

Temperatures: Temperatures were close to normal in the North Island, but they were a degree warmer than average over most of the South Island.

In Canterbury the 14th and 16th were particularly warm days. On the 16th the maximum temperatures at Christchurch (86·2°F) and Ashburton (87·2°F) were the highest ever recorded for April.

A fall of snow was reported on the 1st over parts of the South Island high country.

Sunshine: Sunshine was above average or close to it, except in Northland, Southland, and parts of the West Coast. Canterbury and Marlborough were favoured with highest departures of 30–60 hours.

In Northland and Southland sunshine was mainly about 20 hours below average.

Weather Sequence: On the 1st and 2nd a very deep depression was passing to the south, causing a strong north-westerly airstream over New Zealand, with gales in many districts. Rain affected most areas apart from Canterbury.

From the 3rd to the 13th was a period of unsettled, showery weather in Northland owing to the predominance of easterlies; and for most of the time showers were also reported in Gisborne. Elsewhere the weather cleared and remained fair from the 3rd to the 7th as an anticyclone moved from the Tasman Sea across the South Island. The weather deteriorated in the south from the 8th to the 10th with the passage of a trough. On the next two days the trough affected western districts of the North Island, and some rain persisted on the West Coast and at first in Otago. On the 13th an anticyclone was centred east of the North Island and the weather was mainly fair.

During the next two days the anticyclone remained centred to the east, but with the approach of a very deep depression across the south Tasman Sea a warm north-westerly airstream covered the country. Rain developed on the West Coast and in western Southland and soon spread to northern districts of both islands. From the 16th to the 18th the main centre of the depression passed close to Southland and moved away to the south-east, but a small secondary centre developed near Westland and moved north-eastward together with an associated trough. Rain became general and many thunderstorms were reported. By the 18th the weather was clearing from the south and west.

The 19th to the 24th was a period of mainly settled weather as an anticyclone moved from the Tasman Sea across New Zealand to the east. However, there was some light rain at first in Northland; and showers were reported at times in Fiordland and on the Southland coast.

During the 25th and 26th a trough of low pressure moved over the South Island accompanied by a period of rain. At the same time a depression from the north Tasman Sea was moving south-eastward, and on the 27th this crossed the Auckland Province, with considerable rain over the North Island. The weather commenced to clear in the south, but on the following day, with the depression moving away, light rain persisted over most of the North Island.

During the last two days of the month the weather was mainly fair under the influence of a large anticyclone.

M. A. F. BARNETT, Director.

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Classification of Roads in Manawatu County

PURSUANT to regulation 3 of the Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1955*, the Commissioner of Transport hereby revokes the Warrant dated the 23rd day of August 1950† classifying roads in the Manawatu County, and hereby approves the Manawatu County Council's proposed classification of the roads set out in the Schedule hereto and situated in the Manawatu County.

SCHEDULE

MANAWATU COUNTY

Roads Classified in Class II

ALL county roads other than those classified in Class III.

Roads Classified in Class III

BURNS Ford, Duncans, Greenaway, Highden, Hoihere, Kennedy, Ngarua, Pirinoa, Te Awa, Warren, White (Foxton), Wightmans (unmetalled portion).

Foxton Beach

Edinburgh Terrace, Flagstaff (from Beach Road in a southerly direction), Hart, Hopcroft, Norton, Pratt Avenue East, Queen, Hall, Huia.

Rongotea Township

Avon, Medway, Ouse, Tamar, Trent, Tyne (from Champion Street to Humber Street), Wear, Wye.

Sanson Township

Burt (from No. 1 State Highway (Awanui-Bluff) to Philip Street), Coast, Fagan (from No. 3 State Highway (Hamilton-Woodville via New Plymouth) to Philip Street), Farmer, Main Road (from No. 1 State Highway (Awanui-Bluff) to Grace Street), Milne (from No. 1 State Highway (Awanui-Bluff) to Philip Street), Williams.

Tangimoana Township

Anga, Aru, Beach, Domain Parade, Domain Street, Kina, Koura, Kuku, Moana, Nuku, Paua, Punga (those portions from Nuku Street to Aru Street, and from Ripa Street to Kina Street), Recreation, Ripa, River Bank, West Square.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of May 1961.

A. E. FORSYTH, Commissioner of Transport.

*S.R. 1955/59

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1956/39

Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1960/61

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1961/9

†*Gazette*, No. 56, 31 August 1950, Vol. II, page 1653.

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Classification of Roads in Stratford County

PURSUANT to regulation 3 of the Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1955,* the Commissioner of Transport hereby revokes the Warrant dated the 7th day of September 1950† and the Warrant dated the 7th day of June 1951‡ which relate to the roads described in the Schedule hereto, and hereby approves the Stratford County Council's proposed classification of the said roads as set out in the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE

ROADS CLASSIFIED IN CLASS II

BEACONSFIELD, Cheal, Manaia, Pembroke, Stratford-Opunake (from its junction with Rowan Road to the western boundary of Stratford Borough), Toko (from its junction with Ohura Road to the junction of Toko Road with Raupuha Road).

ROADS CLASSIFIED IN CLASS III

ACKLAND, Ahuroa, Akama, Barclay, Bird, Brecon, Brewer, Brooks, Cardiff, Climie, Cornwall, Cross, Crown, Croyden, Denbigh, Denmark Terrace, Derby, Douglas, Duthie, Esk, Favier, Finnerty, Gordon, Hastie, Hastings, Hills, Hunt, Junction, Kahouri, Kaiapoi, Kelly, Kent Terrace, Kirai, Kohuratahi, Kota, Makara, Makahu, Makuri, Mangaehu, Mangamaire, Manganui, Mangaotuku, Mangaowhata, Mangapapa, Mangare, Marco, Matau, Mauku, Mohakau, Moki, Monmouth, Nash, New, Opunake No. 2, Oru, Oruru, Palmer, Perry, Poto, Pukengahu, Puniwhakau, Putikituna, Quarry, Radnor, Raekohua, Raupuha, Rimuputa, Robson, Ronald, Rowan, Rutland, Salisbury, Skinner, Sole, Standish, Stanley, Tahora, Tawhiwhi, Tirangi, Toko No. 2, Toko Station, Tututawa, Vera, Victoria, Waihapa, Waingongora, Warwick, Wawiri, Whangamomona, Whitianga, Wingrove, York.

ROADS CLASSIFIED IN CLASS IV

ARNOLD, Kohi, Kurapete, Maikai, Mangarewa, Marangae, Matirangi, Mount Damper, Murcott, Okara, Okau, Pleasant Terrace, Poarangi, Pohokura, Prospect, Pukeho, Rangi, Rerekapa, Round Hill, Tahunaroa, Tangarakau, Tapuni, Tirohanga, Toi.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of May 1961.

A. E. FORSYTH, Commissioner of Transport.

*S.R. 1955/59

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Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1960/61

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1961/9

†*Gazette*, No. 58, 14 September 1950, Vol. III, p. 1716

‡*Gazette*, No. 46, 14 June 1951, Vol. II, p. 847

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