

Dear Sir,

I am 21 years of age and love driving trucks. I've been trying to find work in the industry, my speciality driving.

Because I am a female I get shrugged off and not given a chance to prove myself at such a profession which I have a lot of time for. I have a mature outlook towards driving and think very seriously behind the wheel.

My gaining confidence behind the wheel steered my mind in the one direction, to be a truckie. I have my heavy truck and trailer licences as well as fork hoist. I've also handled tautliners, van bodies, 40 footers, etc.

I feel that if I'm given the break I want, I'll prove myself to be a good worker.

I also studied the diesel motor and know a bit about it.

So if there is anyone out there willing to give me a chance to show my talents and my eagerness, please ring me at 276-3810. I prefer the Penrose to Wiri, East Tamaki area. Personal details surrendered at an interview.

Keep up the good work. *NZ Trucking* is a great magazine.

Aerodyne Fan
Otahuhu

Dear Sir,

I am writing to tell you about a great truckie by the name of Ned Kelly who is an O/D with Produce Freighters of Hastings.

His truck is a Scammell S 26-35, which pulls a new B-train throughout the North Island.

Keep on trucking, Ned.

Ross Espin
Cambridge

Dear Sir,

Congratulations on a choice magazine, I am 16 years old and love Scania's. I was surprised to see your choice article on the new 500hp Scania's in your December 87 - January 88 issue. It was full of great "info" and some really great photos.

They leave Mack Ultra Liners and "K Whoppers" flat on their backs in comfort and good-looks! I also enjoyed reading about the Scania with the CAG (computer assisted gearchange) gearbox and the big write-up on "Scania at home" in your February 88 issue.

As most Scania drivers and owners would say, they are built like army tanks and can stand up to wear and tear! Not like "Jap crap" that crumble, dent, fall to pieces or get written off when hit by a bumble bee or tiny insect.

I have been in most makes of Scania's including a 112M intercooler, a LB111, a 142M intercooler V8, and a 112M T model.

A major transport company in the North Island that owns a lot of Scania's is Hargreaves Transport Ltd. Bill Hargreaves is the present owner of Hargreaves Transport, the company begun by his father, also Bill, around 1918 in Dannevirke with two trucks.

On Bill senior's death, Bill took over the company and has extended his busi-

ness to Napier, Feilding, Palmerston North, Apiti, Rangiwahia, Eketahuna, Wellington and Masterton, which is the head office and where Bill lives.

A total of 150 people are employed, including office staff, drivers, workshop engineers and mechanics

At the Dannevirke depot there are five office staff, two mechanics, one lube and tyre man and 18 drivers. At Dannevirke they have 11 drivers on stock, six on freight and one on the petrol tanker. Also at the Dannevirke depot are forklifts, metal trucks also numerous runabouts for local jobs.

The range of make of vehicles is fairly wide, Scania, ERF, Ford, Hino, International, Mack, Foden, Nissan Diesel and Isuzu. Hargreaves transport stock to freezing works, saleyards farm to farm, general cartage which includes basically anything. The company offers a 24-hour service all over the North Island.

Bill Hargreaves senior started the carrying business with one solid tyred



Thorneycroft truck carting logs and timber, eventually starting a carrying business in Dannevirke.

Bill Hargreaves junior started the first lime and spreading trucks and took over his father's business in 1951. In 1958 he moved the business from in town out to its present site at Makirikiri.

In 1962 he bought out Lindsay's Transport, in 1963 Dannevirke Transport, in 1965 Transport Wairarapa and moved head office to Masterton. In 1970 he bought out Shackleton Transport in Morrinsville, in 1974 R. Robinsons at Pirinoa, in 1974 Eketahuna Carrying Co, in 1981 Manawatu Transport and in 1983 P and O Roadways, Petone.

He started general freight in 1982, and owns 300 vehicles on rubber and 150 of them are over six tonne. Enclosed is a photo of one of their newest trucks. It is a 112M Intercooler hauling a B-train on general freight.

I hope this information is of some interest to your readers.

Hargreaves has been going for a good 70 years and is New Zealand's largest privately owned transport.

I hope the photographs and information is satisfactory for printing material, I look forward to getting your magazine each month and I especially look forward

to reading in the future articles about New Zealand's first 500hp Scania as it will leave most truck drivers green with envy!! Anyway keep up the excellent work.

Scania fan
Dannevirke.

Dear Sir,

I'm 20-years-old and have been driving trucks for a year, but have been faced with redundancy.

I have approached big and small transport companies about a job but find I am too inexperienced. If no companies will give me a chance to gain experience how am I to get it?

My question is how do people looking for work get off the dole queues if nobody will give blokes like me a chance or a start in a job.

All I'm asking is for a job in transport industry and if there is anyone out their who will give an honest bloke a chance I would be most grateful.

M. Ritchie
Cambridge

Dear Sir,

I was pleased to see your article on the Ford LTL Louisville. I am an Auto electrician and have lived in Darwin and been involved with roadtrains of the Northern Territory.

Being a fan of American machines, I have appreciated both from an enthusiast and a tradesman's point of view, the simplicity and engineering of Kenworth, Mack and such like vehicles.

I must agree that the "long nose" LTL is definitely the unsung hero as pointed out in the article. I've seen 120tons posing no problems to the LTL, and ruggedness and simplicity seem to be the key factors to the truck. An example of this is the ultra-simple braking circuitry, and from an Auto-electrical point of view, the wiring, switching and instrumentation is all top quality American gear.

Overall it is a premium American hauler that really represents excellent value for money. Lets hope we see more LTL's here in N.Z.

Tony Jurczenko
Auto Electrical Services, Wellington

Dear Sir,

I was wondering if it would be possible for you to blow-up the back page of August issue into a full sized poster. I think the photos of the Kinleith Scania's were great and would be interested in purchasing a poster if one was available.

Still on posters, in my opinion, of the 14 Top trucks of the Months I think Provincial Transport's Volvo F12 would be the best. The colours are good, shot taken from a good angle and you couldn't get a much better close-up of the whole unit.

Finally, isn't it about time the Waikato had another truck show. Previous at Te Rapa and Mystery Creek always had heaps of rigs. When was the last show? September '85?

'Big Rig Fan'
Te Kuiti