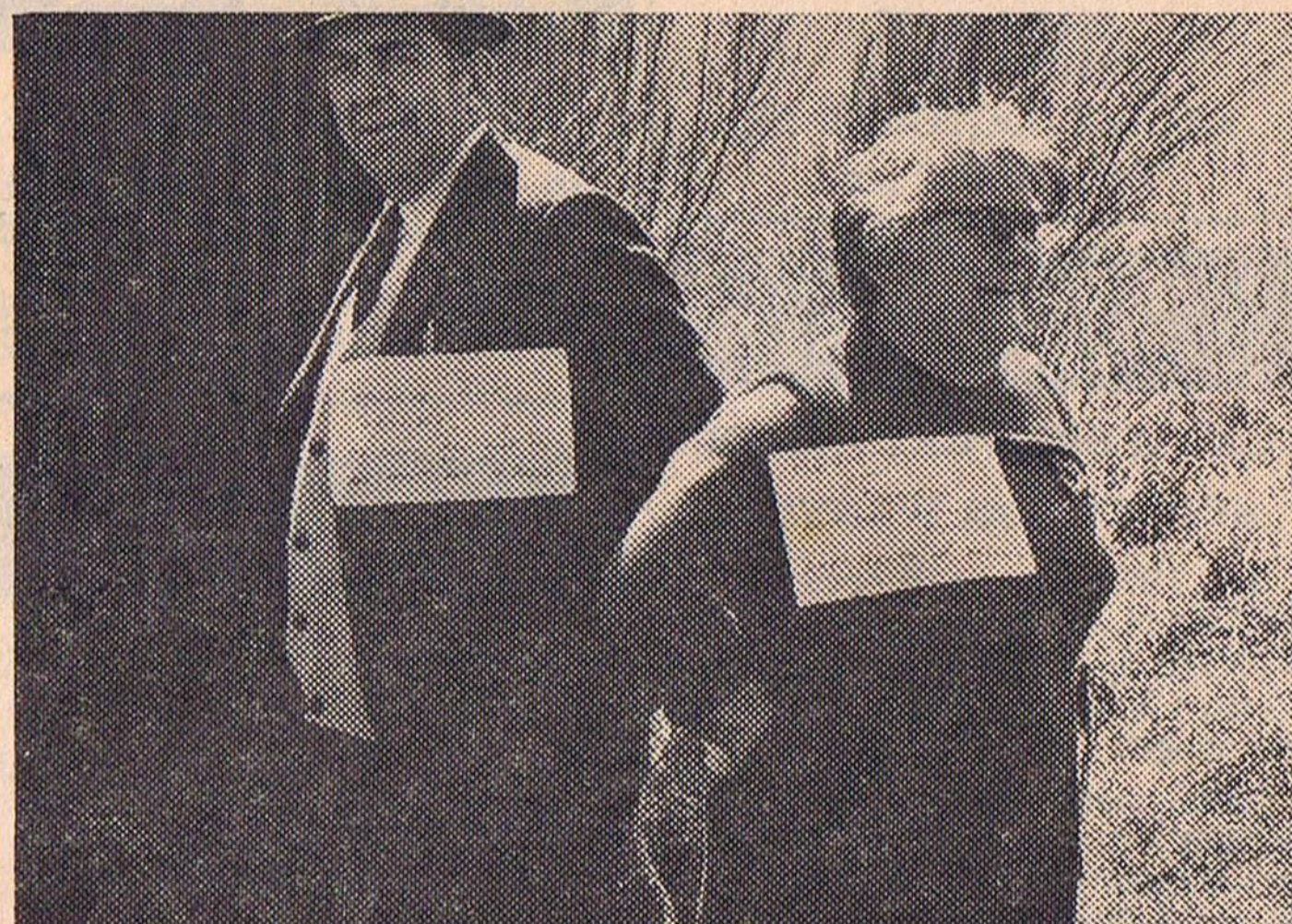


# Wai-gazette

## FINAL ISSUE

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PLAY centre children waiting to board train. Next, the stationmaster (Mr Fairhurst) ready to couple up train. In the third photo bandits attacked the train. The fourth shows school pupils boarding the train. Then we see the train at Orawia and finally, Mrs Tillard and Mr Jefferson being held for ransom.

### SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY BY RAIL

A sentimental journey was made by pupils of Waiiau District High School, together with the Tuatapere and Puke-maori Play Centres, from Tuatapere to Orawia return.

Five carriages were brought out specially from Invercargill, and for many of the children this was their first train ride. Excitement ran high at the station. The trip to Orawia went smoothly, but on the return journey the train was besieged by bandits. The bandits (much to the delight or horror of the smaller children) removed Mrs Tillard and Mr Jefferson from the train and tied them up. The other members of the staff had to pay the ransom for their return, by buying bricks for the appeal for the Southland Museum Building Fund.

The trip was enjoyed by young and old alike.

### Last Issue Of The Gazette

In this, our last issue, we wish to take the opportunity to thank our regular advertisers, without whose support we could not have carried on as long as we did. To all the others who contributed articles and photographs we also extend our thanks.

DAVID & ASHLEA MILL.

### More Members Welcome To Ceramic Club

Mrs L. McConnell reports that with the expansion of the Clifden Ceramic Club to Te Wae Wae School, there is now room for any beginners in the Clifden area to work at the pottery cottage at Clifden, and asks that anyone interested should contact her.

### RED CROSS SUB-CENTRE NEEDS FUNDS

Support is needed by the Red Cross Sub-centre to provide aid for disaster relief work, and to raise funds the Red Cross is once again offering for sale Christmas cards.

These cards are available from the secretaries of centres and sub-centres.

Tuatapere Sub-centre committee:—

Patron, Mrs Lawson, Sr; President, Dr E. M. Elder; vice-president, Mrs M. Harrison; secretary, Mrs B. J. Mackenzie, Post Office (Phone 65); committee, Mesdames Ralph Gardner, G. Davies, S. Horrell, Duff, W. Hamilton and Ryley.

### QUIET CLOSING OF ORAWIA RAILWAY

The Tuatapere-Orawia section of the branch railway from Thornbury officially closed on October 1. No special function marked the closure. The eight and a-half mile section carried only 5600 tons of goods in the year to March 31 last, compared with the 22,000 to 26,000 tons carried in years up to 1968 when the Orawia cement works were open.

The line was opened in 1925 and passenger services ceased in 1954.

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### Play Centre's Annual Meeting

The Tuatapere Play Centre held its annual meeting on Wednesday, September 9.

In her annual report, the president (Mrs H. McKay) outlined the past year's activities. During the year the children had visited the local fire station and the butcher's shop, and a successful picnic for parents and children was held at Queens Park, Invercargill. As speakers at parent evenings members heard Mr G. Clements, who had been to America under the AFS scheme; and Mr A. Barnes (child psychologist) and Mrs D. Bryan (infant mistress) spoke of their work. It was noted that the local committee had done all they could regarding procuring the Merrivale School as a permanent play centre building, and it was now in the hands of the Otago and Southland Play Centre Association to make application on the local centre's behalf.

Officers elected for the coming year were as follows:—

President, Mrs B. Thomas; vice-president, Mrs V. McKay; secretary, Mrs W. J. Sherrieff; treasurer, Mrs R. Henderson;

information officer, Mrs J. Walker; roster secretary, Mrs G. Erskine; equipment officer, Mrs P. McConnell.

After the annual meeting, discussion took place on raising funds for the permanent building. It was decided that the main effort for this term would take the form of a monster Christmas stocking raffle and a stall of Christmas gifts, to be held at the bridge opening gala day early in December.

### Orawia WDF

Competition results from the August meeting of Orawia WDF:—

Single bloom: D. Young 1, M. Sutherland 2, D. Richards 3.

Cluster: D. Young 1, M. Sutherland 2, J. Martip 3.

Shrub: D. Young and G. Hagen 1 equal, M. Sutherland 2.

Baking: G. Hagen 1, L. Holden and D. Richards 2 equal.

Handwork: R. McDonald and D. Richards 1 equal, E. Richards 2.

Vegetable: D. Young 1, D. Richards 2.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Members showed their skills at what they have made from our bazaar and Christmas Novelty class held in September.

Competition results:—

Single bloom: D. Richards 1, L. Holden 2, R. Bryan 3.

Cluster: L. Holden 1, D. Richards 2, D. Young 3.

Shrub: E. Sanford 1, G. Hagen 2, D. Young 3.

Vegetable: R. Bryan and D. Richards 1 equal, Y. Levett 2, G. Hagen 3.

Baking: G. Hagen 1, D. Richards 2, E. Sanford 3.

Handwork: D. Young 1, G. Hagen 2, D. Richards 3.

—Dulcie J. Marshall.

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