

VOTING RESULTS FOR LISTENERS

AFTER New Zealanders have voted in the Off-Course Betting and Licensing Hours polls on Wednesday, March 9, they will be able to sit back in their armchairs and listen to half-hourly progress reports on the results from the main National and Commercial stations.

To provide listeners with a complete radio coverage of the preliminary count of votes in the polling booths, stations 1YA, 2YA, 3YA, 4YA, 2YZ, 3YZ, and 4YZ will be linked to give reports at 7.25 p.m., 8.0 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 8.55 p.m., 9.25 p.m., 10.0 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 10.55 p.m., and 11.20 p.m. If the issues are still in doubt after the 11.20 p.m. broadcast, station 2YA will remain on the air until the final returns come in.

Stations 1ZB, 2ZB, 3ZB, 4ZB, and 2ZA will also broadcast the returns as they come to hand, starting at 7.30 p.m. and continuing every half-hour thereafter until the conclusion of results for the night.

In the off-course betting poll, electors will vote either for or against the proposal that provision should be made for off-course betting through the totalisator, by means to be provided by the New Zealand Racing and Trotting Conferences. A bare majority only is required to decide the vote.

In the licensing hours poll, electors must vote either for 6 o'clock closing or for 10 o'clock closing. The issue is that hotels shall be open for the sale of liquor either between 9.0 a.m. and 6.0 p.m. as at present, or for a total of nine hours, at times to be decided, between 10.0 a.m. and 10.0 p.m.

In addition, electors in the Geraldine, Ashburton, and King Country districts will vote on a third issue. The King Country poll is to determine whether licences for the sale of liquor shall be issued. The Maori votes and the European votes will be counted separately, and a 60 per cent. majority of each is required to carry the issue, not a 60 per cent. majority of the combined vote. King Country voters will also vote for or against Trust Control, a bare majority being all that is required to carry the issue in this case.

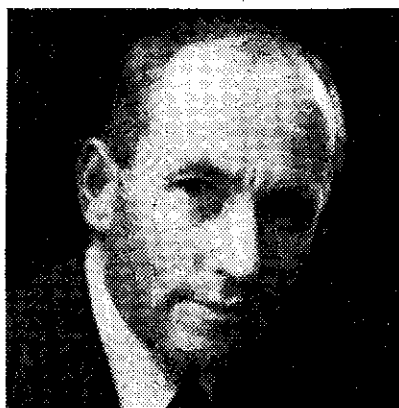
In Ashburton, electors will vote to decide whether licences for the sale of liquor shall be restored, a 60 per cent. majority being required, and for or against Trust Control, a bare majority only being necessary. In Geraldine, electors will also vote for or against restoration, but as this district originally lost its licence through a change in the electoral boundaries, and not through a vote, a bare majority only is required to carry the issue. Geraldine electors will also vote for or against Trust Control.

Are You a Good Citizen?

IF the boy is father to the man, the home is in many respects the maker of society. It is the quality of life there that carries over into the making of good citizens in the wider unit outside, or as M. H. Holcroft expresses it in a new series of talks just beginning at 4YZ, the relationship between parents and children is fundamentally "a blend of authority and co-operation."

A good citizen is of course a good neighbour. If critics, Mr. Holcroft goes on, have discovered gaps and weaknesses in our way of life in New Zealand, they have not yet said that we are unsociable. In his second talk he explains why. People, he argues, have to be sociable if they live in small and isolated communities, or their lives are very miserable. Although our "Colonial" days are over, the extent to which we had to co-operate once is still a factor in our relations with one another.

But that brings Mr. Holcroft to his third point—the need for a public conscience. Go to public meetings, he says, and you tend to see the same faces. A few people are doing what all should be doing, and it is no answer for the others to say that they are not interested in politics. "The common good



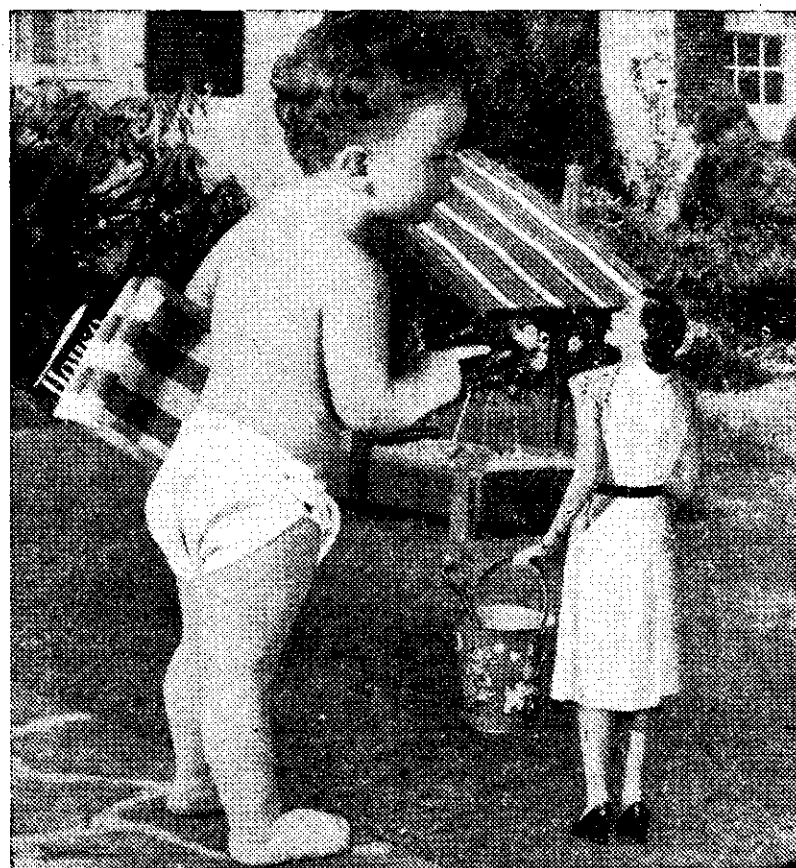
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still demands tribute from all who share the services and benefits of society—and society is not an abstraction." It is the people over the fence and in the street—the people there and our contacts with them.

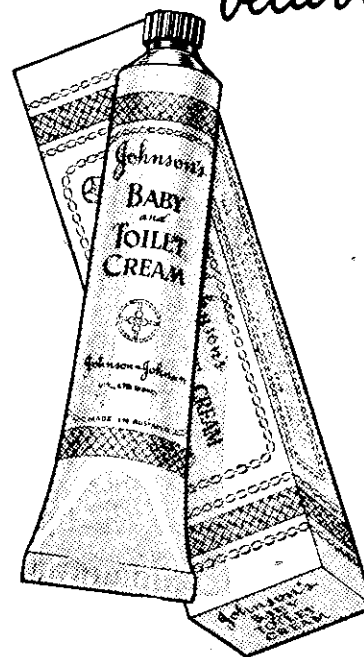
And when he gets us as far as that, Mr. Holcroft does not let us go until he has analysed the whole problem of responsibility as it affects individuals and societies, not only at home, but in international affairs as well.

The first talk will be heard from Station 4YZ Invercargill this Sunday, February 27, at 2.45 p.m.

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