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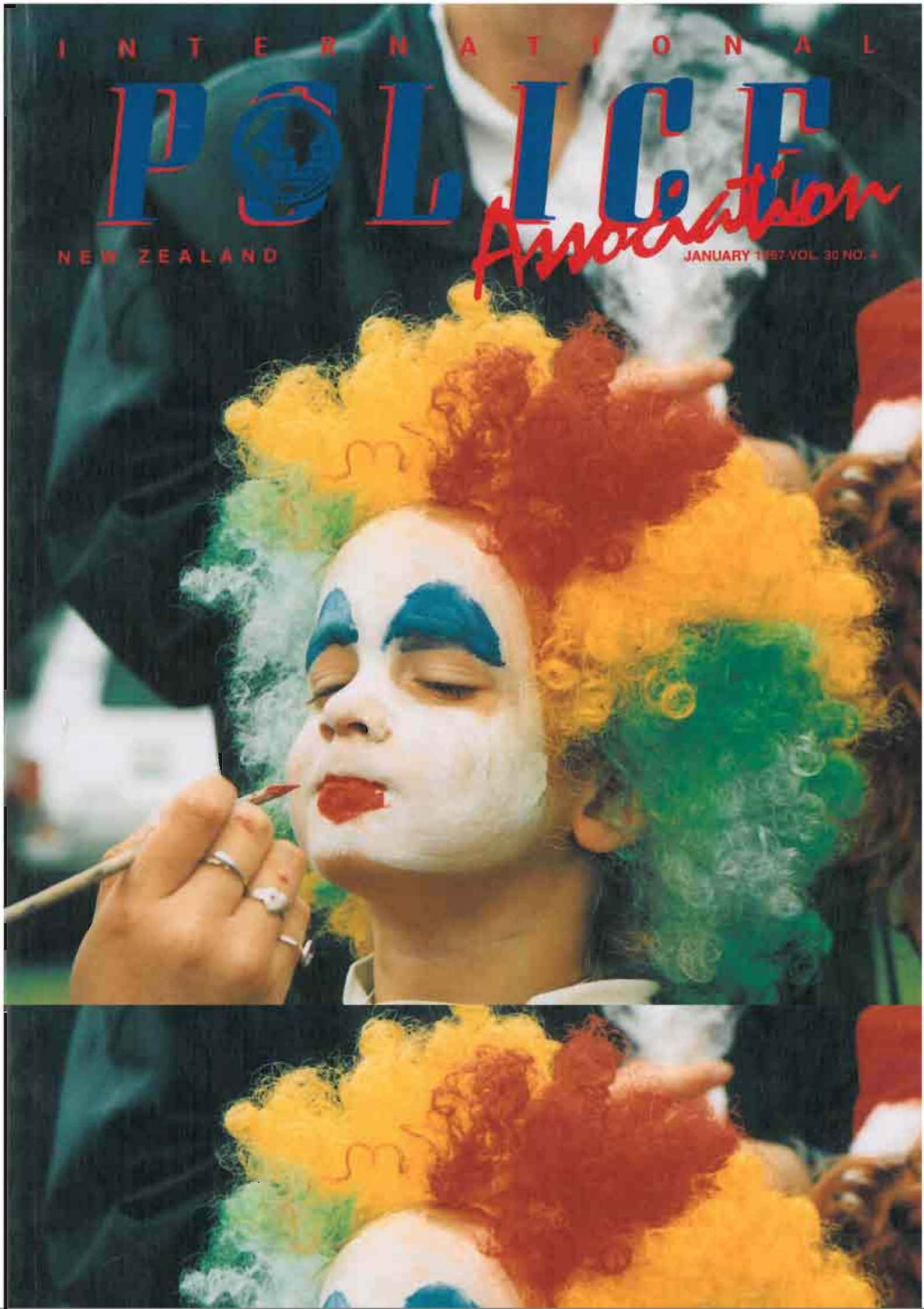



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Front Cover: Get junior in dress-ups and where there's lots of colour. (See article on page 92). ***(Photo: Fiona Foxall).***
Back Cover: Friendship Week visitor Doris Meredith dwarfed by 'Tane Mahuta' Northland. ***(Photo: John Coomber).***



Friendship Week 1996

by Jim McCarthy

Yes, it really has happened! After many months of planning, Friendship Week has come and gone – and what an experience for all involved.

From Day One – October 31 – with the arrival and registration of the visitors in their Auckland hotel the tempo started to build. When, a few hours later we all stood outside the hotel to meet the whero (traditional challenge) from the Police Maori Culture Group the tone of the visit was set, with IPA hosts and guests looking forward to an all-too-short week of shared friendship and experiences.

A fine buffet dinner followed greetings from Assistant Commissioner Brion Duncan and our National President John Coomber. After a fairly early bedtime for all, our two tour buses set off the following morning for Northland, taking in the Matakohe Historical Museum before enjoying lunch in a typical old-style New Zealand hotel in Dargaville. As was to become their habit, some people settled down in the bus for an after-lunch nap, their siesta was broken by the beauty of the kauri forest and pilgrimage to Tane Mahuta, Lord of the Forest. Shutters clicked and video cameras whirred as the visitors recorded their awe at coming face to face with this virtual monument of the North.

From there it was onwards to the Bay of Islands and plans for the next day's options. Some elected to go to Cape Reinga, which included the bus ride on the breathtaking 90 Mile Beach, and they had bright sunshine. Others cruised to the Hole in the Rock – and they had rain – while early risers chose to go dolphin-watching. Some settled for a quiet day taking in the sights around Paihia and Russell, but by evening all were gathered together on the Paihia/Russell Ferry for dinner at the Duke of Marlborough in Russell township. And – yes, it was still raining. Spirits remained lively despite the weather and singing of great volume and some quality was heard aboard the 10 p.m. ferry from Russell to the Waitangi Hotel Landing.

The Bay of Islands free day enabled one English couple to trace a relative in Awanui whom they had not seen for over a decade. After some old fashioned police work on what was pretty basic information there resulted a happy reunion between family members, with the assistance of the support vehicle which travelled with our coaches throughout the entire tour. The tour organisers could have asked for no better



Various Police Uniforms. National President John Coomber (right). *(Photo NZ Herald).*













Auckland, Cambridge and Matamata to the tourist mecca of Rotorua, where a late afternoon arrival left the party free for the evening in restaurants of their choice. There followed the hospitality of Rotorua Branch members in the Rotorua Police Club, which most attended during the evening. This too was an interesting 'first' for the visitors who were not familiar with the concept of clubs in police stations, particularly ones so well appointed and cosy as Rotorua's.

Monday November 4 was devoted to the planned sightseeing of local tourist attractions including the Agrodome's sheep and dog displays, the Fairy Springs, home to what are surely the world's best fed trout, the beautiful Blue and Green Lakes, and the splendours of Lake and Mount Tarawera. Notably, the overseas guests were too polite even to mention the sulphurous fumes of Rotorua.

There followed that evening a venture into the world of Maori culture and history, courtesy of the Tamaki Brothers Tours. Transported to a site south of the city known as Te Kowa Nguhiri Pa, the visitors were challenged, greeted as friends, entertained and regaled with a wonderful meal from the hangi (food cooked in an earth oven). From arrival to departure much international good humour was shared at this memorable highlight of the tour.

Day 6 arrived all too soon. It began with a visit to the Maori Arts and Crafts Centre to see student carvers at work, thence to a conducted tour of Whakarewarewa's thermal area before rejoining the buses for Waitomo Caves and lunch on a kiwifruit orchard. This was the group's last stop before returning to Auckland and the City of Sails' restaurants, explored that evening with enthusiasm by the visitors.



Street March entering Aotea Square.

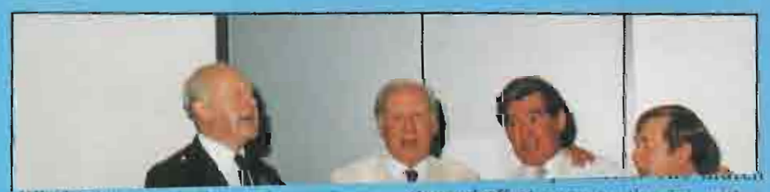
Day 7 commenced with a visit to Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World in the morning, and lunch at a west Auckland vineyard. Amid groans of "not more food" all gave of their best and did full justice to the fare placed before them. As a counter to the Siesta Syndrome a visit to the gannet colony at Muriwai Beach blew away the cobwebs, leaving everyone wide awake for a quick shopping session at the Victoria Markets before heading for the swap meet at the Auckland Central Police Station.

Street March day dawned fine. There really is a God in heaven after all who takes care of planners. The march stepped off at noon on the dot, with a fine display of motorcycle riders, Team Policing Units, Water Police, Dog Teams, Mounted Section, and the IPA contingent, all led up Queen Street by the Auckland Police Highland Pipe Band. From Queen Elizabeth II Square to Aotea Square they marched to the spontaneous applause from the Queen Street citizenry, some of the IPA marchers displaying their forces' uniforms, to be met by Auckland City Councillors.

Welcome speeches and acknowledgements were made and our national president John Coomber, on behalf of all New Zealand members presented a cheque for $10,000 to Paul Cressey of the Ronald McDonald Trust House, to be used toward the cost of additional units at the Auckland house.

Those who have seen this residential facility for the use of families of seriously ill children in the nearby Starship Hospital, will appreciate the need for funds to further this great work. Most were left feeling they would like to do more.

Drinks and the following dinner give little idea of the atmosphere at the final event of Friendship Week. All shared experiences were up for discussion, many tall stories were to be told, old friends and newly-made friends mingled, and everywhere the spirit of friendship was evident. Gifts were exchanged, songs sung in different languages, and happiness was on the face



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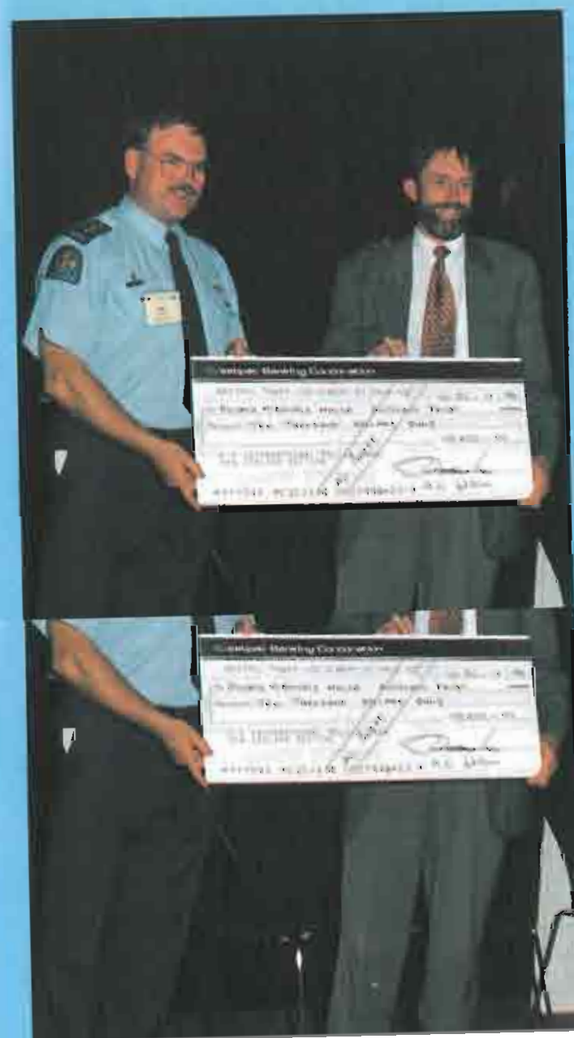
After the luncheon at the Police holiday complex, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa.





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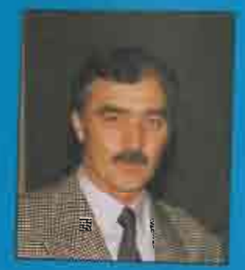
New Year's Greetings from the International President



Once more, a year has passed. It was an eventful year, 1996, within the International Police Association.

More than 46 years ago too, 1950 was certainly an eventful year, when a group of British police officers gathered in Skegness to discuss the founding of an international organisation. The initiative came from Arthur Troop, who had already been dreaming for some time of founding a world-wide association of police officers. The result of this gathering, 46 years ago, was the International Police Association.

Thanks to Arthur Troop and the other pioneers, who believed in his dream, worked for it, fought for it, and sacrificed their spare time for it, we are now in a position to look back on 46 years of successful IPA work.

Our founder frequently reported how he and the other pioneers had to fight in those days, to convince others of the value of such an association, and today we now and then fight with difficulties in our association. Although the IPA was confronted by many problems in the year of its creation, conversation was never of giving up on the realisation of the original idea. Today we can see the consequence. The IPA is a respected organisation with a wide range of activities.

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The political changes in Eastern Europe have doubtless influenced the situation throughout Europe as a whole. And even if the International Police Association is not a political organisation, these changes have had, and still will have, an effect on the further development of our association. Excessive enthusiasm must be warned against, however. It is impossible, from one day to the next, to change relationships which were a reality lasting for years. In my opinion, one must not let oneself be pushed under pressure of time concerning the foundation of new IPA sections. In the future, with the sponsorship assistance of existing, well-functioning sections, new sections shall be brought into being. In this field, many IPA sections have constantly prepared the ground well.

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be promoted in this way, and it is simply an attempt to exploit us. In every case of occasional co-operation however, it must be guaranteed that the IPA does not allow doubts to arise in its absolute independence and neutrality, be it on political, labour or religious questions.

In 1997 at the 15th IPA World Congress in Canada, the election of the Permanent Executive Bureau will pave the way for our association over the next five years. May the delegates make decisions which will serve the IPA, and enable it to continue its progress.

For the IPA work which has been achieved in the year 1996 I would like, in the name of the PEB, most heartily to thank the grass roots, our members, without whom our association would not "live". Naturally my thanks go also to all the directors of the national sections, as well as the members of the PEB.

For 1997 I wish everyone luck, health and happiness and above all, a peaceful New Year.

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From the Editor to you



The Journal team and I hope your Christmas was happy and that 1997 will be a year of Health and Fulfilment.

The IPA highlight for 1996 was our Friendship Week. Lengthy planning for this, although a labour of love, had kept Jim McCarthy and his committee increasingly occupied as the event came closer. Congratulations to those involved – your foresight, planning and hard work paid off. Judging by the comments of our overseas guests, and us 'locals' – it was a resounding success.

Well, I know you read my Editorial, as my plea for copy has brought forth a flood of contributions from writers – both proficient and budding – on widely ranging topics. Once again let me say I'm grateful for your support and interest in the Journal.

Unfortunately some of these are too long. To permit as many articles as possible to appear, we have a limit on the length, and I think it timely to print some guidelines when sending articles, as a help to me, the editorial team and the publishers. You will find this article on page 61.

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grass on them to your Regional Editors, whose names appear under Regional Committees. Of course they are always on the lookout for news about births, deaths, engagements and marriages, transfers, social events, overseas visitors and funny incidents. Please get these items to them by computer, phone, mail, verbally or pigeon post – six weeks before mid-January, April, July and October each year. A photo would be welcome, though it will probably appear in black and white.

"Whatever happened to [so-and-so]?" is often heard among IPA members. Occasionally we receive an article from a former member of the Police, who, after a career "in the job" has changed direction in retirement and has either an interesting occupation or hobby. C'mon – let your mates know where you are and what you're doing. We will feature these under the heading *Whatever Happened To . . .*

Regards . . . Elaine

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Many I.P.A. friends world-wide have



President's Message

The past three months have been a very busy time for us. In October I attended the Australian A.G.M. followed by the 27th International Executive Conference in Brisbane. The N.E.B. meeting was held in Auckland on 30 October, followed by the start of our Friendship Week in Auckland the next day. Jim McCarthy and I then accompanied our visitors for the following week of touring and events.

On arrival at Brisbane I was met by Frank Blake and taken to the Carlton Crest hotel where I was welcomed by Elke Pfau, the Australian President and members of the Australian Executive. The following day I attended their N.E.C. meeting during the day and the A.G.M. in the evening. I was made very welcome by all the Australians and it was interesting to see the differences between their section and ours and see the way they operate. Elke insisted I sat at the top table for their A.G.M. and during the meeting we signed the *Memorandum of Understanding* (see page 71), which formalises the discussions we had with Merv Pegler at our A.G.M. in Dunedin this year. The New Zealand and Australian sections will consult and co-operate on issues of common interest. From discussions I had in Brisbane I feel sure that we can develop this idea further with other sections in future.

Over the weekend I enjoyed the hospitality of the Queensland Region and met up with some ex-pat Kiwis. The first Aussie Barbeque at Southbank until 10pm and they look exhausted. The opening ceremony was held at the Brisbane Town Hall next morning. The Governor of Queensland opened the conference accompanied by the Queensland Police Pipe Band. Most of the delegates were dressed in uniform. During the next three days the conference sessions were held each morning and afternoon while others could attend the wonderful social programme which had been arranged. Graeme Muggeridge from Auckland was one of the lucky ones to attend the social programme and it was good to see him there. Ross Pinkham attended the conference as observer as he had been to the Vienna meeting as delegate last year. It was good to have Laurie Philpott also attending and he renewed many acquaintances during the week.

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put before the P.E.B. for consideration. The award of the world Police Prize will not be made this year in line with other measures to save costs.

A request was made for more support from sections for Gimborn Castle. N.Z. was praised by the International President for its support. Only 20 sections financially support this training centre. Ireland raised the question of holding an international editors' meeting at Gimborn, but this was rejected because of the need for fully costing the project prior to consideration. I advised that arrangements were being made by the N.Z. section to host an editorial seminar next year and editors from other sections would be invited. An agreement has been made to request the Australian section to allow us to host such a meeting at Hervey Bay, Queensland, in July this year.

A highlight of the conference was the admittance to full status of Romania. Ukraine, Gabon and Pakistan are now sections in formation. The Greek section advised that the I.P.A. have been offered 200 acres on the island of Samos in the Agean sea at a very good price. It is proposed that sections would be leased to I.P.A. National Sections to build their own holiday homes. Ireland is hosting a Friendship programme from 14-18 May 1997 at Kerry. Monaco will be hosting a 700 year celebration of the "Principaute De Monaco" with special events for I.P.A. members. The International Youth Gathering will be held in Cyprus from 6 to 19 July 1997. I hope there will be some interest from N.Z. families. Next year the world congress will be held in Quebec from 2 to 8 June. This will be an important meeting because of the P.E.B. elections. A motion from Norway suggesting an approach to the International Olympic Committee concerning an International Security Force for the Olympic Games was adopted.

The theme of this conference was "Police Assisting Youths". Elke Pfau introduced an excellent presentation by Sgt David Lynch, the Queensland Blue Light Disco Co-ordinator and Sgt Mark Brook, the National Secretary of Australian Police Citizens Youth Clubs. They were to visit New Zealand a couple of weeks after the conference. The theme for the 1997 Congress will be Community Policing.

I would like to thank Andy Bessant, the Queensland Chairman, and his team for the wonderful programme they provided and for the warm hospitality they extended to us. On return to Auckland I met many of those I had met in Brisbane plus some members who had not attended the conference. Jim McCarthy and his team in Auckland had provided a wonderful Friendship Week for our visitors and I must say that it was a great privilege to share in this week with Jim and Stan Keith, who assisted with backup transport for us and handled the Friendship Week souvenirs.

Very soon we will have our own N.Z.I.P.A. Internet page, which should improve our communication considerably.

A suggestion has been made that we consider using the money in our special account to establish another I.P.A. house in conjunction with the Welfare Fund Holiday Homes. There will be further discussion on this at New Plymouth next year.

I would like members to encourage their children or grandchildren, between 16 and 20 years, to apply for the Youth Gathering in June this year, through their regional committee. Some financial assistance from I.P.A. will be available to young people selected to attend. This is a great opportunity for them to travel in a supervised environment, experience other cultures and form lasting friendships.

May I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

John Coomber
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From the Secretary General's Desk



I thought of the NZ Section while I was on my ten weeks' tour of America, and was a little sad as this was the first major function in New Zealand I had missed since joining IPA back in 1985.

I knew that some of the people I had made contact with during my time in IPA would find their way here, and sure enough they did! I believe that those who tasted our Thirty Year celebration festivities had an experience they would long recall.

With that in mind I was interested to receive the American IPA Magazine. There in the centre was a group photograph of a number of police wearing uniforms from different countries. Represented was New Zealand and on closer examination showed Roly Hermans, Ross Pinkham and myself, in North City Plaza in 1990 when the New Zealand Section hosted the World Congress. It certainly brought to mind the Walt Disney theme that we live in a *Small, Small World*.

Congratulations to all that made our 30th Anniversary celebrations so special.

The down side of returning, after being away for two months, is a great pile of correspondence waiting to be answered. In my case it amounted to three wine boxes, and at time of writing, I have only been able to answer a quarter. If you are still waiting to hear from me, please show some patience, it will happen.

Thank you for members who have contacted me over the Endeavour photograph that appeared on the front cover of the October Journal. I can organise copies of the photograph, slightly larger than the Journal cover, at a reasonable cost. Contact me at the address for the Secretary General on page 109.

I hope you had a happy festive season, and that 1997 will be a great year for all.

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Northland



Greetings all.

I guess the big news from this area is the retirement of one Antony John Picketts! It's been rather hectic for us here in Waipu - in fact I'm still not sure how we've managed to fit everything into our waking hours since October 14, when I became a civilian. Now, one month into retirement the change in our lifestyles has been rather traumatic. I've heard it said that retirement is a "turning of the page" - with us it was a case of throwing the book away and starting again.



Tony with Ruby and Glynn Jones (England)

Sunday of Labour Weekend saw us off to uplift Glynn and Ruby Jones from the Auckland airport. They were spending a few days with us in Northland, before meeting up with other IPA Friendship Week visitors. The company was great, so little thought was given to the weather, (rain, rain and more rain). Monday night was 'pot luck' and gave local IPA members - May and Brian Seager, Brownie and Michelle Crayton-Brown, Jean and Ellis Woods and Margaret and Peter Mulhare the opportunity to meet and chat with our visitors from England. The weather being what it was, it was as well we hadn't planned a barby!

Some Northland members had a very pleasant day in Auckland for the final day of Friendship Week; probably made more enjoyable because we'd hired a mini bus from Bream Bay Shuttle, which meant that none of us had to worry about driving home, so we made the most of a very action-packed day. That day was, coincidentally, the very same day on which "the Gloved One" had decided to open his New Zealand tour. Our girls took great delight in describing the scene at midday, as the Friendship Week Street March (IPA members and police, dog-handlers and dogs, police pipe band, horses etc. - looking very impressive and official), was about to cross the Wellesley St/Queen St intersection. A middle aged couple standing close by was heard by the girls to say "Surely they wouldn't put all that on for Michael!"



Donald and Candace Bess (California).

Getting back to my retirement - it lasted three weeks. Another dramatic change in our lifestyle occurred with us taking over a small Off Licence business in Waipu. (Nothing like a bit of free advertising. Hope you'll call in and see us when you're up this way). Two visitors who did call into our shop were Donald and Candace Besse - IPA members from California. Unfortunately we couldn't spare the time to 'tiki tour', but we shared what was literally a 'pot luck' lunch - bread and cheese and a cuppa! Most enjoyable.

Two other long-serving members retired earlier in the year - George Munn and Dick Harris. Brendon Power has been transferred from Rawene to Whangarei and Richard Baker has left the service and is living in Brisbane. Michelle and John Clayton have transferred to the Chatham Islands - from the Winterless North!

I heard a whisper that Dai Harding has been in the news again - not satisfied with a photograph on page 3 of the NZ Herald, he is also on the front page of the Police Association publication Ten-One. Mind you - I'm told I'd also made the same spot!

The other big news is the history-making transfer of Marnie Worth to Waipu. Marnie is the first WPC to be assigned to this 'conservative' Nova Scotian settlement. We wish her well. When I first came to Waipu in the 1970s, it was a well known fact that one had to be here for seven years before being 'accepted'. I think those days are gone and Marnie will be a refreshing change. Meanwhile we await the announcement of a replacement for T. Picketts (retired).

We recently received a call from 85-year-old IPA life-member Bill Roughan - lost to the annals of IPA for some time. In fact, he was mentioned in the "wanted" list in the Journal. Bill is a very keen member and would love to have contact with anyone who would care to write and say hello. He can be found at the Kamo Village, Ford Avenue, Kamo, Whangarei.

That's it from us. Best wishes to you all.

Tony & Anne

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Auckland



Greetings from the City of Sails (and, after Christmas, the City of Sales).

The highlight of our year was the International Friendship Week. Members from all over arrived in Auckland - and it was good to catch up with them, as well as socialising with our overseas visitors. But no more of that in this column - read Jim McCarthy's report on the programme on page 2.

Local members were happy to host those visitors who decided to arrive early, or stay on afterwards. John and Judy Pegler enjoyed the visit of Jacqui and Mel Dilts from Tucson, Arizona. The Dilts' between them had many irons in the fire. Jacqui is a retired member of the US Border Patrol, and told hilarious tales about patrolling for Mexicans illegally trying to cross the border. After being arrested and sent back to Mexico, they'd try to come into the US at a different point on the border - only to be rearrested by the same officers, who had been moved to patrol further along the border. Jacqui now works part time for American Airlines, has an emu farm and sells real estate. Mel runs a Karate school.

Rolf-Dieter and Lisalotte Schlegel from Germany were hosted by John O'Ferrall and also by Frank and Val Guy, while Inge and Franz Turba from Stuttgart, were guests of the Peglers after Friendship Week. As Franz was born in Bohemia, they were taken to Puhoi, a small settlement north of Auckland founded by Bohemians. It still has strong cultural affiliations with that part of Germany. The locals were delighted to meet them, opening up the museum to display artefacts and photos from early Puhoi - and even laid on food and wine. The visitors were thrilled with their reception..

Graham Muggeridge hosted Rich and Minda Weick from Oak Run, California. The O'Haras were thrilled to have Phil and Margaret Katz from Arizona, stay with them during Friendship Week. The Katz's are friends of long standing - Phil being the U.S. Associate Secretary for New Zealand and Australia. The Katz are very enthusiastic promoters of New Zealand. Margaret is a features editor for the U. S. IPA National Reporter.

Vernon and Vera Elias from Maryland Heights, Missouri, USA, were visiting their daughter in Auckland and were also able to participate in Friendship Week. Vernon was a police member in Ceylon before it became Sri Lanka and was an I.P.A. member when they lived for several years in Auckland. He is now the Associate Secretary for Sri Lanka for the US Section.

A brief visit from Roy and Pam Jones from Bridgewater, Somerset to the O'Haras was an opportunity for Elaine and Roy to "talk shop". Roy is the Editor for Region 7 (South West England) and also Publicity Officer for the Jubilee World Congress in 2000 at Bournemouth. He is our "U.K. Jottings" correspondent, and this was his second visit to New Zealand. Scott McGill hosted Wendy Bronsduk and her friend from the Netherlands. Soon to arrive are Els and Jan Louwrink also from The Netherlands. Both parties will be travelling around New Zealand. Making a welcome return visit to New Zealand - former British National President John O.Evans and his wife Enid, from Aberystwyth, Wales. They will be relaxing for a week in the pleasant surroundings of the Stanmore Bay Police Centennial Trust complex.



Our annual Christmas lunch at Valentines restaurant attracted over a hundred members and friends. It's good to see some of the regular old faithfuls, (Beasleys, Blaiklocks, Halpins, Murphys, etc.) as well as first timers. A contingent from Whangarei (Picketts, Woods, and Brian Kidd) made the effort to be with us. Good on you guys - we need more interaction between these two Region One areas. Auckland is a big region and it's difficult to keep track of all the Region's News, but congratulations to Scott McGill on his promotion to Sergeant. Scott is one of our hard-working committee and we need more young active and energetic members like him to bring fresh ideas. If you would like to serve on our committee come along to our A.G.M. (Usually in March/April but each member will receive due notice.)

Taranaki Triflings



Summer is on the way as I write this, and will be here when you read it. Offshore today the white-caps are speeding eastward, with not a pleasure boat in sight.

I.P.A. continues to tick over in our province and we look forward to hosting the National A.G.M. in April 1997. Try and get here if you can, we have a good Saturday night lined up. Attendees will be billeted.

We have had a few I.P.A. travellers through lately. Ann Sinclair and her niece Donna stayed one night with Carole. She reports that they were good company. Apparently a phone call was put in to Jock Ross so some 'Scots' could be spoken to but those standing by couldn't eavesdrop without an interpreter.

Also staying one night were Roy and Pam Jones from Somerset, U.K. on their way to Levin.

A couple of other guests stayed two nights with Liz and Doug Geraghty, before moving on to National Park. They were Richard and Minda Weick from Sacramento Valley. While here they viewed some of the Rhododendron Festival properties. Richard is a retired cop and now works in water safety with the Sheriff's Department on one of the lakes.

I won't launch into a list of those that have had babies, or those that have chucked the job, in our province, as I don't think that any of our I.P.A. members are so affected.

If you have some holidays coming up, or are in contact with any I.P.A. travellers, don't forget Taranaki as a destination. We are more than just good rugby players and milkers of cows. We have some good bed and breakfast establishments, and also some good farmstays. These make great bases for exploring our coastline and mountain, and don't forget inland Taranaki either. Heaps of unspoilt country can be found that definitely won't be overcrowded.

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Rotorua

Greetings from Geyserland. As some may know, I am in the process of leaving the police to pursue private business activities. It is not without some regrets after almost 25 years "in the job". However I am looking forward to an exciting future in the various ventures we have embarked on. I maintain contact with many former colleagues and have been kept abreast with news and gossip of the goings on in Rotorua.

The biggest event recently was *Operation Bald on the Beat*. A great number of staff, including three female members, had their heads shaved at a public ceremony in the Rotorua Convention Centre to raise money for child cancer research. The event was the brainchild of Detective Sergeant Chris McLeod of Tengae Policing Centre. Due to his great organising abilities, as well as much bullying, blackmailing, extortion, persuasion and the fact he is quite a nice guy, he managed to lead many (initially reluctant) members like sheep to the makeshift woolshed for the public shearing. Community response was tremendous with Radio Geyserland backing the campaign with frequent prime time publicity, as well as offering an advertising prize to be raffled among the business sponsors. The campaign resulted in the Rotorua Police raising in excess of $60,000 from businesses and individuals to go towards cancer research. The spinoff has been a great morale booster for the whole district - with everyone, from Acting District Commander Ray Sutton to the children of some members sporting shaven scalps.

We also recently hosted the members ot the IPA Friendship Week team when they arrived in Rotorua, just after the big shave-off. Many of the overseas members were curious as to why the local staff had the appearance of (some of them cadaverous) nuclear fallout survivors. Once explained to them, some said they would take the idea back to their country or state and have their police maybe do something similar. One Australian officer said they have had a similar effort there, which was termed *Crop a Cop*, and raised funds for charity. It was great to meet the Friendship Week crew and offer some Rotorua hospitality.

In other news, Janet and I have added two luxury bedrooms to our home and are now offering farmstay holidays to tourists. We can accommodate up to eight people at a time, in top class accommodation. We enjoy hosting people, and have gained our experience through hosting
IPA guests.

Well, that's all for now.

Cheers Scotty Gagen

Wellington

Some good news and some bad news this edition.

We are sad to report that Mike Hoare, the curator of the Police Museum, has died. The recent opening of the museum at the Royal New Zealand Police College is a tribute to the hard work and effort that Mike put into the layout, format and displays.

Another death is that of Brian Mooney at Levin. Brian will be remembered as a District Commander and in Financial Planning at Police National Headquarters.

Our condolences go out to both families.

Our ex-president Owen Dance stood as the ACT candidate for the seat of Rimutaka in the in the elections. Unfortunately Owen was unsuccessful, so at least until the next elections he will have to work for a living like the rest of us.

Trevor Morley celebrated 10 years of business in November with a function at the James Cook Centra Hotel. It was a very pleasant evening with lots of old identities turning up and lots of war stories (many embellished) being told.

Personally I have been busy with the New Central Communications Centre (CARD). I have been involved with the project since last May. The pilot scheme of the Hamilton and Te Awamutu Districts was run from Wellington and proved the system works! The plan is that by the end of April next year there will be three centralised centres, one each at Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington. The Wellington based centre will be known as Central Communications Centre and will service not only Wellington, Hutt and Kapiti-Mana Districts but also Taranaki, Wanganui, Palmerston North and Hawke's Bay. It is anticipated by the end of 1997 that the New Zealand Fire Service will be in the Centres as well.

Socially things have been a bit quiet here but with the warmer weather and Christmas holiday period things should improve.

Recently we had a visit from 48 German Police Officers and their wives. Although they were contacted they did not require any local assistance. We also hosted Mike and Dora Wode who had been at the Friendship Week in Auckland. He was a retired Police officer from San Francisco and appreciated the Friendship Week and the hospitality here in Wellington.

I must tell the story he related about doing crowd control duty when the Beatles visited San Francisco many years ago. He was holding back the crowd of screaming teenage girls and had his arms linked to the officers on either side of him. One girl, desperate to get through the police lines to see her idols, told him she would get past him and unzipped his fly. Like all good police officers throughout the world, Mike didn't break the line and stood, arms linked and legs crossed!

On that note that's about the lot from here.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy (and prosperous) 1997.

Regards . . . Clint Libby

Hello from Sunny Nelson



As usual Nelson is bursting with holiday makers as all the out-of-towners head for the sun and the sea. Not a great deal has happened in Nelson since the last magazine as everyone tends to hibernate a bit over the cold weather.

Byron Morris-Denby and Chris Armstrong (soon to be married) are transferring to Christchurch. They haven't been in Nelson long but have certainly made their presence felt. We wish them all the best for the future.

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Transferring "in" in their place is Tracey and Mike Miron from Timaru. Tracey and Mike were both officers in the Metropolitan Police before immigrating to N.Z.



Congratulations to Ross and Sue Lynch on the birth of their son Scott Francis born on the 7th October.

Karen Bradley has returned from the great O.E. a few months earlier than expected, having announced her engagement to fellow body builder John Reynolds. Congratulations to them both.

1996 has seen many changes and happenings at the small town police station at Picton, the South Island terminal for the inter-island ferries. Early in the year saw the appointment of a new Sergeant in Charge, Peter Messervy, who arrived from Taradale (near Napier) where he was the Sergeant in Charge. Peter has quickly settled into the friendly township of Picton.

In June Constable Jem Belcher and his wife Constable Andrea Stanners produced a new baby girl, Gabriella and soon after, in July, Constable Maurice Horne (Havelock) and his wife had a little baby boy, Matthew. Congratulations to them all.

Constable Tony Yardley (2 I/C at Picton) has now completed all his sergeant's exams and will no doubt be seeking the dizzy heights of promotion. Constable Harold Watson has just been promoted to Sergeant and recently left Picton to take up his new post as a Sectional Sergeant in Gisborne.



Very sad news hit the Picton station in late October. Senior Constable William (Bill) Gibb took suddenly ill. The whole town was shocked to hear that Bill died in the late evening on Friday of Labour Weekend. Bill's funeral was held at the Union Parish Church in Picton on Tuesday 29 October. It was attended by hundreds of locals, all Picton Police staff, many retired Picton and Marlborough Police and most of Blenheim Police staff. Bill's casket was piped into and out of the church by bagpipers (a very moving experience).

Bill was a born and bred Pictonite (he was born in the old Picton Hospital) and after a time at sea, returned to the town he loved to police in 1983. Bill was a real character and an original "good Kiwi bloke" who always had a quick quip or one-liner to make you laugh. He will be sadly missed in the close-knit Picton community by locals and Police staff.

That's about all the news for now. Cheers.

Pen

Christchurch



Hello again from Region 5. By the time you read this, you will have had your Christmas and New Year break. I trust that all went well for you and yours.

Having just returned from nine weeks in the northern hemisphere I may not be up with the play on the local scene. Living out of a suitcase for that period of time is not all that much fun. At least it helped me prove a point to my dear wife. Over 36 years in the police and 24 associated with the RNZAF, I have had to travel within the country for my duty to the country. In 1965 I travelled "without" the country and went to Cyprus. I have tried to convince Jen that it was not easy, staying in hotels, barracks, etc. She did not believe, but I think now she realises that perhaps I had been telling the truth.

Barry Thackwell, our ever active hosting officer seems to be back to full health. A welcome to Warwick Nichol as the new O.C. Christchurch. Supt. Neville Stokes has retired, Laurie Dalzell is to retire soon and we say farewell to bill Noster from Rural.

They have closed down Christchurch Rural. The vagaries of Police Planning. I am told that there have been a number of new staff arriving in the district, so much so that even prosecutions section can't recognise them all. Welcome to the newcomers.

As I sit in my home typing this, I have noticed that the snow has almost gone. Does this mean a long summer? I tried to find summer in the northern hemisphere, but really failed in my mission... perhaps I can get some sailing in this year.

Having returned, I bring fraternal IPA greetings from Ireland, Wisconsin and Seattle. Brendon and Kay Colvert send their regards to the people they met in N.Z. when they attended the 'Editor's Conference'. Don and Nancy Yeowell send best wishes to Fi Brown and the Peglers. Steve and Tracie Elliott wish to be remembered to those that they met also.

Although it was a wee while since we had hosted those three aforementioned (lovely word, eh) families, it was as if we had not been apart. They made us feel so welcome in their homes. I went with Steve when he filled up his 4WD. I then realised how tough things were in U.S.A. From empty to full cost him $10.



Now you may realise that things aren't easy, if you have to pay $1.27 *a gallon* for petrol; and they moan about it. It costs two guilders a litre in Holland. No wonder Alex De Kort lives here. Jacob and Ria send their regards to you Alex and hope that you continue to keep up your Dutch writings.

In relation to the Journal, I would like to thank 'Qwerty' for the article on and around Auckland. It made my wife and me very nostalgic - not sufficient to move back, but it evoked very enjoyable memories on reading the article. Perhaps I should "go home" to the West Coast and do an article on that area. Better still, perhaps someone from IPA on the coast could do an article. It may encourage those north of the Bombays to come south for our scenic wonders.

Cheerio for now.

...Blue

(I was under the impression that New Zealand ended immediately south of the Bombays ...Ed)

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Otago News



From a wet spring/summer-time, I greet you all and wish all members a great and safe holiday season.

I have just come back to work after 20 days long service leave and haven't really caught up with much gossip so I am therefore, not in a position to say what has happened here in the last month.

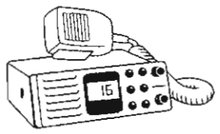


One point to note, the small attendances at our end of year BBQ has stirred us to make a new move. We will hold it at the end of January – early February. The weather will be more settled and hopefully members will be more "available".

Your committee has not had anything of note to report. The host co-ordinator has not contacted me, so I can only assume that once more the picturesque south has missed out again.

This report is brief; look after yourselves out there.

...Graeme S. Mosley



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The Amateur Radio Group: Brian Kidd, Norm Rutherford, Avery Jeffries, Des Coote, Ian Middlemiss, Syd Harvey and myself wish all I.P.A. members and their families a joyous Christmas, good health and a prosperous 1997.



Leppy's Logic

Dear Readers

I have not been in touch now for a long time, so I expect that Paddy Boy is hopping mad and no doubt swilling back lots of the Old Irish Hard Stuff, however as I have not been there helping him to lower the contents of the bottle, he should be more than pleased.

Paddy does not know that I am sending this direct to you rather than via himself, and I did not tell him that I was sitting this exam, so what a big shock he will get when he reads about it. Anyhow he will be pleased to know that I passed with honours so I will be able to put the pressure on him for a few extra double tots of the hard stuff.

He will never know that I had to grease the palms of the Judges with a few bottles of the Irish Hard Stuff as I was not sure of the answers 6 and 19, and I did run out of space on question 10, seeing I was not allowed to write on more than two sides of the paper.

Regards from Leppy Leprechaun

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Subject: General Knowledge
Time allowed: Seven weeks

One extra week allowed for reading this paper
Answer ANY TWO questions. Each question is worth 50 points

1. What is the Silver Dollar made of?
2. Explain Einstein's Theory of Relativity OR write you name in block letters.
3. Spell the following: (a) DOG (b) CAT (c) GUINNESS
4. What time is "NEWS AT TEN" on?
5. Approximately how many Commandments was Moses given?
6. There have been six Kings of England named George, the latest being George VI. Name the other five.
7. Write down the numbers from 1-10 (marks will be deducted for numbers out of sequence).
8. Who built Stephenson's Rocket?
9. What musical instrument does Phil the Fluter play?
10. Of what country is DUBLIN of? NB...candidates must not write on more than two sides of this paper.
11. Do you understand Newton's Law of Gravity? (Answer Yes or No)
12. Name the odd man out of the following: Cardinal Heenan, The Pope, Jack The Ripper, Archbishop of Canterbury.
13. Is a Dunker (a) A person who dips biscuits in tea?
    (b) A lorry for motorway construction?
14. Who won World War Two?
15. Who came second?
16. Name the jockey who won the 1979 Belfast Greyhound Derby?
17. Who built the Great Pyramids? (a) McMillam Lockwood, (b) Pizza Hut, (c) Pharoahs
18. During the 1972 Sheep Dog Trials, how many were found guilty?
19. Captain James Cook made three journeys to the South Pacific. He was murdered on one of these trips. Which trip was he murdered on? (Correct answer earns a pint)

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News from behind the Dykes

with Alex de Kort

Christmas in The Netherlands. What a marvellous month December is for the Dutch, especially the very young variety.



The modern Santa Claus, alias Father Christmas. (Reindeer on L.W.O.P.).

It is winter and the likelihood of snow is pretty good. With a bit of luck and cooperation of the easterly wind which left the Siberian plains a few days earlier, there should be a good thickness of ice on the lakes, pools and canals. Skating, tobogganing and snowball fights are exciting prospects, but best of all are the festive days.

On the 5th of December, the children expect to see Saint Nicholas or Sinterklaas, as he is commonly known. This kind bishop, who must be many hundreds of years old, will arrive riding on his white horse. He will be dressed in his bishop's mantle, complete with mitre and shepherd's staff, accompanied by his trusty servant Black Pieter. Pieter will be carrying a large book in which everybody's name is recorded, including whether that person has been good or bad during the last year.



He will also carry a small bundle of twigs with which to chastise wrongdoers and a large bag of never-ending amounts of sweets and presents. The children will be called to appear before the holy man and after a talking to, each will be found to have more good than bad qualities. Pieter will lay down his twigs and hand the child a present and a bag of sweets while the name of the next nervous victim is called in order to receive the same treatment.

The day will be spent with eating loads of cookies, cakes and other delightful food. Saint Nicholas and Pieter (both appear to look very much like an uncle or neighbour) will leave, promising to come back next year and warning the children that they will continue to monitor the behaviour of those present. They leave to quickly take off the bishop's heavy mantle and to remove the long white beard, while Pieter has a good wash to remove the soot from his face which he acquired by climbing up and down chimneys. The children never seem to notice that two more persons join the party.

Another exciting time is New Year's Eve, which has nothing to do with receiving presents, but always seems to be spent eating.

In some areas it is customary for the children to visit all the neighbours and relatives in order to wish them all a happy New Year. The children will have with them a paper bag in which to place the many "olie bollen" (a type of fruit loaf in the form of a fist-sized ball which has been cooked in hot oil) or "appelflappen" (sliced apple dipped in dough and also boiled in oil), which are given to them by the recipients of their good wishes. The evening is very much like a New Zealand New Year's Eve by having a great party with the whole family attending.

The most important festivities in The Netherlands must be at Christmas. Again it will be a time that the whole extended family will be getting together. Usually the family with the biggest home is it. In cooperation with several of the women of the family, foodstuffs will be brought in and baking and cooking will go on for at least a couple of days prior to 25 December. A tree will be bought and presents wrapped.

On Christmas Eve, the younger children are sent to bed fairly early while the parents and older children dress the tree and place the presents around and underneath the tree. Often the room will be decorated as well and the dining room table set. It is usual for the families to attend midnight mass or the morning service.

After the church service everyone will sit down for breakfast, after which the presents will be handed around interspersed with coffee and "Kerstbrood" (Christmas bread). In the afternoon family friends will be visited or they will come to visit. Lunch or the evening meal will be the main meal with family and friends being present as guests. They will

stay on for the evening to partake of food and drink, singing, just plain talking or listening to music. It will be very late before anyone is willing to go home.

Boxing Day is reserved for visiting friends and cleaning up after the party. The children will be trying out their new toys. Generally the tree is kept until after New Year's Day. In some areas the discarded trees are collected and taken to a central point where they are burnt on a huge bonfire.

In some areas the children are more aware of Saint Nicholas than they are of Father Christmas. The former is based on the legend of a bishop who used to travel about the continent and distribute money and food to the poor, while the latter seems to be better known in English speaking countries.

The following are some recipes of dishes which are popular in The Netherlands and used often at Christmas time, which of course falls in the middle of winter.

Kerstbrood (Christmas bread)
100 mls milk, 1 tspn vanilla, 20 mls apple juice, 100 grams dried apples, 100 grams chopped almonds, 100 grams sugar, 1 lemon, 250 grams self-raising flour, yeast, 50 grams butter or margarine, 2 small eggs, 300 grams raisins, 25 grams flour, 100 grams chopped walnuts, 10 grams powdered almond, a little nutmeg, cloves and salt.

Method:

Warm milk and vanilla on a low heat. Heat apple juice and pour over dried apples then let mixture stand. Peel lemon and chop peel into small pieces. Mix peel, juice, sugar and chopped almonds. Beat one egg and add to this mixture then let mixture stand. Make a dough of the self-raising flour, vanilla, milk, yeast, water, butter/margarine and second egg. Leave in warm place to rise for ½ hour. Mash apples, wash raisins and mix with dry flour, add walnuts and add this mixture to the dough. Mix thoroughly and roll into an oblong. Place the almond paste on top and fold over. Place on buttered baking dish and leave for ½ hour to rise. Cover with a thin layer of butter and place in hot (200 degree) oven and leave for about 50 minutes to bake. Sprinkle water on bread and replace in oven for another 5 minutes. Remove bread and leave to cool. Sprinkle with castor sugar.

Olie Bollen (oil balls) 6
300 grams unbleached white bread flour, ½ tspn salt, 15 grams fresh yeast (or 2 tbspns of dried yeast mixed with a little lukewarm water), 50 grams sugar, 12 tbspns of lukewarm milk, finely grated rind and juice of 1 medium sized lemon, 60 grams currants, 60 grams raisins, 1 medium sized apple chopped finely, extra flour for dusting.

Method:

Lightly flour 2 baking trays with castor sugar and fill a deep fat fryer or heavy based saucepan with oil. Put flour and salt into mixing bowl and make a well in the middle. Cream sugar with half the lukewarm milk and dried yeast, add to flour in bowl and make a thin batter. Leave for 20 minutes until spongy. Pour the rest of the milk and lemon juice into the bowl and mix with the spongy yeast mixture. Gradually mix in the flour to make a soft sticky dough (knead the dough thoroughly in the bowl for about 10 minutes until it stiffens). Sprinkle the dried fruit and apple with a little flour and work into the dough. Cover bowl and leave the dough to rise to double its size (about 1 hour).

Meanwhile heat the oil to about 180° C or 350° F. Again, knead the risen dough for 2 or 3 minutes. Using two dessert spoons, scoop up a portion of the dough and shape into a rough ball and drop (carefully) into hot oil. Fry in batches for 7 or 8 minutes. Remove from oil with slotted spoon and drain well on absorbent paper. Place on baking trays and sprinkle with castor sugar and allow to cool.

Zalm kroketten (salmon croquettes)
2 eggs, 1 tin (220 grams) of salmon, 1 medium sized onion, 1 tablespoon of chopped parsley, 1 teaspoon of curry powder, 1 tablespoon of lemon juice, breadcrumbs, 140 grams flour, 500 ml milk, 90 grams butter/margarine, salt, pepper and a knife-point of paprika or dry mustard.

Method:

Fill heavy based saucepan with oil. Melt butter over low heat and stir in the flour until mixture is smooth. Cook for a few minutes and slowly stir milk into the mixture and allow to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 4 minutes. Add salt, pepper and paprika or mustard and stir. Remove bones and fluid from salmon and mash with a fork until flaked. Add finely chopped onion, curry powder, parsley and lemon juice. Add this mixture to the sauce and stir thoroughly. Allow to cool until firm. Form mixture into croquette shapes. Beat eggs and dip each croquette into the eggs. Roll croquettes in the breadcrumbs until completely covered. Refrigerate.

Bring oil to heat (approx 180 degrees C) and place croquettes into oil (carefully) until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper.

Snert (dried pea soup)
1 pound of pork fillets (or ½ pigs head, or a large pig's trotter), ½ pound of mince of pickled pork, 1 pound of sausage meat (or mince meat), 500 grams dried green peas, 1 pound of potatoes, 4 sticks of celery with tops, 4 leeks, 3 onions, 1 heaped teaspoon curry, salt, pepper and some nutmeg, 5 ltrs water.

Method:

Soak peas for at least 24 hours, bring to boil and allow to simmer for 2 to 2½ hours, mash them until a smooth paste, dice pork fillets and pickled pork and cook in the pea mixture until meat is tender. Cook sausage meat and add to mixture. Dice peeled potatoes, celery and tops, leeks and onions and add to mixture, then allow to cook until the soup is smooth and well cooked (this will take 5 or 6 hours). Stir spices into soup after it has been cooking for about 4 hours. Cook the soup the day before you wish to use it.

Asperge Kip (asparagus chicken)
1 cooked chicken, 2 eggs, 1 green pepper, 100 grams butter or margarine, 100 grams flour, ½ ltr cream, 1 tin of asparagus or equivalent amount of freshly cooked asparagus, breadcrumbs, pepper, salt, paprika (add either lemon, thyme, marjoram, tarragon, to taste if preferred) and sprigs of parsley.

Method:

Melt butter over low heat, add the chosen seasoning, stir and add flour while stirring. Stir in cream and cook while stirring until the mixture is thickening. Take off heat. Beat eggs and add to mixture. De-bone cooked chicken and dice the meat. Cut the green pepper into rings and place the chicken and green pepper in a casserole dish. Cover with the asparagus and then pour the sauce over the top of the asparagus. Melt some more butter and stir breadcrumbs into butter and pour over the top of the mixture in the dish. Bake in 180 degrees for about ½ hour until topping is light brown. Decorate with sprigs of parsley.

Appel Pudding (apple dessert)
2 large cooking apples, 60 grams of golden syrup, 60 grams butter, 250 grams self raising flour, 15 grams ground ginger, 30 grams castor sugar, 2 tbspns of milk and a knife-point of ground cloves.

Method:

Put 30 grams of butter and syrup in a bowl and melt slowly. Mix flour and ginger and stir into butter. Take off heat and cool. Make dough of mixture by adding milk. Spread dough into greased dish. Peel, core and slice apples into thin slices and place on dough. Melt remaining butter, mix in the small amount of cloves and pour over apples. Sprinkle castor sugar over the lot and bake in oven for about ½ hour at about 210 degrees.

I hope you will have success with your midwinter dinner and wish you Smakelijk Eten (Bon Appetit) and of course a very happy festive season.



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The German Police

Prior to my election as Associate Secretary for Germany and Austria, my interest in Germany lay in their fine beers and sausages, their soccer team and the fond memories I have of those countries from the two years I was a European tour guide in the late eighties. I had limited contact with the police during that period, excepting at the borders, and often gazed longingly at their Porsche patrol cars and massive BMW motorcycles.

My new role calls for me to possess a more than passing knowledge of the roles of the police in those countries, so to that end I contacted a German police officer who was able to give me a full run down on the German system. That officer was Jorn Weber, he gave me a very full article written by German IPA member Friedrich Schwindt, which I have taken the liberty of adapting for publication in these pages.

The Federal Republic of German is made up of 16 states, each responsible for its own internal affairs, each state having its own police force. There are also federal police agencies; examples being the Border Police, the Federal Parliamentary Police and the Federal Office of Criminal Investigation. The Interior Minister or the equivalent in the city-states of Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen, are responsible for the police.

I will deal firstly with the State Police. Although the State Police are independent of the Federal Government, at times of emergency the Minister of the Interior may assume control of one or more of the State Police Forces, to assist the State directly affected by the crisis.

Before 1976, the State forces all had different uniforms. A standard uniform was introduced for the whole country, the only differences being the respective State emblems on the cap star and left sleeve. Some slight differences in rank insignia still exist however.

Within each State the Interior Minister acts as Chief Constable and Police Authority. The Police Presidents



German Water Police. Lower Saxony Interior Ministry Publication "Im Dienst für den Bürger" (In the Service of the Citizens)

are responsible to him through their respective Regional Government Presidents. The Presidents supervise and are assisted by 17 different ranks. And you thought we were bad? The most senior State Police Officer, apart from the Interior Minister, is the Inspector of Police who is responsible to the Minister for all police matters.

The rank structure is divided into three levels: middle service, higher service and senior service.

The middle service comprises six ranks from recruit to Polizeihauptmeister, the higer service from Kommissar to Erst Hauptkommissar and the senior service of Polizei-Kriminalrat and above.

In most states, the criminal police (detectives) and uniform police have their own separate chain of command. They also generally function as two separate organisations but moves are afoot to unify them at the lower level.

In all states, excepting Bavaria, there are uniformed policewomen; as in New Zealand they perform the same tasks and roles as the men.

Qualification levels for joining the police vary from state to state. The minimum age varies from 17 to 26 years for example. The initial training course lasts for a year, divided into thirds for professional, theoretical and general education. The general education component includes the learning of English. On passing the final examinations, the recruit joins the Standby Police or Emergency Police where all aspects of the intial course are developed.

The Standby Police is essentially a training unit. It is deployed for state visits, festivals, major searches, demonstrations and disasters. Normally recruits will spend a year with the Standby Police before going on a 6-month course to prepare for their first professional examinations. The other examinations were just a warm up!!! It is only when this examination is passed, does the recruit move into normal police work.

After two years probation and fulfilling certain educational conditions, the officer may then be accepted as a candidate for the higher service. If accepted, there is another three years training, partly in Theoretical Studies at the College for Public Administration and partly in practical, professional duties. This is followed by another examination, and in a minimum of nine years, the member can attain the rank of

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Kommissar. To carry on into senior service, members must attend and pass courses at the Police Mangement Academy.

East Germany had a ratio of one police officer to 140 citizens; that did not include the state security agencies, transport police or border guards. Unification has seen that rate fall dramatically, the ratio for all of Germany now stands at 1:400.

As a rule, the police organisation in each state consists of a Uniform Branch, Standby Police, Marine Police, Detective Branch, State Office of Criminal Investigation and a Police College. Close co-operation between all state police agencies exists and this is formalised by regular meetings of the respective Interior Ministers.

The largest of the forces within the state system is the Municipal Police. It operates much like our own, has 24-hour coverage and includes a Detective's department, Traffic department, Coast and River Police and the Standby Police. Some may have a Helicopter Squadron, a Mounted Horse Division and a Police Dog Section. The helicopter is used extensively by River and Coastal Divisions, as well as being utilised extensively to monitor environmental violations by large companies and factories.

The Municipal Police carry out the majority of crime work, up to 70%, but the main responsibility for serious crime lies with the Criminal Police.

The Criminal Police or CID work the same as its New Zealand counterparts. They investigate crime and prepare arrests and apprehensions for the Department of Public Prosecutions. They operate on a squad system according to the type of crime that they investigate – specialisation as opposed to generalisation. In smaller areas, the CID officers handle the whole range of crimes. Assistance is available to local forces from the State Office of Criminal Investigation (headquarters).

This takes the form of forensic analysis and the use of Mobile Operational Units. These units are used especially in the pursuit of dangerous criminals and gangs, terrorism, drug trafficking, counterfeiting and state security matters. They can be deployed anywhere in the country, Europe or the world.

The Coast and River Police are responsible for the 6,000 kilometres of navigable waterways. (Inland shipping is the second largest means of transport in Germany, accounting for 30% of all goods transported). They are equipped with fast modern boats and the officers usually have inland or marine shipping experience. All officers are trained at the special Coast and River Police School in Hamburg.

German is criss-crossed by motorways (autobahns) and they are patrolled by the Motorway Police. These are the guys I described earlier, in the Porsches. There used to be no speed limit on German motorways, but today, on 70% of the roads, there is a 100 to 120 kph limit; the fast cars are still needed.

In the next issue I will explain more about the Standby Police and also the functions of the Federal Police agencies.

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SCENARIO 1:

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They were unaware that such behaviour, although an accepted pastime in European style countries, was viewed most sternly by the local community. Worse still, rumours of similar comportment reaching relatives of these young ladies from countries of the rising sun could, indeed, have very nasty (if not lethal) consequences.

Our young intrepid fellows did not get into the Police solely on their academic records; they had some common sense. They crossed the border into Greece very quickly - so quickly, in fact, that they forgot to seek an entry visa into Greece. NO VISA, NO ENTRY! However, upon presentation of their IPA identification cards, they were saved from being sent back to Turkey to seek the right documentation, and to the hands of the most irate and offended family members of these young ladies.

SCENARIO 2:

A New Zealand member, and keen genealogist, discovered he had some ancestors in France. Unfortunately his school French was certainly not enough to seek the required information from French authorities; so a request was made to the appropriate Associate Secretary. His request was duly translated and passed on to his French IPA counterpart.

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Finally, as part of my duty as Assistant Secretary General, I am the National Liaison Officer to the International Cultural Commission. As such I have to furnish in my yearly report information such as the number of NZ IPA members who are Radio Amateurs, or belong to a tape group, stamp collectors, collectors of Police memorabilia. Luckily our records are computerised and this information can be added. This information will also help to provide you with a better service locally and internationally, and assist with planning your next event or swap meeting.

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I shall resume the History of the French Gendarmerie in the New Year.

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Thank you for writing

My name is Mojca and I come from Slovenia.

Slovenia is near the frontier with Croatia, Hungary, Italy and Austria.
I saw your address in my father's IPA book and I thought it will be nice to write to you.

I will be 15 (23.6). I like to listen to music, I swim in a swimming club, I like to play tennis, volleyball, basketball, I like to ride a horse and I like to ski too. I've got a sister. Her name is Sara. She's 8 and she swims too.

My father's name is Rudi (35) and my mother is Remata (40).

Well I can't expect from you to write to me back, because you (maybe) think, what should I do with a teenager, so I ask and please you, if you won't write me back, if you could give this letter to one of your police friend, who has a daughter or a son, who is about as old as I'm, but it isn't important. My address is:

Mojca Hojski,
Cubceva 2,
8270 Krsko,
Slovenia,
Europe.

Thank you and good-bye.
Mojca

Elaine,

I must compliment you on the "observation" test in the July '96 Journal. This relates to the article on Warbirds over Wanaka. At least the old but good observer from the Northern Regions of Auckland, Des Hall, noted the deliberate "mistake" in the caption. I also had observed this, and thought to myself (who else could I think to), "what a great ploy!" This deliberate "mistake" would grab the attention of the more astute reader. At least you have two.

For Des, it could also be that things have changed since his day, firstly in the RAF, then the Police. In his day he would have readily recognised that the plane was not a bi-plane but a single wing. This would be because they had prepared aircraft identification booklets for them. Madam Editor, being so much younger would not have seen such a thing, except perhaps at the Wigram Airforce Museum.

Another aspect to consider that in Des's younger days, the matter of 'downsizing' had not occurred. Perhaps not even thought of. There have been losses, shrinkage, diminution, but not 'downsizing'. This has obviously also been used by the editorial staff so that they could fit the plane in. Hence the removal of the wing. It all seems pretty logical to me. Des and I at least passed the test.

I thank you for trying to make my article more interesting.
Blue Caldwell (Region 5)

Elaine,

As your deadline will be past before we get home to England, I must write this letter before we leave your lovely country, to ensure that our thanks get publicity as soon as possible.

After the Opening Dinner on the first night of the Friendship Week, I said to Jim McCarthy, "You may have made a tactical error. There's no way you can improve on this evening!" Well, he may not have improved on that wonderful start, but the standard was maintained for every day of the Week, and the final Farewell Dinner was a most appropriate climax.

The group was not large, which may have been disappointing for our hosts, but it meant that we all got to know each other and many new friendships were made. The only IPA members who missed out were those who did not come!

Ruby and I want, through your Journal, to express our thanks and appreciation to Jim and all his committee and helpers, (I will not name them for fear I should offend by inadvertent omission), for all their planning and hard work that assured such a successful event. Our thanks also to the other members we met along the way who made us so welcome.

In particular we must also thank Tony and Ann Picketts in Waipu - who welcomed us for the first few days of our time in New Zealand; Roly and Sarah Hermans in Paraparaumu who made us so welcome for the couple of days following the Friendship Week, and Barry Thackwell and his wife, who will host us for our last few days (this letter is being written before we get to Christchurch).

Our sincere thanks to everyone we met; we hope to see you all again – in England, if we can't raise the money to come back 'down under'. You will always find a welcome in Wiltshire should you come 'up top' for the big O.E.

Yours in friendship
Glynn and Ruby Jones
17 Walnut Close
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Dear Elaine,

By the time this letter is published in your excellent magazine, the memories of the I.P.A. Friendship Week will, no doubt, be diminished but not entirely forgotten. The overseas visitors, I suspect, will have a vivid recollection of the spontaneous acts of hospitality commencing with the official welcome by the Police Maori Culture Club to the Farewell Dinner celebrations.

My wife Josie and I wish to extend our personal appreciation to all the IPA officers and families, the ATS Pacific staff and the hotel staff for the hard work involved in the planning and operation of this memorable week.

In particular a special accolade must be made to Jim McCarthy and Stan Keith who accompanied the tour and to your National President, John Coomber, Jim and the organising committee from Region One arranged a varied and exciting programme including a wealth of

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Thank you for writing

information on the history of New Zealand and the Maori Culture.

The significance of the IPA can be portrayed by one of the many acts of helpfulness extended to the visitors. My wife has attempted to trace a long lost uncle, believed to be in the North Island, for over 10 years. With the assistance of Jim and Stan and numerous telephone calls, he was eventually traced to the town of Awanui and travel arrangements made for an emotional reunion. Another example of the hand of friendship extended by members of our worldwide association.

Yours
Alex & Josie Key
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Editor
IPA Journal
Rejoinder to Plodicus Phallicus

As a writer I'm delighted when people comment on my work as it means they are reading it. Your somewhat vague Letter to the Editor, however, does raise a few issues which I think need to be addressed.

First of all, could it be that you hide behind the pseudonym (and possibly your rugby jersey) "for domestic reasons" because you are afraid that your partner agrees with my views about sex and rugby?

You ask "Indeed, what would a prostitute know about 'running with the ball', or the finer points of seduction for that matter?" Why, do tell, should prostitutes know about 'running with the ball'? Is it in their job descriptions? The art of seduction is, however, a topic about which good prostitutes know a great deal. If you want further clarification on this matter I can take you around to my favourite parlours and agencies and you can assess it for yourself.

You then go on to somehow equate "cleaning the dirt from under the stove" with "muck-raking". Your quantitative leap in logic baffles me. Perhaps it is that you don't clean under your stove, but as I do the cleaning regularly I can assure you that there isn't any 'muck' there to rake. A simple wipe will suffice. Further, it seems to me that Periodic Involuntary Sex Syndrome (PISS) is a poorly constructed acronym looking for a meaning. Once again your thin reasoning escapes me.

As for rugby being responsible for unimaginative sex, I am not the first writer (nor, I suspect, the last) to make the suggestion that excessive male bonding excludes females. Gordon McLauchlan (1976), for example, in *The Passionless People*, writes "The New Zealand male is not only a lousy lover, a heavy in the sack, even his legendary mateship doesn't extend to his wife" (p. 164). He also suggests that "It is believed that the New Zealand wife lasts such a long time as a sex partner because she had so few moving parts; but, like a car engine, she ultimately loses performance because of too many short runs while cold and not enough long trips" (p. 151).

As for females who play rugby having sexually unfulfilled boyfriends, I'm afraid that is, as I clearly established, outside my research focus. If you want to know what the men think you will have to ask them yourself. As for 'touch' fitting into the picture, I suspect it doesn't. Once again I quote Gordon McLauchlan (ibid) who reports that "New Zealand men approach the subject of sex with the finesse and delicacy of feeling of front row props jumping up and down on pavlovas" (p. 152).

Accusing me of 'hit and miss' research and equating me to 'a latter day Shere Hite' is interesting. First of all, if you bothered to talk to women you would soon realise that what I say is, alas exceedingly accurate. And as far as I know, Shere Hite is still writing. (It is too bad that IPA doesn't pay me the sort of money she gets for saying basically the same thing).

While me being a lecturer in adult education – '(The mind boggles!)' to quote you – surprises you, your reaction astounds me. Sex is, after all, the most adult of education. Or do you think it would be better covered under the rubric of Primary Education? And since you can't decide if I am Ms or Miss, I will simply sign this rejoinder with my gender friendly title...

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Dear Elaine

May I use the pages of your I.P.A. Journal to thank all the members of the New Zealand Section who put together such a good Friendship Week. I have no doubt that hours of preparation and organisation must have gone into the week which I for one, and I am sure most of the others who joined you, thoroughly enjoyed.

It was good to meet a lot of new friends, and indeed some from years gone by. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the company, both with the hosts and with the other visitors, and the intinerary which showed several facets of New Zealand and its history. Regretfully our trip was too short and only whetted the appetite to return one day and see more.

May I close thanking all those involved for a job well done and I only hope we can reciprocate as efficiently in 2000 when I expect we will again meet people old and new.

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From The Side-Line

by Lawrie Philpott

In the April 1996 edition of our Journal I reported Pauline Clare had been appointed Chief Constable of the Lancashire Constabulary after 30 years service. Mrs Clare is the first woman appointed a Chief Constable in the United Kingdom.



And I posed the question "Will we ever have a woman Commissioner in N.Z.?" I do not have a crystal ball nor is my name Nostradamus but, assuming that the rank of Chief Constable in England is equivalent to a Commissioner of Police in N.Z., then we did indeed have a woman Commissioner of Police "in N.Z."

Chief Constable Clare was in fact in N.Z. attending the Local Authority Traffic Institute Conference – so the answer to my rhetorical question is, technically speaking, "YES" we have had a woman Commissioner of Police in N.Z., if only for one week. Perhaps I should have been more specific in my question. Mrs Clare did not have much time for sightseeing but liked Wellington so much that my spies in 'The Castle' tell me she will be returning in two years time for a holiday. I don't know if Mrs Clare is a member of the I.P.A. – if not we shall have to talk nicely to our friends in No. 3 region (U.K.) to enrol her so that we may invite her to one of our famous candlelight suppers. Mrs Clare may have touched a nerve when, being interviewed by a reporter before leaving, she said "Stress (amongst Police Officers) comes from not what they're dealing with, but the way they're managed."

Now for a couple of quotes from overseas I.P.A. Journals...

Singapore is reported to be one of the safest cities in the world. It appears that the justice system knows what it is doing and how it is doing it. "Anyone caught with drugs (in Singapore), no matter what kind, which quantity and for what reason, is executed. The person's nationality makes no difference whatsoever, they are guests in our country and have to abide by our rules, or else!" Did you notice that one and only penalty – EXECUTED. I presume there is a trial of sorts prior to execution. Oh, and don't forget to have a hair cut before going to Singapore.

Sweden too, is rather harsh on drug offenders. They have Piketen units, something akin to our A.O.S. squads. Their swift and efficient response has earned the respect of the public and Police. There are no warnings. "If an Officer has probable cause, he can place a suspect under arrest, bring the suspect to a holding area, where he writes a single page report. This report is reviewed by a questioning officer. If there is sufficient reason to investigate or prosecute, the suspect remains in custody, regardless of how long that may take, which may be up to a year. There is no such thing as BAIL."

A Judge in Ireland issued a warning that he will not have 'yobbos' shouting abuse at Garda (Police), male or female, so he sentenced an offender to three months prison for shouting abuse at a Policewoman.

Changing times. At a forum in Brisbane, on aspects of travel, the filling out of forms by handwriting was criticised in several respects including 'fading' during faxing. It was recommended that forms should be filled in by typewriter. Questions then asked "Who has access to a typewriter these days??" Oh dear, how sad, never mind. So the typewriter joins one time essentials such as cable/telegrams, the fountain pen, the pen/nib ink or even the humble pencil in fading into the archives in the 'passing parade'.

Excuses seem to be the order of the day. The Police Stop TV series comes to light with some classics at times but the excuse to beat all other excuses must be the one put forward by a well known defence lawyer that her client's explanation for seriously assaulting his infant offspring was the HE was suffering from postnatal depression! Even worse, the Judge accepted it, so times have changed. I must remember that excuse next time I get a parking or speeding ticket or maybe commit murder.

Then there was the I.P.A. member (a retired Senior Sergeant) who bought a heavy campervan before remembering that to drive it he needed a heavy trade licence and even admitted it in the November '96 A.A. Journal.

With the demise of the pop group 'Crowded House' perhaps the name could be used for Parliament with its extra MPs.

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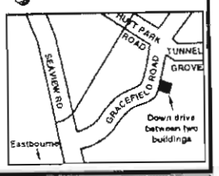

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Hobbies Desk

with Tony Picketts



Well, they say that history repeats itself. Here I am back in the Hobbies Chair! At this point I don't have too much to offer for this edition but I'm looking forward to contributions and requests from members for the next issue. Whatever I contribute to the magazine will depend on the input I receive from members. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!



First, a topic high on my list of my own interests – **Tape correspondents**. For those who have not tried it, you're missing a great way to communicate. Unfortunately I seem to be the only one in New Zealand addicted to this particular hobby. I'd like to encourage more members to 'give it a go'. The first time is difficult – particularly if you've not previously done any recording, but we are all used to talking to a microphone in court! And, after all, talking (communicating) is our stock-in-trade. I belong to the British Section of the IPA tape group and correspond with several members there. Some are serving members; some retired and others belong to the Ministry of Defence Police. All do different jobs and their varying lifestyles makes taping so interesting.

I surprised myself recently by checking back to see when I first began taping to Glynn Jones in Devizes. 1976! Glynn and I have been regular tape addicts for 20 years – a topic of conversation when Glynn and Ruby arrived to stay with us for a few days prior to Friendship Week. Glynn is also the Hobbies Secretary for the British Section. Points to remember:

1. You don't have to have multi $$$s worth of recording equipment. Good quality stuff does help in the quality of the final product but you can make a start with what you've got – so long as it's in reasonable condition.

2. You don't have to talk all the way through both sides of a 60-minute tape – do a little bit of 'chatting' to start, get the family involved, let them say a few words. The person you are 'tapesponding' with may like to listen to some music – fill in some gaps with your favourite tunes or whatever.

3. If you don't have good quality equipment, make sure of the 'pause' button to prevent 'clunking' when changing from speech to music, etc.

4. You're welcome to practice on me before sending your tape off to some unsuspecting correspondent in America, Canada or whatever! Postal address: 14 Cove Rd, Waipu 0254.



Genealogy is another hobby which is growing in popularity by the day. Members in the UK have started off their own group and welcome contact from anyone researching their family. Secretary is Mel Thorn, Thornholm, Church Lane, South Muskham, Newark, Notts, NG23 6EQ (phone 1636-76997). Jim Steel is in charge of Members' Interests. He can be contacted at 17 Chestnut Place, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland KA1 2HN. Email contact is Tom Shaw at: 100545.3430@compuserve.com. I believe there is some keen interest in family research by IPA members in Australia too.

Do remember that research *can* cost in time and money. Always be prepared to cover costs and always enclose a stamped address envelope if you're expecting someone to send you documents. It's easy enough to acquire mint stamps of a foreign country or International Reply Coupons to forward with your request.

Before you write for assistance, be very clear about what is it you want to know or want your contact to find out for you, i.e. if you're writing to ask someone to obtain a certificate for you, be precise about the date, name, place of birth/death, etc. If you don't have that information but would like your contact to check, give him/her as much clear information as you can. And do ***please*** either print that information or type it. Don't expect someone else to find details of a marriage on the other side of the globe if they have to guess the spelling of (eg) Letitia Marianne McDonaghue.

One of the best "tools of the trade" for the genealogist is of course the Internet. If anyone would like a list of good genealogy web sites, let me know. Happy to oblige.

Speaking of the Internet, when Glynn and Ruby were with us, we did a little "browsing" of the IPA web pages. Tonight I received a message from Uwe Titz in Germany in reply to a greeting that we had left on the Icelandic Visitors' Page. This is what makes the Internet such an exciting tool for communication. Anyone wishing to contact me via Email can do so at: anpicket@igrin.co.nz.

Hopefully you'll still have time for your favourite hobbies while in the midst of summer holidays. I look forward to receiving your letters, requests, information, etc.

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Hair

This article, by May Seager, follows on from 'Paradise Revisited – A Family Trip to the Cook Islands' published in last October's issue, volume 30. May spoke of their trip overseas, while this article shows that sometimes long locks have more to do with tradition than fashion. May's husband, Brian, is the officer in charge of the Maungaturoto police station in Northland.

The day had arrived when our youngest child would have his hair cut. It was an event we had been looking forward to nervously for a long time. No ordinary visit to the barber or hairdresser for this six-year-old. No – his was to be a special ceremony, thanks to his Pacific Island heritage on my side of the family (my mother is a Cook Islander).

For my husband Brian and me, it signified the end of a truly visible difference for Bryn. Since he was able to talk, the phrase "I am not a girl, I'm a boy" had never been too far from his lips.

No longer would I have to fuss over his auburn-coloured hair and fashion it into a plait or bundle it into a ponytail.

No longer would he have to explain to people that he really was a boy, despite the hair cascading three-quarters of the way down his back.

No longer would I have to tell people that the growing of boys' hair in the Cook Islands' culture is quite normal and that it is marked by a hair-cutting ceremony.

Having lived in the South Island for seven years and in places where there are few Pacific Islanders, if any at all, it hasn't always been easy being different. Some people thought "the poor boy with the long hair" was suffering a fashion trend imposed upon him by his parents.

But generally, on explaining the custom, people were genuinely accepting of him, and in turn, our cultural differences. Some have even been genuinely interested and asked: "What do you do with the hair once it's cut?"

To put everything into perspective, one needs to understand the reasoning behind the practice. I believe that when missionaries arrived in the Cook Islands, the hair-cutting ceremony was adapted to help provide for the child's future.

The hair-cutting usually took place when the boy was about 13 or 14 years, approaching puberty. A family would put on a huge feast, inviting dignitaries such as the village and church leaders.

Friends and relatives would naturally help by contributing food such as pork, taro and fish to be put into the huge umu-kai (earth oven, similar to the Maori hangi). Women would work up to the event by handsewing tivaevae (quilts) and making other gifts.

On the day of the celebration, the boy would have his hair combed and tied. Each family representative or elder would take their turn to cut a lock of hair which would be kept, say in a treasure box or cabinet. Speeches would follow and finally, the feast.

With the migration of many Cook Islanders to New Zealand and the need for money to survive, money was given in return for the hair. The money was kept to help with furthering the child's education since men were usually the breadwinners for the family.

That is one of the reasons this practice is not carried out for girls. My mother's explanation was that a girl's hair should be grown as long as possible since it was "her father's treasure."

Well, our son's day has been and long gone (over a year now), with a few modern changes. We opted for an afternoon tea and viewed the whole occasion as a family gathering and a chance for us all to get together and catch up. People gave money only if they felt happy with the idea.

As for Bryn, he spent the first week combing his hair three times a day and still likes to have a bottle of gel on his dresser.

(Courtesy Southland Times)



Bryn on the morning of his hair-cutting. It had been washed and combed and was ready for plaiting. He was a little dubious about the whole occasion at this stage.



Brian and me with Bryn after the deed had been done. Bryn had patiently sat in that chair for over an hour as families came forward to take away their memento of the day. The verdict? "Cool".

A funny thing happened on the way to the forum



by Blue Caldwell

I am often accused of knowing everyone. This is because I regularly meet people I know on my trips, or those who know someone in common.

Recently my wife and I decided to do a Cosmos trip through Europe. Soon after we had arrived at the Kennedy Hotel in London the fire alarm went off. There were a few disgruntled people who had been caught in the shower, the loo and even some who left their drinks in the bar. We discovered one group from Whangarei who had been on tour with the All Blacks in South Africa and they knew Police in Northland whom I also knew.



The next day we all travelled to Dover and on to Calais by ferry. On our arrival we found our bus and started our European tour. I found the other Kiwis on the bus knew people that were known to us. We were a mixed group - the driver was Italian, the guide Slovenian and the passengers came from Colombia, Mexico, USA, Hawaii, Hong Kong? Japan and, of course, Australasia.

We spent our first night in Amsterdam. En route into the city I was fascinated with the myriads of jet vapour trails in the sky. I counted 25 of these at one time which showed how busy the air space is around Amsterdam. One day we went into the city to do some sightseeing. We returned on a small ferry and were greeted by a semi-inebriated Kiwi from Blenheim. He was there on his honeymoon, obviously enjoying certain aspects of it! He knew both my brother and also close friends.

After Amsterdam (and the red light district where I knew no one) we travelled through Germany and the Rhine Valley. There we saw a bridge over which apparently a train crosses every two minutes. Watching the trains travelling along the Rhine Valley, I can believe it. New Zealand Rail started to look very small. Swiss Rail is the same. All our rooms that first week seemed to be situated opposite a railway station, or overlooking the railway line. I was intrigued how frequently they ran.

After we had visited Germany, Austria and Switzerland, we headed for Italy, destination Venice where the city has a sinking feeling. There are on average over 27,000 visitors who converge on Venice each day. We were there on a day when scaffolding was required to beat the high tide in the Piazza. After



Downtown traffic jam.

same time as us. Lou had some problems with Lira which we eventually sorted out.

From Venice we went on to Rome, Florence, Pisa and into France. After the tour we returned to Calais where we were to go on the train through the "chunnel". Whilst waiting for buses to arrive, I heard a man speaking about cricket. I asked him "How can you teach an Indian anything about Cricket?" because that was what he was doing. Here was a retired Sergeant from Warkworth and Auckland, Hugh Eaton.

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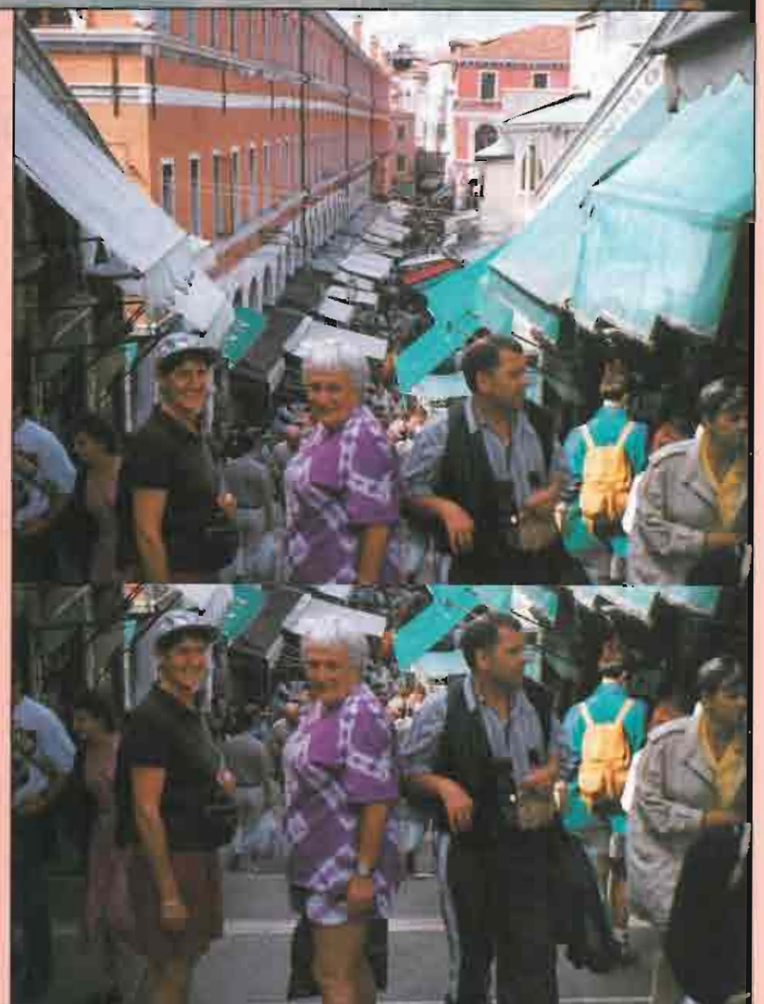

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A report on activities at the 1996 International Executive Conference by New Zealand Observer Ross Pinkham

The 1996 International Executive Conference was held in Brisbane in late October. Australia was a very popular destination for many in the northern hemisphere and large touring groups had been planning for years to make the venture south.

As New Zealand's top table at the conference John Coomber – New Zealand President, Laurie Philpott – retired Secretary General and myself, made sure that New Zealand was well represented at the Conference session. *(PHOTO)*

This article, however, is not about the conference but of some of the social side of the conference. The three on the top table weren't the only representatives from New Zealand as Viv accompanied me, Graeme Muggeridge and also Fi Brown crossed the Tasman to attend. John was able to get across early to attend the Australian N.E.B. meeting and was well hosted by the Australian Section.

The first social event occurred on the Tuesday night with an Aussie style BBQ at the open air events centre on the riverbank. Plenty of singing and dancing and the Irish contingent able to assist the Aussie band with plenty of melody and singing. Well done Jim McCormack. We were lucky to meet up with Geoff Woodman and Frances Rhodes – a couple we had met on a trip to Melbourne in 1994.

The opening ceremony gave us all a chance to show off our police uniforms and an array of styles and colours adorned the City Hall in Brisbane where the Police Minister, State Governor and other distinguished guests made us feel very welcome in Brisbane. Many of the photo opportunities outside the City Hall were interrupted by demonstrating delegates and observers and their partners in plush surroundings. John and I dressed in our formal mess attire and again the photo opportunities were abundant.

Also at that function was an opportunity to exchange gifts to the Lord Mayor and the classic photo taken of International Secretary General Alan Carter in traditional Lesthoto headdress was a sight for sore eyes. The International President, Viv, and Canadian President Dennis Moran made the picture worthwhile. *(PHOTO)*

Viv and I travelled over a few days prior to the conference and stayed with friends from Napier. They had been living in Brisbane for nearly 10 years and were well settled into the life of Brisbane. Their business enables them to have contact with many of the locals, and it was great to see an old rugby playing mate – Grant Batty.

The conference was held at the Carlton Crest Hotel – right in the heart of Brisbane; 4-star accommodation and great facilities for the conference. Every meeting and social occasion was in walking distance of the hotel rooms. The hotel staff provided excellent food and the Brisbane Section organised the Brisbane Police Recruits to help out with ushering and waiting on many of the tables. What a great way to encourage more members of I.P.A.

We had an entertaining bus trip to Maroochidore, north of Brisbane, an idyllic coast resort. High rise apartments, plenty of sun and rolling surf that pro-

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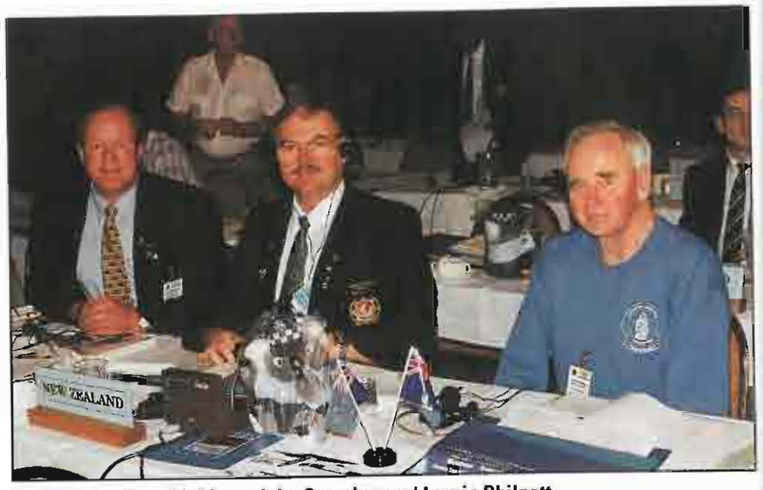
keen to learn of the tourist attractions north of the State Capital. The bus driver had done the trip with international travellers numerous times before. What a great time to hear all those awful Aussie jokes – no, not the ones about the Chappell brothers and the underarm bowling – but the mother-in-law jokes. You know the one about the mother-in-law being attacked by a great white pointer shark, yes, after three days in Intensive Care they couldn't save the shark.

On the trip north we stopped at an Australian Institution – the Ettamogah Pub. Taken and recreated from the classic cartoon pic in the Australian Post, this multi-storeyed pub, with shades of flying mosquitoes, dead this and dead that, adornments on toilet doors giving instructions to the patrons in true Aussie style. The side of the pub gave tourists an insight into Aussie sayings. *(PHOTO)*

But it was the tree-carved dog kennel and dog 'Ace' that took the fancy of Viv, Fi and myself. Do you recognise the similarity of doziness? *(PHOTO)*

On to Maroochidore Surf Club where the waves tested out even the fittest of surfers. Rescue demonstrations, surf ski racing and helicopter displays, along with the bright sunlight and searing heat gave many a northern hemisphere traveller their first taste of tanning.

The final night of the conference gave us the opportunity to exchange gifts to the Australian Section – an appreciation of the magnificent conference they had organised. John had prepared a traditional gift – a carved Maori taiaha. *(PHOTO)*



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1997 will see the World Congress being held in Quebec city. It has been many years since a meeting was held in Canada and already years of planning have gone into next year's conference. I understand the registrations are already



Left to right: Ross Pinkham, Viv Pinkham and Fi Brown.



Left to right: Ross Pinkham, Elke Pfau and John Coomber.

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Canada — Part 2 — Land of Contrasts

by Ace O'Hara

NORTHWESTERN TERRITORIES

If it was difficult to do justice to the Atlantic Provinces within the editorial limits for regular features, it is even more daunting to describe the many attractions in the remaining provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, and Saskatchewan, not to mention the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

The Northwestern Territories form a third of Canada's total land mass, yet its entire population (65,000) could be accommodated in a football stadium. They are hardy people however, mostly involved in mining, fishing and forestry, although tourism, particularly "adventure tourism" is growing. The harsh grip of winter locks the land in frozen isolation for more than six months of the year, but when the summer thaw comes the land explodes into colour, and the animals seem to be caught up in a frenetic rush to breed and prepare their young to survive the rigours of the next winter.

Moose, caribou, musk ox, black bear, lynx, wolves, arctic fox, dall's sheep and wolverine attract wild life sight-seers and hunters, armed with cameras and videos as well as rifles, to this wilderness area. More than nine official languages are spoken in the Northwestern Territories, though English is widely used. The life style of the Dene, Metis, Inuit and Invialuit and other Euro-Canadians is now influenced by development, especially of mining, and tourism. Advening number of people to the Yukon. The cruise ships serve this area as well as Alaska. If anyone wants to relive history, they can take a paddle wheeler trip on the Yukon River on the S.S.Klondike. This vessel has been fully restored and is now the only example of the period when more than 200 of these unique craft plied the Yukon River.

Dawson City was the "gold rush capital" and several vaudeville theatres like Diamond Tooth Gerties and Palace Grand Theatre re-create shows reminiscent of the gold-rush era. 1996 will be a special year for Dawson which celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the discovery of gold in the area, and a commemorative programme is planned.

THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan have collectively become known as the Prairie Provinces, because of their flat terrain and huge grasslands. These three provinces now grow most of Canada's massive output of grain, but they also have thriving forestry industries in including the International Jazz Festival, and the Calgary Folk Music Festival.

The dramatic scenic areas of Banff and Jasper National Park and Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies are within easy travel by rail or bus, and there is a selection of more than 24 golf courses within the Calgary City area. Eighteen holes of golf can be enjoyed for a low as a $20C green fee payment, or as high as $80 to play the world famous Banff Springs course.

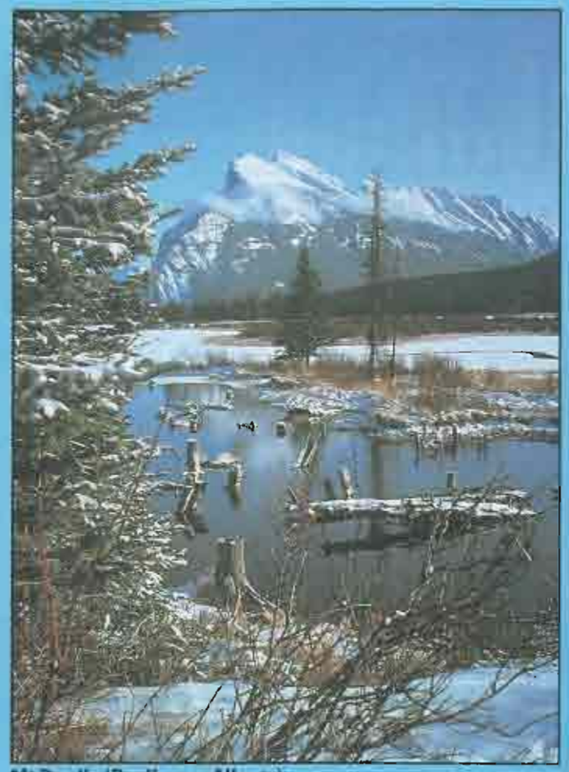
Another unique exhibition is the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology in Drumheller, where some 35 complete dinosaur skeletons are on permanent display, including a fine example of a Triceratops. These are imaginatively displayed with computer simulations for people to gain some concept of what these monsters were like in their natural state. In nearby Horseshoe Canyon dinosaur bones can be seen on the canyon floor and rock strata can be viewed that traces millions of years of geological evolution.

The Red Deer River Badlands were

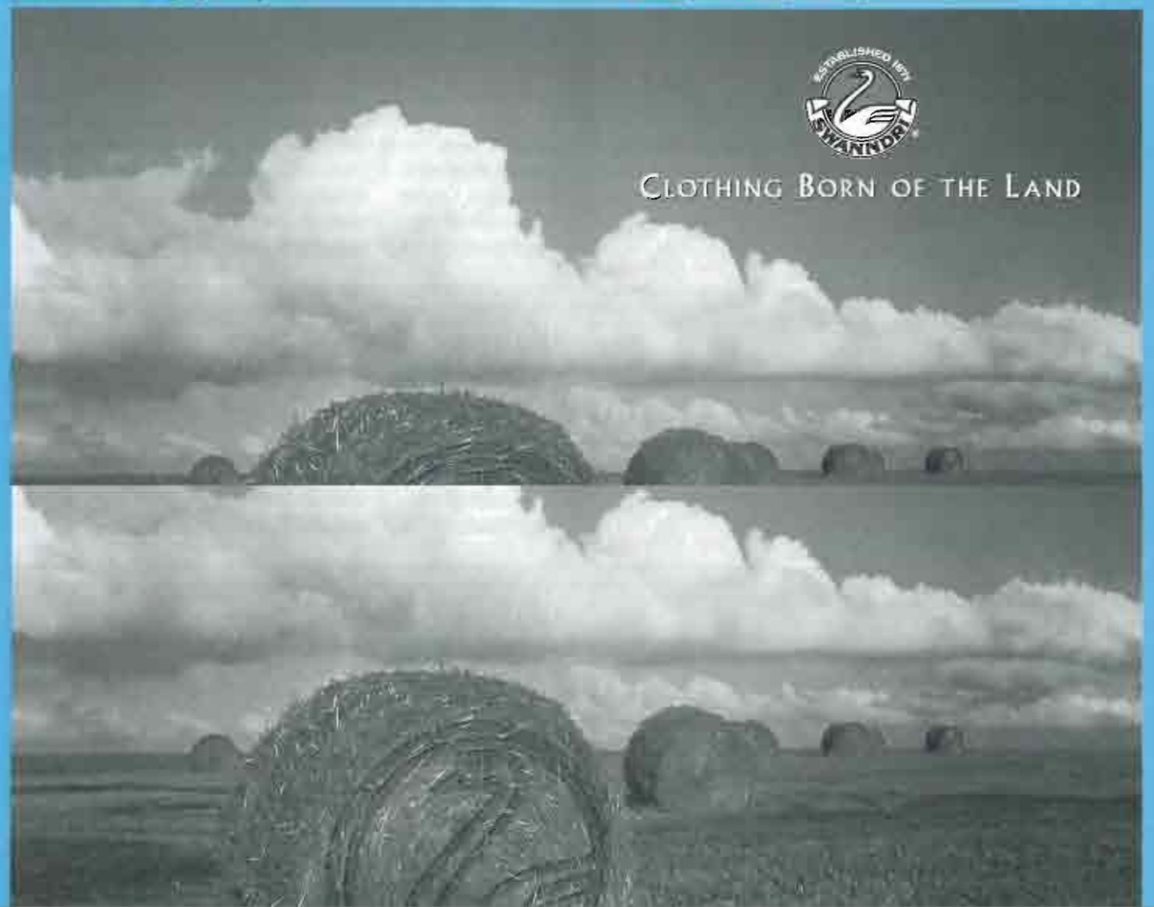
Niagara Falls is about 90 minutes drive from Toronto, and perhaps one of the most accessible natural wonders of the world.



Indian dancer, Calgary Stampede.



Mt Rundle (Banff area, Alberta).

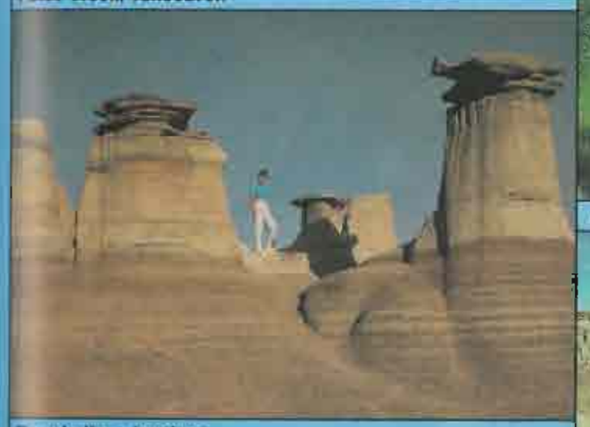




False Creek, Vancouver.



Lake Louise (Banff Nat. Park), in the Canadian Rockies.



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In Southern Alberta is Chinook Country, a mecca for sportsmen and adventure tourists. The City of Lethbridge with its spectacular high level trestle railway bridge is the service centre, and a number of attractions make this a popular destination for tourists. Fort MacLeod, the site of the establishment of the North West Mounted Police first western outpost in 1874 is Alberta's oldest settlement. During the summer months, the RCMP perform a Musical Ride at Fort Macleod four times a day. There are some other unique places to visit (like "Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump", "Milk River Ridge" and "Crow's Nest Pass"). As Ron Richardson wrote a very fine feature in the March 1994 issue of the Journal, of the many attractions of the Calgary area and other Alberta attractions, I won't go into further detail here.

The other Prairie Provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba have plenty of tourist potential with canoeing, hiking, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities, all competing for the tourist dollar. Manitoba has a wealth of lakes and water-based adventure tourism of every conceivable kind is available. The City of Winnepeg has spacious attractive tree lined streets and is the major service centre for Manitoba, with main roads and railway lines radiating away from it in all directions like the spokes of a gigantic wheel. On the border of Saskatchewan and Manitoba is the mining town of Flin Flon, where the huge Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting plant offers guided tours at 8.30 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during June, July and August.

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designed city with a good public transport system and beautiful shopping centres, of which the Eaton Centre is perhaps the best known. Fully air-conditioned, it has shops selling a mind-boggling variety of foodstuffs, apparel and merchandise. Toronto also boasts the highest man-made free standing tower in the world. The CN Tower, built primarily as a Communications Network structure, has also become a focal point for tourists, and a symbol for Toronto. More than 553 metres high, It is possible to go up over 440 metres to the revolving restaurant, and a further 70 metres to the second observation pod, where a spectacular view of Lake Ontario, Toronto Island, and the waterfront area featuring Ontario Place can be enjoyed. The historic Fort York is worth a visit. Here, colonial life has been re-created by live actors engaged in everyday activities at a military garrison as it was more than two hundred years ago.

Niagara Falls is about 90 minutes drive from Toronto, and perhaps one of the most accessible natural wonders of the world. It is truly awesome in full flight whether viewed from below on board the Maid of the Mist sight-seeing boat, from Table Rock, the closest pedestrian vantage point, or from one of the observation towers overlooking the falls. No one visiting Toronto should neglect the chance to see Niagara Falls.

The Trent-Severn Canal system of waterways, locks and gates is a series of engineering marvels and also worth a visit if time permits. There are several Art Galleries and Science Museums that are well worth visiting in Toronto, and some of these specialise in the "hands-on" type of exhibit. The Sky Dome the city's newest landmark vies with the CN tower with its impressive architecture and sheer size. Autumn in Ontario is especially beautiful, with spectacular colours adorning the many deciduous trees.

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its eastern border, while the Coastal Mountain range follows the crenellated coastline for much of its Western side. The land mass between these two massive mountain ranges is also very high and known as the Interior Plateau. The rugged undulating countryside forces the province's many rivers to seek tortuous routes to the sea or inland lakes, and this produces some of the most spectacular mountain, river and lake scenery in the world.

Every year millions of salmon from the Pacific swim up British Columbia's many rivers to spawn in peaceful inland waters and lakes. The fish processing industry is one of BC's most important, with timber and mining also of growing importance.

The provincial capital, Vancouver, is a strategically placed city with a fine harbour. It is the main port for the Canadian Pacific Coast, and is the major rail terminal and shipping connection for Western Canada. Its pleasant climate, beautiful parks and gardens make it a popular vacation spot, and tourists are well catered for with a good selection of accommodation.

The baskets of flowers hanging from lamp posts, give Vancouver a special charm, and the courtesy of local people towards visitors, make it a specially enjoyable experience.

The quaint old world charm of Victoria, the main city of Vancouver Island make it, too, a relaxing place to visit. Buchart Gardens are world famous and many people take the ferry crossing from Vancouver to Victoria just to view them.

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Milford Track - 'The Finest Walk In The World!'

By Ace O'Hara

New Zealand's Milford Track in the Fiordland National Park has been promoted as "The Finest Walk in the World" since 1907. It attracts both experienced trampers and novice walkers from all round the world, and almost invariably after walking its 54 kilometres they agree it is indeed unique and unsurpassed. What makes it so special?



Moss adorns trees on the track.



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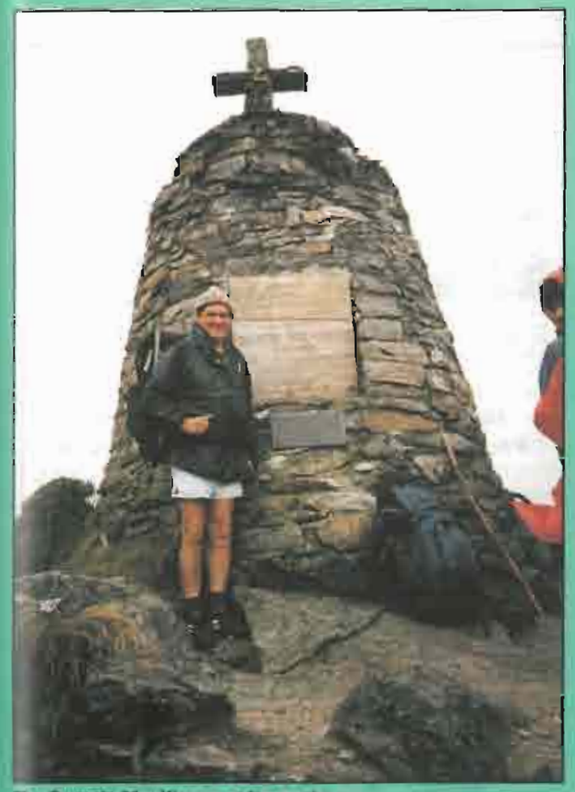
change of clothing and toilet gear.

This is organised by South Pacific Hotels (formerly the Tourist Hotel Corporation) and is known as the Milford Track Great Walks (MTGW). You stay at top class hotels at the beginning and end of your walk, and the Hut accommodation provided on the track is good with comfortable beds, excel-



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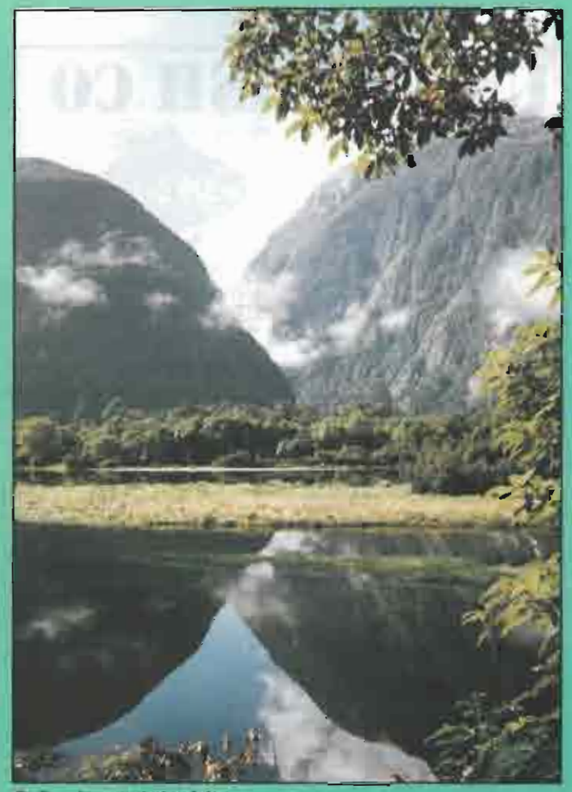

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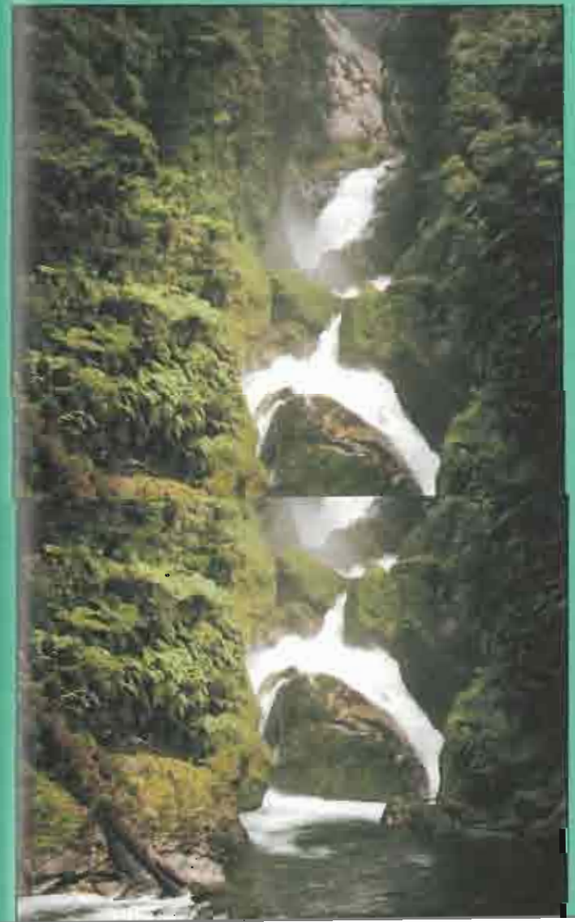



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The DOC huts are very basic with bare bunk beds (no pillows) and rockgas rings are provided for you to cook your meals. Very limited heating and drying facilities are provided in the huts. Either way, it is essential to book well ahead. You need to be fairly fit, for it is a strenuous tramp especially on the third leg which climbs more than 500 metres over the mountain pass at the snow line, and then descends over 1000 metres on a narrow rocky track often crossed or cut by running rivulets of water.

I had twice previously been to Milford Sound. First in April (1989) then February (1995) and both times the weather was perfect with bright sun and pleasant conditions, which allowed the voracious sand flies that populate this area to have a feast of my exposed parts. The second time they did so despite the presence of insect repellent. I booked four months in advance, convinced that February would turn on good weather. Wrong!!

The Fiordland area boasts up to 360 inches of rain a year, and it can (and does) rain at any time. Although the rain reduces visibility and can be a discomfort, it does makes the hundreds of water falls that tumble their way down precipitous mountain sides more spectacular.

No sensible tramper would attempt to walk the track without effective rainproof gear, thermal underwear, and warm (woollen) top clothing. I stress the need for an efficient pack liner. In my ignorance I thought to make do by wrapping individual items of clothing in plastic shopping bags. Wrong again!!. This kept items dry that were in the middle of my pack but it didn't protect against capillary action from the sodden bottom of my pack which soaked up water like a greedy sponge.

The Department of Conservation puts out excellent advice notes on the track, how to prepare for it, and what to carry with you and this advice should be followed to the letter, for it is based on sound experience. The D.O.C. huts are basic, with bunk beds, rockgas cooking rings, sinks and cold water taps, tables and bench seats, and a drying room. Lighting is either by gas or solar battery powered electric bulbs. There are free-standing toilet blocks with flush toilets, but no showers or hot water. One fixed basin and cold tap, together with eight plastic basins comprise the ablution facilities.

Only 40 Freedom walkers are permitted to leave each day because there are only 40 bunk beds in the DOC huts. The first hut at Clinton Forks has a great little pot bellied stove in the drying room which can be banked up with firewood and then damped down to quietly burn all night and dry all the trampers' wet clothing efficiently.

My only criticism of the Mintaro and Dumpling huts are the gas-fired heaters in the drying rooms. These are totally inadequate to dry the wet clothing of 40 trampers, because they are not lit by the Hut Warden till after 6pm, and then turned off (for safety reasons) by 10pm when everyone retires to bed. It rained for the first three days I was on the track and on the final day, 40 unhappy people woke to find a drying room full of sodden clothes. I walked out on the final day with a pack full of wet clothes, and caught a cold as a result. Despite this, I enjoyed the walk.

The Beech forest trees festooned with sphagnum moss and growth of all types and the many ferns that lined the track were a constant joy to me as were the many views of the crystal clear Clinton river where the track flanked it for much of the first and second day.

Hundreds of little rivulets of clear water crossed and recrossed the track constantly to wend their way to the swollen river. As one progressed up the track on the second day, the steep granite cliffs on either side of this narrow glacial valley seemed to close in oppressively and tower over us in such a threatening way. The aftermath of previous huge avalanches was all too evident and confirmed the ever present danger.

The most recent avalanche sites were difficult to negotiate, as the water flows were constantly cutting new paths through the tangled mix of crushed trees, rock, rubble and vegetation. Native ducks, geese and other water fowl populated the serene Mintaro Lake, and strutted its grassy banks.

The third leg up and over the MacKinnon Pass was very demanding, with the track at times less than half a metre wide and falling away hundreds of metres on the low side to the bush covered valley floor below. (One man in our party got vertigo and could not continue the climb. He was forced to return to Glade Hut and take the launch back to Te Anau).

Here and there the occasional pile of dirty unmelted snow, metres deep, lay at the foot of a scree slope, sheltered by the folds of rock and protected from wind or sun. The presence of these and the altitude, meant that the temperature never got too hot, though beneath layers of PVC, wool, and thermal clothing, the perspiration from our efforts ensured that each of us were just as wet under our coats as we were outside from the relentless rain.

As the track left the canopy of the bush, growth showed a dramatic change, with snow-stunted beech trees giving way to miniature flax, hebe, Mt Cook lily, and various other colourful alpine plants, bushes and lichens. Finally we reached the windswept tussocky pass where a stone monument has been built to honour Quentin McKinnon, the man who discovered the pass in 1888 and pioneered the Track.

Just a few metres away is the "twelve second drop". An awesome plunge into the Arthur Valley 1000 metres below. Wispy clouds of mist were blown up and over the pass to dissipate when they reached the Clinton Valley side. Three Japanese girls in our group insisted on being photographed with the summit monument as a backdrop. Feeling such a sense of achievement, I too had to be photographed at the stone cross.

It wasn't the end of the climb – we still had a further 150 metres up the spine of the pass to reach the highest

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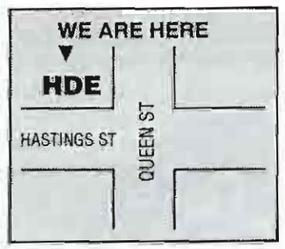

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point of the track (1155m.) A little further on there is a D.O.C. shelter hut and nearby they have placed a circular concrete long-drop dunny, which has a window with the most awesome view in the world. I won't describe it as "breath-taking!" for a whiff of the air in this toilet was something that one would want to avoid if possible.

The 1000metre descent to the Arthur Valley floor is the most physically taxing part of the Track, especially if you are carrying a heavy pack. The track is rough, with large loose stones and boulders cut by a rivulet of water which flows down the track for much of the way. The regular flow of this water ensures that the stones are always loose and therefore unstable and very tiring to walk on or stumble across. I found my trusty manuka stick a great help to maintain balance walking in these conditions.

Once the bush line is reached, the way is a little easier. D.O.C. staff are cutting a new and very steep section of the track to make the most of the views of a cascading river as it crashes and plummets its way down a series of rocky steps in a narrow gorge fringed with native beech, fuschia and ferns. It is perhaps the most spectacular section of the whole track, (apart from Sutherland Falls).

Reaching the valley floor, there is a short flat detour to view Sutherland Falls, (the fourth highest in the world). These falls in heavy rain can be quite awesome in their plunge 580 metres down three sections from Lake Quill, to the valley floor below.

I expected more birdlife on the track, but we did see four wekas, numerous bell birds and silver eyes, and three keas kept us amused at Mintaro Hut. There were no fantails – even at Sandfly point, where fantails would have a ready-made feast, there was not one to be seen. (Perhaps that's why there are so many insects). We were lucky to see a pair of native falcons, and also heard the distinctive "tur-r-r-r-r-ee" of kiwis calling at night.

The 18.5km walk out on the final day was most enjoyable and greatly assisted by brilliant sunshine. The track for the most part was flat and along the forest floor with the occasional section over a former avalanche. Then it skirted several small lakes, and finally Lake Ada.

The bracing morning air was so still, and reflections in the lake so spectacular, that they just begged to be photographed. At Sandfly Point the end of the track, trampers now have the option of paddling single or double sea kayaks back to Milford Sound, or take the launch for the short but spectacular trip back to the modern bus and launch terminal.

For $200 and four days of effort, I got the greatest exhilaration from the views, and a sense of achievement at having done "The Finest Walk in the World."

If you are thinking of walking the track, get fit first, and heed the advice given in the D.O.C. brochures. Take a heavy plastic pack liner, and reliable wet weather clothing (Gortex type for preference). If you suffer from vertigo, don't even attempt the Milford Track, for in parts on the third day it winds a high and precarious track. It does however have a very special magic and romance that no other track can duplicate.

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Roy Jones, Editor, No. 7 Region British Section

AN IPA GRACE

The chairman of the South West region, Graham Bulford, composed this grace which was used for the first time at our National Council Meeting our region hosted in May...

Lord, from members gathered here,
We thank you for our food and beer,
To serve through friendship is our aim,
And do our duty in His name.
Amen.

BOURNEMOUTH – MAY 2000

Following the advice of the International Treasurer the dates of the Golden Jubilee celebrations have been moved back one day and are now between 7th and 13th May, 2000. This is to allow our European and overseas visitors to take advantage of Apex fares.

WALKING IN THE SOUTH WEST

Pam and I try to walk most weekends between Autumn and Spring and coastal paths are our favourite. We live in an enviable part of the country for walking – hill, beach, coast or country walks are all in easy reach, but there's something extra special about North Devon. Rolling moorland, wooded valleys which drop to the sea in dramatic fashion, history and legend combine to make this a magical area for us. South Devon, North Somerset and Dorset are also pretty good and have some spectacular views.

But however good the scenery, the ever changing face of the ocean adds a new dimension. The menace of its raw power is often hidden under a tranquil





Charmouth, Dorset (autumn).

facade, but to walk the coast in a gale is to see awesome nature at its tumultuous best. As waves crash against cliffs to send torrents of water hundreds of feet into the air, exhilaration is tempered by the sheer intimidating force of the ocean.

But the time you read this I anticipate we shall have made the difficult adjustment from your summer to our winter and have got into our stride again.

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

Bank Holiday weekends in this part of the country brings tremendous problems to our colleagues in the traffic divisions of the South West Forces. In spite of the fact Bank Holidays are synonymous with wet weather, holiday makers flood into the area from East, West and North. The motorways and trunk roads become corridors of congestion as traffic funnels towards holiday destinations in Devon, Dorset, Somerset and Cornwall. Twenty mile-plus tailbacks are common for anything up to eight hours on Saturdays.

GLASTONBURY 1996

The modern Glastonbury Abbey originated in the 5th century and lasted until destroyed by Cromwell's men in 1539. Now its magnificent ruins are one of the focal points for mystical ley lines, it's the home of the Christmas Thorn and the supposed burial place of King Arthur and his queen, Guinivere. Legends and mystery were put aside for the August Bank Holiday weekend as marquees were erected in its spacious grounds, together with a temporary stage. Then in came the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, a Welsh Male Voice Choir and the Fanfare Trumpeters of the Goldstream Guards to give a concert of classical music.

Now anyone who arranges an outdoor function during the English summer takes a bit of a gamble. And to arrange one on a public holiday weekend when rain is almost guaranteed, shows a trust approaching naivety. The trust was certainly not misplaced as far as the punters were concerned, some 7000 tickets were sold weeks in advance.

The day dawned to torrential rain, which kept going until the audience began to arrive. Then it stopped and stayed away until the concert was finished. I'm told the music was superb, the atmosphere incredible and the fireworks display, which finished the evening's entertainment, quite fantastic.

Unfortunately Pam and I missed it. Our daughter, having by some devious means, got early knowledge of the event, booked us to look after the children, and only then told us why.

Ah well! We did train her – and we do have her to thank for the photos. Galling, isn't it?

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OK class, all together; one times one is one...

By Des Hall

It being well over half a century since I was a part of the national education system, I'm no longer - if ever - qualified to comment on what goes on in the classroom.

Hence I don't know whether one daily ritual of our primary school classes is still a part of the curriculum. Before we got down to the first formal business of the day we went through the chanting of our times tables. They were tools of lifelong usefulness, or at least they used to be...

First of all, it wasn't my fault. I didn't start it nor did I do anything to keep it going. Well, not much.



It was a newspaper report of June 5 1993 which kicked the whole thing off. It told us that "thousands of Aucklanders last night enjoyed their last chance this century to see a lunar eclipse." The earth, we were told started moving between sun and moon at 11.11pm and a total eclipse was effected by 12.12am.

"Eighteen members of the Auckland Astronomical Society gathered at the Auckland observatory on One Tree Hill to enjoy the event." No problems so far. But wait.

A society officer went on to say ...this was the last (eclipse) to be visible from New New Zealand this century.

The next lunar eclipse visible from this country is expected in July 2000, he noted.

Didn't you feel the earth - or moon - move there? You should have because I wrote a most moving letter to the N.Z. Herald about it. The gist of the letter appeared in a column which appears under the nom de plume Harold Angel. ('Harold' at that time being Garth George, a veteran of the printed page and known to many old hands in our service.)

"You would think," Harold wrote from my letter, "that of all people, astronomers would know when one millennium ended and another began." I'm sorry to have to quote me here but it helps to keep the story alive. I think.

"This sort of innumeracy," writes Mr Hall "is greeted with despair by people of my generation brought up in the days of the three Rs.

"...The first year of the Christian era ended on December 31, 1 AD. The first decade ended on December 31,10 AD. The first century on December 31, 100 AD; the first millenium on December 31, 1000 AD; and the second millenium will end on December 31, 2000 AD. The 21st century will begin at 00.01 hours on January 1, AD 2001." So there, ended Harold.

After that burst I sat back smugly, knowing I'd done my bit to restore the arts of simple arithmetic to the hearts and souls of astronomical societies and anybody else who gave a damn.

Alas. Harold Angel again, July 7 1993. "Some people can still count," his column noted. "Not in ages have we had as much mail about anything as about Des Hall's dissertation on the beginning of the millenium. All but one agree he's right about the year; the rest say he's a minute out. The (third) millenium will begin at 00.00 hours on January 1, 2001, not at 00.01 hours."

Well, I thought, as you may have done too, that's that. Until July 27, did I think it. Then the heavies started to move in and the fun really began.

On that date there appeared, again in the same column (Harold Angel was by now surely entertaining unAngelic thoughts about me) word from a visiting professor at Auckland varsity, averring that the 20th century began just after midnight on December 31, 1899, and the 21st century (will) begin just after midnight on December 31 1999...

"The year 2001 is a popular choice," we were informed, "among those who learned to count 1,2,3...10, instead of the correct way which is, of course 0,1,2...9. For example in the first year of its life a child is 0 years and from 0 to 365 days old." I could feel the waters closing in here, as the millennia of my lives flashed past under this heavyweight assault.

All was not lost though, thanks to the English paper 'Weekly Telegraph' of April 24 1994. It reported that a Millenium Festival is to be held at Greenwich (yes, that Greenwich) beginning at midnight on December 31 1999. A millenium clock 'visible from many parts' will be mounted on the meridian

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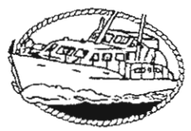
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of zero longitude to count down the time second by second to midnight on December 31 2000.

This wasn't the last word about the siting of the celebration Rival would-be hosts Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow have also entered the fight, although the report on the subject noted that supporting the ... festival at Greenwich made sense.

I couldn't resist it. Off went the story to Harold Angel with a final triumphant "That (ends in 1999) sort of thinking must account for all sorts of problems." Harold allowed this to appear but added a damaging final thrust. He wrote: "...Those who establish policy at the New Zealand Herald have decreed that the new millenium begins for us at one second past midnight on December 31 1999. What more is to be said?"

To put it bluntly, a hell of a lot more – I muttered – not that anyone was listening. Enter one Peter Tory writing to the English 'International Express,' who also was able to count from one to 100 without ending at 99. I did my best to comfort him with a response in that paper but whether or not he read it I'll never know.

It was a Meadowbank (Auckland) reader who next came to the party in the Herald, noting that the December 1999 canard wasn't the only one. In fact there will be, he noted a lunar eclipse on September 16 1997 from 6.32am. Well, I thought - as would you if you'd been me - that's it. There is no more. They must shut up now.

In between however there was support from a most unlikely source, the Hon. Bill Birch on the occasion of making his budget speech on June 30 1994. Said Mr Birch, inter alia and I quote him: "...the end of the century (is) now only five and a half years away." We were then, you have noted already just five and a half years away from December 2000. It was very encouraging and suggested that at least one country has a Minister of Finance who can count and add up accurately, a rare attribute in the world's general financial chaos today.

I laughed too soon, right up to the opening of the Sunday Star-Times for July 10 1994. "The End Of The Millenium Is Nigh" read the huge advertising headline. Said the copy below "The night of 31st December 1999 heralds a momentous event in history. When the clock strikes twelve and the year 2000 arrives, the occasion will call for a ... toast."

Of course it would. The ad was placed by a major wine company inviting customers to go into a draw for $250 bottles of a special brew for the occasion.

I wrote. I wrote politely but firmly, while resisting comment about people who did too much tasting of their own immature brews, and got back an equally courteous reply.

They thanked me for my interest in the 'investment' and totally ignored - this is the bit that hurt - the contents of my letter. Would they, I ask myself to this day accept $249 payment for a $250 bottle of wine? How come my 2.49 'centuries' is worse than their 0.99 of a 'century.'



However there was little time to fret as a new challenge appeared, this time from the Australian Women's Weekly of July 1994, which ran a column commencing "In less than six years' time January 1 of the year AD 2000 will usher in a new century and a new millennium..." It was, if I may resort to Ockertalk, too bloody much. I wrote complaining, politely as usual. But there was a bigger gun on the horizon this time.

The writer of that article quoted - tin hats on everyone - the Sydney edition of the Reader's Digest, which referred in a 'Facts and Fallacies' piece to other notable celebrations concurrent with 2000AD. Examples were the year 5760 in the Jewish calendar and 11 Pausa in the Hindu calendar.

True to form the Digest, whose editor had been sent a copy of the letter, responded promptly and courteously. More damagingly they introduced a note of logic. After all that had gone before, this threw me for a while.

Said the Digest "When midnight ushers in January 1 AD 2000 Christian countries... will celebrate the beginning... of a new millennium." That, said the Digest, is exactly what will happen. (i.e. they will celebrate.) It was a telling blow, supported by the N.Z. Listener which was next to stick out its chronological neck, in a half-column in September 1994 headed 'Party Party'. It threatened to produce an unanswerable answer.

"Every time someone dares to suggest that midnight on December 31 1999, will be the time to welcome the new century, orthodox millennialists leap into print pointing out "...the current one doesn't end until December 31 2000. Yawn. These pedants may well be right but when did common usage ever pay much attention to mathematical exactitude." But wait.

This was a breakthrough and not from an expected source. At last, somebody had been honest enough to admit it. "We like the sound of '2000', they are saying. "It's the big changeover year, the moment we leave the 1900s behind, so to hell with what's right, we're going to party anyway."

I liked it, to be truthful. It was a bit like one team saying to the other "OK, we agree, the score shows you won but we enjoy the after-game booze up more than the footy and we're going to celebrate." Not so calm was the atmosphere in the Pacific ocean's islands though.

That same month Chatham Islands residents skirmished with the populace of Vava'u and Tongatapu, as to who could claim to be the first place in the world to see the new day (following December 31 1999, that is, but there; if varsity types can get it wrong there must be some excuse for the Chathams and Tonga.) Oddities of latitude will in fact allow the former to see the new dawn 73 minutes before the Tongans, although a few km further from the

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dateline. By now I was wishing I'd never mentioned the rotten millenium but it was too late. The world was embroiled.

Back to the Herald which ran a long article in February 1995, concerning an ex-pat Kiwi in London who is joining forces with an Auckland lawyer, to have high-paying visitors witness the event at a big ra-ra session in the Chathams - on December 31 1999 of course. High paying in this instance means, I understand about $50,000 a head, for which sum they could probably, and more usefully send two paroled lesbian dpb revolutionaries to next year's indigenous peoples' conference which will keep them talking to the year 2001 and give us all some peace. OK. Where was I... The QANTAS magazine for July 1995 congratulated another enumerate for creating the first calendar for 2000, "containing everything you'll need from December 1999 onwards. "Disregard" it says "those pedants who say..." well, you know by now what we pedants are saying and may I ask - if a QANTAS 747 gauge in mid-Pacific reads 1999 when it should show 2000 do the flight crew murmur "She'll be right, near enough, no problem." I'd like a response to that fairly urgently.

Back to the east coast however, and to Gisborne's mayor His Worship John Clarke who, in September 1995 said he expected up to $6 million a day to be pumped into the city as tourists party in the year 2000. Gisborne, the news report reminded us is the first city in the world to see the sun.

Bruno Peek, of Lowestoft in Suffolk speaking also in September 1995 has a plan to light one million beacons worldwide starting in Wellington at midnight on December 31 1999, for which purpose he is asking the British Millenium Commission for seven million pounds, and has formed a company, Beacon Millenium to support his cause. But - tin hats on. Time for the heavies again although this time on my side.

The Rev Dr M. Ainslie of Australia came out swinging at this, advising Mr Peek he would "make him(self) the laughing stock of all the educated people throughout the world... There are," the Rev Dr pronounced finally, "10 years in a decade, not nine."

He was in fact supported later by another Aussie (see, some can count) who added in his letter "Incidentally, the start of the 20th century was celebrated on January 1st 1901."

After that it was just slightly heartening to read in the Herald on January 25 this year, a par beginning "The mysticism surrounding the welcoming of the much-imagined year 2000..." And on that mysticism thing it might not be inappropriate (cabinet jargon for OK) to invite you to read next edition's absorbing follow-up. What happened to the missing year. Or years. Can the excitement, the elan be sustained.

I've often asked myself that.

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While recognising that the International Police Association Section in Australia and New Zealand are separate entities and accepting the need for each Section to maintain its distinct identity, there is also a recognised need to establish closer and more intimate co-operation between the Sections.

This Memorandum of Understanding formalises discussions held in Dunedin, New Zealand on the occasion of the 30th Annual General Meeting, between the New Zealand NEB and the Vice-president, Australian Section, Mr Merv Pegler.

Objectives

1 To develop closer understanding of issues relating to each Section and where appropriate, contribute to discussion in their resolution.

2 To co-operatively, where appropriate, develop and support submissions to the PEB, or other international committees.

Undertakings

1 Each Section will appoint from within its NEB a National Liaison Officer. (It is recommended that the Vice-president be the National Liaison Officer).

2 Copies of minutes relating to the Annual General Meeting, and minutes of the NEB and NEC, where appropriate, will be exchanged via the National Liaison Officer.

3 A copy of each edition of the National Magazine of each Section will be distributed to the respective National Liaison Officers.

4 Where practicable and, on invitation, a nominated person will attend Annual General Meetings or other meetings as deemed relevant, of each Section, provided:

a. the cost of each visit will be met by the Section nominating the member, and;

b. if the person attending is not the National Liaison Officer, then the National Liaison Officer will be responsible for providing to the person nominated to attend, a comprehensive written briefing identifying current issues relating to the respective Section and outlining issues under discussion by his own Section.

5. The National Liaison Officer will provide a report to each national meeting held by his Section, relating to issues or other matters affecting the Section for which he is responsible.

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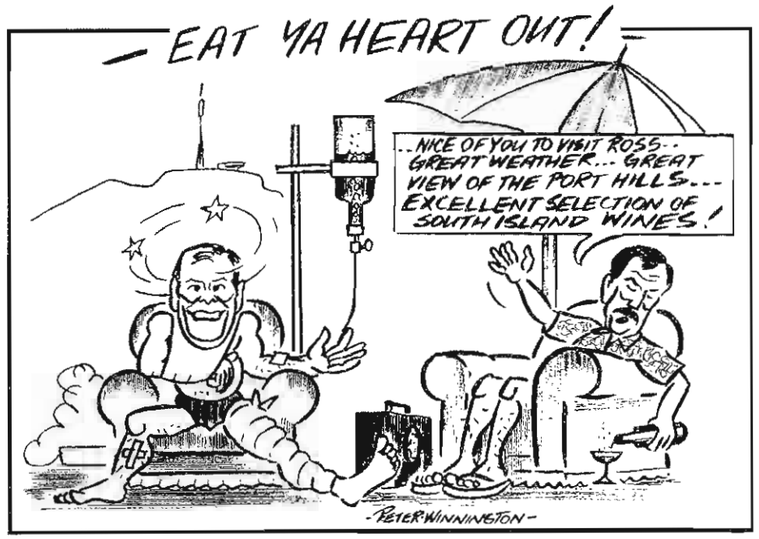
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...



Graeme McColl

MOVING ON

Often it is a chance remark that spurs people to contribute items to newspapers and magazines - so it is with me. A silly remark from Ross Pinkham about me being "Top bandage tutor for the St John Ambulance" in the October issue of the IPA Journal is just that spur.



I retired from the Police in February of 1996. I had to retire as I had no physical or mental disability to warrant my "Perfing", or continuing on. The opportunity for a new career in another emergency service beckoned. I now hold the position of Disaster Response Planning Coordinator, employed by the St John Ambulance Service in Christchurch, with responsibility for the Health Services response to major emergencies throughout the South Island on behalf of the Southern Regional Health Authority.

The position utilises my planning and coordination skills, the type of work that I enjoyed most in Policing. I work with a range of Health professionals, including ambulance staff, doctors, nurses, hospital administrators, ski patrols, DOC rangers, Defence Department and many other dedicated and keen people. The Ambulance Service, in particular, is like the Police in a state of change. In their case it is one of growth and expanding skills as they fully participate in the health sector reforms. I have also found doctors and nurses staffing the hospital emergency departments to be highly skilled and professional.

I am very impressed with the level of training and skills of ambulance staff, their ongoing training programme and the provision of training qualifications for voluntary staff. Far better than anything in the Police. Staff are keen to develop and have full support from the St John Organisation. St John training courses have been accepted by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority - training really matters in this emergency service.

Part of my work involves risk management of possible health emergencies in the South Island. Apart from the usual earthquake/tsunami type scenarios, consider these facts:

- 1.5 million overseas tourists visited NZ in the year to 31 March 1996.
- 50% of these overnighted in Christchurch.
- 40% overnighted in Queenstown.
- There are 50-60 tour bus movements a day in the Mt Cook-Queenstown Region.
- Up to 400 passengers a day travel on the Trans Alpine Express train.
- The distance from one end of the West Coast to the other is greater than Auckland-Wellington.
- Country ambulances are few, staffed by volunteers who have other important jobs in these communities.
- Hospital facilities in the country areas are very limited.
- Weather factors - the scenery is beautiful but it does snow at times, restricting travel.

Putting all these factors together, we come up with an equation that there could possibly be a mass casualty incident in an isolated area with few health

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resources and it could happen in inclement weather.

Rest assured the problem is being worked on. This all makes for great scenarios for the practical exercises that I facilitate for Hospital, Ambulance, Police and Civil Defence staff. When I say that I have interesting challenges in my work, people can generally see why.

There are advantages in my work - I get to live in Christchurch, a beautiful city that is big enough to offer choices in lifestyle and, at the same time, small enough to be friendly; I get to travel throughout the South Island and spend time in all the scenic locations (if only I had time to be a tourist); I meet dedicated and interesting people - and I get paid for all this!

My Police career lasted 28 years. I enjoyed it all and the friends and workmates I came in contact with. I meet many former Police contacts in my travels, those still in the Police and those who have left and now work for the Ambulance Service, Civil Defence and other organisations, and those, like Niall Shepherd in Arthurs Pass, who is the Constable and doubles as Ambulance first response volunteer. As a matter of interest, there are now at least five former Police staff involved in emergency planning in the health sector.

This is the second time in recent weeks that I have been spurred to write. The first was on receipt of a memorandum from Police National Headquarters, addressed to me personally as the District Commander at Hastings, outlining the implementation of a concept presented to a Senior Manager's meeting in June 1996 that I should have recalled.

There are only three things wrong with this:

1. I retired in February;
2. Hastings District ceased to exist on 30 June;
3. I was not at any Police meeting in June.

I had pleasure in responding to that slip by Headquarters, I assure you. However, I am a considerate man and did offer my services as a consultant, at the appropriate fee.

I can assure Ross that the St John Organisation has far broader skills than bandage rolling; there is a good life outside of Policing - and the wines are far better in the South Island than the principality of Napier.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to Constable Antony Victor Jennings for topping No. 163 (Ron Melrose) Wing at the Royal New Zealand Police College. He will be stationed at Wellington. Antony is awarded an honorary 12 months membership in the IPA.
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News from Castle Gimborn

The programme for I.P.A. seminars to be held at Castle Gimborn in 1997 has now been received. There is a total of 29 seminars, but only six of these are in English. Most of the others are in German with some being in Hungarian, French or Dutch. Those held in English are as follows:

IPA 8 – Structure and trade of non-integrated youth groups in European cities. A challenge for cooperation between social institutions, police and justice. To be held 18-23 May, 1997.

IPA 10 – Private Security Services - supplementing or ominous competition for the State's guarantee of public security? To be held 1-6 June, 1997.

IPA 14 – Youth Crime - shape, cause and solution. A discussion whether to punish or to help. A seminar only for young people between 18 and 26 years of age. To be held 6-13 July, 1997.

IPA 16 – Boundless freedom and security without boundaries? Preparing the way for security in the future for the European Union. Seminar for young police officers to 35 years of age. To be held 24-31 August, 1997.

IPA 17 – Securing peace - New tasks for national police forces in international operations outside their areas. To be held 8-12 September, 1997.

IPA 25 – Ethnic minorities in European Countries - Identify and integration of the Third Generation. To be held 16-21 November, 1997.

If anyone is interested in any seminar to be held at Gimborn please contact me for further information ... Alex de Kort.

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WINE CHAT WITH ACE



Scents and Sensibility

As a reader of this column, you will be familiar with some of the jargon wine writers habitually use to describe their impressions of the wines they taste.

Terms like cigar box, cedary, lead pencil, tobacco, violets, licorice, leather, black currant, raspberry, strawberry, peach stone, gooseberry, melon, capsicum, banana, mulberry, plum, apricot, etc. are all quite identifiable to the ordinary person. It gets a bit harder though, when they use words like, peppery, nettley, grassy, herbaceous, sharp, flinty, mown hay, racey, truffley, mushroomy, earthy, barnyard, feral, foxy, wet dog, cat's pee, tarry, sweaty saddle - however apt these terms may be.

I have previously written of the link between taste and smell, and explained that - while there are really only four basic taste senses: sweet, sour, salty and bitter, (see December 1986 issue) - there is a whole raft of olfactory or smell sensations with extremely fine differences, which combine with the basic taste senses provided by the taste buds on the tongue to create the complete impression triggered by the bouquet, aroma and subsequent taste of a wine. It is this total impression of which most wine writers try to provide a word picture, often with great success.

However recognising aromas is not always easy, certainly not as easy as some wine writers would have you believe. Sometimes finding the apt word or words to describe the sensation that you experience as you sniff, savour and swallow a particular wine can be frustrating. I liken it to knowing the precise word that the crossword clue suggests, but being unable to pluck if from your mental index. Or meeting an old friend and not being able to put a name to the face. Practice helps and, particularly if you attend regular wine tastings, you will be well aware of what to expect when a particular type or style of wine is presented, even before you raise the glass to your nose.



At the Festival of Fine Wine & Food at London's Olympia, a Taste Tunnel allows visitors to experience a wide variety of aromas and smells from herbs, spices and condiments, to fruits and vegetables. So well has this been received by patrons that a new portable collection of scents has been developed specifically to assist in the olfactory training of wine students and wine enthusiasts.

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WINE QUIZ

Unlike a previous wine quiz which was sponsored, and very difficult but earned the winner a dozen bottles of good wine and the runner-up half a dozen, this quiz is easy and the answers can be found in this issue.

1. What is the correct term for a wine steward?
2. The grape variety most widely grown now in New Zealand is?
3. Verde is a new sparkling wine produced by which company?
4. The biggest selling Portuguese wine is?

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5. How many standard bottles in a magnum?
6. What is Lambrusco?
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8. Which N.Z. wine variety is now regarded as a "bench-mark" for the rest of the world?
9. Peter Hubscher is the Managing Director of which wine company?
10. The Swedes import container loads of Nobilo's .....?

(Answers on page 102)

THIS AND THAT ABOUT WINE

It is sad to record the death in August 1996 of Stan Chifney, the doyen of Martinborough winemakers. Stan will be fondly remembered as one of the pioneers of grape growing and winemaking in the Martinborough region. He steadfastly stood by his view that Martinborough could make very good cabernet sauvignon, and proved his theory by some excellent vintages.

His talents extended beyond growing and making very good wine. He was also a fine violinist. If he was to choose the way of his passing, he would not have changed the circumstances, for he died while working in his winery. His family will be carrying on the Chifney tradition, and we can look forward to some more fine wines under the Chifney label.

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The same company has again, 34 years later, produced a Charmat style wine. The new wine is marketed under the familiar black Robard & Butler label as Chardonnay Cuvee 1996. It is available widely from supermarkets for less than $10.

ANOTHER FESTIVAL

Bay of Islands was the venue for another wine and food festival, held on Saturday 28th September 1996. Members of the Trade attended a Gourmet Dinner on Wednesday 25th, followed the next day by a Rotary Charity Auction, at the Quality Resort Waitangi.

Friday 27th September featured a wine tour to visit New Zealand's most northerly vineyard, and also allowed exhibitors to demonstrate to invited trade representatives.

The main public festival on Saturday featured Sam Hunt, and a number of rock and jazz groups played while over 40 wine and food exhibitors presented their range. Admission was $15 and the ANZ Bank on site sold Festival currency chips which were used to purchase wine tasting and food samples.

RECENT TASTINGS

Babich 1996 Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough).

This was a lovely wine with hints of passionfruit, melon and crisp gooseberry in the bouquet and following through on the taste. A wine with a real explosion of flavour in the mouth and drinking to perfection now. Priced at about $11-$12 it is wonderful value and a world class wine in this "drink-now" straight-forward style, so characteristic of the Marlborough area.

Tatachilla Cabernet 1996

This is my first red tasted from 1996 vintage, and it is "a beaut". The colour is dark dense purple, and the bouquet is berry-fruit and green walnuts. The wine itself is surprisingly smooth and agreeable for such a young red, and it has an intense and vibrant flavour which exhibits good length on the palate.

It has quite high alcohol (13%+) and at $13-$14, it is a great buy for the cellar, to drink in two or three years time (if you can resist for that long).



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Swiss Pilgrimage

By John Jossevel

As part of a recent nine week world trip, my wife Violet and I spent three days in Switzerland with help from the I.P.A.

My paternal grandfather was Swiss and during our stay I hoped to trace some of my family history. I had last visited the country in 1964 when I was 20 and had stayed with my great uncle in a village called Chexbres, above Lac Léman in Canton Vaud.

I wanted to visit places connected with my family which had originated in France as a Protestant Huguenot group which was persecuted by the French Catholics of that time. Many families left France for other European countries such as Holland, Belgium, Ireland and Switzerland where there was more tolerance of Protestant beliefs.

I contacted Jacques Le Gros who asked me to fill in the appropriate travel form. I asked for help with hotel accommodation, establishing whether my late great uncle's house was still standing and for some help with the history of my family. I subsequently received confirmation that contact had been made with the IPA in the area where my family had lived.

First personal contact came at 3.30 one morning by phone!!! My future host's daughter was speaking on his behalf as he spoke no English. They had forgotten the time difference. I was asked if I spoke French. I blearily replied 'un petit peu.' I explained that it was 'trois heure en Nouvelle Zealand' to which she replied, 'Oh merde.' A fax with all accommodation details was received the next day and also advice that my other requests were in hand.

The next fax received was from my daughter in London 10 days before our arrival in Switzerland. It was delightfully cryptic: 'Will meet you at the airport. Everything is OK.'

We flew into Geneva on 13 August, at 11 am. As we walked out of immigration we noted a gentleman holding an IPA pennant. This was Raymonde Guilliame, the president of IPA in Canton Vaud and host for our stay. He introduced himself and Mme Irene Csizmadia, IPA translator for the area, and her daughter Anne-Marie who was to be our interpreter. We were taken to the Airport police office and introduced to staff there whilst enjoying a glass of wine.

Anne-Marie was an excellent interpreter. We were never made to feel out of place during our entire visit thanks to her translating expertise.

When we eventually left the airport we drove around Lac Léman (Lake Geneva to foreigners and those living in the Canton Genéve!) towards Lausanne. We drove along the lower road which passes through towns and villages developed over years of occupation. Our first stop was Rolle, in the Canton Vaud, for lunch. Raymonde selected a local café where we were able to sit outside and look at the lake. We were introduced to the local fish dish - perch. This species is European but found in most countries in the world, including New Zealand. I fish for them for sport but have never eaten one before but was persuaded by Raymonde to try it. It was delicious, covered in a light batter accompanied by salad and a local white wine.

We didn't have dessert here as Raymonde knew another place. We drove further along the lake to another café in Morge. Here we were introduced to Raymonde's 18-year old son Aurelien, a pastry chef. We selected a suitably delicious sweet pastry to go with coffee.

We continued to Lausanne to drop our luggage at the Jeunhotel and then went on a city tour. From a vantage point overlooking the lake we saw the French coast to the south dominated by the Alps, and to the East the mountain ranges leading to the rest of Switzerland and beyond.

That evening we were taken to Raymonde's house for dinner. We arrived there to be welcomed into his apartment which was in a converted farmhouse. Raymonde's enthusiasm for IPA was clear as in his lounge was a mannequin in RCMP Mountie uniform,


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We again met Aurelien, and also his daughter Leticia, who was our early morning caller several weeks previously. We quickly forgave her as she and her brother were cooks for the evening. Aurelien supplied the savoury pastries and then we sat down to true Swiss fare - Fondue. Gruyäre cheese (produced without the holes in Switzerland) is blended with white wine and kirsch liqueur then melted in a large pot which is placed on a spirit heater on the table. A long fork is used to spear lumps of crusty bread which are dunked in the communal pot. We met another Swiss IPA member, Eric Sagar. His only English was 'Yum-Yum' but that said it all!

The food was complemented with local wines and liqueurs. The Swiss do not export their wines and I found I agreed with this 'selfish' attitude. It is a 'Vaudoise' tradition to drink white wine from shot glasses and a Swiss practise to look someone in the eye when toasting them. (Much eye contact was made during the evening!)

The next day was ours until mid-day so we caught the bus into Lausanne. Like most European cities, tickets are purchased from a machine by the bus stop. Instructions were printed in several languages and the route clearly displayed so there was no problem obtaining tickets. From Ouchy, a marina area of Lausanne, we took the funicular Metro from the lakeside through the town to the shopping and business area. Bus tickets remain valid for 90 minutes from purchase and are valid on the Metro. We strolled around shops and markets until mid-day when we met up with Raymonde, Ann-Marie and Irene at the railway station.



Violet with the Charlie Chaplin statue at Vevey on the shores of Lac Léman.

We drove east out of Lausanne onto the Corniche Rd. The word 'corniche' means 'Road on the edge of a mountain' a fitting name in this case. We entered the Lavaux area, also known as the Swiss Riviera, which is renowned for wine production. Both sides of the road are covered with vineyards, all south facing, receiving the full benefit of the sun. August is the ripening month and this day was a gem. The French Alps were well defined in the clear atmosphere. We stopped several times to enjoy the view. On the steeper slopes, tiny funicular rails wound amongst the vines. These carry boxes to transport the grapes during harvest. Owing to the steepness of the fields picking is done by hand, usually by school-children. The local holidays are timed to coincide with picking time.

Eventually, at another photo stop, Raymonde told me that Chexbres was just over the hill. It used to be a tiny village with post office, local store and bar. The quality of the grapes and the wine produced from there had improved greatly and brought the village into prominence. Chexbres is now known as 'The Cradle of the Lake'. Auguste Picard the creator of the deep sea diving bell lived in the village, and Sir Charlie Chaplin, who had made his home in nearby Vevey, is buried there.

We stopped for lunch at the Café de la Poste and enjoyed salade, steak with 'rosti' (grated fried potato), and ice cream. The lady who served us had to cross the main road through the village to the outside seating area with our food.

After lunch we called at the post office to locate my late uncle's house - 'Clos du Levant' - House of the Rising Sun. I showed a photo to the postmaster, taken during my last visit. He recognised it and gave directions - just a short drive to the last house on the left out of the village.

Recent work had been done on the house and grounds. There was a new cobblestone drive and most of the walls had been renewed. The vines were full



Raymonde with this RCMP burglar deterrent!!

of grapes. There was a young man working on the vines. His name was Christophe Chapuis. His family tended other vines in the village as well as those at Clos du Levant. He explained that the house had changed hands since my great uncle died in 1978 and was no longer owned by the Jossevel family but he invited us to look around. It turned out that his grandfather was my great uncle's nephew so we were related. I identified the area where I had pitched my tent in 1964 and noted again the local railway that ran through the middle of the vineyard. One had to look both ways before crossing to the upper rows.

We then drove on to Vevey, another town on the shores of Lac Léman. On the waterfront is a statue of Charlie Chaplin commemorating his attachment to the area. From Vevey we headed north to the town of Moudon. I had heard of Moudon through my grandfather and aunts but did not realise the full significance until Raymonde explained that the town had been founded in medieval times by several families, one of them the Jossevels when they had fled French persecution.

We were met by Commissaire de police, Philippe Dutoit and Mayor Jean- Daniel Faucherre. My request for research into my family's history had created interest and it was decided to take me to find some of it out for myself. We went on a tour of the 'old town' with a professional guide. He told me he recognised me as a Jossevel as I

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Police History: Slain On Duty

This is a tribute to those who died on duty – Slain On Duty, by Trevor Walker (NZ Police Association)

Reviewed by Ivo W. Davey

Twenty-four plaques on a wall of the Royal New Zealand Police College at Porirua commemorate members of the Police Force who have been killed on duty.

They range in time from Constable Neil McLeod, who was shot dead on July 30, 1890 at Mangawhare wharf (near Dargaville) by Henry Funcke, to Constable Glen McKibben who was shot by a passing motorist in Flaxmere, Hastings on April 21, 1996.

Four of the deaths were suffered during the Stan Graham manhunt – all at Koiterangi (in Westland) on October 8, 1941 – while attempting to seize Graham's guns and disarm him.

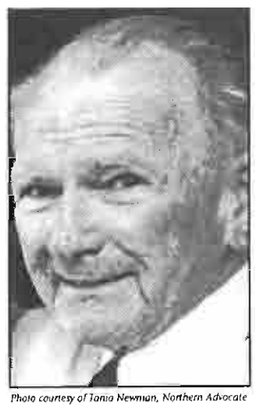
There is an account of how each victim died and an accompanying portrait, except for Sergeant McGuire, shot by the fugitive J.J. Powelka on April 14, 1910, for whom no portrait survives.

Commissioner Peter Doone writes in his foreword, "I and commissioners who succeed me will ensure that their memories will live on within the police as examples to all members of the highest standards of courage, contribution and dedication."

Police on duty know it can happen at any time while they are doing their normal job on routine partrol or calls.

While a retired career naval officer who was lucky enough to go through World War II without injury was discussing, in particular, an unpublished photo of the R.A.N. ship *Sydney* as a barely floating sieve after her last engagement in the Pacific, this book also came up for comment. His generalised summary was: "It is for these people that I have the very highest regard who know they may face death at any time and still go about their jobs without making a fuss about it."

Slain On Duty is a worthwhile tribute to these officers.



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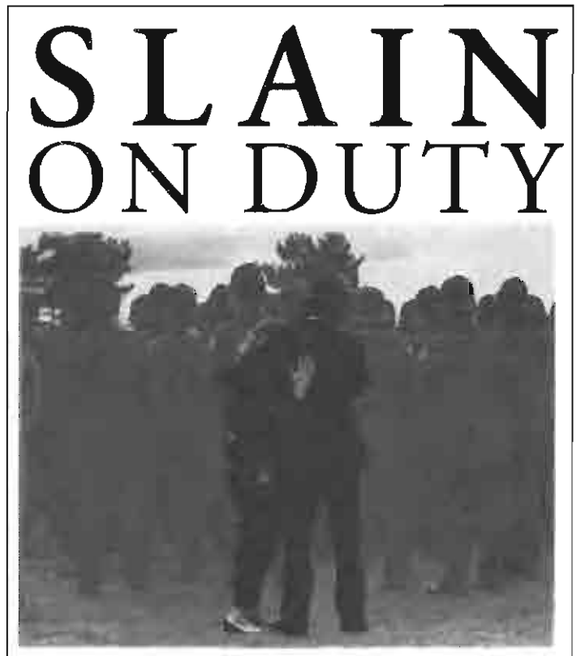

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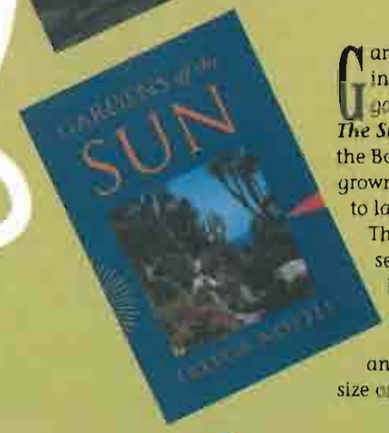
Today's Bookshelf

By Scrutator



One of the major diversions in New Zealand is visiting other peoples' gardens. Jillian and Denis Friar describe 254 New Zealand gardens, from north of Mangonui to near Invercargill, with splendid photos to go with the printed information. ***New Zealand Gardens To Visit*** (Hodder Moa Beckett) opens new worlds for travellers. If you want to see 'real' gardens, plan your next holidays or a weekend on the information in this book. Get the bug and meet others with like interests and on wet, bleak winter days, when visiting is out, hug the fire and read this book. It is fascinating.



Gardening for arid climates to reduce summer watering is the present vogue. Trevor Nottle tells us how to garden in warm temperate climates in ***Gardens Of The Sun*** (Godwit), that has application even south of the Bombay Hills. These heat-loving plants may be grown easily in containers in the sun from late spring to late autumn and then protected against frost.

The book is an eye-opener on how to deal with seriously rocky sections.

For the opposite style, Francesca Greenoak gives enough guidance in ***Water Features For Small Gardens*** (Reed), to entice us all into developing an economical but striking water feature in any size or shape of garden there is.



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New Zealand, The Ultimate Experience (David Bateman), a collection of some of the finest landscape photos I have seen, taken at and around tourist resorts, has been edited by Ralph Talmont.

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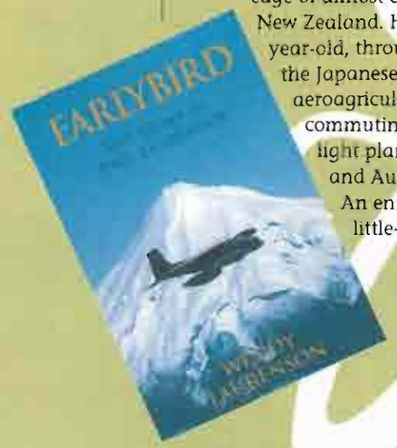
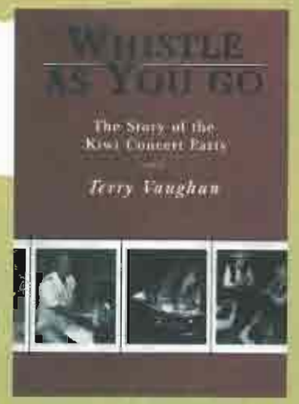


Earlybird, by Wendy Laurensen (Phil Lightband, P.O. Box 132, Mangonui) is the story of Phil Lightband, a pioneer New Zealand flyer who was at the cutting edge of almost every development in aviation in New Zealand. He flew with 'Smithy' as a seven-year-old, through the Pacific campaign against the Japanese, and returned to set up aeroagriculture, alpine flying, deer culling, commuting across the pond, delivery of light planes from makers to New Zealand and Australia and many other things. An entralling account of a little-known man.



Terry Vaughan's story of the Kiwi Concert Party of World War II, ***Whistle As You Go*** (Random House) is the only and entirely fascinating story of this show that gained international acclaim. These were the people who brought Kiwi theatre to the front line, then toured the major cities of Australia and New Zealand, a tour that lasted for eight years. But the concert party has never really died physically. Its members may have split, but though their number dwindled, survivors kept in touch. Terry Vaughan died a few months ago, but the memories of the party are still strong in Old Digs' minds. That is their memorial. Their physical memorial is in the Army Museum at Waiouru. If you haven't seen this you are remiss. And read this book before you go.



Wings Over New Zealand (Saint Publishing), with text and photos by John King, is the remarkably well illustrated and easy to read history of planes in New Zealand. Not every marque has been described, but about 40 are. Details and dimensions are given to each plane and the photos are works of art. It is a real addition to the history of aviation here and deserves good support by the public.



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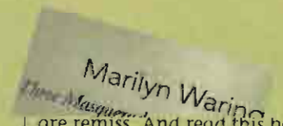

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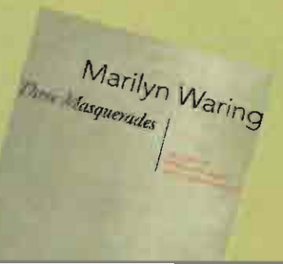
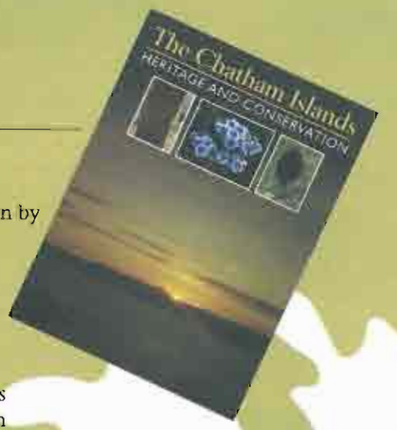


Rather heavier, are three essays by Marilyn Waring, ***Three Masquerades*** (AU Press & Bridge Williams), in which she argues equality, work and humans rights from the viewpoint of women. These essays probe 'the



Tony Sage's examination of the budget surplus and his proposal that it be used as the basis of a national individual retirement scheme deserves careful reading and consideration. ***The Budget Surplus*** (Parnell Publishers) is a key book in planning future superannuation schemes to replace the present unsatisfactory set-up. I do not suggest that Sage's proposal is perfect, but it does deserve more critical examination.



Alfred Preece wrote the foreword to ***The Chatham Islands, Heritage and Conservation*** (Canterbury University & DOC), in which each chapter is written by an authority, but the excellent editing has not been acknowledged. A pity. This is THE book of the Chathams on its natural history and management of its depleted resource. A beautifully produced job that unfortunately will attract more tourists who are just not wanted till some problems of tourist management have been sorted out. With the publicity the Chathams have had in several IPA Journals, there could be a rush when a vacancy is next advertised. Get in smartly. This book will do nothing to dissuade applicants.



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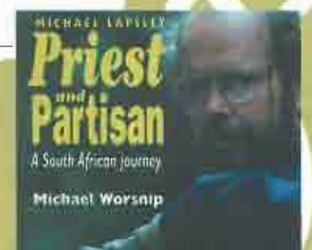

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Fixing Fuzzy Family Photos

by Fiona Foxall

Just because you are a Police photographer doesn't mean that you can take great photographs of children, but being a mother as well as a photographer means you are bound to have some practice and may even have some tips to pass on to other parents.

So for those of you who have a collection of dark and blurry images of your dearest little ones and your best efforts, when shown to friends, bring on forced smiles and the comment "lovely", you know this article is for you.

Firstly you must get a good camera, preferably a name brand and one with a zoom lens. Really study the instruction book and understand all its functions. Only then will you begin to photograph-record your children's personal histories.

The first rule is never, never take a horizontal photograph of a small child standing in the middle of a cluttered lounge at night. Instead, try turning the camera on its side for what is called a portrait photograph and most importantly, fill the picture up with the subject only. Horizontal shots are useful for groups, perhaps a crawling baby, or anything that has a horizontal shape to it. See the photograph of what seems to be an exception to the rule. However, it is not. The photograph of the child, by including the cotton reel and the hands now becomes a horizontal shape.

When you have more than one subject, say mother and baby, ensure the baby is close to mum's cheek. It may not feel comfortable for her to hold it like that, but the result will be a tender and loving image which makes it all worthwhile. The same rule applies for pictures of older children. Get them to tightly hug, say, Dad's neck. This will have the added bonus of making Dad really smile. Remember, get a tight shot.

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For suggestions on how to create a good portrait of older children, read on. Find some props...favourite cuddly toys and dress-up hats are great. Use a telephoto lens for head and shoulder photos – they're nicer and mean you are not so close and the child doesn't feel quite vourite one because you'll probably never get around to getting a reprint done and there's always risk of losing the negative.



Full flash in hard sunlight.



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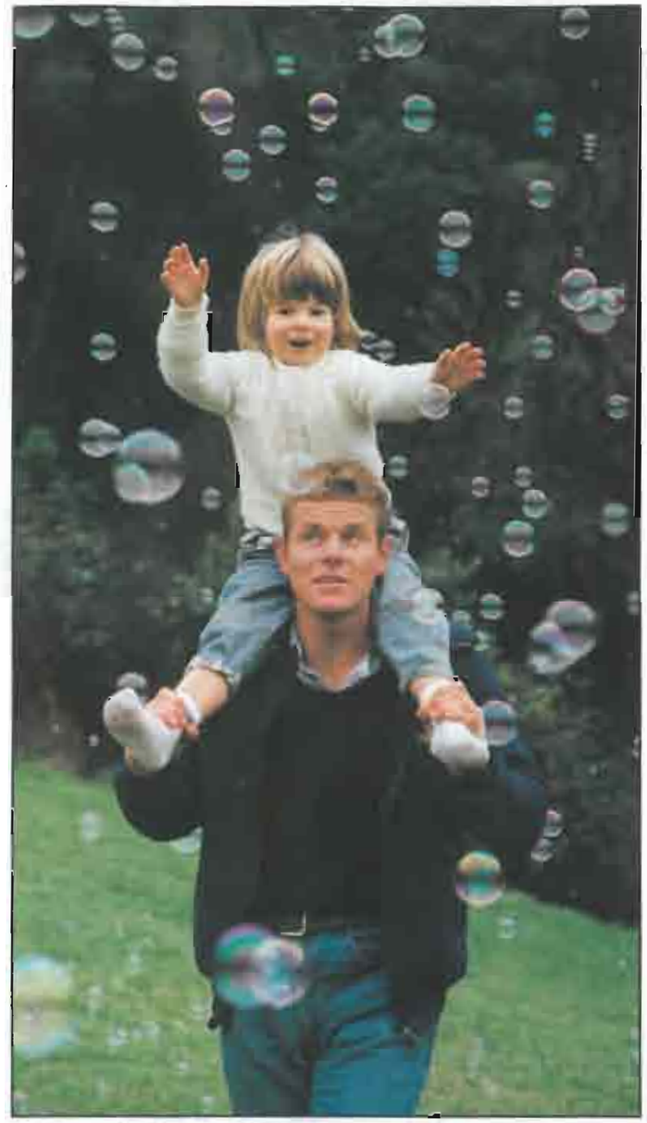
Adventure playgrounds are a great place for photographing your children. Dress them in bright stripey colours. Tell them they look great which keeps them happy. Playgrounds also give you a chance to address another hazard – shooting a fast-moving object! You can choose. Work out where your child is likely to end up and focus there (a brave move but well worth it to improve your skills). Examples are roundabouts, or perhaps halfway down a slide. Put your camera on a high speed. The tricky bit is your finger delay. It is easier to photograph them as they crawl through a bright tunnel, or halfway up a colourful ladder, or when they are crossing a bridge. Call to them, they'll stop and that's when you take your photograph.

There are lots of suggestions. Put your child somewhere where their movement is limited, i.e. a seesaw (have it up in the air), or on a stationary swing. Put them up on Dad's shoulders. Get down to their level. Lie on the floor – it isn't very comfortable but the results are worth it.

Now for the flash. These can be troublesome things that are needed for indoor photos. Try bouncing the light off the ceiling for a lovely soft light that also brings up the surroundings instead of direct face flashlight. Best of all is natural light and whenever possible take your child outside. A little shade gives a softer look rather than hard sunlight. You also don't get those squinty eyes. If you have to take photographs in hard sunlight, try using a full flash particularly if sunhats are being worn. However, overcast days give the best light for portraits.

Natural light can be gained by using window light. Stand mother and baby in window light but bring in a reflector (just a white piece of paper, cardboard or even a bedsheet). This will lighten the shadows which look fine to your eye but won't look very good on film. If you can't use a reflector, use a little fill flash. Most little "point and shoot" cameras have a fill flash function so this idea isn't just for the big camera buffs.

Finally, whatever you do, get them outside, get them interacting, get close to them, fill up the photograph with the subject and record them doing their favourite things. And what a proud parent-photographer you will be!!!!



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Green Thumb and Gardening Gurus



Without doubt, the rose is the best known flower in the world. It can be grown in any district in New Zealand, in any climate and in almost any soil. Its popularity is shown by the increase in the number of varieties and the different habits of growth in recent years.

The rose is more than a flower. It has entered history, it is a component of myth and legend and mysticism; it is grown for its perfume and its fruits have been collected and used for their high vitamin C content. Prostrate varieties cover steep banks to prevent erosion. Interweaving bush roses are planted by dangerous curves by highways to cushion motor vehicles that run off the road; others still, make stockproof fences.

Roses may be grown outside or under glass; they may live their lives in the ground or in a container. Their growth form ranges from miniatures a few centimetres high to large bushes more than two metres high and across, or to ramblers that will grow 20 metres high into trees or trained on a wall.

Flowers range in size from the huge pair held by Marilyn as an oversized brassiere in her portrait by Bert Stern, to those so small that a bunch of opening buds will make a buttonhole.

Flowers are any colour except blue. We have no truly blue roses yet, though it is rumoured tha tmodern genetic techniques will have solved this in a few years' time. But will we be better off when one does come? Our roses closest to blue are mauve, for the red factor remains to dilute the blue.

New Zealand is now the home of many enthusiasts are crowded with new, as yet unmarketed varieties undergoing trials which take several years to complete. When the trials are finished, the rose will have been graded for its flowers in several ways, for its hardiness, its adaptability to different soils and climates, its resistance to disease and the popularity of its flowers tested by annual public vote.

Just as the popularity of roses has grown, so too has more and more information become available about growing them here. Any library is a starting point for books on rose culture in New Zealand with descriptions of the most important varieties.





Off (And On) The Beaten Track in the Western Coromandel Peninsula

By Don Goodall

There are guidebooks with their information for busy tourists with only one day to tour the Peninsula. Then there are the tourists who have one or two weeks available who really wish to explore and understand the Peninsula. For the latter people, this article is for you.



Manaia Harbour.

The Coromandel Peninsula is usually entered at Thames. Thames was once New Zealand's largest settlement. Its economy was based on gold. The saloons and dance halls resounded to the tales of vast fortunes as those who made it rubbed shoulders with those who hoped to. Imagine before 1880, a town as wild as any you have ever seen in a Western movie. Dance troupes and dancing girls from USA, Sydney and Melbourne were regular visitors. Poetry readings were common and high ranked clergy were imported to preach on Sundays.

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piped from the Kauaeranga Valley and remnants of the aqueducts are still visible.

There are several sign-posted mines at the northern end of the town - one is open for visitors. Beside it you will find a fully functioning *stamper battery* and gold processing plant where the whole



process of gold extraction is carefully displayed. In the vicinity are miners cottages, residences of the well-to-do, a bevy of two-storey hotels and a few imposing public structures such as the Free Public Library, the 20 kilometre piped water supply from the Kaugeranga River and the School of Mines. The area (the original name was Grahamstown) is well signposted. Once, it even boasted an outdoor stock exchange, and steel Victorian letter boxes erected at horse height.

The Firth of Thames is one of the great places of assembly for bird migrations from New Zealand. By late summer and early autumn large flocks congregate on the mud flats, feeding themselves up for the long flight to the Northern Hemisphere. Stop a while at Kurunui Beach and see organised rows of birds, noses into the wind, waiting for the chequered flag to drop, signalling their departure to Siberia via Japan.



Sunset on The Coromandel.



Coromandel township.



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Continue north from Thames along one of the world's finest coastal highways. Each rocky outcrop guards a tiny sheltered bay. On weekends the rocks are alive with fishermen, the sedate pace of life much different from that of a century ago, as families wait in the bays for a seafood barbecue. Watch the cormorants and occasional gannet wheel and dive for food, retreating to the myriad of white capped off shore rocks to devour their catch. Watch also for the dolphins which roam the coastline; often frolicking, leaping into the air to belly flop into the sparkling waters, but on occasion wheeling and churning as they round up schools of fish.

Deviate from the State Highway at Tapu. Turn toward the beach and marvel at how Auckland's trams, last seen running in the mid-1950s, have been given a new lease of life. Sure, they've been added on to, formed into L and U shaped beach cottages, given lean-tos but there is no mistaking the original design. A similar "Tram-Town" is found further up the coast at Waikawau.

Walk along the beach behind the campground. The cemetery headstones on the point suggest fascinating stories of a heady, glamorous, if not dangerous past, as a timber milling and gold mining settlement. If the tide is retreating watch for the natural fish traps to appear along the river mouth. Who knows, you may find dinner waiting.

TRAVEL IN NEW ZEALAND

tarseal crimson. There you will see a wall-to-wall carpet of brilliant red with touches of ginger pollen. Along the shore the sea becomes bluer and the beaches sandier as the traveller heads further north. Off shore mussel concessions have been allocated and lines of spat covered ropes drop into the sea from the black buoys. Beyond lies the eastern shores of the Firth of Thames, with settlements like Miranda (with its hot thermal waters), Kaiawa, and Kawakawa Bay. North lie the islands of Pakatoa, Waiheke and the cone-like peak of Rangitoto marking the heart of Auckland City.

At Wilson's Bay the road finally leaves the coast. But don't despair the wrench is only temporary. As your vehicle begins the climb up the Kirita Hills you will see the beautiful horseshoe shaped Kirita Bay, (or Smugglers Bay to the locals.) The farm here, including almost the entire bay is owned by a group of 25 families from Matamata, and this is their annual holiday camp. How far are you from paradise now!

The view from the top of the Kirita is quite spectacular. North lies the Coromandel Ranges, merging into the Colville Range and its highest point, Mt Moehau. Off the tip of Cape Colville are the two Barrier Islands. The islands of the Gulf visible from here greatly outnumber those in the famous Bay of Islands. Immediately before you is the Manaia Harbour. The next inlet north is Te Kouma harbour ("The Cooms" to all yachties, famous for its incredibly sheltered harbour), and " Name Bay" where generations of yachties have inscribed their vessel's name on the hill side in shells. Beyond lies Coromandel Harbour, with its outlier islands the Cow and Calf. The farm immediately before you is owned by an Arab sheik. He and his farm manager are engaged in a breeding programme to create superior meat from hill country sheep. To the west lies the South Auckland Hunua Hills. On a clear day the Auckland Casino Sky tower is visible; at night you may be able to pick out its lights above

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For most of us it is a great occasion to look down on Auckland.

Now is also an ideal time to sit in the sun and let your mind wander back 200 years. By the 1790s square rigged English and Australian vessels were ploughing the sparkling waters of the Firth of Thames in search of timber. Maori canoes carried warriors and trading goods to the settlement known as Dunlops in Coromandel Harbour as early as 1797. The appetite for strong, true timber for European navies was so great that most forests from Europe were depleted. By 1800 even the Indian sub continent had been denuded and English attention turned to New Zealand. By 1810 the Battle of Trafalgar had been fought and won by the English. By repute the battle turned on the greater manoeuvrability of the English battleships, their one-piece Coromandel kauri masts allowing more rapid sail changes than the stepped masts of the opposition. In 1820 the British Navy Store Ship Coromandel was loading kauri spars bound for England. The captain had removed the stern of the vessel so that logs could be loaded from the rear... indeed we believe that several were so long they cantilevered out beyond the rear cabins all the way back to London.

By now your cup of tea has cooled, the kids want a swim, and it is time to return to the present. Coromandel Town, awaits you, with its riotous history based on gold and timber.

Coromandel Town is your logical centre from which to explore the upper Peninsula. There are several motels and camping grounds to choose from, either in the town itself or nearby at one of the numerous beaches. Also there is the Coromandel hotel. Not a patch, of, course on the 27 hotels that Coromandel used to boast, but infinitely more comfortable, if a bit more sedate. The kids want a swim. The wide selection of beaches near Coromandel means you will always find at least one, sheltered from the wind. My favourite is Heards Bay at Te Kouma, just beyond the swept up boat launching ramp at Sugar loaf.

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Southern side of the Coromandel Harbour are second home to many Waikato/Thames Valley families. Notice the grey mussel barges, working craft which travel out to the mussel lines each day, to lift and inspect each line, and harvest the largest of the crop. Keen fishermen can hitch a lift with a friendly barge skipper and catch snapper and the odd kingfish which congregate about the mussel lines to feed. For a few dollars you can even buy a bag of mussels to take home for the evening barbecue. Select your lunch from the amazing food at the Coromandel Bakery (yes it has special mention in the international visitors guide books), or purchase the special Coromandel baked pies and head out west.

The Wharf is home to a variety of fishing boats. Notice how they slide in and out on the mud as the latecomers just make it home before the tide retreats. Coromandel was once New Zealand's largest port, and the wharf extended out almost to the rocks in the harbour. Beyond the wharf notice the numerous holes in the inland road cutting. These are old gold mine entrances where miners, on hands and knees, earned their money working for the large companies.

Long Bay contains a public reserve and the camp ground within its gates. Public have free access to the first half of the beach esplanade, and all of the beach. This is a delightful safe beach for younger children and the more mature can lounge beneath the pohutukawa trees. But boaties beware, the boat ramp is only able to function above half tide, so don't get back late and stay stranded out in the bay. Try the coast walk around the northern point to Tucks Bay. The walk back, overland, boasts glowworms in the roadside cuttings after dark. The other fascinating short walk is inland from the Camp ground to the kauri grove.

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The short drive to Wyuna Bay has magnificent harbour views and coastal Gulf vistas. Wyuna Beach is very safe for children, the sea floor is so flat that

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covered by mussel farms. It is so common a feature of the job market the local school includes aqua-culture as part of its curriculum.

Now for dinner for your second night. There are few more spectacular sights than sunset from the deck of the Papa Aroha restaurant. Buffalo Lodge is a great night out. It is set in the Ranges and also looks west into the sunset. However it only seats 12 people so you must book ahead. The set menu changes each night so don't be afraid to ask what is on the menu. Both Evelyn and Roalf have their art work on display, and both are fluent in German. My German speaking Swiss guests felt thoroughly at home here. The Success Cafe offers al fresco dining in summer and warm fires in winter evenings. On one visit we were struggling to explain the menu to our Brazilian guests (who spoke little English) but, lo!, the waitress spoke fluent Spanish and we became superfluous for the evening. In these as in many other ways, Coromandel continues to delight with the unexpected.

• An afternoon or evening stroll around the town can reveal much that the car driving visitor misses.

• Fairlawn House built before the turn of the century still bears evidence of its disastrous fire.

• Opposite the Cottage Hospital is the house formerly occupied by the English author, Fay Weldon. Her father was the local doctor/surgeon for several years.

• The Museum now occupies the building called the school of Mines... basically a mining university.

• Behind the Museum is the old jail.

• Before the hospital is the former residence of Barry Mitcalfe, one of New Zealand's favourite authors.

• Just beyond is a small bridge. Take time to clamber down the bank and examine the superb brickwork of the arches, a relic of a previous era where workmanship was everything.

• Visit Ray Morley in his pottery. Ray is a hearty, cheerful potter with a wealth of stories. His complimentary port sets off lots of reminiscences and his African violet pots produce superb lasting memories of your visit. Just ask your editor Elaine about her African violet experiences before and after.

• No doubt the Coromandel Craft Trail will appeal to at least one member of your family. Crafts people often work long hours for little reward beyond personal satisfaction and the pleasure of meeting customers. Weavers like Maureen Kelly sell large wall hangings for some $5-10 per hour of expert effort.

• The stamper battery is a working original, brought down to a more accessible place for display. Powered by a water wheel, the stamps crushed the gold bearing rocks 24 hours a day, six days a week. The noise was apparently so fearsome the locals maintain that no one slept until the seventh day. The whole gold extraction process is shown by working machinery exactly as it was some 120 years ago.

• Just beside the T junction with Buffalo Road is the original house built by Charles Ring in the 1850s. Ring was the first to discover Gold in Coromandel (and New Zealand) in 1852. The plaque in his memory is nearby on the bridge over the river, Driving Creek, which featured in his find.

• Undoubtedly the most famous place on the Coromandel tourist trail is the Driving Creek potteries and Railway. Often Barry Brickell, the driving force behind the scheme, is host, driver and commentator as the special logging train winds it way two kilometres up into the Coromandel Ranges. Each viaduct carries an engineers certificate and the double viaduct is the only one of its kind in the world. Barry will also explain his personal scheme to transform the Ranges back into native forest, and restore the forest to its original state, kauri dominant among totara, kahikatea and others.

The train has a less prosaic function. The potteries depend on clay and pine wood for special firings. So clay is dug, and timber felled, then transported down to the potteries.

It is easy to spend a morning up the 309 Road. Originally a Cobb and Co trail giving access to the Gold mines, this route essentially became State Highway 309 to Whitianga. First stop up this gravel road is the Waiau Water works with its curious array of water powered inventions by local identity Chris Ogilvie. Just beyond are the twin natural features of the Kauri Grove walk and the Waiau Falls. The local youths leap from the top rocks into the plunge pool beneath. It is a delightfully refreshing swim. If your car has hub caps, try panning for gold. This was one of the few Coromandel rivers where free gold was available.

Between the Water Works and the Kauri Grove is a forestry road giving access to Castle Rock. This is an imposing volcanic neck, a remnant of the massive volcanic action which built the Coromandel Ranges. Continued erosion has worn away much of the outer rock leaving the solid extremely resistant core. The climb is well marked and not especially difficult. But the views are spectacular. It is possible to drive further along the forestry roads to emerge on the Eastern side of the Peninsula at Te Rerenga, but seek permission first.

Plan a full day for your excursion north to the tip of the Coromandel Peninsula. The drive from Coromandel north via Papa Aroha to Waitete Bay brings you along magnificent coastal strip, this time high up the cliff face. Take the road along the south side of Cabbage Bay (Colville Bay) towards the Heads. If it is after half tide the Maori fish traps should be visible. If you move quickly to beat the birds and the locals you should be able to collect a meal of fish lying trapped in the rocked-in enclosure. Colville store is a must to visit. Bring your clean empty milk containers and fill up on those household essentials your grandmother used to enjoy. Where else is paraffin, poppy seed and olive oil sold in bulk? Buy your bran by the kilogram and hair shampoo and honey by the litre. Purchase your wine here and go next door to the Colville Restaurant. Menus may include delicacies such as seaweed and yoghurt stew, and vegetarian meals are always a speciality.

When the Labour Government of the 1970s established "Ohus", Colville became the centre for many communes, and several remain. Their produce is often sold in the store and restaurant and the ethos of the communes pervades the buildings. The Colville School is purported to have the greatest percentage of parents with University degrees in New Zealand. Ask them; they will tell you they never dropped out, they *opted* out. Many are able to opt back in with great success.

North of Colville the road bifurcates. To the west the road goes north to Port Charles and Stony Bay up the east coast. The road up the west coast also heads north to Port Jackson, Fletchers Bay, Cape Colville. A walking track links the two roads across the top of the

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Peninsula. A simple plan is to take two cars, one going to each Port. When the groups meet on the track, car keys are exchanged and the round trip completed! Climb the fabled Mount Moehau. Sacred to the Maori, the summit of Moehau is also a sanctuary to the two native New Zealand frogs, Hochstetter and Archeyii. They can be located under fallen logs and clods. Brown in colour and tiny, neither has webbing in its feet. Please treat them with great care as like the tuatara found on off-shore islands, they are relics of a previous animal civilisation. The climb up Moehau is arduous and not for the faint hearted. It can be unbelievably cold (snow was seen in 1996), and windswept and believe it or not the summit is a swamp. Across the summit stretches sub-arctic vegetation found nowhere else in the North Island. It is possible to traverse the mountain and descend the other side to Port Charles. Once again expect to spend six to eight hours walking on the partly overgrown track and exchange car keys in the middle.

Mining companies have also seen potential in Mount Moehau. The mountainous area contains copper and iron in viable quantities to mine. Elsewhere in the Ranges it is the potential for gold and silver that has miners pie-eyed, samples as rich as 2% are considered economic to mine and some assays taken from the Coromandel have reputably exceeded 30%. Legend from the early settlers talk of the red-headed Moehau monster descending from the mists. When I first visited Moehau hermits still inhabited isolated bush dwellings, but both now seem to be in our past.

Fantail Bay is the scene of a magnificent granite wharf. Coromandel granite was mined inland and exported from this wharf to build places like the Auckland Post Office and Parliament Buildings. Today the only structures remaining are the small granite house beside the beach, the wharf at Fantail Bay, and the wharf at Port Charles. Look carefully on your return, some kerb stones in Coromandel are still the original granite blocks.

Farming is of minor significance here. The sheer cliffs afford majestic views, the fishing and the near deserted beaches hold your attention and clutch you to the bosom of Coromandel. Few tourists fail to return and many of the holiday makers in the north return year after year to the various camps and forestry parks.

The road from Coromandel to Kennedys Bay and places beyond is, once again, not for the faint hearted. Gravel, one and a half lanes wide, it winds and crosses some of the most treacherous parts of New Zealand. The local school bus and ambulance take 45 minutes or more to traverse the 15 kilometres. At the saddle of the Ranges are the signal stations for Telecom mobile, ship to shore and VHF radio. But equally interesting are the remains of the gold mining town of Tokatea, and carved into the hill side are the roads, tracks, hotel cellar and numerous mine entrances. Walk up the track to the summit. Use the plaque erected by the local Lions Club to orientate yourself. Locals say they have seen White Island smoking on a clear day Note the location of the off shore islands of the Barrier and the Mercurys, Cuvier Island, and Whanga-rei Harbour's mountainous Headlands. (Kennedys Bay is the idyllic horseshoe shaped sandy rimmed bay to the east.)

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(Next issue: Whitianga, Cooks Beach, Hot Water Beach, Pauanui, Tairua, Whangamata, Onemana, Sailers Grave, Black Jack, Opito, Otama, etc).

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was so tall. I think maybe he was kidding!

The old town of Moudon is on a hill overlooking the area. Only in the last few years has the significance of the area been appreciated and steps been taken to restore it to its original form. Many of the buildings back straight on to the edge of the hill and are in danger of collapsing so there is a lot of work to do.

Following the tour we adjourned to the Hotel de Ville which is the local police station. Raymonde welcomed us to Moudon and presented me with several mementoes, an IPA pennant and medal and a limited edition set of pins depicting all the Canton Vaud Police hats and also a Police medal. The mayor then welcomed and thanked us for making the pilgrimage to the area of my forefathers. He then recited what was in the records of the town relating to my family, back to my great grandfather. I found it very difficult to express our gratitude without getting really emotional as the welcome had completely surpassed all our expectations.

I was presented with books on the history of Moudon. It will take time to work through them as they are in French. Wine and toasting accompanied the presentations before we adjourned to the Café St Elois for dinner. There was another surprise for me. The proprietor of the cafe was Mlle Beatrice Jossevel. We could not work out our family relationship but I presented her with a family photo of ourselves and our daughters. We then enjoyed a meal of salade with another Swiss speciality - saucisson - (a seasoned smoked sausage), ice cream and local cheeses, washed down with more Swiss wines.

At 11 pm to return to Lausanne but Raymonde insisted first we have a guided tour of the Lausanne police station. It is a large self-sufficient complex



View of Chateaux Chillon from Lac Léman. Note the motorway running behind the castle.

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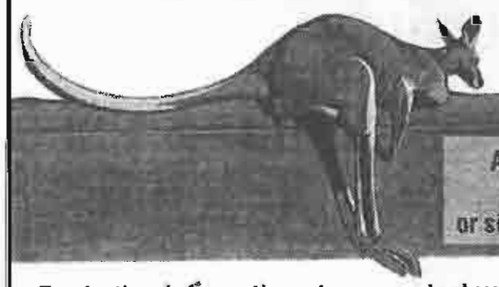

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We returned to Lausanne to meet up with our hosts although it was time to say goodbye. After a snack at the station we drove to the airport and were again met by the police chief and personally escorted through customs and security.

It was almost impossible to express our gratitude to Raymonde and Irene for all they had done for us in our three days but I hope they understood. My first IPA experience was over all too soon and it was with a tinge of sadness that we watched the Geneva tarmac disappear beneath our wings and the beautiful Lac Léman and its northern shores fade as we turned north and headed for our next port of call - Dublin.

But that's another story!!!!!


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Outside the Moudon Police Station. Mayor Jean-Daniel Foucherre (back left) and Commissaire de police Philippe Dutoit (back centre).


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5. Address for Journal ..... Family ages (F) ..... (M).....
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9. Retirement – Resignation date if applicable .....
10. Rank .....
11. Languages (Written or Spoken) .....
12. Interests .....
13. Are you willing to provide accommodation .....

If yes, please state what accommodation is available .....

14. If is a condition of membership of the IPA that a New Zealand Police Applicant if not already a member of the Police and Families Credit Union, must open and maintain an account with that organisation. The applicant must authorise regular fortnightly salary deductions of a minimum of $5.00 per pay period. Of that amount $1.00 per pay period will be debited from the applicants account to the IPA by way of annual subscription and the remainder will be placed in a savings account for the member.

I declare that I now apply for Ordinary/Associate* membership of the New Zealand section of the International Police Association and that I agree with the aims and objects of the said Association as laid down in the Constitution and Rules that I shall conform to such rules as may be made by the New Zealand Section of the International Police Association. I will endeavour to further the work of the Association by fulfilling the obligation of membership and regularly subscribe my renewal fee by 1 January each year. $11.25 (including GST) joining fee enclosed. Authority for credit union deduction for payment of annual subscription also enclosed.

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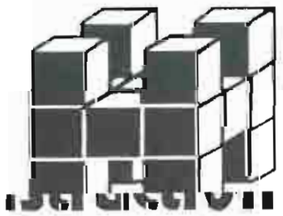

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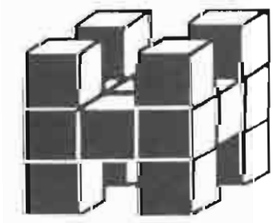

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