

# Waitahora District and School

## 75th JUBILEE

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**WAITAHORA DISTRICT AND SCHOOL 75th JUBILEE  
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**Foreword**

This booklet has been published on the occasion of the 75th Jubilee of the Waitahora District and School and I trust that it will provide some interesting information as well as a record of the celebrations which took place at Waitahora on February 18th-19th 1978.

The widespread interest in the events of the early days and memories of the older residents have been enlarged upon by Mr Ian MacGibbon Jnr, who is compiling a detailed history of Waitahora through to the present day.

I would like to thank our sub-committee who have produced this excellent booklet and Mr MacGibbon for making information available to them.

J. Marshall Tickner  
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## Early Settlement

The European history of Waitahora dates from 1861 with the arrival of George Douglas Hamilton (1835-1911), the first settler in the whole of Southern Hawkes Bay. A member of a distinguished Scottish family, he had emigrated to New Zealand in 1857. He went first to Akitio Station as manager, then to another station at Tuki-tuki. While at the latter he negotiated a lease with the Maori owners of Mangatoro, which he had seen from a distance during an exploratory trip while at Akitio.

Hamilton's first residence on his run was a rough two-roomed hut with a totara bark roof close to the Mangatoro Stream at Waitahora (on what is now James McGibbon's farm). It did not survive long. After a few years he built a larger dwelling, probably at Mangatoro, and the hut was eventually wheeled over the bank into the river.

Hamilton was a real pioneer. When he came to Waitahora (which means literally 'water and open space'), the country was completely uncharted and the attitude of local Maoris uncertain. He persevered in very trying circumstances, building up the capacity of his 31,000 acre run from 900 sheep in 1861 to more than 30,000 in the 1880s. He also took part in the conflict which flared in Hawkes Bay in the 1860s, earning the New Zealand War Medal and the rank of Ensign in the New Zealand Militia (though he henceforth always referred to himself as 'Captain' Hamilton).

Following Hamilton's visit to Britain in 1872-74, during which he got married, the focus of the Station moved north to Mangatoro, where he later built a magnificent mansion. The 'back station', as the Waitahora area became known, was managed from 1876-86 by the Scot Robert ('Kiltie') Smith, his cottage standing on what is now Brian Dickie's farm.

Hamilton's bubble burst in the 1880s, a time of severe economic depression in New Zealand. He had become heavily indebted to the Bank of New Zealand in the course of rapidly developing the property, as well as improving his leases with the Maori owners. In 1884 the Bank foreclosed on his mortgage, giving him 24 hours in which to find 44,000 pounds. A legend subsequently arose that he found the money with the help of friendly Maoris but was unable to get it to the bank in time because of a flooded river. If the truth is less dramatic, the effect was the same — Hamilton's downfall. Upon his inevitable default, the Bank took possession of the Station. Five years later, it sold him up. At the auction, in very controversial circumstances, the

Bank purchased the property itself, for a fraction of its true value. A long legal struggle ensued, during which Hamilton took his case to Parliament, but he was unable to obtain redress. He died a bitter and impoverished man in 1911.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century other settlers began to filter into the Mangatoro Valley south of the Mangatoro Station. 'Rory' McKenzie (1853-1926) who later selected one of the Hamilton estate sections, took up a farm at Coonoor in 1892. Tom Smith arrived in the 1890s, after being shipwrecked on reaching New Zealand, and he established a general store on his farm (John Ellingham's today). In 1892 Waewaepa Station was acquired by Williams and Kettle Ltd; four years later they sold it to Godrey (1872-1941) and H.H. Pharyzyn. The former had been educated in England (Marlborough College and Cambridge), was a rower of note, and was to have three sons, all of whom met untimely deaths. By April 1897 Waewaepa was running 6192 sheep. A little to the north Carlson's timber mill stood on what is today J.B. Ellingham's farm.

In 1895 the Mangatoro Station passed into the hands of the Bank of New Zealand Assets Realisation Board. Six years later the 19,000 acre Waitahora part of it was purchased from the Maoris (at 4 pounds 10 shillings an acre) by the Government for sub-division and settlement under the Land for Settlement Act. Twenty-six farms were offered for selection on 21 January 1902 and the surprisingly small number of 30 applicants presented themselves. Sixteen of the farms were immediately selected and the other ten soon afterwards. The successful applicants took up their farms on 1 April 1902.

On 1 July 1905 a further ballot led to the taking up of three further properties now regarded as part of the Waitahora district. These farms were carved out of the northern part of the Mangatoro Station, which the Government had purchased (for 1 pound an acre) in 1903. This time there were 825 applicants for the 13 farms.

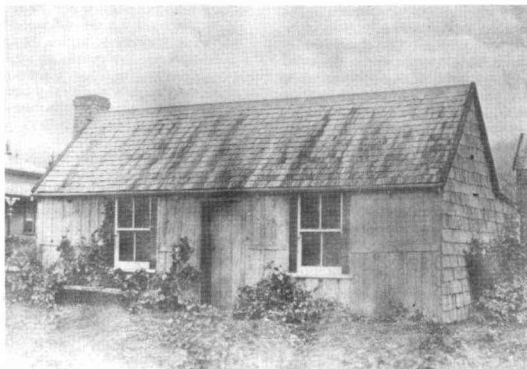
The 1905 ballot completed the settlement phase of Waitahora's history. There were many changes of ownership during the first difficult years but high prices and good seasons soon brought a measure of prosperity to those who persisted. The community's isolation was soon lessened by the formation of the Ongaha Road (in 1906) and the construction of a bridge at Dougall McGibbon's gate, a great improvement on the old Mangatoro Road with its five fords.

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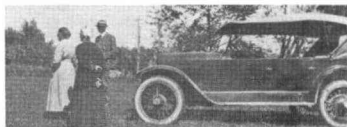
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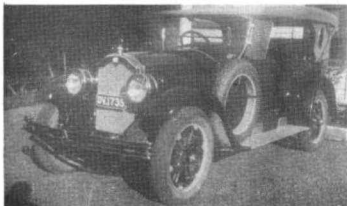
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## Early Settlers

### **Harry Tickner** —

Born in England, he emigrated to New Zealand in the early 1880s as a teenager. While shepherding at Edenham Station, one of a number of stations in Hawkes Bay and the East Coast, he met and married Jessie Ann Cheer the daughter of a local publican and farmer. At the ballot in 1902 he drew a farm up the Waitahora Road which he named 'Harting' after the village in Sussex from which he emigrated. In 1906 Jessie took the lease on the neighbouring property.

### **Roderick (Rory) McKenzie** —

Born in Ross-shire Scotland and came to New Zealand in 1878. He was already the holder of the lease on a farm at Coonoor when he selected part of the farm which now belongs to Brian Dickie in 1902. In applying to transfer this latter lease to Jessie Tickner in 1906, he stated that his wife was living on the Coonoor farm and refused to leave. This was presumably the farm on which his son Gordon resides. After selling to Jessie Tickner, he bought another farm opposite the Waewaepa Station, later selling it to Bertie Smith.

### **Duncan MacGibbon** — (1857-1912)

Came from Argyllshire, Scotland, where his family were farmers. Leaving Scotland in the early 1880s he journeyed first to Canada where he worked as a lumberjack before coming to New Zealand. He was sheepherding at Wallingford at the time of the ballot in 1902.

### **John MacGibbon** — (1866-1951)

Probably decided to come out to New Zealand on the strength of Duncan's reports. Liking what he saw he returned to Scotland to marry Katherine MacDougall. He and Duncan took up the lease at Waitahora jointly but in 1905 they applied to have it transferred to John alone giving as their reason the fact that the section did not provide a living for them both. John had a family so Duncan agreed to step aside though continuing to reside on the property until his untimely death from meningitis in 1912.

### **Thomas White** —

Was married to Katherine MacDougall's sister Mary. In 1903 he acquired the farm now owned by Marshall Tickner. Two years later he went into partnership with his brother-in-law Archibald MacDougall. In 1907 Tom White sold out to 'wee Archie' and took over the accommodation house at Mangatoro.

### **Sydney Smith** —

Drew part of the farm now owned by the Holyoakes. Arriving in Napier in 1886, he had worked on several farms in the Hawkes Bay until the Waitahora ballot. He named his property 'Kia Ora'.

### **Bertie Smith** —

Drew the farm now owned by Marshall Tickner in 1902 but sold out the following year to go into partnership with his brother Sydney at 'Kia Ora'. Subsequently the lease on this property was transferred to him alone. His marriage to Gertrude Price, the daughter of his neighbour Lewis Price, led to the amalgamation of the two 'Hamilton' farms which today comprise 'Kia Ora'.

### **Tom Smith** —

Was probably the father of Bertie and Sydney. He came out to New Zealand in 1888 and was shipwrecked on arrival. He owned the general store in the Mangatoro Valley.

### **Lewis Price** —

Had arrived in New Zealand from Wales in the 1880s settling initially at Temuka before moving to Dannevirke in 1890. His wife Angelina selected their farm in 1902. They remained in Waitahora until 1907 when they transferred their lease to Gertrude and returned to the United Kingdom for six months. Their son Bill later had Ritchie's farm.

### **Ernest Thompson** —

Was born at Gilferd, Ireland, and came to New Zealand in 1874. He had been farming with his brother in Central Hawkes Bay at the time of the 1902 ballot.

### **George Buchanan** —

Was the son of one of New Zealand's early settlers, John Jauncey Buchanan of 'Glenross', Tikokino. He and Ernest Thompson came south together and camped beside the Mangatoro Stream upon first taking up their farms.

### **Hugh Blyth** — (1880-1960)

Born at Leamington, Warwickshire, he came out to New Zealand in 1897. He was a nephew of William Nelson the founder of the Tomoana freezing works for whom he worked as a cadet drover at Mangateretere before coming to Waitahora to take up his farm which he named 'Waitonga'.

### **Samuel Hooper-Smith** — (1878-1959)

Born at Reading, England, he came to New Zealand about 1880. Like Hugh Blyth he worked for William Nelson at Mangateretere, before serving with the New Zealand Forces in the Boer War. Following his discharge in 1901 he managed Nelson's property at 'Te Pa' until 1903. He then bought the adjoining property (the western part of today's farm of that name) off Samuel Mitchell and W.A.C. Niven, about whom nothing more is known other than that they had named their farm 'Loch Catherine'. Hooper-Smith called his farm 'Hyndhope'. In partnership with a Mrs Lane he later bought Nelson's farm

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across the road and eventually the name 'TePa' came to denote the amalgamated properties. He married the daughter of his neighbour, Emma Robertson.

#### **John Robertson**

Drew the farm now owned by Brian Barker which he named 'Wairere'. A surveyor by profession, he had come to New Zealand some time after 1887. He was something of a spokesman for the settlers in the early days, lobbying the authorities about the school and road. He got into difficulties over his failure to fulfil the terms of his lease regarding residence and eventually sold out to George and Archibald Wright in 1907.

#### **George Wright —**

Came to New Zealand in 1882 from Sheffield, England. Settling in Dannevirke in 1883 he soon acquired a number of properties and was Town Clerk from 1900-03. He selected 'Brightside' in 1902 and farmed it in partnership with his son Archibald until 1909. They bought 'Wairere' in 1907 but almost immediately sold it to John Robertson's son Eion. George Wright was a member of the Hawkes Bay Land Board from 1907-22. After his wife Caroline died in 1908 he moved back to Dannevirke. Archibald then ran 'Brightside' until 1914 when it was taken over by his Australian brother-in-law James Hill.

#### **Ernest Turpin — (1876-1912)**

Came from Christchurch and was another of George Wright's sons-in-law. He selected the farm now owned by James MacGibbon in 1902 and ran it in partnership with the Wrights until 1907 when he transferred his lease to Archibald Wright. He then moved to Ahuriri. Five years later he was accidentally killed at Havelock North when the steam engine he was driving overturned.

#### **William Brown — (1876-1921)**

His parents emigrated to New Zealand from the Isle of Skye. He was a schoolteacher at Waipukurau when he selected his farm 'Rata Hill' in 1902.

#### **John MacLennan Harvey —**

Another Scot, he worked at Akitio Station until buying 'Melness' from William Andrews in 1905.

#### **Peter McKenzie —**

Bought the farm now owned by John MacGibbon in 1905. The son of James ('The Duke') and Ann McKenzie, who had selected adjacent farms ('Green-hills') in 1902-3, he named his farm 'Lower Green-hills'. Peter later sold to John MacGibbon Snr possibly in 1919 and moved to Auckland.

#### **James (Shamos) McRae —**

Was born at Ross-shire Scotland in 1892. He served with the 1st New Zealand Expeditionary Force from 1915-17. Probably with the assistance of a rehabilitation loan, he bought 'Brightside' from James Hill in 1919.

#### **Ashton Barker — (1888-1962)**

His parents came to New Zealand in 1872 and settled in the Christchurch area. He bought 'Wairere' with his brother Sydney (1889-1965) in 1909. Both brothers served overseas with the 1st New Zealand Expeditionary Force during the First World War.

#### **Harold Johnston —**

Bought 'Broadleaf' from Donald McDonald in 1913. His wife Margaret was the daughter of Sir Francis Dillon Bell, at that time Minister of Internal Affairs. Johnston's stay in Waitahora was brief. He served with the London Scottish Regiment during the First World War and subsequently returned to legal practice. A Judge of the Supreme Court from 1934-47, he was later knighted. 'Broadleaf' was transferred to his wife in 1916.

#### **Henry Archibald Ellingham —**

Came to Waitahora in 1912, taking up a farm in Mangatoro Valley which had originally been designated as a scenic reserve but had later been opened up as Carlson's Mill, probably one of the finest stands of totara and matai in the Southern Hawkes Bay District.

About the other early settlers little is known. Alexander ('Sandy') McLean did not stay long. A bad heart and insufficient capital were the reasons he gave for seeking to transfer his lease to Charles Bailey in 1904. All that is known of the latter is that he had a family of eight. He too soon decided to move on insisting that 'Inverlaui', as he had named the farm (Ritchie's), was too small to support them.

## Roll of Honour

Alfred Arrowsmith (Blything) — born July 28 1871 — employed by John McL. Harvey — died in Flanders in 1917.

Robert Donald McKechnie — born 1884 — employed by John MacGibbon — wounded in the Battle of the Somme — died 1916.

James Henry Tollison — born 1888 in Waipawa of German descent — employed by John MacGibbon then James Hill — died 1918.

William Charteris — born 1895 — son of George Charteris — died 1917.

Eion Alistair Robertson — born 1887 — owned a farm in the valley from 1907-09 but had left district

when enlisted — died 1917.

David Robert Pharazyn — born 1908 — son of Godfrey and Ella Pharazyn of Waewaepa Stn — died at sea as a prisoner of war aboard a cargo ship bound for Italy in 1942.

John James Drummond — born 1913 — worked for Barkers and Blyths in the 1930s — died 1939.

William Winsor — born 1909 — fencer for Morton Rigg — died 1940.

Konrad John Elliot Hirtzel — born 1913 — pupil of Waitahora School in 1920. Hirtzel was killed in the 1939-45 war and appears to be the only ex-pupil to lose his life.

# Tenure of Waitahora Farms 1902-78

(as far as can be determined at the time of printing)

Present Holder	Original Holder	Changes of Tenure	
Miensis	John Will	Arthur Roberts )	
		Bertie Roberts )	1908
Tickner	Bertie Smith	Pat Scally	1916
		C.A. Barker	1919
		Thomas White	1903
		Thomas White )	
		Archibald MacDougall)	1905
Simmons	Archibald & George Wright	Archibald MacDougall	1907
		Harry Tickner	1916
		George Wright	1907
		James Hill	1914
		James McRae	1919
		S.I. Hunter	1926
MacGibbon, James	Ernest Turpin	F. Simmons	1933
		Archie Wright	1907
		N.G. Hawthorne	1909
Ritchie	Alexander McLean	John MacGibbon Snr	1911
		Chas Bailey	1904
		Len Ballantyne	1906
		William Price	1917
		Morton Rigg	1928
MacGibbon, Ian MacGibbon ) Henderson ) Thompson Buchanan, A. Holyoake	Duncan McGibbon Snr ) John MacGibbon Snr )	John MacGibbon	1905
			1905
Holyoake	Lewis Price	Bertie Smith	1905
		Williams & Kettle	1931
		K.J. Holyoake	1941
		Gertrude Smith	1907
Barker	John Robertson	Williams & Kettle	1931
		K.J. Holyoake	1941
		Archie Wright )	1907
		George Wright )	
		Eion Robertson	1907
Dickie	Roderick McKenzie	C.A. Barker	1909
		Jessie Tickner	1906
		B. Dickie	1971
Dickie Blyth Brown Cammock	Harry Tickner Hugh Blyth William Brown Donald McDonald	B. Dickie	1968
		H.F. Johnston	1913
		Cammock	1976
Chesterman	William Andrews	John McL Harvey	1905
		Brian Chesterman	1969
Hooper-Smith	1. Samuel Mitchell ) W.A.C. Niven ) 2. W.F.H. Berkahn 1897	Samuel Hooper-Smith	1903
		W. Nelson	1900
MacGibbon	S.I. Poulter	Hooper-Smith & Lane	1907
		Hooper-Smith	1924
		Eli Bond	1912
		G. Lloyd	1914
		William Price	
		John MacGibbon	1928

<b>Present Holder</b>	<b>Original Holder</b>	<b>Changes of Tenure</b>	
MacGibbon, John Jnr Ferguson	Peter McKenzie George Charteris	John MacGibbon Snr William Hunter Cliff Breakwell Roger Ferguson Brocklesby Smith V., A. & T.	1919 1930s 1946 1969 1950s 1961
Smith, V., A. & T.	Donald McDonald		
Ellingham, J.B. & H.B.	Calrson's Mill G.N. Pharazyn	Olsen H.A. Ellingham R. Yule W. Atchison J. Ellingham	1912 1912
Ellingham, J.	Tom Smith Buning		
Buchanan, G.	G.N. Pharazyn	A. McConnell George Buchanan G.N. & H.H. Pharazyn	1977 1912 1915 1896
Waewaepa Station	Williams & Kettle (1892)	Pastoral Holdings	1977

N.B. Changes effected by inheritance are not listed.

## Names Given to Waitahora Farms

<b>Present Holder</b>	<b>Settler</b>	<b>Name</b>
Simmons Hooper-Smith	G. Wright (S. Mitchell (S. Hooper-Smith W.F.H. Berkahn	'Brightside' 'Loch Catherine' 'Hyndhope' 'Te Pa' 'Harting'
Dickie MacGibbon James Barker Holyoake Thompson MacGibbon Ian (upper part)	H. Tickner N.G. Hawthorne J.A. Robertson B. Smith S.E. Thompson S.I. Poulter I. MacGibbon C. Bailey	'Glenview' 'Wairere' 'Kia Ora' 'Aroha' 'View Hill' 'Viddlers' 'Invertaul' 'Te Mai' 'Kenford' 'Ardale' 'Rata Hill' 'Matawhitea' 'Broadleaf' 'Corsway' 'Windemere' 'Valley Field' 'Manawa' 'Lower Greenhills' 'Tawahiwī'
Ritchie	L. Ballantyne W. Price M. Rigg W. Brown G.J.J. Buchanan	
Brown Buchanan, A. Cammock Ferguson	H. Johnston G. Charteris C. Breakwell A. MacDougall M. Tickner P. McKenzie	
Tickner MacGibbon, John Jnr		
Blyth Chesterman Ellingham	H. Blyth J. McL Harvey H.A. Ellingham John A. Smith G.J.J. Buchanan	'Green Park' 'Mihirau' 'Te Pa Aroa' 'Waewaepa Str' 'Glentromie'
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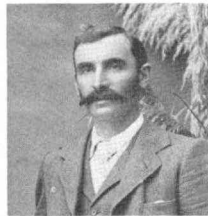
George Buchanan  
1870-1941



Henry T. Ellingham  
1861-1948



Samuel Hooper-Smith  
1875-1959



John MacGibbon  
1866-1951



John Robertson



Thomas White

## EARLY WAITAHORA



Discing on 'Melness'

**BERT SMITH – GERTRUDE PRICE WEDDING – About 1906**



**LEFT TO RIGHT: Thomas Smith, Mrs Tickner with Jack and Charlie, Kate Smith, Three Price Boys, Harry Tickner, Percy Smith, Mrs Buchanan, Gertrude Price, Mrs Price, Miss Price, Rev. Whibley, Muriel Price, Mr Price, Mrs Smith.**

## Waitahora Branch of the NZ Farmers' Union

The first recorded mention of a meeting of the Waitahora Branch of the NZ Farmers' Union was January 7th 1904. The Branch had apparently been formed prior to this after a general meeting had been addressed by Mr Brodie, a local veterinarian.

Membership of the Branch fluctuated and its activities centred mainly around many requests and deputations to get the Ongaha Road (the main route into the valley) metalled and the provision of a telephone service. Included in the minutes of the Branch of July 27th 1905 was a motion 'That a petition be drawn up and signed by settlers praying for a telephone.'

On June 2nd 1906 another motion was recorded —

## Waitahora Branch of W.D.F.F.

The first minutes of the W.D.F.F. minute book, dated September 26th 1944, record 'A combined meeting of residents of the district was held in the school when following a talk by Mrs C.R. Redward, the Provincial President, it was decided to form a Waitahora Branch of the NZ Women's Division of the Farmers' Union (which later became the Federated Farmers). The first Officers were Mrs R.R. Buchanan President, Mrs J. Tickner Secretary and Vice-President Miss M. Barker (Mr H.S.M. Quigley of the Farmers' Union also attended this first meeting.)

Fourteen local members were enrolled initially and two transferred from the Dannevirke Branch. During the thirty-four years of the Branch membership has fluctuated between twelve and twenty-four members.

The Branch's activities have been many and varied extending as far afield as England and Vietnam. The former efforts were during the Second World War when food hampers (e.g. two, twelve ounce tins of sheep tongues and veal, two-sixteen ounce tins of beef dripping, one-twelve ounce tin of lamb and green peas and one-twelve ounce tin of Lunchette) were sent to England, some for use in children's homes. Many parcels of clothing and other necessary items were also despatched. During the Vietnam War the Branch sent theatre gowns, made by members, and other essential items to Dr Peter Eccles-Smith, a local doctor who served for twelve months with the New Zealand Medical team in the Qui Nhon Hospital in South Vietnam. Save the Children Fund children have also been sponsored.

Full support has been given to all philanthropic work of the W.D.F.F. at local, provincial and national level, including the Bursary Fund, which provides

'That a petition be drafted and sent to the Postmaster General asking for a tri-weekly mail service and that the Ngapaeruru Branch be written to asking it to withdraw its petition praying for an alteration in the maildays, and fall in with ours.'

In September 1908 the Branch recorded its disapproval of some of the contents of the Shearers' Accommodation Bill mentioning that 'most farmers are struggling under difficulties and that they do not have such luxuries for themselves as the shearers' agitations demand such as a bath-washhouse and a brick chimney in the sleeping room'.

The last recorded meeting of the Branch was on August 1909 after which it ceased to exist.

funds to assist children living in isolated areas to attend a secondary boarding school, and the Leptospirosis Research Fund.

In the earlier years several members were grateful to take advantage of the W.D.F.F. Housekeeper Scheme during times of extreme business or illness.

In 1975 members participated in the 'Survey on Rural Women' organised by the Sociology Department of Canterbury University and the W.D.F.F. who provided funds for the compilation of the detailed resulting report, and interviewers.

Branch Life Membership was bestowed on Mrs Jean Thompson in 1968 in recognition of her twenty-four years (at that time) continued sterling support for the Branch and its activities. She is also a Life Member of the Southern Hawkes Bay Provincial Executive.

Speakers over the years have entertained and educated members with a wide variety of topics of domestic, local, national and international interest including life in other countries and ethnic cultures, welfare organisations, local body affairs, law and many talks and demonstrations on a variety of crafts.

Members have become proficient in a number of different crafts and have achieved success in competitions. In 1971 Mrs Edith MacGibbon gained a Highly Commended Award for her entry of a fine Hardanger place mat in the Associated Country Women of the World handicraft competition held that year in Oslo, Norway.

Current membership of the Branch is nineteen members and includes descendants and in-laws of several of the earliest settlers, including Mesdames Buchanan, MacGibbon, Tickner, Thompson, Hooper-Smith and Brown.

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## Post Office

Because of its isolation a local Post Office was established at Waitahora on June 9-1902 with Lewis Price as the first Postmaster. When he left the district Mary White was appointed Postmistress and telephonist although a telephone service was prob-

ably not provided until 1909. In June 1907 George Buchanan replaced her. In August of 1909 Thompsons, Buchanans and several other households were connected on a party line.

The Post Office was finally closed on July 29 1921.

## Church Services

As far back as 1906 Anglican Ministers have conducted regular church services, usually in the school. The first known was Reverend Whibley who in 1906 conducted the wedding of Mr Bert Smith (son of Tom Smith the store owner) and Miss Gertrude Price. Since then Canons Robertshawe, Stephenson and Gardiner held monthly services. The pianists on these occasions were Mrs Enid

Buchanan and Miss Jean Brown. Since the improvement of the roads and transport most local parishioners have travelled to Dannevirke and only occasional services are held in homes at present.

For several years Mrs Margaret Tickner and Mrs Gina Brocklesby took Sunday School classes at the school.

## Women's War Service Association

During the Second World War the Plunket Society began the Women's War Service Association and a branch was opened in Waitahora. Mrs Una MacGibbon lectured local residents on first aid and the women of the district spent endless hours making camouflage nets, out of binder twine, papier mache dressing bowls, gathering ergot from tall

fescue and knitting balaclavas, scarves, sox and thigh-length seaboot stockings.

In the absence of most of the local men who were enlisted and overseas the women did much of the farmwork as well as their own housework.

All local men who were called up were farewelled and given gifts.

## WAITAHORA TENNIS TEAM AT WALTER CHADWICK'S WHETUKURA



BACK: Cath Harvey, Mabel Harvey, Effie Ellingham, George Buchanan, Ray Ballantyne, Maude Thompson, Derek Ballantyne.

FRONT: Dick Buchanan, Jessie Thompson, Margot Blyth, Selby Thompson, John Harvey (senior).

## Pirates Rugby Football Club

The Pirates Rugby Football Club was formed at a meeting in John MacGibbon's woolshed in 1929. Members were drawn from both Waitahora and surrounding districts. Among notable players were Arthur Law, the 1925 All Black wing threequarter and Moss Bailey, a final trailist for the 1924 'Invincibles'; others were of less exalted status. Frank Simmons, for example had never played rugby before 1929 but this did not prevent him from scoring the team's first try.

Interest was so great that sufficient players were found to form a second XV. It played in what was known as the Shell Cup Grade. Among its team members was R. Ballantyne, D. MacGibbon, R. Rainey, J. Livingston, D. Broad, L. Tickner, M. Carlson, R. Ayres, A. Olsen, D. Carmichael, K. Miller, A. Mead, D. Buchanan, J. Galloway, G. Galloway and F. Simmons.

The Senior Team had immediate success, making a clean sweep of Dannevirke rugby trophies in 1929, a feat which was repeated in 1930 and 1931.

Home games were played on the paddock adjoining the present cricket pitch with players and supporters adjourning to Bert Smith's motorshed for after-match refreshments. Mrs Smith and the Waitahora ladies were reknown for the afternoon teas which they put on.

After three extremely successful seasons the club went into decline, finally going into recess at the end of the 1935 season.

The record during the 1929-31 season was as follows:

**1929:** Played 17, Won 11, Drew 2, Lost 4, For 202, Against 108; **1930:** Played 13, Won 13, For 222, Against 58; **1931:** Played 13, Won 8, Drew 1, Lost 4, For 115, Against 90.

### PIRATES FOOTBALL TEAM 1929



**BACK:** J. MacGibbon, G. Armstrong, F. Simmons, G. McKenzie, D.S. MacGibbon, D. MacGibbon, M. Livingstone.

**MIDDLE:** J. Tait (Chairman and Selector), D. Karaitiana, D. Carmichael, A. McKay, T. Harvey, J. Livingstone (President), H.M. Mills, J.W. Kerr, W. Taylor, J. Grant (Delegate).

**SEATED:** R.J. McDonald (Patron), J. Martin, R. Ellingham, I. MacGibbon (Captain), A. Law, J. Harvey, C. Tickner.

**ABSENT:** S. Mitchell, A. Mead, R.A. Ballantyne.

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## Waitahora Golf Club

The Waitahora Golf Club has been one of the centres of community activity during the last forty years.

In the early 1930's several locals used to hit around on a makeshift course on John MacGibbon's property. In 1934 a meeting was held at the school to discuss the establishment of a proper course on the MacGibbon's and Thompson's farms on the eastern side of the Mangatoro stream.

Godfrey Pharazyn donated a mower and materials, Alan Henderson measured the course and Jack Harvey and Dougal MacGibbon made the distance pegs. Tahakaroa Kani was engaged as greenkeeper

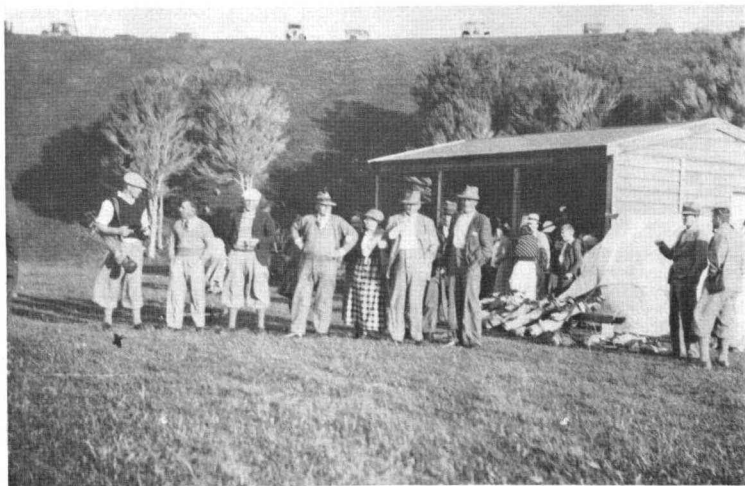
(two and a half days a week for ten shillings).

Initially Thompson's woolshed was used as a clubhouse until 1936 when Mr Pharazyn offered to donate the wood for a building. The first tournament was held later in the year.

In 1941 with the war situation worsening the club went into recess. It was reopened in 1948 and continued until 1958 when decreasing interest forced another recess.

Reopened in 1967, the club has thrived continually and gives pleasure not only to locals but members from Dannevirke and surrounding districts.

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## Waitahora Cricket Club

During the 1950's cricket became popular in the district. Trevor White, teacher at the school at that time did much to foster an interest in the sport especially with the school children.

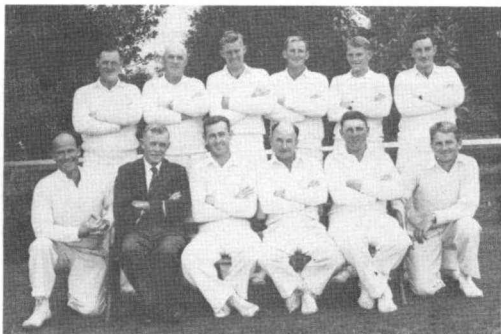
Regular matches were held against a variety of opposition and with an equally varying amount of seriousness.

In 1960 a concrete pitch was laid in Holyoake's paddock opposite the house. In the 1961-62 season the club entered a team in the Dannevirke Sub-Association's Saturday competition. Two years later it gained third place in that competition. The next

year it was runner-up and the following year it finally took the Hunter Shield. It was then successively runner-up, winner and runner-up yet again in 1970-71. Further wins were recorded in 1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75 and 1976-77 proving the competence of the team which also gained a reputation for its friendliness and hospitality usually provided in Marshall Tickner's woolshed.

During the 1960's a new concrete pitch was laid and practice facilities were constructed which included, more recently, a special type of matting.

### THE ORIGINALS 1961-62



**BACK:** L. Maher, G. McKenzie, G. Brockelsby, B. Scott, A. Brown, R. Graydon.

**FRONT:** T. Smith, I. MacGibbon (Manager), T. White (Captain), A. Smith, M. Tickner, F. Lys.

**ABSENT:** M. Johnstone, D. Maher, F. Tickner.

## Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls and Bridge

These were all popular for short periods. In the late 1940's and early 1950's Bridge evenings were held in homes. These were informal occasions and were instigated by Mr Godfrey Stroud. As for many other valley activities children were bunked down in cars or wherever convenient and many enjoyable evenings were held.

A Table Tennis club started up in the early 1950's, went into recess after a few years, started up again

about 1966 in Holyoake's woolshed but after a few more years of playing locally and in interclub matches diminishing interest forced it once again into recess.

About the same time an Indoor Bowls club started but soon after acquiring the necessary basic equipment it also ceased to function.

Informal tennis teams were also formed at various times over the years to play social matches.

# Waitahora School

The Mangatoro Valley School (as it was originally known) was built at a cost to the Government of 320 pounds, 10 shillings and three pence and opened on April 1, 1903, with an initial roll of seven which had increased to nine by the end of the first week. As the children had not been to school for a long time the teacher Miss Ayres noted that ample time would be given for 'tables, extra reading, spelling and transcription'. A year later the school inspector noted the school was in 'promising condition' and the 'discipline and tone are very good'.

The first School Committee comprised Messrs Lewis Price (Chairman), Donald MacDonald, Harry Tickner, William Andrews, Sydney Smith, John MacGibbon and John Will.

One of the greatest frustrations in the early days was the lack of accommodation for the teachers necessitating them to live in an area partitioned off from the school room. Later, families provided board, often at great inconvenience. This problem was not rectified until the teacher's residence was built in 1956. At one time the teacher boarded at Waewaepa Station from where he would run a bus service to the school using the car, of Mr Jim Matthews the Manager, which was especially registered for the job.

Also for many years it was difficult to recruit teachers. Sometimes their salary had to be augmented by payments from parents as their salaries were paid on an attendance (of the children) percentage. As many of the children spent a great deal of time helping on the farm or in the home, on holiday or in 'delicate conditions' attendances, likewise the teachers' salaries, were frequently low. The teachers' qualifications and methods varied greatly necessitating constant adjustment by the children.

Until the Second World War, of the twenty-seven teachers since the school's inception, only five were men and many of the women only stayed a few months. Several of them recorded in the school log book their frustration at the lack of attendance by the children. On frequent occasions no children turned up at all, especially when the weather was inclement or there was a counter attraction nearby.

Cleaning of the school was done initially by the senior pupils for a small wage (e.g. five shillings between two girls for one week). Their task was frequently made more difficult by the gay social occasions and meetings in the school, and on some recorded occasions, juvenile vandalism during the weekends. Later the children's payment for school cleaning was used to finance treats at picnics and end of year functions. In more recent years teachers have taken the job.

The early pupils, apart from the basics, were well schooled in patriotism and when the flagpole was

erected, hoisted the flag and saluted it every Monday morning and on special occasions. In 1914 the children donated their School Prize money to the War Relief Fund. In 1906 the Governor, Lord Plunket, and his 'suite' visited the school and the children have paid visits into town or to Palmerston North to greet later Governors General. Holidays were always observed for Empire Day and Dominion Day as well as for the death of parliamentary or Commonwealth dignitaries.

Until 1919 the roll and attendance fluctuated greatly and with the constant inavailability of teachers the school was frequently closed for long periods, to the detriment of pupils who were frequently demoted. During the 1920's and 1930's things appeared to settle down. Teachers stayed a little longer and the children's work improved. After a two and a half year closure during the Second World War the school was reopened in May 1944 since when, apart from two months in 1947 when there was an outbreak of poliomyelitis, it has remained open. Since the war the teachers have all been men, some staying as long as seven years.

In September 1956 a Bell and Howell 16mm movie projector was bought for the school with donations from residents. It was suggested in the school committee minutes that a film evening be held to show residents the new equipment but unfortunately there was no money left to hire films at the time so the evening could not be held.

On February 1, 1966, a new classroom was opened by the then Prime Minister K.J. Holyoake and the following year the swimming baths were constructed by Mr Bruce Peters of Hastings with the aid of parents and residents. Every farm in the district contributed to the cost and this money was augmented by separate donations and a subsidy from the Education Board.

With the exception of 1909 and 1927-28 when commissioners were appointed, a school committee has not only looked after the day to day running and maintenance of the school but raised funds and organised many school activities and trips. Since the 1940's the Waitahora School children have enjoyed numerous trips, both social and educational, to Dannevirke and its surrounds including many other country schools, Wellington, Napier, Nelson, Palmerston North and more recently Camp Kaitawa. In addition there have been annual country athletic and swimming sports and for the last few years the Primary School Music Festival to attend. Form 1 and 2 pupils have also attended regular manual training classes.

Considering the number of children expected on the roll by December 1978 (21) and the number of pre-school children in the district, the future of the school appears sound.



# Extracts from the First School Log Book 1903-37

(Entries recorded by teachers)

**1903 — April 1**

The pupils have most of them been away for a long time. They have forgotten so much that for months the work must be of an entirely elementary nature . . . Children classified in Std 2 have even forgotten how to make figures, turing 4 the wrong way.

**June 12 —**

Had to severely reprove the children for writing obscenities in the out-offices (toilets) . . . I hope to eradicate the evil without using extreme measures.

**June 21 —**

Owing to violent wind the attendance today is below half the roll number.

**November 15 —**

Have to note that the irregularity and unpunctuality of attendance at Waitahora School militates seriously against progress. No doubt exceptional weather has something to do with it. Violent winds and rain have prevailed.

**December 15 —**

Social and Dance held in the school room in aid of School Prize Fund — admission two shillings.

**1905 — March 16 —**

I have to note that this repeated calling of children from school for home duties has a very detrimental effect from both a disciplinary and educational standpoint.

**June 17 —**

Received a note from Mr Bailey stating a complaint has been made about my not letting a child leave the room. I find it very hard to know which really wishes to leave the room and which one wants to play. The children are always asking to be let out.

**July 24 —**

Weather still rough. Only two children attended. Not worth keeping the school.

**August 27 —**

The last month has been very unfavourable for school for the boys have had to go around the sheep every day and sometimes only get here for a few hours.

**November 5 —**

The attendance is very bad. Only three children here today. I can't teach the children if they are not here.

**November 6 —**

The parents don't seem to bother at all concerning their children's attendance. Truly, country teachers have a good deal to contend with.

**1907 — March 12 —**

Mrs MacGibbon came to school today to complain about the way I punish Ian. For being impertinent and disobeying I stood him on his desk with his arm held up. Also Mrs MacGibbon objects to me telling Ian he has a pale face.

**April 4 —**

Yesterday was recognised as a holiday on account of the Farmers Union Picnic and Dance. The day proved very rough and windy at first but towards the end of the afternoon it became warm and sunny. The only matter that marred the success was the non-attendance of the farmers.

**June 5 —**

When I came to school this morning I found it in a filthy state. Books were strewn over the floor, likewise newspapers. Crumpled chalk was scattered about, boards scribbled all over, the floor was very, very dirty. When I left school on Thursday it was clean and the doors were locked because I locked them myself. Someone must have been in knowing where the key was hidden . . . 's name was scribbled several times on the board also on some of the slates so I think it must have been she.

**1910 — July 12 —**

I cannot get ahead with the work at all as the children straggle in and it is very late before we get started. The same thing is repeated in the afternoon and I find it hard to get through the lessons . . . Had a complaint from one of the committee with regard to my changing the time for opening the school from 9 am to 9.30 am during the wet weather. I altered the time at their request and now they ask me to change it again after all my work on altering the timetable.

**1911 — February 22 —**

It is most annoying that the school is constantly being entered and my books and papers scattered about. I shall have to speak to the chairman and see if something can be done about it.

**May 11 —**

A very wet and miserable day today and so cold. The committee has not got any wood yet and it is simply wretched in this big cold room. It is impossible for me to go back to lunch today. I am very wet already with the walk through the long grass so as it is so cold and miserable I shall keep the children here until 1pm when I will dismiss them for the day.

**July 8 —**

I did not give the school the usual quarterly exam

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for the reason that they did not know enough to be examined on. The 3rd and 4th standard know little or no geography and history while the 5th standard have very vague ideas. The 3rd standard has not the slightest idea about the value of money although they do money sums and oral work seems beyond them — even simple adding.

**1914 — November 10 —**

The children have given their prize money towards the War Relief Fund.

**1918 — June 24 —**

Asked Chairman of Committee to provide sports material — football, tennis ball and skipping rope as the children could apparently find nothing to do during recess but stand about and quarrel. Received football.

**1920 — April 22 —**

(Inspector's report). Each child should have his own rubber, journal, slate rag and water bottle so that the work might go on smoothly without leakage of time between or during classes.

**1921 — July 25 —**

(Mr Marshall, Teacher's Organiser). . . I laid out the garden plot, put paths around it and prepared it for oats. Mr Blyth has promised the oat seed. The boys will sow it tomorrow. In October I shall return, dig in the green oats and plant potatoes. This will give the vegetable matter time to decompose, clean the ground and produce a loam in which the children can afterwards work both with ease and pleasure.

**1922 — May 1 —**

. . . . It was found necessary to punish . . . . He was very impertinent and subordinate but on receiving three strokes with a strap on each hand he was finally reduced to submission. His sister, acting in sympathy, committed a similar offence for which she received like punishment . . . .

**1923 — June 8 —**

(Inspector's report). In history for stds, 5 & 6 the Stuart period should be revised rapidly and the Hanoverian Period centred on.

**1927 — March 28 —**

On opening the school this morning it was seen

that it was not left in the same order as I left it on Friday. Everything was left in readiness for a meeting on Friday night. This morning all was disorder, cigarette butts, live matches, packets and tobacco everywhere. I do think that when a school is left for a meeting smoking should be prohibited.

**1928 — March —**

A wet day . . . no pupils present . . . The prospects for attendance during the winter months will be poor if a showery day prevents attendance of even senior pupils.

**July 25 —**

A dance was held in the school and the room was left in a very dirty state, not fit for the children to come into. I had to clean the room before starting school.

**1931 — February 3 —**

Severe earthquake — school closed as the chimney is badly cracked.

**1932 — May 23 —**

. . . two children are being boarded away as a result of quarrels arising out of board arrangements for the teacher.

**1934 — March 6 —**

No children present owing to the earthquake the previous night.

**1935 — February 5 —**

Full hours were observed during the first few days as despite the intense heat I felt the amount of space and comparative coolness of the schoolroom did not justify any curtailment of time. On receipt of the Education Board's notification however I duly shortened the working hours from 9-12.30.

**1937 — May 12 —**

Coronation Day. We held a simple ceremony the day before — hoisted the flag and planted a small pine tree —referred to by the children as 'George VI'.  
**July —**

'George VI' is strong and healthy and green and appears to be well satisfied with his new environment.



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## Waitahora School Teachers 1903-1978

Miss C. Ayers (April-June 1903)  
 Miss E. Andrews (September 1903-October 1904)  
 Miss Margaret J. Tuohy (October 1904-Feb 1905)  
 Miss E.M. Ferguson (March-June 1905)  
 Miss M. Beddingfield (June 1905-April 1906)  
 Miss Adelaide Main-Black (April 1906-July 1907)  
 Miss Irene M. O'Connor (March-June 1908)  
 Rev. John James Lang (August-December 1908)  
 Miss Violet Keys (September 1909-May 1912)  
 Miss Jean McKenzie (May-August 1912)  
 Miss Agnes O'Callaghan (September 1915)  
 Miss Mary W. Griffiths (September 1915-May 1916)  
 Miss Rose Hammond (June 1916)  
 Miss Evelyn C. Ross (June-August 1916)  
 Miss Rose Hammond (September-December 1916)  
 Miss Maren Ries (May-September 1917)  
 Mr Cecil B. French (March-April 1918)  
 Miss M.C. Bargh (June-July 1918)  
 Miss A. Cameron (February 1919-December 1921)  
 Miss Eileen G. Corrigan (February-December 1922)

Miss May Campbell (March 1923-December 1925)  
 Miss Violet I. Montgomery (February 1926-Dec 1927)  
 Mr F.E. Thom (February 1929-December 1931)  
 Miss H.S. Leach (February 1932-May 1933)  
 Mr Ian H. Brenton-Rule (May 1933-April 1936)  
 Miss Doris Orr (April 1936-February 1938)  
 Miss E. Fleming (March 1938-December 1941)  
 Miss A.B. Foster (May-December 1944)  
 Mr E. Nielson (February 1945-December 1948)  
 Mr Bruce Foy (February 1949-September 1953)  
 Mr Rod Dallas (September 1953-August 1954)  
 Mr P.L. Severinsen (August-November 1954)  
 Mr John Dwyer (December 1954)  
 Mr Trevor W. White (February 1955-May 1962)  
 Mr Wynn Jones (May 1962-May 1968)  
 Mr Errol Hantz (May 1968-September 1975)  
 Mr Francis Dawber (September 1975-Dec 1977)  
 Mr Wayne Hastie (February 1978-May 1978)  
 Mr Roger Mole (May 1978- )

### PAST TEACHERS PRESENT AT 75TH JUBILEE



Mr E. Hantz, Mr W. Hastie, Mr T. White, Mrs M. Newman, Mr E. Nielson, Mrs M.A. Clarke,  
 Mr W. Jones.

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# Waitahora School Committee Members 1903-1978

Alderson W. 1920-23, 1925  
 Andrews W. 1903  
 Atchison B. 1977-  
 Ayres W. 1924-25, 1929-32  
 Bailey C. 1905-6  
 Barker A. 1931-33  
 Barker Mrs B. 1967-71  
 Blyth T.P. 1946-55  
 Boyte F. 1933-36  
 Breakwell C.G. 1948-49, 1955  
 Brown W. 1911-13, 1914  
 Brown A. 1969-75  
 Buchanan G.J.J. 1905-6, 1910-15  
 Buchanan G.A. 1977-  
 Buchanan G.N. 1948-59  
 Buchanan G.B. 1969-75  
 Dickie B. 1977  
 Esau C. 1921-23  
 Englebretsen C. 1918-21  
 Ellingham J.B. 1931-36  
 Ellingham B.H. 1959-67  
 Ferguson R.H. 1971-75  
 Gunderson A. 1961-65  
 Harvey J. McL. 1911-16  
 Hill J. 1917  
 Hooper-Smith S. 1925  
 Hooper-Smith E. 1957, 1961-65  
 Hunter S.I. (Commissioner) 1927-31  
 Holyoake P. 1975-77  
 Kerr G. 1967  
 Knapp Mrs E.A. 1929  
 Mangin S. 1932-37  
 Matthews J.P. 1948-50  
 Maher L. 1957-59  
 Mildon A.E. 1936-38  
 Morrison J. 1961  
 McDonald D. 1903, 1906, 1917

McDougall A. 1908  
 MacGibbon J. 1903, 1905-6, 8, 10, 12, 16-21  
 MacGibbon Mrs J. 1918  
 MacGibbon I. 1923-25, 1957-59  
 MacGibbon D. 1938-46  
 MacGibbon J. MacD. 1944  
 MacGibbon Mrs D.S. 1973-78  
 MacGibbon J. Jnr 1977-  
 McKenzie J. 1904  
 McLean A. 1904  
 McNair A.A. 1975-77  
 Parsonson J. 1973  
 Perry H. 1930-31  
 Phillips R.C. 1933-34  
 Price W. 1917-25  
 Price Mrs W. 1918  
 Price L. 1903-5  
 Rigg J.M. 1929-32, 1938-40  
 Ritchie J. 1965-69  
 Simmons E. 1977-  
 Simmons F. 1944-55  
 Smith B. 1910, 1917-24  
 Smith Mrs B. 1918  
 Smith S. 1903-4  
 Sneedon W. 1919  
 Stroud G.H. 1948  
 Taylor G. 1922  
 Thompson S.E. 1908-16  
 Thompson S.H. 1953-63  
 Tickner H. 1903, 1906-16  
 Tickner J. 1930, 1936-40, 44, 46  
 Tickner J.M. 1963-69  
 Udy J. 1953  
 White T. 1904-6  
 Will J. 1903-5  
 Wright G. 1908



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AITCHISON William Alexander 1938-46  
 ALDERSON Joan 1924-26  
 ALDERSON Myra Alice 1920-26  
 ALDERSON Phyllis 1922-26  
 ALDERSON William 1925-26  
 ANDREWS Eva 1903-05  
 AITCHISON Deanne Maree 1977-  
 AITCHISON Jane Elizabeth 1977-  
 AUGUST Heeni Paeroa Mollie 1970-73  
 AUGUST Nai Hohepa 1972-73  
 AUGUST Taami Hakaraia 1969-73  
 AYRES Isobel Kitty 1927-34  
 AYRES Kevin 1948  
 AYRES Peggy Edith 1927-34  
 AYRES Ronald William 1919-27  
 AYRES William 1935  
 BAILEY Leo 1903-06  
 BAILEY Walter 1903-06  
 BAILEY Victor 1903-35?  
 BARKER Christopher Guy 1962-70  
 BARKER Jeremy Francis 1964-72  
 BARKER Sally Mary 1938-41  
 BARKER Simon James 1963-71  
 BELL Christine Dawn 1954  
 BELL Gail 1954  
 BEATTIE Kathleen 1956-58  
 BLITHE Sylvia Jane 1977-  
 BLYTH Brenda Mary 1921  
 BLYTH Jennifer Jane 1945-52  
 BLYTH Margaret 1921  
 BLYTH Phillipa 1949-56  
 BLYTH Richard Hugh 1952-56  
 BLYTH Sally Anne 1948-55  
 BLYTH Thomas Phillip 1920-22  
 BOERBOOM Antony Robert Stanley 1970  
 BOLTON Leanne Marie Jean 1973  
 BOYTE David Allan 1946-48  
 BOYTE Isobel Janet 1948  
 BOYTE Marie Jean 1946-48  
 BOYTE Winifred Elsie 1932-36  
 BOYTE Wilfred George 1935-36  
 BREAKWELL Barry Herbert 1946-48  
 BREAKWELL Dennis 1949-57  
 BREAKWELL Guy Andrew 1966-68  
 BREAKWELL Pamela Lynne 1946-51  
 BROCKLESBY Janice 1958  
 BROWN Leah 1913-20  
 BROWN Nellie 1914-20  
 BROWN Stuart Christopher 1969-76  
 BROWN William Owen John 1967-75  
 BUCHANAN Allison Mary 1945-52  
 BUCHANAN Alister George 1949-56  
 BUCHANAN Bruce Colin George 1937-38  
 BUCHANAN John Jauncey 1954-62  
 BUCHANAN Geoffrey Robert John 1969-76  
 BUCHANAN George Norman 1919-26  
 BUCHANAN Graeme Bruce 1944-48  
 BUCHANAN Judith Anne 1935-41  
 BUCHANAN Kathryn Theresa 1974-76, 78-  
 BUCHANAN Kenneth Graeme 1972-76, 78-  
 BUCHANAN Richard Ramsden 1909-15  
 BUCHANAN Rodney James 1968-75  
 BUCHANAN Struan James 1977-  
 BUCHANAN Suzanne Jean 1978-  
 BUCHANAN Struan James 1977-  
 BUCKRIDGE Herbert William 1919  
 BURGESS Gavin Bruce 1961  
 BURGESS Kenneth 1960-61  
 BUTLER Helena 1931  
 BUTLER Terence Ivan 1931  
 CHARTERIS Walter 1919  
 CHEER Bertha 1910  
 CHEER Doris 1910  
 CHEER Margaret 1923  
 CHESTERMAN Odette May 1975-76  
 CHESTNUTT Creighton 1956-57  
 CHESTNUTT Jannette Linea 1960  
 CLARK William 1959-60  
 CLINCH Bryan Hector 1958-59  
 CLINCH Margaret 1957-59  
 CLINCH Stephen Harold 1957-59  
 CODLIN Margaret 1956-62  
 CODLIN Peter James 1961-62  
 COLE Brett John 1970-71  
 CRAIG Robert 1922  
 CRAWFORD Clive 1964  
 CRAWFORD Ricki Turei 1964  
 CRAWFORD Steven Paul 1961-64  
 DARNELL Jean 1947  
 DAWSON Harold Leslie 1956  
 DAWSON Helen Beverley 1956  
 DAWSON Peter Stewart 1956  
 DEMPSEY Sharon Marie 1967-68  
 DEMPSEY Stewart George 1967-68  
 DEMPSEY Warwick Edward 1967-68  
 DICKIE Alexander Griffiths 1975-77  
 DICKIE Brigid Susannah 1977  
 DICKIE Hannah Margaret 1974-77  
 DOBSON Stuart 1938  
 DOLAN Kim Sutton 1970-71  
 EDWARDS Lola Joyce 1927-34  
 EDWARDS Ngairie Agnes 1929-37  
 ELLINGHAM Agnes Coralie 1933-36  
 ELLINGHAM Henry Bryce 1930-36  
 ELLINGHAM John Bryce 1957-65  
 ELLINGHAM Roger Bryce 1961-68  
 ENGLEBRETSSEN Edna May 1918-20  
 ENGLEBRETSSEN Lester Charles 1918-20  
 ENGLEBRETSSEN Herbert M. 1918-20

ENGLEBRETSSEN Inga Marie 1920  
 ENGLEBRETSSEN Pearl 1918-20  
 ENGLEBRETSSEN Roy 1918-19  
 ENGLEBRETSSEN Venus 1919-20  
 ESAU Gordon 1922-23  
 ESAU Gwendoline 1922-23  
 FEATHER Michael Anthony 1974-75  
 FERGUSON Hamish Andrew 1973-76, 78-  
 FERGUSSON Jack 1906  
 FERGUSON Kim Raewayn 1970-76, 78-  
 FLEMING Andrew Hector 1976-  
 FLEMING Michal James 1975-76  
 FLUTEY Hema Dalmar Joseph 1964  
 FORD Madge 1949-50  
 FORSYTH Isobel Jean 1964-67  
 FULLER Margaret Rose 1964  
 FULLER Peter Ronald 1964  
 FULLER Wendy Lee 1964  
 GIBBS Trevor Ian 1950  
 GILMORE Aileen Meta 1950-54  
 GILMORE Biran 1949-54  
 GILMORE Eion 1949-54  
 GILMORE Graham 1952-54  
 GILMORE Jeanette 1949-53  
 GILMORE Owen 1949-54  
 GILMORE Raymond 1949-51  
 GLENNY Phyllis 1911-12  
 GOLLAN Bruce James 1946-49  
 GOLLAN Leslie John 1944-49  
 GOLLAN Noeline 1944-45  
 GOLLAN Robyn Margaret 1949  
 GOSS Helen June 1969-72  
 GOSS Mark James 1970-72  
 GUNDERSON Alan David 1957-61  
 GUNDERSON Dorothy Denise 1957-62  
 GUNDERSON Judith Ann 1959-67  
 GUNDERSON Kerrie Helen 1964-67  
 GUNDERSON Lynne Rosemary 1957-64  
 GUNDERSON Susan Elizabeth 1963-67  
 GUNDERSON Warren Gustave 1957-63  
 GUNDERSON Wendy Jill 1967  
 HAENGA Christine Carol 1973  
 HALFORD Darrel 1933-35  
 HALL Bretton Roy 1968-69  
 HANCOCK Judith 1918-19  
 HANSEN Eric 1932  
 HANTZ Brent Anthony 1972-75  
 HANTZ Gregory Dean 1975  
 HANTZ Martin John 1970-75  
 HAPE Marquis A'Huw'henua 1976-77  
 HAPE Melodie Punawaio-Teora 1977  
 HARVEY George Robert James 1915  
 HARVEY Jessie 1913  
 HARVEY Josephine Wilhelmina 1915  
 HARVEY Mabel 1913-16  
 HARVEY Thomas 1912-20  
 HARVEY Catherine Margaret 1912-16  
 HEALEY Barry 1945  
 HEDLEY David Alexander 1916  
 HENDERSON Anne McGibbon 1956  
 HENDERSON John James 1956  
 HILL Rex 1917-18  
 HINDMARSH Patricia Anne 1963-64  
 HIRTZEL Athur Melchoir Lugard 1920  
 HIRTZEL Isabel Grace Frere 1920  
 HIRTZEL Konrad John Elliot 1920  
 HIRTZEL Marjory Esther 1920  
 HOLYOAKE Bruce Gordon 1976, 78-  
 HOLYOAKE Kathryn Janet 1968  
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 HOLYOAKE Penelope Joan 1975-76, 78-  
 HOLYOAKE Sharon Audrey 1972-76, 78-  
 HOLYOAKE Susan Norma 1968-75  
 HOOPER-SMITH Bruce 1958-63  
 HOOPER-SMITH Cynthia Margaret 1952-60  
 HOOPER-SMITH Douglas 1953-58  
 HOOPER-SMITH Quentin Eion 1962-66  
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 HUNTER Bruce 1926-30  
 HUNTER Gracie 1926-27  
 HUNTER Heather Gay 1935-38  
 HUNTER Lily 1926-29  
 JENSEN Gary Leigh 1962-63  
 JENSEN Krystyn Dayll 1962-63  
 JONES Nicola Ann 1966-68  
 KERR James Gordon 1968-73  
 KERR Judith Anne 1969-73  
 KING Murray Thomas 1975  
 KNAPP Emma 1913  
 KNAPP Helen 1924-29  
 KNAPP Rachel 1913-23  
 LOCHIE Ian Kenneth 1935  
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 TICKNER Frederick 1910-16  
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 TICKNER John 1907-14  
 TICKNER John Marshall 1936-41  
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TICKNER Susan Anne 1964-71  
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 UDY Jennifer 1951-57  
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 WATSON Agnes Glen 1959-61  
 WATSON Martha Glen 1961  
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 WHITE Rachel 1903-07  
 WILL Edmund 1903-07  
 WILL Gladstone 1903-07  
 WILL James 1903-07  
 WILLCOCKS Frank 1903-05?  
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 WILLIAMS Julie Ann 1971  
 WILLIAMS Kelvin John 1971  
 WITHERS May 1926  
 WOLLAND Judith Mary 1958-59  
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## FIRST DECADE SCHOOL PUPILS PRESENT AT 75TH JUBILEE



Rachel Mills (White), James MacGibbon, Catherine Jackson (Harvey) Selby Thompson,  
 Duncan MacGibbon, Muriel McKenzie (Price), Ian MacGibbon, Eva Coyle (Andrews, teacher).

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# Waitahora District and School 75th Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday February 16th 1978 a marquee 125' x 45', which was hired from W.K. Backhouse of Wanganui, was erected in the small paddock (adjacent to the school house) which had been especially fenced and grassed the year before. This was beautifully decorated the following day by members and friends of the Waitahora Branch of W.D.F.F. with natural blooms and greenery. It was lit by flood lights and coloured lights from the Dannevirke Electric Power Board and the Dannevirke Operatic Society.

A comprehensive display of old photographs, maps and documents as well as many antique household items was mounted in the newly carpeted classroom by Mr Norman Buchanan, Convener of Displays and Mr Selby Thompson. Outdoors there were larger items of interest from early farming days and a display of different breeds of sheep run in the district over the years which was arranged by Alister Buchanan.

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18th

The Buffet Luncheon was attended by one hundred and sixty-three people and catered for by Prentice Catering of Palmerston North who also provided the dinner. Roll Call at 1.30pm was conducted by John MacGibbon using the Blue River Dance Band sound system. Photographs were taken by Claus Vindriis of Avant Garde Studios of Palmerston North. At 3pm afternoon tea was served.

At 5.30pm Jubilee Committee Members met invited guests Sir Keith Holyoake (Lady Holyoake regrettably was unable to attend), Mr L.C. Hunter, Chairman of the Dannevirke County Council and Mrs Hunter, and Mr J.A.N. Halford Chairman of the Hawkes Bay Education Board and Mrs Halford. They were entertained and the ladies presented with sprays.

Mr Wynn Jones, a past teacher of the school and at present resident in Christchurch, was the Toastmaster for the formal dinner which commenced at 6.30pm and was attended by one hundred and seventy three people.

Grace was said by Andrew Thompson and the Loyal Toast proposed by Sir Keith.

Following the meal Sir Keith proposed the Toast to the District mentioning the hardworking men and women of character who showed courage, vigour and imagination and who hewed out the farms and made the Waitahora what it is today — 'a beautiful spot'. He also said 'There is something distinctive about the spirit of the Waitahora community . . .'

Mr Ian MacGibbon Snr replied and spoke of some of the old identities of the district including Rory McKenzie, Samuel Hooper-Smith, George Buchanan, Ernest Thompson, Sandy McLean, Archie Wright, John MacGibbon, Bert Smith, Lewis Price, Harry Tickner, Bill Brown, Hugh Blyth, John Robertson, Jack Harvey and Donald McDonald.

A saddening note during the celebrations was the

sudden death on Friday February 17th of Mr Dick Buchanan, a highly esteemed past resident of the district. His speech, previously written to propose the Toast to the School, gave a brief outline of its progress over the years. This was read by his nephew, Mr Alister Buchanan and the respectful silence which followed was tribute indeed to the late Mr Buchanan.

Mr Eion Simmons, Chairman of the School Committee suitably replied expressing confidence in the future of the school.

The Toast to the Dannevirke County Council and the Hawkes Bay Education Board was proposed by Mr Eion Hooper-Smith and replied to by Mr L.C. Hunter and Mr J.A.N. Halford who spoke of the attention given to the district by both bodies.

Mr Bryce Ellingham proposed the Toast to Absent Friends, following which the Jubilee Cake, donated by Mr and Mrs Hooper-Smith and iced by Mrs Joan Holyoake, was cut by Mrs Rachel Mills (nee White) one of the early residents of the district and Mrs May Newman (nee Campbell), one of the early teachers.

In proposing the Toast to the Jubilee Committee, Mr Norman Buchanan said the success of the celebrations was due to the organisation of the Jubilee Committee and the co-operation of the residents. Mr Marshall Tickner in replying said the committee had worked well together as a team and was delighted by the number of people who had attended making the Jubilee a very worthwhile project.

Following the dinner, dancing was enjoyed to the music of Trevor Kirk's Dance Band.

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19th

Approximately one hundred and fifty people attended the Church Service held in the marquee at 11am. This was conducted by Reverend Ron Sinclair, a lay preacher (and also a dairy farmer at Re Rehunga). Interspersed with the hymns 'Now Thank We All Our God', 'All People That on Earth Do Dwell' and 'Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing', were Bible readings by Marshall Tickner (present resident), Edith MacGibbon (Jubilee Committee) and Kim Ferguson (present school pupil). Pianist for the service was Mrs Fairlie Nicol.

The barbecue lunch was a very colourful occasion as the weather was perfect and clothing, outdoor furniture and floral decorations combined to create a very bright scene. Two large barbecues and food provided by present residents, catered for about two hundred and twenty people.

During the afternoon an informal cricket match between \_\_\_\_\_ was played on the Waitahora cricket pitch.

Following the Jubilee celebrations many compliments both verbal and written were received by the committee indicating that those who had attended had enjoyed the time of reacquaintance and reminiscence.

## Registrations received for the Jubilee with dates of residence

Atchison W. 1933-76	Darnell Marjorie (Brown) 1915-40
August Rene 1967-73	Dawber Frank 1975-77
August Nai 1967-73	Dawber Robyn 1976-77
Anderson Ken (mailman) 1946-62	Dickie Brian 1968-77
Atchison Bruce 1977-	Dickie Robyn 1968-77
Atchison Jenny 1977-	Duckett Betty (Parkes) 1939-41
Atchison Jane 1977-	Ellingham J.B. 1918-
Atchison Deanne 1977-	Ellingham Bryce 1924-
Ayres Ron	Ellingham Ursula (Riddell) 1951-
Blyth Prue (Selby) 1972-	Ellingham John 1952
Blyth Richard (1947-	Ellingham Roger 1956-73
Blyth Betty (Wilson) 1939-70	Ferguson Roger 1969-
Blyth Tom 1911-70	Ferguson Glenda (Boyden) 1969
Buchanan Alison 1940-59	Fleming Jim 1974-77
Buchanan Mary (Booth) 1939-72	Fleming June 1974-77
Buchanan Norman 1914-72	Franklin Ford
Buchanan Enid (Thompson) 1927-64	Franklin Heather (Grant)
Buchanan Dick 1904-64	Franklin Margaret (Mills)
Buchanan Graeme 1939-	Fraser Cynthia (Hooper-Smith) 1947-71
Buchanan Jean (Dodds) 1960-	Footo Heather (Mangin) 1930-46
Buchanan Alister 1944-	Foy Bruce 1949-52
Buchanan Noeline 1970	Gamble Gwen (Brocklesby) 1957
Buchanan John 1949-69	Gaston Bill 1971-75
Brown Jean	Gaston Lyn 1971-75
Brown Joan 1960-	Giesen H. Mrs (Blyth) 1907-30
Brown (Boy)	Gunderson David 1957-66
Brown William 1962-	Gunderson Alan 1957-67
Brown Stuart 1964	Gunderson Betty 1957-67
Brown M.E. Mrs 1914-60	Gunderson Susan
Barton E.P. Mrs 1922-27	Gunderson Kerrie
Boag Pat (Parkes) 1939-41	Gunderson Wendy
Boerboom Rob 1970	Gunderson Warren 1956-66
Boerboom Gloria 1970	Goulding Fiona (MacGibbon) 1953-70
Brocklesby Graeme 1957-61	Gilmore Brian 1951-55
Brocklesby Gina 1957-61	Goss Cyril 1967-72
Bassett Bill 1955-60	Goss Amy 1967-72
Bassett Grace 1955-60	Grigg Brenda (Blyth) 1913-34
Breakwell Cliff 1946-69	Gregory Elizabeth (MacGibbon) 1938-58
Buckeridge H.W. 1919-21	Harvey Stewart 1941-46
Burn John 1960-	Harvey Mrs 1941-46
Burn Jill 1960-	Harvey John 1910-70
Barker Brian 1926-	Harvey Nancy -70
Barker Barbara 1955-	Hallett Brian 1974-76
Barker Christopher 1957-75	Hallett Nicki 1974-76
Barker Simon 1958-	Hantz Errol 1968-75
Barker Jeremy 1959-	Hantz Myra 1968-75
Coyle Mrs Eva (Andrews) 1902-6	Hantz Martin 1968-75
Clarke Mrs M.A. (Cameron) 1919-21	Hantz Brent 1968-75
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 Miensis Dick 1956-  
 Miensis Sally (Barker) 1931-  
 Miensis Mary 1956-70  
 Miensis Margaret 1956-78  
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 Morton Dick 1953  
 Morton Mrs A.E. (Ellingham) 1918-27  
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 Parsonson Suzanne 1970-74  
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## WAITAHORA SCHOOL 1978



**BACK:** Mr Roger Mole, Donald Morton, Peter MacGibbon, Kenneth Buchanan, Deanne Atchison, Kim Ferguson, Mrs Georgina Mole.

**MIDDLE:** Hamish Ferguson, Kathryn Buchanan, Stuart MacGibbon, Michelle Robinson, Struan Buchanan, Sharon Holyoake, Sandra McNair.

**FRONT:** Johanne Mole, Bruce Holyoake, Colin Simmons, Sylvia Blithe, Ross Simmons, Mandy Gray, Gareth Buchanan, Penny Holyoake.

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