



CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY PRESS

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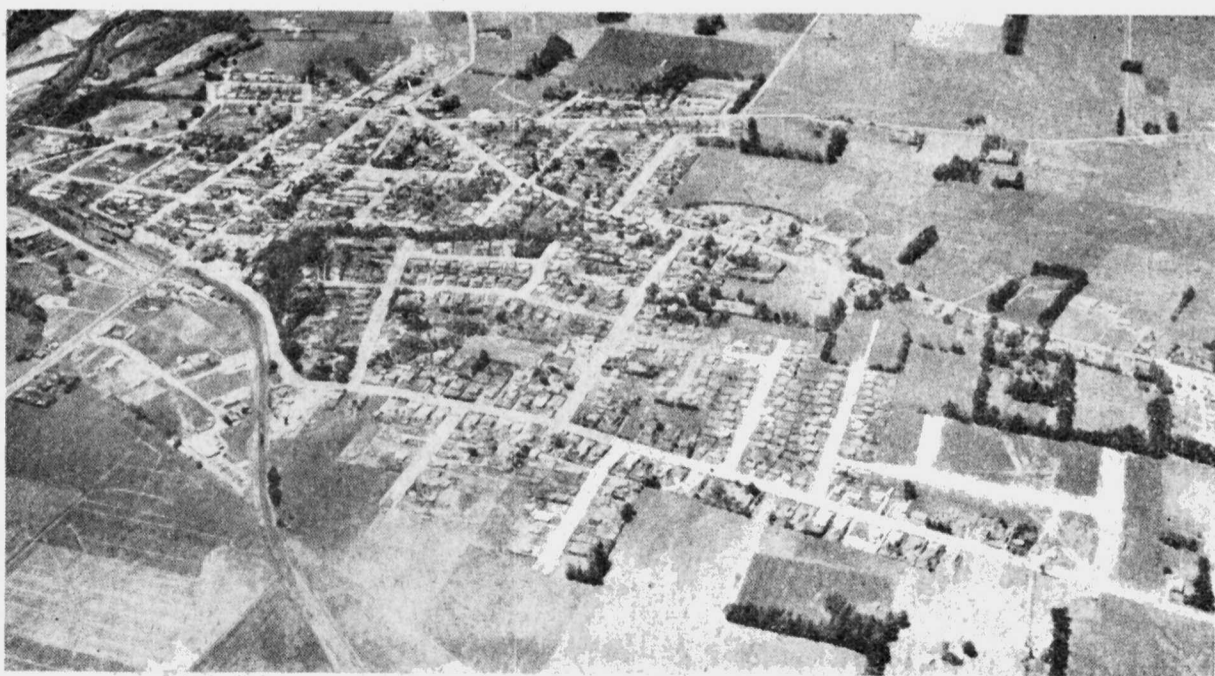
"Press" Celebrates

FOUNDED on December 21, 1905, as a bi-weekly journal, it is as a daily newspaper of growing importance that the "Central Hawke's Bay Press" this year celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. Thus is justified the optimism of its founder and of the business people whose support made its venture possible. The growth of Waipukurau and its supporting rural area has, of course, been the principal factor in the growth of "The Press" while on the other hand, the newspaper undoubtedly has done its part in the development of Central Hawke's Bay.

One can hardly do better on this occasion than to quote from the leading article published in the first issue:—"There is no disputing the fact that a well-conducted journal materially assists to develop the resources of the town and district wherein its influence lies. We believe that this immediate district has a great future before it and must continue to prosper. With such a large area of arable and grazing land, scarcely anything else can be expected. Further anticipated closer settlement in this neighbourhood must increase business in the town and enhance values all round. In the direction of politics this paper will support all those who will

advocate the best interests of the town and district. Only a journal can take such a place in the life of a community.

The people of Waipukurau are rightly proud of their town and district, and to feel that "The Press," their own newspaper, is a part of their progress in other directions. We believe that we are receiving from our subscribers the excellent support that we are receiving from our subscribers but that does not make us less grateful for their support. We trust that the future will bring further prosperity to this district and we reiterate the declaration made in our first issue that "we, on our part, will not be found lacking in duty."



WAIPUKURAU FROM THE AIR.—The greatest expansion, particularly in recent years, has been shown in the foreground which embraces an extensive State housing area fringing Racecourse Road. Part of the Tuki Tuki River is shown on the extreme left. Farm Road runs near and parallel to the top of the photograph, Porangahau Road running toward the right through the centre. The business area is in the top left corner.

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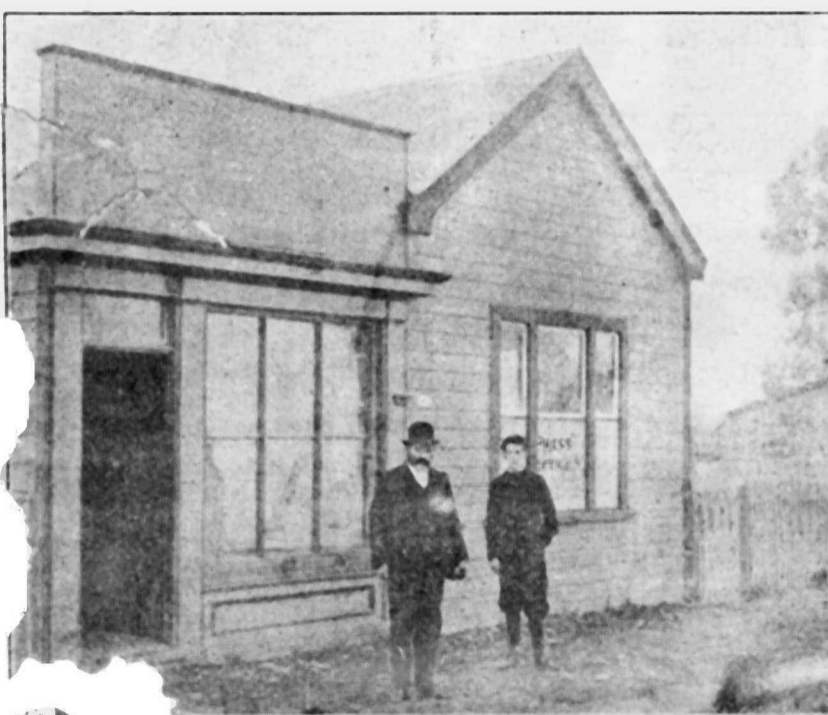
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Founded on Suggestion of Commercial Traveller

The casual suggestion of a commercial traveller to Mr J. H. Claridge was indirectly responsible for the founding of the "Central Hawke's Bay Press" in 1905. A veteran newspaperman who established several country journals, he issued twice a week in Waipukurau a paper which was well received despite outside opposition.

Over the past 50 years, the competition from larger outside newspapers has continued but the "Press" wholeheartedly supported by its advertisers and readers was able to progress to a tri-weekly, while since 1931 it has been issued daily. Publication on Saturdays was suspended after the last war.

The first premises of the "Press" were situated in Ruataniwha Street on a site next to where the bakery of Mr C. A. Bliss now stands. This structure subsequently was re-erected as a dwelling opposite the fire station in Russell Street.



The "Press" was first printed in these premises. The building was situated in the main street, next to that now occupied by the bakery of Mr C. A. Bliss. Shown is the founder, Mr J. H. Claridge, with his son, Cyril.

Mr Claridge commenced his task on December 21, 1905, with a hand press landed from Wellington and several cases of type, most of which had been bought from the Government printer. Once the business was firmly established, he offered it for sale and it was purchased by Mr G. W. Venables, who added to the plant and requiring larger premises, bought a section in Russell Street and erected a new building. This building is now occupied as a residence by Mrs E. A. Goodger.

In 1909, Mr Venables sold the Waipukurau Press to Mr W. Phipps and entered into partnership with Messrs E. C. Cliff and R. Wilson in a printing business at Hastings.

Mr Phipps came from the "New Zealand Times" then published in Wellington. He found life in the small town rather too restrictive and after a short period he disposed of the paper to Messrs W. E. Bennett and E. A. Urwin, of Hawera, and returned to the city. He now lives in retirement in Auckland and was in fact a recent visitor to Waipukurau.

The next phase was the transfer to two-storied premises in Ruataniwha Street to a site now occupied by Messrs Gooday and Brasell. Mr Urwin purchased his partner's interest in 1912, subsequently becoming associated with Mr F. Eyre. The latter became



The "Press" Office in 1907. The building still stands in Russell Street but has been altered for residential purposes. In the foreground are Messrs E. Logan, G. W. Venables, then proprietor, R. Wilson, V. Venables and T. Westwood.

sole proprietor and in 1916 formed the Waipukurau Publishing Company Ltd.

It was in 1918 that the first linotype was installed, replacing the laborious process of hand setting for the paper.

In 1921 the company was under the guidance of Mr R. W. Carpenter as part-time editor and manager. He retired from journalism a year later to develop the shoe retailing business with which he is still actively associated.

In 1922 Messrs D. R. Fisher, Christchurch, and F. V. Ward, Waimate, took over, forming the Waipukurau Press Company Ltd. This partnership continued until December, 1923, when Mr Ward became the principal. This was the final change in the newspaper's control, Mr Ward still being in charge.

It was in 1923 that the office was moved from opposite the Post Office to a building now used by Weeks Automotive Services. Then in 1925, the present freehold property, formerly occupied by a saddler, Mr J. Storry, and opposite the N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd. was acquired in the same street. The up-to-date factory of concrete and brick was erected in 1927.

In recent years, particularly following the second World War, modern plant has been installed and the premises extended. Practically all the electrically operated machinery is automatic—a sharp contrast to the hand-controlled and limited equipment of 50 years ago.

The “Press” has passed through a number of vicissitudes characteristic of the average journey along the road of progress, but it has the satisfaction of being able to review a record of ceaseless striving for the betterment of the town and district it represents.

To all soundly progressive movements and efforts calculated to bring social benefit to the community, the “Press” has given much space. Backed by the loyalty of its advertisers and subscribers, it has attained its present proud position where it is regarded as being among the leading country newspapers of the Dominion.



Ruataniwha Street, 50 years ago, looking east. The building in left foreground was occupied by the “Press”. Mr W. H. B. has been in Waipukurau for the past 54 years, had the business on the right from 1902. It was formerly the blacksmith and wheelwright business of the late Mr A. Jones and was burnt down in 1911.

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Tributes to Progress of the "Press"

That the influence of the "Press" is not confined solely to Waipukurau and district is evident by the receipt of congratulatory messages. They are from the mayor, Mr J. McCarthy, the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. S. G. Holland, the Leader of the Opposition, the Rt. Hon. W. Nash, Mr C. G. E. Harker, Waipawa, M.P. for Hawke's Bay, and from the New Zealand Press Association.

Message From The Mayor

"On this, the golden jubilee of the 'Press,' I wish to offer my heartiest congratulations to the management and staff. It is a remarkable coincidence that the first issue was published practically on the same date as the formation of the Waipukurau Town Board.

"The circulation of the 'Press' throughout Central Hawke's Bay has contributed a really valuable com-

than anywhere else in the world. The standard of our newspapers is very high indeed. I do not know of any substitute for the close, almost personal service that country newspapers give to their readers. The local newspaper is almost a member of the family.

"From its modest beginning as a bi-weekly 50 years ago, the 'Press' has grown to be a force in its community. I wish it continued success in its efforts to serve the needs of the people of Central Hawke's Bay."

Mr Nash's Good Wishes

"Fifty years may be a comparatively short time in the story of the world but it is an era in the history of a young pioneer country—and the last 50 years have been an epoch-making period in the development of Waipukurau and Hawke's Bay.

"My first visit to Waipukurau was in 1910. At that time the Tavistock



MR MCCARTHY

munity service to town and country alike in keeping matters of local and national interest clearly and concisely before the public.

"In a progressive and rapidly growing district, a local newspaper plays a most important part, whether it is recording the deliberations of local authorities or the activities of many organisations. The 'Press' has performed an outstanding part in this respect and at all times it has been quick to publicise appeals and accept donations for worthwhile causes.

"The reporting of the 'Press' always has maintained a high standard and there is no doubt that the progress of Waipukurau is due in no small measure to the newspaper's distinct sense of district loyalty. On behalf of the citizens, I voice the earnest hope that the prosperity and progress of the last 50 years will continue, both with the 'Press' and the area it serves."

Mr Holland's Tribute

"I felicitate the 'Press' on the attainment of its fiftieth anniversary, congratulate it on its vigour, enter-



MR HOLLAND

prise and general standard and wish it many more years of success.

"I know the district the 'Press' serves very well and have always admired its fine people and fine farms. Waipukurau itself, of course, is widely known as a model of town planning. It is a most attractive centre.

"It would not be out of place for me to say a few words about our New Zealand press, particularly our country newspapers. In this respect I think our people are better served



MR NASH

Hotel was at the far end of the town and the railway refreshment room was noted for the supply of high grade food and very good quality-tea.

"Waipukurau has made remarkably good progress over the last half-century. It is now the centre of a great pastoral area, with trade and business per capita as great as any town or city in New Zealand. Its future is promising. Wool, the chief product of the district, is commanding good prices and it is still a staple commodity amongst world resources, with qualities exceeding that of any competing textile yet known.

"The productive enterprise of the people of the area, who have converted original scrub and bush land into the rich pastures of today, has made a major contribution to New Zealand's economic growth, and especially to our export trade.

"On the world scale these last 50 years have seen change at a pace never before approached in recorded history—change for both good and ill—but fundamentally, I believe, for good. True, we have witnessed two world wars, each of previously unprecedented scope and destruction; and for the last decade the 'cold war' has clouded men's hope for the future. But, beside this, we have had wonderful technical progress in all fields of science and particularly in those where immediate benefit is felt by the people as a whole—transport and health.

"Then, too, the social picture is far from being wholly dark. The misery and havoc caused by war cannot obscure the fact that since the turn of the century there has been overall an extension of freedom in the life of the average man. Democracy has evolved, expanded and proved itself in peace and war. I believe that it can withstand any challenge presented to it.

"In conclusion, may I extend congratulations to the directors of the 'Central Hawke's Bay Press' on the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of their paper and wish them many more years of continued service and publication."

Mr Harker's Congratulations

"I wish to offer to the Waipukurau Press Co. Ltd., and to the editor of the Central Hawke's Bay Press, my heartiest congratulations on attaining its 50th anniversary.

"I am aware that it began its existence in 1905, starting as a bi-weekly. When I first went to Central Hawke's Bay in 1919, it had progressed from a bi-weekly to a tri-weekly, some ten years later blossoming out as a daily.

"The 'Press' has always served Waipukurau in particular, and Central Hawke's Bay in general, faith-



MR. HARKER

fully and well. It has been apparent that the progress of the district has always been dear to the heart of its manager and editor, and it has never spared effort in advancing the claims of the district.

“Above all, however, it has always maintained the highest standard of journalism and sought to put truth before sensationalism. May it continue to progress through the next 50 years with the same credit as it has through the 50 years the conclusion of which it now justly celebrates.”

Press Association

“On behalf of the directors and the members of the New Zealand Press Association, I am pleased to extend to the proprietors, the editor and the staff of the Central Hawke’s Bay Press, congratulations upon the 50th anniversary of the newspaper’s foundation.

“From its modest origin as a bi-weekly, the ‘Press’ has developed into a daily newspaper with a record of achievements in its service to the community which justifies the celebration of its jubilee with pride and satisfaction.

“Its colleagues in the Press Association are happy to contribute to the recognition of this important occasion in the history of the ‘Press’ and to offer their good wishes for its successful progress in the future.”

J. M. Harcastle, chairman.

Many Changes Seen In Business Firms

Fifty years has seen a considerable change in the business firms operating in Waipukurau as will be seen from the following list of advertisers in the first issue of the “Press”

D. Annand, fancy good emporium; R. Staines and Son, cabinetmakers; J. A. Blom, harness maker; W. A. Chambers, builder; R. Scott, painter and plumber; B. J. McCormick, general store; R. Coney, Tavistock Hotel; A. C. Plummer, livery stables; T. Huggins, cabinetmaker; W. H. Booth, blacksmith; J. Staines, sash and door factory; F. C. Cook, general carrier; F. Houseman, livery stables; H. Poynter, grocer and fruiterer; J. La. Sterry, harness maker; A. J. Skipper, Royal Mail coach; F. W. Gere, builder; D. J. Coldwell, chemist; J. F. Sutherland, chemist; G. P. Gunzel, tailor; Mrs. G. McKenzie, tearooms; P. J. Cotter, signwriter; Mrs. J. Nidd, ladies’ outfitter; E. Houseman, boarding-house; A. Hewald, boot repairer; J. Maher, coach proprietor; C. W. Mitchell, railway store; P. Barrie, general store; Mackay and Co., auctioneers; M. Murphy, draper and clothier; P. H. Jolley, Tavistock Bakery; C. W. Seymour, boot and shoe store; T. Nicholson, tailor and mercer; J. C. Simpson, tobacconist; J. J. Bailey, butcher; H. J. Chrysell, jeweller.

Population Figures Show District’s Steady Growth

The steady expansion of the Waipukurau district is reflected in the following population figures from 1874 until the present year

1874, 177; 1891, 559; 1901, 761; 1921, 1381; 1936, 2050; 1945, 2095; 1955, 2670.

Corresponding figures for the counties surrounding Waipukurau are as follows:—

Waipukurau: 1891, 559; 1901, 761; 1921, 1381; 1936, 2050; 1945, 2095; 1955, 2670. Patangata: 1891, 2044; 1901, 1843; 1921, 2177; 1936, 2711; 1945, 2518; 1955, 3170. Waipawa: 1891, 1000; 1901, 1000; 1921, 3262; 1936, 3522; 1945, 3192; 1955, 3760.

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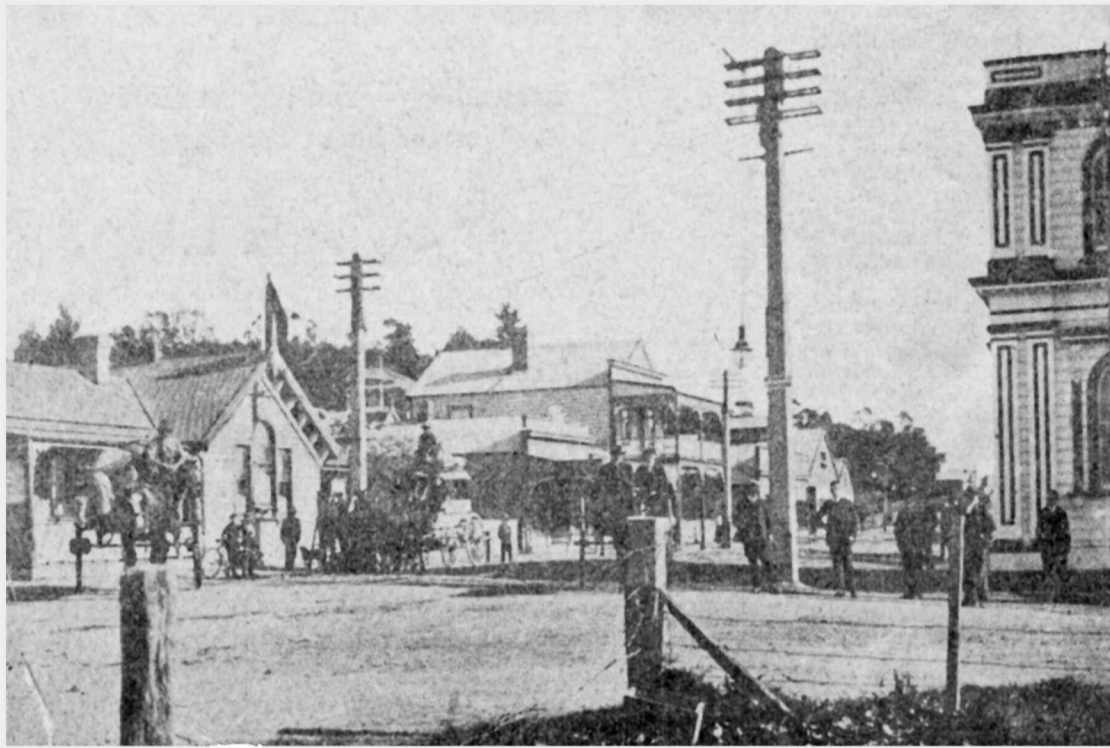
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THE POST OFFICE CORNER AS IT APPEARED IN 1939.



PRESENT DAY VIEW OF RUATANIWHA STREET, LOOKING WEST FROM THE POST OFFICE.

Since the Waipukurau Rotary Club was chartered in 1943 it has fulfilled many projects in which emphasis has been placed on community service. Its latest scheme is to assist with the beautification of the surroundings at the District War Memorial Hall which was opened this month.

Much thought has been given to the proposed project which will serve as the club's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Rotary at Chicago in 1905.

Besides suggesting improvements to borough amenities, the club has actually taken part in several schemes. One such task was the painting of the Waipukurau Youth Centre, while more recently an appreciated awning was erected over seats at the swimming baths. In another instance members spent many hours at weekends to improve the access road to the Lindsay reserve.

Some years ago the club sponsored the formation of a creche which was the forerunner of the now firmly-established Waipukurau kindergarten. Associated with the Plunket Society the club has held a successful ball for the last few years, the profits being shared by each organisation.

In addition to providing an annual picnic for the children's homes at Waipawa, the club takes patients at Pukeora Sanatorium on outings each year, and supplies Christmas presents to crippled children in the district. It also donates prizes for the annual speech contests held by the high school.

The Waipukurau club sponsored the formation of that at Waipawa and each year as part of its rural-town fellowship it holds meetings in the country. Centres visited include Wallingford, Hatuma, Takapau and Ashley Clinton.

Causes to which members have given support have been the Leper Fund, the New Zealand Institute for the Blind, Crippled Children's Society, CORSO, the Fiji Hurricane Relief Fund and the Parcels for Britain scheme.

The club has accorded 100 per cent contributions to the Rotary Foundation to provide scholarships for overseas study and to the golden anniversary scheme to send six young New Zealanders to England for six months.

**Punter Loses Argument
With "Tote" Manager**

New Zealanders take their racing seriously indeed it is said that the Sport of Kings is the Dominion's "religion" but it is doubtful whether a more earnest argument has ever taken place than one at a Waipukurau Jockey Club meeting in the early 1890s.

The story goes that a punter, betting on commission, went to the "tote" window and placed a bet on Sirius. The manager of the totalisator served the punter and told him that Sirocco was "set" to win the same race. The punter later backed Sirocco.

Sirocco duly won the race and the punter informed the manager that he had come out of it all right as he had backed both horses.

"Not with me," said the tote man. An argument followed and the manager of the machine, who was a short, fiery-tempered chap, said: "I'll get the investment slips and show you that you are wrong."

He did so. Getting a good perch on the front of the tote he said to the crowd assembled: "Gentlemen, Mr So and-So says he booked a bet on Sirius and Sirocco and I say he didn't. Here are the instructions."

The punter took the papers from him and said: "That is Sirius and that is Sirocco."

After glancing at them the speech-maker said: "Well, if people who bet on commissions do not write better than you do they ought not to bet, and all I can say is that I read it two bets on Sirius, and I'm not going to pay you on Sirocco."

And he didn't pay.

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GEORGE WINLOVE, Founder.



MAIN STREET VIEW

1955

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NEW METHODS OF LIME PRODUCTION HAVE revolutionised the industry and a handful of skilled men now operate machines which perform the heavy tasks of years ago. Dust is entirely eliminated in the ultra-modern bulk lime plant and also in distribution because the quarry run lime is not dried. Users report better results from undried lime, probably on account of its better solubility. With the saving in the cost of drying and the saving made possible through machinery and in an increased production, Hatuma agricultural lime is one of the few commodities which has not increased in price over the past 10 years.

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Oldest Surviving Resident of Waipukurau is Miss E. Winlove

The distinction of being the oldest surviving resident of Waipukurau falls to Miss E. Winlove, Bedford Terrace. Born in the town 84 years ago, she is a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs George Winlove, two of the district's earliest settlers.

Miss Winlove has occupied her present home for the past 75 years and she said that the family first resided in a building on Ruataniwha Street which until recent years was Harrison's bakery. She related that her mother's vegetable garden was at the corner of Ruataniwha and Russell Streets, the land having been acquired from Mr H. R. Russell.

One of the first doctors in Waipukurau was Dr English and his residence was at the rear of the Press Company's premises. Mrs Winlove was instrumental in getting a matron for the cottage hospital about 1879. The appointee was Mrs Putman, grandmother of Miss M. Hartley, Wellington Road.

a resident of the town for about 80 years. Huge gums and other trees, which were near the site of the old Tavistock Hotel on Mount Herbert Road, were felled only a few weeks ago to make way for subdivision of the land.

First Monkeys Seen
The centre of activity in early Waipukurau was Mount Herbert and Miss Winlove remembers vividly the parties held there. Mr Henry Russell had the welfare of the district at heart and spared no expense to arrange entertainments. On one occasion he engaged a circus to attend a children's party and the consternation of adults as well as the youngsters when they saw their first monkeys could be imagined.

As a girl, said Miss Winlove, one of the greatest pleasures was a picnic. She recollected one Boxing Day, in company with her brother, the late Mr John Winlove, and her late sisters, Mrs B. Grosvenor and Mrs S. Scruby, she went to Mount Vernon.

Present-day residents quibble about droughts but the one in that particular year must have been a "scorcher." The picnic party was able to cross the Tuki Tuki River, near the railway bridge, without removing their shoes and stockings.

It was about this time that people in Waipukurau were plagued with grasshoppers "the size of your finger," said Miss Winlove.

Referring to some of the pioneers, Miss Winlove paid a tribute to Miss Herbert, a sister of Mrs Russell. Miss Herbert found time to teach sewing to small children and also began the first Sunday School. She went home to England several times and used to return with immigrants, acting as matron to the womenfolk.

When a party of migrants arrived—usually on their way to Dannevirke and Norsewood—it meant a busy time for the people in Waipukurau. Miss Winlove remembers her mother and other settlers making buckets of porridge and preparing food for distribution to the new arrivals.

A great entertainer in the early days was Mr W. H. Sebley who was in demand at many functions held in the old schoolroom. Incidentally, it was Mr Sebley who erected his own house into which he took his bride. The dwelling is occupied today by Mrs F. S. Hopkinson, Bedford Terrace.

Sensational Fire
Miss Winlove spoke of the sensations which were caused in the district when first the old hotel then the town hall were gutted. In the early days the fire bell used to be located near her home.

Young people in Miss Winlove's day used to tramp to Hatuma Lake and spend many happy hours picnicking and rowing about in boats, often numbering half-a-dozen. A favourite "pull" was up as far as the Ngahape creek. After a strenuous day, all had to tramp back home.

Miss Winlove said that it was a matter for regret that more use had not been made of the lake by citizens. It lent itself admirably to beautification and could be a popular rendezvous, especially in these days of rapid transport.

It is Miss Winlove's proud boast that she has never had an illness, let alone be a patient in hospital. She still possesses her faculties and still follows her greatest interest—a love of her garden.

The oldest existing business in Waipukurau is that of Winlove and Sons. It was established in 1865 by the late Mr George Winlove and his grandsons, Messrs G. M. and H. M. Winlove, are at present in charge. The firm had branches at Waipawa and Porangahau for some years.

At the Waipukurau railway station on January 11, 1906, Mr Houseman's bus collided with Mr Maher's cab, through the horse attached to the former becoming startled. One of the wheels of the cab was seriously damaged.

We understand that Mr W. Chambers has prepared plans for a new Town Hall at Takapau, under instructions from Mr Sydney Johnston. The hall will be commodious and up-to-date in every respect, and acetylene gas will be installed.—January 20, 1906.



MISS E. WINLOVE

Miss Winlove, who still thinks there is no place like Waipukurau, says she remembers her mother planting trees which are still flourishing in her own grounds and at the adjacent home of Mrs W. C. Smith.

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**WAIPUKURAU WOMAN
WILL BE 94 YEARS
OLD NEXT MONTH**

Mrs W. C. Smith, Bedford Terrace, who will celebrate her 94th birthday next month, is the oldest resident in Waipukurau. However, as she was eight years old when she arrived in the district, there are a few identities who have seen a longer life in the town.

Mrs Smith's husband, who died in 1911, was M.P. for the district for 12 years and subsequently was a member of the Legislative Council for a period. He was a prominent member of the community in the early days and was one of the most enthusiastic advocates for the establishment of the first hospital.

Mrs Smith, who lives quietly in the home she has occupied for the past 71 years, was born in Kirriemuir, Scotland, near the home of the writer Sir James M. Barrie.

After her marriage in 1884 Mrs Smith saw a great deal of New Zealand as her husband travelled round on Government business. However, later she was content to remain in Waipukurau which holds so many pleasant memories for her.

Mrs Smith can recall the building of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches in the town. As she sat near a harmonium which has been in her possession for many years, she spoke of the ceaseless activity which centred round the churches in the early days. She has always been a staunch Presbyterian and the recent 90th anniversary of that church held a special interest for her.

After her husband had succeeded in his share of the representations to secure a hospital for the village he continued to take a keen interest in its management. When Dr Godfray was in charge Mr Smith contributed half the cost of the first delivery of radium for the hospital.

Early Waipukurau experienced many serious floods. Mrs Smith remembered when, in 1891, the entire area between Ruataniwha Street and the Tuki Tuki River—vacant land at that time—was under water. Dinghies could be sailed along the main street.

**OLDEST MALE RESIDENT,
MR R. SCOTT, REMEMBERS
THE FIRST SCHOOL**

Mr R. McDonald Scott, Kitchener Street, who came to Waipukurau 76 years ago, is regarded as the oldest living male resident of the town. He was two years old when he accompanied his parents from his birthplace at Thames.

Mr Scott recalls beginning school on his fifth birthday, and among his many old photographs he has one which shows the first school with the adjacent headmaster's residence. A group of pupils is under the charge of the teacher of that time, Mr J. Poole.

In 1879 Mr Scott's father started a hardware business which he conducted until his death in 1910. Mr Scott then took over until his retirement in 1944. Apart from occasional holidays away, he has lived in the town continuously since he arrived.

In Mr Scott's opinion, Waipukurau has progressed to its present state steadily rather than spectacularly. He said that there was a period of activity during the time Nelson Bros.' freezing works were in operation but progress was at a standstill for some time after they closed down. The present period of activity in the district he rates as the greatest the town has known.

Mr Scott can recall many incidents in the town's history. He recollected vividly the serious influenza epidemic of 1918 when deaths in the Dominion were estimated at 8000. In Waipukurau the old town hall was used as a temporary hospital to relieve the congestion at the public hospital.

For a time business was practically at a standstill, and the school was closed from November to February. A special room was set aside in the town for "decontamination" treatment.

Although the destruction by fire of the town hall was a serious blow to the community, Mr Scott said that there was also a degree of personal loss. Among the effects destroyed was the district's first pipe organ. It was constructed by the caretaker, Mr C. J. Robinson, who was a keen musician.

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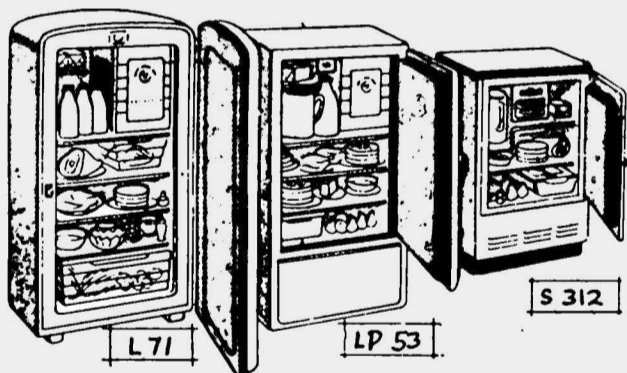
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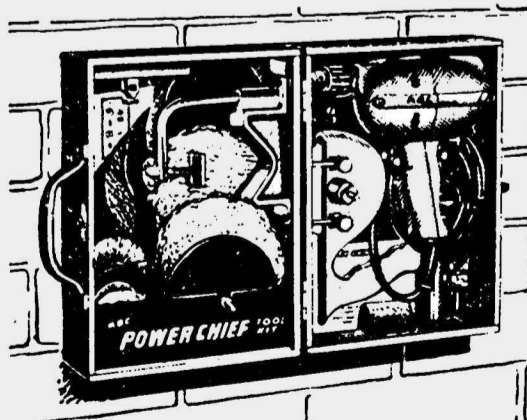
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FIRST TOWN HALL IN WAIPUKURAU LOST IN FIRE AFTER 45 YEARS

Years ago Waipukurau was surrounded by large holdings and big stations and when the landed proprietors, their friends, their families and their workers turned out to any race meeting, entertainment, social function or political occasion, it was to Waipukurau that they turned.

The town soon found itself the centre upon which people from far and near converged and the absence of any suitable meeting place being felt keenly, it was not long before this need was publicly advocated.

Prominent among those sponsoring the project were the Hon. W. C. Smith, M.L.C., and Mr Peter Gow. It was due mainly to their untiring efforts that the first town hall in Waipukurau was opened on May 24, 1877.

Originally the building had a floor space of 1500 square feet but as the years went by this was found to be inadequate. From time to time it was increased until in 1920 it had a seating capacity of 390, the floor also being again increased by 10 feet in its length. Eleven years previous to these enlargements being made, the Borough Council acquired for £300 the hall from the company which had owned it.

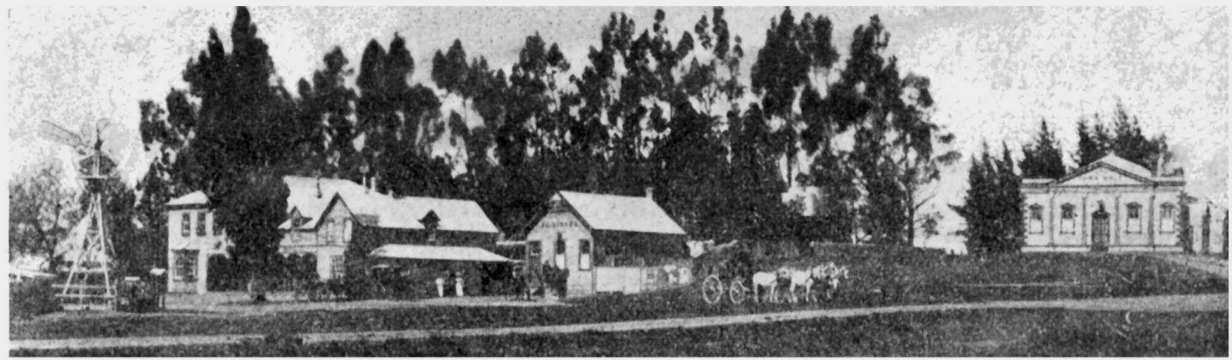
Waipukurau at this time found its most regular entertainment in the moving picture and naturally the Town Hall was the place in which the films were shown. On the night of September 18, 1922, patrons could have had no idea that it was the last programme they were to see for a long time.

With the conclusion of the show, the proprietor, Mr C. J. Robinson, took a last look round the building and was satisfied that all was in order. Yet within half an hour the building was a mass of roaring flames and within an hour or so it had been burned to the ground.

The origin of the fire was never known. However, Mr Robinson expressed himself as certain that it was the work of incendiaries.

Legs of mutton were sold in Waipukurau at the turn of the century for the sum of 1/- each. The balance of the carcass was boiled down into fat and shipped to England.

We understand that Mr Burgess intends to build a sawmill in Bailey's bush, Waipukurau. It is estimated that there will be at least three years' cutting.—"Press," December, 1905.



The centre of Waipukurau in 1900. The old Tavistock Hotel and Billiard-Room are on the left and the Town Hall on the right. The mail coach is ready to leave for Wellington. The area shown is now known as Tavistock Place and is occupied by the homes of Messrs H. Worsnop and J. W. Fleming.

LAND IN WAIPUKURAU BOUGHT FROM MAORIS OVER 100 YEARS AGO

November 4 marked an important date in the history of Waipukurau. It was on that day exactly 104 years ago that the sale of land in the district was completed between the Maoris and the Crown. Records show that 270,000 acres in the locality were purchased at a cost of £4800, or about fourpence an acre.

The transfer of the Hapuku Block, as Waipukurau was known, was effected by Sir Donald McLean, a Government Land Purchase Commissioner, the deed being signed on November 4, 1851, and witnessed by Messrs J. Thomas, J.P., F. S. Abbott, F. J. Tiffen, and E. Collins (settlers), R. Park and C. L. de Pelichet (surveyors), J. Williamson (clerk) and a Maori chief, Wiremu Tako. One of the principal signatories to the deed was the well-known chief, Ko Te Hapuku.

Model Village

It was in 1867 that a reserve of 207 acres was purchased by Mr H. R. Russell who decided to found a model village on the site of the present town. Since then the settlement has progressed steadily to become one of the main towns of the province.

According to the History of Hawke's Bay, by Mr J. G. Wilson, Hatuma, Sir Donald, then Mr McLean, passed through the Manawatu Gorge by canoe on December 6, 1850, and reached Waipukurau five days later. On December 13, he met the whole of the principal chiefs of Hawke's Bay and the following day, a large assembly of Maoris met at

Waipukurau and agreed to the sale of the Hapuku Block.

Nearly a year passed between McLean's first arrival in the district and the completion of the survey and negotiations. He returned to Waipukurau at the end of October 1851. He found that Hapuku had erected a large new house and had prepared a great feast to celebrate the occasion for the transfer of the block.

The deed ran: "Now we have in our assemblies at Waipukurau, Patangata and Te Aute and at this great meeting also of ours, considered, thought over and wept over, lamented and bidden farewell to these lands handed down to us by our ancestors as a lasting possession under the shining sun this day to Victoria, Queen of England, with its timber, water, fertile spots and barren places and all appertaining to the said land as a lasting portion of land from us to the Queen of England forever. And we will not permit any persons to molest the Europeans upon the land."

Different Story Possible

Hapuku was one of the three chiefs who signed the Treaty of Waitangi on behalf of the Hawke's Bay Maoris. He was always friendly disposed toward European settlement and refused to join the "King" movement. Had he been hostile, says Mr Wilson, the whole story of European settlement in Hawke's Bay would have been different.

This chief died at Te Hauke in 1878. In recognition of his friendship, the Government erected a monument over his grave.

Today, from the roadside cemetery at Te Hauke, the tattooed graven image of this Maori gazes with unseeing eyes, not upon a stream of warriors, but upon a never-ending stream of traffic through one of the most prosperous districts in New Zealand.

Street Lighting Proposals First Made In 1906

A poll of ratepayers for consent to raise a loan of £300 for street lighting was decided upon by the Waipukurau Town Board on April 2, 1906. Later it was decided to submit a proposal to raise £400, then £200.

There were 103 ratepayers on the roll. The population was 761, an increase from 565 in 1901.

On May 3, 1906, a public meeting of ratepayers was held to discuss the loan proposal, the Hon. W. C. Smith, M.L.C., being the convenor. The poll for the £200, taken on August 1, 1906, was carried by 59 votes to 19, six Kidson lights being favoured.

In 1907 a further proposal to raise £2200 was submitted, the former authority being abandoned, in view of the claims of the 20th Century Gas being endorsed. This was carried.

In 1910 an extension, involving a loan of £1600, followed the adoption of the "Dreadnought" system, of which Messrs W. A. Chambers and W. H. Booth were the originators. In 1915 a further loan of £1200 was authorised.

It is evident that, like many other small centres, Waipukurau found the lighting problem a troublesome one. The advent of electricity in 1922 solved the problem, a loan for £13,500 for a coal-generated plant being raised.

Waipukurau — A Large Mushroom Near Water

Like so many other places and localities, Waipukurau took its name from an incident in Maori life.

The Maoris have no written history of their own — when white men first arrived here they had no form of writing whatever — but they preserved the custom of naming places from incidents and episodes.

Waipukurau's name has an odd meaning. Split up, it means 'wai' (water) and 'pukurau' (large mushroom). The name originated when an outsize mushroom was found near Hatuma Lake.

Maoris Made Money In Early Transport

Round about 1850 to 1860 the winding, tortuous Tuki Tuki River was a regular means of communication from Waipukurau to Napier, or at least to that part of the settlement which lay near Napier.

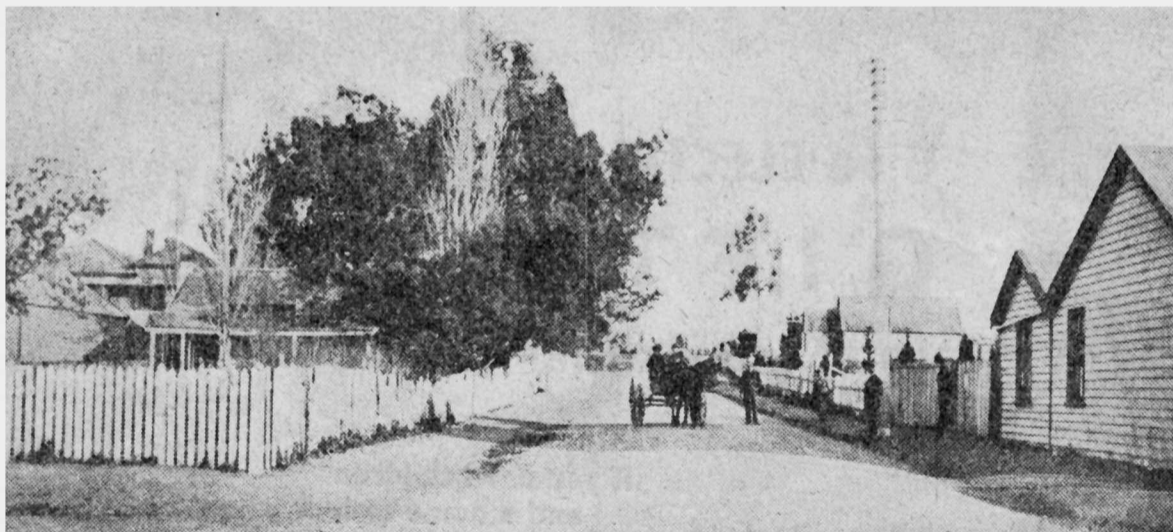
The almost innumerable rapids of the river called for expert handling of the flimsy craft which formed the river fleet, and it was for the most part left entirely to the Maoris, who were intimately acquainted with every twist and turn of the devious river.

They made a remarkably good thing out of the business, but their cupidity got the better of them, and they killed the goose that laid the golden eggs.

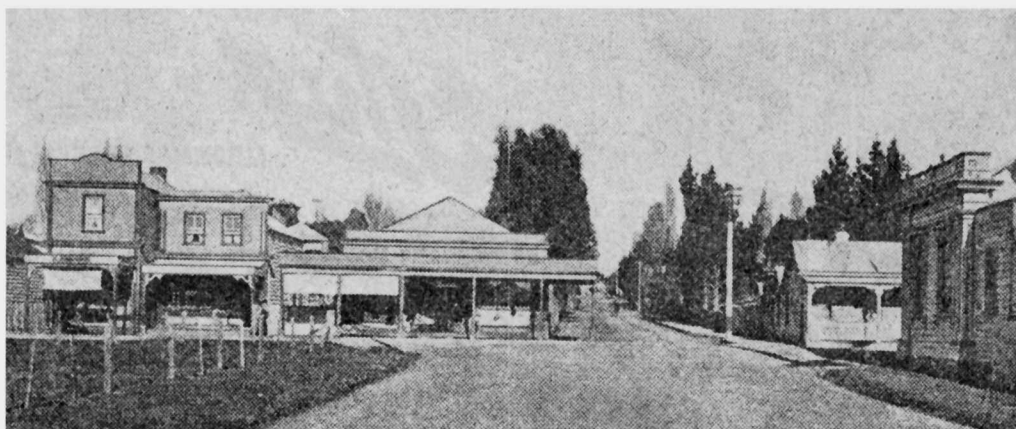
The Maoris raised their prices from time to time, but when they demanded £5 per load, the settlers reached their limit and decided to do the business overland. This they eventually did, and from the blow which was given, river-borne trade never recovered.

Waipukurau had a festive day when the first weekly coach ran through from Napier to Waipukurau. It was a full day's journey, over difficult roads, but eventually it became so popularised that its frequency was increased until eventually a daily coach service was operating.

Constable Baskerville was in charge of the Waipukurau police station in 1905.



A photograph taken in 1890 of Porangahau Road, looking from the present Bank of New Zealand corner. The cottage on the left was occupied by the parents of Mr R. McD. Scott. The building on the right-hand corner was the old Post Office, while the old school can be seen further up the street on the right.



A later view, looking up Porangahau Road. It shows the first Bank of New Zealand premises, built in 1878. From the left, the shops were occupied by Messrs D. Annand (stationer), P. Jolly (baker) and P. Barrie (store).

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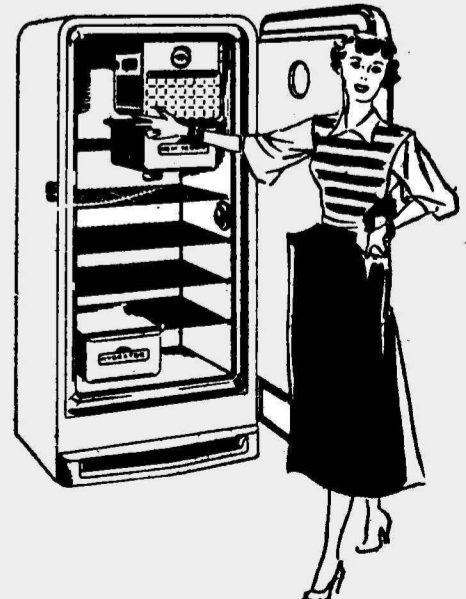
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Hospital Shows Steady Development Since 1879

The flag was hoisted recently to celebrate the Waipukurau Hospital's 75th anniversary. Unlike other activities, with the passing of time the institution is going ahead at a rate that would astound the town. The number of people in Waipukurau who are aware of the fact that alterations and extensions worth about £250,000 have been done in the last four years or are about to be carried out could be counted on one's fingers. In 1879, when the hospital was built, it was insured for £1200.

The history of the hospital is interesting in that its development, naturally enough, follows the progress of Waipukurau. In some respects it has anticipated the growth of the district and providing "war" does not break out between Waipawa and Waipukurau over the site of the proposed college, it will be able to cope adequately with the district's future needs.

Plans to have an hospital in the town were first discussed in 1876 when a public meeting was held in the Tavistock Hotel. Most of the district's prominent citizens were present and they included: — Messrs Mackersey, A. St. Hill, A. Grant, R. Harding, W. Newman, J. Matthews, S. Johnston, P. Gow, W. C. Smith, B. E. Friberg, Saxby and Trestall and the Revs. Shearman and Fraser.

Mr H. R. ("Lord") Russell — he probably occupied the chair — announced that the Government was prepared to subsidise subscriptions to the extent of £500. Mr Russell donated five acres of land for the site and in 1879 the first patients were admitted. At that time, the hospital

tensively in brick and some £2000 was needed to repair damage done by the 1931 earthquake. Since then the board has built in concrete.

During the slump the board's biggest project was the provision of a medical administration block at a cost of £14,200. It was not till 1939 that extensions of any magnitude were made.

In the period 1939-43 Fisher surgical ward and new physiotherapy, X-ray and bacteriological blocks were built. In addition extensions were made to the operating theatre and nurses' home. This work cost £85,000. An architect said recently that it would cost about £190,000 today.

In the immediate post-war years the board spent about £73,000. The bulk of this (£44,000) was used for building Raymond Maternity Annex. It has accommodation for 10 beds and was built in such a way that wards for another 10 beds can easily be erected without duplication of many of the service rooms.

Loans totalling £29,000 were raised for the purpose of erecting a



Mr and Mrs Putman, the first master and matron of the Waipukurau Hospital, and their staff. Reading from left: Mr J. Nelson, Dr Godfray, Nurse Spooner, Sister Skinner, Dr Halligan, Mrs B. Clarken, Mr Putman, Mrs Putman, Mrs R. Staines, M. Moran and A. Kearns.

bone Maternity Home. These will be paid for out of a bequest of £2000 from the W.H. Rathbone estate.

On top of that the board wants to replace Lewis Reed Ward and the children's ward at the district hospital with a two-storey block. This project will cost in the vicinity of £85,000. The scheme has been held up in the meantime, however, by the Capital Works Committee which has asked the board to explore ways of renovating and adding to Lewis Reed Ward to make it last for another 15 years.

The board is unanimously against the committee's proposal and is still pressing for the disposal of the two wards which have served their pur-

Hospital Has Had Only Four Medical Superintendents

One of the most noteworthy features of the history of the Waipukurau Hospital is the fact that since it was opened in 1879 there have been only four medical superintendents. The fifth will start in mid-January.

The first of the four men, who all rendered yeoman service, was Dr Jim Reid. He was superintendent till 1894. The following three served for a total number of 61 years. Dr S. C. Godfray took over from Dr Reid and was in charge till 1914 when Dr Lewis Reed was appointed.

In 1934 Dr W. B. Fisher was appointed and he held office until recently when he resigned because of ill-health.

Dr T. Lawrie, at present medical superintendent at the Stratford Hospital, has been chosen to succeed Dr Fisher.

The present matron, Miss E. A. Rose, is the eighth to hold that position. The first was Mrs Putman. In turn came Miss Shepherd, Miss Godfray, Miss M. E. Carston, Miss C. I. Drummond, Miss H. M. Turnbull, Miss J. B. Mitchell (now Mrs J. G. Stewart), and Miss Rose.

About £280,000 To Be Spent At Sanatorium Soon

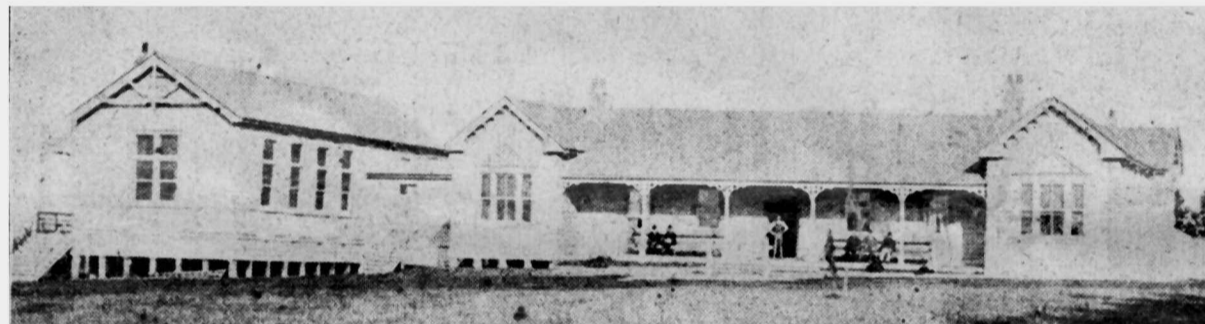
If things go according to schedule the Pukeora Sanatorium will receive a £280,000 "face-lift" within the next two years. The Sanatorium Committee has decided to do away with the present cottage accommodation and new wards will be built.

Beds at present on verandahs will also be put into new wards. A new administration block is also planned.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the programme is that the number of beds in the institution will be reduced from 142 to 117. Last year an average of 103 beds were occupied daily. This year it has fallen to 87 and at the moment there are only about 70 patients.

Provision has been made for women and children in the new hospital. This probably means that the Otaki Sanatorium will be done away with in the years to come, as tuberculosis, according to medical statistics, is on the decline as a result of the extensive use of newly discovered drugs and early case-finding.

Yesterday there were 18 male and six female patients in the Waipukurau Hospital. — "Press," December, 1905.



The Waipukurau Hospital as it appeared in 1890. The wing on the extreme left was added in that year. The rest of the building was the original structure erected in 1879.

consisted of two wings — male and female — and four other rooms for staff.

The first major addition was the Lewis Reed Ward in 1890. The Godfray Ward was built about 1900 and in 1919 the Paul Hunter ward was added.

"One Of Best In Colony"

In 1886 Dr N. McGregor, Inspector-General of Hospitals, was able to report to the Government of the day: "This hospital is one of the most comfortable and best managed in the colony."

When the hospital was built, the Waipawa County Council was the principal local body in the district and a committee set up by the council was responsible for its administration. The institution was originally called the Waipawa County Hospital.

Later, in 1889, when hospital boards were constituted, a board was formed and named the Waipawa Hospital Board. Since the 1930s the official name of the institution has been the District Hospital, Waipukurau, but the name of the board has been unchanged.

The board governed both the Waipukurau and Dannvirke hospitals but in 1925, two separate boards were formed.

In 1926 the board, freed from the burden of controlling both institutions, embarked upon a comprehensive building scheme. The first major improvement was the addition of the present nurses' home at the front of the hospital. This was built by the late Mr W. A. Chambers at a cost of £10,000.

Since then, however, a new nurses' block and a house for the assistant medical superintendent have been built, a home has been provided for sisters and other senior members of the staff and a house has been bought for the medical superintendent.

'Quake Damage of £2000

In 1927 a further £10,000 was spent on additions to women's wards, kitchen and office blocks and modern corridor accommodation. Up till that time the board had been building ex-

resident doctor's home and extensive alterations to the kitchen block and staff dining rooms.

The last four years, however, have seen the greatest advancement the hospital has ever made. In January a new male staff block will be opened. It is costing £23,000 and will accommodate 16. A doctor's house was built for £3800.

In a couple of months the contractors will have finished a 60,000-gallon emergency reservoir alongside Raymond Maternity Annex. Water mains for fire fighting purposes will be laid right round the hospital and these will be served for the reservoir. This project is costing £10,300.

Several sections of the hospital are being re-roofed at a cost of £10,000. Tenders have been let for a new boiler house, laundry block, ambulance garage, workshops and incinerator. The building and engineering services needed for these will cost £135,000. The laundry machinery will cost another £8500 and the two boilers £17,000.

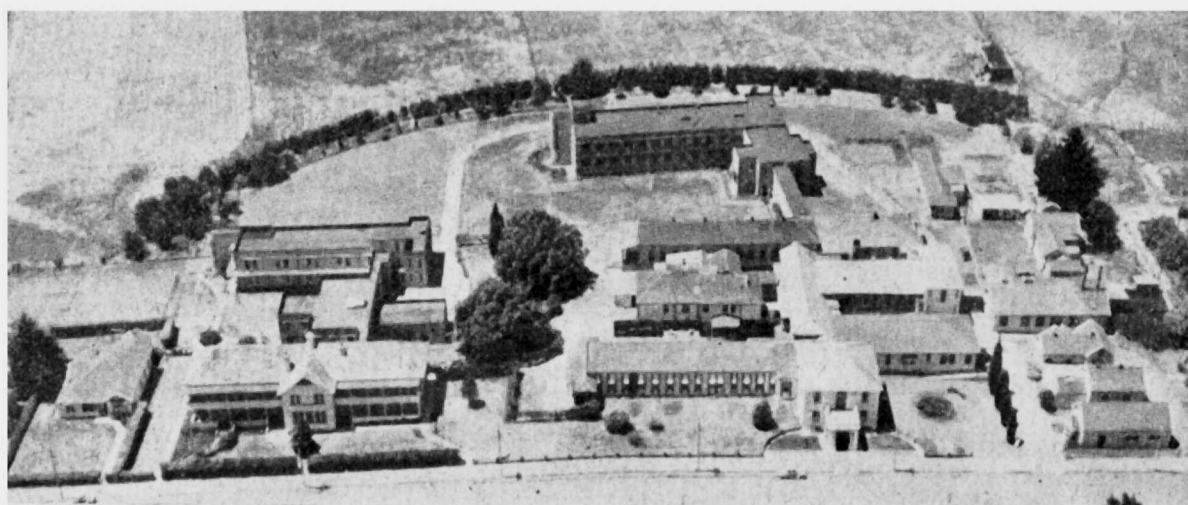
Additions are planned for Rath-

bone and which must now be regarded as very much sub-standard.

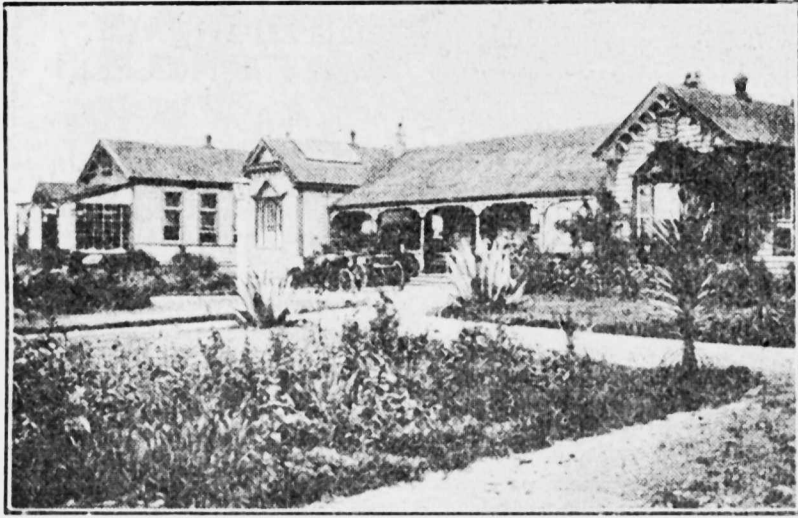
Undoubtedly one of the architects of the hospital's progress in the last five years has been the present managing-secretary, Mr J. S. Knobloch. He has been with the board for 22 years, being assistant secretary and accountant since 1936 except for a period during the second World War when he served with the RNZAF. He succeeded the late Mr P. R. Smyrk as managing-secretary.

On Boxing Day, 1905, there was a record attendance at the Porangahau Jockey Club's meeting held at Waipukurau, when the large sum of £1812 was put through the totalisator.

The high-pressure water supply system of the Waipukurau borough was inaugurated by the Waipukurau Town Board in 1910, when a loan of £10,215 was raised for the purpose. In 1918 a further loan of £2000 was floated by the Borough Council (constituted in 1912) and the water-works extended.



Waipukurau Hospital today. The administration block is in the centre front, with Fisher Ward at the rear. The Nurses' Home is on the left.



Waipukurau Hospital in 1905.

Valuable Bequests

Since it was formed the Waipawa Hospital Board has been fortunate in receiving several large bequests. Chief among those who have given generously is the Rathbone family, which, in addition to contributing £5000 to the maternity home bearing the family's name, has given not far short of £10,000 at times to the Dannevirke and Waipawa Hospital Boards.

Other substantial bequests have come from the estate of the late Sir Douglas McLean (£1000) and the estate of the late Mr Michael O'Kelly (£2400).

Cemetery Committee Provides Early Records

Perhaps one of the earliest references to the civic life of old Waipukurau is contained in the minute book of the Cemetery Committee. The first entry mentions a meeting which was convened "to arrange for the site of a public cemetery" and is dated August 9, 1876.

There were present at the meeting the Hon. H. R. Russell, Messrs Foote, Butt, Smith, Gow, Palmer and McKnight, as well as the Rev. Fras-

er and the Rev. Sherman.

Mr Russell, who was elected chairman, explained to the meeting that several citizens had gone with him to select a site which was about half a mile beyond the parsonage and he intimated that it was his intention "to convey to the trustees five acres of ground for the purpose, of which one-half was to be immediately enclosed." His offer was accepted and he was asked to nominate five trustees.

It was agreed that the ground be fenced immediately and that a mortuary chapel be provided as soon as possible.

On January 19, 1879, the committee decided to apply to the Government to have the cemetery brought under the Public Cemeteries Act of 1877. At that meeting Mr James Winks was appointed sexton and caretaker.

A proclamation appearing in the gazette of September 12, 1884, above the name of J. Ballance, Minister of Lands, gives the names of trustees at that time as W. C. Smith, H. Wilding, H. Gaisford, W. L. Newman and J. Palmer.

The trustees continued to control the cemetery until July, 1907, when a resolution was passed asking the Town Board to take over and this was done in December of the same year.

MESSAGE FROM

THE WAIPAWA HOSPITAL BOARD

You have read in this newspaper of the progress and development of the Board's Institutions over the past 76 years.

MORE PROGRESS IS YET TO BE MADE, BUT TO MAKE IT

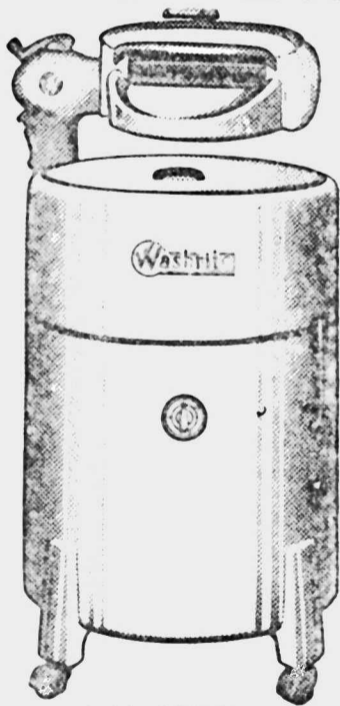
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PIONEER FAMILIES HELPED TO PAVE WAY FOR PROGRESS

In itself, the passing of the years can have but little effect upon the destinies and the physical features of a district. It is the industry and labour of man applied to the natural resources that give to the passing of time a value, and present those evidences of progress which go to make up history.

Close upon a century ago missionaries pushed their way into Hawke's Bay, finding the country for the most part to consist of wide bands of forest which divided areas of grassland in a large part of the country east of the ranges. In their footsteps there followed closely the early settlers, who played a notable part in clearing the country.

Some of these later took up land at Waipukurau, realising from the first its fertility and possible productivity. Their names are perpetuated today by families which still remain among the foremost graziers in the district, and how well and how truly they laboured is reflected in the properties with which their names are associated.

Because of the difficult, precarious and tedious journeys that had to be taken if it was desired to travel overland, the coastal districts were among the first to be settled.

Foundation of Flocks

Some faint idea of the heart-breaking conditions existing at the time may be gathered from the fact that when undertaking the transfer of stock from Wellington to Pouterere the original settler of that district, Mr C. Nairn, had to come over the Rimutakas, then up the Wairarapa valley, where the Beethams and others had already settled, and thence on to Pouterere. The sheep which Mr Nairn brought with him laid in a very large degree the foundation of the present Hawke's Bay flocks. Descendants of Mr Nairn may still be found in the province.

A map of 1880 or thereabouts, with holdings marked, is studded with names which have meant much to the development of the district, and around Waipukurau they remain, many of them, to this day. What a great slice of history would be deleted from the district had there been no Johnstons, Williams, Nairns, Ormonds, Hardings, Rathbones, Russells, A'Deanes, Gaisfords, or Hunters.

Although some of the original holders clung to their estates with almost feudal tenacity, others recognised the necessity for smaller settlement, and the gradual break-up of the larger holdings set in. Smaller farms were created, and these in their turn have played a great part in advancing the prosperity of the district. It was that subdivision of estates which made possible the existence of Waipukurau as a populous centre.

Properties Broken Up

A noted instance was the subdivision of the Woburn (Hatuma) estate, owned by Mr Purvis Russell, whereby the foundation of the thriving Hatuma settlement was made. From the break-up of the large Harding property known as Mt. Vernon was created what is today the Lindsay block. Others were the Mangatarata property, owned by Mr Spencer Gollan, and Mt. Herbert, the property of Mr Henry Russell, and later of Mr Gaisford.

Settlers were coming in large numbers, and with the opening up of the land around Onga Onga, through the break-up of Forest Gate and Argyll properties, further activity set in.

Wallingford will always be associated with the Ormond family, Oakburn with the Cannings, Pouterere with the Nairns, and Ashcott with the A'Deanes.

Because of the increase in the farming community, the establishment of saleyards became a necessity, and from then on the town began its rapid advancement.

Several of the recent photographs published in this issue are by courtesy of Messrs M. Moverley and T. O. Terry.

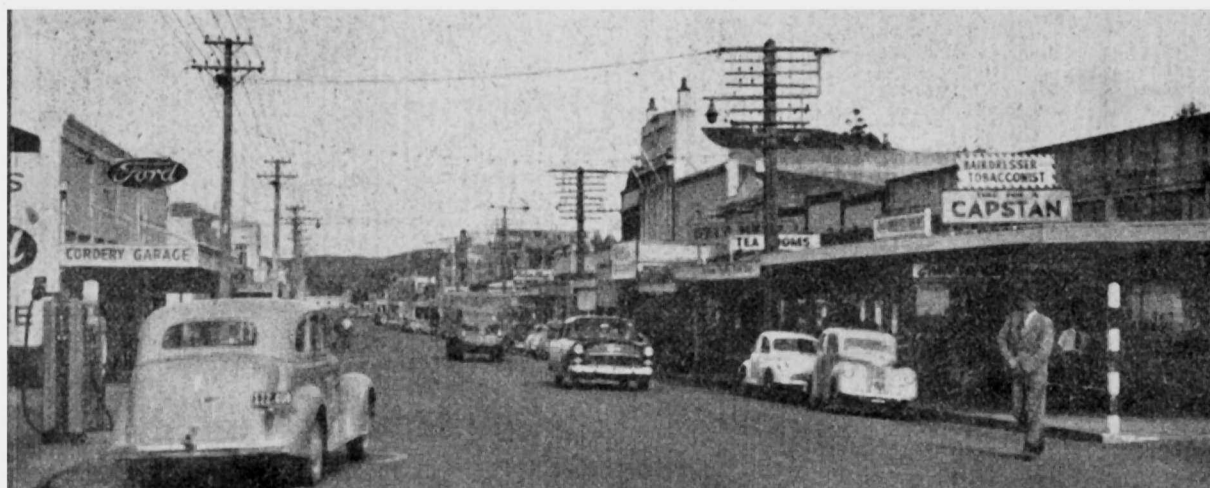
Up till December 31, 1905, 5680 patients had been treated in the Waipukurau Hospital, the number for 1905 being 421. The expenditure for the year ended March 31, 1905, was £2673 19/-. The average cost of a patient, per day, was 4/4½; and, less payments by patients, 3/8½—all hospital expenditure inclusive.



1908.—RUATANIWHA STREET, LOOKING EAST, TAKEN FROM A POINT WHERE McLEAN'S GARAGE NOW STANDS. THE RIGHT CORNER IS THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THE MUNICIPAL THEATRE.



RUATANIWHA STREET, LOOKING EAST, FROM A POSITION NEAR THE LEVIATHAN HOTEL. TAKEN IN 1930.



RUATANIWHA STREET TODAY, LOOKING EAST. TAKEN FROM THE SAME POSITION AS THE VIEW ABOVE.

Waipukurau Town District Constituted 5 Years Ago

To the average citizen, the existence of roads, paths, street lights, water supply and the hundred and one other utilities which go to make up life in a modern town, seems to be something without which it would be almost impossible to live in any degree of comfort or convenience. Yet, not so many years ago they were luxuries of which the people of the day may have dreamed but for the possession of which they could hardly have hoped for.

Their existence and use today are a tribute to those public-spirited men of the past who gave of their best in providing the means to make them possible and in no smaller measure to others who carried on the good work when the pioneers were forced to retire.

Today the Waipukurau Borough Council tends well to the needs of its ratepayers, and the extent and scope of the services given makes residence within the borough on a par with the benefits enjoyed in many a town of much larger size. The wisdom and foresight of the early councillors, and before them, of the town commissioners, are reflected in the wide range of the services given.

It was on October 25, 1905, that a proclamation gave notice of the constitution of the Waipukurau Town District and the election of commissioners for that body was held on December 13. The following were chosen: Messrs J. J. Bailey, W. A. Chambers, F. W. Gore, C. W. Mitchell, C. W. Seymour, J. Staines and J. Williams.

The first special meeting of the newly-elected body was called for January 22, 1906. The business was to determine the statutory half-holiday and as an outcome of this Wednesday was chosen. Within a few days applications were called for the position of clerk to the board and Mr G. B. Ashley was appointed.

The earliest meeting of which there is any record was held on February 5, 1906, and among the matters discussed was an application from Mr O'Donoghue for permission to erect a fence round a section in front of the Town Hall, "through which a road ran."

Afterwards the matter of striking a rate was discussed and finally this was fixed at 1½d in the £. The chairman said that this, including hotel licence, would bring in an annual amount of £296, of which after paying wages, there would remain £90 for sundries.

The Town Board continued in existence until September 13, 1912, when the Borough of Waipukurau was constituted. The board had served the town well and it is noticeable that throughout its period the late Mr W. A. Chambers, father of Mr J. A. Chambers, Hinemoa Terrace, remained its chairman.

He was further honoured by being elected the first mayor of the new borough, there being no other nominee. The initial council comprised Messrs S. C. Godfrey, J. E. Flood, B. J. McCormick, C. Saunders, C. W. Seymour and J. Winlove.

Mr Chambers was followed in 1913 by the late Mr J. Winlove who held office until 1920 when the late Mr E. A. Goodger was elected. In 1927 the late Mr R. McLean took office, and in 1933 he was followed by Mr I. W. N. Mackie. Mr R. W. Carpenter was the next mayor in 1938, and since 1947 the present mayor, Mr J. McCarthy, has held office.

Efforts To Move Railway Crossing Date Back To 1926

Though the late Hon. Robert Semple won for himself the thoroughly deserved reputation for getting things done when he was Minister of Works, the level crossing in Ruataniwha Street, Waipukurau, was an issue that "Bo" side-stepped.

As far back as 1926 the Borough Council was talking about getting rid of the menace. Finally, in 1936 Mr Semple was brought to Waipukurau to discuss the problem.

In a typical piece of Parliamentary verbiage he said:—

"It would be desirable to adopt whatever course would give the best permanent satisfaction, so that the problem will not crop up again in later years. If it is found necessary to shift the railway line the co-operation of the Railways Department would have to be sought."

Needless to say nothing was done about it and today, 20 years later, the crossing is still there.

Model Village Was Plan Of Waipukurau Benefactor

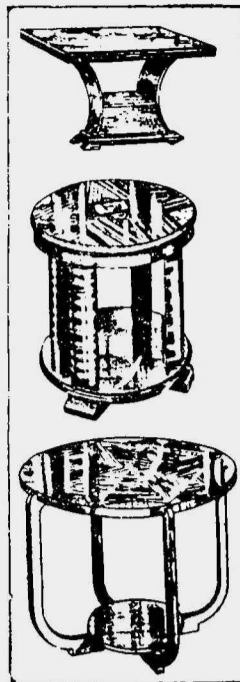
No account dealing with the history of Waipukurau would be complete without special reference to the late Mr H. R. Russell, who was the originator of the town, and whose idea it was to form it into a model village.

He came to New Zealand in the early days with three brothers, Purvis, John and Robert, the first-named taking up residence at Hatuma. Mr H. R. Russell (to many he was known as "Lord Henry") was married and had one daughter, the late Mrs Henry Gaisford. His wife died at Napier.

Mr Russell was a progressive settler. He employed hundreds of men in improving his big station. Mt. Herbert, and in 1866 he laid out and founded Waipukurau. He also gave sites in the township for public, charitable, social and religious purposes, in addition to monetary endowments.

Mr Russell also took a prominent part in the government of Hawke's Bay and was Sheriff for the province. He was appointed a member of the Legislative Council in 1862 and was in office until 1885. Subsequently he went to England, where he died in 1891.

The "Press" is indebted to Mr J. G. Wilson, Hatuma, for many of the details concerning the early days of the district and published in this issue.



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Power Board's Aim to Serve Whole Area Nears Completion

“In vacating the chair I do so with the belief that we have, one and all, sought to give our people the benefit of electrical energy at as cheap a price as was possible in our far-flung but comparatively poorly populated area.” Those were the words of the late Mr A. C. Russell when presenting his last annual report to the Central Hawke's Bay Power Board in 1939.

That has been the aim of the board since its inception and, to quote Mr Russell again...

“We have seen the birth of the board—we have seen it grow from a puny child until today we can say it is very soundly established. Those who come after us will have the goodly heritage in the system which was built up in such a short period of years.”

The “puny child” took its teething troubles in its stride, struggled through adolescence and today has grown into a healthy state of manhood.

The formation of a power board was first mooted in 1921. Some months later an election was held and a properly constituted board

ber of miles of line from 90 to 229.

As with all other industries the board was hit by the slump in the thirties. Evidence of this is shown in a report by the present chairman of the board, Mr J. McCarthy. In the years 1927-30 the board erected 130 miles of line. In the next five years only seven miles of line were erected.

After the dark early-thirties business picked up very rapidly only to be knocked a few years later by the “War to end wars.”

Since the cessation of hostilities the board has grown at a remarkable rate. It is interesting to note the reply the board had from the Local Government Loans Board in 1947 when the board asked for permission



The first building used by the Power Board was built originally as a storeroom for the N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Ltd, which sold it to the board. When the Town Hall was burnt in 1922, the building was used as a picture theatre. A large part of the old building was retained when the new structure was erected. Those shown in this photograph are (reading from left): J. K. Lee, J. Lancaster, J. Morris, Miss Holmes, A. Murray, G. E. Fowler, S. Houghton, H. M. Keir, F. Flynn and H. L. Benjamin.

took over from the provisional committee which had been doing a great deal of “spade work.”

The board wasted little time in bringing power to the homes of the people in the district. In 1923 a poll of ratepayers showed that the people were overwhelmingly in favour of the board in raising a loan of £150,000 for reticulation purposes.

“Switch-on” 30 Years Ago

In 1925 the Public Works Department's sub-station at Onga Onga was officially opened, though the station had actually been in operation some weeks before. On October 20 of that year power was first turned on.

The official switching on of the power at Onga Onga was done by the late Sir George Hunter, at that time the district member of Parliament.

In September of the following year the board bought the Waipukurau Borough Council's power-house plant at a cost of £20,000. There followed a period of rapid expansion and in eight years the board increased its capital outlay by £45,000. During that time the number of consumers rose from 1185 to 1633 and the num-

ber of miles of line from 90 to 229. Part of the reply stated:

“The board was of the opinion that your board is possibly committing itself at too great a rate in the undertaking of extensions to sparsely-settled areas and that too great a proportion of its reticulation is in thinner areas. It has therefore decided that each issue of £12,500 of the loan moneys be reviewed as required.”

In spite of the gloomy prognostications of the Loans Board the work of rural reticulation was continued. The board is in a sound financial position today and only about 70 miles of line remain to service the whole of Central Hawke's Bay. To speed up the work some of it will be done with the help of the settlers concerned.

The board in 1945 had a capital value of £194,000; today it is worth £483,796. Consumers in the area now total almost 4000.

Eighty years ago, Waipukurau possessed a flour mill. The wheat was processed by stone grinders.



Premises now occupied by the Power Board.

Seven Nominations For Chairman In 1943

An interesting election took place at the annual meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board in 1943. After presenting his report the chairman, the late Mr C. Pattison, vacated the chair and called for nominations for the position of chairman.

He was immediately nominated and he accepted the nomination. So did Mr W. N. Waldin.

There followed a scene that "G. and S." could have done justice to. Practically all the members nominated someone else but their "nominees" refused to accept nomination. Those in this category were Messrs H. T. Wright, A. W. S. Longley (chairman 1944-48), A. C. Holms, A. L. Malcolm and the present chairman, Mr J. McCarthy.

An election was then held. The result was a tie. Mr Waldin then withdrew from the contest and Mr Pattison was installed in the chair.

Mr Longley was appointed deputy-chairman.

Soldiers' Leave Fund

During the Second World War many employees of the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board saw active service. And to show that their sacrifices in going to the defence of the free world was not passed over lightly the board set up a "Soldiers' Annual Leave Fund."

Each man on being demobbed was given his annual leave pay for every year of service he saw.

The board paid out about £250.

J. Hill, one of the shrewdest American business men, is quoted in an interview as saying that Japan would certainly monopolise the markets of Asia within a few years, and American manufacturers would have to look elsewhere for trade. Mr F. McKenzie, a noted London journalist, points out that a generation ago Japan bought manufactured goods and sold raw material. Today she buys raw material and sells manufactured goods. All know that Japan will soon want no more foreign goods. December, 1905.

Traces Of Gold Found In Tuki Tuki River

Discoveries of gold in Hawke's Bay were reported at intervals in the early days and although there was no doubt that good specimens were secured, there was insufficient to make any venture a payable proposition.

In a newspaper of 1878 an account of a discovery read:

"We were shown five pennyweights of a very clean sample of alluvial gold purchased from a German who stated that it was the result of prospecting at the foot of the Ruahine hills, Ruatanwiha plains.

"The German did not mention the locality but he created the impression that it had taken a considerable time and much fossicking to collect what he got. However, he stated that he could not find gold in such quantities as to pay for the labour of the search.

"It is well-known that gold is to be found in the bed of the Tuki Tuki River and some years ago, Mr John Harding, Mount Vernon, picked up a quartz pebble containing a small nugget.

"Practical gold-diggers, having time and money at their disposal, might do worse than give the source of the Tuki Tuki River a search. Where there is smoke there is fire, and chips of gold-bearing quartz rock in a riverbed denote the existence of a reef somewhere."

New Zealand has much to be grateful for. We have not only peace but prosperity, not only fertile soil but favourable seasons, not only abundant harvests but excellent markets. All the blessings that can be bestowed upon a nation have been heaped upon us, and if there is anything wrong with us it is nobody's fault but our own. . . . It may be that in future years we shall not escape scot free, and if that happens, we may hope to be able to face evil fortune without overmuch fear, but at the present time we have only good fortune to think of. Everyone who is able and willing to work seems to have enough to spare. And we have not only the certainty of good times with us, but the prospect of good times for years to come, unless we are so foolish as to drive them away. January 2, 1906.



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First School Built in Model Village About 88 Years Ago

“We are going to have a school-house at last in Waipukurau,” said Mr H. R. Russell to Mr John Harding, of Mt. Vernon, in a letter dated August 7, 1865. “I have found land for a building and a garden, and subscribe £25 with a donation from Mr Tollemache of £30. My brother Purvis gives £25. We must raise £250, and the Government will give us £100, which sum, properly expended, will be sufficient to put up a nice building.”

Two years were to pass before Mr Russell succeeded in his efforts to have a school in his model village. According to Mr J. G. Wilson, Hatuma, well-known Hawke's Bay historian, Mr Russell was not alone in feeling that it was “lamentable to see so many children growing up in ignorance.” For a short time in 1886, prior to his departure for the Maori wars, Major St. John taught some of the children at the barracks and when he left, the Misses Watt carried on in a small private school.

Finally, the money needed was raised, an acre of land was transferred to the Crown by Mr Russell, trustees were appointed and the building commenced. Designed and built by Mr George Winlove, it was sited on what is now the lower playing area of the primary school. Early photographs show that it was a rectangular, shingled building, approximately 20 ft by 30 ft with three windows on one side, a vestrylike extension at one end and a side entrance porch, the whole having the appearance of a church, for which purpose it was used on Sundays.

Miss Wilson, the first teacher,

committee raised £77, which was one-quarter of the cost.

In 1920 the secondary department was established and the building became a district high school. In 1921 manual and technical classes in woodwork and cookery were commenced. Temporary accommodation had to be found for all these classes. On February 6, 1922, the secondary building of two rooms was opened on the nine-acre block of land in Tavistock Road. Additional rooms were added to the main primary building as the numbers increased, until in 1921 the school consisted of eight recently-remodelled rooms.

Destroyed By Fire

Inexplicably, to quote the verdict at the enquiry, the building was destroyed by fire on June 11, 1922. Regrettable though the destruction may have been, the township had and will always have reason for pride in the impressive replacement in concrete and brick which was opened on September 22, 1924.

During the 56 years from 1872 to 1928, the school had four headmasters. In the 18 years following the retirement of Mr Curd there were



An early class at the Waipukurau School. The headmaster is Mr J. Poole.

boundary in Porangahau Road will relieve the position temporarily and free the High School classrooms for the steadily expanding secondary department.

In the 88 years since it first opened the school has been particularly well served by the representatives of the parents. Until the Education Act of 1887, it was administered by trustees, probably elected, and since then by the School Committee. The first two schools were built with money subscribed by the community, and throughout its history the community support has continued undiminished.

The present committee chairman, Mr L. P. Harty, and his members are to be congratulated on the splendid order and appearance of the buildings and grounds, upon the programme in progress at present, and projected for the future, and on the harmony of its relations with the Education Board, the staff, the parents and the community.

The Home and School League established in 1929 went into recess in 1940, and it was not until 1948 that it was revived as the Parent-Teacher Association. This organisation under its three presidents since that time, Messrs J. H. Paget, M. K. Fulford and L. Schwabe, has built up a wonderful record of achievement, and there can be few schools better equipped with modern teaching aids.

Inscribed above the main entrance to the school is its motto. From “Pilgrim's Progress” it is Christian's challenge to the difficulties and trials which lay ahead of him. Chosen for future inspiration at a period when great difficulties had been overcome, it was singularly appropriate. In the present period of even more startling change, the motto, “I Will Yet Go Forward,” is again singularly appropriate.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPENED IN 1920 WITH 30 PUPILS

When the district high school was established in Hastings in 1905, pupils from Central Hawke's Bay travelled daily to and from Hastings by train until a similar secondary department was opened in 1908 at Waipawa. It was not until 1918 that the increasing number of pupils requiring post-primary education in Waipukurau made it imperative that some effort should be made to provide locally for their needs.

On March 7, 1919, the then Minister of Education, the Hon. J. A. Hanan, accompanied by Messrs Spencer and Bird, of the Hawke's Bay Education Board, visited Waipukurau at the request of the School Committee and of the mayor, Mr E. A. Goodger, and inspected a site for a proposed secondary department building. The site where the school now stands was purchased, and in 1920 a district high school was established with a roll of thirty pupils. These were accommodated in a room and a corri-

dor at the primary school.

Misses Robson and Wilson were appointed as temporary secondary assistants, and in April 1920, the school being firmly established, Miss E. A. Grace was appointed first assistant with Miss Robson, second assistant.

On May 1, 1921, a manual training course was commenced. The woodwork classes under Mr G. Tuff were held in Messrs Sowry and Dowrick's workshop and the cookery classes in a room adjacent to it. Instruction was given for two days each week in temporary premises until 1929, when the substantial and well-equipped manual training building was completed in the High School grounds.

New Building

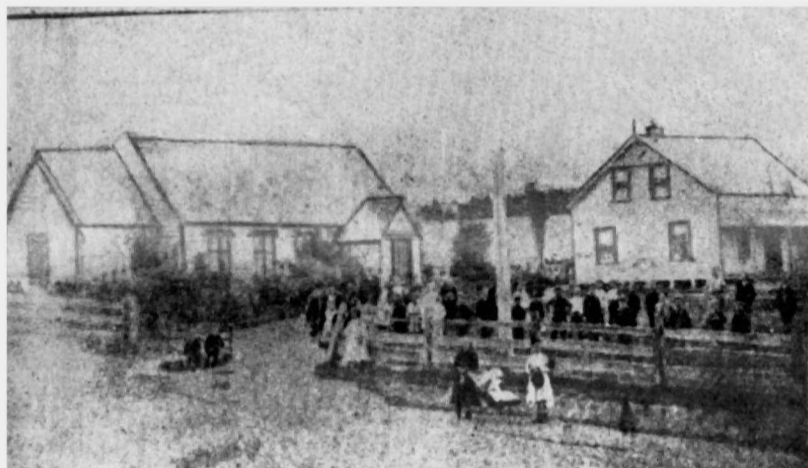
On February 6, 1922, the secondary department of two classrooms took possession of the new building on its present site. Except for a short period, the school has progressed steadily, reaching a roll number of 75 in 1930, when a new room was added. This figure remained practically unchanged until 1940 when it reached its peak of 92.

The early war years showed a marked decline and in 1943 the roll was 29. By 1950 it had again reached 90 and the steadily increasing roll necessitated the building of a new wing with classrooms for additional secondary classes and the intermediate pupils of the primary school. Opened by the Minister of Education, the Hon. R. M. Algie on May 28, 1951, the new wing included three new classrooms, a typing room, locker rooms, a general purposes room for art, music, playreading and assembly, and an exceptionally fine library.

With the secondary school roll at its present figure of 132, the new building has already proved inadequate and both the laboratory and general purposes room are being used as classrooms. With the removal of the intermediate pupils in 1956, the accommodation will be barely adequate for the anticipated roll of 150 pupils and some additional building is imperative.

In three years the high school will feel the full impact of the great increase in pupils already felt in the primary school and it is pleasing to know that the Education Board is taking the necessary steps to establish a college in Waipukurau which will provide fully for the technical and academic needs of the secondary pupils of the whole of this rapidly developing district.

It has been said quite truthfully that in our later years we remember not so much what we learned at school, but how, and by whom we were taught. Older past scholars will remember amongst others, the Misses Grace and Ray, Mr L. R. Cutforth, Mr J. Reidy and Miss Hales. Recent past pupils will have similar pleasant memories of Mr J. P. Wilson, Mr G. H. Bell, Mr A. N. Sampson and Miss E. Revington-Jones, and present pupils will recall in future the present staff, which in addition to the headmaster, Mr A. O. Stanley,



The first school with the headmaster's residence on the right.

commenced duty about the end of July 1867. On August 5, Mr Edward Green, Inspector of schools, reported that seven children were present and the school was officially opened at a social evening on August 14. By the end of that year one of the Misses Watt had taken over the school and continued in charge until her marriage.

Patriarchal Beard

Following Miss Watt the teacher was the Rev. D'Arcy Irvine, who spent little time at the school himself but left most of the work for his son. When he left for Napier, he was replaced by Mr John Poole, still remembered by some of the older residents as a venerable gentleman with a patriarchal beard. When the roll reached fifty Mrs Poole was appointed assistant teacher.

In 1878 the present headmaster's residence was erected close to the one-roomed school. It was removed to its present site after the school was destroyed by fire in 1922.

In his report at the end of 1884 Inspector Hill stated that there were ninety children attending the school built to accommodate at the most, 60 pupils. It was apparently left to the residents to remedy this state of affairs as during 1884-5 the sum of £529 was raised and handed to the Education Board.

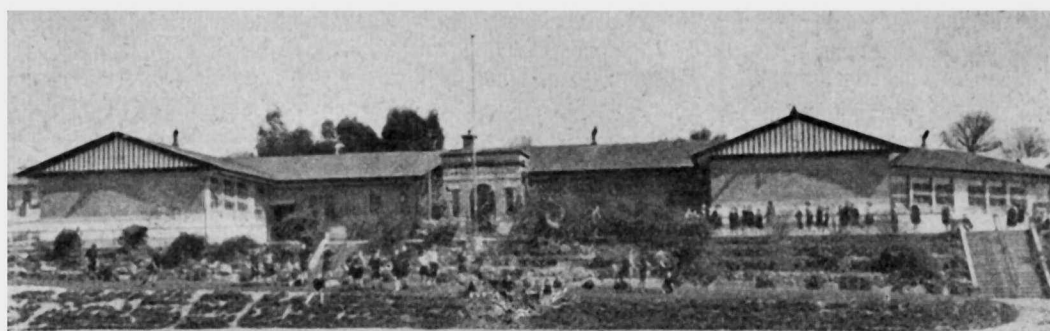
This remarkable achievement for the “hungry eighties” resulted in the erection of a new school of three rooms in 1885. The first headmaster was Mr Andrew Anderson, who resigned after a somewhat stormy seven years at the end of 1891, and was followed by Mr C. J. Cooke who remained till 1912.

The steady growth of the township was reflected in the number of pupils. From 200 when Mr Curd was appointed headmaster in 1912, the roll increased steadily to be 380 on his retirement in 1928. In 1915 the playing area was extended to its present size. For the purchase of this additional land, the school com-

mitted raised £77, which was one-quarter of the cost. In 1920 the secondary department was established and the building became a district high school. In 1921 manual and technical classes in woodwork and cookery were commenced. Temporary accommodation had to be found for all these classes. On February 6, 1922, the secondary building of two rooms was opened on the nine-acre block of land in Tavistock Road. Additional rooms were added to the main primary building as the numbers increased, until in 1921 the school consisted of eight recently-remodelled rooms.

The opening in 1951 of the new block at the secondary department, to which Forms I and II were transferred, gave temporary relief from the shortage of classrooms. In 1953, two prefabricated rooms were built in the primary grounds, but again this year classes had to use two church halls. Temporary accommodation for still another class will be required in 1956.

The completion of six rooms of the new cluster-type school at present being built on a very fine site of five acres near the borough



Present-day view of the Primary School and grounds.

Four Generations As Pupils At School

Four generations of the Chambers family have attended the Waipukurau school — probably the only case of its kind in the district.

The late Mrs W. A. Chambers was the first member of the family to be enrolled as a pupil. She was followed by her son, Mr J. A. Chambers and the next in the family was his daughter, Mrs A. Kennard.

The fourth generation is at present represented by Mrs Kennard's young sons.

B.A., includes Mr G. McDonald, M.Sc., Mrs E. C. Ellison, L.R.S.M., the Misses E. Millin, B.A., and I. Cook and Mr G. Dewhurst, M.A. Mr D. Close, B.A., who transferred to Hastings in September, will be replaced in February by Mr G. C. Gillespie, B.A., from Otago Boys' High School.

In its 35 years the school has been loyally served by its staff who, while retaining a solid core of academic studies, have yet seen that it satisfies — within the limits imposed on a district high school by its equipment — the varied needs of a prosperous rural centre. The stage has now been reached where this is not sufficient.

The modern secondary school must satisfy increasingly complex requirements. It should provide not merely an adequate preparation for university studies for the academically able who have no such ambitions, and meet the very different, but equally important needs of those whose abilities or interests are not academic, but who must be helped to develop their particular skills, and to master the common core of knowledge and understanding that is basic to good citizenship.

Only a combined school with adequate technical workshops and equipment and, when well-established, a farm, in addition to a specialist staff well qualified in technical as well as in academic subjects, can provide for these complex requirements.

FIRST RACE MEETING HELD AT "WOBURN" 83 YEARS AGO

The early settlers of Waipukurau, being for the most part of British stock, brought with them to their new settlements the British love of all sport, and particularly that of horse-racing.

Despite the rigours of their life, with the clearing of the bush land and the carving from the virgin soil a home and sustenance, they found time to enjoy "the sport of kings."

The settlers decided at a very early period to hold a race meeting, and evidence that they had not allowed the grass to grow under their feet so far as their determination to hold such a gathering was concerned is provided in the fact that a two day meeting was staged at "Woburn" by the Waipukurau Jockey Club in 1872.

It was the initial meeting of the club, and those associated with the club's formation were Messrs H. R. Russell, H. H. Bridge, Sydney Johnstone, Ashton St Hill, Purvis Russell, and Henry Gaisford.

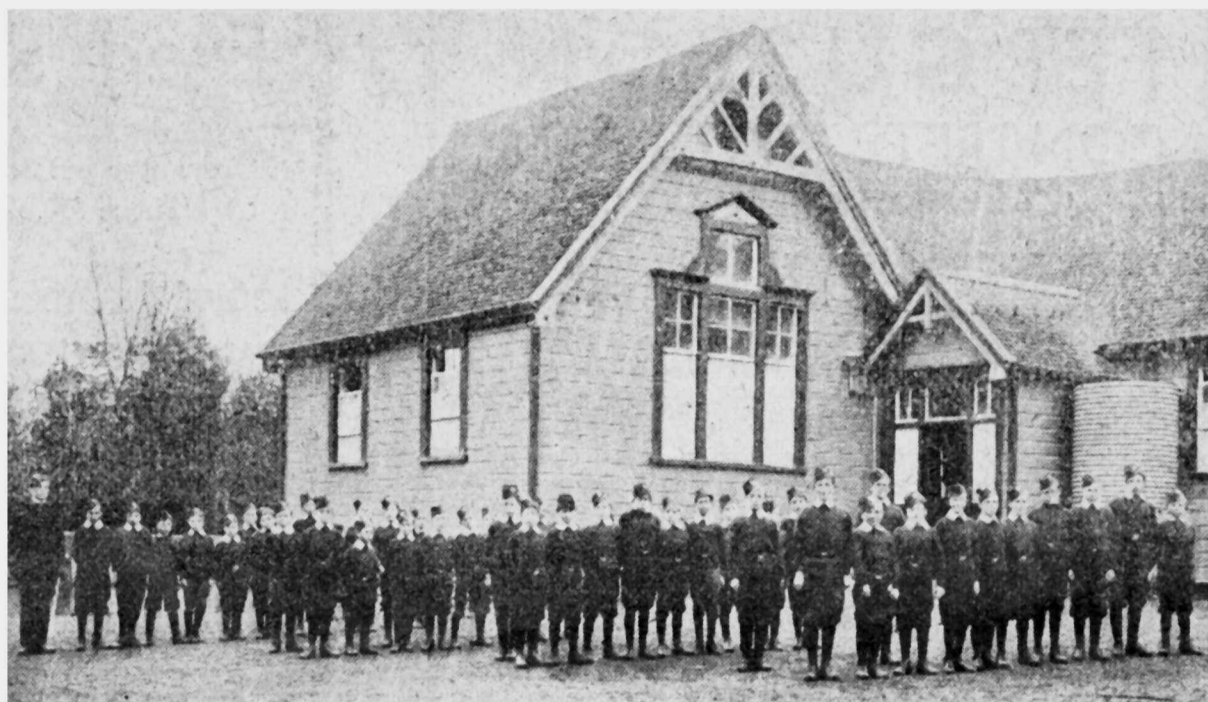
The stakes offered were, by comparison with present-day standards, very low, and the total prize money for the two days did not exceed £261. The principal event on the first day was the Maiden Plate, which was worth £50, and on the second day the Hurdle Race and the Ladies' Purse, each of £25.

Mr H. Steven's gelding Shamrock won the Maiden Plate and the hurdles, while Major Pitt's gelding, Marquis, annexed the Ladies' Purse, besides scoring in the Waipukurau Stakes on the preceding afternoon.

From that small beginning the Waipukurau Jockey Club has grown, and each year has seen a further advancement in its fortunes, until it stands today in a foremost position among the smaller racing clubs in the Dominion.

Patronage has never been wanting, and from time to time the club has had to make forward moves to cope with the increased business which has come its way as a result of its progressive policy.

Many years ago the Waipukurau club absorbed the Porangahau club which, because of geographical location was debarred from advancing, and the acquisition of the latter's permit allowed of further advancement on the part of the parent organisation.



Waipukurau School Cadets in 1904. Among those assembled are Mr Florance (master), and Cadets A. Kemp, D. Wynn, A. Hanson, M. Enting, J. Fogarty, P. Maloney, J. Windle, V. Windle, M. Wynn, J. Staines, D. Hopkirk, G. MacKenzie, H. Hopkinson, W. Parker, D. Parker and J. Drower.

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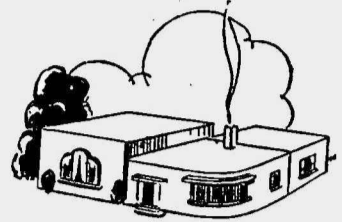
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**OPENING OF RAILWAY,
GALA DAY IN 1876: TREE
PLANTED STILL STANDS**

One of the outstanding events in the history of Waipukurau was the opening of the railway in 1876. Seventy-nine years ago the first train from Napier steamed into the station, crowning with success an agitation which had been maintained for many years previously.

It was on September 1 in that year that a large crowd assembled on the platform, awaiting with impatience and no little excitement a ceremony which was to mark a red-letter day in the district. A public holiday had been proclaimed and the meagre resources of the town had been called upon to provide as much decoration of station, bridges and roads as was possible.

Waipukurau did itself well that day. As the train came within the outer limits of the town, it passed under floral arches formed of evergreens and flowers, while banners and flags fluttered from every vantage point.

Engine Christened

A formal welcome to the excursionists on the train was extended by the Hon. H. R. Russell. The mayor of Napier was the first to step down to the platform and after the usual courtesies had been exchanged a move was made to christen the engine.

This ceremony was performed by Miss Herbert, who acted in the absence of her sister, Mrs Henry Russell. As a bottle of wine was broken upon the side of the locomotive the removal of some of the floral decorations revealed the name “Die Vernon.”

It was decided to commemorate the event in a manner which would do much to perpetuate the arrival of the first train. An elm tree was planted immediately behind the station, this ceremony being performed by Mr Frank B. Passmore, Superintending Engineer of Constructed Railways.

That tree still stands today although probably not many of those who hurry to or from the station even notice it, or, if giving

it a passing glance, know or care anything of its history.

There had, it appeared, been insufficient time to arrange any sports for the occasion, but the local cricketers saved the day and improvised a match against all-comers. The arrival of a second train created further excitement and a report in a newspaper of that day naively remarked that all the resources of the local hotel were taxed to the uttermost. However, it added the reassuring news that they proved equal to the occasion.

At a time like the present, the coming of the first train in 1876, seems remote. Nevertheless, between that date and now, with the Railways Department's speedy and regular railcar service, there is presented a measure of progress which the citizens of both the town and country may well be proud.

**Rail To Masterton Was
Never More Than Dream**

At one time Waipukurau envisaged a day when a railway line would run round by the sea to Masterton. Maps are still in existence showing that project.

The reason for the failure of the scheme to become a reality was largely political dissension, to which may be added a large measure of disagreement regarding the Hawke's Bay terminus. Yet at one time, the possibility of the line being built was far from remote. Had it been proceeded with, it would have taken the line towards the coast to Masterton, following a comparatively easy route.

The nature of the country which would have had to be traversed may be gauged by a glance at a map showing the roads which run between Waipukurau and the coast. It cannot be denied that the ruggedness of the landscape would have given to the route an appealing charm.

However, the rail did not materialise and it remains even today nothing but an unfulfilled dream.

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Porangahau and Wanstead Were Destined to be Major Centres

Progress in the field of engineering has proved a boon to most towns but in the wake of this progress in the laying of new roads, increased port facilities, extended air services and so on there is invariably a trail of ghost town and near-ghost towns.

While there are no such relics in Central Hawke's Bay there is no doubt that many of the villages in the Patangata County were destined for bigger and brighter futures than they have enjoyed.

In the days when a horse and coach was the main method of transport places like Porangahau, and to a lesser extent Wanstead, were centres of activities. Both were on the main route to Wellington and from Porangahau was shipped to Napier the vast quantities of wool grown in the surrounding district.

At one stage plans were in hand for the building of a Napier-Wellington rail line which ran through Porangahau. It is interesting to note that the cowball on the property of Mr Roy Richards, Wanstead, was intended to serve as the site for a railway station for the proposed town in that area.

Seven or eight years ago Mr Richards' late father-in-law, Mr A. Johnston, asked his solicitor to see if he could buy a section of land in Wanstead. The owner of the land was contacted in New Plymouth; he had inherited the land from his father.

The owner was quite indignant about the suggestion. He wanted the section himself—in fact it was his intention of building a beach cottage on it some day. When it was pointed out that the section was 20 miles from the nearest beach he promptly sold it.

Commercial Centre

About 77 years ago Wanstead was surveyed and laid out (on paper) as a prosperous town with a police station, courthouse, town hall and the other amenities that go to make a thriving and progressive town.

It was probably thought at the time that Wanstead would become the commercial centre of Central Hawke's Bay. The township area was surveyed into 220 sections and had nine good-sized streets one and a half chains wide. Many of these sections were bought by absentee landlords, some of whom lived as far afield as England and Ireland.

Had it not been for the building of the main highway and railway through the Manawatu Gorge it is certain that Porangahau would have been a town of some size today.

Porangahau was also surveyed and a total of 613 acres was sold by public auction in 1860 for a total of £309—roughly 10/- an acre. In 1866, however, it is recorded that there were only four people living in the "township."

Towns were also planned for Tautane and Blackhead but these came to nothing.

However, in the next few years Porangahau progressed gradually. A minute from a council meeting in 1894 makes interesting reading. At the meeting the resignation of the

ferry-keeper, Mr Jensen, was accepted. The minute goes on to state that Mr John O. Scott was to be appointed as Mr Jensen's successor "until the Porangahau bridge is built and at a salary to be computed at the rate of £20 per annum, plus all fees according to the present scale—the mailman and mail to be ferried free."

Flourishing County

Despite the failures of such places as Tautane, Blackhead, Wanstead and Porangahau, the Patangata county has flourished, due entirely, of course, to its rich pastures. Roads have been improved, bridges built and the land improved to a state where it ranks with some of the finest in the Dominion.

The value of the county today is about £8,000,000. Last year the council spent over £200,000 on various projects, mainly on roads.

Over the years ratepayers' interests have been looked after by many well-known men on the council—the Hunters, Whites and McHardys, to name a few. The first chairman of the council was Mr J. Mackersey (1885-92). He was followed by Mr W. White (1892-1914), whose son, Mr R. H. White (1914-53) was later to serve in the same capacity. The latter's son is at present a member of the council.

Sir George Hunter was chairman from 1914 until 1917 when he was succeeded by Mr L. H. McHardy who was in the chair for four years. For the next 26 years the chairman was Mrs Charles Pattison. He was followed by Mr White and the present chairman is Mr E. L. Hunter.

Present members of the council are Messrs E. L. Hunter, J. H. Coleman (deputy chairman), J. F. Logan, R. M. Bell, D. G. McHardy, F. N. White, T. B. H. Priest, R. G. Willis, A. H. Hope and D. F. Rodgers.

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STEADY PROGRESS IN WAIPUKURAU COUNTY

Though its 128 square miles of land seems small when compared with other counties in the district (Patangata 651, Waipawa 524) the Waipukurau County Council is probably one of the fastest growing counties, in some areas at least, in Hawke's Bay.

Naturally enough the areas making the most progress are on the outskirts of Waipukurau—Takapau, Porangahau and Racecourse Roads. Development in these areas is making steady progress and it will not be long before the county's population of about 1200 will be substantially increased.

With the gradual elimination of the various Roads Board districts the Waipukurau County was formed in 1907. The first chairman was Mr J. O'Neill, who held office until 1912 when Mr J. Donald took over. Mr Donald was chairman until 1917.

In that year one of the most outspoken men in the district, the late Mr A. C. Russell, was elected to the chair. Mr Russell was a man who believed in getting things done, and done quickly. During his long term of office (1917-40) he spoke out fearlessly at council meetings and was a constant thorn in the side of those whose approach to the county's well-being was not as keen as his.

Mr Russell served on many organisations and newspaper reporters were always assured of good copy when he was in "form." While he was chairman of the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board he had some torrid exchanges with the Waipukurau borough representative on the board, Mr A. C. Holms (at the time editor of the Press). Mr Holms was not averse to writing an editorial criticising the board and on more than one occasion he nettled Mr Russell.

Mr L. M. Monckton (1940-44) succeeded Mr Russell as chairman of the council and was followed by Mr P. F. Wall. The next to occupy the chair was Mr V. W. Stratford (1948-53) and the present chairman, Mr J. Russell, is a son of the late Mr A. C. Russell.



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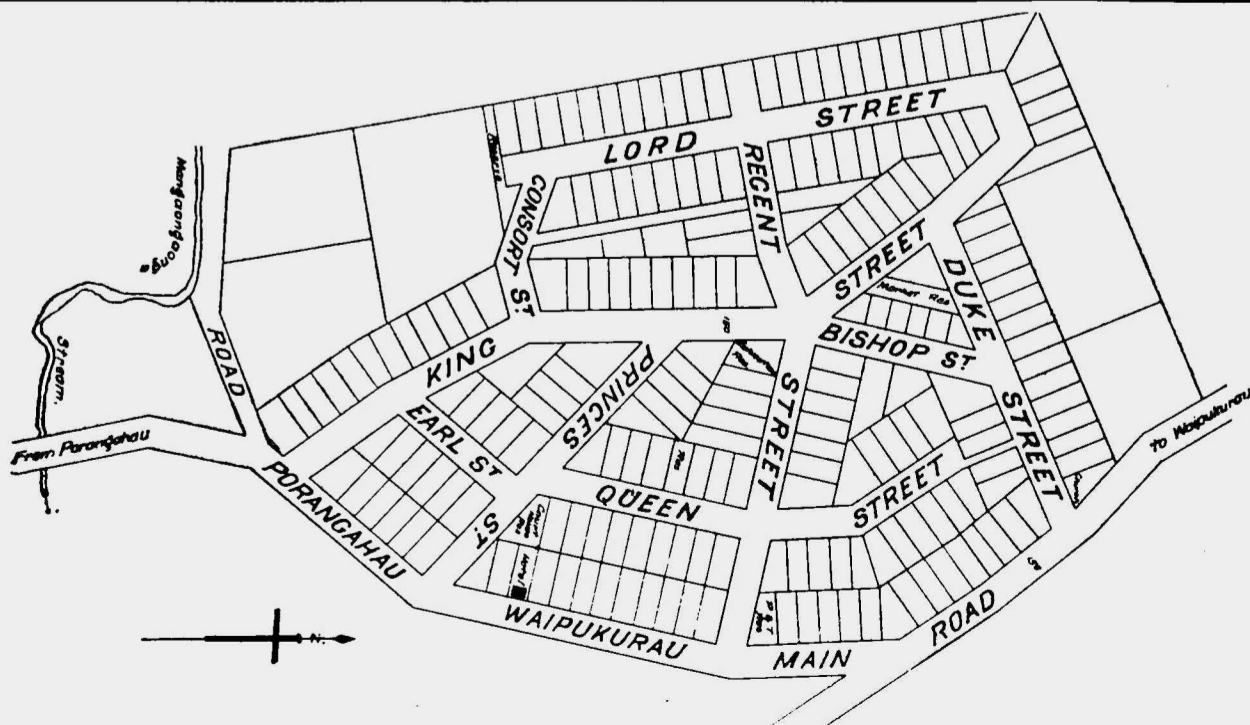
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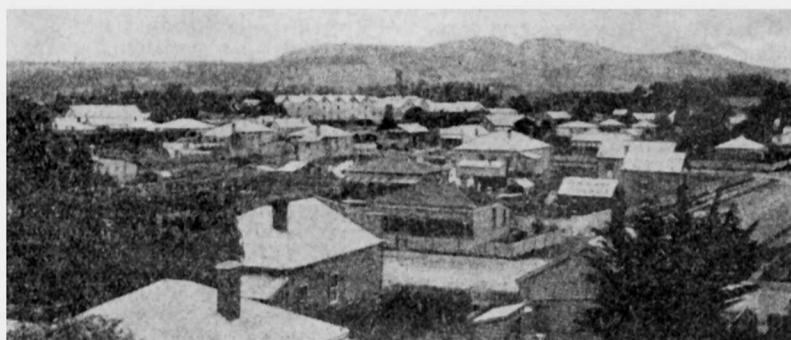
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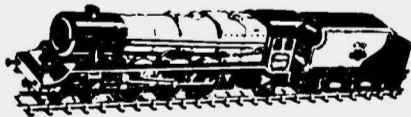
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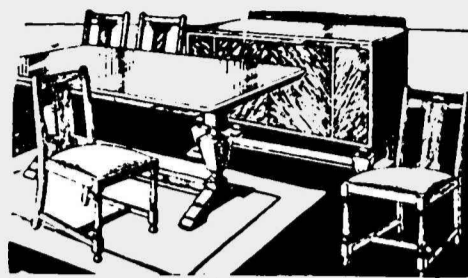
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FIRE BRIGADE HAS GIVEN 44 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

One of the most important amenities in the district, the Waipukurau Fire Brigade, will celebrate its 44th anniversary next month. Since its formation on January 25, 1912, its members have performed an outstanding voluntary service equal to that given by the metropolitan brigades.

It is impossible to assess the value of the property which the firefighters have saved from destruction but it must run into many thousands of pounds. The public owes a substantial debt to past and present brigadesmen who, for remuneration hardly commensurate with the difficult and often dangerous tasks they have had to perform, have been ready to respond at any hour to the call of the siren.

Formed at a public meeting, the brigade had as its first officers the following: Captain, Mr T. Slatford; lieutenant, Mr E. Butcher; first foreman, Mr T. Elder; second foreman,



MR J. A. CHAMBERS.

Mr W. Evans; first hydrant-man, Mr F. Logan; second hydrant-man, Mr G. Cook; first branch-man, Mr J. A. Chambers; second branch-man, Mr S. Haswell; first messenger, Mr Bowyer Grosvenor; secretary, Mr Ernest Urwin; treasurer, Mr H. Thoudy. The original members were Messrs T. H. Slatford, B. Grosvenor, J. Balley, H. Cook, T. Elder, E. Urwin, F. Logan, S. Haswell, G. Chambers, A. Chalmers, L. Renner, H. Thoudy, G. Ellison, W. Evans and C. Jones.

First Alarm Call

After waiting anxiously for an opportunity to display its prowess, the brigade at last received an alarm call on March 22, 1912, an outbreak having occurred at the home of Mr J. C. Parker. To the chagrin of the brigade, the fire had been extinguished before its arrival on the scene.

Four days later, however, the brigade was again in action, when a house occupied by Mr F. Saunders caught fire. In this case a good save was made.

The Town Board and later the Borough Council were sympathetic toward the brigade, the former purchasing the original equipment, which consisted of 20 uniforms with belts, fittings and helmets, together with a second-hand reel and hose.

On April 16, 1926, largely as the result of the advocacy of "The Waipukurau Press," a public meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the formation of a fire board. On September 13, the board was formed, placing the brigade on a sound footing and resulting in an improvement in plant and equipment.

The first fire tender was acquired in 1926, replacing the old hose reel, while in 1939, the present efficient machine was purchased. The latest appliance was the provision in 1947 of a trailer pump. The brigade's equipment is now considered as being equal to that of any provincial brigade in the Dominion.

New Headquarters

The next step in the brigade's progress is the replacement of the existing fire station, the first section of which was built in 1912. Work has begun on a new building worth £17,000 and it will have quarters for a caretaker.

Over the years, the brigade has seen many changes in personnel but the present chief officer, Mr J. A. Chambers, has the distinction of being the only original member. He has held his position for the past 34 years.

Another member of long service is Deputy-Superintendent A. S. Annand. He joined the brigade 41 years ago and has held his present office for the past 17 years.

Tracing the activities of the brigade, Chief Officer Chambers recalled that there were few fires which had caused serious loss in Waipukurau. The brigade's most active year was 1931 when there were 21 calls in three months. However, 17 of these alarms were for grass fires.

More Serious Fires

Some of the big outbreaks to which the brigade has been summoned are: H.B. Farmers' buildings, 1914; Waipukurau School, saleyards pavilion, and Town Hall, 1922; London's building, butter factory and Public Trust building, 1923; Winlove's factory, 1926; Wall's board inghouse and Bliss and Henderson's building, 1927; Devonshire board inghouse, 1929; Mason and Paton's garage, 1930; racecourse looseboxes, 1931; Jull and Booth's blacksmith's shop, 1932; racecourse totalisator, 1939; Pukeora Sanatorium nurses' home, 1940; racecourse grandstand, 1941; J. G. Blair's shed and motor trucks, 1943; Sanatorium laundry, 1951. Six of these fires were outside the borough.

An indication of the valuable service given by the brigade is the official statistics of fire losses each year. For a long period, Waipukurau has had one of the lowest figures in New Zealand.

The Waipukurau saleyards, constructed for the Associated Auctioneers, by Mr J. Winlove's staff, were reported on May 4, 1906, as having been completed, being referred to as reputedly the largest and most up-to-date in the North Island.

The decision to form a company—"The Waipukurau Nurseries Ltd."—with a capital of £5000, for the purpose of developing the industry of growing seedlings, plants, shrubs and trees, marks the reaching of another important milestone on the road of local progress. The provisional directors are Messrs E. A. Goodger, H. F. Chandler, E. H. Leigh, H. C. Wood, J. W. Elliott, J. W. McNutt and P. F. Wall. "Press," December, 1926.

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Early Days Recalled

Early Waipukurau had no post office. The weekly mail of letters, parcels and papers were deposited at Drower's store and its arrival was awaited by almost the whole township.

The Waipukurau A. and P. Association — now the Central Hawke's Bay A. and P. Association — was formed in 1910 with the late Sir George Hunter as patron and the late Mr J. W. Harding as president.

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Waipukurau, was consecrated on May 22, 1877. The first preacher was the Rev. D'Arcy Irvine. The first wedding solemnised in the church was that of the late Mr and Mrs John Staines.

At a cost of £621 10/-. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Waipukurau, was built in 1876. Prior to this, services were held in the hotel, at the old stockade on Reservoir Hill and in a Sunday School building. The first ordained minister was the Rev. A. Shepherd, who was in charge from 1865 until 1869.

During the period of the Maori troubles, Waipukurau was ready for all eventualities. Service in the militia was compulsory and the training was done in the area now known as Ruataniwha Street. An old Maori fort was in existence near Mt. Vernon.

Telephone Exchange Had 12 Subscribers in 1907

When the telephone exchange at the Waipukurau Post Office was opened in 1907 there were about 12 subscribers all within a short distance of the main street. In the last 50 years the total has risen to about 1950, and new equipment to be installed soon will cope with more.

The present building was erected in 1914, and towards the end of 1928 the office was altered to provide additional accommodation. The new exchange block was opened in November, 1948.

The first postman was Mr C. A. Condie, now living in retirement in Tauranga. Recently he recalled that important morning on February 11, 1907, when he set out to deliver his bag of mail. In those days much of the town was traversed on foot, although for settlers on the Waipawa side of the river a bicycle or a horse was often used.

Mr Condie, who was born in Waipukurau in 1899, rose to the position of chief postmaster at Gisborne. He spent 40 years in the service of the Post and Telegraph Department.

The present postmaster in Waipukurau, Mr F. S. David, has charge of a staff of 44. In 1901 the staff, including the postmaster, was only four.

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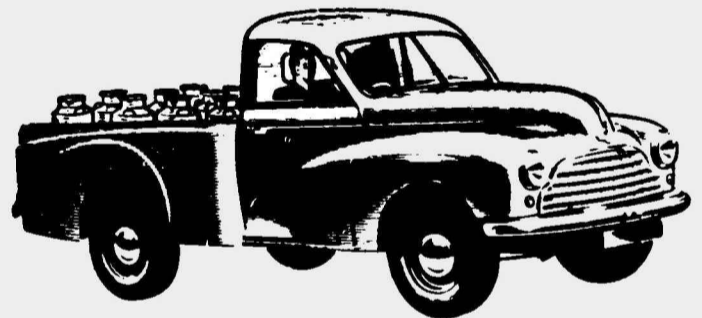


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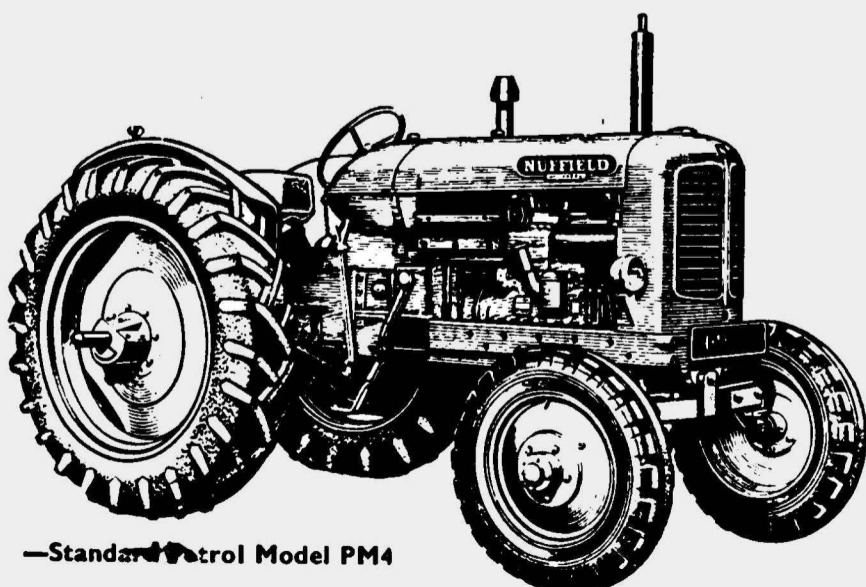
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Today, in a dingy back room in a small road in Bishopsgate, London, the "Ledger," now known as London's oldest daily newspaper, is still produced. It is still 100 per cent commercial, consisting of a daily record of commodity news and market prices. Its subscription list embraces nearly every country in the world—although to the man in the street its columns do not make interesting reading.

The "Ledger" has a long and proud history. It was launched in January, 1760. The price was 2½d for a four-page paper, and the principal contents were comments on the war then going on over French interests in Quebec.

The first editor was Mr Griffith Jones, who had collaborated anonymously with Samuel Johnson and Tobias Smollett in the "Literary Magazine," and also with his brother, Giles, to write the famous fairy fantasy "Goody Two Shoes."

By remaining principally a commercial intelligence journal, the "Ledger" escaped the efforts of Court and Parliament during the reign of George III to repress newspapers.

In 1836 the "Ledger" was bought up by the Metropolitan Newspaper Company, and merged into a new paper, called the "Constitutional." Literary men of some note served this paper, including the son of Leigh Hunt, who was assistant editor, and W. M. Thackeray, then at the start of his career, who was Paris correspondent.

The paper did not thrive, and in 1837 the "Public Ledger" appeared on its own again.

Today, in the Dickensian atmosphere of the Bishopsgate office among dusty ledgers and old-fashioned bric-a-brac, a loyal team of men carry on the traditions of the paper. They have all worked on the "Ledger" for many years; some began work on "cargoes lists," which were subsequently merged into the newspaper.

Two musical organisations which have given long service in Waipukurau are the Municipal Band and the Orchestral Society. The band was founded in 1907, while the orchestra, which includes several bandsmen, was formed in 1912.

PORANGAHAU'S HISTORY GOES BACK 100 YEARS: NOW POPULAR BEACH

If only the small band of settlers who left Wellington in 1854 with the object of establishing a new settlement could see for themselves the prosperous nature of the township of Porangahau, a popular beach resort 30 miles from Waipukurau, they would undoubtedly feel that the hardships and trials encountered on that journey were more than repaid.

The group of pioneers blazed a trail over the rugged country which led them finally to the Porangahau settlement, where they met the “friendly natives” as they were called.

However, not liking the arrival of the band, the Maori queen, Rawinia, ordered their capture, but a subsequent incident led to the establishment of friendly relations between the two parties. One of the women with the band had her baby child with her and for the custody of the child Rawinia allowed the whites to stay and settle in the district.

As year followed year the friendly relations of the Pakehas and Maoris became more evident until today the community is one of the most prosperous and progressive of its kind throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion.

As it grew in size the need for communications became urgent, and there followed the first pack horse mail down the coast from the main centres. It was not until 1871 that a road was started through Seventy Mile Bush, between Waipukurau and the Manawatu.

There followed at later dates the telephonic and telegraphic communication which now links, with good, modern roads, the Porangahau district with the main outside centres.

LONGEST MAORI NAME FOR DISTRICT HILL

The Porangahau district has distinguished itself in more ways than one. Not the least of its distinctiveness is the possession of a hill on the roadside not more than three miles south of Porangahau itself which bears what is claimed to be

the longest Maori place-name in existence.

Nearly 1000ft in height, the hill in question carries a name which for obvious reasons seldom appears in full on any map. The name is Tau-matawhakatangihanzakoauauotane-nuirangikitanatahu.

According to authorities who have been questioned on the subject, one translation of this enormity is “The ridge where Tane, great husband of Heaven, caused plaintive music from his flute to ascend to his beloved.”

Very few map-makers go to the trouble of giving the spot its full name. Some give small fractions of it; others mark it with a dot and the height — 960ft — and let it go at that.

It may surprise many that this Maori place name establishes no world's record for length, but it runs a close second to the name of the Welsh village which goes by the name of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgog crychwynndrobwill - Llantysilioogogoch.

There are 59 letters in the Welsh name, which is eight more than the total in the name of Porangahau's Hill. As one observer has said, however, the Maori name has the advantage of being pronounceable without dislocation of the jaw.

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AERO CLUB IS ONE OF MOST AFFLUENT IN N.Z.: FORMED IN 1935

In the 30th anniversary number of the "Press" (December, 1935) there appeared an article on the formation of the Central Hawke's Bay Aero Club a few weeks previously. After giving a summary of the club's brief history the writer of the article, Mr R. O'Marin, went on to say:

"It is not as a training ground only, however, that the flying field is to serve Central Hawke's Bay. Its chief use will be as an airport to Waipukurau in particular, and the district generally. Waipukurau is on the direct air-line between Gisborne and Palmerston North, Gisborne and Wellington, and Rotorua and Wellington.

"With the present train service, the airport will undoubtedly be used during the winter by East Coast Airways."

Mr O'Marin concluded his article by saying:

"The next 30 years will undoubtedly bring even more striking developments. The popularity of the air is only awaiting its 'Henry Ford.' What then will a town be without an airport?"

Well, Waipukurau still has not got Mr O'Marin's conception of an airport—it hasn't a Trust Hotel even—but the town has progressed without

In fact it was not until 1947 that the club owned an aeroplane. Now it has two, a brand new Cessna (worth £3000) and a Tiger Moth which will be replaced when a suitable aircraft is found.

Up until 1947 the club could be regarded as something of a branch of the Hastings Aero Club for its was in planes from that club that Waipukurau enthusiasts did their flying.

Formed in 1935

The club was formed in April, 1935. This first meeting was the outcome of discussions held by a group consisting of Messrs B. W. Boys (later appointed the first president), L. Hawke, E. R. Perkins, R. Mills, A. S. Annand, J. C. Windle, C. R. Watson and J. Paton.

A club committee was formed and negotiations were begun immediately with the object of purchasing a suitable site. After every available location within reasonable distance of Waipukurau had been inspected, the selection was finally narrowed to two areas, one in Farm Road, and one in Takapau Road. The two grounds were inspected by the heads of Civil Aviation and as a result of their findings the Takapau Road site was chosen.

The club now had to buy the land as it could not be leased. With nothing in "kitty" the club was faced with the task of raising several thousand pounds to buy the 120 acres.

It says much for the public-spiritedness of a few members of the farming community and some half-dozen local citizens of Waipukurau that the necessary finance was raised within a fortnight of the appeal being made.

From an early date the club started farming operations but it was a long struggle, and it was not until about four years ago that the club paid off the last of its debts.

Today, however, the club is one of the most affluent in the Dominion. This is due to the club's farming activities. These bring in a profit of about £1000 a year.

The club has about 300 members. Of these roughly 40 are active flying members. The pilots log an average of about 500 hours a year altogether; the flying side of the club

just manages to break even financially each year.

In 1947 the club acquired its first plane. This was a Tiger Moth and it was given to the club by Mr J. R. Franklin, who has been associated with the club since its early years and who is still an active pilot. A couple of years later the club bought a Tiger Moth. This was replaced by a Moth Minor and later an Auster. This, too, was sold and the club recently bought its American Cessna.

The 'drome has been used more extensively in the past three or four years than ever before. This is due partly to the growth of the aerial topdressing industry and the fact that several members have bought aircraft for their own use.

Some of the foundation members are still interested in the club's activities and many have given invaluable service over the years. One of these is Mr P. M. Murphy who has been captain since 1939. He was the first member of the club to fly solo from the aerodrome. He was followed a week later by his brother, Mr S. J. Murphy.

The skill of the club's pilots is known throughout the country for on more than one occasion they have brought back trophies from Dominion championships.

Bowling Green Cost £100 55 Years Ago

A meeting of persons interested in the formation of a bowling club in Waipukurau was held in February, 1906. About 20 attended.

Mr P. Gow said that a green could be prepared for £100, while Mr R. Coneys said he was prepared to give a suitable ground free—the club to pay 1/- rent to retain its claim. A subscription of 21/- was suggested.

A canvassing committee was appointed as follows:—Messrs J. J. Bailey, Coneys, G. Lomas, D. Milne, T. Nicholson, R. Smart, Gow, J. Barrie and D. Annand.

Mr Guy H. Graham was secretary to the Waipukurau United Football Club (also the Waipawa Sub-union) in 1905. Other officers of the club were:—

President, Mr George Hunter; vice-presidents, Hon. W. C. Smith, M.L.C., Dr Godfray, Messrs J. W. Harding, J. J. Bailey, J. Fleming, E. Pocock, R. Coneys, L. McHardy, L. de Pelichet, S. Tipping, R. Smart and M. Murphy; secretary and treasurer, Mr G. Ellison; auditor, Mr Ashley; committee, Messrs W. Booth, G. Lomas, F. Bailey, W. A. Chambers and D. Milne.

Cricketers of the 1905-06 period included Messrs Wolstenholme, Edmondstone, Absolum, Wilson, Bibby, Wilder, Chambers, Godfray, Sharpin, Tipping, Pettit, Canning, Smith, Pirie, Speedy, Seymour, McCorkindale, J. Barrie, G. Lomas, junr., Kellaher, Mitchell, J. Bailey and F. Bailey. There were "A" and "B" teams.

The Waipukurau Town Board at a special meeting held on January 22, 1906, appointed Wednesday as the day for the weekly half-holiday.

For about five years from 1902, a flaxmill flourished at Wanstead. It was in charge of Messrs Watson and Toogood, the former having several descendants in Waipukurau today, while Mr Toogood is the father of the well-known radio personality, Mr Selwyn Toogood.

In the early days of Waipukurau, there was an absence of sanitation. Throughout the main street, from the present Bank of New Zealand toward the east there was laid a large open drain. As there was no lighting system, walking out at night was something of an ordeal, accidents always being a possibility.

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In fear of floods the early settlers thought it safer to keep the residences off the low land near the Tuki Tuki River, and willingly paid the higher price for the elevated sections of the district.

In those days the main road from Napier to Wellington crossed at the old river ford near the courthouse and passed up to the old Tavistock Hotel and the Town Hall at the junction of Ruataniwha Street and Wellington Road.

From there, Wellington Road was the southern outlet and there, the centre of the town, or village as it was to be then, was to grow. Waipukurau was fixed as the county town long before the creation of the present county and it was decid-

Unsuccessful Village

An unsuccessful village called Hadley was laid out along the river bank on the road from Waipawa to Tikokino in the early days of Central Hawke's Bay. The cemetery is still named Hadley.

Avison's accommodation house was established in Waipukurau in 1856 at the junction of Mt. Herbert and Wellington Roads. On the opposite corner Drower's store was built about 1862.

ed to erect the county offices in the locality.

Plans and specifications had been prepared and the timber had been carted to the site when something happened.

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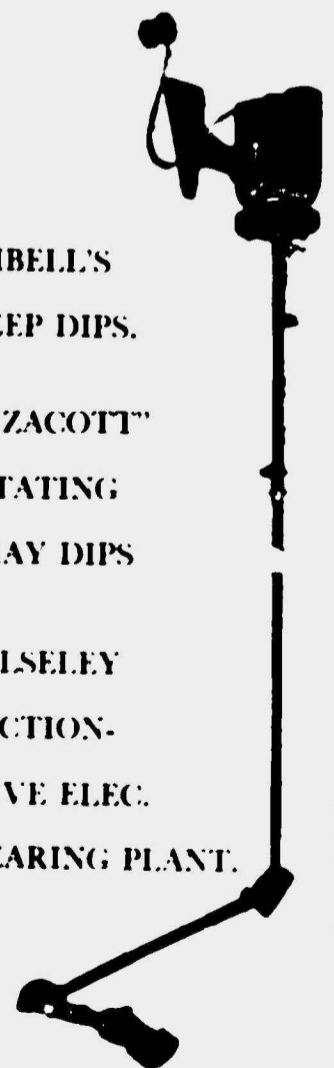


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Besides owning complete athletic equipment and a public address system, the Waipukurau club has purchased and erected the floodlights at Russell Park. It is the intention of the committee to purchase and install further lighting units immediately funds become available.

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**Bootmakers Actually Made
Boots In Waipukurau In 1874**

In the small village that was Waipukurau in 1874 there were two tailors and two bootmakers, one surgeon and two carpenters. The bootmakers actually did make boots as well as sell them.

According to Mr J. G. Wilson Hatuma, those in business in Waipukurau at that date were:

- J. Calder, telegraphist; F. H. Drower, merchant; C. R. English, surgeon; J. Fitzgerald, tailor; G. Grant, wheelwright; J. Harding, runholder; A. Jones, agricultural engineer; G. Lloyd, hotelkeeper; A. Levy, bootmaker; A. H. Newman, runholder; J. Palmer, tailor; R. Mc Knight, bootmaker; G. Pilcher, farmer; J. Poole, schoolmaster; H. R. and T. V. Russell, runholders; S. Roberts, farmer; W. Sebley, carpenter; W. C. Smith, storekeeper; J. Sharple, carpenter; J. Winks, bricklayer; J. Mackersey, farmer; G. Winlove, carpenter.

The Borough Council offices including the public library and reading room were erected in 1913, at a cost of £600.

Mr W. H. Booth has taken over the engineering and wheelwright business of W. R. McKenzie and Co. — Press, December, 1955.

Through a typographical error the master and matron of the first hospital in Waipukurau reported on page 12 are shown as Mr and Mrs Putnam. They were Mr and Mrs Putnam.

**Massive Doors For New
Waipukurau Church**

Two massive panel-studded doors are a feature of the joinery worth about £1000 for the Catholic Church nearing completion in Waipukurau. The large building is expected to be ready early in February.

Made from mahogany, the doors stand 7ft high and each is 3ft 6in in width with a total span of 7ft 6in when both sides are closed. Eight panels on each door are 12 inches square and three inches thick and each door requires two men to carry it.

The joinery was made by a Levin firm and the manager estimated the cost of the doors alone "very near £30 each." If treated well, he considered that they would look good 100 years or more from now.

The construction of the doors involved much hard work. There is a single mahogany door and six tara-ones for external use. There are also about 17 interior doors which are made of a Japanese wood which has a finish resembling ash. The interior doors are of course not so massive.

The oldest local body in Central Hawke's Bay is the Waipawa County Council being formed in 1877.

In a map of Hawke's Bay dated 1859 the Tuki Tuki River was shown as the Alma River.

Like Waipukurau, Waipawa was not established as a township by the Government. It was laid out by a runholder, Mr F. S. Abbot, prior to 1858. The locality was called Abbotstford for some years.

The first buildings on the present site of the town of Waipukurau were considered to be the blacksmith's shop belonging to Mr Robert Kirk and his weatherboard cottage. They were located near the present National Bank of N.Z.

In time to come, as the country becomes more populated, the beautiful lake adjacent to Waipukurau will without a doubt become a recognised pleasure resort for the people. It seems to be a matter for regret that there is no public approach to the lake on the town side, for the land abutting on the sheet of water is privately owned though we understand that the owner is willing to allow a public right of way. A few years ago the land could have been purchased at a nominal figure and it is surprising that the public men of the time did not safeguard the town's future interest to this extent, though it must be confessed that until further subdivision took place, an idea seemed to prevail that a public road existed to the water's edge. Still with a small wharf or jetty and the right of way to it, perhaps public requirements would be met. — Press, January 30, 1906.



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JAYCEE ACCOMPLISHES MANY PROJECTS SINCE INCEPTION IN 1951

In the short span of five years probably no organisation in the district has accomplished so much as Waipukurau Jaycee. Though the chamber does not publicly boast such a record, if it was to be disputed the argument would be quickly settled when the activities of the chamber are closely examined.

Jaycee throughout the world is made up of men under the age of 40 and anyone up to that age, whether he be an artisan or a business executive, is welcomed to the movement.

It is often said that Jaycee is the offshoot of the Chamber of Commerce. Nothing could be further from the truth. If there was any truth in it then it could be said that the Waipukurau branch of Jaycee has grown into a very healthy orphan!

The first move to form a chapter in Waipukurau was made by the Hastings branch. They sponsored the first meeting in October, 1951, and since that date the membership has doubled and the roll now stands at 40. The chapter is regarded as one of the strongest of the smaller units in the country. The winning of the Bardsley Bell for the best attendance at a national convention a couple of years ago was no small feat.

Jaycee is a world-wide movement and the New Zealand branch of Jaycee International is held in the highest regard. In the last few years young men from the Dominion have held International vice-presidencies, and last year Mr Peter B. Watts, Christchurch, was elected world president.

"Misguided Men"

A well-known figure in the medical profession said in Hastings last month that the Jaycees were "a lot of misguided young men." She is entitled to her opinion but she would find that if she came to Waipukurau she would have very little, if any, argument to back up that statement.

Unlike most organisations Waipukurau Jaycee did not start in a small way. Its first project involved the raising of some £230 for a resuscitator. This was accomplished in a short time and since then the chapter has had an outstanding record of public service.

Another of its early projects was the starting of a kindergarten, and such was Jaycees' enthusiasm over this project it was not long before this long-needed amenity in the town was a reality. Right up to the present time Jaycee has been a pillar of strength to the Kindergarten Association and the culmination of this work sees the future headquarters, worth £6000, being erected.

The most recent and one of the chapter's biggest projects was the sponsoring of a skating club. A public meeting was called and despite poor support a committee was formed and the raising of funds went ahead. Jaycees have been active on the committee and a Jaycee is the first chairman.

The efficiency of Jaycee was recorded when the Kindergarten Association elected as its first chairman Mr C. K. Lee, at that time president of the local chapter.

Like other organisations, Waipukurau Jaycee has about half a dozen members who really "make things tick." It is interesting to note that in 1953 one member spent all but three Saturdays of the year on projects, every one of which was of some benefit to the town.

Most Important Project

Probably the chapter's most important project, and at the same time its least publicised, was undertaken just recently. The chapter sponsored a project involving chapters from Dannevirke to Wairoa and this has resulted in over £120 being raised for improvements to the Te Aute College library. Waipukurau Jaycee raised over £20 of this sum.

Other projects include:—

Erection of dressing sheds at Waipukurau swimming baths, valued at about £500; built bus shelter at Pukeora Sanatorium, valued at £70; built garage for Plunket Nurse, valued at £120; clothes drive for Corso; toys for Korea drive; "Operation Brotherhood"; blood donor drive (this project resulted in the number of blood donors in Waipukurau being doubled).

Another project for which Jaycee can take a great deal of credit is the proposed skating rink in Russell Park. One of the members suggested that the scheme should be the chap-

ter's main aim of the year. This was followed up and a public meeting was called.

A provisional committee was formed and the sum of £1200 was later raised by the Skating Club for the laying of the concrete surface. It is hoped that the work on the rink will begin this summer.

There are two projects which Jaycee undertake annually, and they are the most enjoyable for all concerned. They are the Guy Fawke's night celebrations and the Christmas party for the children in hospital.

Since the latter function was started no child in the two hospitals in Waipukurau has gone without at least one present. Each year Jaycees climb aboard the fire engine and set off to the hospitals in company with Father Christmas. The expressions on the kiddies' faces repay Jaycees for the time and effort they put into this project.

Waipukurau Jaycee have undertaken too many projects for them to be enumerated but it can be said that in the future the town will be served as it has in the past by these "young men in action."

Unlike many other organisations Jaycee must elect a new chairman each year. This gives an opportunity to many to run a meeting and gain experience in speaking before an audience. The presidents of the Waipukurau chapter since its formation in 1950 have been:—

1950-51, M. K. Thompson; 1952, C. K. Lee; 1953, W. E. Barlow; 1954, D. C. Hyde; 1955, A. Kennard.

An event which created a great stir in Waipawa in 1888 was an exhibition which lasted a fortnight.

Business was fairly brisk in Waipukurau on Christmas Eve, notwithstanding that many residents had left the district on holiday.—December, 1905.

The late Mr A. Jones, whose descendants in the district are numerous, came from Scotland in 1864 as a blacksmith and agricultural engineer. He had a large workshop in the main street of Waipukurau.

A ketch, the Mary Ann Hudson, was built on the Porangahau stream at Wallingford in the 60s by Mr Miles Hudson for Mr J. Sim, Mohaka. It traded between Wairoa, Mohaka and Port Ahuriri until it was wrecked at Mohaka in 1877.

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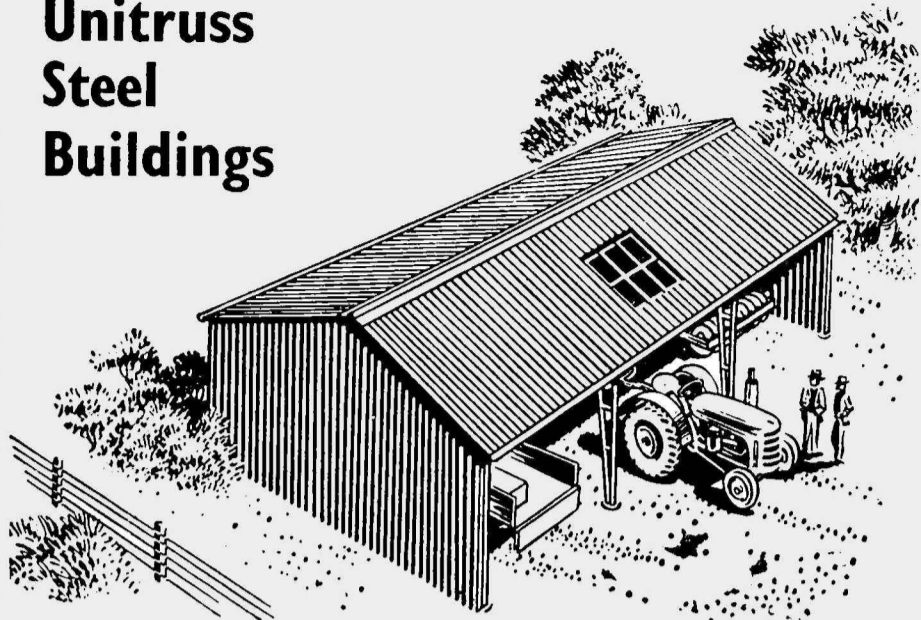
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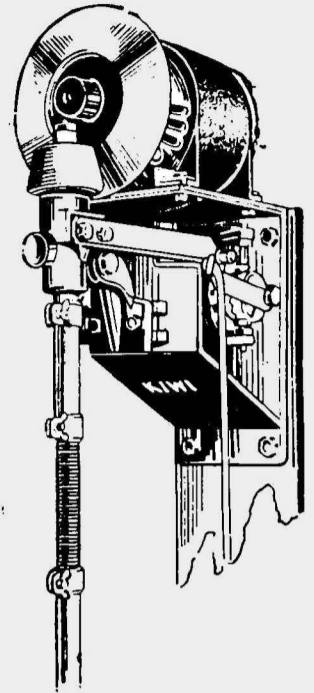
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