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AMERICAN EXPERIENCES DESCRIBED

Miss Marilyn Young (Orepuki), who was an American Field Scholar at Fenlon, Michigan, USA this year was the guest speaker. Some of the highlights of an interesting experience were trips which included a five-hour visit to the Appollo Base at Houston and a flight right across the states from east to west.

During supper, questions were asked and Marilyn gave her impressions of racial problems and also drug abuse among young people.

Competition results were:—
Blooms: Large — Mrs F. Hogg 1 and 2, Mrs D. Ferguson 3; cluster—Mrs Ferguson 1, Mesdames J. McQueen and Ferguson 2 equal; small — Mrs J. McQueen 1, Mrs Ferguson 2, Mrs Hogg 3. Article from one yard of material — Mrs Menpes 1, Mrs R. Feaver and Mrs Hogg 2 equal.

Ain't It Time?

Publishing a small paper is no picnic.
If we print jokes, people say we are silly.
If we don't, they say we are too serious.
If we clip things from other magazines,
We are too lazy to write them ourselves;
If we don't, we are stuck on our stuff.
If we don't print every word of all our contributions, we don't appreciate genius;
If we do print them, the columns are filled with junk.
If we make a change in the other fellow's article, we are too critical.
If we don't, we are blamed for poor editing.
Now, as like as not, someone will say
We swiped this from some other source.
We did.

EDITOR.

Final Issue Of Gazette Next Month

It is with regret that we make the announcement that next month's issue of The Gazette will be the last.

In the past 18 months we have been bringing to you through the pages of The Gazette our local news and (most important) our local shopping news, but unfortunately owing to the lack of support in the way of advertising we must bring this Gazette to an end.

We take this opportunity to thank our regular advertisers, without whose loyal support The Gazette would not have lasted as long as it has done.

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TUATAPERE LIBRARY —A LASTING MEMORIAL AND LIVING ASSET

The history of the Memorial Library goes back to well before the election of the first Library Committee on November 8, 1926. Before that time the Waiau District Soldiers' Memorial Committee had been formed and had chosen a library as a lasting memorial. These folk raised enough money by public subscription and sale of work etc, to allow the building to be opened on Anzac Day, 1927, practically debt free. The building and contents were valued at the time at £600 (\$1200).

The Library Committee comprised Messrs Geo. McLeod (chairman), A. Rillstone (secretary-treasurer), the Rev S. Waddell, Messrs J. Stuck, P. Hamilton, W. Norman, J. O. Harper E. Smith, C. C. Nicholas, and Mesdames Duncan, T. J. Henderson, A. Rillstone, A. Prentice, T. Ward, H. Benneworth, J. McCulloch and S. Laurie.

There was a fine impressive ceremony to open the library. The order of the memorial march and service used has been followed almost without change since that time.

Several well-known characters were prominent on that occasion. The Hon Adam Hamilton, MP, Messrs G. E. Charlton, Lt J. O. Harper, Colonel James Hargest, all took official parts, and the Pipe Band was led by Pipe-major G. Hamilton, while the "Last Post" was played by Bugler W. F. Harrison.

The architect was Allen C. Ford, and the builders were Messrs Harper and Walker.

The subscription in those days was 10/- for one book per annum but returned men were offered free subs for their first year and half rates for a further year. As the average book at that time cost only 6/6 to 7/6, the shelves were soon filled and more were built. The National Country Library Service was joined and by 1942 150 books were being exchanged every four months to ensure fresh reading material at little additional cost.

The buildings and surrounds have been largely maintained by volunteer labour, although some lawn-mowing and cleaning work was paid for, as is the case today. Recently the Wallace County Council accepted responsibility for the maintenance of the building.

The first librarian (honorary) was

Mrs A. Rillstone, who continued in that position right up until 1956 when ill-health forced her to resign. Her husband (Mr A. Rillstone) acted as secretary-treasurer until his death in 1948 and was the mainstay of the library during those years, spending many hours carpentering, painting, and repairing books.

Others to serve on the library during the same period were Messrs H. and G. Jenkins, R. Owen, K. Dalgleish, R. Muirhead and Mesdames Charlton, Stuck, E. Young, D. McLeod, S. Gardner, W. Walker, J. O. Harper, G. Harrison, J. Gordon, Swain, R. Gardner, Ralph Gardner, and Misses F. McDonald and J. Curow.

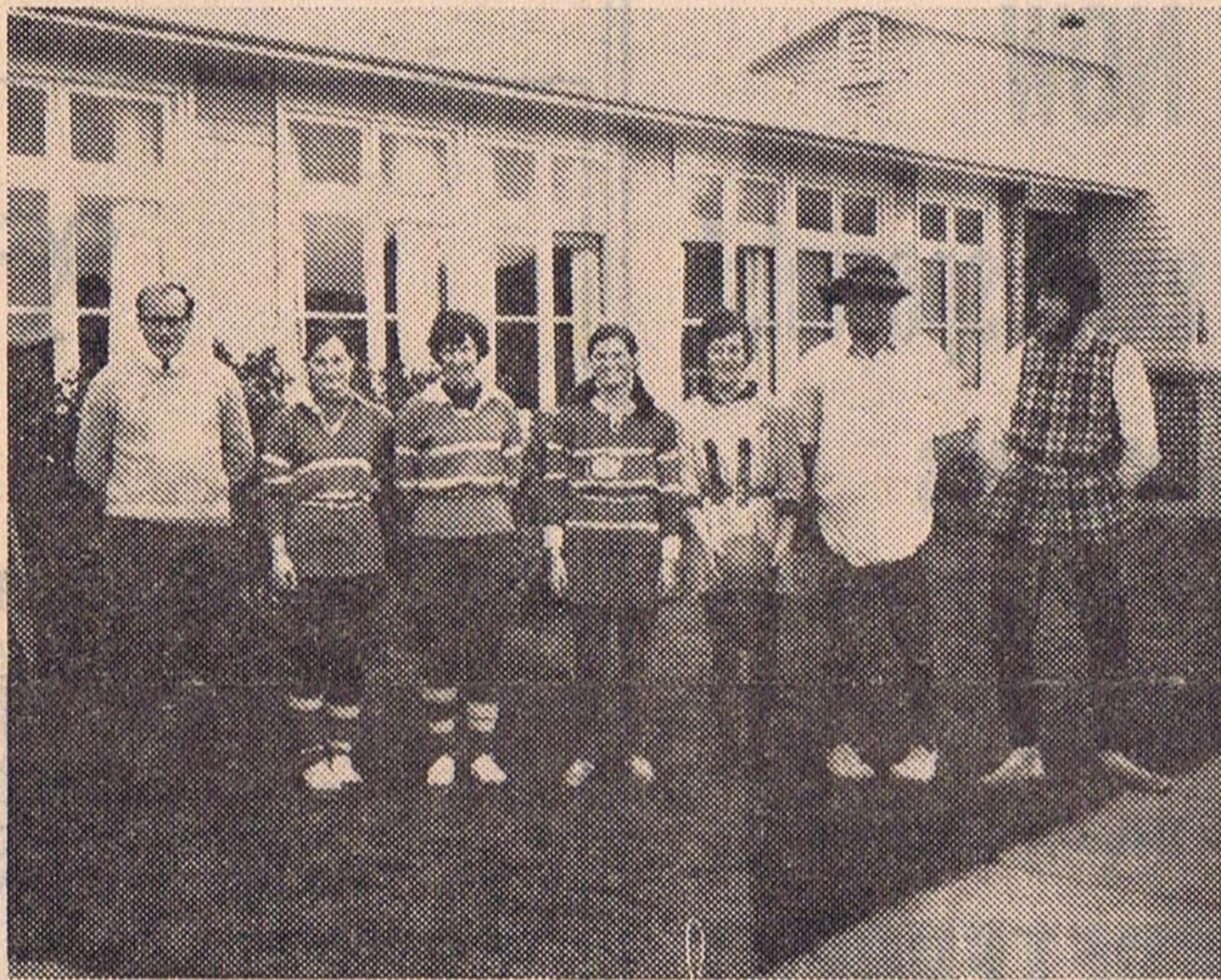
The library today continues to flourish, having beaten the "television menace," and membership lists continue to rise. But only through the support of all the local people can the service so freely given by the librarians be continued.

Through the broad book-buying policy of the librarians there is a great selection of books available. Included in one section are, fittingly enough, the war histories of the various units of World War II.

The children's book section continues to expand in size and popularity as more books are added. Donations of suitable books for this section are doubly welcome.

'THE SOCIAL'

I travelled to the city to attend a social do.
My folk said "If you're asked to speak, remember Ps and Qs."
My hostess welcomed me and said "My how the years do flee,
But time just seems to strengthen ties 'tween friends as old as we."
The speakers told about their tours. Each chose the grandest sight.
They had seen when travelling far. I listened with delight.
Then it was my turn to speak (the quiet country mouse),
And I forgot my Ps and Qs and folk at my own house.
I said: "I really couldn't just quite make up my mind,
For to separate these wonders, no way could I find.
T'was the Takatimu mountains clad in snow from tip to toe,
Or the glory of a sunset or a wide bay that I know.
Then they knew I was much travelled — they were indeed impressed.
Until they'd seen these wonders most felt they couldn't rest.
As I left, my hostess said "Years haven't dimmed your dash
Or art of disappearing when you've been a trifle rash."
And when at home my folk they said "How did the social go?"
Gathering all those Ps and Qs I said: "Just so and so!"
"M"



TEACHERS WIN NETBALL

A large crowd of supporters witnessed the challenge netball match between the staff of Waiau District High School and the primary senior team. Staff uniforms were distinctive, with strong Waiau leanings in the colours. Teachers won by 5 goals to 2, scorers being Mrs Suddaby (5 for teachers) and B. Bason (2 for pupils).

This win was not surprising considering one of the staff players is a Western netball rep and another a Southland Rugby rep. These players were strongly supported by the rest of the team. Good defending by P. Smith and J. McKenzie prevented more goals being scored by the Primary team.

Primary defended very well considering the weight of the opposition.

Teams were:—

Teachers: P. Smith, L. Wilson, J. Earle, M. Suddaby, J. Hampton, J. McKenzie, and I. Parsons. Emergencies: F. Tillard, P. Bryan and B. Cochran.

Pupils: G. Johnston, G. Moir, K. West, K. McIntosh, B. Bason, M. Shepherd and L. Crawley, Emergency: J. McDowell.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

An excellent attendance of members was welcomed at the monthly meeting by the president, Mrs Evans.

A most successful shop day was held and members were thanked for help given.

Miss Hampton's slides of her overseas trip were most varied an interesting and enjoyed by all.

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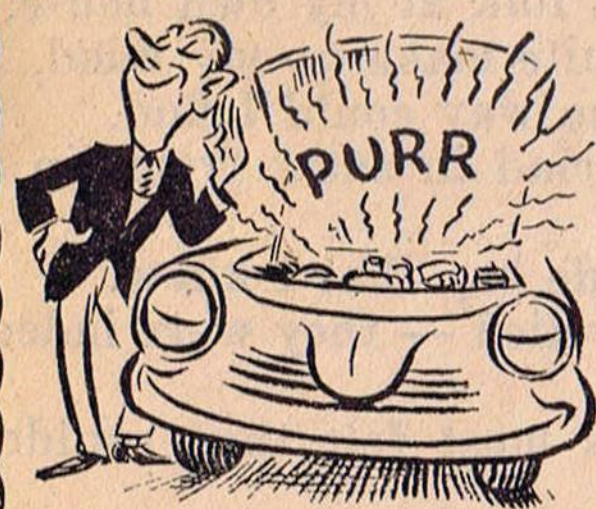
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Spring Cleaning Has New Purpose

Although spring cleaning might not be the rite it once was in a housewife's life, this is still the time of the year when ideas of change about the house are most insistent.

Rooms can become too large or too small because of changes in the number of occupants of the house. The remedy for this and also such structural alterations as putting in new windows come into the category of remodelling a home.

Usually, practical necessity means settling for smaller changes rather than anything so drastic. A room can be given a fresh look without too much physical or financial effort.

Improvements on a lesser scale can result in a more convenient place for children to do homework, better storage space for books or papers, even a better system for filing recipes.

Sometimes backgrounds of rooms can be altered to show off furniture to best advantage. In a kitchen, smart colour schemes will highlight equipment and utensils, food containers or ornamental plates.

When walls have to be repainted or repapered there is a ready made reason for a fresh colour scheme or accent to a room. Redecorating in the colours a room had before is more of maintenance and cleaning than making the best of an opportunity which does not come so very often.

The floor is another area where a change can be made — all over, or with just one mat.

Curtains can be made to merge with room backgrounds by using

materials matching walls or they can give emphasis to a window by outlining its shape. They can be used to contrast in fabric and style with other furnishings — it depends on what they are intended to do for a room.

Antique pieces may need no more attention than care in using them, but sometimes imaginative treatment of old furniture can be rewarding. When it is well made and pleasantly proportioned, it is worth restoring, perhaps by removing dull varnish to show the natural colour of the wood.

The atmosphere of any room can be altered by a new colour scheme, from calm and spacious to gay and jaunty and back again, to reflect accordingly on the feelings of the occupants.

Fresh accents can be given by the introduction of a new cover for a chair, a new picture or light shade, a pot with an exotic plant or with some well chosen ornaments. These are almost instantaneous remedies when a room needs a new highlight because it is spring.

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