

Napier Meeting – November 1990

Excerpts from the write up by Don McKay.

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The meeting took place at Henry Hill School Hall, Dick Place.

Friday night began in the usual way, catching up with old colleagues, meeting new members and finding out what improvements to plant, or further acquisitions of film or other associated componentary had taken place in the six months prior. The evening finished with supper.

Saturday morning has now become the business meeting and official welcome. Then we all wait in anticipation for "THE SALE". We all expect to make a fortune with our excess surplus and all of us expect a bargain as well. Michael Woolf, assisting auctioneer John Bell, did his best to get the best price for goods – but money the way it is at present – it proved to be a hard task as this year was really a buyer's market. All of course, were pretty satisfied with the final outcome – good value – good entertainment. Lunch was then served.

The visit to the Puketitiri Historic Museum in the afternoon was very interesting, bringing back to many of us, goods and commodities which were familiar in our childhood, like castor oil bottle and Lanes Emulsion. Afternoon tea was served while here.

Dinner on Saturday night was at the Onekawa Hotel where a delicious smorgasbord meal was partaken. Then it was back to the hall for a few short films which brought the evening to a close.

On Sunday morning, members met at the hall at 9.30am for morning tea. The group then divided into two and alternated between visits to John Turnbull's "Nostalgia" shop and shed, in Latham Street and to George Ellison's home in Wordsworth Crescent to view his collection of movie equipment, cameras etc. Then it was back to the hall for lunch and farewells.

All attending had a great time.