

"I would like to thank Mr. Adams on behalf of the council and of the ratepayers for the work he has done," said Mr. Lawrence. The other members of the council also expressed praise of Mr. Adams and their regret at hearing of his resignation.

Mr. Adams is to take up engineering in a private company, but his resignation will not come into effect until the end of September.

### Disqualified Driver Fails to Appear

When he was told that there was a penalty of up to £100 in fines or three months' imprisonment for driving while disqualified, Mr. W. C. Harley, S.M., in the New Plymouth Magistrate's Court today again remanded Leo Kingsford Neuman, who was charged with driving a motor vehicle in New Plymouth on

### PURANGI, MANGANUI BRIDGES' PROGRESS

The construction of the new Purangi and Manganui bridges in the Inglewood district was almost complete, reported the engineer of the Inglewood County