



First off ..and in



WALKING THE PLANK in another sense! A mishap at the enactment of the landing, when the first lady off the boat Mrs Dawn Bremner, fell into the water. She quickly scrambled out and ran up the bank.



A MORE CAUTIOUS LANDING was made by this lady from the bows of the "Pioneer." She was assisted to a safe and dry landing by "troops" of the Fourth Waikato Regiment.

Woman's landing was wet

The first white woman ashore arrived with a splash and a stagger during the re-enactment of the landing of the first settlers in Hamilton today. The woman, Mrs Dawn Bremner, went up to her knees from a prematurely set up gangplank from the stern of the river-boat "Pioneer". But she recovered quickly, and was dragged to safety by "soldiers" of the Fourth Waikato Regiment. Other "settlers"—many original descendants of the early pioneers—took heed of Mrs Bremner's accident, and jumped dry-footed from the bow of the ship.

On pay till power scheme starts

BID TO RETAIN SKILLED MEN

(Staff Reporter)

While the Government argues issues before making up its mind on the £70 million Tongariro hydro electric power scheme, the Ministry of Works is paying out between £1140 and £1400 a week to keep the nucleus of a work force together for the project.

Presumed drowned

A Hamilton youth, who was swept into the sea while fishing from Papanui Point, Ruapuke, Raglan, at 10.55 a.m. yesterday, is missing and presumed drowned. He is Bruce Lionel Culpin, aged 18, insurance clerk of 38 Casey's Avenue, Hamilton. Mr Culpin was seen struggling in a heavy swell by his companion, Mr S. L. Collins, also of Casey's Avenue, who was fishing about 100 yards away. While Mr Collins rushed to the nearest house, about a mile away, an unidentified man tried to cast a line out to the youth. He was unable to do this because of the heavy sea. When Mr Collins returned, his friend had disappeared. The Raglan police, aided by an aircraft from the Waikato Aero Club, searched the area all yesterday afternoon. Boats could not be used because of the extremely rocky nature of the beach at Ruapuke. A further search was made at low tide this afternoon. Raglan police would like the man who tried to cast the line to the youth, to contact them, as he was the last to see Mr Culpin's position.

The money is being paid to between 80 and 100 men at the rate of £14 5s a week. While the Ministry is striving to keep these men on, the money could not be termed a dole, as they are employed on cleaning up and beautifying work at four power stations along the Waikato River. The stations are at Whakamaru, Atiamuri and Aratiatia. These men are mostly highly skilled specialists. "They are hard to replace men who have a special type of experience," a construction leader said. "They are mostly married men with responsibilities who, it is hoped, will stay on for a reduced wage until the Tongariro project starts. One big advantage in staying on the job, from the men's point of view, is that there is every likelihood of Tongariro being pushed ahead, and they pay only a nominal amount in rent. But it is costing the country money to keep them there in the meantime. Some, however, have been at the beautifying work since last November. This includes land levelling, planting grass and trees, and preparing steep slopes for future planting. They began this work when their construction jobs ended. Three men who were planting trees at Wairakei Village last week said they had previously punched 18,000 holes in a rock slope while sitting in a hanging chair. "It was not too good on a cold morning," one of the men said. They were planting Douglas Fir trees around the edge of the village for a wind-break. When these trees get bigger, the already grown pines will be removed as they are a fire hazard. The construction supervisor said that while a few of the men are "rank and file labourers" they all have high value as workers, and so the Ministry of Works is trying to keep them together.

Driver is electrocuted

A man was electrocuted this morning at the Bitumix Asphalt Plant in Great South Road, Te Rapa. He was Mr Pieter Van Den Berg, married of Auckland. Mr Van Den Berg was employed by Bitumix Ltd, as a driver.

Hungry hound claimed

The Alsatian dog being held for destruction after biting two people in Victoria Street last Friday has had a reprieve. Its owner collected it on Sunday afternoon, after the Hamilton Police received 15 offers from people willing to take the dog. The Alsatian was picked up outside the Hamilton Hotel at 5 p.m. on Friday, after police received complaints that it had bitten two people on the leg. It spent two days at the station kennels without incident, said Sergeant W. Gordon, this morning. It had been taken into town by its owner and slipped its collar, said the sergeant.

New Justices

Five new Hamilton Justices of the Peace have been appointed. They are: Mr E. G. Bailie, Mrs N. K. Braithwaite, M.B.E., Messrs P. C. Fisher, P. V. Harkness, and A. Murdoch.

HAMILTON CENTENARY SUPPLEMENT

Special issue sets production record

The 304-page Hamilton centennial edition of the Waikato Times, delivered to subscribers today, is the culmination of months of work by staff of the literary, advertising and production departments.

The special edition is believed to be the largest undertaking of its type produced in the Southern Hemisphere.

Within its 11 sections, covering almost every aspect of community life in the city, is the equivalent in writing of four average-sized novels.

Seventy tons of paper were used. If all this was laid out length-to-length it would extend in a five-foot width from Auckland to Wellington.

Seven staff journalists worked for periods ranging from one week to six months interviewing hundreds of people and turning through thousands of pages of historical data to produce this issue.

Over 100 letters have been written and received by the Waikato Times in securing editorial information.

One photographer took over 800 exposures to produce some of the illustrations for the issue.

Four thousand editorial hours were involved, and 12,000 works production hours — composing, typesetting and printing — have made this mammoth project possible.

Each paper weighs 4lb 6oz and is packed in a three-colour plastic bag.

Two shifts

When the issue came off the press, three weeks before delivery, teams worked in two shifts for two weeks to collate the paper and pack it in the plastic bags.

One man worked for 10 days sealing the bags with an automatic sealing machine brought in from the Transparent Packing Company in Palmerston North. Thirty thousand copies have been packed in bags.

The paper was delivered in two operations: one to

country subscribers and the other to Hamilton subscribers. Country editions were despatched in five one-ton trucks and by the company's 26 vehicles to various centres some days before the issue was due to be circulated, deposited at holding points and then delivered.

In Hamilton, vehicles deposited the issue at various holding points, and paper boys worked from one holding point to another, delivering the special issue to every subscriber.

Special paper

The paper on which the issue was printed was an achievement in itself.

Earlier this year the Times was supplied with six samples of newsprint. Finally chosen was a "super-newsprint" manufactured at Burnie Mills in Tasmania.

It is usually used for high-quality magazine printing. The paper is super polished to give it a glossy surface. It is made by a cold chemical process whereas normal newsprint is ground pulp.

The paper used is much heavier than normal newsprint. An ink specially made for this edition of the Times has been used to print it. The first trial shipment of paper was test-run some months ago. During printing with standard printing ink it was found that there was a high degree of smudging and offset markings.

To the suppliers of printing ink to the Times, Coates Printing Ink Company of Auckland, it appeared that an ink of greater density and changed viscosity was needed.

The company made up six trial batches of ink before finding one which seemed to fulfil requirements. It has a slight bluish appearance.

Special issue rushed

The Waikato Times anticipated a steady demand for its Centennial Supplement issued today—but certainly not the public clamour which followed the first appearance of the publication.

Jammed telephone switchboards, hectic counter sales and substantial orders and congratulatory telegrams from all over New Zealand have been the order of the day.

It appears almost certain supplies of the supplement will be exhausted early this afternoon. A total of 32,000 was printed for distribution free to regular subscribers and sale over the counter at 7/6 per copy.

Indications are that 50,000 copies may not have been enough.

Settlers land in re-enactment

History was re-enacted on the Waikato River shortly after noon today when a mock-up of the river boat, Pioneer, landed "troops" of the Fourth Waikato Regiment and descendants of settlers on the Ferry Bank.

Miraculously, storm clouds parted and the sun shone brightly throughout the hour-long ceremony. A crowd estimated at 10,000 lined both sides of the river bank and packed the Traffic Bridge.

The 20 "troops" (schoolboys in uniform) were accompanied up-river by a band from the Hamilton Boys' Brigade.

Two bugles sounded and the crowd applauded as the first soldier jumped ashore. The others filed off quickly, and set up tents, ti-tree fires and cooking pots, while the Pioneer moved away to pick up the "settlers."

Shortly after camp was established, two commemorative trees were planted

by the young soldiers. A third tree was planted shortly afterwards by the "settlers."

There was little enthusiasm from the crowd, apart from a few claps as the soldiers arrived, and "oohs" and "aahs" at the colourful costumes.

The only minor upset to the landing was the escape of a small pig, which was chased by women and children in period costume for about five minutes until it was retrieved by a soldier.

PROCESSION

At 1.15 p.m. the entourage wended in colourful procession through Victoria Street to the City Council buildings in Garden Place. The men travelled on foot, while most of the women and children were carried in five, horse-drawn carts.

Century ago today...

It was a bitter, frosty morning in Hamilton 100 years ago today when the Pioneer drew up to the banks of the Waikato River near Memorial Park.

In his book, "Armed Settlers," Mr H. C. M. Norris says — "About noon, the Pioneer" drew up on the east bank of the river, where the Memorial Park now is. Ensign Crawford was the first ashore, followed by Private Grove Vowless, Private Foster and the rest of the company."



Four young people were hurt in a two-car, head-on collision six miles north of Hamilton on the Great South Road at 5.40 p.m. yesterday.

All four were admitted to the Waikato Hospital. One of them, Mr Lawrence Ross Browlee, aged 18, of 20 Lincoln Road, Henderson, broke his pelvis and a leg in the accident but his condition this morning was reported as satisfactory.

Mr Browlee was driving an early model English Ford 8 north at the time of the accident. His companion, Miss Raewyn Price, of Second Avenue, Henderson, was admitted with chest injuries and

concussion and her condition is reported to be satisfactory this morning. The driver of the other car, a Mini-Minor, was Mr Peter Moran, aged 20, of Merchant Street, Putaruru. He was driv-

ing south with his passenger, Miss Shirley Kirkwood, aged 16, of 33 Melean Street, Tauranga, at the time of the accident. Both were admitted with concussion and cuts, and are reported to be in a satisfactory condition.