
The Rangitikei Advocate, Thursday 16 February 1922

Summer weather

The weather we are now experiencing is impelling all who can manage it to go to the seashore. On Sunday last there was a crowd at Tangimoana, motoring parties from all round the district being there, rowing, bathing, fishing, and feeding helping to make the day almost perfect. Several motor launches and a couple of dozen or so of rowing boats made trips from the settlement to the mouth of the river.

A number of boats have been launched lately, by far the most important and imposing being Mr Chas Small's beautiful motor launch *Moana*. On her first trip to sea she returned with a fine haul of schnapper, and proved herself in every way suitable for the purpose for which she was constructed. Built by her owner, who saw service in the Great War, she is distinctly the flagship of the Scott's Ferry fleet, and all who have seen her hope she and her builder will have a long and prosperous career.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Saturday 20 May 1922

Monster salmon

Residents and visitors at Tangimoana, that salubrious village near the mouth of the Rangitikei River, had good sport fishing in the blue Pacific on Sunday. About half a dozen vessels of different sizes went out, the bar being smooth as the proverbial millpond. Good catches were obtained, the fish being mostly schnapper, though kahawai, shark, gurnard and several lesser known varieties were caught.

One well-known citizen asserts that he hooked and "played" a salmon, "half as long as the boat," which being a 20-footer, meant that the fish was some salmon. The denizen of the deep was not landed, but the yarn is not a fish story, because others in the boat corroborate the tale.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Thursday 5 October 1922

Fire at Tangimoana

A fire occurred at Tangimoana last week, when the cottage belonging to Mr Alf Rogers, of Palmerston, was totally destroyed. The building, which was one of the first houses in that popular seaside resort, was built about fifteen years ago, and was insured, together with its contents, for £75 in the Norwich Union. This is the first case in the history of Tangimoana of a residence being destroyed by fire. The old ferry house was burned down about eight years ago, but that locality was not looked upon as Tangimoana proper.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Wednesday 21 February 1923

Tangimoana

Tangimoana, the new seaside resort, is situated on a grassy field of 50 acres on the Manawatu bank of the Rangitikei River. About 40 houses are already built and many are in progress. One Feilding enthusiast has laid down two rinks. The beach is good and there is a good road to within a few chains of the site.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Thursday 6 September 1923

Joys of whitebaiting

Halcombe correspondent

Hearing that whitebait were being caught at Tangimoana, and having a weakness for those diminutive fish, I went down to the little seaside village one day last week. The weather was gloriously fine when I left Halcombe, and I had visions of a benzine tin full of whitebait.

It is an excellent thing to rise with high hopes in the morning. I have myself observed that to do so courts a day's disaster or disappointment.

About 9 o'clock a howling nor-wester got up, and a mild wind swept landwards. So I went down to the shore. The sea ran leaden against a stormy sky—a waste of wind-whipped waters; waves white-crested, running with the romping breeze; now slipping backwards from the shore, leaving broad stretches of sand uncovered, sucking, roaring, foaming, snarling, spuming, crashing, and booming of heavy rollers, rising, swelling, coming towering on; a sheen of translucent green through the frothy crest; a swift rush, and then the crash of the weight of water as it toppled to its foaming death.

Looking out at the stretch of sandy beach and dull-hued dunes behind, it was hard to realise why mankind had chosen Tangimoana as a seaside resort and built those lonely little houses.

It is not often calm at the mouth of the Rangitikei, but there are days when the sea is all smiles and dimples; days of glaring heat, with blue waters reflecting a blue sky, when the sands shimmer, and the water glitters, and the glare is hard to bear. But the spirit of the Pacific heaves below the surface, and when the wind whispers it comes again to riot and wrestle with the mighty deep.

I got no fish, but I enjoyed the exhilaration of the hope.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 11 December 1923

Tangimoana

Visitors to Tangimoana are surprised at the way that little village is growing. Houses are being built "all over the place," and they are not all of the "shack" type of dwelling. A bungalow [30 Kuku Street] built for Mr J. Harris, of Sandon, is a handsome, commodious house, and would be a credit to a fashionable suburb of any city. Mr S. Penny has also had erected a nice place; both this and the former having been constructed by Mr G. Alsop, of Sandon.

Other residences recently erected belong to Mr Harold Ransom, of Rongotea; Mrs Leicester, of Waituna; Mr J. Rutherford, of Feilding; and a score or so of less pretentious dwellings. The road from the gate has just been completed, though as yet it is a bit on the rough side, and would be all the better for being rolled.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Monday 28 April 1924

Tangimoana expanding

Down by the murmuring sea, Tangimoana, there are now 63 houses, a number of summer residents being Martonians. Bowlers have had many interesting games on a 2-rink green, the property of Mr Ben Gray, and croquet players are indebted to Mr Larson for providing a lawn and donating a full set. Residents have provided swings for visiting children, and other means are contemplated of further popularising this resort.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 3 March 1925

Tangimoana in danger of becoming fashionable

Though a few citizens of Halcombe have been to the seaside lately, not many thus far have patronised Tangimoana. Scott's Ferry, a year or two ago, was a seaside village of the old-clothes-and-simple-life variety, but is now rapidly attaining the dubious charms of a fashionable watering place, and will no doubt ere long have a Palaise de Dance and other modern allurements.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 3 March 1925

A Tangimoana incident — Launch hirer fined

The recent seizure by officials of the marine Department of a crowded pleasure launch running between Tangimoana Settlement and the mouth of the Rangitikei River at 1s per trip, had its sequel in the Magistrate's Court at Palmerston North yesterday, when, before Mr J. L. Stout, SM, C. A. Lester, of Bulls, was charged with having plied a launch for hire at Tangimoana, Rangitikei Heads, without first having the craft surveyed and fitted in accordance with the regulations of the Marine Department.

Mr Power, who appeared for the defendant, explained that the owner of the launch had no knowledge of the use to which the boat was being put, as a young man had charge of it at the time mentioned.

A plea of guilty was entered, but counsel explained that the offence could not occur again, as the launch had been wrecked on Saturday evening last.

In reply to the Magistrate, Mr McGregor, of the Marine Department, said the boat was not seaworthy, inasmuch as it was not fitted with proper sailing equipment.

Mr Power: "The owner has recently completed a trip to the Sounds in it."

The Magistrate: "The boat is apparently seaworthy in the sense of the term for a seaman, but not seaworthy for the Department."

A fine of £2 and costs was imposed.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Saturday 18 April 1925

Boat under repair

Mr Lester's fine motor-launch Kingfisher, which some time ago got on a lee shore at Tangimoana and received extensive damage, has been rescued from what looked like her last resting-place, and is now being repaired on the foreshore, Shipwright Charlie Small having charge of operations.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Monday 27 April 1925

Bulls notes

The State Forest Department is making great progress at Tangimoana near the mouth of the Rangitikei River. With some 250,000 trees growing in the nursery they have planted out 60,000 in the vicinity of the township.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Saturday 13 June 1925

Rangitikei River — Deviation progress

Some time ago, with a view to diverting the Rangitikei River near Scott's Ferry, a ditch was cut, the intention being that the river would take a straight course through and prevent damage being done by the strong current on the bend at Scott's. Mr K. W. Dalrymple recently visited the scene of the work and has reported on the position to Rangitikei County Council.

He found that the recent flood had helped the work along. The distance across the cut from bank to bank is now 41 yards, with about 40 yards stretch of water up to 13 feet and an average depth of 9 feet all over the cutting. These measurements were taken just after the flood when the river was fairly low again. The water is being held up at present about half way between the mouth of the cut and the river but this should be washed away in a few weeks.

The report states that not half of the river is passing through the cut yet but another flood may remedy this.

The bank at Scott's has moved in only one place and the repairs will not be expensive. Apart from this, however, a good deal of silt is being deposited among the willows, which shows that the strength of the current has been greatly reduced and the bank is now safe from further extensive damage.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 29 July 1925, page 7

Drowning fatality at Tangimoana yesterday — Rongotea resident the victim

While engaged in gathering driftwood at the mouth of the Rangitikei river at Tangimoana yesterday, Mr Charles Lyon met his death by drowning.

The deceased gentleman, who had a tailoring business at Rongotea and who was proprietor of the Tangimoana store, was well-known and highly respected throughout the district, and widespread sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

Deceased and his son Edward were using two boats in gathering the driftwood and, when a load had been secured, they set out up the river, both rowing in one boat and towing the laden one. Upon reaching a point about half-way between the heads and the township, the force of the outflowing tide and river current became such that no progress could be made and the two endeavoured to make their objective by rowing a boat each. When it was found that that, too, was unavailing, deceased's son rowed for assistance and a fisherman, Mr Jones, was summoned in a few minutes, but on returning to the beach with Mr Lyon, junior, there was no sign of deceased, whose boat had apparently capsized.

Steps were at once taken to recover the body and nets were stretched across the mouth of the river, Constable Blaxland later directing the work of the search party. The efforts yesterday were unsuccessful but the body was recovered about noon today near the place where the fatality occurred.

The late Mr Lyon leaves a widow and family of eight:— Mesdames W. Foster (Rongotea), A. McLean (Palmerston North), Misses Rita and Susie and Messrs Edward, James, Charles and Alfred, all of Rongotea.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Wednesday 4 November 1925

Tangimoana's attractions

Halcombe correspondent

A glorious weekend from a weather point of view induced a good number of people to visit Tangimoana on Saturday and Sunday. The visitors are easily picked out from the permanent dwellers. The former dress themselves up in boasting costume—that is the men do—and stroll along the foreshore, and smoke and watch the boats, the other sex wear saucy hats and gay parasols, and silken cloaks, and dainty white and pretty coloured dresses.

The permanent inhabitant is satisfied with old clothes—the older the better—disreputable boots, and a battered hat, which after all, are the more serviceable. It utterly spoils a boating trip if you have folk in the boat who are thinking all the time a good deal more of their dress than the trip.

The river affords a good opportunity for a day's holiday, and on a fine Sunday at Tangimoana is one of the gayest sights near this dull old village. The only drawback, according to one resident, is that it is miles from a "pub," and as to the river—what is the good of the river if everyone who goes on it dies of thirst!

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 24 November 1925

Post Office for Tangimoana

The residents of Tangimoana (Rangitikei beach) will be pleased to hear that the Post and Telegraph Department has decided to open a post office in that township.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Saturday 2 January 1926

Tangimoana growing in favour

Boxing Day this year proved a "red letter" day for Tangimoana beach when approximately five hundred cars were parked at the waters edge, and three thousand people attended the beach, the majority of whom witnessed a very successful sports gathering organised by the beach committee.

The name Tangimoana, being interpreted means the "cry of the sea" or the "weeping sea" and may perhaps be known more commonly as Rangitikei beach or Scotts Ferry beach.

Since 1919 the growth of this township has been remarkable. In that year a party was organised consisting of Mr Newman, the member of Parliament for Rangitikei; Mr Gray, member of the County Council; Mr Hickford, county engineer; Mr Drew, county clerk; and Mr Penney; to decide the suitability of petitioning the Government to allot 50 acres for the purpose of subdividing into building sections.

It was not until March 1921 that Government work commenced, 83 sections being surveyed and a short time necessitated a further 90. It was far-seeing on the part of the officials at this time to allow for the various reserves so much appreciated now. Tangimoana today, is quite a flourishing little township of over 120 houses, some of which are picturesque bungalows, beautified by a bowling green, or tennis court, or vegetable or flower garden, all of which are appearing in very good heart. There is also a store and post office in connection with which there is quite an up-to-date tea-rooms.

The resort is specially attractive owing to the safe swimming and boating, good fishing, surf bathing sheds, and the grass to the waters edge eliminates the partaking of sand with the food so inevitable at most beaches.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Saturday 16 January 1926

Mako mako shark caught off Tangimoana

The ordinary grey shark, which inhabits the coastal waters, is a fairly common catch off the bar of Rangitikei at Tangimoana, but the mako mako species is rarely seen so far south. Mr C. A. Leicester, of Waituna, who was out fishing on Thursday morning some five miles off the bar of the Rangitikei, saw a mako mako shark circling round the launch. A tempting bait was prepared and dropped over the side, attached to a shark line. The creature soon got the scent, swiftly approached, took the bait and speedily made off. Line was played out and for two hours the shark made battle against the launch crew, who finally succeeded in landing it. The fish measured 6ft 6in and was brought to Tangimoana and exhibited. Mr Leicester stated that he had caught a smaller one about 18 months ago off the bar, but the mako mako, which ordinarily inhabited the water around Tauranga was not altogether a common visitor on this coast. He further stated that grey sharks were fairly common just now and a "six footer" was hauled aboard his launch recently.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 27 April 1926

Kingfish at Tangimoana

Fishermen at Rangitikei Heads often tell vague tales of monsters of the deep encountered in coastal waters, but a broken line does not carry much weight, metaphorically or otherwise, and their stories are placed in the category prefaced by "Fish." But recently several fairly big kingfish have been landed, and it would probably be worthwhile to secure proper "gear" for Bay of Islands species, and give the big fellows a "go." One kingfish on view at Tangimoana on Sunday last appeared to be of about 70lbs weight, and there may be bigger ones—lower down.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 11 June 1926

Good fishing at Tangimoana

Fishermen who have been over the Rangitikei bar lately have had good fishing. On Sunday the catch was exceptional, one boat, it is said, getting 130 schnapper, another 115. Others came in with all they needed. Altogether well over 300 fish are said to have been landed on Sunday afternoon.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Wednesday 7 July 1926

Tangimoana telephones

Splendid progress has been made in the erection of a telephone line to Tangimoana beach. The poles are practically all erected and wired.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 30 July 1926, page 2

Carnarvon

From our own correspondent

As a result of the almost continuous rain of Sunday and Monday many of the roads were flooded with storm water, the flood in the Rangitikei river being the highest for a number of years. A large proportion of the houses in Tangimoana were surrounded by water and in several in the more low-lying parts the water was up to the window sills.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 2 August 1926, page 8

To the editor

Sir,— The following may be interesting to social visitors and the owners of cottages erected near the Rangitikei river facing the sea:— Quite recently this river has changed its course and is now across the front of the township and threatens the destruction of some thousands of pounds worth of property. It is only 15 chains from the sea where it is turned off, i.e., blocked up with snags, shingle and sand. Mr T. Jones has watched this river for some 30 years. He had charge of the ferry here and has since erected a fishing depot. He appears to be quite certain that if those snags were blasted, and the old channel scooped out, the river would cut its way back again. The cost in any case would be small. If something is not done the township is doomed. Well, sir, everything comes from the land and when it is gone it will be, "What a pity." It appears to be a characteristic of the New Zealand people to do nothing without a deputation and a subsidy from the government, even if they want their farms cleared of noxious weeds, etc. Thanking you in anticipation.— I am, etc.,

W. H. Oliver

Tangimoana, July 30, 1926

The Rangitikei Advocate, Monday 16 August 1926

Fire at Tangimoana

At Tangimoana early on Saturday morning fire completely destroyed the seaside residence of Mr B. H. Just, of Palmerston North, along with its contents. The house was one of those that was being affected by the recent erosion and preparations were being made for moving it back from the danger zone today. Stored inside was 800 feet of timber for the erection of a new shed, oars, nets and a considerable quantity of furniture. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Mr Just paid a visit to the beach on Wednesday evening last and left everything safe.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Monday 16 August 1926

May reopen river course

In connection with the river erosion at Tangimoana which resulted in several cottages having to be removed to a safer zone, it is now proposed to reopen the old course of the Rangitikei which of late years has become silted in. It is anticipated that this will lessen the danger at the township and probably result in the river being permanently diverted.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 7 September 1926

Tragedy at Tangimoana

Body of fisherman washed ashore — Companion and launch still missing

What is believed to be a double tragedy occurred at Rangitikei Heads yesterday morning when a fishing launch carrying William Samson, a contractor, of Feilding, and Thomas Geertson, a fisherman, of

Tangimoana, met with difficulties in a rough sea. The body of Geertson was subsequently washed up on the beach some distance from the spot where the two men were last seen, but of his companion there is so far no trace. There is evidence that the craft was swamped, and a look-out is being kept along the coast for the body of the missing man, who, it is assumed, has met with a similar fate.

Inquiries among the residents of Rangitikei Heads, or Tangimoana Beach, as it is known, elicited the information that the two men set out in their launch at about 8 o'clock, when the weather conditions were favourable. Later, however, the sea became rough and at about 10:30am the launch was seen from the beach heading for shore, rising and falling violently in the water, which at the bar was very rough. It is assumed that at this juncture the men in the boat experienced engine trouble, because they then hoisted sails in order to facilitate their progress. No actual signs of distress were observed. As the craft, failing to make headway, began to drift down the coast it became apparent to those watching that there was something amiss. In consequence they communicated with Foxton and advised a sharp look-out. Meantime the craft had drifted on out of sight.

At about 4:30pm Mr Young, one of the residents at the settlement, went down the beach, and at a spot about 2½ miles on the Foxton side of Tangimoana found the body of Geertson. Several fishing boxes and a plank from the bottom of the launch in close proximity to the body convinced him that the boat had been swamped. Further search failed to produce any further evidence of the wreck, while of Samson there was no trace.

The Feilding police visited the spot in the evening and conducted inquiries, but up to a late hour nothing further had transpired. There are no eye-witnesses of the capsizing of the launch, and as to what actually occurred must, so far, be only supposition.

Geertson, who was about 60 years of age, leaves one adopted son, his wife being dead. Samson was a middle-aged man and had been employed for 16 years past with Mr T. Boness, of Feilding, whom Samson accompanied on a visit to Tangimoana.

***The Rangitikei Advocate*, Tuesday 14 December 1926**

Wind and waves at Tangimoana

Wind and waves are still working overtime at Tangimoana, endeavouring to wash the township into the Pacific. Several sections have already disappeared, and it looks as if many more will vanish in the near future. The trouble is to know how to resist elements against whom man's puny efforts seem as nought. Many suggestions have been made; indeed, every visitor to the locality seems to have his own pet scheme for controlling wind and water. Most of the ideas are, however, not feasible—some are ridiculous. One man seriously advanced the idea that the only possible way to safeguard the land was to plant willows. He offered no suggestion about how to keep the banks intact while the willows grew, which they won't do when their roots reach salt water. At present a shield of manuka is being tried, the scrub being laced through wires stretched from just above low to high water mark. A suggestion that the money for protective works should be found by residents is not receiving much encouragement. The matter is, as the residents say, one for the Government, as all the rents from the land go to the Crown.

***The Rangitikei Advocate*, Wednesday 15 December 1926**

Aquatic charabanc

Quite a stir was caused at Tangimoana over the launching of a big craft named *Lotofun*, the product of the labours of Messrs Signal and Flower, well-known local "shipbuilders." This aquatic charabanc is oar-propelled, and critics opine that the oarsmen will experience a lot of fun the first time the vessel strikes adverse wind and current. However, the launching was voted a huge success, and a big haul of fish on the initial excursion sent everybody home rejoicing!

***Manawatu Evening Standard*, Tuesday 21 December 1926, page 2**

Rongotea notes

A large number of cars bound for Tangimoana, the ever-increasing-in-popularity seaside resort, passed through Rongotea on Sunday. Tangimoana is situated some 22 miles distant from Palmerston North and Feilding, from which cars are available to transport picnickers etc., to the beach. An up-to-date general store and tea rooms are established on the beach.

In conversation with a resident of Tangimoana your correspondent was informed that the houses, numbering 100, will all be occupied during Christmas and New Year. This speaks for itself and indicates the increasing popularity of this ideal seaside resort.

Sportsmen are assured of good fishing in the form of trawling, although good results have been obtained with the line also, some very fine schnapper having been caught at intervals. There is also

another pastime which is pursued at low tide by those fond of a delicious sweet fish, namely flounder spearing.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Wednesday 29 December 1926

Sharks at Tangimoana — Bathers alarmed

The sea beach at Tangimoana, near the mouth of Rangitikei River, which is usually considered to be a safe watering place, was visited on Sunday afternoon by two sharks. The wind was blowing off from the shore and consequently there was a very light surf running. Early in the afternoon a party of Marton bathers walked along the beach and decided to have a swim. One member of the party divested himself of his garments and was about to plunge in when he was arrested by a warning cry from his companions to the effect that there were sharks in the water. Within a chain of the shore two of these unwelcome visitors were rolling and sporting in the calm of the water.

The presence of sharks near the river mouth no doubt explains the abundance of smaller fish in the river that day.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 5 January 1927, page 4

W. T. Rodgers' narrow escape from drowning

From our own correspondent

It was lucky that Tangimoana did not start the New Year with a sad drowning tragedy. On Sunday morning Messrs A. Whitfield, W. Rodgers and W. Whitfield went over the bar in a small rowing boat to do some fishing. However, a northerly wind sprang up, making the sea rough and impossible to stop out. The boat shortly got into difficulties and overturned, taking the three occupants beneath her. When, after some effort, the men got out from under the boat, Mr Rodgers was in the last stage of drowning, but with some difficulty Messrs Whitfield got him safely to the shore, where artificial respiration was applied with success.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 15 April 1927

Tangimoana Sports

EASTER MONDAY

Races for young and old; Ladies Beauty Competition; Baby Show and other events too numerous to mention.

FIRST EVENT STARTS at 1:30pm.

A day of fun and frolic for Dad, Mum and the youngsters.

Ideal boating, fishing and swimming to be had adjacent to the sports ground.

Band in attendance. Hot water and milk free.

A. J. HERN, secretary

The Rangitikei Advocate, Monday 5 September 1927

River spreading

The Rangitikei River is still encroaching on the Tangimoana township and it is evident a number of cottages will have to be moved still further back from the banks as their safety is again threatened.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 23 September 1927

Street will be formed

Tangimoana correspondent

Good progress is being made with the formation of streets in the Tangimoana township. The Manawatu County Council, the controlling body, has decided to form and metal the street leading to the store and post office, on the north side of the Domain, in place of the street on the south side.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Monday 9 January 1928

Popularity of Tangimoana

Tangimoana is evidently increasing in popular favour as a holiday resort, for on several days during the holidays the number of cars parked there was over 500. It is indeed fortunate that such a resort is to

be found within easy distance of Marton, and that Martonians appreciate the fact is evidenced by the large exodus of local people who flock there at every opportunity.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 20 January 1928

Concert and Dance

TANGIMOANA

All good roads lead to Tangimoana

CONCERT AND DANCE

To be held in the McKelvie Hall,

ANNIVERSARY DAY, January 23rd.

Concert at 8:30pm Dancing 10pm to 1:30am.

Good floor Good music

Concert arranged by Mr J. W. Gibson,
of Marton

Gents 2/- Ladies 1/-

Supper provided at 9:45pm

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 24 January 1928

Lively fishing

A party of Tangimoana residents, fishing at the Rangitikei heads on Sunday, made one haul of 250 kahawai.

An unusual number of young sharks were caught in the nets of fishermen operating at the Rangitikei heads during the weekend. A school of porpoises played off the heads for two days and with these two factors it was not surprising that good hauls were made of fish well up the river.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Thursday 28 June 1928

Gallantry at Tangimoana

The gallantry displayed at Tangimoana on January 25 by Mr Morrell Rowe and Miss Grace Rowe, brother and sister, of Rongotea, was recognised last night, when the Mayor of Palmerston North (Mr A. J. Graham) made the presentation of the Royal Humane Society's Awards. The rescue at Tangimoana was the third occasion on which Mr Rowe has rescued a drowning person.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 28 December 1928

Tangimoana Beach — Beach carnival and life-saving demonstration

Although the weather could not have been regarded as entirely propitious, there was a large crowd of visitors to Tangimoana on Wednesday, when a beach carnival was held. The outing for those from Palmerston North proved thoroughly enjoyable. Children's races were arranged during the afternoon and proceedings terminated with a dance at night in the Tangimoana hall, which was nicely decorated.

In the morning, members of the YMCA, acting under the auspices of the Manawatu Life-Saving Centre, gave a display of life-saving. Owing to the holidays difficulty was encountered in obtaining a team for the demonstration but Messrs G. Haddon, D. Harvey, G. McMinn, S. Wilson, and G. Young, assisted by Mr W. F. Dudson, of the Ruahine Life-Saving Club, gave quite a good display. After land drill, methods of rescue were demonstrated in the water, the team manning the newly acquired reel under the guidance of Mr S. Wilson, a recent member of the Maranui Surf Club, Wellington.

At the conclusion of the life-saving display Mr H. J. Fagan (president) tendered the sincere thanks of the society to the members of the team. He voiced the hope that at no distant date Tangimoana would have its own life-saving club to assure perfect safety for swimmers.

Mr Fuller appealed to the spectators for donations towards the two reels, one for the river and one for the beach. The sum of £4/17/6 was collected in a few minutes and several donations were also promised.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Saturday 16 March 1929

Tangimoana life-saving club formed

Since the Maranui Surf and Life Saving Club visited Tangimoana beach and demonstrated with the reels, some enthusiasts circularised those young men who spend their weekend and holidays at the beach to inaugurate a Surf and Life Saving Club. At the meeting held in St Paul's hall, Feilding, on

Thursday evening about 30 keen men attended to vouch for the cause. Mr J. C. Johnson, president of the Tangimoana Improvement Society presided.

Mr W. C. Collier, chairman of the Manawatu Royal Life Saving Society, mentioned that Tangimoana beach was an attractive resort for residents from Carnarvon, Rangitikei Oroua, and Manawatu district, giving them the choice of swimming in the river or surf bathing. The beach would assuredly become popular as soon as the road was constructed. The earlier the club was organised, greater and easier the preparations would be. He appealed to those present definitely to constitute a club and not let the opportunity pass.

Mr C. Isaacs then proposed the formation of the club designated "The Tangimoana Surf Life Saving Club," to be governed by the rules and regulations based on the Maranui Club's rules. The motion was carried unanimously.

The membership list aggregated 40, and the election of officers resulted as follows:— Patron, Hon J. G. Cobbe; president, Mr A. R. W. Scott; vice-presidents, Messrs C. Adams, G. N. Broad, H. Hunt, J. Jackman, J. Johnson, J. McKelvie, W. Oakley, J. Packer, S. Penney, J. Power, and C. Price; club captain R. Bridge; vice-captain, C. Isaacs; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr L. Whitehead; committee, Messrs R. Bridge, C. Isaacs, G. Isaacs, B. Street, L. Whitehead, V. Whitehead, I. Zuppich.

Messrs Collier and Neal offered their services as instructors to the classes.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 19 March 1929

Tangimoana visitors

On Sunday about 200 people visited Tangimoana and spent the day on the beach. It is becoming quite an attractive resort, and as soon as the road is formed direct to the ocean beach it will become increasingly popular for a radius of fifty miles or more. Now that the Life Saving Club is formed one can predict with certainty that bathers will have greater confidence in swimming, knowing that a trained patrol is near to help in case of emergency.

The Beach Society have been working diligently to surprise the public with gala days during Easter. Preparations are well in hand and it is unfortunate that the programme for outboard motor-boat races was not adequately supported to guarantee its performance. However, there will be many other attractions, such as competitions, games, sports, launch rides, dancing, etc., which will be advertised later.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Wednesday 3 April 1929

Tangimoana gala day

Held on Monday, the first annual gala day of the Tangimoana Improvement Society proved an unqualified success. It is estimated that about 250 cars were at the beach, having brought visitors from all parts of the district. Numerous stalls were conducted, while sports and games were organised for all. The day was brought to a happy conclusion by the holding of a dance in the evening, about 100 couples attending.

The organisation was in the hands of a capable committee with Mr S. J. C. Johnson as chairman and Mr C. M. Isaacs as secretary.

The various stall holders were as follow: Competitions, Mr Johnson; duck-pond, Mr Stevens; hoop-la, Messrs Scott and Street; putting, Mr Scott.

The baby show attracted much interest, practically every baby on the beach being entered. The prizewinners in the different classes were: Under 6 months, Brian Morris; six to 12 months, Noel Gardner; 12 to 18 months, H. Turner. The Judges were Messrs Turner and Emery. During the afternoon children's sports were held, 120 prizes being distributed among the young folk.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 26 July 1929

Forest planting

Planting operations on the State Forest area at Tangimoana will begin in August, when a commencement will be made with the 180,000 trees which are on hand. Similar activities will be undertaken on the plantation at Karioi, where a further 2500 acres will be dealt with.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 29 November 1929

A Rangitikei hero

Going through the effects of William Henry Perrin, an old-age pensioner, who died at Sandy Hook two days ago, a medal was discovered. The medal had been presented to the late Mr Perrin by the people of Rangitikei for rescuing a family named Daniell during a flood in the year 1897. It is understood that the

flood compelled the Daniells family to take refuge on the roof of their house and were even then in danger. The recipient of the medal secured a boat and went out in the flood and brought the family to safety.

[The Daniell family lived on the Tangimoana side of Scott's Ferry.]

Manawatu Evening Standard, Tuesday 21 January 1930, page 9

Dance

Tangimoana, January 20

A most successful dance was held in the McKelvie Hall on Saturday night last [18 January 1930]. The hall was beautifully decorated and splendid music was supplied by an orchestra of Palmerston North. Novelty dances, paper hats and streamers added to the enjoyment of all, the floor being in good dancing order. The spot waltz was won by Miss L. Mitchell and partner. A most enjoyable supper was handed round by the boys. The duties of MC were ably carried out by Mr A. C. McLean.

The hall being again available on Saturday night next, the 25th inst., the same committee will hold another dance.

A large crowd of visitors took advantage of the fine day yesterday and many people were present for the day, fishing, boating and swimming being in good demand.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 4 February 1930

A fish story

A party of local fishermen caught no less than 480 flounders during last week off Tangimoana. Some excellent catches of other fish are also recorded.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Monday 17 March 1930

A narrow escape

Though bathers have been warned many times to keep well away from the mouth of the river when taking a dip at Tangimoana, there are still people who either don't know of the risk they run when they enter the sea where the river joins it; or if they do they are extremely foolish.

A party of men from Halcombe went in one day last week. They were about 200 yards up the coast, but were in difficulties right away. Three out of the four managed to get to the shore after much battling with the waves, but the fourth, a visitor who could not swim, was rescued only after great difficulty by a swimmer who arrived in the nick of time. Both rescued and rescuer were exhausted.—Halcombe correspondent

Manawatu Evening Standard, Tuesday 30 December 1930, page 7

Rescue at Tangimoana — Marton lady in difficulty

Many people witnessed a rescue scene at Tangimoana beach on Saturday afternoon [27 December 1930]. Miss G. Barrington, a Marton resident, had been swimming with friends and had become detached from them, swimming out further and drifting down the beach. All was well until she found herself unable to make headway towards the shore again as there was a strong ebb current. Mr J. D. Robertson, who was swimming nearby, noticed her plight and went to her assistance, calling for help. This was quickly forthcoming, and Mr C. Grubb went out and assisted Mr Robertson in trying to get Miss Barrington in shore. The lifeline on the beach meanwhile was run out, and Mr Cyril Ledingham took it out to Miss Barrington who was pulled ashore little the worse for her fright.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Tuesday 7 April 1931, page 6

Tangimoana Beach — Improved roading facilities — Large holiday crowds

The Tangimoana Beach was visited by thousands of people during the Easter season despite distinctly unseasonable weather, and the work of the Tangimoana Improvement and Beautifying Committee earned the appreciation of the visitors.

The road to the beach was completed about a fortnight ago in preparation for the heavy traffic. It is well metalled and is fascined and, to prevent obstruction from drifting sand, has been edged with grass. The completed highway is a very great improvement on the previous means of communication and doubtless had the effect of drawing many visitors. The work was subsidised by the government under an unemployment relief scheme.

The committee has also erected bathing sheds at the river bank and its next work will be the erection of similar conveniences at the heads. The tree planting scheme will also be advanced.

The usual sports programme was not conducted yesterday as the majority of the 500 visitors were at the breakers and only a few remained near the river and hall.

However, a thoroughly successful dance was held in the McKelvie Hall in the evening when the drawing of competitions took place. Miss R. Lyon, of Tangimoana, won the cake and Mr H. E. Preece, of Sanson, won the ham. The committee intends to devote the proceeds to general improvement work. Yacht and motor-boat racing is proving popular at the beach and the committee is confident that Tangimoana has a big future before it.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 14 July 1931

Electricity in Tangimoana — An interesting position — Investigation to be made

A fire-side topic among local residents who hie away to their seaside residences at Tangimoana on the slightest excuse has for some time been that of lighting. At present the true pied-a-terre atmosphere is maintained by medium of the kerosene lamp, or where luxuries are indulged in, the incandescent benzine light. But nowadays people have things to do other than the trimming of wicks or the pumping of benzine lights which refuse to be pumped up, and prefer the simple electric light switch. Perhaps the greatest beach conveniences attached to an electric supply are heating and cooking facilities incidental thereto. Your average housewife likes to get away from hot fires and arduous cooking when on a holiday, and an electric supply at "Tangi" would mean all that.

The question of electric power and light for the seaside township of Tangimoana came before the Manawatu Oroua Power Board yesterday when Mr H. H. Hunt reported that a number of property owners were desirous of getting the service. The Rangitikei-Wanganui Board proposed serving a consumer on an island in the river close to Tangimoana and it was thought it would be cheaper to supply the township from that source, rather than construct a line of nearly three miles from the McKelvie woolshed.

It was pointed out by the chairman (Mr J. A. Nash, MP) that a principle was involved—that of another Power Board supplying in the Manawatu-Oroua area. He urged that Mr Hunt and the engineer investigate the position again and report. With this procedure the board agreed.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 12 January 1932

Down at "Tangi" — A rough pencil sketch about people and things

By "Abey"

Tangimoana, we are told, means "the angry sea." If it does then the popular seaside resort at the mouth of the Rangitikei River has been wrongly named. There are occasional days, of course, when a cold southerly whips the blue waters into activity and huge breakers burst upon the beach with a resounding roar, but on most days the river—and sea too—can be likened to the proverbial mill pond.

As we write pleasure craft move to and fro on the river, which is almost without a ripple, and out at the heads the lazy swell sends up an equally lazy breaker with a swish that is irresistibly inviting to the surf bather. Angry? Never! The whole scene suggests one thing—contentment.

Time was when we wondered why Marton folk flocked to "Tangi" in such large numbers. Without having been here one imagined a holiday at Castlecliff with the attractions of a city at one's back door as much more inviting. But here we are at Tangi and now we know. In the first place it is good to get away—miles away—from the cares of office and shop; away from the talk and effects of depression. In the second place it is good to live in the midst of an environment such as exists at Tangi. For at Tangi all sections are catered for and all sections are happy; if they are not then Tangi cannot be blamed. There are swimming, surfing and boating for the younger folk, fishing with rod and line for those who fish for sport, and trawling with boat and net for those who fish for breakfast. Then, of course, there are ideal picnic spots, and one must not forget the bowling green.

Fish stories are not unknown down here; in fact, we were lured to Tangi in the first place by the tales of "Hundreds in every haul," "playing sharks on the line," "fish for every meal." Perhaps we were unlucky. Our first experience out on the river with such members of the "ABF" (able bodied fishermen), as Harry Dashwood and Arthur Smart brought home the full meaning of the saying, "A wet skin and no fish." It was one of those rare days aforementioned. The waters were in tempestuous mood and the skies were threatening. The first haul gave us a couple of "blowies," a host of seaweed and a block of wood. The subsequent pulls were little better. Then the heavens gave vent to their fury and the row home was, to the Advocate scribe at least, a bundle of thrills. But "it's an ill wind—"; for the butcher received an order which he did not anticipate, and the scribe was initiated with due form and ceremony as a member of the Order of "ABF."

That was, of course, just our first experience. Subsequent ventures have been much more encouraging and a night or two ago the haul was sufficient to give half of Tangi a breakfast, and a number of Marton householders had flounder on the menu and it is no "fish story" either! Johnnie McChesney was in the party on that occasion, and perhaps that accounts for the success. He can always work in water with profitable results. At least so somebody remarked.

"Pie" Gould calls to mind the story of the "loaves and fishes." Having provided the former at Marton he comes to Tangi to provide the latter. "Pie" does not belong to the "ABF"; to him trawling is not fishing; he is a true disciple of Izaak Walton and concentrates on rod and line, and with no small degree of success.

One has to come to Tangi too, to learn that Marton can produce a budding rival for Kaye Don. Frank Holder's speed boat, the "Krazy Kat," skims the placid waters at "50 and then some," and it is rumoured that another craft is in course of construction called "Raspberry Pop," which will endeavour to wrest the Rangitikei record from Charlie Price's "White Horse." The "wet" and "dry" elements are taking sides already.

The bowling green is a constant source of attraction. It is situated on the property of Mr Grey, a veteran bowler of some 76 summers, who lives in Feilding, but who, long years ago, worked on the Heaton Park estate near Marton. Martonians, therefore, receive a warm welcome and at times no less than eight of them are on the green at the one time. John Hunter, by popular consent, is the president of the "club"; in fact, he has been called the Mayor of Tangi. He continues to practice his profession even although miles away from home, for he is constantly "painting—the clouds with sunshine."

But that's getting away from the subject. To get back to bowling, can you guess who was the first to kiss "Kitty?" No! Of course you can't. Well it was a prominent Marton Business man and a City Father at that. When the applause had died away he said, "It's fast and that's how I like it," and his wife is still wondering if he meant "the young lady" he kissed or the green. Believe us, they're hard cases these Martonians away from home.

But the "surprise packet" on the green is Robert Ball. In Marton we first think of Bobby when we have toothache and then we think of him as a cricketer and tennis player. In Tangi, however, he shines as a bowler. Time and again he has drawn the shot to save the match and to many it has been uncanny. But if Bobby isn't good at drawing, who is?

And so life at Tangi goes merrily on. One cannot but feel at home for every other person one meets hails from Marton. Day follows day in all too quick succession. Soon—too soon—the cares of office and shop will claim our attention, but we shall leave with a splendid impression of Tangi and, because of our sojourn here, better equipped in body, mind and soul, to face once again the sterner tasks of life.

the Rangitikei Advocate, Thursday 8 September 1932

Depression days at Tangimoana

Unemployed single men at Makowhai Camp and its offshoot, Tangimoana afforestation camp, are making steady progress, and all seem to be quite contented with their conditions, though far different from the delights of the city, to which most were accustomed. At Makowhai there is plenty of entertainment in the way of wireless and phonographs, but the 22 young men at the Tangi encampment have not even a mouth organ to enliven their evenings. Their camp is some three or four miles off the main road to Tangimoana, and the workers' remuneration just about covers "smokes" and stamps, so the young fellows are practically isolated. They are not complaining, but any old phonograph (and some odd records) would be welcome. (PS—The Advocate's Bulls reporter would guarantee to deliver same to the camp.)

The Rangitikei Advocate, Saturday 22 October 1932

DANCE AT TANGIMOANA

To Celebrate the Turning-on of the
ELECTRIC LIGHTING
LABOUR DAY NIGHT, OCT 24
GOOD FLOOR! GOOD SUPPER!
PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 24 March 1933

Launches swept out to sea

It is reported that three launches anchored at Tangimoana were carried out to sea and lost when the flood waters in the Rangitikei reached their height, among them being one owned by Mr C. C. Price, of Bulls. A floor board from Mr Price's boat was found on the beach near Foxton, but so far no other trace

has been discovered. It is thought that the launch may have filled crossing the Rangitikei bar, and if so, may possibly wash up.

A launch belonging to Mr Needham, of Feilding, also broke away from its moorings, but fortunately was located not far down the river.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Saturday 11 November 1933, page 8
Aeroplanes — Moa footprints — Euchre — Harold Hendle — Ferry Reserve — Visitors

Tangimoana, November 11

Quite a sensation was experienced last week by the arrival of three aeroplanes from the Rongotai aerodrome, which landed in quick succession on the river beach just below the settlement. It was not long before the three machines were in active commission, and many of the residents and visitors took advantage of the opportunity of taking a fifteen minute bird's-eye view of their accustomed surroundings. The weather was perfect, and all who committed themselves to the capable and courteous pilots in charge thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A never-failing source of interest to visitors to Tangimoana is provided by the moa footprints in the blue papa clay on the river bank, a little below the residence of Mr T. Jones. Under certain weather conditions these are plainly discernible, both the larger footprints of the parent birds, and the smaller ones of the chickens, if a bird half as large again as a "bobby" calf may be so designated. All are going towards the river, and in imagination one can picture the scene — the leisurely procession of stately birds, secure in the arcana of a remote and primeval solitude, gigantically walking across the mile-wide mud flat to the river. What time? Perhaps Turi was nosing along these beaches, or maybe when Kupe roamed the restless seas. Or perhaps the wavelets in which the young birds sported wore the antipodean wash of the identical waves that unaccountably advanced to the feet of a simple Saxon King, sitting in his chair on the sand surrounded by his still more simple court. The age and period of these markings are, in fact, beyond conjecture, but all who have inspected them agree that their genuineness is incontestable. Some of the footprints, unfortunately, have been carried away by erosion, and all of them are liable, at times, to be covered with drifting or river-borne sand.

A very successful euchre party was held at the weekend in the McKelvie Hall. The entertainment was one of a series arranged by the local Surf Life Saving Club, in aid of its funds. Supper was provided by the ladies. The club is to be congratulated on the erection of two excellent bathing sheds near the beach for the use of visitors, the material being kindly supplied by Mr G. Arnott.

Mr Harold Hendle, son of Mr F. W. Hendle, was taken by the Free Ambulance, on account of a slight head injury, to a doctor at Feilding, the other day. After treatment there he was conveyed thence to the Hospital at Palmerston North.

The development operations carried out on the Ferry Reserve by Mr G. J. Arnott are an example of what can be effected by energy and enterprise. Two years ago this area was smothered with a dense forest of gorse. Today it is a series of paddocks of excellent pasture, and is carrying a herd of eighty dairy cows, producing a high yield of butterfat. Mr Arnott, who is to be congratulated on the success that has crowned a strenuous undertaking, is still engaged in cleaning up the outlying portions of the property.

Mr George Marston's farm, across the road from Mr Arnott's, is in excellent heart, and dairy operations are in full swing.

Recent visitors to the settlement include Mr and Mrs C. J. Adams, Mr and Mrs A. Rogers, and Miss Needham, of Palmerston North, Mr Robert Tanner, of Karere, and Mr A. Ransom, of Levin. Mrs F. D. Edmonds and family, of Dannevirke, are staying with Mrs A. D. Scott, and Miss West, of Rotorua, is the guest of Mrs Harold Ransom.

The demand for cottages for the summer has already set in, and judging from appearances the coming holiday season will be a record. With flower gardens in full bloom, and early garden produce well forward, the settlement just now has a most attractive appearance.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Saturday 23 December 1933, page 1

Carnival

TANGIMOANA

BOXING DAY CARNIVAL

SPORTS for adults and the children.

½ mile swimming race for gents,

½ mile swimming race for ladies.

Good trophies, Feilding and Palmerston
swimmers competing.

GRAND DANCE in the McKelvie Hall

in the evening. Bramwell's Orchestra.
Novelties. Good floor. Good supper.
Ladies 1s 6d Gents 2s 6d

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 23 May 1934, page 10

Carnarvon

From our own correspondent

...Miss Tunnicliffe, of the staff of the Clydesdale School, has been transferred to Tangimoana, where she has taken charge of the newly opened school.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Saturday 25 August 1934

Skull of a moa

What is believed to be the skull of a moa was discovered at Tangimoana on Monday by Mr C. Martin. The discovery was made on the beach about 200 yards from a creek. The skull is in good condition.

Footprints believed to have been made by moas are to be seen in Tangimoana along the river shore just past Mr Jones's residence. They are in papa which has been exposed as a result of the sand disappearing from this portion of the river flat.

Note: The moa skull eventually turned out to be the skull of a dolphin.

Feilding Star, Wednesday 6 February 1935

High School girl effects plucky rescue at Tangimoana

Tangimoana beach was the scene of a near case of drowning when a Palmerston High School girl, Dorothy Gibbs, residing in Ruahine Street, effected a plucky rescue of another High School girl Nanacy Robertson who was carried out very quickly by a surface rip. Miss Gibbs had to go well out beyond the line of breakers to aid her friend. No lifeline was available, the Surf Club reel being locked away in a dressing shed at the time.

Miss Gibbs had to fight a lone battle with the sea and a drowning girl and both were carried some distance down the beach before they came within the reach of others who had waded in as far as they could to assist.

Both girls also needed considerable attention when carried up on to the sand, but resuscitation efforts succeeded much to the relief of the horrified spectators of the incident.

At a meeting of the Manawatu Heads Centre of the Royal Life Saving Society last evening it was decided to send a letter of commendation to Miss Gibbs and also one to Miss Percy, of Feilding, who rescued a boy in difficulties at Waitarere last week.

Manawatu Daily Times, Tuesday 14 May 1935, page 2

Weather — School sports — Nature study

From our own correspondent

The rainfall for April as recorded at the school was 3.3 inches. The coming of the winter seems not to have been felt here so severely as in some other places. A few light frosts have been experienced since the lulling of the high winds which were accompanied by rough and roaring seas. The Rimutakas now look beautiful with a mantle of snow. Egmont away to the north-east seems to be rising out of the sea. From here, it looks just like a picture of Teneriffe.

The Tangimoana School combined with Clydesdale on Monday [6 May 1935] to take part in the jubilee sports at Sandon. In spite of the inclemency of the wind, the children enjoyed the fun of the outing and were very grateful to those who contributed towards their enjoyment.

The school pupils are proud of their collection of nature study specimens, the latest addition to which is a rare and beautiful butterfly. It has a wingspan of four-and-a-quarter inches and its colouring is from deep orange to light brown with black line markings. Around the edge of the wings is a border of one-fifth of an inch wide of black and white spots. The body is one-and-a-half inches long, and is black with white spots. In all, three of these butterflies have been caught, but not yet have they been identified.

Visitors here at present include Mrs Edmonds, of Dannevirke, who with her three children, is the guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs A. D. Scott. Mrs Ross and Miss Ross, of KIWITEA, are also here.

The golf links are being put to good use by parties who are lovers of the bracing sea air.

The popular speedboat, "Miss Kowhai," took her departure for the winter to the home of her owner. Very reluctantly she left the water and it took some time to get her on the trolley.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 9 October 1935, page 2

Weather — Whitebait — Boats — Visitors

From our own correspondent

After the spell of dry weather the warm rains have been very welcome. The days are quite summery, the temperatures being sometimes 60 degrees as early as seven o'clock in the morning. Gardens and pastures are looking well. The pine trees on the beach road are a picture with their beautifully tinted pollinated flowers and newly forming cones. In the open, sandy spaces numerous evening primroses are coming into bloom. Last summer the lupins died as the result of the depredations of grubs. It is noticed that these plants are coming up again quite as thickly as ever.

Whitebait have been running very slowly until the past few days when they are showing up better, and there are now prospects of a successful season for those who are busy netting them.

Boats and launches are again making their appearance resplendent in all their glory of new coats of paint. "Miss Kowhai" led the way in a new dress of green and white, and took the water like the proverbial duck.

Quite a large number of visitors are again making regular trips down here for weekends and half-holidays.

Mr and Mrs Ward, Feilding, have been staying in their beach cottage for the past few weeks. There are several others occupying their cottages also, most of them being busy doing their gardens, etc. Mr Kyle's new cottage looks very neat and cosy.

Mr W. Alsop is in Palmerston North Hospital undergoing treatment as the result of an accident while working. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 4 November 1935, page 3

Tangimoana Boating Club

At a meeting convened by Mr J. C. Johnson held in the McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana, on October 26, 1935, it was unanimously decided to form a yachting and boating club, the club to be known as the Tangimoana Boating Club. As the name indicates this covers the interests of yachting, rowing and motor boat activities.

Those elected to office were as follows:— Patron, Mr R. Tanner senior; President, Mr J. C. Johnson; Vice-Presidents, Messrs F. J. Curtis, C. V. Newton Broad, F. W. Pully, R. Tanner junior; committee, Messrs R. H. Harris, J. V. Kyle, D. Lundy, C. Martin, J. R. Mochan, J. H. Penney, N. Penney, J. Pitman, J. Warner, A. Webby, R. W. H. Wood; Secretary, G. B. Pitman.

A number of letters were received from those who could not attend the meeting, all expressing their enthusiasm for the formation of the club and for the general improvement of Tangimoana.

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 16 December 1935, page 2

Tangimoana news

From our own correspondent

The weather at present is ideal and the holiday season is already making itself felt here. Nearly all the cottages are let.

In anticipation of the rush to the sea, the Manawatu County Council is reconditioning the road from the township to the beach. This should be welcome news to motorists and bathers. For those who prefer the fresh water to bathe, the river is now beautifully warm and clear.

Speedboats are now practising for the Boxing Day and New Year regattas. Among those in evidence are "Miss Manawa," "Miss Manawatu," "It's-It," "Mae West," and "Holm Bru."

The running and cycling tracks on the domain are now in good order.

Among early arrivals for the holidays are Mrs C. Leicester and her two children, Waituna West; Mrs J. Leicester, Raurimu; Mrs B. Ross, Rongotea; and Mr and Mrs Round, Hastings. Mrs P. Lofts is spending a week with her sister in Palmerston North.

[Here is an example of correspondent Dorothy Carkeek's sense of humour — Holm Bru was a dinghy owned by Ted Spry.]

Manawatu Daily Times, Friday 20 December 1935, page 10

Tangimoana prize-giving

Wednesday evening [18 December 1935] was the occasion of great rejoicing among the school children, the event being their annual prize-giving. There was a large attendance of grown-ups who thoroughly enjoyed a programme rendered by the pupils of the school. The following were the items:—

Recitations: "Stop!" Charlie Alsop; "A Blustery Day," George Alsop; "The Boy Who Knew Too Much," Irene Alsop; "Session Day," Ruby Alsop; "The Choice," Stanley Alsop; "Truants," Edna Anderson; "Stockings," Murray Carkeek; "Jack and Jill," Daisy Fitzgerald; "The Mountain and the Squirrel," Walter Fitzgerald; "Little White Road," George Schulz; "The Pony," Kelvin Schulz; "Brown Purse," Lou Schulz; "The Baby's Stocking," Margaret Schulz; "Uncle John's Pig," Frank Spry; "A Thought," Irene Spry; "Lugs," Tom Spry.

Then followed a vocal item by a choir consisting of Irene Alsop, Ruby Alsop, Stanley Alsop, Edna Anderson, George Schulz, and Irene Spry, who sang "Wander Song," accompanied by Mrs M. Stuart at the piano.

At this juncture little Valma Carkeek presented Mrs Stuart with a beautiful bouquet from the children in appreciation of the practical interest she had taken in them during the year. Then followed the playettes: "Taking a Bus to the Zoo" and "The Mad Tea Party," both of which were cleverly acted and thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

Mr Spry, chairman of the School Committee, presented the prizes. Each pupil attending the school received a book, in addition to which the following special prizes were given:—

Attendance, Charlie Alsop, Ruby Alsop, Daisy Fitzgerald, Walter Fitzgerald, and Frank Spry.

Mr Caughley's special for industry was won by Alfred Lyon.

Mrs Stuart's special for raffia work went to Ruby Alsop, Standard 1, and Irene Alsop, Standard 3.

Alfred Lyon, the one pupil presented for proficiency, gained his certificate.

Mr T. Jones donated an iced Christmas cake which was cut up and handed round, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks.

Towards the conclusion of the evening the children presented their well-loved teacher, Mr Caughley, with a book as a token of their esteem. A very pleasant function was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 20 December 1935

Trawling off the coast

A Tangimoana correspondent reports that an Australian trawler has been seen within three miles of the Rangitikei coast plying its trade. It is thought this may make a serious difference to the catches of the local fishermen.

Manawatu Daily Times, Saturday 28 December 1935, page 12

Two aeroplanes run passenger flights

From our own correspondent

On Christmas Day and Boxing Day seemingly all roads led to Tangimoana. Both the river and the beach were crowded with bathers old and young, big and little, and a holiday spirit seemed to pervade the atmosphere. Pleasure boats of every description went plying up and down the river, adding to the carnival spirit.

On Boxing Day the crowd must have numbered well over 2000. The two aeroplanes which arrived during the morning ran passenger flights for the rest of the day, their landing place being the sandy flat near the river mouth. An exhibition of parachute jumping caused great excitement.

The day wound up with a dance in the hall, the music being supplied by a full orchestra. During the evening several competitions were held. A prize of a £1 note was won by Mr H. Hendle, the adjudicator on this occasion being Master K. Wagstaff. A pram and a doll were won by Mrs C. Meads, a box of cigarettes by Mr E. J. Haybittle, while yet another trophy went to Mr J. Shailer. A lucky spot waltz was won by Mrs Sanson and Mr A. Webby. The Monte Carlo was won by Mrs M. Taylor and Mr R. Florence. After supper a tap dance was cleverly performed by Mr J. Rawhiti, accompanied on the piano by his brother. Extras during supper were played by Mr H. Rawhiti and Mr C. Meads.

Boats are still keeping in practice for the regatta on New Year's Day, when a large crowd is again expected.

Manawatu Daily Times, Saturday 4 January 1936, page 3

New Year's Eve — New Year's Day Regatta — Motor Mishap

From our own correspondent

New Years Eve

A social party with progressive euchre and a dance was held in the hall on the last evening of the old year, and a very happy time was spent by old and young. A special prize donated by Mrs Webby for the winner of the ladies' competition was presented to Mrs Gibbon. The winner of the first prize for men was

Mr Johnson and second was Mr T. Hayes. Hostesses in charge of the supper arrangements were Mrs A. W. Scott, Mrs G. Alsop, Mrs J. Johnson, and Mrs V. Martin.

Various guests of the evening supplied the music for dancing and the thanks of the community are due to Mrs A. Quinlan, Mr J. Dawson and Miss Eggleton for their help in this respect.

As midnight approached Mr J. L. Stuart tuned up his bagpipes, entered the hall, and led the assembled merry-makers in a procession around the room to the stirring strains of "Highland Laddie" and "Glen Darruel Highlanders." Thus was 1936 ushered in in good old Scottish style. The bagpipes were then handed to Piper N. Walker, of Feilding, who, starting with "Bonnie Dundee," played many other gay tunes, while the encircled crowd broke into the jolly Gay Gordons. It was marvellous to see the increase in the numbers in the hall after the thrilling notes of the pipes were wafted over the township.

New Year's Day

The chief attraction was the regatta which attracted a crowd of nearly 3,000. The following is a list of the winners of the various events, all receiving trophies:—

Outboard motor race: Mr Pully's Miss Manawatu 1, J. Penney's Its-It 2, Mr K. McEwan's Miss Joan 3. During the race a good deal of excitement was caused when The Skippy swamped on a turn and sank.

Speed race: Mr L. Dryden's Miss Manawa 1, Mr Pully's Miss Manawatu 2. The Skippy was this time unfortunate in unshipping her engine.

Relay race: Mr L. Dryden's Miss Manawa 1.

Half-mile swim: Miss Lampard 1, Mr Stevenson 2.

Boys' flattie race: Warner and Mochan junior's Ideal 1.

Launch race: Mr J. Curtis' Miss Kowhai 1, Mr Kyle's Zolax 2, Mr Mann's Kotuku 3.

Open flattie race: Holm Bru, rowed by Mr E. Spry 1.

An exhibition of aquaplaning was given by Messrs Curtis and Lewis.

Special credit is due to Mr P. P. Stevens whose organisation of these sports contributed so much to the success of the day.

Following the presentation of the trophies, Mr J. C. Johnson, the president, congratulated the winners on their fine performances and the thrills they had given the crowd, and, thanking the other competitors, added that he trusted they would be more successful at future regattas.

The day wound up with a well-attended dance in the hall, the music being supplied by a full town orchestra.

Motor mishap

What might have been an accident with more serious consequences occurred at the corner of Beach Road and Ripa Street in the forenoon when a large sedan car, driven by Mr Harris of Mangaweka, collided with a motor van driven by Mr Mills, of Feilding. The children riding in the van suffered chiefly from shock, one only receiving slight facial injuries. Both vehicles were rather severely damaged and were removed later in the day by breakdown lorries.

Manawatu Daily Times, Tuesday 14 January 1936, page 6

Narrow escape from drowning — Treacherous waters of the Rangitikei River

Two young girls about 15 had a narrow escape from drowning when bathing in the Rangitikei River at Tangimoana yesterday morning. The girls, it appears, were not very efficient swimmers, and apparently went out beyond their depth. Their plight was noticed by a small child on the beach who immediately attracted the attention of Constable Gillard, of Feilding, who is at present holidaying at the beach.

Constable Gillard entered the water fully clothed and with the assistance of Mr Bell, of Ongarue, succeeded in extricating the girls from the water.

The Rangitikei River is known to be dangerous for swimming, especially near the mouth, and swimmers should be extremely careful when bathing at this point.

[Note: Constable B. Gillard was honoured for his courage in rescuing Misses Joyce Jessop and Dorothy Claasen from drowning at Tangimoana Beach. See story in *The Rangitikei Advocate* of 15 September 1936.]

Manawatu Daily Times, Friday 24 January 1936, page 2

Flood — Euchre — Visitors

From our own correspondent

As a result of the recent rains the river has been very flooded and some tremendous logs and trees have been brought down, adding to the beach wood supply.

On Wednesday last [15 January 1936] a euchre and dance party was held and a jolly time was spent in the hall. Music was supplied by Mr Roger (piano) and Mr Gillard (accordion). The proceeds are to aid the funds of the Labour Party.

At the euchre competition on Saturday evening [18 January 1936] the ladies' prize was won by Mrs Sinclair, with Miss Mochan second, Mr Dixon winning the first and Mr Spry the second men's prizes. Messrs Roger and Gillard again obliged by playing the music for the dance.

Among new arrivals at the beach are: Mrs Anderson and family (Bunnythorpe), Mr and Mrs Kilsby, Mr and Mrs Whittaker and family (Palmerston North), Mrs J. Brock, Mrs Amer, Raymond Amer (Feilding), Mrs O. Revington-Jones, Miss Bett Revington-Jones and Brian Revington-Jones (Kopane). Kevin and Paddy Balmer, of Pohangina, are staying with Mr and Mrs J. Stuart.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Wednesday 29 January 1936

Down river in "flattie" — Mangaonoho to Tangimoana

A party of three, Messrs J. and L. Rowe, of Mangaonoho and H. Buchanan, of Palmerston North, made a trip in a flat-bottomed boat made by Mr W. Rowe, from Mangaonoho [between Hunterville and Ohingaiti] to Tangimoana recently, leaving Chisholm's pool at Mangaonoho at 5:20am [on Friday 24 January 1936] and arriving at their destination at 6:45pm, thus making the trip of 86 miles in 13 hours, actual rowing times being ten hours.

The trip was an interesting one and not entirely without excitement as the rapids to be traversed were very dangerous, particularly between Mangaonoho and Onepuhi. On several occasions the crew were drenched with water and had to bale hard to keep the boat afloat. On account of the river running high the time was a record.

The hospitality of various people met en route and the great reception on arrival was much appreciated by the navigators who thoroughly enjoyed their voyage.

A similar trip was made seven years ago by Messrs J. Rowe and P. and L. Dalziell.

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 3 February 1936, page 7

Devastating gale strikes Manawatu

[Paraphrase] Yesterday a devastating gale, estimated at 100 miles per hour, struck the Manawatu. Thousands of trees were uprooted or snapped off. Hundreds of houses were unroofed and scores of windows smashed. Two aeroplanes were wrecked at Feilding, and part of an excursion train was blown off the line at Makerua, near Shannon.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 5 February 1936, page 2

Weekend storm — Rivers in spate

Stock losses are stated to be very severe all along the valleys of the Wangaehu and Rangitikei Rivers, because of the almost unprecedented rise in the water. Warning of the rapid rise in the Rangitikei River was sent from up-country in time for settlers in the low-lying Parewanui area to move most of their sheep and cattle, but Mr W. Hart lost 24 pigs. Many carcasses were being carried down the river which was receding yesterday.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 27 February 1936, page 2

Thunderstorm — Picnics — Euchre and dance

From our own correspondent

There was a thunderstorm on Friday afternoon [21 February 1936] accompanied by heavy rain. Torrential showers fell again at night. The temperature has been as high as 82 degrees in the shade.

The weather was fine on Saturday [22 February 1936] when the beach was lively with picnic parties. The Plymouth Brethren of Carnarvon, Ohakea and Tangimoana combined to hold their Sunday school picnic. Messrs E. and H. Rowe acted as supervisors for the visiting parties while Messrs Houghton and Mudford were the welcoming hosts at Tangimoana. On their arrival the children were taken out on little excursions by launch up the river. After lunching at the hall they all proceeded to the ocean beach where they held sports, running, high jumping, long jumping and swimming taking up the afternoon. On returning to the hall the Carnarvon and Ohakea children received their annual prizes which were presented by Mr N. Rowe, who briefly addressed the gathering. Afternoon tea brought to a close a very enjoyable day.

The Dunolly primary school pupils also held their annual picnic here on the same day.

The euchre party and dance in aid of the school committee's funds was well attended on Saturday evening [22 February 1936]. The winners of prizes for ladies were Mrs Carkeek 1 with Miss N. Old 2; men, Mr A. D. Scott 1, Mr D. Clare 2. After supper a dance was held, the music being supplied by Messrs Alsop and McDonald.

Mr Merrington, of the Wanganui Education Board, inspected the school on Monday [24 February 1936].

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 2 March 1936, page 6

Missing Tangimoana launch — Recovered off Manawatu Heads

The Alma G, a large launch owned by Mr Arthur Anderson, of Kawa Kawa Road, Feilding, which was missing from the Rangitikei River at Tangimoana on Wednesday last [26 February 1936] was recovered off the Manawatu Heads on Saturday afternoon [29 February 1936].

It appears that the launch was moored along with other craft in the Rangitikei River off the riverside settlement of Tangimoana, but was apparently not sufficiently secure against the record flood which swept down the river on Wednesday last. The swollen mud-coloured waters carrying debris of every description with them down to the sea, gathered up this large launch and carried it out over the bar into Cook Strait. The vessel was posted missing and her owner, Mr Anderson, feared the worst since it was known tides and currents were likely to take the helpless craft anywhere and the chances of her recovery were considered somewhat remote. However, an improvement in the weather conditions enabled a search to be instituted, while settlers along the coastline, as well as shipping, were advised on the launch being adrift somewhere in the strait. Success did not come to the searchers until Saturday, when Mr Gilbert Anderson, brother of the owner, when out in another launch, discovered the Alma G drifting leisurely some three miles off the Manawatu Heads. The vessel was at once boarded and found intact with no evidence of having suffered from the storm which had cut her adrift and placed her at the mercy of the elements. She was taken in tow and brought over the bar and into the Rangitikei River to be more securely moored at Tangimoana.

Sergeant Angland, of the Feilding police, was advised last evening of the recovery of the launch and took steps to notify the authorities in Wellington.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 16 April 1936, page 3

Fishing — Personal — TIBS AGM

From our own correspondent

Fishing

The weather for the holidays was ideal and the sea calm. Fishermen had a harvest of schnapper, barracoota and gurnet, most of which were disposed of to customers at the riverbank. Quite a number of young sharks were brought in with the catches, to be used, doubtlessly, as fertiliser for gardens.

Personal

There was a crowd of visitors every day, besides those who occupied beach cottages. Among the latter were Mr and Mrs Allen, Mr and Mrs W. Alsop, Miss C. Andrews, Mr W. Andrews, Mr and Mrs S. Coleman, Mr J. Edwards, Mr and Mrs Fergusson, Mr and Mrs B. Gray, Mr and Mrs Hayward and family, Mrs Little, Mr and Mrs Oakley, Mr and Mrs P. Stevens, Mr and Mrs Thomas, Mr and Mrs True (Feilding), Mr and Mrs C. H. Meads and family (Kiwitea), Mr and Mrs Crabbe, Mr and Mrs Gould, Mr and Mrs Gracie and family, Mr and Mrs Hunter and family, Mr and Mrs Mogridge and family (Marton), Mr and Mrs C. Adams, Mrs Bartlett, Mr, Mrs and Miss Fawcett, Mr and Mrs Goodwin, Mr and Mrs L. Hogg and family, Mr and Mrs Kingsbeer, Mr and Mrs V. Kyle and family, Mr and Mrs Mochan and family, Mrs Nicoll, Mr and Mrs J. Warner and family, Mr and Mrs O. Whittaker (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs C. Hole, Mr and Mrs A. Quinlan (Rewa), with many others.

Mr V. Kyle has removed his cottage from the proximity of the river to a safe section.

Improvement and Beautifying Society

The annual meeting of the above society was held on Saturday afternoon [11 April 1936], there being only a fair attendance. Mr J. C. Johnson (president), in his annual report, stated that through lack of funds last year, very few projects had been proceeded with. In this regard, however, the prospects of the current year were much brighter, and the society had in view a comprehensive scheme of work. Special thanks were due to Mrs G. Alsop in presenting trophies for competition, and to other ladies who so willingly helped with the conduct of the euchre parties to raise funds, with the result that there was now the substantial credit account at the bank that the balance sheet showed.

Officers appointed were:— Mr J. C. Johnson, president; Mr J. L. Stuart, vice-president; Mr A. D. Webby, secretary; Mr V. A. Martin, treasurer; with an executive committee comprising Messrs G. Alsop, E. Clare, J. Edwards, P. Lofts, E. Lyon, and A. D. Scott.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 15 September 1936
Gallantry rewarded — Feilding constable to get certificate

Christchurch, Monday

Special mention of an attempted rescue from drowning at Long Point, Otago, by Charles Connell, who lost his life in the attempt, was made at a meeting today of the court of directors of the Royal Humane Society. The chairman, Canon W. S. Bean, said the society regarded Connell's as a very gallant effort. The award made was an in memoriam certificate and silver medal. Other awards were:—

Certificates—Derek Thorburn, rescue at Waitotara; Constable Benson Gillard, rescue at Tangimoana; George Dunn, rescue at Gisborne...

While bathing in the Rangitikei River at Tangimoana last summer, two Rongotea girls got out of their depth. Constable Gillard, who was holiday-making there at the same time, noticed their struggles and dived in to their assistance. He was successful in bringing both to the bank where other assistance was forthcoming.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 2 October 1936, page 8
Mrs Lyon's retirement — Improvements — School building

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, October 2

A complete surprise was sprung on the storekeeper and postmistress, Mrs S. Lyon, on Wednesday evening last [30 September 1936]. The ladies of the town foregathered at the store just before closing time to express to Mrs Lyon their grateful thanks to her for the many considerations extended to the residents, particularly in connection with the telephone service.

Mrs A. D. Scott voiced the debt of gratitude all the residents owed to Mrs Lyon, particularly in her willingness to make available the telephone in cases of urgent calls for medical advice and assistance in sickness, and asked her to accept a small gift from the womenfolk as a small tangible tribute on the eve of her relinquishing her local business connection. She wished Mrs Lyon a long and happy future in her private life at the beach. The present was a solid silver basin.

Mrs Lyon, who was taken by surprise, thanked the ladies and assured them the present would be very highly prized and would have a prominent place in her beach cottage.

The whitebait season is now well advanced and some very satisfactory results are reported from the many fishers of New Zealand's dainty dish, and from now on to the end of the season the river will present a hive of industry.

The Improvement and Beautifying Society have been very active of late and the new shelter pavilion, with dressing sheds attached, is a great improvement. It will be very much appreciated by visitors during the summer months. The motor camp has been levelled and fireplaces built, which will greatly add to the comfort of many motor campers who visit this desirable beach during the season. The society has been very energetic in putting in order a nine-hole golf course and is now busily engaged in forming a very live golf club.

The new school is nearing completion and will be a welcome addition to the many activities of Tangimoana. The playground is in fairly good order, and it has been suggested that the enterprising School Committee might allow a few of the emergency workers to assist in the improvements to the grounds. Already numerous shelter trees have been planted and are doing well.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Tuesday 13 October 1936, page 2

T. E. Devine — Gardens — Frank Parnell

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, October 12

Mr T. E. Devine is now firmly established in the store which he has lately acquired from Mrs S. Lyon, and from now on he will be kept busy, as visitors, notwithstanding the recent boisterous weather, have been very numerous. No doubt the chase after the nimble whitebait just for the moment is the principal attraction, and the hope eternal that the elements will soon be more congenial to this class of sport is in the minds of visitors and residents.

Tangimoana is attracting, and will continue to attract, many weekend visitors and those in pursuit of a restful seaside resort, and it is noticeable that many of those who wish to live in retirement are permanently making their homes in Tangimoana. One sees gardens everywhere established. There is no doubt that the land in the township is very rich and lends itself to this fine recreation.

Mr Frank Parnell, of Feilding, and formerly farming at Waituna, has purchased the property known as "Skylark Cottage" [33 Kuku Street], formerly owned by Mr Mayo, of Palmerston North. Mr Parnell is immediately enlarging the dwelling. He has already been busy on the land and the setting out of a fine garden.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 23 October 1936, page 11
School building — Petition — Octogenarian whitebaiter

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, October 22

A special meeting of the School Committee was held on Sunday night [19 October 1936] to consider the arrangements in connection with the official opening of the new school, which will be held shortly. A tentative date was agreed upon, and the secretary was asked to invite the officials of the Wanganui Education Board and also the Member of Parliament (Mr C. L. Hunter) to the function. Arrangements were made to procure materials for subdividing the grounds, and for the purchase of furniture. It was decided that the school close on November 6 on account of the Manawatu Show.

A petition is going the rounds at Tangimoana, and being frequently signed, asking that the whitebait season be extended from November 15, which is the due date of closing the season, to December 15. The reason for this request is the lateness of the season, attributed to the exceptionally boisterous weather in the early part of the season.

The exceptional experience has been reported recently of a certain amount of mischief having been done in this hitherto very quiet township. This mischief is confined to a window smashing, and it is to be hoped that we have heard the last of this sort of vandalism, or the culprits will have to answer to the constable who controls the peace of the town.

A unenviable experience was the lot, yesterday [Wednesday 21 October 1936], of one of our residents. Our veteran whitebait fisherman (over 80 years, by the way) left in the early morning for the heads in a "flattie." He anchored the boat and became so engrossed in the season, attributed to the exceptional fishing, that he left unnoticed the fact that the receding tide had left his boat high and dry, and he was unable to get it into the water when the time for returning arrived. Nothing daunted, he prepared himself to wait until the next tide, which was due about midnight, but the ever-watchful friends on shore saw his predicament and effected his rescue about 7:30pm. He was thankful, but not a bit disturbed by his experience.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 25 November 1936, page 13
Captain George Braddell — Forestry work

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, November 24

An interesting chat with Captain Braddell, who is in charge of the Tangimoana forestry work, and a casual inspection of the operations, was the good fortune of the "Standard's" correspondent today.

There are approximately 600 [800?] acres of trees, mostly consisting of *pinus radiata*. The planting commenced in 1921 and was completed in 1929. The trees show remarkable growth, considering that they are planted, in most cases, in very sandy country. To give an idea of the rapid growth, some of the trees are 50 feet tall and measure 15 inches in diameter. There was a considerably larger area set apart for planting purposes in this block, but a large portion of it was found to be unsuitable for tree planting on account of it being low-lying and too wet.

Captain Braddell and his capable staff are now engaged in thinning out trees, and trimming the branches off others to a height of about 14 feet. One very satisfactory feature is the cleanliness of the trees, there being no sign whatever of disease in the whole area. The very important work of ploughing fire-breaks and other work having for its object the minimising of possible fires during the hot weather is being done.

Captain Braddell is caused a lot of trouble by picnickers entering some parts of the bush and lighting fires. This, of course, is strictly forbidden and every care is taken to prevent this thoughtless practice.

Considering the exposed position of the land, the earlier growth of the trees getting the full force of the westerly winds the whole must be considered very satisfactory.

The rainfall of Tangimoana is considered very small. Captain Braddell supplies the following authentic figures, which are most interesting: 1930, 22.86 inches; 1931, 34.63 inches; 1932, 28.18 inches; 1933, 32.78 inches; 1934, 33.27 inches; 1935, 40.89 inches, 1936 (ten months), 33.53 inches.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 16 December 1936, page 3
Seventeen launches at Tangimoana

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, December 14

The summer weather has attracted a large number of visitors to the waterfront of both river and open sea at Tangimoana during the last few days, and the river presents a bright and busy scene with rowing boats, outboard motor boats, and motor launches. There are at present no fewer than 17 very fine launches at the beach just now.

The Tangimoana Improvement and Beautifying Society met on Saturday night to make their final arrangements for the Christmas season, and there should be fun for all. Arrangements have been made for children's sports and, for the adults, dancing and card parties.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 23 December 1936, page 6

Mr Johnson's cottage burnt down

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, December 21

On Saturday afternoon a small unoccupied cottage, the property of Mr W. E. Johnson, of Feilding, was destroyed by fire. It appears that Mr J. Cox, of Palmerston North, was clearing up his section preparatory to building and was burning a small amount of rubbish when a sudden wind sprang up and a spark landed on the very dry growth in Mr Johnson's section and, fanned by the high wind, the flames quickly spread to the cottage. The outbreak might easily have been more serious but for the number of willing helpers who arrived with all descriptions of fire fighting appliances and prevented the fire doing any further damage. It is understood Mr Johnson's house was insured.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Tuesday 29 December 1936, page 4

Dance — Visitors — Speeding

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, December 26

Tangimoana has certainly attracted its full quota of "seasiders" during the Christmas holidays. On Boxing Day the children's sports was abandoned as the committee considered that bringing the children together would be unwise and their health would be better safeguarded by allowing them to scatter for their fun. The prizes which were intended for competition will be distributed on New Year's Day.

The usual Boxing Night dance was a big success and the McKelvie Hall was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the assembly. The spot waltz was won by Mr P. O'Regan and Miss Green, both of Kairanga; the ladies' lucky Gay Gordons by Mrs Hendle and partner, and for men by Mr A. D. Webby and partner.

The following are some who are in temporary residence at Tangimoana: — Mr and Miss G. Adams (Sanson), Mr A. Allen and family, Mr H. Allen, Mr and Mrs C. Alsop (Stratford), Mr and Mrs Bould and family (Feilding), Mr and Mrs C. Clark (Buenos Aires), Mr and Mrs A. Clarke (Kairanga), Miss E. Cleaver (Wellington), Mr J. O. Connell (Palmerston North), Mr J. T. Couper, Mr and Mrs B. Diamond and family, Mrs H. Dixon and family (Palmerston North), Miss P. Fawcett, Miss A. Gardner (Palmerston North), Mr G. L. Gordon, Mr Gorrie, Mrs Alan Gorrie, Mr and Mrs Gracie, Miss V. Gracie, Mr Brian Gracie (Marton), Miss J. Hancox (Palmerston North), Mr R. Hardie, Mr and Mrs R. Harford (Feilding), Misses Mary and Ruth and Hooker (Auckland), Mr L. Humphrey, Messrs E. and L. Jones (Marton), Miss D. Kingsbeer (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs R. Laird (Marton), Mr R. Legge, Mr A. Lyon (Palmerston North), Mr Ken McEwen, Mr W. J. McKinnon (Dannevirke), Mrs T. S. Manson and family, Mr J. Mellor, Mr and Mrs Mogridge, Miss R. Mogridge, Mr and Mrs G. Moore and family (Feilding), Mr Eric J. Murtagh (New Plymouth), Miss P. O'Neill (Palmerston North), Mr M. C. Pearce, Mr N. F. Pearce, Miss M. Pickard, Miss B. Poole (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs P. Stevens, Mr and Mrs Mack Stewart (Feilding), Mr J. Watts (Feilding), Mr and Mrs Weastell (Bunnythorpe), Mr and Mrs Lloyd Williams and family (Marton), Messrs T. and W. Young.

There were two bad cases of speeding in Tangimoana on Sunday, both cars travelling on a ten-foot metal road at least seventy miles an hour.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 31 December 1936, page 1

Dance

McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana

January 1st, 8pm

Inkpen's Red Dandies

Admission: Gents 2s, Ladies 1s 6d

Good Floor, Good Supper

A. D. Webby

Secretary

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 4 February 1937, page 16

Boating accident — General news

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, February 3

What might easily have been a very serious boating accident happened yesterday on the Tangimoana bar. Two fishing launches were returning to the township when, right on the bar, the first boat shipped a big wave which nearly washed everyone overboard. The next worse thing happened — the water got into the engine with the result that it refused to function. Towing operations were tried, but failed, and the only thing left was to drag the launch out to sea and anchor. This was successfully done and the engine got into action again. Level heads and courage prevented a disaster.

At the social on Saturday evening the euchre prizes were won by Messrs C. Werry and J. Bain, and Mrs Whittaker and Miss Lourie. The dance music was supplied by Messrs Coundon, Hawlett, Lofts and Young. The supper was in the able hands of Mrs Martin, Miss Thompson and Mrs Whittaker.

Mr T. Morpeth, a former resident of Tangimoana and now of New Plymouth, is a visitor to Tangimoana and is staying with Mrs Houghton. Mrs Fraser and Mrs Amey, of Rongotea, are enjoying a visit to Tangimoana as are Mr and Mrs Funnell, of Feilding.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 15 February 1937, page 4

The rush bank — General news

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, February 12

One of the oldest landmarks, situated on the south side of the Rangitikei River immediately facing the entrance to the river from the sea, and for many years known as the rush bank, has suffered the depredations of river erosion and has disappeared. This point had been used by fishermen making the entrance. Mr A. J. Gould has had erected on the sandhill in line with what was the rush bank a signpost with the words "Needham's Point" painted thereon. This should be appreciated by all those entering the river from the sea.

Mr and Mrs Devine have staying with them Mrs Gormly, of Waipukurau. Mrs Mathias and Miss Mathias, of Palmerston North, are visiting Tangimoana. The friends of Mrs H. J. Kirkham will regret to learn of her sudden illness. She was conveyed yesterday to a private hospital, and today her condition is reported as having slightly improved.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 17 February 1937, page 5

Three men lost — General news

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, February 15

Some alarm was felt in the township last evening. Three young men, all from Feilding, went out rabbit shooting. They travelled a good distance into the forestry reserve and at nightfall commenced their return to the township. By some unfortunate circumstances Mr Lloyd Ewen, of Feilding, became separated from his companions, Messrs T. Silcock and C. Robson, and on making their exit from the bush they were alarmed at the non-appearance of Mr Ewen. Re-entering the bush, they could find nothing of their companion, and reported the matter to the townfolk. It was then dark and raining. Mr A. S. Carkeek and T. E. Devine returned with the young men to the locality, where the men separated, but could find no trace of Ewen. This morning search parties were arranged, and thanks are due to Messrs A. S. Carkeek, T. E. Devine, A. D. Scott, E. Spry, Constable Kennedy of Rongotea, and Mr R. McKelvie and Captain Braddell, who lent horses for the use of the search parties. The country was very thoroughly combed and eventually the missing one was found making his way to the township along the beach by Mr Spry, having walked nearly all night.

The weekly social dance and euchre party was again a very happy affair. The music was augmented by the amplifier kindly lent and operated by Mr J. V. Kyle, with Messrs Conder and Hallett, of Marton, at the piano. The euchre prize winners were Mr P. Lofts and Mr H. Lane, Mrs J. Mochan, Mrs Crocker and Miss Erskine.

Mrs Nant, of Palmerston North, is in residence at Tangimoana, as also is Mr L. A. Needham of Taihape, Mr and Mrs Shaw, of Mangaweka, and Mrs Dryden, of Palmerston North.

[This Mrs Dryden may have been the mother of Gordon Dryden of Radio Pacific fame. I vaguely recall playing with a boy called Gordon Dryden at Tangi for a while. Also, the Hallett above, since he came from Marton, may be Howlett. — Don Scott.]

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 24 March 1937, page 14

Fire in forestry

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, March 20

What might have been a most serious fire broke out this afternoon when a portion of the forestry reserve was discovered to be ablaze. Fortunately Mr Duncan Fraser was passing when the outbreak was in its incipient stage and hurriedly summoned Mr A. Carkeek of the forestry staff, who started to fight the outbreak lone-handed and managed to more or less hold it in check until Mr Fraser could motor into

the township for assistance. This was readily procured and the work of the beaters on the undergrowth had the effect of conquering the flames. Had it not been for the prompt action of Mr Fraser and Mr Carkeek a very different tale would have had to be chronicled.

There was a large crowd of residents of Carnarvon at Tangimoana yesterday for the annual school picnic and the distribution of the prizes.

[Large list of Carnarvon names follows — not copied.]

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 2 June 1937, page 6

Car accident

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, May 31

What might have been a very serious accident happened yesterday afternoon, when a party of four driving a sedan car were returning to Palmerston North from Tangimoana. When about two miles from the Tangimoana township the car collided with a telegraph pole and was severely damaged. The occupants were more or less cut by broken glass and suffered from shock. One of the young ladies was cut about the head and after receiving first aid from Mrs T. E. Devine was conveyed by the Free Ambulance to the Palmerston North Hospital.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Friday 25 June 1937

New tennis courts — Ground to be named after late Mr J. McKelvie

Palmerston North, Friday

The Tangimoana Ladies' Progressive Club is launching a campaign to raise funds for the laying down of tennis courts at the seaside resort. In recognition of the assistance given to sports activities in that area by the late Mr James McKelvie, it has been decided to name the playing ground "The McKelvie Memorial Tennis Courts."

During his lifetime Mr McKelvie, who was a run-holder at Carnarvon, took an active part in sporting organisations. His colours were successfully carried on the racecourse for a long period of years. With the formation of the seaside resort of Tangimoana, Mr McKelvie interested himself in its development and it was largely through his generosity that a hall was erected in the settlement for the holding of concerts, dances and meetings.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 21 October 1937, page 14

Visitors — Attack by cow — River Queen function

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, October 18

The beautiful summer weather was taken advantage of yesterday by more than 200 visitors to Tangimoana and several indulged in an invigorating dip in the sea. Some quite fair catches of whitebait were recorded.

At the school committee euchre party on Saturday night the prizes went to Mrs Carkeek and Mr Nicol; Mr Whiteman annexed the consolation prize.

An unusual experience befell Mr W. E. Bennett when cycling to work from his home quite close to the Tangimoana township. A cow jumped from behind a bush and attacked his bicycle, Mr Bennett receiving the full force of the charge. He was much shaken and is suffering from an injury to his back.

Captain Braddell, the officer in charge of the Tangimoana forestry work, is returning to duty today after his serious illness and his many friends will trust that his recovery will be permanent.

As another big effort in the interest of the River Queen candidate, the energetic committee held on Saturday afternoon a monster children's party and sale of work. The committee is indebted to Mr H. J. Kirkham for running a free bus from Rongotea and gathering the children en route, the ladies thank all who donated material for the stalls, also sweets, etc.

The stall-holders were: Fancy stall, Miss Gould; ice cream, Mrs Devine; fish pond, Mrs Scott and Mrs Kirkham. Those in charge of the afternoon tea were Mesdames Birkinshaw, Boness, Kirkham, Martin, and Spry. The children's sports were in the capable charge of Messrs Gormly, Kirkham, and Spry. The winners of the events were: Boys, Stan Armitage, Cliff Fieldhouse, Algar Schriber, Bert Tew; girls, Phylis Clarisen, Irene Spry, Dawn Tomlinson; ladies' race, Mesdames Birkinshaw and Saron.

The Improvement Society is busy making arrangements for the entertainment of visitors at the holiday weekend.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 18 November 1937, page 17

Queen Carnival dance

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, November 15

A dance was held in the McKelvie Hall on Saturday night, the occasion being the last effort to raise money on behalf of the queen candidates in the carnival which has been most successfully carried out by the Ladies' Progressive Club and at 10 o'clock the results were announced. The Farmers' Queen won with the total of 17,278 votes, and the River Queen scored 12,987 votes, the money value being £71 and £54, respectively. The ladies deserve the highest praise for raising £125 in the short period of six weeks and with the amount in hand the club can see their objective in sight of laying down tennis courts. Mr Sinclair, of Bunnythorpe, acted as M.C.

[List of women's dresses follows — not copied.]

Manawatu Evening Standard, Tuesday 23 November 1937, page 10

School committee — Alsop child swallows coin

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, November 19

The monthly meeting of the Tangimoana School Committee was held last night. Those present were Messrs E. Spry (chairman), T. E. Devine, P. Keat, and A. Carkeek (secretary). Miss M. W. Quirke (head teacher) was also present. In reply to the request for assistance to continue the concreting around the school building, the board offered to supply the cement. The correspondence referred also to the option, if desired, to close the school on Monday to allow the children to attend the jubilee function at Palmerston North. The inspector's report, and the agricultural instructor's report, were before the committee, who considered them very satisfactory. Final arrangements were made for the school concert and prize-giving in mid-December. It was decided to obtain a first-aid outfit.

A very painful incident happened to the young son of Mr W. Alsop, when he swallowed a coin. The child was hurried to the hospital at Palmerston North and the coin was skilfully removed.

The friends of Mrs R. Webby, who is an inmate of the Palmerston North Hospital, will be pleased to learn that the latest report on her progress is quite satisfactory.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 25 November 1937, page 14

Card party — Car stuck on beach

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, November 23

At the weekly card party conducted by the School Committee the ladies' prize was won by Miss A. Smith and the men's by Mr T. H. Jones.

An unenviable experience befell Mr Neilson, of Palmerston North, on Sunday whilst he was driving his car along the beach from Tangimoana intending to go to Foxton. When about three miles from Tangimoana he struck a soft patch of sand and the car became completely bogged. The incoming tide soon enveloped the vehicle, and not until Monday afternoon could it be shifted.

The older pupils of the school were given the opportunity of visiting Palmerston North on Monday for the Jubilee festivities.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Monday 29 November 1937

Popular seaside resort

That Tangimoana is becoming a popular seaside resort for Martonians was fully demonstrated during the weekend, when many local people were noticed at this locality. It was estimated that over 120 cars were parked out at the sea, while a similar number were on the river flat. The calm surf enticed many launch-owners to put to sea, primarily for fishing purposes. The glorious weather prevailing saw many people bathing both at the sea and in the river, the water being delightful. Sunbathing too was much indulged in, but towards evening exposed parts of the body were beginning to become scarlet, and this morning, no doubt, many will be feeling the effects of over exposure.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 21 January 1938, page 4

Downriver trip — Ladies' Progressive Club

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, January 20

The river landing was quite a busy scene on Tuesday evening [18 January 1938] and motor sirens sounded a welcome to a party of young men who are visiting friends at Tangimoana, Messrs H. and L. Rowe, H. Buchanan and B. Brown, who left Mangaonoho [between Hunterville and Ohingaiti] at 5 o'clock in the morning and arrived at Tangimoana at 8 o'clock the same evening.

The Ladies' Progressive Club held a successful community sing and variety concert last night [Wednesday 19 January 1938], which was well attended.

The programme was: Opening chorus, the children; Highland fling, Margaret Grant; mouth organ solo, Violet Roberts; character sketch, Dorothy Spinks; sketch, Mavis Gould, Dorothy Spinks and Desmond Whittaker; song, Mavis Gould; Irish jig, Dorothy McLean; recital in character, Wesley Whittaker; song, Violet Roberts; humorous recital, Desmond Whittaker; action song, children; surprise item, Violet Roberts; tap dance, Dorothy McLean; song, Mr Ball; hymn, "Abide With Me," audience; "Haere Ra," children.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 31 January 1938, page 2

Dance follows tennis court opening

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, January 28

The Ladies' Progressive Club sponsored a successful wind-up to the tennis court opening on Wednesday [26 January 1936] by holding a ball in the evening, which was well attended.

Among those present were:— Miss E. Ayres (Carnarvon), black satin and lace; Mrs Barker, white embossed satin tunic, black marocain skirt; Miss E. Berkahn, dusty pink satin and lace; Miss J. Bolton (New Plymouth), floral silk crepe; Mrs S. Boness, floral Italian marocain; Miss T. Boness, floral fergotex; Mrs A. Carkeek, floral silk pique; Miss J. Ellery (Ohakea), lemon spun silk; Miss E. Fitches (Turakina), pink taffeta, black coatee; Miss L. Glasgow (Turakina), black pebble crepe; Miss B. Good, floral cocktail suit; Mrs H. Grant, black and silver cocktail suit; Miss A. Hayes (Carnarvon), blue taffeta; Mrs P. L. Keat, ivory satin charmeuse; Miss A. Kenny (Palmerston North), pale pink lace over rose pink satin; Miss P. Larkin (Rangiotu), floral silk rayon; Mrs W. Larkin (Rangiotu), diagonal stripe crepe suede; Miss J. Mason, gold lace; Miss K. Maxwell, pink cloque; Mrs O'Regan (Kairanga), black silk velvet, flecked with gold; Miss M. O'Regan (Kairanga), lemon frock, fur coatee; Miss N. O'Regan, black net over floral; Miss B. Reeve, cherry ripple satin; Miss D. Robertson (Palmerston North), floral ninon; Miss E. Sadd (Kaimatarau), blue matelasse; Miss T. Sadd, flame velvet; Miss H. Schreiber (Rongotea), black lace and velvet; Mrs J. Scott (Oroua Downs), black silk crepe; Miss Jeanette Scott (Glen Oroua), white silk net over white satin; Miss M. Scott (Oroua Downs), black shot velvet; Mrs N. Scott, red velvet; Mrs O. D. Scott, black floral georgette; Miss E. Simmons (Rangiotu), blue and pink floral georgette; Miss A. Sinclair, white spun silk; Miss J. Sinclair (Bunnythorpe), white silk linen; Miss O. Sinclair, white silk; Mrs R. Sinclair, navy floral crepe; Mrs Smallfield (Hamilton), dusty pink malesta; Mrs J. Stuart, floral silk; Miss K. Taylor (Ohakea), floral georgette; Miss A. Thomson (Palmerston North), silver lame with overdress of black net; Miss N. Wheeler, green cloque, white fur coatee; Mrs O. Whittaker, navy crepe romaine.

Novelty dances were won by Mr E. Clare and partner (statue log cabin), Miss A. Kenny and Mr A. Wright (Paul Jones), and Miss A. Thomson and Mr R. Avison (Monte Carlo). The duties of MC were carried out by Mr R. Sinclair.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 10 May 1938

White herons — Appearance on mud flat at Tangimoana — Rarity in North Island

A Wanganui man who has just returned from a visit to Palmerston North brought back reports of the appearance at Tangimoana of two white herons, which have been habitating a mud flat near the Rangitikei River for the past two or three weeks. Fine specimens of this extremely rare feathered visitor, these two handsome birds seem to have taken a distinct liking to the locality, and are often seen standing patiently in pools of shallow water waiting for the appearance of some unwary tadpole or frog, which, together with fish, make up the major portion of their diet.

The white heron does not breed in the North Island, and nowadays it has become quite a rarity, even in the south. There is at Lake Kanieri, on the West Coast of the South Island, a heronry, where several of these highly protected birds are jealously preserved and cared for. The last heronry in the North Island was at Akiraito, on Lake Waitangituna, where there were said to be 20 nests, but the birds there disappeared and no definite attempt has since been successful to establish a heronry in the north. **[Note: There may be some confusion here. The only known breeding place of the white heron is on the banks of the Waitangiroto Stream, near Okarito, in Westland, where there are about 20 nests.]**

Visited Awapuni lagoon

Several years ago Manawatu was favoured with a visit by two white herons, who took up their abode at Awapuni lagoon and became the subject of considerable interest.

The white heron makes a very striking picture, with its pure white plumage, its long, graceful neck ending in a strong yellow beak, and its high, stilt-like legs, black from knees to the toes. From the tip of its beak which itself measures six inches, to its shoulders measures about two feet, while each wing has a spread of almost 17 inches. When flying, the white heron hunches its neck into its shoulders and although giving the appearance of laboured flight, really travels very fast.

The original home of this bird is China, while they are also to be found in Japan. It is considered that stragglers make their way through the Malay Archipelago to Australia and New Zealand, but this occurrence has of late become very rare.

Wanton destruction

It is very interesting to note that when the first settlers came to the South Island they found quite a number of white herons in seemingly permanent abode among the rivers and lakes. These, however, soon fell victim to the wanton destruction of sportsmen, and it is only within comparatively recent years that protective measures have been enforced for those few remaining.

The Maoris had a great respect for the kotuku, or white heron, and placed a very high value on its plumes. A visit by a kotuku was considered to be a particularly good omen for the fortunate tribe concerned. So much regard did they have for the bird that they declared it "tapu," and there were several odd customs in this connection. One was that any man wearing the feather of a kotuku could not eat in the presence of a woman unless he first removed his treasured plume.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 30 September 1938, page 13

Tangimoana news

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, September 29

There is definitely a move of progress going on in Tangimoana. Arrangements have been made for a weekly showing of talking pictures, and two buildings are in course of erection for catering for the visitors to the beach. It is expected that the coming season will be a record one, and with the good progress of the work of the Public Works men, extra camping ground will be available to visitors.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 2 November 1938, page 10

Shop — Improvements in township — Whitebaiting

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, October 31

Tangimoana is definitely on the improve, and there is the sound of hammers in all directions. The store proprietor, Mr Taylor, has added to his building an afternoon tea room while an up-to-date cabaret is being built. This building and business when completed will excel anything now existing in some cities.

The men employed by the Public Works Department are still doing good work, having effected a real improvement at the school grounds. They are concentrating on improvements to the reserves and the council have under consideration making a new road to the sea which will not be subject to drifting sand.

The whitebait season is drawing to a close, and the devotees of this dainty fish have had a fair time and some satisfactory returns have rewarded the patient netters. One over-anxious fisherman will have cause to remember the 1938 season; paying more attention to his net than his foothold, the feet went over the slippery bank and there was a general mix-up of nets and whitebait.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Monday 5 December 1938

Tragedy at Tangimoana — Rowing boat overwhelmed in heavy surf — Young man drowned

When an open boat capsized in the surf at Tangimoana Beach yesterday afternoon, Maurice Parkes, aged 21 years, second son of Mr and Mrs V. G. Parkes, of Gonville Avenue, Wanganui, and employed by M. Rowlands, farmer, of Awahuri, was drowned. Two other young men in the boat succeeded in swimming to the shore, but one had to receive attention.

Accompanied by two Nicholson brothers, of Awahuri, who were slightly older, Parkes had gone through the surf in an open 18-foot keel boat. A heavy sea was running and a heavier wave than the others capsized and swamped the boat. The occupants decided to swim for the shore but Parkes was not a strong swimmer and was left behind. After a strenuous struggle during which they thought they would be drowned, the Nicholson brothers reached the beach, where they were assisted ashore by a number of people on the beach who had witnessed the accident. Both young men were almost exhausted and one had to receive attention.

The three swimmers became separated soon after they left the swamped boat and in the heavy sea Parkes was lost sight of. The young men had been in the habit of using the boat for fishing at weekends for some time and had experienced no difficulty in handling the craft. The boat was launched shortly after 1pm from the open beach about a mile and a half south of the Rangitikei River, and the young men made straight for the breakers.

A Tangimoana resident stated last night that no fishermen in the district would have ventured out in the sea which was running and it was evident that the young men did not appreciate the danger they were courting.

The body of Parkes had not been recovered last night.

Manawatu Daily Times, Saturday 24 December 1938, page 8

Speedboat Cup

[Photograph of the "Speedboat Cup."]

Caption: This challenge cup has been donated by Mr R. K. Ayers for speedboat events conducted in conjunction with the Tangimoana gala on Monday. Competitors are expected from Wanganui, Taupo and Hawke's Bay, while several district enthusiasts are also overhauling their engines.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 29 December 1938, page 3

Yacht and launch races — Sport at Tangimoana — Speedboat mishap

A big crowd gathered at Tangimoana on Boxing Day, the attraction being the river sports which were scheduled to take place. However, much to the disappointment of everyone, the conditions were quite unsuitable for the speedboats and the race for the Ayers Challenge Cup is to be run on New Year's Day, circumstances permitting.

A yacht race and a launch race were run and the results, under the existing unfavourable conditions were: Yacht race of one mile, Mr Brood's "Pipi" first, time 13 minutes 50 seconds. Carlson and Blackbourne's "Firefly" second, time 14 minutes 42 seconds. The prizes for this race were donated by Mr Stan Port and Mr W. Mobberley.

Launch race of one mile, A. Needham and son in "Lizzie" first, time 8 minutes 35 seconds. J. Mochan in "Happy Days" second, time 9 minutes 35 seconds. Prizes donated by Mr H. Taylor.

Mr Stan Port was unfortunate in losing his speedboat "Miss X" on Saturday last. While out tuning her up for the races on Boxing Day the rough condition of the water caused her to upset, and so far the boat has not been recovered. Mr Port, who was fully dressed, found himself in great difficulties and had it not been for the timely assistance of Mr Sam Hodge, a member of the surf club, it is doubtful whether he would have succeeded in reaching the shore.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 4 January 1939, page 3

Speedboat racing — Event at Tangimoana

Although the conditions were not exactly ideal for racing there was nothing to mar the running of the speedboat races on New Year's Day at Tangimoana. It was late afternoon before the river was suitable and many had left the waterfront, but several hundreds watched the exciting contest between "Miss Kowhai" (owned and driven by Mr W. Curtis) and "Power Chief" (owned by Mr J. Warner and expertly controlled by Mr J. Warner Junior).

The officials in charge of the racing were: Handicapper Mr S. Port, starter Mr W. Mobberley, announcer Mr Carr; judges Messrs R. K. Ayers and E. Spry.

In the first heat "Miss Kowhai" drew the inside running and had the advantage of the smoother water. Making the most of his boat's turning capabilities, Mr Curtis drew away on the turns and although "Power Chief" picked up well on the straight, "Miss Kowhai" won the heat. Times: "Miss Kowhai" 4 minutes 18 seconds, "Power Chief" 4 minutes 18 seconds.

In the final heat "Buzalong" (driven by Mr J. Penney, of Feilding) off a handicap of 66 seconds from "Miss Kowhai" completed the course in 5 minutes 11 seconds as against "Miss Kowhai's" 4 minutes 4 seconds. Mr Curtis thus became the winner of the Ayers Cup which was presented at the conclusion of the sports.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 22 March 1939, page 4

Rare footprints of moas

Dominion Museum officials visit Tangimoana — Particularly interesting find

Strange as it may seem, moa footprints are decidedly more rare than moa bones. That was why the Dominion Museum authorities in Wellington took notice when it was reported to them last week that footprints of New Zealand's historic bird were to be seen in papa strata laid bare by erosion of the Rangitikei River at Tangimoana. Residents of the seaside resort have known of the footprints, for many years, as many as 60, according to Mr J. H. Stevens, of Palmerston North, but somehow or other they have never been recorded officially. Added interest lies in the fact that they have been discovered only in one or two places in New Zealand and the reason is that footprints are very easily destroyed or obliterated.

Learning from Mr Lindsay Durrant, of Palmerston North, that additional prints had come to light at Tangimoana, Mr A. G. Roe wrote to Dr W. R. B. Oliver, director of the Dominion Museum in Wellington,

with the result that Dr Oliver made a special visit to the locality on Sunday accompanied by Mr C. Lindsay, taxidermist at the institution. Both authorities were amazed that the footprints could have been preserved for so long a time—at least a couple of centuries. It was generally agreed that what had happened was that the birds had walked over a deposit of papa silt freshly laid by a flood, and that immediately afterwards a heavy wind had covered the papa with sand, and so preserved the deep impressions of the foot. Now the tides in the river have washed away the sand to the papa, leaving the prints once again exposed.

Dr Oliver explained to a "Times" representative who accompanied the party, that the problem of the moa was very far from being cleared up. He was in search of every little bit of evidence that would help him to discover how many varieties of the bird there had been, but this was hardly likely to eventuate till complete single skeletons were unearthed. In the past, even in the reconstruction of skeletons for museums, the varieties had been very much mixed up. For instance, one skeleton in a museum had been built up with 33 vertebrae whereas it was recognised now that there should be only 27. There was only one known skeleton of one particular variety of moa.

Dr Oliver has arranged for the best of further impressions that may be discovered to be dug up and forwarded to him in Wellington.

(A picture of Dr Oliver's party appears on page 6.)

The Rangitikei Advocate, Saturday 25 March 1939

Flounders plentiful

Those who have been out flounder-spearing on the mud flats at Tangimoana lately have returned home very pleased with their efforts. The other night four Martonians returned home with 193 flounders, while four other spears were responsible for 160 flounders. The river has never been so plentiful with fish. Two spears on another night were rewarded with 93 flounders.

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 24 July 1939, page 6

Forced landing by Miles Hawk — Mishap to Wanganui 'plane

Per Press Association. Wanganui, July 23.

A forced landing on the beach about three miles south of the Rangitikei River was made by the Wanganui Aero Club's Miles Hawk on Saturday afternoon when being flown from Wellington by Mr R. Fletcher. The passenger was Mr M. Clarke another club pilot.

The forced landing, which was effected without much damage to the machine, was made when the pilot noticed that the oil pressure had fallen.

The pilot and passenger spent an all-night vigil with the machine and today the wings of the 'plane were removed and the parts brought to the Wanganui airport by motor lorry.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 11 December 1939, page 8

Tangimoana Boating Club formed

There was a good attendance at a meeting presided over by Mr R. McKenzie and held at Tangimoana on Saturday with the object of forming a boating club. A motion that a boating and social club be formed was carried and the election of officers resulted: President, Mr R. McKenzie; secretary, Mr T. Woodham; executive committee, Messrs J. Crabbe, N. Dixon, J. V. Kyle, J. Mochan, and H. Taylor.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 13 December 1939, page 26

Tangimoana Boating Club formed

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, December 12

The many friends of Mrs G. Alsop will regret to know that it has been necessary for her to enter hospital suffering from complications after influenza. It is hoped she will have a speedy recovery.

At a meeting convened by Mr J. R. Mochan, during the weekend, it was decided to form a boating and social club. The meeting was very well attended, among those present being Messrs E. Calkin, A. Carkeek, J. Crabbe, H. R. Davison, N. Dixon, W. Francis, B. Harneiss, E. J. Hickin, R. Kilsby, B. Kyle, J. V. Kyle, R. McKenzie, J. Mochan, W. Moore, N. Munn, W. Nant, A. Needham, J. Needham, J. Penney, B. Robin, A. R. W. Scott, Nelson Scott, H. Taylor, J. Warner snr, J. Warner junr, M. Wildbore, T. Woodham, and R. Wrightson.

Mr Mochan briefly explained the objects of the club, if formed, namely the clearing of the bar and channel for the safe navigation by launches, the fixing of suitable moorings, the appointment of someone to attend to the launches in time of flood or rough weather, and the acquisition of a boat shed and club

rooms. It was decided to form a club with the following holding office: President, Mr R. McKenzie; secretary, Mr T. Woodham; executive committee, Messrs Messrs J. Crabbe, N. Dixon, J. V. Kyle, J. Mochan, and H. Taylor.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 4 January 1940, page 3

Regatta

From our own correspondent

The Tangimoana Boating and Social Club held a successful regatta on New Year's Day. Unfortunately, quite a strong westerly wind was blowing, making conditions rather unpleasant for the spectators. However, the afternoon's entertainment was well organised. The officials responsible for the running of the events were:— Judge and starter for launches, A. R. W. Scott; judge and starter for rowing boats and canoes, E. J. Hickin; announcer, Norman Dixon; stewards, J. Crabbe, B. Harneiss, J. V. Kyle, R. McKenzie, N. Munn, A. Needham, J. Warner, and R. Wrightson.

Results:—

Launches under 20ft: A. Tacon's Zip 1, J. V. Kyle's Zolax 2, N. Dixon's Rita 3.

Launches over 20ft: J. Warner's Ideal 1, J. Crabbe's Brownie 2, J. Mochan's Happy Days 3, H. Rogers' Whoopee 4.

Rowing race: The river was choppy and the conditions anything but ideal for rowing. Miss Lency Crabb put up a splendid performance and doubtless would have won the race had she not mistaken the finishing post. The winners were: Frank Spry 1, the prize being donated by Mr R. Wrightson, Noel Miles (Marton) 2, Mr R. McKenzie's prize; Miss Lency Crabb 3, Mr Parnell's special prize.

Canoe race: The canoe race attracted much attention, the winners being: D. Jenkins (Feilding) 1, Mr Mochan's prize, L. Morris (Feilding) 2; J. C. Cordiner (Petone) 3, special prize donated by Mrs F. Parnell.

The big race of the day, the speedboat race for the R. K. Ayers Challenge Cup, was a real thrill. John Penney's skilful handling of his boat, Buzzalong, won for him the coveted trophy.

To all members who worked so conscientiously to make this initial performance such a success, the thanks of the public is due, with perhaps a special word of thanks to Mr J. V. Kyle for the efficient manner in which he handled the river traffic, his assistance being a great help to competitors.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 15 January 1940, page 9

Children's party

From our own correspondent — Tangimoana, January 12

A very kindly innovation was celebrated last night [**Thursday 11 January 1940**], when the children of Tangimoana, together with the visiting young folk, were treated to a party. A programme of items were presented, all by the children, and was much appreciated by their parents and guardians. The ladies who sponsored the party were Mesdames A. D. Scott and H. Stuart, who deserved the thanks of all concerned.

Items by the children, games, competitions, supper with ice creams and sweets for all helped to make up a pleasant evening. Included on the programme were recitations by Bryden Clark, Cecilia Hammond, Helen Meads, Don Scott, Desmond Whittaker, and Nada Wildbore; Highland Fling, Joan Penney, accompanied on the pipes by Mr J. L. Stuart; vocal trio, Cecilia and Marguerite Hammond and Barbara Skeet, Marguerite Hammond playing the accompaniment; song, Margaret Mead; vocal duet, Dulcia Healy and Joan Penney.

Among the children present in fancy dress were: Murray Carkeek, drummer boy; Rex Carkeek, gnome; Valma Carkeek, princess; Bryden Clark, Chinaman; Valma Cole (Levin), military girl; David Edmunds, huntsman; Rex Edmunds, gipsy; Scott Edmunds, gipsy; Cecilia Hammond, eastern lady; Marguerite Hammond, Japanese lady; Don Mochan, Turk; Noelene Mochan, golliwog; Don Scott, Pierrot; Julia Sinclair, Dutch girl; Barbara Skeet (Hastings), shepherdess; Irene Spry, Little Miss Muffet; Audrey Vallender (Feilding), Japanese lady; Barbara Wildbore, little old lady; Nada Wildbore, skater; Bob Young, Lone Ranger.

Manawatu Daily Times, Friday 19 January 1940, page 2

Accidents — General and personal — Obituary: Mary Ann Alsop

From our own correspondent

Last week could easily be recorded as a chapter of accidents, none, however, having very serious results. One day Bobbie Johnson, aged about six, and a son of Mrs Johnson, of Feilding, while playing in a boat up in the back wash, fell in the water apparently unnoticed by the other children and quite some time later Mr and Mrs White, of Rongotea, noticed the boy floating past right down by Mr Mathias' cottage. Mrs White, who first made the discovery, was unable to rescue the boy on her own but with her

husband's assistance they were able to bring him ashore. Fortunately two young ladies with a knowledge of artificial respiration, Miss Domett and Miss Stairs, of Marton, happened to be near and after a time were able to restore him. A day or two in bed has made the boy quite well again and he appears little the worse after the ordeal.

Early on Thursday morning the storekeeper, Mr H. Taylor, while attempting to start up the engine on his launch, caught his coat sleeve on a stud in the propeller shaft and suffered a painful injury to his arm. It is still troublesome but healing quite nicely.

On a recent afternoon a launch owner, after securing his boat to its moorings, was returning in his dinghy and stopped on the way to see if there were anything in his net. The dinghy, a very light little one, tipped up and the thigh boots the man was wearing quickly filled with water, making it quite impossible for him to move. His plight was observed from the bank and Messrs A. R. W. Scott and R. Wrightson launched a boat and picked him up.

During the week no less than seven fishing enthusiasts have had to go in to the doctor to have fish hooks removed from their fingers. This is quite a painful proceeding, according to some of the victims. Although at the time no pain is felt, it is rather agonising when the effect of the local anaesthetic wears off.

General and personal

The gales which seemed general over New Zealand on Sunday last were experienced at Tangimoana, too. Residents thought them rather severe but Tangimoana appears to have been let off lightly.

Mr and Mrs Bower, of Palmerston North, have taken Mr Mathias' cottage for a fortnight.

Mr and Mrs T. Clark have returned to Wanganui after a very enjoyable holiday at their beach residence. Their guests at various times during their stay here included Mr and Mrs Hill, Mr C. Saunders, Feilding, Mr and Mrs La Pouple and Mr and Mrs F. Santoft, of Wanganui.

Mrs A. Cooper and family and Mrs Bee, of Palmerston North, have taken a cottage at the beach for a fortnight.

Mr and Mrs Norman Dixon and Mr and Mrs Ken Toms, of Palmerston North, were among the weekend campers.

Visitors to Miss Gilchrist, who is holidaying here with the Misses McDougall, were Mr and Mrs H. Nitschke and family, Mr D. G. McDougall and F. Moffett, of Bonny Glen, Mr and Mrs A. Lind and family and Mr and Mrs E. Rowe and family, of Rongotea, and Miss N. Rowan, of Palmerston North. Miss Gilchrist's nephew, Lorn McDougall, of Bonny Glen, is staying a few days with her.

The Misses D. and V. Rich returned to Bulls on Monday after several weeks at the beach.

Obituary

The death has occurred [on Saturday 13 January 1940] of Mrs Mary Ann Alsop, wife of Mr George Alsop, a lady held in the highest esteem by all sections of the community in and around Tangimoana. The deceased lady, a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W. Luke, of Templeton, was born at Pendeen, Cornwall, in 1873, and the following year the parents with their infant daughter sailed to New Zealand in the ship Himalaya. Mr and Mrs Alsop were married at Templeton in 1895 and in that district Mr Alsop carried on his trade as a builder until 1913, when the family came to the North Island to live, settling in Feilding.

Deceased was a remarkable needlewoman, and maintained a keen interest in needlework of every description, and she was very generous with her knowledge. At present a beautiful quilt she crocheted, a truly marvellous piece of work, is among the exhibits in the Women's Court at the Centennial Exhibition. All local bodies-the Surf Club, Improvement and Beautifying Society, Labour Party branch and the public school have benefited time after time from gifts of her own handiwork.

Among those who attended the funeral, which took place at Kelvin Grove on Monday, January 15, were representatives of all the local institutions-the Domain Board, Life Saving Club, Improvement Society, Labour Party branch, public school, as well as a large number of friends and relations. A wealth of floral emblems bore testimony of the high esteem in which she was held.

Besides her sorrowing husband, those left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother are the only daughter, Mrs F. N. Mercer, of Napier, and four sons, Messrs Wilfred Alsop, Bainesse, Malcolm Alsop, Tirau, Cyril Alsop, Stratford, and Albert Alsop, Tangimoana. There are also 18 grandchildren. Mrs H. Beazer, of Wellington, is a sister and Mr W. Luke, of Wadestown, Wellington, is a brother.

Note: This clipping incorrectly stated Mrs Alsop's birth was at Penzance, England in 1874. This has been changed to Pendeen, Cornwall, in 1873.

Manawatu Daily Times, Friday 2 February 1940, page 12

Flood — Euchre party and dance

From our own correspondent

The rain up-country combined with the boisterous winds and high spring tides during the weekend [27 and 28 January 1940], made conditions very unpleasant. It is many years since the river has been so

high and the launch owners had a trying time securing their craft. One cannot help but commend the unselfish attitude taken up by the boat owners. It was certainly not a case of every man for himself, but each man present gave due attention to the launches, whose owners were not able to care for themselves. Mr Needham and his son and Mr Barton Harneiss were seen out in the face of a heavy gale clearing the debris from anchor lines, thus saving many launches breaking away.

In spite of the unpleasant weather conditions another large crowd assembled at the weekly euchre party on Saturday evening [27 January 1940], the winners on this occasion being Mesdames L. E. G. Tantrum and Joseph Ellery and Messrs L. Hayes and D. Ellery. A number of younger folk came along for the dance which followed, the music for which was supplied by Mr H. A. Rogers with Mr S. Hodge as MC.

Manawatu Daily Times, Friday 16 February 1940, page 11

Euchre party and dance — Moving pictures of Tangimoana — School — Personal

From our own correspondent

The Improvement and Beautifying Society held the final euchre party and dance for the holiday season on Saturday last. The cards were again under the control of Mr V. A. Martin. The ladies' first prize was won by Mrs A. S. Carkeek, and Mrs V. A. Martin, Miss Noeleen Mochan and Misses Audrey Thomson all tied for second, the prize eventually going to Miss Audrey Thomson. The men's first prize went to Mr J. Webby, Messrs A. S. Carkeek and N. Dixon tying for second place. Music for the dance that followed was supplied by Mr H. A. Rogers, Mr S. Hodge being MC.

In spite of a bitterly cold southerly wind on Saturday night [10 February 1940], quite a crowd turned up to witness the screening of pictures taken locally by Mr E. J. Hickin during the Christmas vacation. This form of entertainment was quite an innovation to Tangimoana residents and was appreciated by all. Mr Hickin had taken pictures of all the local places of interest — the riverside, ocean beach, post office, kiosk — and his picture of the local school was warmly applauded by the children present. The Boating Club's New Year's Day river sports were splendidly recorded as were his moving pictures of the recent flood [Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 January 1940]. Several local men were surprised to see themselves "in the films," and although none of them could be classified as Clark Gables, their friends assured them they had not photographed so badly for amateurs. Besides the local film, Mr Hickin also showed pictures of the Canadian lumbering industry and life on the cattle ranches of Canada. These, together with a series of various types of waterfalls proved very instructive. Then, to make his programme complete, a comedy was shown and very much appreciated by the very small boys. At the conclusion Mr Hickin was enthusiastically thanked for his entertaining evening.

Miss C. M. Laurenson, teacher at the local school, resumed duty on Tuesday last [6 February 1940]. The school roll is well above the average, many parents still being here on holiday. Arrangements have been made for the annual school picnic which will be held on Saturday next at the Esplanade, Palmerston North. Later it is hoped it will be possible to take all the pupils for a day at the Exhibition.

Personal

Mr George Alsop and his son Albert motored through to Stratford to spend a recent weekend with Mr and Mrs Cyril Alsop.

Mrs Bullock, of Whakarongo, and her two daughters, Peggy and Judith, have taken Mr Mathias' cottage for a few weeks.

The friends of Mr George Jones will regret to learn he is at present an inmate of the Palmerston North Public Hospital and will wish him a speedy recovery to health. Mrs Jones is staying with relatives in Palmerston North during her husband's indisposition.

Mr and Mrs V. A. Martin have returned from their trip to the Exhibition.

Mr W. Nant, who offered his services for home defence and is at present in camp at Trentham, spent part of his weekend leave at his beach cottage [3 Paua Street].

Mr Tom Spry, who suffered an injury while at work recently, has found it necessary to seek medical advice. His doctor has ordered him to hospital as soon as there is accommodation available there.

The Rangitikei Advocate, Tuesday 27 February 1940

Marooned by flood — Marton week-enders at Okanagan — Boats tied to houses

Three Marton men who had gone down to Okanagan, below Scott's Ferry, for a fishing weekend, were marooned by the floodwaters and could not return home until yesterday afternoon. They had the traditional "fisherman's luck," too, a good part of their time being taken up with wading round the cottages at the settlement securing dinghies and other small craft which had been left above high-water mark by their absentee owners. A number were tied to the verandahs of cottages from where their transport back to the river will present a problem when the time comes to use them again.

The three Robinson Crusoes, Messrs G. W. D. Morris, J. Nitschke and C. Phillips, had quite an exciting time of it as the water continued to rise, since the riverbank is perfectly flat, with very few knolls on which to refuge as a last resort, and the land falls away on all sides to swamps and creeks which the flood made impassable. However they returned safely with no fish but hearty appetites.

Another Martonian, a launch-owner, who failed to get through the rising floodwaters on his way to Scott's Ferry on Sunday morning, was first to get through shortly after midday yesterday and was relieved to find that his launch had ridden out the flood at the anchorage.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 7 July 1941, page 2
Home Guard Exercises at Tangimoana

For the Feilding and District Home Guard exercise at Tangimoana yesterday 100 vehicles were utilised to convey the men to the scene of "hostilities". The area involved lies between the Foxton-Sanson main highway and the coast. The Feilding Battalion made the attack and drive to the highway and the county units set up defensive positions. The "battle" commenced at 11 o'clock. Brigade headquarters were established at Rosina Line, and communications were made by means of the telephone field lines, signals and messages delivered across country by despatch riders on motor cycles, assisted by Boy Scout runners. The exercises proved most interesting and the men thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Towards the close of activities rain commenced to fall, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm which had prevailed throughout the day and guardsmen upon their return to headquarters were revived by the commissariat department before the transport moved off on the return journey to Feilding.

There was a splendid attendance of guardsmen and E.P.S. personnel, while the St. John Ambulance first aid service co-operated in the operations. Planes from the Ohakea Air Station observed the manoeuvres and will no doubt report thereon. Any weaknesses in the operations will be pointed out in the reports to be made by unit commanders and those should be of much value when similar activities are undertaken in the future.

The camouflage of transport, use of cover, and maintenance of communications are factors which will be reported on, no doubt while guardsmen will be warned against looking up at aircraft overhead. Airmen can distinguish a face more readily than they can observe the clothing of a soldier.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 25 July 1941, page 4
Roll of Honour

Men of 2nd NZEF — Latest Casualty List
(Press Assn) Wellington, July 25

The following official list of war casualties was issued today:—

Following are Presumed to be Killed in Action (Result of Court of Inquiry)...

WEBBY, James R. A., Pte, Mr R. C. Webby, Tangimoana (father).

From *The Sunday Star-Times World War II Anniversary Tribute*, Sunday 13 August 1995, page 41:

WEBBY, James Richard Alexander, Private, 19th Infantry Battalion, Crete, May 20, 1941, age 25.

[Jim Webby lived at 29 Kuku Street]

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 24 December 1941, page 8
School concert

From our own correspondent

The local school held its breaking-up ceremony in the hall. It took the form of a "Cowboy and Indian Party". Songs were given by the children and organised games were played. Recitations were given by Pamela and Bryden Clarke and Rex Edmonds. The evening was brought to an enjoyable conclusion by the arrival of Father Christmas, who distributed the special prizes and gifts from the Christmas tree.

All the children present received gifts and the prizes allotted were as follows: — Mr R. Chandler's prize for progress, Tom Woodham; Miss C. M. Laurenson's prize for arithmetic, Rex Carkeek; Miss Laurenson's prize for general excellence, Elsa Grinstead; Mrs R. Wrightson's prize for miniature gardening, senior, Walter Fitzgerald; junior, Elsa Grinstead. The prizes for the best fancy dress went to Maureen Keat and Brian Hands. Miss C. M. Laurenson (the school mistress) was presented with a gift from the children. Mrs Hands, who acted as accompanist, was given a gift in appreciation of her services both at the concert and practices.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 8 January 1942, page 2

Tangimoana holiday news

From our own correspondent

Despite the adverse weather and the restrictions on travelling, the beach has been fairly well patronised during the festive season. Most of the houses were occupied and the camping grounds had a fair share of tenants. Most of the holiday-makers have been disappointed through not being able to bathe, the river having been in a flooded condition for some little time owing to the heavy rain.

The Improvement and Beautifying Society has held a series of dances which have been very popular and well attended. They also held a euchre tournament, at which Mr Carr was the winner, Mrs N. Dixon gaining second place, and an impromptu concert which was a most enjoyable function. Mr E. Calkin was responsible for the items and is to be congratulated on his effort in producing a concert of such high standard at short notice. Community singing led by Messrs Calkin and Harvey opened the proceedings and the following contributed to the programme: — Miss M. Gould, vocal solo; Miss M. Hammond, vocal solo; Messrs Harvey and Williams, vocal duet; Miss J. Ingles, vocal solo; Miss Ingles, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Twigg, vocal trio; Master W. Johnston, mouth-organ solo; Master Keeble, drum solo; Mrs N. Kingsbeer, vocal solo; Miss Ann Powell, solo dances and recitation; Master R. Sinclair, Scottish dances, accompanied by Mr J. L. Stuart (bagpipes); Mrs J. L. Stuart, vocal solo; Miss N. Wildbore, solo dances; Miss Williams, pianoforte solo; Mr Wright, piano-accordion solos; Miss Joy Zimmerman, recitation. Accompaniments were played by Mr B. Kyle, Mrs Reid and Mrs A. D. Scott. The programme was interspersed with short amusing sketches by Mr E. Calkin, Mr Fletcher and Mr and Mrs G. Harvey. Mr E. Hickin and his committee thoroughly deserved the praise of people in providing so well for the social side of beach life during the holidays.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 25 February 1942, page 6

War Casualties

Per Press Association — Wellington, February 24

The following second NZEF casualties list was issued today: —

Prisoner of War — Previously Reported Missing...

Marston, Roland J., Private, Mr G. Marston, Tangimoana (father)

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 14 December 1942, page 4

Mine near Tangimoana

A mine has been washed up between Raumai Road and Scott's Ferry, at the mouth of the Rangitikei River. The police are guarding the mine until it is disposed of by military authorities.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 23 December 1942, page 5

Called for service

A Gazette issued yesterday contains the names of 31,997 men called up in the 19th ballot for military service.

Palmerston North and district names are as follows:—

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P. R. Chandler, Tangimoana

T. M. Fitzgerald, Tangimoana

Manawatu Daily Times, Tuesday 5 January 1943, page 4

Young men missing in sail-boat

Two young men aged about 20 years, Reg Howe and Stan Dearlove, are reported missing from Tangimoana where they went fishing in a sail-boat yesterday morning. They were last seen at 10:30am by another launch, about a mile out to sea opposite the mouth of the Rangitikei River. As they were not back by 2pm, a search was made for them without result. The services of aeroplanes were then sought, but although the coastline was covered from Foxton to Wanganui, nothing was seen of the boat.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 6 January 1943, page 4

Missing men return

The two young men, Reg Howe and Stan Dearlove, for whose safety anxiety was felt at Tangimoana yesterday, have returned. They landed at an unfrequented part of the coast in their sail-boat in which they went fishing out to sea.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 7 February 1945, page 7

Welcome home to Sergeant D. Waldegrave

From our own correspondent

A pleasant evening was spent in the McKelvie Hall on February 3, the occasion being a welcome home to Sergeant D. Waldegrave after four years' service overseas. The Ladies' Patriotic Guild arranged the social. Cards were played by non-dancers and for the rest there was dancing, the music being played on the accordion by Mr Hooker. There was a large attendance. Sergeant Waldegrave's mother was presented with a beautiful bouquet by Mrs P. Scott. After a nice supper had been handed round, Sergeant Waldegrave was presented with a money gift from the Ladies' Guild by Mr Stewart who congratulated him on his safe return. Sergeant Waldegrave suitably replied.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 14 February 1945, page 5

Frank Spry's birthday party — Mrs Woodham leaving

From our own correspondent

A happy birthday party was held in the McKelvie Hall on the 10th inst. in honour of Mr Frank Spry, second son of Mr and Mrs E. Spry. The hall had been beautifully decorated by friends. There were 150 guests, who were received by Mr and Mrs Spry and their son. Mrs Spry wore a smart blue frock and had a lovely shoulder spray, presented by Mrs McKenzie, of Clydesdale. The time was spent in dancing and games. After supper the beautiful birthday cake was cut by the guest and handed round and various toasts were honoured, principal among them being one to Mr and Mrs Spry, who are very popular, and also to their son. Mr Frank Spry was presented by the residents with a well-filled wallet and a fountain pen, with good wishes for his future. Mr N. Dixon was M.C.

A presentation was made to Mrs T. Woodham by the residents, this consisting of a nice leather suitcase. Mrs Woodham is leaving this week to join her husband in Samoa. She has been very popular here and all join in wishing her a pleasant voyage and an enjoyable stay in Samoa.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 9 April 1945, page 2

Farewell to Frank Spry and Mr C. Nesbitt

From our own correspondent

A pleasant evening was spent in the McKelvie Hall when a farewell party for Private Frank Spry and his friend, Mr C. Nesbitt, was held. The hall was well-filled with friends, who were entertained with dancing and cards. Each guest was asked to receive a parcel from the Ladies' Patriotic Society, the presentation being made by Mr Clarke, after which the recipients returned thanks. Mrs Waldegrave presented Mrs Spry, mother of Private Spry, with a bouquet in autumn tones. Mrs Pederson won the ladies' prize for cards and Private Spry the men's. Mr Hickin provided the music for dancing.

On Wednesday evening the church service was conducted by Rev. W. Crockett, of Bulls, and as he is retiring the congregation have entertained him to supper. Mrs P. Scott presented Mr Crockett with an envelope containing a monetary gift.

After a lean few months the local fishermen have had some good catches of schnapper lately and these were much appreciated by the many visitors during the Easter holidays.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Saturday 25 August 1945, page 7

VJ celebration — Patriotic Guild social

From our own correspondent

As soon as the official news was received of the Japanese surrender the members of the school committee assembled the children at the McKelvie Hall and entertained them with refreshments and a royal time they had for a couple of hours, in songs by the scholars, recitations, dancing, and games. In the evening the residents and their children and visitors were again in a festive mood; dancing, songs, recitations, and games for young and old, were the order of the programme which ended about midnight, with supper provided by the residents. The peace celebrations were concluded on the Sunday evening with a thanksgiving service in the McKelvie Hall, when there was a good attendance of residents. The speaker was Mr J. Cox. The fortnightly church services which are being held in the hall are proving very popular and it may not be long ere they will be held weekly.

The fortnightly euchre parties prove very popular, the funds raised being donated to local school funds.

Whitebait fishing is being indulged in and some good catches have been reported. All the accommodation here has been taken up.

An enjoyable social was held in McKelvie Hall under the auspices of the Ladies' Patriotic Guild. The hall was decorated with greenery and spring flowers by three boys, Bryden Clarke, Rex Edmonds and Don Scott. Community singing was accompanied by Mrs A. D. Scott at the piano. There was a playette by the school girls, Elsa Grinstead, June Larsen, Shirley Larsen, and Joan Williams. Another short play by Barbara Clark, Lorna Clark and Irene Spry was also much enjoyed. Mrs M. Stuart sang a Scottish song and for an encore sang "Waltzing Matilda", when everyone joined in the chorus. Master R. Algar gave a piano solo which was appreciated, and there were country dances and competitions. Mrs Tuck and Mrs Coker won the waltzing contest, while the best dancers of the polka were Barbara and Lorna Clark. The bring and buy stall under the charge of Mrs Waldegrave and Mrs Spry did good business.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 27 December 1945, page 2

Paddling pool — School concert

From our own correspondent

The friends of Mrs Weld and Mrs Spry were very pleased to see them return home after being inmates of the Palmerston North Hospital. Both are much improved in health.

There has been a very energetic committee at work for some time preparing a paddling pool for the children and other amusements for the Boxing Day gala, and various other amusements for young and old including a regatta.

The annual breaking-up ceremony of the school proved most successful. Credit is due to Miss McIntosh, the school teacher, for the way she had trained the children for the evening, also to Mrs P. Scott, who acted as pianist through the training, rehearsals, and on the final evening. Mrs R. W. Scott did excellent work in collecting finance for the party. They were presented with bouquets by the children.

The fancy dresses worn by the children were made by friends and parents, and were very attractive. Misses L. Clark and J. Chandler ably assisted on the stage. After the concert Father Christmas arrived, and every child was presented with a present from the Christmas tree. Mrs Coker was in charge of the fancy goods and produce stall, ably assisted by Mrs Stuart, which raised a good sum towards the school funds. Mr N. Gray, chairman of the school committee, thanked the teacher for the able manner in which she had trained the children; Miss McIntosh thanking him for his appreciation and those teams of workers who had assisted her. Supper was then served and prizes distributed to the winners of the competitions, viz: — Mrs Castleton, Miss L. Clark, Mr K. Clark, and Mrs A. D. Scott.

The programme was: — Songs, "Sheep Shearing", and "The Merry Minstrels"; recitation, Margaret Walker; sketch, "Tom Sawyer's Monday Morning"; song, "Sleeping Princess"; recitation, Ann Dickson; carols, "Silent Night", "The First Noel"; recitation, Vivienne Grinstead; song, "Sleep Little Dear"; recitation, Trevor Kale; sketch, "Ten Little Nigger Boys"; play, "The Coming of the Daffodil".

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 31 December 1945, page 3

Tangimoana news

From our own correspondent

The weather has been windy but in spite of the threatening clouds very little rain has fallen for several weeks and gardens are needing moisture. The beach, with its entertainments and crowds, is reminiscent of prewar days. On Boxing night the dance hall attracted a record crowd. During the afternoon children's sports were held.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 25 September 1946, page 3

Tangimoana Country Women's Institute formed

At a meeting held in the Tangimoana Hall recently [**Thursday 12 September 1946**] it was decided to form a Women's Institute. Mesdames Cavehill, Collins and Wright were visitors from the Rongotea institute and Mrs Cavehill presided. Officers elected were:— President, Mrs Coker; Vice-president, Mrs Walker; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs Clark; committee, Mesdames Amott, Cox, Gillam, Parnell, Norton and Webby. The first meeting was held on Tuesday [**17 September 1946**] when Mrs Coker presided over a good attendance and welcomed members. Mr Hadfield, of Tangimoana, gave an interesting talk on his trip to Rarotonga. The best bloom competition resulted:— Mrs Webby 1, Mrs Walker 2. Another competition was also won by Mrs Webby. Afternoon tea was served and a vote of thanks extended to Mr Hadfield. Hostesses were Mesdames Walker and Webby. Mrs Gillam was in charge of the bring and buy stall which proved a great success.

Feilding Star, Monday 17 February 1947

Heavy southerly gale

Practically no damage done in Feilding — Rongotea and Himatangi suffer

Once again in the big storm which blew up from the south on Friday night Feilding escaped with a minimum of damage. Rain, which was badly needed, fell all day without cessation on Friday and during the night a heavy gale arose from the south. Feilding, however did not get anything like the full force of this, and though the gale kept a good many people awake there was practically no damage done, except for the ground in some gardens being littered with twigs and small branches. Some houses had windows blown in.

There was a different tale, however from Rongotea and Himatangi. At Rongotea the damage to trees was tremendous, whole orchards being destroyed, some of the trees being laden with fruit.

"You would not recognise Himatangi," said a Feilding resident who had his cottage denuded of its maltoid roof. Power and telephone lines, too, were down everywhere. This settlement, within the memory of the present tenants, has been visited only by gales from a westerly direction, but the southerly gale on Friday night cut a funnel through the sandhills and Himatangi received a buffeting. All along the road, the informant said, trees were uprooted or snapped off.

Temperatures, which dropped sharply on Friday, are still low. The weather still looks unsettled but the wind appears to have expended its force. The amount of rain received in the 24 hours up to 9am on Saturday was 2.08 inches, this being most welcome.

Feilding Star, Monday 8 December 1947

Tragedy at Tangimoana — Makino man dies suddenly after dinghy capsizes

A farmer collapsed suddenly and died after a wave overturned the power-driven dinghy from which he was fishing off the beach at Tangimoana on Saturday afternoon. He was Ray Humphrey, aged 36, married, with three children, of Makino.

His companion, Alex Mair, of Sandon Road, Feilding, was rescued suffering from severe shock and exposure after clinging to the upturned boat for three and a half hours.

The dinghy was in fairly calm water near the mouth of the Rangitikei River when a sudden wave struck it from behind and overturned it. Though the boat was equipped with a new outboard motor the wave rose up with such sudden violence that the men were unable to prevent the accident.

As both were wearing life-preservers, they were quickly able to climb on to the bottom of the dinghy and sat talking and trying to attract attention for a time when, about 20 minutes after the mishap, Mr Humphrey suddenly became violently ill and collapsed and died without speaking.

Mr Mair held the body to the bottom of the dinghy for some time and finally was able to lash it to the boat, which was gradually drifting further out to sea.

The survivor also tried frantically but unsuccessfully to attract the attention of another party of fishermen returning across the bar of the river. After about two hours the wind veered to the west and began to edge the boat back towards the shore. It finally drifted in to the breakers shortly before 5pm, helpers going out and assisting the exhausted man to safety.

During the absence of the two men the RNZAF Air Sea Rescue Service at Ohakea had been put on the alert and was preparing to make a search of the area for the missing men when news reached the aerodrome that they had been found.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 19 April 1948, page 4

Launch tragedy — 17th April 1948 after 2 o'clock

Two brothers drowned — Capsize off Tangimoana

A fishing trip by motor-launch off the coast of Tangimoana came to a tragic end shortly after 2pm on Saturday when the launch was overwhelmed by the unexpected onslaught of two great waves about half a mile from the shore and two of its four occupants were drowned.

The victims were:

Mr Arthur James Anderson, aged 46, of Kawa Kawa Road, Feilding, a well known apiarist, and his brother,

Mr Neils Andrew Anderson, aged 50, of the same address.

The two survivors were Messrs Neil Jensen, of Queen Street Feilding and Alexander Buckman, of Grey Street, Feilding.

A graphic description of the details of the tragedy was given yesterday by Mr Jensen, who said that the launch was proceeding homeward after securing a full catch, "a great volume of water arose from nowhere on our beam. The launch rose slightly on the wave which then threw the vessel completely upside down."

At the time Mr Andrew Anderson was at the tiller while his brother was standing on the top of the cabin navigating and pointing to the channel to enter the river. Mr Jensen was standing by the engine and alongside of him was Mr Buckman.

"We all found ourselves underneath the launch as it turned over, and came down on top of us," said Mr Jensen. "I dived and came out on one side, and the other three came out on the other side as the launch righted itself on its keel, full of water. "The peculiar action of the wave had thrown the launch right over upside down and then brought it back on its keel again. It did a complete turn and all the gear was thrown into the water. We all grabbed the sides of the launch and endeavoured to remove our clothing. Arthur called out "For God's sake hold onto the boat; it's our only chance to survive."

Brothers washed away

"We were in this position for about 15 minutes and as we got on the launch it submerged and we had to get off again and hold on, just managing to keep our heads above water. Then quite a big wave, not as big as the one that turned the launch over, came and washed us all off and the Anderson Brothers disappeared. We did not see them again.

Mr Jensen stated that before the second wave came, each was helping the other. He was a strong swimmer and Mr Arthur Anderson could swim also. Mr Neils Anderson was handicapped by a stiff leg.

Mr Jensen was emphatic in stating that the launch was thoroughly seaworthy, and said that in his opinion no boat at Tangimoana could have withstood the force of the waves, which were the cause of the upset. He added that both the drowned men had been well experienced in the handling of launches and that they had been going to Tangimoana for years on fishing expeditions.

Rescue operations

As the submerged launch with Mr Jensen and Mr Buckman holding on, was drifting with the incoming tide towards the shore, Messrs E. Carter and G. Harford arrived in their launch. They had witnessed the capsize of the launch from the sandhills, and despite the knowledge that their launch was out of order, they decided to go at once to the rescue. With the engine on their own launch functioning badly, they proceeded through fairly rough seas to the stricken launch. Arriving on the scene they could not get Messrs Jensen and Buckman on board as the sea was too rough, so they threw out lines, which the survivors caught and were towed out to calmer water where, in an exhausted condition they were pulled on board.

Meanwhile, Mr J. Crabbe of Marton, came out in his launch and took the survivors on board and stood by the launch of Mr Carter for the return journey over the bar to Tangimoana. The bodies of the Anderson Brothers washed ashore some time later.

Both Mr Jensen and Mr Buckman were in an exhausted condition when rescued, and on arrival at Tangimoana they were taken to Mr N. Dick's home for attention.

The launch, a clinker-built craft, 21 feet long and owned by Mr R. Kilsby of Palmerston North, was washed ashore and was salvaged by local residents.

The deceased were well known in Feilding, residing at Kawa Kawa Road with their mother, where they conducted one of the most up to date honey packing plants in New Zealand. Mr Arthur Anderson controlled about 1000 hives and the output in some years amounted to as much as 50 tons. Both were unmarried.

Another brother Mr Gilbert Anderson, was caught in a storm on April 25th, 1944, when on a fishing expedition from Wanganui. His body was washed up onto Tangimoana Beach about four miles from the scene of Saturday's accident.

Note: According to Ted Calkin, the boat that capsized was the most seaworthy at Tangimoana. Two of the rescuers were George Harford and Jim Crabbe. Harford and Carter used Bruce McKenzie's boat, which had a faulty engine.

Manawatu Daily Times, Tuesday 20 April 1948, page 5

Rangitikei drought broken by rains

Per Press Association. Wanganui, April 19.

Rain has been falling heavily in showers of long duration since midnight on Sunday and has alleviated the drought conditions in the Wanganui, Taihape and Rangitikei districts. It has been an exceptionally dry season throughout most of those areas, in some of them the driest within living memory. Cattle have fared badly and farmers, asked today what they thought of the present position, said the rain had come too late to be of much value to the cattle breeder who was contemplating a hard winter. Today's rain has fallen mainly along the coastal belt but there have been some falls inland.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 14 July 1948, page 3

River erosion near Tangimoana

The serious erosion to the Rangitikei River bank constituting a very serious threat to the Tangimoana highway near McKelvie's woolshed was referred to at yesterday's meeting of the Manawatu County Council. The engineer, Mr H. V. Bond, stated that the river was now less than 50 feet from the road boundary whereas it was previous many chains away. The situation called for early attention as access to Tangimoana was cut off during the recent flood. Attention had been given the road deviation at this point but the whole question of road access to Tangimoana required early attention.

The Council agreed that the chairman (Cr R. Craig) and the engineer should proceed to Wellington to interview the Main Highways Board and the Minister of Works.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 18 April 1949, page 8

Tangimoana Regatta

The main Easter attraction at Tangimoana [on Saturday 16 April 1949] was the rowing-boat race on the Rangitikei River, from the Bulls Bridge to Tangimoana, a distance of 14 miles. It was won by a Tokomaru crew in the excellent time of 2hr 17min 15sec, finishing 1min 15sec ahead of the Tangimoana crew. A fresh in the river after heavy rain on the previous day provided a good current and accounted for the fast time. The finish of the race was watched by a large crowd which lined the banks of the Rangitikei River at Tangimoana.

A warm, sunny day, after a boisterous, cold and wet Good Friday, attracted visitors from many parts of the Manawatu and Rangitikei districts for the Easter Saturday boat events on the river and the midget car racing held on the recently constructed dirt track on the sports ground.

In the boat races, Marton competitors fared well, securing two firsts and two seconds.

The following were the results:—

Bulls-Tangimoana rowing race: J. Anderson and E. Pedley, Tokomaru, 2hr 17min 15sec, 1; A. Chandler and F. Spry, Tangimoana, 2hr 18min 40sec, 2; J. Needham and F. Powell, Palmerston North, 2hr 26min 15sec, 3; J. Nitschke and O. Carson, Moanaroa, 2hr 28min 5sec, 4. There were nine starters and seven completed the course, the others withdrawing within a few hundred yards of the finishing post.

Launch race: E. V. Calkin, Marton, 1; Bruce McKenzie, Marton, 2; A. Tank, Dannevirke, 3.

Ladies' flattie race: Miss J. Nitschke, Moanaroa, 1; Miss Elva Miles, Marton, 2; Mrs W. Castleton, Tangimoana, 3.

Outboard motor race: L. Wildbore, Marton, 1; J. Barry, Bulls, 2; E. Matthews, Ohakea, 3.

Men's flattie race: J. Needham, Palmerston North, 1; F. Spry, Tangimoana, 2; E. Pedley, Tokomaru, 3.

At the conclusion of the boat races, spectators adjourned to the sports ground for the nine midget car races.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 27 May 1949, page 9

Intensive search — Small boy missing — Large party engaged

An intensive search over a wide area is being made near the mouth of the Rangitikei River for a boy who has been missing from his home at Tangimoana since Wednesday afternoon. He is Trevor Raymond Abbott, aged seven years. When last seen he was wearing a white cotton shirt, khaki shorts, a blue and red pullover and no shoes. He is 3ft 9in in height, of sturdy build, fair complexion and light coloured hair.

A large party is participating in the search and yesterday about 50 men from the RNZAF station at Ohakea joined the searchers.

Police from the district are assisting and this morning Sergeant J. Graham went from Palmerston North to assist. Nothing is known of the activities of the boy since he left his home at 3pm. The search is being carried out through the dense undergrowth which flanks the river on both sides and to make it systematic, progress must be slow. The search continued on Wednesday through the night and ended at 4am, only to be taken up again as soon as early morning appeared.

Luckily the weather has held good and yesterday's search was unimpeded, but still no trace has been found.

Attention is being paid to the fact that a dinghy, owned by a person holidaying at Tangimoana, was slipped from its moorings in the river some time during the period between 3pm on Wednesday and early Thursday morning, and was found grounded on the opposite bank further up river. It is believed the dinghy was carried upstream by the tide, but a significant factor about the craft is that the anchor was inboard and had apparently been lifted there by someone. There was no sign of footprints from the dinghy in the river silt upon which it grounded.

The organisation of the search was conducted by Constable E. H. Pike of Rongotea, assisted by members of the Tangimoana community. The work of the searchers has been greatly facilitated by members of the Tangimoana Women's Institute. As soon as the search was under way they opened the

McKelvie Hall in the township and kept the searchers supplied with tea. The work of the women was specially commended by the searchers yesterday.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 11 July 1949, page 6

Tangimoana tragedy — Body of missing boy found on beach

While playing on Moanaroa Beach just north of the Rangitikei River yesterday, a boy from Palmerston North made a gruesome discovery. It was the body of a small boy Trevor Raymond Abbott, aged seven years, the son of Mr and Mrs S. Abbott, of Tangimoana.

The boy went missing from his home on May 25. No trace of him was found, but the discovery of an overturned boat on the river near where he had last been playing suggested that he had been drowned.

The discovery was made by Norman Lewis Walding, who resides with his parents at 509 Church Street, Palmerston North. He was visiting the locality for the day with his father's partner in business, Mr D. M. Smith, of Palmerston North. Mr Smith was away shooting and Norman Walding was playing on the beach when he found the body.

It is thought that the body had been caught up in a snag in the river and that it was released by the extra flow in the recent fresh. The body was in a fair state of preservation. The boy's parents moved away from Tangimoana after the tragedy.

Before the Coroner (Mr H. E. Mayer, JP) an inquest was opened in Feilding last night and after evidence of identification had been given was adjourned sine die.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 12 January 1950, page 8

Reclaiming Land — Tangimoana's sandy wastes — Departmental project

More than 5000 acres of sandy land, once completely bare of vegetation and classed as waste property, are in the process of development by the Lands and Survey Department at Tangimoana. The land, which is in the middle of the light sandy coastal belt, has been held by the department for many years, and experimental development moves began 20 years ago, but were confined to control of the drifting dunes.

Originally it was merely raw sand, but with the departmental scheme now well advanced it has taken the semblance of land which, in a few years' time, can be profitably farmed. It is for this purpose that it is now being prepared.

The establishment of plantations of exotic trees has been the first step in the scheme. *Pinus radiata* has been planted liberally to stabilise the sand dunes and act as a shelter belt, while marram grass has been planted to strengthen the drifting sand. The natural growth of lupin, etc. has also helped to stabilise the sand and build up its content of humus. The latest advance has been the sowing of grasses—subterranean, white and strawberry clovers and rye.

Recently the department considered a proposal to sow lupin seed by air on the immediate coastal area, but no action has yet been taken.

Eventually it is intended to subdivide the area into farms. An officer of the department at Palmerston North stated yesterday that he was unable to forecast when the district could be opened for farming purposes, but it is believed that a few years should see this former waste of sand converted into a thriving settlement.

Manawatu Daily Times, Saturday 21 January 1950, page 1

Regatta advertisement

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9:30am, Tangimoana 5:30 and 8:30pm.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 2 February 1950, page 2

Anniversary Day regatta

From our own correspondent

On Monday, January 23, the Tangimoana Boating Club ran their annual Anniversary Day aquatic sports meeting on the river. The chief event was the rowing race from Bulls bridge to Tangimoana. There were also flattie races, outboard races, canoe races, launch races, etc. Being a bright sunny day there was quite an animated scene along the river bank. There was a record crowd in attendance and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. Much credit is due to Mr Ray Chandler, who organised the whole affair.

During the school vacation all the cottages available and accommodation in the camping grounds were occupied and the weather has been all that could be desired.

Manawatu Daily Times, Tuesday 7 March 1950, page 2

Tangimoana beach road abandoned?

Visitors to Tangimoana riverside resorts find that the road to the beach is now no longer negotiable owing to sand drift. It was possible some few years back to take a motor car almost to the ocean beach, but today that is out of the question as the sand drift has successfully swamped the metal road a short distance beyond the belt of pine trees. To many this is a distinct misfortune and visitors are caused to query whether the maintenance of the route has been abandoned. It would appear that the roadway has been forgotten and the sand is being permitted to take charge.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 9 March 1950, page 2

Tangimoana beach road

(To the Editor)

Sir,— In reply to the query in the "Times" in regard to the beach road, I have at various times interviewed our county officials on that question and others besides. While agreeing with the writer, another job that wants urgent attention is our road from the Sanson highway to our settlement which, if not proceeding with the Whale Line project, needs tar sealing. The writer of the letter re. the beach road, with others should, attend a meeting in the McKelvie Hall on Wednesday, March 15, at 8pm, when the county clerk, Mr Drew, and Cr Remnant will be in attendance and give all the information which is required.— I am, etc.,

"Interested"

Manawatu Evening Standard, Tuesday 2 May 1950, page 4

Anzac Day — Beach road — Camping ground — School committee

From our own correspondent

Anzac day was celebrated at McKelvie Hall. It was the first time that a local service has been held and the local members of the RSA were congratulated on the response they received to their endeavours. All the seating accommodation was occupied. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. Rickard, of Palmerston North, and an appropriate address was given by Major M. G. Harvey, of Palmerston North, on the "Spirit of Anzac and Self Sacrifice."

The local authorities paid a visit to the beach recently and they decided to proceed with the making of a new road to the ocean beach. The area is to be prepared and planted with marram grass to give it the necessary foundation. The road when completed will give easy access to the ocean beach.

Improvements are to be carried out in the camping area, which should be completed by the next holiday season.

At the local householders' meeting [on Monday 24 April 1950] the following were elected to the school committee:— Mr W. W. Walker (chairman), Mr J. Coker (secretary), Mr S. R. Watkins, Mrs I. Holland, and Mrs D. Stevenson.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 30 March 1951, page 4

Tangimoana gala

The Tangimoana Improvement and Beautifying Society raised the sum of £30 at their two-day gala [on 24 & 26 March 1951]. Competitions were held during the course of the function, these being won by the following: Sheep guessing, Mrs R. Davidson, Mrs Climo and Mr C. Alsop equal 1; quoits, Mrs C. Alsop; nail driving, Mrs R. Coleman; bed jacket, Mrs W. Howlett; dinner, Mrs von Hartitzsch.

The money raised by the gala will be spent in carrying out improvements to the hall, said the secretary of the society, Mr W. Rushton.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Tuesday 15 April 1952, page 10

River boat race — Assistance from tide

A turning tide over the last two miles assisted competitors for the first time in the history of the annual rowing race down the Rangitikei River from the Bulls bridge to Tangimoana yesterday. The 17-mile course was navigated six minutes faster than last year with C. Cook's and C. A. Mephams canoe covering the distance in 2 hours 40 minutes 35 seconds.

A large crowd watched the six assorted craft leave the starting points at the Bulls bridge. The river level was low but the boats were on even terms throughout.

The race was restricted to two-oar craft and this led to the disqualification of E. Pedley and F. Sayer, the Rongotea pair, who were actually first to cross the line. Following a protest they were displaced for using a third oar.

The major placings were: Cook and Mephams (Palmerston North) 1; C. J. Boyce and J. W. Dansby-Scott (Palmerston North) 2 hours 43 minutes 40 seconds, 2; G. Collings and C. Dansby-Scott (Palmerston North) 2 hours 48 minutes 35 seconds, 3.

A regatta was held at the Tangimoana beach following the race. Results of the principal rowing events were: Women's race, Miss M. Versey (Sandon) 1, Mrs W. Castleton (Tangimoana) 2; Boys' race, Bowden (Palmerston North) 1, Spry (Tangimoana) 2.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Tuesday 9 December 1952, page 6

Letter in bottle — Expedition recalled — Find at Tangimoana

A Manawatu man has an unusual link with the Scottish national Antarctic exploration to the Weddell Sea in 1902. He is Mr P. Larsen, of Tangimoana, who in September found a bottle containing a letter near the mouth of the Three Mile Creek at Tangimoana.

Mr Larsen sent the letter to the Admiralty in London and has just received a letter of thanks from the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty. The letter, which Mr Larsen showed to the "Manawatu Evening Standard" today, said the paper was of great interest because it dated back to the noteworthy Antarctic expedition of 1902-04 led by Dr W. S. Bruce in the vessel "Scotia."

The expedition explored the Weddell Sea as far as 74 degrees south latitude. The paper found by Mr Larsen was of historic interest and it had been sent to Dr Tait, of the Scottish Home Department's Marine Laboratory at Aberdeen.

Mr Larsen also received a letter from Dr Tait, who said that the remains of the drift bottle leaflet had been carefully mounted and along with an explanatory note would be exhibited permanently in the rooms of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, where the late Dr Bruce, leader of the expedition, generally referred to as the Scotia expedition, communicated some of his results.

Dr Tait also asked Mr Larsen for a description of the bottle and possibly a sketch.
[Percy Larsen lived at 17 Nuku Street.]

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 5 January 1953, page 4

Sharing playgrounds

Sir,—Not only Foxton and Himatangi beaches are sharing their waterfronts with the people of Palmerston North, Pahiatua, Woodville, Feilding, Marton and elsewhere. Tangimoana (loosely interpreted Murmuring Pacific) is also providing delightful respite for many visitors.

The well situated AA motor camp is filled with tents and cars sheltered beneath macracarpa trees. Nearby the wide Rangitikei River flowing calmly by offers splendid boating for the row boats and motor propelled craft. Bathing in the river is enjoyed from shallow willow-shaded reaches or from fine shaded banks.

The ocean beach itself offers a challenge to the more robust. Magnificent views of Kapiti Island, Mount Egmont and the South Island rewarding the climber over the sandhills which so far have defied the ingenuity of a local committee to subdue. The children's playground, tennis courts, bowling green and dancing in the McKelvie Memorial Hall with its impressive decor of noble stags heads, as well as walks through the pine forest reserves have all been shared during the holidays.

This little known resort has a charm of its own and could well be the "sleeping beauty" of the group.—
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"Ancient Mariner"

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 2 April 1953, page 4

Playground improvements

From our own correspondent

Easter visitors and their families will notice a welcome improvement in the children's playing area and the surroundings when they visit this popular resort. Under the guidance of the recently elected president of the Tangimoana Improvement and Beautifying Society (Mr W. H. Castleton) and an active band of members, a big difference has been accomplished. The swings have been put in tip top order and a seesaw has been installed, things that the youngsters delight in. The usual boat races which are an annual event on Easter Mondays will also be held. Bowlers should also find that they can be provided for on our bowling green, which is in first class order.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 8 April 1953, page 5

Boat racing on Rangitikei River

Calm water at Tangimoana but indications of a flood in the Rangitikei River at the Bulls Bridge, created a problem for competitors and officials for the fifth annual boat race — Bulls Bridge to Tangimoana on Easter Saturday. However, the races for manual-propelled boats took place. Results:—

Handicap race, R. Tavendale and F. Tufuga 1, Cook and Mephan 2, Scholes brothers 3. Fastest time (official timekeeper, Mr R. Chandler), Cook and Mephan 1 hour 53 minutes 10 seconds, a record for the 20-mile course. The fresh in the river possibly assisted the time.

Ellis and Berry had the misfortune to take the wrong course and were much delayed. Needham and Johnson also struck trouble when their boat sprang a leak and they had to keep bailing out. Other competitions were won by F. Tufuga (Hansen trophy), B. Clark Kairanga (Mrs F. Spry's trophy). The winner of the boy's boat race was W. Bowden (Mrs Truman's trophy).

Speed boat competitors decided against racing but the many spectators on the waterfront were treated to a thrilling exhibition of speed racing when Roger Browan in Power King took the water, Also in a speed boat was Mr C. Bowden, of Palmerston North.

Mesdames Castleton, Chandler and Larsen were in charge of the afternoon tea arrangements.

TIBS Minute Book, Wednesday 13 May 1953

Working bee and dance

Working Bee 21 March 1953

During the morning and afternoon of March 21st a working bee consisting of some of the committee members took place. Mr Castleton with his truck, slash hooks, rakes etc., Mr Harper stripped to the minimum, and Mr Reeve with his scythe, got to work on the long grass, lupin, overhanging macrocarpa branches and general rubbish, which had accumulated in the children's playing area, and made a real clearance. The paddling pool also came in for attention. Much of the refuse was burned with the enthusiastic assistance of several small boys, but lupin and such, likely to be of benefit, was taken by Mr Castleton to the ocean beach road.

In the meantime Mesdames Castleton, Cooper and Philips were in the hall, overhauling the library, cleaning windows and giving the floor a thorough sweeping. Later, all partook of afternoon tea, which the menfolk had thoroughly earned.

Dance Easter Saturday 4 April 1953

A successful function with an abundance of music — Mr Bramwell, piano and drums. There were some inquiries for cakes but as they would have been stale, patrons were content with the savoury supper. Overall takings were £14.14.6 less orchestra £6.0.0 and advertising £1.8.0.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 8 April 1954, page 13

Tangimoana Aquatic Sports Club

From our own correspondent

An enthusiastic meeting was held recently in the McKelvie Hall when the Tangimoana Aquatic Sports Club was formed [on 29 March 1954]. Visitors were present from the Palmerston North Boating Club and also from Feilding and district.

Mr R. Chandler was in the chair and was elected president, Mr Graham vice-president and Mr G. R. Poulson, honorary secretary-treasurer. The following committee was elected:— Messrs J. Berry, D. Dilks, J. Needham, E. Reeve, E. Spry, F. Spry, Faatau Tufuga and H. O. Weld.

The annual boat race from Bulls bridge to Tangimoana was arranged for Easter Saturday (April 17). The boats are timed to leave the bridge at 11am. A varied programme has been arranged to take place on the waterfront at Tangimoana for the amusement of visitors and those watching the boats. Handicappers for the race are Messrs Chandler, Dilks and Poulson. The official starter is Mr T. Spry and the timekeeper, Mr E. Reeve.

Several local people attending the meeting joined the club, the two youngest being W. Hague and R. Thomas, both very keen river boys.

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Manawatu Evening Standard, Refers to Easter Saturday 17 April 1954

Aquatic Sports regatta

From our own correspondent

The Rangitikei River at Tangimoana was the scene of great activity on Easter Saturday. Energetic workers could be seen erecting tents, etc., and anchoring marking buoys in the river. Cars and trucks streamed into Tangimoana and soon the parking areas were quite full. The bank of the river was thickly lined with people watching the races and looking for the first signs of the competitors in the Bulls to Tangimoana race. There were quite a few juvenile anglers spaced along the bank competing in the fishing competition, but owing to the activities of the speed boats making preliminary runs, the water was too disturbed and the competition was abandoned until a future date. During the afternoon members of the Water Ski Club put on some really good shows. Speed boats were kept very busy giving rides to the public. Special thanks go to the salvage boat crew (Messrs N. Anderson and T. Woodham) for their services, and also to Messrs T. Watkins, B. Sinclair and W. Castleton who were in charge of the slip-way, the parking steward (Mr T. Ayers) and the handicapper (Mr L. H. Hayter) and assistants, and members of the speed boat club. Thanks also go to the women who served afternoon tea (Mesdames Berry, Spry and Graham) and helpers. The potato competition was won by Mr Collis.

Women's Institute

There was a fair attendance of members at the April meeting [on Wednesday 14 April 1954] of the Tangimoana Women's Institute. Mrs Rushton welcomed Miss Larsen, who is on leave from the Auckland Hospital, and Mrs Dassler, also from Auckland, and both were presented with sprays. Birthday invitations were received from Glen Oroua and Rangiotu. Mrs Cooper reported that the banner was near completion. It was decided to hold a jumble stall during May, the proceeds to go to the Leper fund. Members were also asked to save all used stamps.

Mrs Coker and Mrs Cooper were the delegates appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Manawatu Federation and were instructed on voting. The programme for the year was discussed and arranged. The roll call, of useful household hints, proved very interesting and helpful. Mrs Stuart judged the competitions which resulted as follows: Large bloom, Mrs Larsen 1, Mrs Calkin 2; small bloom, Mrs Calkin 1, Mrs Weld 2; cluster, Mrs Weld 1, Mrs Rushton 2; jam, Mrs Weld 1, Mrs Calkin 2. The travelling parcel was won by Mrs Calkin. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Gillam and Larsen. Mrs Larsen was in charge of the bring and buy stall.

Bowls

Mr Hunter presided over the annual meeting of the Tangimoana Outdoor Bowling Club, held in the McKelvie Hall on Saturday morning. The club has had a very successful year, the membership being the highest since its formation. Mr Hunter was re-elected president; Mrs Rogers vice-president; honorary secretary, Mr R. Wrightson; committee Mrs Philips and Messrs Kent, Miles, Larsen and Wilson.

Regatta dance

A grand regatta dance was held in the McKelvie Hall on Easter Saturday night, sponsored by the hall committee. Mr Bishop, of Sanson, was MC and an orchestra supplied the music. The lucky Gay Gordons was won by Mrs W. E. Cooper and Mr D. Anderson. A Monte Carlo waltz was won by Miss R. Ayers and Mr V. Larsen. Prizes were donated by Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Castleton. Mr Bishop won a competition. Supper room arrangements were in the hands of Mesdames Castleton, Cooper, Larsen, Phillips, Rushton and Wrightson and Messrs Anderson and Chandler.

River sports

Men's rowing race, E. Spry 1, A. Chandler 2, T. Spry 3; women's rowing race, G. Cooper 1, N. Versey 2, Mrs Thomas 3; boys' rowing race, K. Bould 1, R. Thomas 2, R. Toms 3; boys' canoe race, P. Browan and R. Gillam 1, N. McKenzie and I. McKenzie 2, R. Thomas and W. Hague 3.

[The date of this clipping has been verified from the CWI minutes, but it does not appear to have been printed in the city edition of the *Manawatu Evening Standard*.]

***Manawatu Evening Standard*, Monday 19 April 1954, page 3**

Speedboat racing — Tangimoana regatta

On Saturday the Manawatu Boating Club held a charity regatta on the Rangitikei River at Tangimoana in aid of the Feilding Queen Carnival.

Results of the speedboat events were:—

First B class: Ajax 1, Miss Napier 2, Little Pest 3. First A class: Avalanche 1, Miss Elsthorpe 2, Miss Fielding 3. Second B class: Miss Napier 1, Woodpecker 2, Little Pest 3. Second A class: Autowynn 1, Miss Feilding 2, Vampire 3. Third B class: Stardust 1, Miss Napier 2. Tangimoana Cup (club events): Miss Feilding 1, Miss Elsthorpe 2, Avalanche 3. Tangimoana Cup (championship): Avalanche 1, Miss Feilding 2, Mercury 3.

Note: Cups were donated by W. H. Castleton.

***Manawatu Evening Standard*, Monday 19 April 1954, page 9**

River race — Bulls to Tangimoana — Palmerston North pair win

The winners of the recent Manawatu Gorge race W. Olsen and E. Mephram (Palmerston North) gained further success in boating when they won the 15 mile Bulls to Tangimoana river race conducted by the newly formed Tangimoana Aquatic Sports Club, in conjunction with a speed boat regatta on Saturday. The pair were handicapped 22 minutes, but within three-quarters of a mile of the finishing line they had overhauled all the other boats.

[Note by Wilf Castleton: Not in conjunction at all, as speed and power boats are strictly controlled by the NZSPBRA.]

Second place went to F. Spry and A. Chandler off 10 minutes. The limit entrant Faatau Tufuga finished third.

Olsen and Mephram, who had not raced on the river before, found the going even more difficult than on the Manawatu River. The boat travelled over the water at a fast rate and they had little time to make second decisions.

Competitors had to battle against an incoming tide over the last part of the journey and the craft were often hit by waves which were as much as three feet high.

The main channel was narrow in some places and in one particular stretch it was only 10 feet wide. Rapids were numerous and while they were not as treacherous as those of the "White Horse" in the Gorge race, a considerable degree of skill was nevertheless demanded in piloting the boats through the water.

The winning pair had to carry their kayak several times. On one occasion they ran into shallow water and were forced to lift the boat for about 200 yards before they could begin paddling again. Three-quarters of a mile from the finish Olsen and Mephram caught the leaders, Spry and Chandler, and Tufuga who competed on his own. Valuable ground was lost by Spry and Chandler when they rounded the last bend, wide of the inside bank. Olsen and Mephram were quick to take advantage of this error and the pair went into the lead. They increased the distance in the sprint to the line to win by 58 seconds.

Fastest time was recorded by the winners, who completed the journey in 1 hour 54min 33sec. The runners-up, P. Sullivan and R. Bragg, took 2 hours, 5min 41sec—11min 8sec slower.

Samoan outrigger

One of the best performances was that of the Samoan, Faatau Tufuga. Instead of the usual canoe or rowing boat, he used an outrigger. Whenever he approached an obstruction, Tufuga had to lift the outrigger from the water, but in the 15-mile journey he hit an obstruction only once.

Entrants were handicapped well. Less than 500 yards separated the first four home and the fifth competitor to finish was not far behind. There were eight entries.

Rangitikei News, Thursday 11 November 1954

River work at Tangimoana

The fact that the board had spent £3489 on works in the vicinity of Tangimoana was reported by the engineer, Mr R. W. Harris, at a meeting of the Rangitikei Catchment Board at Marton.

Mr Harris said £502 had been spent on the Tangimoana foreshore, £1760 on the McKelvie No. 2 scheme, and £1227 on the McKelvie No. 1 scheme. This did not include expenditure on the original establishment of the torpedo net which was carried out by the Ministry of Works on the basis of a subsidy and direct contribution.

The work by the board, said Mr Harris, included some scrub fascining and, more lately, stone work along the foreshore. There also had been the substantial expenditure, assisted partly by the Manawatu County Council, at points adjacent to the Tangimoana Road. The inroads of the river, particularly at McKelvie's No. 2, could have had serious repercussions for the township in the long run.

Mr Harris said the condition of work on the foreshore was reasonably satisfactory but some work would be needed to combat the current erosion at the lower end, probably in the form of groynes. These works, he said, should be carried out at least in part this summer. In the meantime there did not appear to be an immediate danger of any major failure.

Manawatu Daily Times, Friday 11 March 1955, page 2

Speedboats — Indoor bowls — Tennis

From our own correspondent

Speedboats on river

Beautiful weather prevailed conditions were ideal for the practice runs of the several speedboats which were out on the Rangitikei River at the Tangimoana waterfront at the weekend. Much interest was taken by residents, and by the visitors whose cars lined the river bank till quite late at night. Two boats thrilled the spectators by roaring along the river in the moonlight.

The boats on the river were "Marlane" (Rex Barr, Palmerston North), "Miss Flash" (Peter Maunder, Palmerston North), "Miss Empire" (Laurie Thompson, Palmerston North), and "Whazatt" (Roger Browan, Tangimoana). The owner of "Miss Empire" enjoyed conditions so well that he sped to Foxton with his wife and some friends aboard, returning to join the other boats in giving rides to thrilled youngsters.

Aquaplaning was also tried by some of the more venturesome. This stretch of the river is becoming very popular with the speedboat fan. Further evidence of this is the enthusiasm with which aquaplaning is entered into at every opportunity. A particularly pleasant scene was that on Tuesday evening when Miss Margaret Horne, Tangimoana's assistant school teacher, was on an aquaplane with Roger Browan, in "Whazatt", piloting the speedboat. Car lights trained on the river further enhanced the picture.

Indoor bowls

Indoor bowls have made their usual early start, the opening night being Tuesday, March 8. Mr Weld, president, introduced Mr O. W. Larsen, the club's oldest bowler and one of the most enthusiastic, who rolled down the kitty and the first bowl. Several new players attended.

Tennis championships

There was perfect weather for the playing of the Tangimoana Tennis Club Championships. Keen playing with some promising juniors showing up augured well for the club.

It was hoped that Mr N. Hanson, of Palmerston North, who donated the new women's cup, would have been present to present it, but a prior engagement made this impossible. Miss V. Grinstead was the first winner of this cup. A. Chandler won the men's cup, and Bob Randall the junior cup.

Playing for the men's cup were: F. Gilbert, A. Chandler, H. Watkins, C. Gray, V. Larsen, F. Connelly, W. Rogerson, and F. Spry. The semi-finalists were F. Gilbert and F. Connolly, Gilbert going on to the final with A. Chandler, who won the set 7-5.

In the women's cup players were: Mesdames Dick, Gilbert, Hague, Spry and Weldon, and Misses Ayers and V. Grinstead. In the semi-finals Mrs Dick defeated Mrs Gilbert 7-3. The finals between Miss Grinstead and Mrs Dick resulted in a win for Miss Grinstead by 7-3.

Those playing for the junior cup were: Misses A. Millar, M. Rushton, L. Alsop, P. Miller, and J. Randall, and Masters R. Dick, T. Weldon, B. Randall, and B. Hague. The semi-finalists were Dick and Joyce Randall, B. Randall and Ann Millar. The finalists were B. Randall and Dick, Randall winning the set 7-5.

The cups were presented by the club captain, Mr Frank Gilbert.

Notes

Power Board employees have been busy during the last few days installing seven new street lights in the settlement.

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 11 April 1955, page 3

Woman crewmember in Bulls to river-mouth boat race

Conducted by the Tangimoana Aquatic Sports Club, the sixth annual Bulls Bridge to Tangimoana boat race on the Rangitikei River was the beginning of a full programme which attracted hundreds of people to Tangimoana Beach on Saturday.

Calm sunny weather prevailed and from an early hour cars, many with speedboats on trailers, began to arrive, until by mid-day, hundreds were parked along the waterfront and adjacent roads.

The handicap rowing race from the bridge to Tangimoana was won by a boat crewed by a man and a woman—the first time a woman has entered the race. The crew was Mrs J. Needham and C. Versey, her brother, of Sanson. Second place went to the two Hartley brothers of Bulls, and third to F. Spry and Allan Chandler, of Tangimoana.

In the flat-bottomed class, Mrs Needham and Versey were again successful, their craft complying with the conditions of this section. Second place went to E. Spry and J. Berry, of Tangimoana. The fastest time was recorded by O. Raleigh and J. Symonds, of Palmerston North. It was 2 hours 19 minutes.

This time was much slower than last year by reason of the low run of water in the river. Time and again boats had to be manhandled across shingle banks, and competitors arrived at the finishing line thoroughly soaked. Last year's time was 1 hour 56 minutes 33 seconds.

In the challenge cup speedboat race, "Half-pint", driven by Vile of Palmerston North, was ably brought into first place. The boys' rowing race was won by K. Bould and W. Hague. A potato competition was won by Mr Helliwell.

Children enjoyed themselves during the day with rides in a speedboat "Marlane", owned Mr Rex Barr, and Mr Peter Maunder's "Miss Flash".

Afternoon tea was in the hands of Mesdames Berry, F. Spry and Mr and Mrs A. Graham.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 13 April 1955, page 13

Easter dance — Sunday concert — River races

From our own correspondent

A very successful dance was held in the McKelvie Hall at Tangimoana on Easter Saturday night. The hall was tastefully decorated with green and gold streamers and flowers in Autumn tints. A popular orchestra supplied the music and a programme of modern and old time dances was enjoyed. The programme was interspersed with items. A song "My Grandfather's Clock" by Mr N. Dixon and costume dances "Irish Jig" and "Sailor's Hornpipe" by Miss J. Woodhams of Waikino were appreciated. Extras were played by Mr and Mrs Eglinton and Mr H. Mason. Mr W. Larkin at the piano, played "Swanee River" as it has been played throughout the years.

Mrs Wrightson won the competition and winners of the lucky spot waltz were Mr and Mrs Percival, and the winners of the monte carlo were Mrs Hague and Mr H. Watkins. Mrs Hamana and Mr H. James won the lucky Gay Gordons. Mr N. Dixon was a capable MC.

Supper was served by Mesdames Browan, Knight, Castleton, Wrightson, Coker, Anderson, Larsen and other helpers.

Sunday concert

The McKelvie Hall was filled to capacity on Sunday night when the Ratana Maori youth movement gave a concert. It was an unusual sight in Tangimoana to see a queue lined up waiting for admission. The hall filled rapidly, many people standing, and chairs were brought in from neighbouring houses. The audience was certainly charmed with the beautiful blending of the Maori voices and the graceful movements in their action songs and poi dances. The concert opened with the singing of a psalm and two hymns led by the supervisor, Mr S. Paki.

Action songs, duets, quartets and hakas were much enjoyed. During the last item on that part of the programme, to the subdued harmony of the Maori voices, the supervisor thanked all for their attendance and help.

A talent quest took up the second half, which was as follows: Class A, "At the Football Match," Miss A. J. Dixon; sword dance, Miss J. Woodhams; Highland fling, Miss T. Gunton. Class B, accordion duet, Mr Hooper and son. Class C, "Songs of Samoa," T. Tufuga and group; songs, trio of Maori girls.

Mrs Wrightson and Mr Rogerson were appointed judges of the talent quest and the prizes were awarded as follows: Class A, Miss A. J. Dixon; Class B, Mr Hooper and son, Class C, Maori girls' trio. Mrs Wrightson presented the prizes.

The camping ground at Tangimoana has been the scene of much activity since Good Friday, when the Ratana Maori youth movement contingent arrived. The beautiful weather did much to make their stay a happy one. Swimming and boating were a great attraction, especially to the younger members, and with the added attractions of the river race and the speedboat races on Easter Saturday, there have been no dull moments. The camp was well organised, and all had their allotted tasks.

After each meal was finished the next was prepared ready for cooking, and all were responsible for their own washing up. A short service was conducted each morning by the supervisor, Mr S. Paki. A film evening was held and residents were invited. Before the screening, the supervisor addressed the visitors, giving them a hearty welcome and expressing the wish that pakeha and Maori unite in friendship. Hymns were sung in Maori. The films were shown out in the open.

On Easter Monday sports were held, the results being: Tiny tots, Peter Spry 1, Evan Rogerson 2; jockey race, Ruth Nant 1, Gavin Hill 2; under seven years, John Nant 1, Kama 2; under 10, Vivienne Gray 1, R. Clouston 2; under 12, Cynthia Kearney 1, R. Nant 2; under 15, Cynthia Kearney 1, Sheryl Ayers 2; 16 and over, Noeline Prouse 1, Mrs D. Anderson 2; married women, Mrs Christiansen 1, Mrs D. Anderson 2; men, first heat, F. Spry 1; J. Luke 2; second heat, J. Nant 1, C. Reremoa 2; babies' crawling race, Brian Anderson 1, walking, Miles Hooper 1, John Hamahona 2; find my baby, Mrs Gray 1, Mrs Nant 2; hop, step and jump, Dudley Paki; odds and evens, Lynette Hughes and Rodney Thomas; lolly scramble Kevin Dixon; novelty race, Lynette Hughes; relay, R. Hallet. Mrs Cooper presented the prizes and Mrs Carkeek won the picture competition.

At the conclusion of the sports an invitation was extended to all who cared to have dinner at the camp, cooked in Maori fashion on the hot stones. Many accepted and enjoyed the delicious food. This was the last meal at the camp and, after cleaning up, they took their departure, all hoping to visit Tangimoana again next year.

River races

The Spry Challenge Cup, open to local boys, was competed for on Easter Monday afternoon. There were quite a few entries and the boats made a fine sight with the sun shining on the river as they all came down towards the finishing buoy. The result was: Ian McKenzie 1, Pat Browan 2, Kevin Bould 3. The open boat race was won by Roger Browan, with Doreen Wilson second.

Obituary

It was with deep regret that the residents of Tangimoana learned of the death of Miss Maud Marston, a member of one of the older families of the township. She will be sadly missed by many for her kind deeds.

The Dominion, Saturday 22 October 1955

Bottle washed ashore after half-century at sea

Fifty-two years ago, some shivering German scientists launched a flotilla of bottles containing messages from snow-covered Kerguelen or Desolation Island. One of the bottles was found recently on a search by young Roy Bould, a pupil of Tangimoana School, at the mouth of the Rangitikei River.

The bottle and its message passed through two world wars and a greatly changing world to be picked up by a young lad in a country not so very far from where it first set out. The message in French, German and English asked the finder to send the bottle to a German consulate or to Hamburg. The message also stated how many bottles had been put in the sea and the route the scientists expected the bottle to follow. It has since been learned that the bottle was put into the sea in March, 1903, by members of a German South Seas scientific expedition under a Herr Drygalski in the vessel Gauss.

Kerguelen Island is volcanic, 85 miles long by 75 wide, and reaches a height of 6120 feet. Most of the interior is covered with snow. It has glaciers and its storms are nearly constant.

Roy sent the message, through the Marine Department, to the German Legation in Wellington, and has since received a photostat copy of the message from the legation. The legation has sent the message to the Deutsche Seewarte, an institute for oceanographical research in Hamburg.

Manawatu Daily Times, Friday 20 January 1956, page 3

Flooding at Tangimoana "annoying"

Complaints from the Tangimoana Town Committee regarding continued flooding were dealt with by the Manawatu County Council at its meeting this week.

A request was made that consideration should be given to raising a portion of the road from Spry's house to the foot of the small rise on the corner. It is a source of annoyance each time the river floods, stated the letter, and the new road seems to be as far away as ever.

Asked by the chairman, Mr R. Craig, for his opinion, Cr J. C. M. Scott admitted that the road flooded, but said the water did not stay there for any length of time. It was not particularly deep, though sometimes cars could not get through. It was usually accessible to cream lorries and buses. He admitted that the residents had cause for annoyance, but doubted whether the raising of the road would improve the position very much.

Cr E. N. Rowe considered that there was some justification for the complaint that Tangimoana was getting little attention in relation to the other two beaches.

Cr Scott was authorised to discuss the matter further with the town committee.

Manawatu Daily Times, Saturday 17 March 1956, page 14

Aquatic Sports Club — School treat

From our own correspondent

Aquatic Sports Club

Junior and senior members of the Tangimoana Aquatic Sports Club were present at McKelvie Hall on Wednesday evening [14 March 1956] when the annual meeting was held. Mr H. O. Weld was in the chair. Mr R. Chandler read the annual report and balance sheet which revealed that the club was in a sound financial condition. Thanks were expressed by Mr R. Chandler, retiring president, for cups and trophies donated to the club during the year. A service of interest to surf casters is shortly to be broadcast when conditions at the ocean beach on Friday evening will be announced.

The Easter programme of events in connection with the annual Rangitikei River boat race from Bulls Bridge to Tangimoana is being arranged.

The following officers were elected:— President, Mr H. O. Weld; vice-president, Mr R. Chandler; hon. secretary-treasurer, Mr T. Ayers; committee, Messrs R. Ayers, Kevin Bould, A. Graham, V. Hansen, E. Reeve, E. Spry, and F. Spry .

School treat at Bulls

On Wednesday morning [14 March 1956] a large bus load of school children, parents and friends journeyed from Tangimoana to the Bulls Domain to enjoy several hours in delightful surroundings. The schoolmaster, Mr Rogerson, assisted by Mr E. Keat, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Hague arranged a programme of games and races.

Results:— Under six, Jenny Keat 1, Jenny Wilson 2, Nita Tozer 3; Seven and over, Siliva Tufuga 1, Lindsay Keat 2, Anne Hague 3; Nine and under, Margaret Browan 1, Alma Wilson 2, Jillian Bould 3; Ten and under, Tise Tufuga 1, Norman Randall 2, Anne Tozer 3; Eleven and under, Karen Thomas 1, Joyce Randall, Pam Mitchell 2 equal; Twelve and over, Pat Browan 1, Joyce Wilson 2, Bill Hague 3; Woman's race, Mrs J. H. Anderson 1, Miss B. Wilson 2, Mrs J. Hague 3; Skipping race, junior, Margaret Browan 1, Tise Tufuga 2, Jillian Bould 3; Senior, Karen Thomas 1, Joyce Randall 2, Anne Tozer 3.

Mrs P. Larsen was in charge of refreshments. The highlight of the day was the visit to the Parewahawaha Memorial meeting-house where Mrs Brown charmingly explained the native art which is being developed within the precincts and which will eventually make of this building an historic memorial. The chairman of the Tangimoana school, Mr J. L. Browan, thanked Mrs Brown for her instructive explanations.

The Rangitikei Mail, Thursday 15 March 1956

Giant stingray

A giant stingray, thought to be the second largest ever caught in New Zealand waters, was caught recently by four Bulls fishermen, Messrs R. A. Hartley, T. Rogers, F. Giles and T. Mehangi. The stingray was caught in a 25 yard herring net at Moanaroa, at the mouth of the Rangitikei River. It weighed 262 lbs and measured 6ft 7in. Its width was 5ft 3in and the length of the sting was 11 inches.

Manawatu Daily Times, Tuesday 10 April 1956, page 4

School funds — Dance — Boat race and sports

From our own correspondent

School funds

A bring-and-buy stall held in Tangimoana in aid of school funds was most successful. The children's own stall was a special feature. Those in charge included Mesdames J. L. Browan, P. Larsen, K. Scott, C. Thomas, and E. Wrightson. Mr Rogerson was in charge of the shooting gallery and weight-guessing competition. Competition winners were: Mesdames Batty, Bould, J. Chandler, Grantham, and Rasmussen, Messrs O. Batty and R. Kent, and Miss D. Wilson.

Hall committee dance

Held on Easter Saturday night [31 March 1956] the Hall Committee dance was a marked success. Mr N. Dixon was MC. Music was supplied by Messrs Ray Grantham, Alan Swenson and W. Rushton. Lucky Gay Gordons winners were Miss Anne Miller and Mr Skeet. The Monte Carlo waltz was won by Mr Skeet and Miss Wendy Frecklington. A hall competition was won by Mr M. Proctor.

Supper room helpers were Mesdames J. Browan, W. Cooper, P. Larsen, Grantham, and E. Wrightson, and Messrs J. L. Browan and E. Reeve.

Boat race and sports

The Bulls Bridge to Tangimoana boat race [on 31 March 1956] resulted as follows: Open class, Mr C. Versey and Mrs Needham 1, J. Symon and D. Hoten 2nd and fastest time. Flattie class: J. Needham

and W. Feild 1. A children's surf casting competition was won by K. Bould. Junior members' boat race: K. Bould 1, W. Hague 2. Boys' open boat race: N. Randall 1, W. Hague 2. Women's boat race: Miss G. Cooper 1, Nada Versey 2, V. Grinstead 3. Men's surf casting competition, E. Vogt 1, R. Chandler 2. Children's running events were well patronised.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 16 July 1956, page 6

This was a road in 1927

[Two photographs of a local deputation with Sir Matthew Oram at Tangimoana Beach on 16 July 1956.]

A road to the Tangimoana Beach, put through in 1927 and kept in order until 1936, has since been covered with sand and local residents are now seeking access from the end of Ocean Beach Road. Sir Matthew Oram, MP, met a deputation at the site this morning (top) and advised them on the best steps to have another road put through. Bottom: Members of the deputation exchange views with Sir Matthew.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 25 July 1956, page 2

Work on beach road

From our own correspondent

Good progress was made during the weekend [21 and 22 July 1956] with the planting on the sand hills adjacent to the new road by members of the County Town Committee, residents and members of the Palmerston North Rifle, Rod and Gun Club.

Mrs W. Castleton and helpers provided cups of tea. Members of the County Council and the overseer visited the proposed road site on Wednesday morning and were impressed with the amount of work done. They gave a very favourable report of the reconstruction of the new roadway.

Dance Billboard, Wednesday 9 January 1957

TANGIMOANA

TENNIS CLUB

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SPORTS TO MAKE OUR
DANCE A SUCCESS

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GORDON CURRIE'S ORCHESTRA
PUBLIC HALL 9TH JAN AT 8
GOOD SUPPER

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 20 March 1957, page 3

Visit from Te Kawau Ladies' Bowling Club

From our own correspondent

Two teams from the Te Kawau Ladies' Bowling Club on Thursday afternoon [14 March 1957] paid a friendly visit to the Tangimoana Club. The green was in good order and until rain stopped play at about 4 o'clock some good bowling was enjoyed.

During the afternoon tea adjournment, the Tangimoana president, Mr C. Watkins, welcomed the visitors, Mrs Thompson replying on behalf of the Rongotea members.

Un sourced clipping, Wednesday 10 April 1957

Cricket at Clydesdale

From our own correspondent

On Thursday afternoon last [4 April 1957] a senior and a junior team from the Tangimoana School motored to Clydesdale for a series of cricket games. In the senior games Clydesdale won by an innings and 12 runs. In the junior game a draw resulted, both scoring 72 runs.

The Rangitikei Mail, Thursday 9 May 1957

Man who changed his mind

A man who has never believed stories about messages being found in bottles cast up by the sea found a message in a bottle cast up by the sea at Tangimoana Beach last weekend. And the discovery is

likely to prove a useful one for its finder, Mr Lindsay Montgomery, of Marton, for the message promises a reward from the person who dropped it into the sea six months ago.

A frequent visitor to Tangimoana, Mr Montgomery noticed the bottle half buried in sand on a lonely part of the beach. The message inside disclosed that it had been set adrift from the liner Mariposa during her maiden cruise in November, 1956, when it visited New Zealand, carrying aboard several American millionaires.

The typed message indicated that the bottle was dropped overboard 254 miles from Wellington and 1197 miles from Sydney. The writer, Mr A. West Johnson, asks that it be returned to him at his home in Eugene, Oregon, USA.

"And I've never believed stories about bottle messages," Mr Montgomery admitted to the "Mail" this week.

[See article in *The Rangitikei Mail*, Thursday 9 April 1964]

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 7 June 1957, page 6

Missing man found — Tangimoana search — Went to gather cones

After a day and a half searching for Mr Joe Robson, an elderly resident of Tangimoana who went out on Wednesday morning and had not returned by late that afternoon, he was located and he returned to his home this morning.

Mr Robson went out to gather cones from a nearby pine plantation and when he was not back by 4:30pm on Wednesday a police search party, which later grew in size as residents turned out, began a hunt for the missing man. Some 30 men, including residents, helped in the search.

Another Tangimoana resident saw Mr Robson walking towards the pine plantation on Wednesday morning. When he had not returned a search began at 4:30pm on Wednesday, led by Sergeant C. H. Davis of Foxton. A party was led through the plantation, but when this failed to reveal anything the search was extended to the river and ocean beaches.

Mr Robson, a man in his sixties, has been in the habit of collecting pine cones from the forest area for a number of years. Since a serious operation last year, however, he has not been in good health and it was doubted whether he could travel long distances or climb fences.

The first parties were made up of police officers summoned from surrounding districts. In addition to residents from the township, the searchers included Constables R. Carter and B. McQueen (Palmerston North), R. Jennings and G. Odell (Bulls) and E. H. Pike (Rongotea). Women residents provided meals for the searchers, served in the McKelvie Hall.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 21 August 1957, page 8

Road from Tangimoana to beach front now open to traffic

The road from Tangimoana to the seafront is now open to traffic. Formed by the Manawatu County Council, the road will mean easier access for holidayers and fishermen. Previously cars could go no further than the pine plantations and people had to trudge over sandhills to reach the sea.

The council staff has done a good job in levelling, metalling and rolling the extended road. Marram grass, planted by voluntary labour, has grown well. Further protective work is planned it is understood.

An energetic committee of local women folk under the leadership of Mrs K. Wilson, is working enthusiastically to establish a building fund with which it is hoped to erect dressing rooms, conveniences and a room for boiling water. With this object in view a bazaar and sale of work is being held on Saturday in the McKelvie Hall. Considerable help from the surrounding districts has been forthcoming for this event.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 21 August 1957, page 12

Tennis Club dance

From our own correspondent

The Tangimoana Tennis Club held a dance recently [Wednesday 7 August] in the McKelvie Hall. Mr T. Ayers was the MC. Music was supplied by a professional orchestra. The lucky spot waltz was won by Miss G. McKay and Mr Payne; lucky Gay Gordons by Mr K. McKane and Mrs B. Stern; Monte Carlo waltz by Mrs and Miss R. Ayers.

Supper was in the charge of Mesdames D. Anderson, Ayers, McKane, and Wrightson, and Misses R. and U. Ayers and V. Grinstead,.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 10 October 1957, page 2

Council to consider purchase of land at Tangimoana beach

Consideration to the purchase of several hundred acres of Crown land at Tangimoana Beach for building development will be given by the Manawatu County Council, according to a decision reached at this week's meeting of the council.

The chairman, Mr W. L. Carter, reported to the council on a recent visit made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands in Wellington, when the matter was discussed. The Commissioner was agreeable in principle to the suggestion, said Mr Carter.

Cr J. C. M. Scott said that he thought the development of the beach area at Tangimoana would do much to prevent sand erosion. "I think we should have a look at the scheme," he said, "and tell the department just what we want."

"If we are going to have all the troubles of the beach," added Mr Carter, "we might as well own the land and do the job properly." There was not much value to the land at present, he said, but with development it could prove to be a valuable asset in time.

Cr W. H. Henson agreed with the suggestion. "It is only a matter of time," he said, "and the land will be wanted for building." It was handy to Feilding, Marton and possibly to Wanganui for beach residences, said Cr Henson.

"Since we have put in the road to the beach," said Cr Scott, "it is amazing the number of people who are using it." On a recent weekend, he said, "over 100 cars were reported parked on the road."

It was decided that the engineer, Mr H. V. Bond, would prepare a survey before formal application for the land is made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 31 October 1957, page 10

Hard-up dance — Bowls

From our own correspondent

Hard-up dance

The Beach Amenities Committee has good reason to be pleased with the result of its efforts in connection with the hard-up dance held in McKelvie Hall on Saturday night [26 October 1957].

Music was provided by Mrs R. Jones (Woodville) and Mr P. Edwards, extra by Mr F. Vogt (Glen Oroua).

Mr R. Sinclair (Bunnythorpe) was MC. The lucky Gay Gordons was won by Miss Carol Craig (Woodville) and Mr E. Vogt, and the Monte Carlo waltz by Miss Helen Scotney and Mr Neil McKenzie.

Judges for the hard-up costume were Mrs Maher (Auckland), Mrs Graham, Mrs Edwards and Mr Reg Jones (Woodville). Prizes awarded were:— Best costume (men), Mr L. Campen (Himatangi); women, Mrs H. J. Anderson; children, Karen Thomas and Margaret Browan (equal). Special prizes were awarded to Mesdames Gray and Larsen. The hall competition was won by Mrs H. Wilson.

Items given during the evening were a group of popular songs with ukelele and guitar accompaniment by Tise, Sa and Siliva Tufuga; skipping dance, Miss Carol Craig (Woodville); exhibition Samoan dances, Tise, Sa and Siliva Tufuga; Samoan dance Loli Tufuga; dance duet, Mr and Mrs R. Sinclair; tap dance Miss Carol Craig; vocal duet, Cheryl Jones and Carol Craig.

Savoury supper was provided and served by Mesdames H. J. Anderson, Graham, Gray, Larsen, Roach, Stevens and Wilson.

Outdoor bowls

Labour Day [28 October 1957], with bright sunshine but a keen wind, saw the official opening of the Tangimoana outdoor bowling season. Mr E. V. Calkin, president of the club, while regretting that Mr Watkins had retired thanked members for electing him to that honour and hoped members would enjoy a pleasant season. He called on Mrs E. J. Philips to throw the "kitty" and Mrs P. Rogers to roll the first bowl.

Indoor bowls

Tuesday [29 October 1957] was the final club night of the Tangimoana Indoor Bowling Club. Following an evening of friendly rinks games the women members of the club served supper.

Opportunity was taken by the president, Mr H. O. Weld, to present to Mr R. Kent the Awatea silver cup which is competed for annually. Mr Kent beat all opponents this year.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 7 November 1957, page 8

Manawatu County Council meeting — Tangimoana forging ahead

Cr W. L. Carter presided at the monthly meeting of the Manawatu County Council on Tuesday when those present were councillors Carter, R. L. Field, H. Hamlin, W. H. Henson, R. E. Hornblow, E. N. Rowe, R. Saunders, and J. C. M. Scott.

...Cr Scott intimated that the use of the new road into Tangimoana beach was proving very popular and many cars were now parked on the beach at the week-ends and on holidays. He understood that a

further two stores were likely to be erected in the not too distant future and he predicted that there would be a big increase in the building activity there.

Manawatu Daily Times, Tuesday 24 December 1957, page 8
Tangimoana plans for resurgence of popularity

From our own correspondent

Workmen and county council staff working till daylight faded, have striven successfully this past week to tar-seal Rosina Road. With the road right out on to the ocean beach — only a small portion of it unsealed — Tangimoana is now preparing for a resurgence of popularity. Conveniences have been erected at the ocean beach, improvements have been effected at the camp site, two new provision shops have recently started business and much interest is being taken in the proposal of the Manawatu County Council to acquire Crown Land for building sites.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Monday 30 December 1957, page 2
Beach Road Stores open

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Ice-Cream, Milk Shakes, Pies,
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[The shop, owned by Bernie Tunnicliffe, was at 30 Punga Street]

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 23 January 1958, page 15
Tangimoana river boat race — Dance

A good crowd gathered on the river bank at Tangimoana on Saturday to watch the finish of the boat race from Bulls bridge to Tangimoana. The results were:— Handicap: Leith Ward 2 hours 1 minutes 47 seconds, 1; O. Raleigh 2 hours, 1 minute, 25 seconds, 2; Dooney and Hastie 1 hour 53 minutes 25 seconds, 3; Needham and Olsen 2 hours 47 minutes 14 seconds, 4 (flattie class). The time made by Dooney and Hastie, 1 hour 53 minutes 25 seconds, is a record for the Bulls-Tangimoana race.

Successful dance

A successful dance was held on Saturday night in the McKelvie Hall, sponsored by the Aquatic Sports Club. A good programme of modern and old-time dances was enjoyed. Winners of novelty dances were:— Lucky spot, Judith Dixon and Mr O. Raleigh; lucky Gay Gordons, Helen Scotney and Mr Olsen; Monte Carlo waltz, Helen Scotney and Mr N. McKenzie. Mr Vogt was M.C. After supper, which was served by Mesdames Ayers and helpers, the silver cups were presented to the winners of the boat race by Mr H. O. Weld. Mr T. Ayers thanked all who had in any way helped to make the function a success. Competitions were won by Mr A. Lyon and Mrs F. Broadman.

Manawatu Daily Times, Friday 21 February 1958, page 11
Vincent Larsen's 21st — School gala day

21st Birthday party

Friends and relatives from Hunterville, Marton and Glen Oroua, of Mr and Mrs P Larsen, Nuku Street, were among those present on Saturday evening [15 February 1958] to celebrate the coming of age of their only son, Vincent. There was a programme of music, songs and competitions. At supper, pride of place on the table was held by the birthday cake which had been made by Mrs Larsen and iced and decorated by Mrs J. C. Scott.

Following supper, Mr E. V. Calkin, of Marton and Tangimoana, on behalf of those present, congratulated Vincent on attaining his majority and spoke of his long acquaintance with the Larsen family. Mr P. Larsen presented his son with a handsome key of inlaid New Zealand woods which was later autographed by all present. Vincent thanked his parents and all present for giving him the happy evening.

Successful gala

Preparations which have extended over many months were crowned with success on Saturday [15 February 1958] at Tangimoana when the school gala was held. Marquees and tents were erected in the grounds to accommodate the many stalls. Those in charge were:— Sewing and soft-toy stall, Mrs Helliwell in charge, assisted by Miss U. Ayers; children's stall, Mrs Foster assisted by Mrs Rogers; cooking, produce, white elephant and doll show, Mrs Bennett, assisted by Mrs Wrightson and Miss C. Bennett; ice cream, Mrs Blackmore and Mr Tunnicliffe; competitions, Mrs Love; shooting gallery, Mr Castleton; darts, Messrs Blackmore and Russell; putting, Mr Attwell; nail driving, Messrs Bennett, Love and Millar; pony and hay rides, Miss Leonie Alsop, Karen Thomas and Michael Millar; cricket competition, Messrs Boardman and Helliwell; refreshments, Mesdames W. Bould, Friend, K. McKane, J. Millar, H. Russell, R. Wilson, and Miss D. Wilson.

It is anticipated that the school funds will benefit to the extent of £120.

An outstanding item on the sewing stall was a cushion in Jacobean design which had been executed by Mr Bourke, who is confined to his wheelchair. He took 228 hours to produce this magnificent result which was as neat on the reverse side as on the front. Definitely a praiseworthy effort.

Manawatu Daily Times, Tuesday 25 February 1958, page 7

Tangimoana awaited evacuation order — Record river level at Mangaweka

Tangimoana residents were facing the prospect of an immediate evacuation from their seaside settlement as the Rangitikei River slowly rose to record levels in the upper reaches during last evening and in the small hours of this morning and the flood swept downstream towards the river mouth.

It was a dramatic situation as the phenomenal rainfall in the catchment area sent the automatic gauge at Mangaweka soaring to record heights. But it gave the authorities time to issue warnings and complete plans for a possible evacuation.

The danger spot was a bend in the river just inland from Tangimoana. If the river rose high enough the water would flow over the road to the village and so down through the township itself.

With this situation, the Manawatu County Council posted men who were to keep up an all-night vigil, and if the prospect of flooding became imminent immediately to notify the county engineer Mr H. V. Bond, at Sanson.

Meanwhile, the Air Force station at Ohakea had been alerted and arrangements made with the commanding officer, Group Captain C. A. Turner, to have ready a convoy of trucks to carry out the evacuation. During the evening some Tangimoana residents moved to the safer township of Clydesdale.

High gauge readings

The Mangaweka River gauge told the story. Installed about four years ago, the highest previous reading had been 20 feet 6 inches. Yet by 5:30 yesterday afternoon it had reached a peak of 23 feet 6 inches. Then it fell to 22 feet 10 inches.

But worse was to come. The gauge began to rise again and shortly after midnight was up to 25 feet 6 inches. It dropped back to 24 feet 10 inches at 12:30 but was fluctuating around 25 feet.

It takes about 10 hours for the peaks at Mangaweka to reach Tangimoana, so that the first peak was expected to bring a crisis there about 4am. In case of drastic action having to be taken, it was arranged that the Rongotea fire engine would drive through the streets of Tangimoana with siren blazing.

The upper tributaries of the Rangitikei River extend well north from Palmerston North into the Kaimanawa Range and the Ruahines, being about as far north as Lake Rotoaira.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Thursday 27 February 1958, page 8

Tangimoana cleans up after floods sweep town — Counting the toll

Personal tragedy stalked through Tangimoana yesterday as dozens of residents sorted out their belongings, tried to assess their losses, and ruefully surveyed the damage caused in a few short hours by the torrent of water which flowed through the town on Tuesday afternoon. All were taking advantage of the sunshine yesterday to dry out water-soaked carpets, bedding and household linen, clothing and soiled silt-covered furniture.

Housewives, skirts tucked up, attacked the piles of greasy silt in every room, or tried to get meals for their menfolk among piles of shoes, tins, food and bedding spread around dirty kitchens, most of them still inches deep in slime. For the water is still lying around the town, and little can be done until it goes. Septic tanks are washed out, gardens are pools of debris-strewn mud, and the roads are small lakes of muddy water.

There is no sign of the tragedy which is Tangimoana's until within a mile of the township, most of the bad patches on the road having dried. Rounding a corner, one sees the first obstacle, about a 100-yards long pool, up to 10 inches deep. Isolated pools follow, and then, as one turns into the township the full impact of the experience of the residents becomes apparent.

Every house has its line of clothes, linen, bedding, its furniture, its muddy yard, its silted garden. With grim humour they point out the water level on newly-painted walls, new wallpaper; demonstrate how having a boat helped them to get some things to safety. "Everyone was rowing round, just like Henley," one English resident said.

The cautious ones were boiling all water supplies—"at least we're not short of water," another said as he surveyed a muddy lake where earlier his garden had been.

Warning of possible flooding was first given on Monday night when Constable B. Pike, of Rongotea, warned by the catchment board

officers, rang a number of residents whose homes were in the lower areas. Later, about 9pm, the Weld service buses came round the houses, warning people of the danger, and urging immediate evacuation. Arrangements had already been made between the schoolmaster (Mr K. D. J. McKane) and the schoolmaster at Clydesdale (Mr B. Barratt) for the use of the Clydesdale Hall, and when the first busloads arrived some of the hall committeemen and others had brought bedding and a stove to the hall, where about 50 men, women and children slept the night. All they had was what they could gather in a hurry, and few had more than an odd blanket and some food.

The residents returned

When, early next morning, there appeared to be no danger, all of the evacuees returned home, to find little more than a trickle of water in the streets. But the fresh in the river built up steadily as the tide came in, and just before noon it became apparent that the water would rise. Volunteers immediately appeared to help some of the older residents to get their effects raised from the floors, but as their own homes came into danger they were forced to give up. The level in the streets rose rapidly.

Typical of the many experiences was that of Mr and Mrs McKane [21 Punga Street]. They saw the level rise slowly along the road, but felt reasonably safe up to about 12:30pm. When it entered their home garden, they realised it would be serious, and gathering bedding and milk for the baby, they prepared to evacuate. From 12:45 o'clock to 1pm the damage was done, they had to pass their two young children out of a back window and then climb a 6 foot fence, as the front of their home was covered in swirling water. They were taken to a neighbour, Mr C. H. Attwell, where they spent the night, and yesterday Mr McKane was assessing the damage.

He was forced to close the school on Monday, and because of the breakdown of the pump and sewerage system, it will not be reopened until these can be cleaned and repaired, and the roads cleared sufficiently for the young children to go to school.

More serious was the experience of Mr H. J. Anderson, a dairy farmer [9 Nuku Street]. He received a warning in time to shift his stock to higher ground, but all except a few acres of his farm are under water, including three acres of barley. His house yesterday was a greasy mess of silt in most rooms, and all his furniture was being removed to a neighbour's for drying out and storing until order could be restored. He did manage to save a carpet, but all the other floor coverings were damaged, while the house was still surrounded by about 1 foot of water.

Big cleaning job

Farther along the same road Mr and Mrs W. Bould [18 Nuku Street] were trying to salvage their belongings from the piled up rooms. Mrs Bould had been one of those who went to Clydesdale, and returned, only to find that the period of trial was the next day. Mr Bould had sat in the house watching the level rise, Mrs Bould having been evacuated by boat, and trying to keep pace with it by lifting everything off the floor. Only when about 14 inches were racing through the house did it stabilise, and finally sink, but the mess which remains will take weeks to clear.

Worse hit in the village was Mr J. L. Brown [1 Ripa Street]. His home had over 3 feet of water through it at the height of the flood, at about 4pm, and the ruin among his belongings is complete, valuable cameras and photographic equipment being among his losses by water damage. At its worst, the floodwaters lapped his windows. In common with others he had a bath full of silt, the water having risen through the pipes, and left the deposit when it subsided.

A well-known Palmerston North resident was told that his beach house was flooded on Tuesday night, but the roads were impassable, and not until yesterday morning could he get through. His house and gardens, a neighbourhood showpiece, were ruined, inside and out, and the water had strewn debris over the entire section, even penetrating the interior of a caravan in the garage. A full drum of tar, weighing over 450 pounds, had been lifted from one side of the garden and rolled to his back door by the water.

A combined effort

The postmaster (Mr G. H. Phillips), who combines storekeeping with his other duties, was one of the more fortunate ones, only the lower part of his store [4 Domain Parade] getting some water through it, although the main flow of the water was underneath his house back to the river bed. He said everyone helped everyone else where possible, and the elderly and pensioners, of whom there are a number locally, were given every assistance.

But an elderly couple nearby [Mr & Mrs C. Beaumont, 6 Domain Parade] were grimly surveying what was left of their newly-painted and papered interior walls. Most of their belongings were damaged, many beyond repair, including an old and valuable piano.

Mrs A. Poulsen's [8 Aru Street] home was where the river overflowed its bank and cut through the town and, although she suffered little loss of furniture, as the house was on an eminence, she lost some of her poultry and a garden with which she supplied several neighbours.

Few people escaped damage in some form in their homes, and the township will bear the marks of the flood for some time.

An ironic footnote: Approaching Tangimoana one sees a notice: "Rural fire district, light no fires." The notice stood yesterday in about 18 inches of water, in a countryside flooded on all sides.

Un sourced clipping, Refers to Tuesday 13 May 1958 Speeds of up to 70 mph in Tangimoana

On Tuesday last [13 May 1958] the chairman of the Tangimoana County Town Committee, Mr W. H. Castleton [44 Punga Street], and the secretary, Mr J. J. Cox [48 Punga Street], waited on the council at the monthly meeting of the Manawatu County Council to discuss various matters pertaining to the township.

Cr W. L. Carter (chairman) in welcoming them, paid tribute to their work, much of which was not generally known. He said the council appreciated the enthusiasm they had shown in the development of the county town and the work of the committee as a whole.

Acknowledging the remarks, Mr Castleton said that as chairman he received quite a lot of abuse at times and recently there had been a lot of argument over drains following the heavy flood at Tangimoana. There was one drain in particular which it was felt was rather too deep near the school and Ripa Street. Cr J. C. M. Scott was delegated to make an inspection with the engineer, Mr H. V. Bond, and report back.

Mr Castleton was told that the council would site the fence line for the fence to ocean beach and would provide the scrub for its erection, the committee to do the erecting of the fence.

Punga Street, said Mr Castleton, was regarded by young people as a speedway, and there was some concern for the safety of pedestrians. He had known some traffic to travel at speeds up to 70 miles an hour in the town. The matter was referred to the Transport Department.

The dumping of old vehicles on the street at Tangimoana was also unabated, it was stated, and the matter was again referred to Cr Scott to investigate.

Mr Castleton further stated that the committee had difficulty in contacting absentee owners of sections regarding various matters, and he sought assistance from the county clerk.

Note by D. B. Bennett, 61 Punga Street, Tangimoana, 28 July 2003

Prior to the flood of 25 February 1958, when some houses from Aru Street to Ripa Street were flooded up to one metre deep, Tangimoana didn't have any drains. Soon after the flood, drains were dug to cope with water from the river flooding the township.

Before any drains are filled in perhaps a lesson could be learned from history, and consideration should be given to the possibility of the stopbanks being breached by floods and the effect of not having an adequate drainage system to remove floodwater. Without such a system, any pooling could actually be made worse by stopbanks that remain intact.

In the 1990s devastating flooding occurred in the United States due to stopbanks being broken by unexpectedly high floods in the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 30 October 1958, page 2 Charity concert — Shipwreck dance — Bowls

From our own correspondent

Charity concert

Local and visiting talent contributed to the concert held in the McKelvie Hall on Sunday night. It was sponsored by the Tangimoana Progressive Society.

Thanking the artists and all present for their attendance, Mr Boardman, secretary of the Society, said more than £13 would be available to hand over to the Eventide Home, Palmerston North, as a result of the effort.

Popular resort

Tangimoana was a popular resort for the Labour weekend. Whitebaiting, surf-casting and ocean fishing all attracted their devotees.

Shipwreck dance

Mr N. Dixon, of Palmerston North, was MC at the shipwreck dance held at McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana, on Saturday night, under the auspices of the Tangimoana Progressive Society. Some realistic shipwrecked outfits were worn by those present who included a large party from Marton. Sailors' caps worn by several young women were really becoming. Prizes were awarded for best costumes and for novelty dances. A savoury supper was served by the committee.

Personal

Mrs Alsop has sold her property in Ripa Street to Mr Tait, of Palmerston North. It is understood Mr Tait intends to erect a shop on the corner of Ripa and Punga Streets. Mrs Alsop has taken up residence in Feilding.

Bowls opening

The official opening of the Tangimoana Outdoor Bowling Club had to be abandoned on Labour Day owing to the green being too wet to roll. Mr R. Wilson and helpers had the green and surroundings in good order, and disappointment was caused at the postponement. Club play will begin this week.

Manawatu Daily Times, Friday 26 December 1958, page 6

Flood uncovers ancient canoe at Tangimoana

Floodwaters in the Rangitikei River have helped to unearth an ancient Maori racing canoe on the Tangimoana Beach waterfront. The discovery was made by a party of men earlier this week. They were returning along the beach from Himatangi when they spotted what they first thought was a log. Closer examination revealed that it was a Maori canoe measuring between 50 and 60 feet in length.

A Tangimoana resident told "The Times" last night that the canoe was a beautifully preserved specimen. Built of heart totara, its estimated weight was between one and a half and two tons, and two trailers were necessary to transport it back to the Tangimoana township.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Friday 26 December 1958, page 9

Maori canoe found at Tangimoana

A fragment of early Maori history has been unearthed three miles south of the Rangitikei River by floodwaters. It is a 51ft Maori racing canoe, built of heart totara, weighing nearly two tons and in a perfect state of preservation.

With the aid of two trailers, the canoe was brought from its point of discovery to the Tangimoana hall where it has caused considerable interest among holiday-makers at the beach.

The discovery was made by a party of men earlier in the week. They were returning along the beach from Himatangi when they saw the object, which at first glance appeared to be a large log. The canoe was buried in a sandy area not normally frequented by picnickers and visitors to the beach.

Manawatu Evening Standard, Wednesday 7 January 1959, page 13

Attractions for holidays at Tangimoana

From our own correspondent

The Tangimoana Progressive Society catered for young and old alike in its programme for the festive season. On Christmas night many visitors and residents gathered in the McKelvie hall and carols were sung. Miss Gould entertained with her tape recorder and also sang a bracket of songs, accompanied at the piano by Mr Grinstead, of Wanganui, who also played several pianoforte solos. The music for the carols was played by Mrs E. Wrightson.

An early start was made by the committee members on Boxing Day. A crowd gathered at the reserve to watch the fire lit and the huge stones placed to heat in preparation for cooking the wire baskets of meat and potatoes Maori fashion. The Otaki Maori Concert Party, brought by special bus to Tangimoana, entertained the crowd with a programme of songs, poi and character dances. A hula hoop competition was also a feature of the programme, many of the contestants being just tiny tots. After the concert programme was finished the crowd gathered to see the hangi uncovered.

A dance in the evening in the McKelvie Hall was well attended and proved a great success. After supper Mr Russell, the chairman of the Progressive Society, thanked the members of the Maori Concert Party. A rock and roll competition was won by Miss P. Collier and Mr Keriona, and a Monte Carlo waltz by Mr and Mrs Coleman. A savoury supper was served by Mesdames Davison, F. Ellis, Knight, Russell, and helpers. Mr Russell was the MC.

Most of the young folk and a few of the older residents gathered in the hall on New Year's Eve to see the old year out. The evening was spent in games and dances, the music being supplied by Mrs Wrightson and Mr Grinstead.

Another successful dance was held in the McKelvie Hall on New Year's Night, sponsored by the Progressive Society. A programme of modern and old-time dances was enjoyed. The Monte Carlo waltz was won by Miss J. Procter and Mr S. Uncles, and a lucky Gay Gordons by Miss Una Ayers and Mr Michael Millar. Mrs W. Griffin, of Feilding, was the winner of the tablecloth competition. Supper was served by Mesdames Boardman, Davison, Ellis, Knight, and helpers.

Manawatu Daily Times, Tuesday 13 January 1959, page 1

Advertisement — Sports meeting

TANGIMOANA AQUATIC
SPORTS CLUB
MONSTER SPORTS MEETING
JANUARY 19th 1959
Bathing Beauty Contest etc.

Unsourced clipping, Tuesday 20 January 1959 Fishing — Dance — Progressive Society

Own correspondent

Good fishing

Good fishing has been enjoyed at Tangimoana by the many visitors to this popular resort. Catches have ranged from the herring and baby sharks to king fish. Fishermen have been successful with surf casting rod and sail boat appliance. Even kites and netting have been used.

A keen demand has set in for sections at Tangimoana and much improvement to local properties was effected by residents and visitors during the delightful holiday weather.

Tennis dance

Though the night was warm and humid the many patrons of the Tangimoana Tennis Club's dance looked cool and happy in their gay, light summer attire. Mr A. H. Russell was MC and a professional dance band supplied the music.

Mrs Burke and Mr Boardman won the Monte Carlo waltz and Miss Pat Drake and partner the lucky Gay Gordons. Supper was served by members of the Tennis Club.

Progressive Society

Residents of Tangimoana and regular visitors to the resort who are members of the Tangimoana Progressive Society attended in force on Saturday [10 January 1959] at McKelvie Hall when a general meeting was held. Mr A. H. Russell was in the chair and welcomed all present, expressing regret that sickness had prevented some members from attending.

Mr E. O. S. Boardman read the report of the Society's activities and the balance sheet. Concerts and dances with competitions featured largely and were most successful. Expenses were considerable, but the finances showed a creditable balance. The supper room has been much improved, the library roof renewed, and new equipment purchased.

Donors of labour and material were thanked for their practical assistance. Musicians and supper room helpers were also thanked.

An art union is being organised with a trip to England with spending money as the major prize.

The election of officers resulted: President, Mr A. Ellis, Secretary, Mr Boardman; treasurer, Mrs Hammond; Committee Miss Una Ayers, Mr Jack Bennett, Mr Jack Karlsson, Mr Reeve, Mr Spry, Mr Tait. Mrs Karlsson Jnr was returning officer and Mrs Knight and Mr Millar scrutineers.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 5 August 1959, page 8

Minister of Works inspects river erosion at Tangimoana Beach

The Minister of Works, Mr Watt, yesterday made an inspection of the river erosion at Tangimoana Beach. He was accompanied by the Mayor of Palmerston North, Mr W. B. Tennent, MP, members of the Soils Conservation Council, Ministry of Works, of the Rangitikei Catchment Board and of the Tangimoana Progressive Society.

Mr Watt made the inspection in order that he could report to the Soils Conservation Council when Tangimoana's request for financial assistance comes before the council.

After hearing the case for Tangimoana, he said he would be able to inform the Soils Conservation Council about the necessity of the work, but it would be up to the council to make the final decision. The Mayor told the Minister that the position was very serious. Some 90 per cent of the town's population were retired people who had sunk their life savings into their homes.

Land erosion

Land erosion had accelerated since the floods in February, 1959. Now the residents were in the position of seeing the river gradually encroaching on their properties, and not possessing sufficient funds to effect repair work. The funds of the Rangitikei Catchment Board had already been stretched, said Mr Tennent.

The chairman of the Rangitikei Catchment Board, Mr K. A. Williams, said the board would support any approach made to the Minister. The board at present had about 180 assessments in the Tangimoana area, at an average of about £3 14s each. The board was fully conversant with the problem, but was limited in finance, he told the Minister.

The secretary of the Tangimoana Progressive Society, Mr S. Boardman, said if steps were not taken soon to halt the problem, something drastic would happen to Tangimoana. If the next flood were to be about two feet higher than the last one, there was a chance the town might be isolated. During the last flood the water surrounded the hall.

Catchment report

A report presented by the catchment board's engineer, Mr P. K. Simons, stated that the floods of December, 1958, and February, 1959, had accelerated the deepening of the Rangitikei River at Tangimoana, resulting in severe slumping of the protection work.

Protection work carried out in February, 1958, at a cost of £1340, had slumped down the bank, due to severe scouring and bank slumping.

The estimated cost of repairs, which the report stated were well advanced, was £3000. Of this amount residents were prepared to find £500.

Mr Watt said it was pleasing to find a township where the residents were willing to try and help themselves, and in these cases, the Soils Conservation Council usually tried to help, he said.

Manawatu Daily Times, Saturday 19 September 1959, page 9

Tangimoana

Own correspondent

Members of the Tangimoana Tennis and Social Clubs arranged a surprise party at the home of Mr and Mrs J. Millar recently, the function being to farewell one of their number, Miss Anne Millar. Games, competitions and social chat passed the time happily. After the serving of supper by Mrs T. Ayers and helpers, Mrs A. Chandler, on behalf of the Tennis and Social Clubs, asked Anne to accept the good wishes of the members and the gift of a Wedgwood trinket box in appreciation of her interest. Mr and Mrs Millar and members of their family have transferred to Manakau.

Generous gift

Tangimoana residents and visitors have been delighted to hear of a generous gift of £800 [on 12 September 1959], from Mr Gus Anderson, of Tangimoana, to the Progressive Society for its improvement fund. It is proposed to call the children's play ground the "Gus Anderson Park." Plans are well forward for improvement to this area. The McKelvie Hall is also to be substantially improved within the next few weeks.

Manawatu Daily Times, Monday 21 December 1959, page 15

Tangimoana School function

Own correspondent

"International" was the theme around which the end of year function of the Tangimoana School was built. Held in McKelvie Hall on Monday night [14 December 1959] the children were attired in the dress of many lands. They sang and danced Hungarian, Slovakian, South African, and Italian dances, as well as traditional dances of England and America. Announcing the items and sending greetings to the children of the countries concerned were Douglas Bennett, Helen Bennett, Jillian Bould, Margaret Browan, Kelvin Ellison, Brian Millar, Norman Randall, Siliva Tufuga, and Alma Wilson.

An item in tableau by the juniors, "Brown-eyed Mary" earned much applause.

At the conclusion of the programme, Father Christmas, Mr W. Castleton, knocked loudly at the door, entered with Mr Blackmore, chairman of the school committee, and proceeded to present to every child present, a gift from the Christmas Tree. Ice creams for every child, donated by Mr J. Baylis, were distributed.

Following supper, served by the committee and friends, Mr Blackmore called on Mr and Mrs McKane to mount the stage. Presentations of floral tributes were made to Mrs McKane by Hine Blackmore, Joan Wilson and Jenny Wilson, and to Mrs Wrightson by Cheryl McKane. Gifts from the school committee were presented to Mr and Mrs McKane.

In thanking those responsible for the gifts, Mr McKane thanked also the "supper room ladies" and announced a special prize for the year which had been awarded to Norman Randall for attendance and consistency.

Mr Blackmore thanked Alma Wilson, leader of the Aketea team, for the sewing machine, iron and ironing board which the team had donated to the school during the year. The proceedings which had been tape recorded by Miss Gould were brought to a close with the National Anthem.

Those in costumes were:— Brian Anderson, sailor boy; Glenis Anderson, star; Ken Anderson, superman; Douglas Bennett, swagger; Helen Bennett, guide girl; Gloria Blackmore, sweet girl; Hine Blackmore, ballet girl; Mahia Blackmore, sailor girl; Jillian Bould, Spanish lady; Lynette Bould, Little Miss Muffet; Margaret Browan, Irish girl; Stella Cribb, plain; Vicky Cribb, plain; Bruce Ellison, sheriff; Kelvin Ellison, bandit; Marjorie Ellison, flower girl; Philip Henderson, Robin Hood; George Lurajud, plain; Jerry

Lurajud, plain; Cheryl McKane, Irish Colleen; Brian Millar, toreador; John Poulsen, Dutch boy; Norman Randall, Aladdin; Dorothy Spry, bride; Peter Spry, jester; Douglas Tufuga, plain; John Tufuga, plain; Pulou Tufuga, plain; Siliva Tufuga, plain; Alma Wilson, queen; Heather Wilson, Hawaiian; Jenny Wilson, flower girl; John Wilson, banner; Mary Wilson, Hawaiian; Kathleen Winn, Indian lady.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 9 March 1960, page 5

Shipwreck dance

Own correspondent

Under the auspices of the Tangimoana Progressive Society a "shipwreck" dance was held in the McKelvie Hall recently [on Saturday 27 February 1960]. The night was gay and well attended. Mr N. Dixon was an efficient MC, while a professional orchestra [The Metronomes] played popular music.

Prize winners were as follows: Shipwreck parade, Mrs Don Anderson 1, Mr Les Parling 2; Lucky Gay Gordons, Miss Ruth Nant and Mr Noel Frecklington; Monte Carlo waltz, Miss Florence and Mr Bailey. The hall competition to raise funds for the Gus Anderson Park gates was won by Dorothy Spry.

Supper arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs Bennett, Mrs Boardman, Mrs Milne, Mrs Wrightson and helpers.

Manawatu Daily Times, Thursday 28 July 1960, page 4

Go-kart races and dance

Own correspondent

Twenty-five go-karts and nearly 1000 spectators attended the go-kart races held at the Tangimoana Domain last weekend [23 July 1960]. Bright sunshine and a well prepared track helped with the success of the function, which was held under the auspices of the Go-Kart Club and the Tangimoana Domain Board. Some close finishes added to the interest of the afternoon.

In the evening McKelvie Hall was the venue for a dance under the same management. Mr A. Russell was MC. Supper arrangements were in the hands of Mrs Boardman, Mrs Milne, Mrs Roach, and Mrs Russell.

When thanking patrons for their attendance Mr Russell stated that it was hoped the meeting would be the fore-runner of many such gatherings.

Manawatu Daily Times, Wednesday 23 November 1960, page 3

Tangimoana

Own correspondent

Ratepayers' meeting

Mr A. Russell, chairman of the Domain Board, presided at a ratepayers' meeting held in McKelvie Hall recently.

Introducing Mr Simpson, chairman of the Rangitikei Catchment Board, Mr Russell stated that the special meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing "the fence" only.

Outlining the history of the Rangitikei Catchment Board, Mr Simpson stated that the bed of the Rangitikei river as far as Rewa was invested in the board.

Among recent protective works undertaken by the Board in the Tangimoana area was the stone abutments adjoining the domain. It was to protect this work and to allow and encourage vegetative growth that the Board proposed to erect a fence of 11 chains in length at a cost of £100.

Co-operation of residents

The meeting had been called to solicit the co-operation of the Tangimoana residents in "policing" this fence. With Mr Simpson was Mr Symons, the Board's engineer, who by means of a large plan on the screen, explained the situation of the work.

He said whitebaiters and others climbing on the stonework disturbed the grasses, and it was therefore proposed to erect the protective fence. After considerable discussion those present agreed to do their best to police the fence.

During the discussion one phase of the local situation which amazed residents was that the erosion taking place in the forestry area was not the concern of the Rangitikei Catchment Board but of another Government department which was not particularly interested in the position.

Manawatu Daily Times, Saturday 31 December 1960, page 3

Dance — Progress

Own correspondent

Successful dance

Visitors were present from Wellington, Marton, Feilding and many other districts at the Boxing Night dance held in McKelvie Hall under the auspices of the Progressive Society.

The gaily coloured frocks of the dancers contrasted with the newly papered light cream walls of the enlarged hall. The fluorescent lighting and the gay paintings surrounding the stage added to the festive scene. Mr N. Dixon was MC for the dance, a professional orchestra supplying the music. The Progressive Society's Committee served a home-made supper.

Winners of the lucky Gay Gordons were Miss Margaret Milne and Mr John Drake and the Monte Carlo waltz, Mr and Mrs Roach.

On behalf of the Tangimoana Progressive Society, Mr Boardman, secretary, returned thanks to all who had made the dance such a success.

Progressive Tangimoana

Visitors to Tangimoana for the holiday period will have been pleased to note the completed tar-sealed highway to within a mile of the Ocean Beach, the public footpath provision and the improvements at the Domain Board camping site and the children's playground.

The demand for building sections at this health and holiday resort is increasing and several local properties have changed hands within recent months.
