

PROMOTERS GRAY & PASCO report that entries for the Sweep are pouring in and that no ads will be taken in Dorendust, but that the paper may have a seat at the Auctioneer's table on Friday night. A very large crowd is expected on the night of the auction. Promoter Pasco hopes to be able to give a broadcast commentary for benefit of Bluff investors. The entrance fee of half a dollar is proving no barrier and buyers are not restricted to any area. ::: DRAW for horses takes place on Monday night at seven o'clock in the mess. It is suggested that all interested should be there in plenty of time. On Friday night the auction takes place. This is the big event and promoters are toying with the possibility of having to call in a guard from B.T.D. Detachment. One recommendation is that the Sgts. should take on the duty of guards - it is thought they would look well with fixed bayonets. Only those who have paid the entrance fee of half a dollar prior to the draw will be allowed to bid for horses, so if you wish to start a string of stables, plunk in your name on the half dollar list right away. All horses are to be put up for auction; the owner of the horse has the privilege of deciding whether he will sell. If he does so, he receives half the auction price; and if he does not sell, but buys at the auction, he must pay half the price of the bid into the pool. Prizes will be paid from the gross proceeds on the basis of 70%, 20% and 10%. The auctioneer's decision is final. Promoters say they are beginning to feel the strain of organising. Gray says very few patrons hand out a can of beer to him on his rounds. Pasco says that does not worry him as he has given up drinking until his return to Invercargill - which recently returned to hops. That, says Pasco, was one of the most heartening bit of war news he has heard for months. He and George Moreton, Jeff Mannix and Jack Matheson have all been very happy since the election. Both promoters think they will be able to sport a few cigars for the big night. (What about a box our way?)

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WHEN it became known on Monday night that Lt-Col. E. Sayers had granted permission to use the I.B. Block for a dance on Thursday nights an appreciation of the way in which construction of the hospital had been carried out, no time was lost in forming a committee to get everything under way. Sister M. Talbot and Cpl. Brown represented Sisters & W.A. A.C.'s respectively, Padre Michael and Cpl. Miller the hospital personnel and Cpl. A. Wagner & Spr. A. Bradley Works. A temporary floor was laid down and soon polished into good shape. The orchestra looked like proving a bother; an effort was made to secure a French one, this failing, efforts were turned in the direction of an American band. Col. Sayers came to the rescue by securing, by courtesy of Brigadier Dove, a five piece orchestra from Div. Band. Needless to say, the dance was voted a "good show". For most present dancing in the open was an innovation - and one that is eminently suited to the climate. Thanks are due to Sgts. Cheater and "Snow" Peterson for assistance with supper and cake; to Tom Yuell, "Pop" Drayton, Percy Seagat and Mauris Woods of Works for their share in cutting sandwiches. Sister Hill, of the hospital staff, earned the thanks of the committee for her assistance in advice and guidance in arranging for the catering.

WHAT are Scotchmen like as escorts? About average, do you think, or would you say that in taking three W.A.A.C.S. for a swim, our Len McGregor shows they rate high.

SGT. Larsen is up for a day or two from Con Depot. We asked him how long he was staying - "no longer than I can help" was the encouraging reply. (He must like us)

THE other day some one asked a S/M how long he was going to be out on a job for. The S/M replied "Permanently - for three days at least"

SAM Burroughs has a black eye. Claims he got it boxing. Did he?