

Luxury Holiday Camp Nearing Completion

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ON the cover of a brightly coloured brochure just published, is the slogan, "Spend a carefree holiday at Hampshire's river beauty spot." This slogan is a call to holiday makers to come to Christchurch, and although some may think it a pity that the name of the ancient Borough is not given a little more prominence, there is no doubt that what the brochure contains will go a long way towards putting Christchurch on the map as a holiday resort.

It describes in detail the first luxury holiday camp to be built in the town, and although work on it started only a few months ago, the main buildings are now rapidly nearing completion on the banks of the Stour at Wick Ferry.

Mr. R. G. Scott, who is to manage this new venture promoted by Mr. W. G. Warner, visualises a big future for the camp, in which every detail has been carefully planned in an attempt to cater for all tastes.

Dining Hall Takes Shape.

A visit to the site this week by a Christchurch Times reporter pro-vided ample evidence that it will not be long before the camp is ready to receive its first visitors. The large dining hall with concrete terrace reaching to the water's edge is rapidly taking shape and the foundations for the chalets and other buildings are completed. It should be mentioned, however, that the use of wood for the buildings is only a post-war expedient, and in due course when the necessary materials are available the camp will be re-built on more permanent lines.

Incidentally, the timber at present being used is not suitable for ordinary housing purposes, and for this reason a Ministry of Works licence was granted.

A motor road is being constructed through the camp and an impressive entrance with reception office has been planned. Apart from the main dining hall where the main meals will be served, provision is being made for the supply of refreshments at any time of the day from three well-equipped buffets situated at different points in the camp.

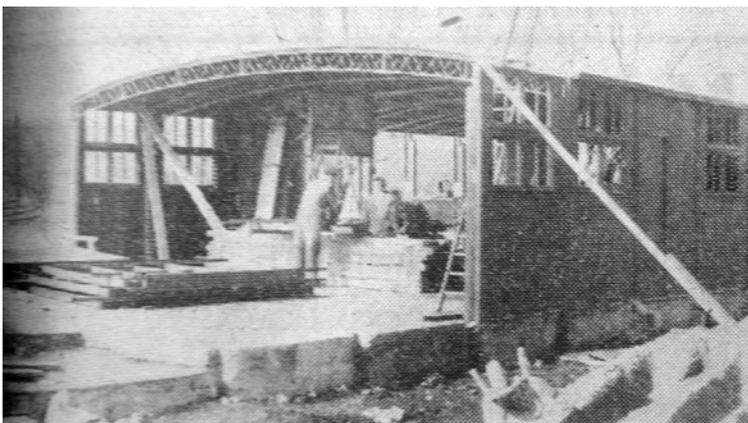
The chalets will each accommodate up to four people for sleeping and will have hot and cold water laid on.

Entertainment a Big Feature.

Entertainment is going to be one of the camp's big features, and almost every type of recreation is being catered for, there being special facilities for swimming, boating, fishing, and putting. There will also be provision for indoor games and dancing in a large entertainment hall.

One of the most attractive features of the camp will be the layout of flower gardens and spacious lawns. The plans also provide for a swimming pool, but this will not be completed this year.

Although the opening date of the camp has not yet been announced it is anticipated that it will be ready by the time the holiday season gets in full swing.



On solid concrete foundations, leading down to the waters edge, the main dining hall is taking shape. This Christchurch Times photo shows some of the wall and roof sections being put in place.