

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

The Reynolds of Whangarei are now in U.K., and were to call on Lucy (nee) Cranwell in America. Their absence at a time when the off-shore islands are under threat need not cause too much concern as there are other ardent conservationists holding the fort, and the affair seems to have died down over Coppermine Island - let's hope for good.

The tragic death of Mr. A.B. West, lately Mayor of Helensville, occurred shortly before we were to visit the West's Bush near Kaukapakapa. Mr. Warren immediately conveyed the condolences of the Society and as reported here the family very kindly led the outing.

While in Whangarei recently I called on Mr. Frank Holman, and I am pleased to report he was recovering well after being in hospital. We had an interesting and all too short discussion on the local flora, which we hope to see his account of soon.

Dr. Rattenbury's illness caused concern among members, but he was soon back among us, determined to get well again. His regular support of meetings, along with Miss Segar, shows an encouraging interest on behalf of the University, whose staff have invariably been good supporters as their duties allow.

I would like to include more news of country members, so please let me hear from you. There are many members I have yet to meet, and a note from the country is always appreciated.

### Exhibition of Native Flora

At the recent Native Plant Exhibition arranged by Mrs. M. Fisher of the North Shore Forest & Bird Society, there was an enthusiastic support from pupils of seven schools, at the Ley's Institute, Sand saucers, bush gardens, and posters for the protection of native trees were classes which drew large entries; also there were large numbers submitted of six named specimens. The errors were very revealing, plainly indicating that further such exhibitions are needed to educate both children and teachers in the correct naming of even the commonest native trees.

K.B.

### Biological Flora of New Zealand

We are now seeking information about the distribution of Phyllocladus alpinus, and shall be grateful for any records you can give us. (Maps in possession of the editor show records to hand so far, and it is hoped to publish these if the plate reproduction being tried in this issue is successful).

In the Biological Flora of New Zealand scheme, that for kamahi (Weinmannia racemosa) has been published so far, and silver beech (Nothofagus menziesii) is at an advanced stage. Further contributions are being solicited, and notes should be sent direct to:

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