

FROM THE DAILY NEWSPAPERS

"TOO MUCH MONEY" — YOUNG MEN AND DRINK

"This practice of breaking into premises by night is one that is becoming almost common in New Zealand," said Mr. Justice Fair in the Supreme Court this morning. "It is usually committed by men in good employment, and from a sheer lack of principle and honesty, without any kind of necessity at all."

His Honour was addressing three prisoners who were before him for sentence after pleading guilty to a joint charge of breaking, entering, and theft. They were Patrick Harris-Iles, 22, labourer, John Burke, 22, wharf labourer, and Kevin John Halliday, 23, motor driver, and labourer.

His Honour went on to speak of young men having too much money to spend on drink as one of the reasons why they got into trouble, and added: "Your offence was due to you having taken drink to excess during the day and then embarking on this offence as a means of getting the liquor you wanted to drink."

In admitting the three men to probation for two years, his Honour ordered that each of them take out a prohibition order. He also ordered that during the term of probation each man pay £2 a week to the Probation Officer, if earning more than £5 a week, and £1 a week if earning less, the money to be repaid at the end of the period.

The Judge also ordered Harris-Iles to pay £10 towards the cost of the prosecution and the other two £5 each.

—"Evening Post."

COMMENT BY A JUDGE

P.A. HAMILTON, April 29.

Referring to a manslaughter charge against a Maori in the Supreme Court at Hamilton today, Mr. Justice Fair said the evidence would show that the Maori had been drinking heavily all day and was very much under the influence of liquor.

"You will probably have noticed that over many years now the circumstances relating to a large proportion of the more serious crimes always indicate that the persons involved have been drinking and that crimes have resulted from some state or other of intoxication," added his Honour.

"In the case of Europeans the intoxicated person usually commits some sexual offence, and, most unfortunately, against young children. In some cases there is a loosening of self-control when a person drinks too heavily."

Referring to the effect of drink on Maoris his Honour said that unfortunately loss of self-control in a Maori too often led him to crimes of assault or violence which endangered the lives of other people. The Maori himself could not be wholly blamed for this as he was not very far removed from the days of the tribal wars.

"It seems," said his Honour, "that some amendment to the existing licensing laws to prevent Maoris from getting intoxicated, as a protection for themselves as well as to others, or some other remedial measures may prove beneficial." —"Evening Post," 30/4/47.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCE- MENTS

PROPOSED HOSTEL FOR ISLAND GIRLS IN AUCKLAND

A new venture is contemplated by the Auckland District Union, as the result of a request from the Department of Island Territories, in the shape of a Hostel for Island girls, similar to our Maori Girls' Hostel at Parnell. To gain some idea of the prospect regarding staff, the Auckland District Union has sent the following notice:—

"Applications are invited for positions on the staff of a proposed Hostel for Island Girls in Auckland. This is a position of trust and responsibility. A Christian married couple, or two Christian women (pakeha), to whom this work is a call, would find an excellent opportunity of Christian service.

"Also similar staff will be required for an existing Hostel for Maori Girls in Auckland.

"Conditions and terms of service can be obtained from—

MRS. J. W. LONG,
9, Cleveland Road,
Parnell, Auckland, C.1."

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

Tauranga is to have the South Auckland District Convention, on September —???

NOTICE TO UNION REPORTERS

In future, in order to save space, each reporting Union's reports will appear two-monthly instead of monthly. Reporters are asked to SEND reports MONTHLY as usual. SPECIAL reports will be published as they come, each month.

PLEASE NOTE

Announcements concerning events planned for dates which will be past when the next issue appears will NOT be published, as they will serve no purpose. Next issue will be AUGUST, and announcements with all other copy must be in the Editor's hands by July 15th.

CORRECTION

In our June issue we stated that Miss C. McLay would be available for Organising work in the North Island. We wish to correct this, and to say that Miss Annie M. McLay's name should have appeared in the announcement.

Those wishing for Miss McLay's help should write to Mrs. Toomer.

GOOD NEWS FROM TE KUITI NEW MAORI UNION FORMED

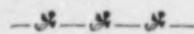
Miss C. M. McLay addressed a large meeting of Maori women in the Methodist Church, Te Kuiti, on Thursday, June 12th, presided over by the Revs. N. K. Kukutai and R. E. Patchett, local Methodist ministers. Sister Nicholls arranged the meeting, which began at 11 a.m. with a Devotional period conducted by the two ministers. The early history of the World W.C.T.U., its aim and objects, were briefly sketched by Miss McLay, and the women were asked to consider the formation of a local Union. Lunch was provided, and

a very happy recess period was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Elliott, a life member of the W.C.T.U., presided over the arrangements.

Business was resumed, and after some instruction by the Organiser, and discussion, 21 women signed the Pledge of Membership. Mrs. Emere moved, and Mrs. Kukutai seconded, that a Maori Union be formed. Carried unanimously.

The following officers were elected:— District Superintendent, Sister Nicholls; President, Mrs. Joseph; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Kukutai, Mrs. McNaught, Mrs. Roa; Secretary, Mrs. R. Emere; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Ewan; Cradle Roll Superintendents, Mesdames Turner and Heke; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs. Puka Anderson.

The Initiation Service was read and a further meeting was called for Saturday. The meeting closed with prayer.

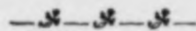


IN MEMORIAM

MRS. GARLICK, AUCKLAND UNION

Mrs. Garlick, one of the early members of the Auckland Union received the Home Call just recently in her 100th year. Though unable to attend the meetings for many years past, the Temperance Cause had a warm place in her heart.

For many years she was a Sunday School teacher in the Methodist Church. Her late husband was also a great Temperance worker in the early days. He and Mr. Wesley Spragg, Sir George Fowles, and other Temperance stalwarts who have passed to their reward, through their influence and efforts were the means of thwarting an attempt to get a license in a new hotel which had been built in Mount Albert. They canvassed the district for signatures to a strong protest against the license. The result was that the license was refused, and the hotel was used as a shop. So Mount Albert has never had a license in the district.



"WITHIN THE VEIL"—MRS. R. PETRIE, SPREYDON UNION

In the passing of Mrs. R. Petrie, the Spreydon Union, Christchurch, has lost one of its most loved members, and the Prohibition Cause one of its most stalwart and enthusiastic workers. To those of us who were privileged to enjoy her friendship, the kindly smile, encouraging word, and sympathetic gesture inspired us with new vigour to "carry on."

The beautiful funeral service in the Baptist Church (which was filled to capacity) testified to the respect and esteem in which our late sister was held by the folk among whom she lived.

"Thus in the evening came the Master's call,

Quietly and sweetly lulling her to rest;
And in the afternoon, as shadows fall,

The 'place prepared' will certainly be blessed."

—C.J.U.