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Clifden And Otahu Schools' Jubilee

SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATIONS

The "weather man" was kind to the organisers of the Clifden and Otahu schools' 75th jubilee. The grounds were jammed with approximately 500 people as ex-pupils, teachers and old friends gathered to reminisce over the old times and recount tales of the past.

In his reply, Mr Pantan Gardner reminded us of the fine job done in the early days under very difficult conditions.

Sprays were presented to first-day pupils and to the wives of the invited guests and officials. All present were proud to see both of first-day pupils from 1895 receive the floral tributes, young ladies from the district conferring the honours.

The performance of Miss Allison Campbell in the first item on the programme delighted all present. Her clear, true voice and quality and polish, and the numbers chosen gave great pleasure.

Dr Elder turned his opportunity to speak to good advantage and gave some clear warnings on the dangers of becoming the silent majority, allowing ourselves to be governed without protest, dissent, or thoughtful discussion by us all. He foresaw the erosion of civil liberty as a result and cited the Manapouri question as an example.

In his reply Mr A. Humphries claimed that the Education Board constituted a watch-dog type of organisation, composed as it was of locally elected voluntary workers, and he agreed that everything should not be left to Wellington. He recalled the beginnings of education in Southland and drew some amusing pictures of some of the early administrators' Scottish canniness in spending cold cash.

Mrs J. Pearce (who as Miss Vera Elder taught at Otahu School) paid tribute to the ex-pupils of both schools and reminded us of the subsequent careers of some. Mr Cochran added to these and recalled his own schooldays.

Mr T. Neave recounted some of the exploits of former teachers and reminded us that some had become leaders both inside and outside their chosen professions.

In his reply Mr Garrett thanked the local people for the warm welcome that teachers had always received here. Some of the welcomes to the young single assistants had been quite overwhelming, he indicated, and resulted in fresh vacancies as they went off all too soon to be married. He blamed the great beauty of the assistants that the board had provided over the years and pointed out that the men of the district should be well satisfied with the Board's efforts.

Mr A. F. Farnilton (head teacher from 1962-68) recounted some of the achievements of committees past and present and praised them for their unselfish efforts in the cause of learning. He reminded us of the long service rendered by Mr James King as chairman in the early days, and of the great record of Mr D. Hampton as committeeman and chairman for 16 years. In reply, Mr Hampton spoke of the comradeship and support he had experienced over the years, and said he had no doubt others had received the same help.

Our second item came from

Miss Prue Cruickshank, who amused greatly with her recital of "Banjo" Patterson's "Bush Christening." The third item was from the Diack family, who played popular dance tunes in their inimitable fashion.

All the performers (and Miss Grace Gardner, who played incidental music for the gathering) were thanked by Mr Alan Dickson. Finally, Mr R. J. Watson proposed a toast to the chairman and toastmaster and "Auld Lang Syne" followed soon after.

The celebrations concluded on a high note with a crowded church service in the Clifden Hall, where the preachers were the Rev Mackie and Father O'Brien, with assistance from Mr S. Beggs. Following the thanksgiving, afternoon tea was served for the last time and the gathering began to disperse as people made their way around the district, sightseeing and visiting before returning to their homes far and near.

It will include features of the celebrations as well as historical notes hitherto unpublished, and summaries of previous writings about the area.

INTERESTING ALBUM

Another feature on display was the eye-catching archives album presented by the Clifden WDFC to mark the jubilee. In it are photographic summaries of all the developments of life in the area. It is intended to continue to add to this album to make a record of the passing years at Clifden School.

Many people came in cars and the back paddock was filled with vehicles, even a caravan. The swimming pool was popular with the younger set, as was the ice-cream served during the afternoon. The visitors remarked on the tidiness and development of the grounds and paid tribute to the work of the committee and head teacher in this regard. The blue-gums and other trees were admired and the sheltered situation was really appreciated. (A bow from the pioneering committees here please!)

It has been suggested that a tree be planted to mark the 75 years, but the question remains, where?

The last visitors went home barely in time to prepare for the evening's fun at the banquet. Although the commencement was due at 7 pm, keen crowds gathered at the Memorial Hall, scene of the ball the night before, by 6.45.

Observed in the doorway were two elderly types who were reliving earlier times to the full as they jostled each other firmly and sneakily for the best position in the queue, both with sheepish grins on their faces.

BANQUET

The hall was crowded as the banquet began with grace being sung by all present. Guests at the dinner included Mr A. Humphries and wife, representing the Education Board; Dr E. Elder and Mrs Elder; Mr T.

Neave (ex-school committee secretary and ward member of the Education Board) and Mr and Mrs S. Kokay (representing Wallace County Council). Also on stage were the chairman and his wife (Mr and Mrs W. J. Diack), several first-decade pupils and the toastmaster (Mr M. Garrett) and his wife.

The speakers included the invited guests and the toast list was as follows:—

The Schools, Mr S. Kokay—Mr P. C. Gardner; Ex-pupils, Mr J. Pearce—Mr G. Cochran; Teachers Past and Present—Mr T. E. Neave—Mr M. W. Garrett; Committeemen Past and Present, Mr A. F. Farnilton—Mr D. Hampton; the Education Board, Dr E. M. Elder—Mr A. Humphries; performers and pianist, Mr A. W. L. Dickson; Chairman and toastmaster, Mr R. J. Watson.

"Auld Lang Syne" concluded the official programme.

The speakers proved interesting and their varied approach to their tasks left no one bored for long. The remarks of Mr Kokay set the ball rolling when he admitted that Clifden had been in existence for ten years before Tuatapere had been thought of seriously as a township.

The jubilee had commenced with a highly successful ball in the Tuatapere Memorial Hall the previous night, where some notable personages turned out to honour the occasion. The Grand March was led off by the chairman of the celebrations (Mr W. J. Diack) and MC (Mr Dave Johnston). The committee had already put in 20 months' work and feelings of relief were evident on many faces.

On the Saturday, Mr T. E. Neave was host at the roll-call and highlights of the afternoon included remarks from the new Minister of Education and Member for Wallace (Br B. Talboys) and an all-too-brief talk from Mrs Lyons, once the first teacher at the Otahu School. She related her first experiences and impressions of the district and described the difficulties of

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In Search Of 'The Three Wise Monkeys'

Steve Kokay's travels.

The fable of the three wise monkeys has always intrigued me: "Hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil." I always wanted to acquire a large statue of them.

The best I could ever find was about two inches high. I looked for them in all my travels. I asked many people in every country I went into, but met nobody who could help me.

Some thought I might find what I sought in India; some said Singapore; but I could not get information on them in either of those countries or in any other country I went to, until one day I read an article about a small town called Nikko, 94 miles north of Tokyo in Japan. The three wise monkeys originated there some 1000 years ago.

So that was how I came to go to Nikko—to acquire a large statue of the three monkeys and to delve into their origin.

In Nikko I found that the three wise monkeys are the basis of the Shinto religion. The Shinto religion is quite a primitive one. Its adherents worship nature and not a god in the form of our own image as the Christians do. The Japanese have sacred mountains such as Mount Fuji.

The Shinto religion does not teach or believe in a life hereafter, but yet it has a most beautiful teaching. It teaches love for each other. It is a sin for a Shinto to eat with a sharp instrument such as a knife and fork. With that you could injure your fellow man. Hence the use of chop sticks.

I have visited many Shinto shrines and what amazed me about them is that they are all built in the mountains. Some are four thousand feet high, such as the Toshogu shrine at Nikko. Today a four-lane super highway goes up to this shrine. This road is the greatest serpentine highway in the world. It zig-zags all the way up the mountain and has 48 hair-pin bends in it. I would have loved to have photographed it from an aeroplane!

But how did the Japanese get up there to build the shrine hundreds of years before there was any road there and before it was possible to take any vehicles up?

This Toshogu shrine is the greatest Shinto shrine in all Japan. It is fantastic to see it. I was really amazed at the exquisite structure of it and the tremendous amount of gold,



MRS S. SANFORD (above) and MRS W. J. ERSKINE (at left), both first-day pupils, taken at the banquet.

silver and lacquer used in its building. Before you get to the shrine you go through what is called the Yomeimon gate. This gate in itself is fabulous. It is high up in this gate that you will first see the three wise monkeys carved into it. A primitive but beautiful religion. "Hear no evil, speak no evil and see no evil." To me this is no different from Jesus saying: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

LIFE-SIZE STATUES

In the little town of Nikko there are several life-size statues of the three wise monkeys in the streets; but the largest you can buy is still 6in high.

I had a Japanese dinner in Nikko before going up into the mountains to the shrine. I was told it rains there every day, and sure enough it was raining, so I bought a plastic coat for 2 shillings to protect me. It was folded up so neatly it would go into my smallest pocket. I still carry this coat with me, but I am never able to fold it up as it was originally.

I have visited other Shinto shrines in Japan, some of them 1000 years old and all of them on a mountain top. There is one right in Tokyo quite close to the hotel where I mostly stay. The climb to it is fairly stiff, but as it is all concrete steps, I went up several times. Here one day I saw a Shinto wedding. It was quite colourful and elaborate.

I also saw a couple of services held and they too were quite colourful. The priest has at least two and sometimes four beautiful girls assisting him, as altar boys help in a Catholic service. The girls are picked for their beauty. The worshippers just come and go anytime. When they have some special request they clap their hands together. This is done to draw their god's attention to the fact that they are making a request somewhere in their worshipping. There is a lot of rice wine used but I do not know for what purpose. The wine is stored outside in dozens of casks. Anywhere else in the world this would be

stolen, but not in Japan.

At one Shinto shrine I went to, a couple of charming girls met me outside and said there was nothing there just then. I then told them that when I could see such beautiful girls as they, it could not be said that there was nothing there! The smiles they gave me and their shining eyes I will long remember, considering that such smiles as theirs, I once thought not possible on an Oriental for they are supposed to be stony faced.

On another occasion I told a Japanese girl I had had for my guide, that I would like some pictures taken of myself with her. She said certainly, but she would like the pictures taken at a Shinto shrine, so that is where we went, together with a friend of hers to take the pictures. The three of us spent about two hours up there and took about a dozen pictures. I have no hesitation in saying that Japanese company can be quite charming.

(Next month: Buddhism in Japan).

Top Honours For Local Boy



TOP honours were awarded to Cadet Staff Sergeant Patrick Hibbs, of Tuatapere, when he graduated on December 11, 1969, to the Royal NZ Infantry Regiment. Patrick received all his Schooling at Waiau DHS where he obtained his School Certificate. On joining the regular cadet force in January, 1968, he spent a year in the Education Department and received his endorsed school certificate. Patrick then took the instructors' course in 1969 and rose to staff-sergeant, graduating as the top cadet. Patrick has received a posting to the Burnham Military Camp which he will take up in March.

PERSONAL

Farewell to our station-master, Mr Bruce Bartlett, and family who were transferred in December to Kurow.

Mr and Mrs Harold Morrison and James have moved to Dunedin and Mr Morrison's position as post-master has been filled by Mr Ian McKenzie, of Hokitika. Mr and Mrs McKenzie and family arrived at the beginning of the month.

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Record Entries, Fine Day For Waiau Show

The Waiau A and P. Association's 32nd annual show, held at Tuatapore on January 31, closed the southern show circuit in great style with record livestock entries. Fine weather was the reason for the light crowd, as many farmers stayed away to attend to haymaking and shearing.

This year's gate takings were \$182, down \$50 on last year's \$230.

Although the amount of trade space sold remained the same as for the previous show, the takings from livestock entries were up.

The association president, Mr S. R. Allen, said public interest was being maintained in the show, even though it was predicted a number of years ago that the smaller shows would be forced to close.

He said emphasis in the show had changed over the year, and there had been big increases in the horse and pony entries.

"The Waiau show is a community day, and people come not only to see the stock, but to meet friends and for a pleasant day's outing," Mr Allen said.

"I feel that the show creates an interest and a sense of pride in the district. If the show was to fold there would be nothing for country life expression," he said.

Conditions in the beautiful Tuatapore domain were perfect for the afternoon's horse and pony competitions, and the ground was firm.

Entries for the show were up by 139 on last year's 953, this year's totalling 1092. The greatest part of this increase was made up by the horses and ponies—up by 100.

After the judging of dressage classes was completed in the morning, the big entry of ponies and light horses gave a good display of jumping.

In the FEEL, open hit and hurry competition, the crowd saw a fine display by the winner, Miss J. Dunn, of Te Anau, on Stroller.

Competitions results were:—Maiden jump (30): Terry family's (Ohai) Creamy 1, L. W. Insall's (Ringway Ridges) Valetta 2, Mrs Pascoe's (Quarry Hills) 3.

Pony jump up to 13.2 hands (18): Gareth McRae's (Nightcaps) Apache 1, C. Keast's (Aparima) Toby 2, B. V. Ridley's (Scott's Gap) Cheyenne 3.

Pony jump over 13.2 and up to 14.2 hands (31): A. Adamson's (Invercargill) Blue Boy 1, Bruce Hegan's (Otahuti) Messala 2, Barkman family's (Gladfield) Dusky 3.

Western Districts Championship jump (26): S. Horrell's (Gore) Zarie 1, B. Horrell's (Gore) Black Velvet 2, Miss J. Dunn's (Te Anau) Stroller 3, Mrs B. Rumler's (Browns) Royal Jinx 4.

Pony FEI jump up to 14.2 hands (33): H. Forde's (Isla Bank) Redwood 1, Peter Smith's (Eastern Bush) Coco and C. Keast's (Aparima) Toby 2 equal.

Improver's FEI (22): Mrs P. Wright's (Browns) Charmaine 1, Mrs Pascoe's (Quarry Hills) Chantor 2, Miss L. Mawdsley and Mrs G. Kelly's (Makarewa) Sherry 3.

Hit and hurry open FEI (22): Miss J. Dunn's (Te Anau) Stroller 1, Shona McRae's (Nightcaps) Black Prince 2, Terry family's (Ohai) Creamy 3.

Southdown Class The Strongest

Sheep entries on Saturday were up by five on last year, and the class was the strongest with 50 entries.

In the Romney section, the judge, Mr A. Symons, of Otahuti, said the competition was slight, although the prize-winning sheep were good.

He said variation in the wool quality could be eliminated by more careful selection.

Mr I. Grant of Woodlands, judge of the crossbred sheep, said there were good entries, and it was pleasing to see an improvement in wool and general quality of the younger sheep. Lambs in particular were good.

There were two South Suf-

folk entries, both from Mr H. D. Adams, of Riverton.

The fat sheep and lambs drew favourable comment on good overall quality.

ROMNEY

Champion Ram: E. C. and F. M. Sutherland (Eastern Bush).

Reserve: A. A. Erskine. Champion Ewe: S. Oughton (Invercargill).

Reserve: A. A. Erskine. Best woolled Ram: E. C. and F. M. Sutherland.

SOUTHDOWNS

Champion Ram: J. M. Martin (Tussock Creek).

Reserve: W. J. Parfitt (Otahuti). Champion ewe: J. M. Martin. Reserve: W. J. Hewitt (Scotts Gap).

CROSSBRED SHEEP

Champion ewe: C. W. R. Pirie (Isla Bank).

Reserve: McLeod Brothers (Otahuti).

FAT SHEEP AND LAMBS

Champion pen fat lambs: S. and N. Miller (Lumsden).

Reserve: K. Adams (Te Wae Wae).

Dairy Cattle

A Friesian cow owned by Mr W. A. Erskine, of Te Wae Wae, won the best dairy cow award in the special dairy class. Competition in the class came from six other breeders and two other breeds.

Dairy cattle were strongly represented, entries totalling 190, up by 20 on last year's show.

The four major breeds were all fairly even in number of entries, the Friesians having a slight edge on the others.

The best dairy heifer in the special dairy class was won by the Waianiwa Jersey breeder, Mr A. D. Hamilton, and the best yearling dairy heifer was won by a Friesian bred by Mr I. N. Carmichael, of Thornbury.

Out of the 12 classes in the Milking Shorthorn section the two competing breeders split them down the middle, taking six classes each. They carried off the championship placings in the same manner.

The judges generally commented on the light condition of the cows, but said they were well turned out.

This is probably one disadvantage with a show so late in the season—it is difficult for exhibitors to keep the stock in peak show condition.

JERSEY

Champion Bull: W. T. Bennett (Tuatapore).

Reserve: A. D. Hamilton (Waianiwa).

Champion cow: A. D. Hamilton.

Reserve: W. T. Bennett.

AYRSHIRE

Champion bull: C. D. Livingstone (Otaitai Bush).

Reserve: A. M. Eade and Son (Tisbury).

Champion Cow: R. McIntosh (Invercargill).

Reserve: A. M. Eade and Son.

FRIESIAN

Champion bull: I. N. Carmichael (Thornbury).

Reserve: W. A. Erskine (Te Wae Wae).

Champion cow: W. A. Erskine.

Reserve: I. N. Carmichael.

MILKING SHORTHORN

Champion bull: A. G. Murphy and Son (Invercargill).

Reserve: V. G. Griffen (Te Wae Wae).

Champion Cow: V. G. Griffen.

Reserve: A. G. Murphy and Son.

SPECIAL DAIRY CLASS

Best cow: W. A. Erskine.

Best heifer: A. D. Hamilton.

Best yearling heifer: I. N. Carmichael.

Best Bull: W. T. Bennett.

Horses, Ponies

In the saddle pony section A, McNamara Brothers, of Drummond, with Boy, won the cham-

ionship, finishing a successful show season for them on a top note.

SADDLE PONIES

((Section A))

Champion: McNamara Brothers' (Drummond) Boy.

Reserve: Bell family's (Glencoe), Penelope.

SADDLE PONIES

((Section B))

Champion: Bell family's Overseas.

Reserve: Sheryl Faul's (Kenington), Harlequin.

LIGHT HORSES

Champion Hack: R. G. and C. Hughes's (Tisbury), Premiere.

Reserve: B. Horrell's (Gore) Black Velvet.

The winner of the special pony class for tidest turnout of both rider and pony was won by the Bell family's (Invercargill) Overseas. There were 40 competitors.

D. Smythe, of Hedgehope, was the best rider in the 12-years and under class while in the over 12 and under 16 section, the winner was G. McNamara, of Drummond.

In the light horse class, the best rider 21 years and over was Miss J. Dunn, of Te Anau.

It was a clean sweep for Mr A. Stevens, of Riverton, in the harness horse and pony classes. Mr Stevens' horses and ponies took first place in each of the five classes, with the only other competition coming from R. G. and C. Hughes's (Tisbury) Tixette.

Miss Mandy Horrell, aged five, won the award for the youngest rider in the pony section.

Competition between the McNamara brothers and the Bell family's ponies was keen throughout sections A and B.

R. G. and C. Hughes's (Tisbury) Premier provided stiff competition, winning three out of the nine classes in the light horses section.

Fleece Wool

The fleece wool entries were up by about half at Saturday's Waiau show.

Mr J. L. Hubber's (Opora) crossbred hogget fleece, which was his only entry in the competition, won the champion fleece.

The judge was Mr D. P. Hunter of Invercargill.

Big Turn-out Of Shooters On New Year's Day

Perfect conditions were enjoyed by shooters at the Tuatapore sports on New Year's Day. Fifty shooters turned out for this picnic shoot on the banks of the Waiau river. Results:—

10 Bird Sweep. — A grade (29): W. Mooney, W. Todd, D. Hurle, J. Eden, G. Halligan, Les Scott, R. Brash 10. B grade (16): G. Muir, T. Pay 10. D. Whyte R. Drake 9.

15 Bird Trophy Match (35)—Six shooters shot possibles and the shoot-off resulted as follows: D. Tippet, R. Hunt, J. McKenzie, R. McCrostie, I. I. Tippet, S. Richards.

10 sparrows—A grade (25): W. Todd, S. Muir, A. Aburn, D. Buchanan, R. Hunt, J. Hawkins, J. Eden, D. Tippet, S. Richards, G. Halligan, D. Marshall 9. B grade (14): A. F. H. Aburn 10, P. Williams, D. Whyte, D. Peek, P. Ryley 9.

5 Pair Double Rise.—A Grade (14): W. Todd, J. Eden, D. Tippet, F. Diack, D. Marshall 9. B grade (10): A. F. H. Aburn 10, G. Muir, P. Williams 5, D. Pratt 7.

The high gun trophy, shot for over the single rise matches only, was won by Dave Tippet.

POOR ATTENDANCE AT CLUB SHOOT

Perfect weather conditions but a poor attendance of shooters and teams marked the club shoot held at Pukemaori by the Western Southland Gun Club on January 17. Results:—

10 Bird Sweep—A grade (12): J. Muir 10, G. Halligan, B. Shedden, J. Eden, W. Todd, D. Tippet 9. B grade (3): G. Muir 8, D. Whyte, M. Fowle 7.

10 Bird Single Barrell.—A grade (15): D. Tippet 10, G. Halligan, J. Muir, H. Boulton, B. Shedden, J. Eden 9.

\$50.00 Trophy Match 15 Bird—er in conjunction with Takitimu Shield (14)—G. Halligan, B. Shedden 15, J. Eden, H. Boulton, R. Marshall 14, D. Tippet 13. The shoot-off for placings ended as shown.

10 Pair Double Rise in conjunction with Richards Double Rise Shield (16)—J. Eden 18, W. Todd 17, G. Halligan 16, D. Tippet, D. Marshall, J. S. Richards 15.

Nightcaps won the Takitimu Shield with a 5-man score of 68 x 75 from Western Southland 65 x 75, and in the Richards Shield for double rise Western Southland team won with a score of 74 x 100 from Nightcaps team's score of 68 x 100.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS



MR W. T. BENNETT, assisted by Mr N. Bennett, led off the grand parade with his champion Jersey bull, Whariti Sam's Jinx, which won the best dairy bull any breed class.

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PROUD PAIR



MISS JEANETTE KING proudly displaying her first prize ticket which she won in the pet lamb class open to boys and girls of agriculture clubs within the district. Other place-getters were: Ruth McKercher 2, Robyn Howden and D. Froude (equal) 3. Miss Julie-Anne Fisher, of Tuatpere, with Buffy, won the champion ribbon in the pet lamb class of eight well prepared lambs.

Local Children Pass Examinations

An impressive number of former pupils of Waiau DHS local children gained passes in the University Entrance examination and in various subjects of the School Certificate examination. The list is:—

University Entrance

WAIU DHS

BEGLEY, Ian Gordon.

Passes at other schools by former pupils of Waiau DHS and other district schools were:—

JAMES HARGEST HIGH SCHOOL

LAURIE, Joy Susan.

SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

CAMPBELL, Atholl John.
SHERRIFF, Robert Marshall.
WILKINSON, Edward Stuart.

SOUTHLAND COLLEGE

HASSED, Noel James.

ST KEVIN'S COLLEGE

CHAMBERLAIN, Vincent Francis.

School Certificate

WAIU DHS

BALDWIN, Diane M. 14, 25, 34.

BEGGS, Linda M. 14, 26, 34, 48.

BLACK, Lawrence J. 11, 14, 26, 39, 49.

CHAMBERLAIN, Trevor J. 11, 14, 26, 39, 49.

CORKERY, Brendan H. 14.

DOBECK, Jeanette G. 11, 14, 26, 29.

EVANS, Lillian B. 11, 14, 26, 29, 39.

EVANS, Rosemary K. 48.

FLUERTY, Maureen L. 26.

JOHNSTON, Kevin L. 11, 14, 26, 39, 49.

LAURIE, Fay E. 11, 14, 26, 29, 48.

LEONARD, Terence W. 11, 14, 26, 39.

MARTIN, Laura H. 14, 26, 34.

MCDONALD, Judith A. 14, 26, 34.

MULDREW, Dawn I. 26, 34.

PROCTER, Heather K. 14, 26, 34.

ROBERTSON, Alice W. 26.

VERSTAPPEN, Johannes C. H. 11, 14, 26, 39, 49.

WALKER, John A. 11.

WALL, Raewyn J. 11, 14, 26, 34, 48.

WALLIS, Trevor R. 11, 14, 26, 29, 39.

School certificate passes by

former pupils of Waiau DHS and other district schools:—

JAMES HARGEST HIGH SCHOOL

DAVIES, Joy P. 11, 19, 26, 33.

KIDD, Jeanette, M. 18, 26, 29, 46.

SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

BOWIE, Roger A. 11, 23, 27, 33, 40.

HORRELL, Nicol G. 25, 27, 33.

McINTYRE, Peter G. 27.

SOUTHLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

BURTENSHAW, Sandra C. 11, 27, 29, 40.

ERSKINE, Stephanie H. 26.

NEAVE, Rosemary 11, 29, 40.

NORMAN, Linda I. 23.

PETERS, Jane 11, 27, 29, 40.

SOUTHLAND COLLEGE

ALDERTON, David K. 22, 45, 47.

WYNDHAM DHS

McMECKING, Linda A. 11, 14, 23, 26.

COLUMBA COLLEGE, DUNEDIN

SIM, Rachael A. 11, 23, 29, 33, 39.

ST HILDA'S COLLEGE, DUNEDIN

HENDERSON, Daidre J. 11, 23, 26, 33, 37, 39.

ST KEVIN'S COLLEGE, OAMARU

LEONARD, Trevor J. 11, 29, 39.

A Land Of Centenarians

Medzhid Agayev, who lives in the remotest mountain village of the Azerbaijan Republic, has marked his 135th birthday. In this village which has nine centenarians he has lived all his life not once descending from the mountains. For about 40 years Medzhid was a shepherd on a collective farm, now he is on pension.

Medzhid Agayev has seven children and all his offspring—grandsons — granddaughters, great-grandsons, and great-granddaughters number 80. The old man is hale and hearty, and has no complaints about his health. He is chairman of the elders' Council of the Azizbekov collective farm.

Agayev is not the oldest citizen of Azerbaijan Shirali Mislina, a collective farmer, is 165 years old.

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The Petition

(Contributed.)

Most folk think it right and proper we should Manapouri save,

And all hope the blokes who push this won't get ulcers as they rave.

But there's a point that stirs some folk who most times are quite meek—

There's no mention of our river that soon will be a creek,

So when these blokes come out from town they plan to make them listen;

They'll tell them of her rugged charm, and waters that do glisten

And then they'll have old Sam and Miles (these pair can tell a story),

Robert M and Gerald G, some youths like Wap and Baldy.

They'll tell them stories of the punt to make their whiskers curl,

They'll tell them of Old Dido's swim through waters that did whirl,

They'll tell them of the maiden's leap, the mail boy and the flood,

Old Sandy and one baker (George when bread fell in the mud,

And mine host he will say to them, from his side of the bar,

"One cannot speak about a creek to tourists from afar."

They'll tell their stories thick and fast till blokes from the town will see,

The stem the river is far the greater tragedy.

And they may say, "Indeed it seem's we're late with the petition;

But for you Waiau folk, we'll add a special late edition.

Working Dogs

The working collie entries for this year were down on last year. Champion collie ribbon went to J. W. Thompson's (Wyndham) Bonnie, and reserve champion went to Mr Smith's (Tuatpere) collie.

Friendship Cup To Western Gun Club

Ideal weather conditions were enjoyed for the 22 shooters who turned out for the Friendship Cup competition which is held annually between Nightcaps and Western Southland Gun Clubs. The competition was shot over the following four matches:—

10 Bird Sweep.—A grade (6): J. S. Richards 10, R. Marshall 9, W. Todd, D. Marshall J. Nicolson 8, B grade (11): M. Nicolson 10, D. Whyte, G. Muir 9, T. Green D. Pratt, Mrs Whyte 8.

10 Bird single Barrel.—A grade (6): W. Todd, J. S. Richards, R. Marshall, J. Eden 9. B grade (11): G. Shaw, G. Muir M. Nicolson 8, D. Peck, J. Whyte, D. Pratt 7.

10 Bird Sparrows.—A grade (6): J. Eden 10, J. S. Richards 9, W. Todd 8, R. Marshall, J. Nicolson 7 B grade (13): G. Shaw, J. Whyte 10, G. Muir M. Green M. Nicolson, R. Drake 8.

5 pair Double Rise.—A grade (6): W. Todd 10, J. S. Richards, R. Marshall, D. Marshall 7. B grade: (14) G. Shaw J. Whyte 9, G. Muir, D. Peck, M. Nicolson, Mrs Whyte 8.

Western Southland won the Cup with a total score of 280 from Nightcaps, 234.

A noted performance was that of Jack Eden, on a 24 yd handicap at the age of 63—a first for the club on this handicap.

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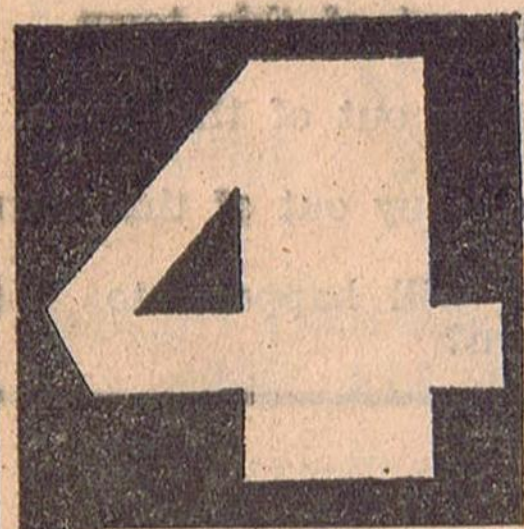
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County Corner

Waiau Riding Notes

Supplied by
STEVE KOKAY
(Riding Member)

In January we do not have a county meeting, so we had our first meeting for the year on February 5.

As usual we have problems aplenty. Our worst problem is inflation and rising costs. A new award for our field staff comes into effect this year, so they are getting a rise in their wages, but a far worse form of inflation we are faced with now is the cost of alterations to our new county office. Owing to the present building boom, carpenters are hard to get and the cost is continually rising.

The two new bridges—Antler Burn and Thicket Burn on the Haroka Road—are nearly completed. A tender is let to Ray McIvor for a new bridge over Cameron Creek on the coast road. This bridge we are casing up 4½ feet, eliminating the present steep dip; and provision will be made to convert this bridge into a two-lane bridge at a later date. The overlay on the Merrivale Road is completed now. We are raising this road to Class I. The new extension on Hagan's Road is also complete now.

We are planning to reconstruct Youngs hill at Orawia in the near future to proper road standards. I am pleased with the reconstruction of Fenham Hill, and have every faith in this hill "staying put" now; but we will not seal it for some time until we are satisfied that this slip is properly healed. I am of course placing a lot of my faith in the willow tree we planted at the foot of this slip some two years ago.

November was a bad month for motor accidents: One fatal accident and seven seriously injured in the Wallace County.

On November 27, we, the Wallace County Council and also the Southland County Council met representatives of Federated Farmers to hear them and give our views on land classification as a basis for rating. The theory of this system is to class all land into six or eight classes. The classing would be based on the "known potential" of the land and that classification would remain permanent. The rates would be struck according to the classification.

We had a lengthy discussion on this theory and several conclusions came out of it. The first was that land has many potentials—dozens of potentials in fact—not counting the unknown potentials, so who would be competent to know what classification your land would come under? Regarding the six or eight classes land would be classed into, here again it was proved that there are dozens of different classes of land. At the conclusion of the meeting most of us were satisfied that land classification and rating it on its known potential would be far too complicated and it would finally have more anomalies than our present capital valuation system.

Considerable discussions ensued on various ideas for improving on our present system. I put forward my own idea, which is that I am happy with capital valuation but the anomaly I see in it is that when a young farmer improves his farm he is penalised for it by higher rating. I hold that when a farmer puts in improve-



ments which are directly related to increasing his production he should be given a few years before he is rated for increasing his production.

Each year we have a Xmas gathering for the staff and councillors, also all the wives who care to come along. Councillors put in \$5 and staff \$3 per couple. This year our party was smaller as our night coincided with the Xmas party. Contractor Crooks puts on each year. (Their show is buckshee and several of our staff received invitations to it!)

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Successful Celebrations

transport in those days. Her first school room had been a room in the old home of Mr Pearce Sr until the building of the first school room nearby. The chimney smoked.

Also present was the chairman of the Southland Education Board, Mr H. P. Fowler. The coincidence of the Winton centennial celebrations and some other jubilees with Clifden's caused some difficulty with invited guests, and we were fortunate in having these people in attendance.

Greatly honoured were two first-day pupils of Clifden, Margaret and Ellen Whyte, (Mrs S. Stanford and Mrs Erskine), who were both in attendance. They received a warm welcome as they acknowledged their names on the roll-call. All were delighted to see the youngest pupils, Alistair Sanford and Peter Fowle, present flowers to these two especially since Alistair is a grandson of Mrs Sanford.

Fuss was kept to a minimum by having photos taken of the decade groups as they were dealt with in the roll-call. Over a dozen former teachers mingled with the crowd, smiling broadly as they recognised old friends and foes among their former charges. Plenty of time was available for free mingling over cups of tea, and a popular place of retreat was the old block which had been converted for the day into a museum of sorts with the aid of local families. Photos, maps, and "memorabilia" of all kinds filled the walls and desks, and the sight of an old school group could touch off many a story.

MASS TRUANCY

One such story related the mass truancy problem when over a dozen children (grandparents now) took to the bush regularly for a week or more rather than face the wrath of a certain teacher. Only when a cloudy day made the correct "going-home" time difficult to assess did the secret come out. A delegate crept out to ask a passing waggoner the time. The fellow mentioned this to the blacksmith in passing, and Jimmy Robinson collared one of them that night, when he came to the forge.

Old Jimmy, his singed moustache bristling, made him a promise: if they would never play "the wag" again, he would never tell on them. They didn't and he didn't. The whole episode reminds one of cricket. "Bad light stopped play . . ."

Many stories like these will be published in a jubilee booklet to be printed early this year.

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A LETTER FROM AMERICA

The following letter from
Mrs Glenn Koenig, (the former
Miss Kay Templeton, of Tuatapere)
will be of interest:—

Dear Everybody,—Well here we are in Massachusetts, the very last place we expected to be; but we are here and we like it. This state is so different from Utah that we feel like we are in a foreign country anyway. We live in an un-integrated area (people here are definitely against colour integration), but these people are very good to us, in fact my homesickness was made a lot less by these kind fun-loving neighbourhood women.

When we first got here we bought a house and the essential refrigerator (the weather was about 90 degrees most of the summer), so we were broke and our furniture was still waiting for us in Invercargill. Chairs, table, bed and even a floor lamp were lent to us. People called to take me shopping (we had no car for a few weeks), which was all so wonderful and unexpected. Anything home-made (jam, cakes etc) or grown costs more than what you can buy it at the store. A funny thing is that here flour costs more than sugar per lb.

This state is very heavily populated, but from driving around you wouldn't know it since everybody builds amongst the trees and you can't see most areas from the road. The roads are something else too—what a mess!!! Three-laned highways either side being able to use the middle and roundabouts on main motorways, with lanes criss-crossing five or six different ways; just murder when everyone is heading down to the Cape (or over from New York) for summer vacations. Even winter and fall have their road hazards—the locals drive in the middle of the road and disregard yellow lines or even white dotted ones.

Most of our neighbours are from such ethnic groups as Spanish, Irish, Italian or Jewish. Predominantly Catholic and Irish and mostly all Catholic haters though. (Strange?). Of course Plymouth itself has some "olde English" (from the pilgrims) most of whom are moneyed and are only seen by their gardeners and butlers. So you can see our neighbourhood is conservative politically but full of exciting drama if one watches out for such things. (Mostly about dogs leaving visiting cards on neighbours' front lawns. Italian or Irish tempers

are really magnificent).

Glen is still working for Bechtel Corp, on the Boston Edison Nuclear Power—the breakwater side of it—and geologically inspects the quarries and sees that the contractor places the rock properly etc. He likes it since it is not such a drag getting to and from the job site (four miles) and he gets on well with everybody down there. He doesn't work such long hours and gets every other Saturday off.

Our children have grown, with Carson being one of the neighbourhood terrors. Leona is walking (very cute) and Daddy's girl, but quite shy of strangers. Me, I am painting up a storm—have been taking lessons down at the local high school, and even if I do say so have impressed the teacher (Have improved a lot of course)

Regards,

Kay.

Clifden Pool A Valuable Amenity

The head teacher at Clifden reports that hundreds of parents have brought their families to enjoy the sheltered waters of the Clifden learners' pool. Although some adults had used the pool, it was primarily a children's pool. He asked that young adults wishing to use the pool give way to younger folk at all times and not upset the calm peaceful atmosphere necessary for the confidence of little ones.

He laid particular stress on the complete exclusion of drink and smoking from the school grounds, and asked for care in pool tidiness.

The proximity of the sandpit to the pool had meant much sand in the pool and parents were requested to see that children did not enter the pool from the sandpit without a prior clean-up.

Residents of Tuatapere and districts are fortunate in having such a pool available and the co-operation of all users will be needed if the service (which is voluntary and non-profit, involving much time and worry to the head teacher) is not to be withdrawn.

Donations accepted at the gate represent only a small portion of the real cost.