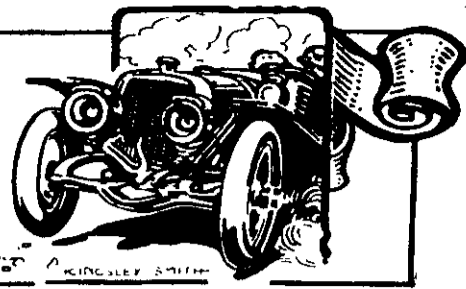


MOTORING & CYCLING



Photographs of private motorists in their cars, snapshots taken while on tour, or accounts of motoring trips and other items of interest to car-owners, will be inserted in these columns if posted to "New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review," P.O. Box 52, Auckland.

According to advice received locally from a Gisborne in the Flying Corps in England, the New Zealand Government is sending out a batch of 40 aeroplanes as a first consignment.

The Poverty Bay Motor Cycle Club intend holding a series of fortnightly dances during the winter season to raise funds for their forthcoming sports meeting next spring.

Three pupils of the New Zealand Flying School at Kohimarama, Messrs. Douglas Mill (Dunedin), B. A. Storey (Hastings), and A. G. Petrie (Stratford) have passed their final flying tests.

There is such a demand for motor cars in this country that every car that arrives is immediately mopped up, irrespective of the price asked, was the opinion expressed at the Napier County Council meeting.

The new Queen's Drive at Palmerston North, through the Esplanade, is now open to the public, and a large number of motor car owners take advantage of the drive, which opens up a very pretty route. The surface has been rolled and makes a good road for cars.

The Wanganui County Council has decided to apply for permission from the Government to erect a toll gate on the main road from Wellington to Wanganui, or as an alternative, the Government grant £10,000 for the reconstruction of the road.

The drivers of horse vehicles who use the Hutt Road at night complain that the bright lights on motor cars have a tendency to cause accidents. They suggest that the difficulty could be overcome by a by-law requiring owners of motor cars to frost the lower portion of their head lamp glasses.

The Wellington Automobile Club at its meeting discussed a proposal for making a deviation in the road to Paekakariki, constructing it via Pihmerton, Pukerua and the sea coast. The suggested road would save four or five miles, and an elevation of 570 feet over the Paekakariki Hill.

Not many New Zealand lads under 20 years of age (says the Wanganui "Herald") have been on active service for three years and nine months, and have passed through the campaigns at the Somme, Passchendaele, Messines, La Bassee, Cambrai and Rheims. That is the experience of a Wanganui boy, recently returned looking the picture of health, who enlisted at the age of fifteen years seven months, and was a member of the New Zealand Cycling Corps.

The Palmerston North Chamber of Commerce forwarded to the Borough Council a copy of the following resolution: "That the time has arrived when the Government should control the main arterial roads of the Dominion, with a view to the formation of permanent highways; that all local bodies be urged to co-operate in the work of putting the main arterial roads in such permanent condition in respect to the surface and width as to carry with safety the rapidly increasing number of power-driven vehicles." The Mayor said it was a big matter, and should be deferred for consideration. Councillor Hill moved, and Councillor DeCosta seconded, that the letter be received. Councillor Coleman favoured the matter being held over till the next meeting. Councillor Hill then withdrew his motion, with his second's consent. The subject, he said, was one for the Government, and was beyond the scope of the council. The suggestion of Councillor Coleman was adopted in the form of a motion.

In the official announcement of the inaugural meeting of the newly-formed British Motor League, it is stated that the league offers, for a nominal subscription, "an organised force for obtaining the redress of all injustice to motorists, and is fighting for equitable taxation, the maintenance of good roads, fairer laws, driving licenses freed from endorsements two years old, cheap and good motor fuel, and the democracy of motoring."

At a meeting of the council of the Canterbury Automobile Association it was reported that for the period from January 1 to April 30, 1919, the soldiers' car had travelled 4046 miles, carrying 757 men and sisters. Out of 103 working days the car was on the road 94, and out of this 77 were trips from the hospital. The following were elected members of the association, the majority as members of the Ashburton branch:—J. G. Hunt, G. W. Skellerup, J. Stewart, A. Ballantyne, T. Rose, W. T. Smith, D. Fechney, Junr., J. Smith, W. S. Lowe, S. Thompson, R. Holland, J. Dolan, J. Carr, A. E. Bussell, F. W. Watt, T. Hamson, H. Green, J. C. Grubb, W. T. P. Lock, C. G. C. Harper, J. Poff,

The connection between motoring in the air and motoring on terra firma has always been very close, much closer than between the latter and motor boating. It has been remarked that the automobile gave to the aircraft an engine which made aviation possible; and after the strenuous test of war the automobile received from the aeroplane a much improved engine, which is rapidly being adapted and adopted. A further connection has now been announced. Several of the large aeroplane factories are now turning attention to the production of motor cycles and cars, the Sopwith Company having already begun on motor cycles. This combination will go very far to popularising air-cooled engines in cars and motor cycles, affecting a saving in weight and production costs as well as simplifying the engine proper. Several types of air-cooled engines already in use have given good results on both motor cycles and cars, the models being of the aeroplane type with certain modifications to suit the machines for which they are severally intended.

Nicholls, "but I think something of this kind should be turned down now. We are going every day. It seems as if we are becoming a kind of benefit society." Mr. F. W. Johnston; In any case we have our own procession to deal with. Upon the motion of Mr. Nicholls' it was decided to reply to the request, stating that owing to the amount of work required to be done now in regard to returned soldiers, the association was unable to accede to the request.

"The establishment of postal services by aeroplane, assisted in the case of New Zealand by flying boats, is quite a practicable proposition, and one which the dominions will no doubt put in hand at an early date," says Lieutenant-Colonel Vere Bettington, C.M.G., R.A.F., the special expert sent out by the Imperial Government to report upon the military, naval and civil aspects of aviation in New Zealand. "New Zealand, owing to the length of her coastline, presents special problems, and great use can probably be made of flying boats. With the information at present available, it is suggested that the following places, situated as they are



A close view of the transport Remuera as she drew alongside the wharf at Auckland with a large draft of returned New Zealand soldiers, including Brigadier-General G. S. Richardson, C.B., C.M.G. A large number of English girls, the war brides of New Zealand soldiers, accompanied their husbands on the trip out from England, and were accorded an enthusiastic welcome on disembarking from the vessel.

Senr., H. Maginness, H. Watson, W. W. Goodwin, A. McKay, E. Latter, W. R. Gorton, W. R. Furniss, P. Curran, J. Rowell, George Lyon, W. B. Britenden, E. H. Henderson, I. K. Buchanan, A. H. Anthony, W. Syme, A. D. Cooper, W. Shaw, G. Shipley, T. O. Morgan, and Miss D. Andrews.

The metalling of the Motu-Opotiki road at Toatoa is being pushed on with, and the bad section of the road that hung up through traffic last winter should occasion no further difficulty, remarks the Gisborne "Herald." The metalling has been extended from the factory to the top of the hill, also from the foot of the rise towards the Papamoa Hill. About half a mile of metalling is being put down, and excellent progress is being made. Widening operations near Hallum's is also proceeding, and already considerable improvement has been effected. Several of the "hair pin" bends along this narrow portion are being straightened, and when completed the work will be greatly appreciated by motorists.

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Ever since the beginning of the war the members of the Canterbury Automobile Association have performed valuable service in helping patriotic objects, but they have lately become more and more inclined to object to the ever-increasing demands being made upon their cars and their time, and last week, except in regard to their work in transporting returned soldiers, they practically decided to refuse any further requests, says the "Press." The subject came under discussion through the receipt of a letter from the Peace Celebration Executive's Schools' Committee, asking the association if they could help the children's procession, which would take place on the Tuesday morning of the peace celebrations. There were about 3000 infants unable to walk the distance, the letter stated, and it had been suggested by the committee that the association might be able to do something in the matter. When members heard the letter read one or two audibly commented that it was "a cool request." "I don't want to be unkind," said Mr. P. S.

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at convenient spots round the islands, may be selected for the establishment of aerodromes for commercial and postal purposes. In the North Island such aerodromes might be established at or near Auckland, New Plymouth, Napier, Wanganui, Wellington, and in the South Island at or near Nelson, Blenheim, Greymouth, Hokitika, Christchurch, Dunedin, the neighbourhood of Resolution Island, and Invercargill. When later aerial communication between New Zealand and Australia has been established the two air services will be able to work in close touch. Australia and New Zealand will no doubt lose no time in building up their own aircraft industries, but it will be essential to have without delay one or two up-to-date and well-equipped aircraft depots to receive and erect machines and engines which can be obtained as the result of the war from England. These depots should be capable of handling both aeroplanes and lighter-than-air craft."

CHILDREN'S RESTLESSNESS.

A feverish and fretful child is a great bother in a household and disturbs the rest of others. Narcotics and soothing syrups should be avoided. Half-teaspoonful doses of Fluenzol (1/6 and 2/6) will rapidly allay feverishness without any injurious effects whatsoever. Health authorities commend Fluenzol.