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HURLEYVILLE SCHOOL

75th JUBILEE

1892-1967

★ SOUVENIR BOOKLET ★

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 19th May—

8.0 p.m.: Jubilee Ball in Hurleyville Hall.

SATURDAY, 20th May—

1.30 p.m.: Official Welcome.

Roll Call and Photos.

Cutting of Jubilee Cake.

Display of Photos.

Afternoon Tea.

7 p.m.: Jubilee Banquet.

SUNDAY, 21st May—

11.15 a.m.: Combined Thanksgiving Service.

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JUBILEE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Executive Committee:

Mr. H. Hurley (Chairman), Mrs. D. Newell (Secretary), Mr. V. Bloor (Treasurer), Mrs. G. Aitken, Mrs. J. Barr, Mr. L. Burkhart, Mr. C. Collins, Mr. K. Hurley, Mr. B. Newell, Mr. I. Rowe, Mr. I. Schultz, Mr. N. Scown, Mr. A. Turner.

General Committee:

Mr. R. Barr, Mr. D. Hurley, Mr. R. Jones, Mr. R. Hurley, Mr. M. Hurley and Mr. R. Thurston.

FOREWORD



The history in this booklet has been compiled from information gathered by the Committee, chiefly by interviews with as many residents and former residents as possible. We wish to thank the following for their contribution in this regard:—

Messrs Douglas Roots, Jerry and Joseph Hurley, Frances McCarthy, Len Newell, Nelson Scown, Albert Nickel, Roy Jones, Hugh Cornwall, Miss K. Nelson, Mrs. Ethel Bourke, Mrs. Emily Chadwick and Mother Mary Ita (Crompton). We had hoped to interview a number of other people, but unfortunately the deadline for sending the booklet to the printers cut these activities short. In addition, we would like to thank Mr. Des Hurley, who contributed most valuable information from the Patea Mail about Hurleyville's early land sales, etc.

Thanks also to Mr. Livingstone Baker, who made his extensive library of books on early Taranaki available for reference. It was decided, however, that the historical events leading up to the settlement of the district would be of less interest to our readers and this period has therefore been mentioned only briefly. Similarly, outside events which had only an indirect effect on Hurleyville have been omitted.

We have, of course, drawn on the useful information printed in the 1957 Jubilee Booklet written by Mr. Barry and in addition, the Education Board have provided notes from their files.

All this has entailed much work for the Committee, especially for Mr. Turner who wrote out the account as it appears in this booklet, but we all feel that it has been a most interesting and rewarding experience.

And it is our hope that readers will find something of interest here too. No doubt they will notice details that have been omitted or question the accuracy of some statements. They are urged to take any such criticisms to the Committee and these will be noted and added to the file being built up at the school for the use of future generations. Copies of any early photographs of the district or its settlers would still be welcomed for this file.

The story summarised in these pages shows that the people of Hurleyville have good reason to be proud of their forebears' achievements in clearing the bush and establishing farms and homes. And perhaps those early settlers, who came from many parts of the British Isles and the continent of Europe, would also be proud to see the tolerant and fair-minded spirit which unites our prosperous little community today.

A. J. TURNER (Chairman).

L. B. BURKHART

C. S. COLLINS (M.A.)..

A Message From The Jubilee Committee

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In presenting this booklet, we trust that it may bring back many thoughts and happenings in the past 75 years.

Could we think of the past and present pupils that have passed through the school in the years 1892-1967.

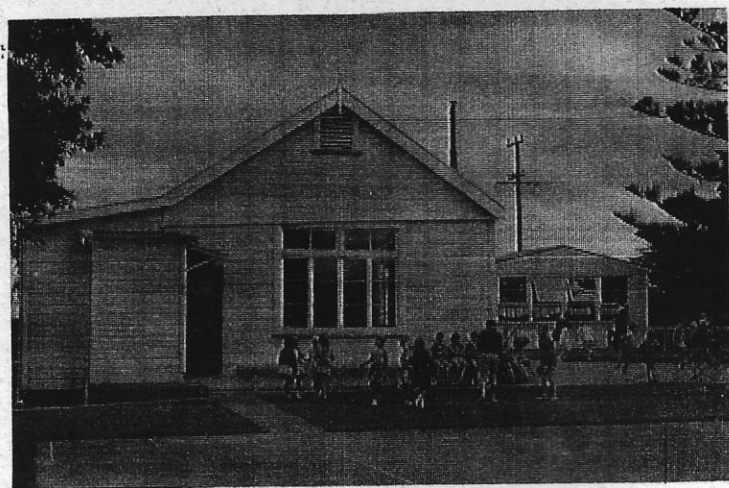
Could we pay a tribute to the teachers, past and present, and to the Committee who have given years of service to the school.

Could we pay a tribute to the boys that answered the call in the two World Wars and our greatest sympathy for the ones who never returned.

I would like to say thanks to those who helped in the organising of the Jubilee, and to the others who offered their services. Also a thank you to the present Chairman and School Committee for the help they have given.

We've come a long way from times gone by. To look at the district today, you wouldn't think it possible 75 years ago, and I hope that the school and district will go ahead, just as much, in the future.

*H. E. (Sam) HURLEY,
Chairman of the Jubilee Committee.*



HURLEYVILLE SCHOOL, 1967

School and District

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1866. Octavius Carrington's men rode most cautiously into the towering ratas and thick bush of Hurleyville. Sir George Grey had just confiscated all Maori lands from Hawera to Patea contrary to all the promises made by the British Government in the Treaty of Waitangi.

Titokowaru, local Hau Hau leader, was not a man to take this lying down. While he was organising, the surveyors sighted, measured and thankfully returned to New Plymouth. Fighting broke out. Whitmore sent a column of his Imperial Forces with some friendly Maoris against Titokowaru at Otauto in 1869 and sent another column to the Gentle Annie area to cut off any possible Maori retreat in that direction.

The defeated, half-starved Maori warriors filtered through the Gentle Annie forces and retreated across central Hurleyville to Whakamara. A smaller band fled with Kimble Bent, a pakeha-Maori up the Patea River.

On the 28th October, 1876, the Patea Courthouse saw the auction of 26 blocks of confiscated land.

T. Struthers bought 164 acres for £296 17s. Blocks 603, 604 and 598. W. Dale bought 244 acres for £244 10s, Block 619. T. Roots bought 147 acres for £202 10s 6d, Blocks 616 and 617, and Felix McCarthy bought 239 acres for £239, Block 630.

Settlement was on its way. Felix passed his block over to Pat McCarthy in settlement of a debt. Young Paddy, just arrived from Larugh in Kerry, built the first house at the corner of Ball and Wilford Roads, stocked his few clear top paddocks with Shorthorn beef cattle and set about removing the bush and raising a family.

The Hurley family emigrated from Castlemaine, also in Kerry—"each going was like a death in the house"—stopped briefly in Australia and Charleston on the West Coast, then pooled their funds to establish first John on a Whenuakura farm, then Pat in a Patea hotel, Timothy on his Hurleyville farm, and finally Dan in the Alton Hotel. About 1878, Timothy, following closely behind Pat McCarthy, and T. Struthers, built his house, now part of Mr. L. Burkhart's property, along Hurley Road. His brothers followed in early 1883. Daniel's house is now part of Mr. Frank Cowley's residence while Pat's house-cum-store is now used as a residence by Mr. V. Bloor. With these came Messrs Witford and Ned Clarke. Close behind were Thomas Roots and

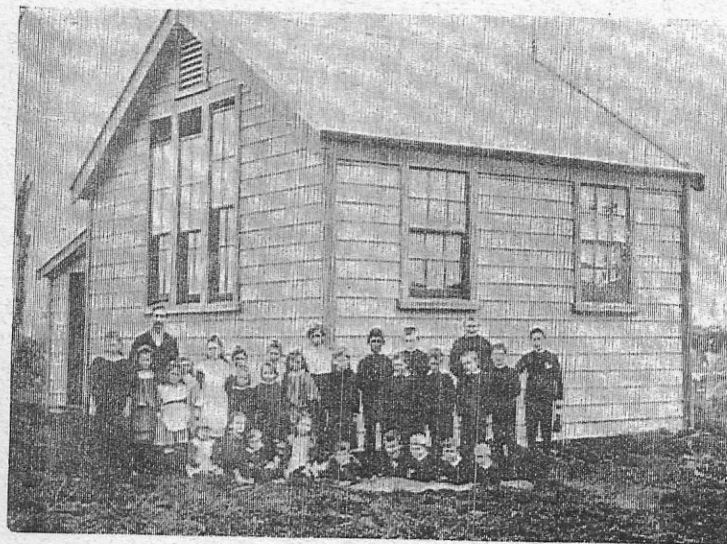
Amos Cornwall with their families. Crown land was then £1 per acre.

The struggle then was to survive. Limited markets were found in Patea for butter and fat stock. As the taming of the bush went on and the families grew, the men felt the need for a local school. Led by Pat Hurley, the Education Board was approached and they agreed to build a school if the numbers warranted. A small area opposite the present store was cleared of bush by the brothers George and Amos Cornwall, and in early 1892, Mr. Thomas Lloyd of Wanganui began work on the building. As the numbers didn't warrant a school, Mr. Pat Hurley stacked the first day attendance with sufficient "ring-ins" e.g. Ettie Chadwick, to reach the required numbers. The great day dawned and on the 15th August, 1892, Hurleyville School officially opened with a first day enrolment of the following 23 pupils:—

Ettie Chadwick	Maud Hurley
Annie Cornwall	Nellie Hurley
Louisa Cornwall	Frank Innes
Dan Hurley	Leonard Innes
(son of Daniel Hurley)	Mabel Innes
Dan Hurley	Beatrice Judd
(son of Timothy Hurley)	Maud Judd
Evalene Hurley	Minnie Judd
Eugene Hurley	Ethel Morrison
George Hurley	James Morrison
John Hurley	Winnie (May) Roots
Maggie Hurley	Norman Roots
Maria Hurley	

Pat Hurley was friendly with the Right Honourable R. J. Seddon and the great man was probably previously collected by a buggy from Lower Ball Road for the turning of the first sod and "King Dick" himself declared the school to be named "Hurleyville". The name had been suggested by a non-Hurley and agreed to by all. The chair used on this occasion by Richard Seddon is now the property of Mr. J. Hurley.

The first teacher was Mr. J. D. Innes. Mr. John Morrison, at the end of Hurley Road, knew him well and invited him to become the first teacher. He did so, coming from Maxwell to live on the property now owned by Mr. J. Hurley and being paid £100 per year.



ORIGINAL SCHOOL GROUP IN 1894

Back row: Mr. J. Tamblin, Maggie Hurley, —, —, Miss Mantle, —, John Hurley, Dan Hurley (son of Daniel), Thomas Walsh.
 Middle Row: Ethel Morrison, Maud Hurley, —, Winnie Roots, Emily Hurley, Irene Hurley, Evalene Hurley, Nora McCarthy, James Morrison, Eugene McCarthy, Eugene Hurley, George Hurley.
 Front row: Constance Morrison, Nellie Hurley, Douglas Roots, Maria Hurley, —, Dan Hurley (son of Timothy), Norman Roots, George Gould, —.



The original dairy factory in 1925 (June Profit in the foreground)

The school itself was a building approximately 20ft. x 40ft. built to accommodate 40 children. The floor was terraced and the desks rose in tiers. The children had a school. The magnificent Norfolk Pine was probably planted about this time.

Refrigeration

Our pioneering forefathers went back to the battle to survive. The Patea butter market had become over-supplied and new markets had to be found urgently. At this time, although Mr. J. A. McKenna continued to pay 2½d a pound for the butter cakes, he had to tell his block dray driver, Mr. Jack Boyle, to dump the surplus under a hedge. Refrigeration led to the setting up of the Hurley Road factory in 1893 to feed the new market and thus, with the increasing overseas demand for wool, was established the pattern of farming that we still practise today. This butter-producing factory cost £270 to build and was first managed by Mr. Bobin. After a few years, the switch was made to cheese. However, the cream supply was more than the local factory could cope with, so some was sent to Kakarama or Hawera.

1902 saw the Wilford Road creamery built. It was managed by Fritz Nickel who separated the shorthorn milk by steam boiler. This cream was then carted to the Kakarama butter factory.

1893 was the year the Hurleyville Post Office opened. This was a room at the back of Pat Hurley's store. This was the time of the big burn-offs and big they were. The January, 1892 blaze cost Scown and Nicholas 200 bags of cocksfoot seed besides tents and bedding, while Clark, Clifford and Morrison lost seed and standing grass. This fire was just getting into its stride when rain saved the day but left the countryside looking anything but attractive. The blackened stumps led to a novel way of getting to school—get there without touching the ground. It could be done.

Slates And Pencils

In school in 1897, slates and pencils were used and the abacus for + — × ÷

Should you misspell three words, you earned the supplejack—which hurt. For talking or a minor cheating offence, you were stood on a chair all day! At playtime, there was little playground space available as the small cleared area around the school was a mass of stumps and burnt logs. However, a merry-go-round like a giant maypole with ropes and chains was put up and the road was very useful for races, ball games, etc. The children, although getting book learning, remained shy, half wild creatures. For instance, in 1900, there was the smallpox epidemic

with compulsory vaccination for all. The idea was good, but after the first child got the first jab, the rest scattered through the windows and the doors and were unable to be caught.

By 1904, the school porch had been enlarged to make a much needed extra room 20ft. x 13ft. as the school roll was building up to its maximum of 71, which it reached in 1907.

The view from the classroom window was now changing. About 1900, stumping had cleared much of the surrounding area. The district's pride and joy, the new hall, could be seen, the two-roomed schoolhouse, just as recently demolished as March, 1967, faced the road and along the road came Bretherton driving the first herd of Jerseys, or Clarke driving the new Romneys to his holding (now B. Newell's).

These new breeds were introduced in an endeavour to overcome the deterioration in the soil fertility. This deterioration also led to the gorse and manuka threatening to get out of hand. The farms at the time, were perhaps more specialised than they are nowadays, e.g. Gibbs and McRae over the Makino had cocksfoot farms. Times were still hard for many. There used to be 10 farms along the Patea River, all of which now comprise McColl Brothers property. Some were Dumpy Spears, Winks, Tocker, Ted Hurley, Frank Greaves and Jackson Symes, while Oakey was another who found the bush and remoteness giant obstacles.

About 1908, a fire started in a rimu tree and spread, fed by logs, fern and scrub, from the top of Kawaiti Road down to Ball Road. Eugene Hurley and his neighbours battled feverishly all night and then earthed up his "whare," where Mrs. Mary Jean Hurley lives at present, to prevent it catching fire. The fire, however, swung away and burnt itself out at the Ingahape Stream.

The Storekeepers

From 1913, the district had a more direct line to the outside world when Mr. Ridge, the storekeeper, ran a private line to the store and between 9 and 5, anyone on the line could ring the store or ring out via the storekeeper. These storekeepers were men with their finger on the heart of Hurleyville and many of them went to great lengths to provide a community service, e.g. they took mail and supplies by pack horse across the former Patea River swing bridge twice a week and also delivered stores twice a week to Taylors, who occupied the section behind Mr. S. Utrobin's farm.

As completely as can be established the shopkeepers were—

P. Hurley
Nicholas (1900).
Elrum Davy.
J. O. Taylor (1912).
J. Ridge (1913-17).
Marshal (1917-18).

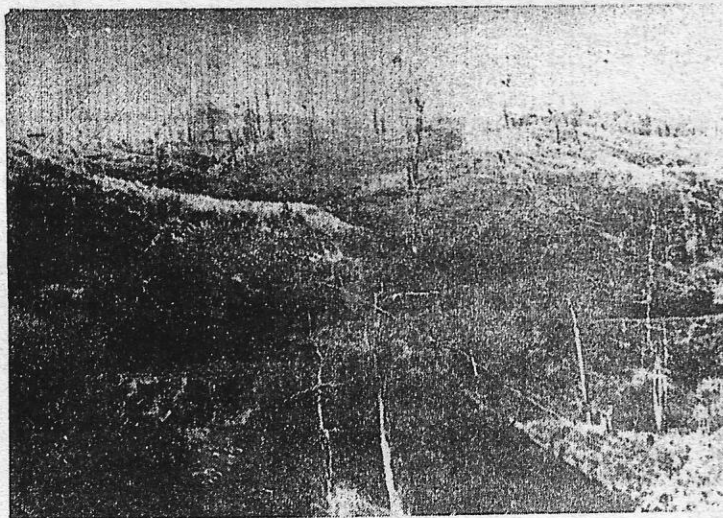
Olsen (1918-19).
E. J. Bassett (1919-26).
C. G. Dunbar (1926-49).
H. W. Boyce (1949-58).
V. and M. Bloor (1958-

Machines And Manure

The mechanical age now arrived with a rush with its milking machines, shearing machines and cars, and about 1919, Hurleyville took another great step forward with the tentative beginnings of manuring. Poor soil was not overcome in a day for in 1922-23, Dot McCarthy bought a trainload of Aberdeen Angus in to deal with the poor pasture problem.

The Black Milestone

1930 marked a milestone in Hurleyville's history and one that Hurleyville was glad to pass, for it brought the depression and ragwort. Prices fell and the 1s 5d paid for cream a pound went down with a bump to 6d a pound for superfine. Top quality two-tooth ewes sold for 12s 6d while the worst were lucky to fetch 1s. It is said that the late George Craft drove a flock over



This was the Makino.

a cliff as it wasn't worth it to sell them. Cows fetched £4. Many farmers, e.g. Scown's went into farming cows as well as sheep to try to earn the missing income. The back farms from Milne's up to and including McColl's, reverted to scrub due to lack of money to pay scrub cutters or to lack of manure. Besides the marginal land farmers, perhaps the hardest hit were the share-milkers.

Ragwort was now nearly all pervasive and many farms were a sea of yellow. This noxious weed drove many farmers, particularly in upper Hurleyville, into sheep, which, under very close cropping, did eat the ragwort, although many died. Manual hoeing was a nightmare and now thistle appeared.

1931. On February 3rd, a severe earthquake was felt, consisting of tremors from the disastrous Napier earthquake. In 1933, the old cheddar factory was badly damaged by a fire in the boiler room and it was decided to build a new one at the corner of Ball and Makino Roads.

The Way Ahead

But the tide had turned at last. Power and a better telephone service put fingers into the area and began to spread. Mr. Len Newell opened new vistas with his manure drill. In 1936, the knapsack sprayer, using sodium chlorate, held ragwort in check, while on some farms, a 40-gallon drum was fitted with four to five leads and a hand pump, drawn on a sledge, and with four to five neighbours assisting, moved through the six foot weed dealing out death. Labour and still more labour was needed for the cropping, etc., and this was supplied under contract by Tepita, chief at Kakaramea Pa. But now this demand was lessened by the coming of the baler. The first one, in 1940, was stationary and run by George Schultz, a contractor. He also brought the first hedge cutter, a steel-wheeled Fordson, into the district in 1946.

The Numbers Go Down

But what of the school about this time. It had dropped to a sole charge school for a few years during the late 1920's. Methods were changing with the fuller use of scientifically designed apparatus. Remember Montessori? In 1938, the children were taken regularly by lorry to Patea to learn to swim. In 1939, a percussion band was formed at the school and also Calf Clubs started about this time. In late 1940, power finally came to the school.

War

War struck Hurleyville, all the young blood was called up and many enlisted as is shown by the Roll of Honour. The labour shortage returned with a vengeance and the women squelched back to the sheds. The war clouds rolled over and most of the combatants returned to help the quickening progress and prosperity of this area.

The 1950's brought the automatic telephone exchange, the 1951 introduction of aerial topdressing and the 1958 microwave transmitting station. Leisure time was used to hunt opossums or goats which had recently become more plentiful, or to take part in the 1955 scramble races on Nel Scown's lower farm.

The Factory Closes

A number of farmers were turning to sheep, and, as the number of suppliers to the local factory had dropped to 12 by 1963, the district decided, much against the convictions of some, to close the dairy factory and merge with the Alton Cheese Factory. This merger brought the tanker and a different way of life to the dairy farmer. Bernie and Kevin Hurley adapted to the new circumstances and continued progress with the introduction of the first herring-bone cowshed in the area in June, 1964.

The Numbers Rise

But the bell has rung so it's back to school. A school which dropped to a sole charge again for 10 years from 1944, and the roll sank to an all-time low of 12 briefly in 1949. In 1945, the schoolroom was given a major facelifting. Numbers grew, until in 1955 the hall was used as a classroom by Miss Doyle. A spaceheater was installed. The hall was also called into use in 1957 for Standard III and IV owing to the lack of space in the single room. 1959 saw Pat Barry taking the children down to the new Alton School Baths for swimming lessons, and the building of the new toilet block.

Progress And Change

1960 ushered in the decade of the great jump forward. The tennis court was laid splendidly, apart from a mild touch of frostbite. Also in 1960, in fact on the 11th of July, foundations for the present prefabricated infant classroom were laid and the building erected. 1961. The original schoolhouse was given a £1000 renovation and the main schoolroom was repiled.

Roll of Honour

Hurleyville School and District



1914-18

G. Craft	W. McDermot	N. Scown
D. Crompton	S. McDonnel	John Taylor
F. Crompton	T. McMullan	James Taylor
J. Crompton	Stanley Miles	S. Taylor
J. Dick	Sydney Miles	W. Taylor
F. Greaves	F. Nelson	P. Vincent
C. Hodge	F. Newton	S. Vincent
Joe Hurley	A. Roots	W. Vincent
F. McCarthy	D. Roots	
F. M. McCarthy	J. Scown	

1939-45

Sgt. H. Bird	*Pte. R. Jones	Pte. T. Prouse
Cpl. G. Corbett	Pte. E. Jones	Pte. J. Redwood
Pte. A. Couchman	Pte. J. McGorman	Pte. S. Rush
*Pte. T. Hurley	Pte. J. McDonald	L/Cpl. N. Scown
Pte. D. Hamblyn	Pte. R. Newell	Pte. E. Scown
Pte. C. Hucker	Sgt. V. Newell	Pte. G. Schultz
Dvr. W. Hurley	Pte. J. Niven	Pte. H. Smale
Pte. D. Johnson	Pte. M. Smith	

* Killed In Action.

1963. The very creditable school baths were now built, largely by local voluntary labour, assisting the contractor, Mr. S. C. Wicks. The sheds, fences and paving were built solely by the local residents who generously gave time and money to achieve this much used district asset.

1965. The tennis netting, retaining posts, and the solid volley-board were put up.

1967. The old school house, now reassembled in New Plymouth, was cut through the middle and removed to make way for the attractive new Keith Hay residence now on the same site.

1966 saw the last year of Hurleyville as a full primary school. From now, it would be a contributing school, for, despite a majority who favoured the retention of the local full primary school, the Patea Forms I to VI High School had been established and from now on, Mr. Millar would be leaving from the top of the hill at 7.50 a.m. with his load of Standards V and VI pupils.



SCHOOL GROUP — 1932.

Back row: T. Hurley, W. Hurley, — Couchman, W. Adlam, — Couchman, E. Scown, R. Newell, T. Adlam.

Middle row: G. Rodley, R. Hurley, J. Adlam, T. Scown, J. Williams, I. Burkhart, V. Adlam, E. Williams, E. Hurley, M. Burkhart.

Front row: C. Cameron, N. Rodley, E. Cameron, M. Hurley, I. Williams, L. Burkhart, C. Smith, D. Dunbar, D. Williams.

Residents of Hurleyville -- 1967



BALL ROAD:

Mr. and Mrs. W. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. I. Schultz, Mr. R. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. P. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hurley, Mrs. H. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bonner, Mr. J. Bonner, jun., Mr. and Mrs. V. Bloor, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hurley, Messrs E. and J. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones, Mr. R. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. A. Aitken, Mr. and Mrs. N. Scown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. K. Hurley, Mr. B. Hurley, Mrs. M. A. Hurley.

HURLEY ROAD:

Mr. and Mrs. L. Burkhart, Mrs. A. Burkhart, Miss G. Burkhart, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. R. Creed, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cowley.

CLIFFORD ROAD:

Mr. and Mrs. L. Goodson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Goodson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. M. Drought.

KAWAITI ROAD:

Mr. and Mrs. C. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. S. Utrobin.

MAKINO ROAD:

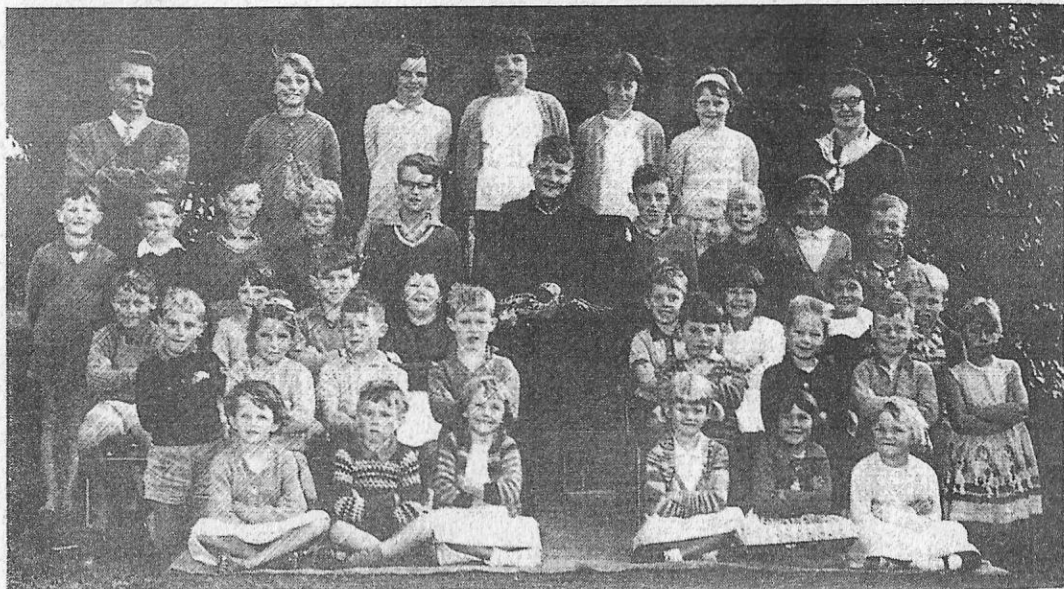
Mr. and Mrs. R. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. G. McAree, Mr. and Mrs. J. McAree.

BALL ROAD EXTENSION:

Mr. and Mrs. R. Thruston, Mr. D. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. W. McColl, Mr. and Mrs. N. McColl, Mr. R. Hodson.

WILFORD ROAD:

Mr. and Mrs. D. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. P. McCarthy, Mr. J. Amon, Mr. A. Nickel, Mr. J. Hurley, Miss P. Rossi, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurley, Mr. W. Stainbridge, Mrs. M. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. I. Rowe, Mr. J. Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. B. Newell.



PRESENT PUPILS AND STAFF — 1967.

Back row: Mr. A. J. Turner, Maree Hurley, Catherine Thurston, Ann Aitken, Diane Jenkins, Glenda McAree, Miss H. Macleay.

Second row: David Cowley, Robert Burkhart, Malcolm Jones, Jocelyn Patricia Hurley, John Thurston, David Aitken, Christopher Burkhart, Shane McCarthy, Sally Collins, Shane Rowe.

Third row: Christopher Turner, Karen Cowley, Paul Bonner, Glenyss Drought, Philip Turner, Kay Schultz, Jane Collins, Daniel Rowe.

Fourth row: Peter Burkhart, Jane Thurston, Gary Schultz, Grant Hurley, Alan Jones, Jocelyn Beattie, Grant McAree, Jocelyn Mary Hurley.

Front row: Patricia Cowley, Anthony Hurley, Nicola Turner, Diane Hurley, Joy Scown, Donna McCarthy.

Absent: Murray Schultz.

Head Teachers at Hurleyville



1892—Oct. 1893	J. D. Innes
1894—	J. Tamblyn
1896—7/6/1901	J. Matthews
1/7/1901—12/12/1903	J. J. O'Reilly
7/3/1904—1/7/1909	T. A. Blyth
9/7/1909—29/5/1912	J. Bailie
4/6/1912—8/5/1922	G. B. Small
1/8/1922—9/9/1933	J. Barber
21/5/1928—9/9/1933	Mrs. F. Fullerton
11/9/1933—30/6/1937	Mrs. H. Stone
1/2/1938—3/5/1940	C. E. Hucker
2/7/1940—15/12/1943	N. F. Hall
1/2/1944—17/8/1945	S. G. Annear
7/9/1945—15/12/1948	R. P. Anker
1/2/1949—18/12/1952	Miss M. Peacock
1/2/1953—24/11/1959	P. M. Barry
25/11/1959—16/12/1959	S. Prime
1/2/1960—17/12/1964	B. Fletcher
1/2/1965—	A. J. Turner

ASSISTANT AND RELIEVING TEACHERS

Due to the difficulty of distinguishing between permanent and relieving teachers in the records, these teachers have been placed in the one list.

Prior 1900 — Tonkins	1903	A. Train
Miss Mantle	1904	E. Edwards
1898-1900 Miss Lavery	1907-1910	Miss E. Kerrisk
A. Bretherton	1910	Miss C. Ferguson
(Probationer	1911	Miss I. McCarthy
1900-1901 Miss Mahoney	1911	Miss E. Duffy
1901-1903 Miss N. Hurley	1912-1914	Miss Bates
(Monitor)	1914	Miss Callanan
1902-1906 Miss A. Lavery	1914-1915	Miss Cavell

1915	Miss P. McCarthy	1939	Miss C. R. Jackson
	(Probationer)	1939-1940	Miss M. D. Ratcliff
1916	Miss McCormack	1940	Miss A. H. Palmer
1918	Miss W. Walker	1941	Miss K. Holst
1920	Miss O. M. Beamish	1942-1943	Mrs. Usher
1922	Miss McMurray	1954	J. Anderson
1922-1924	Mrs. Benton	1955	Miss M. Doyle
1922	P. B. McIntyre		(Probationer)
1922	Miss I. McCarthy	1956	Miss B. Ross
1924	Miss K. Grant	1956	A. MacKenzie
1924	Miss Purnell	1957-1958	Miss C. A. Mercer
1925-1927	Miss Frank	1959	Miss M. Wills
1934	Miss M. Elmslie	1960-1961	Miss F. Watt
1936	Miss S. Campbell	1962	Mrs. M. Fletcher
1936	Miss E. A. Williamson	1963-1964	Miss J. McDonald
1937-1938	Miss Anthony	1965—	Miss H. Macleay
1937	P. R. Bryers		Mrs. R. Collins
1938	Mrs. Mawhinney		Mrs. M. Thurston
1938	Mrs. Hopkirk		Mrs. N. Tooley
1938	Mrs. Z. V. O'Connor		Miss O'Brien



SCHOOL GROUP 1902 OR 1903

Back row: A. Gould, L. Hurley, J. Hurley, F. McCarthy, G. Macdonald, —, S. Couchman, R. Scown, F. Bretherton, I. Hurley, E. Macdonald, N. Hurley, K. McCarthy, M. Scown, F. Blake, S. Blake, Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Miss Lavery.

Middle row: —, A. Nickel, F. Cornwall, S. Godsmith, G. Craft, H. Hurley, Joe Hurley, R. Black, T. Blake, J. Goldsmith, — Bretherton, H. Macdonald, P. Macdonald, M. Cornwall.

Front row: M. McCarthy, E. Scown, E. Locker, I. McCarthy, H. Morrison, H. Hurley, R. Black, O. Scown, R. Blake, C. Black, W. Frew, J. Frew, K. Couchman, C. Craft (obscured), G. Morrison, R. Cornwall.

Behind middle row: J. Cornwall, F. Black, A. Black, G. Bretherton.

Pupils of the First Decade



1892—Annie Cornwall, Louisa Cornwall, Ethel (Ettie) Chadwick, Dan Hurley, John Hurley, Maggie Hurley, Eugene Hurley, Evalene Hurley, Nellie Hurley, Daniel Hurley, Mabel Innes, Frank Innes, Leonard Innes, Maud Judd, Beatrice Judd, Minnie Judd, Ethel Morrison, James Morrison, Norman Roots, Winnie (May) Roots, Douglas Roots, Thomas Walsh.

1893—Irene Hurley, Ethel Gould, George Gould, Benjamin Mear, Joseph Mear, Emma Jackson, Minnie Mear, Maggie Mear.

1894—Nora McCarthy, Eugene McCarthy, Florence McCarthy, Ruth Fairweather, Nellie Cornwall, Justin McCarthy, Emily Hurley, Lily Anderson, Vida Anderson, Janet Anderson, Isobel Anderson, David Anderson, Francis McCarthy, May Mear, Constance Morrison.

1895—Ernest Buckland, Miriam Coxhead, Alfred Coxhead, Mildred Chadwick, Flossy Caves, Lily Caves, Leo Chadwick, Frances Bretherton, George Bretherton, Arthur Bretherton, Mary Bretherton, John Bretherton, Percy Garrett, Jean (Jinny) Roots, Frederick Baker, Edward Hurley, Amos Cornwall, Herbert Anderson, Arthur Gould, Wilford Chadwick, Lily Coxhead, Eveleen Coxhead.

1896—Julia O'Neil, Gracie Bretherton, Len Hurley, Bertha Caves, Jeremiah Hurley, Minnie Smith, Ruby Coxhead, Thomas Hurley.

1897—Ernest Fergusson, Vera Fergusson, Andrew Fergusson, Norah Walsh, Frederick Eadie.

1898—Catherine McCarthy, Stewart Macdonald, Gordon Macdonald, Harry Macdonald, Esther Macdonald, Phillip Macdonald, Thomas Carmichael, George Hodge, Herbert Hodge, Maud Jeffs, George Jeffs, Arthur Jeffs, Winifred Hodge, Grace Morrison, Mary Roots, Veronica O'Brien, John Cornwall, Francis Cornwall, Herbert Hurley, Joseph Hurley.

1899—Ivy Anderson, James Bretherton, Ada Hodge, Violet Couchman, Stephen Couchman, Charlotte Craft, George Craft, Matilda Scown.

1900—Mary McCarthy, Samuel Blake, Thomas Blake, Florence Blake, Margaret Daley, Lily Smith, Eric Wilkie, William Hicks, Arthur Roots, Frederick Muldrock, Mary Cornwall, Edith Locker.

1901—Mary Kelliher, Ruby Blake, Jane Smith, Finella Black, Robert Black, Ruby Black, Olive Locker, Hilda Morrison, Keith Couchman, Hannah Hurley.

1902—Ita McCarthy, John Frew, M. Scown, Aileen Scown, Olive Scown, Ronald Scown, Phillip Scown, Spencer Goldsmith, John Goldsmith, Albert Nickel, Edward Nickel.

Entertainment



At the end of a hard day's work, what then: In general, your entertainment was home-made and in your own home. It ranged from fireside talks and stories of "home," 12,000 miles and six months away, to cards and item evenings. Also there was more genuine friendship among the families. You just dropped in wherever you wished, occasionally taking care to have a book in your hip pocket in case the family should be having a reading evening. Mr. Pat Hurley's private hall was very much in demand for frequent gatherings to watch a wandering troupe or to dance to the music of violins and accordions. And dance you could. Black was a renowned Scottish Reel exponent, Danny Hurley was a famed step-dancer—the Irish Jig of course—while John Morrison bounded high in the Sword Dance. So high, in fact, that he hit an overhanging hurricane lamp which flared up, burnt the rawhide, dropped and exploded. Sylvester dived straight through a closed window while his sister stayed behind.

As a gay blade, you often trotted into Patea, danced or partied and drifted back next day.

When the gathering of cocksfoot seed became an important industry, it called for many seasonal workers. These, together with haymaking gangs, bushmen and local residents, descended on the store on Saturdays, where up to 300 people ran races, wrestled, boxed, galloped or just talked, with the standing order of 45 gallon of beer to help. In the evening, all moved into the hall for further talk or whatever was offering.

About 1905, these get-togethers evolved into the regular Hurleyville Sports Meeting consisting of flat, bike and horse races, jumping and tilting-the-ring.

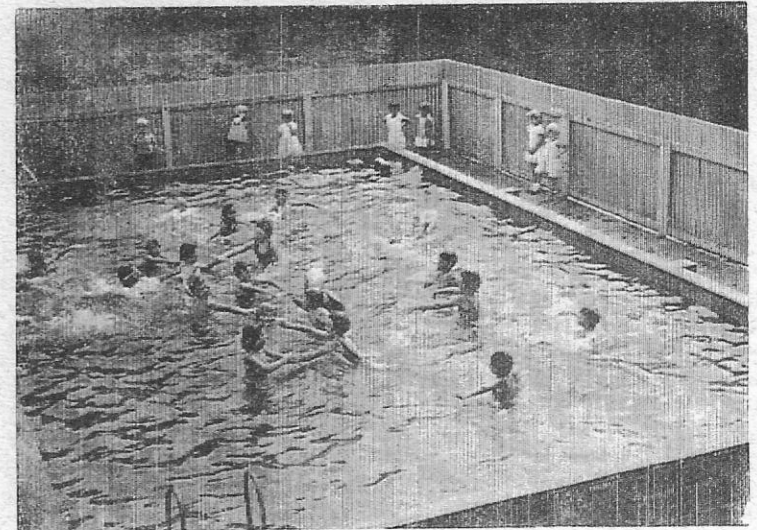
For the size of the area, Hurleyville has had many outstanding sportsmen and achievements. The Head Teacher in 1905, Mr. T. A. Blyth, was a skilled climber after whom Blyth Hut on Ruapehu is named and was also a superlative Rugby player. It is said that he could have gone away with the 1905 Invincibles, but instead he preferred to stay and get married. Mr. McPhail, who farmed the property now owned by Mr. Burkhart, was a superb mile runner while Lou Burkhart himself played Rugby for Taranaki in 1951.

Today? In the main we watch T.V. Occasionally, we play euchre at the school, spend money on Calcutta sweeps at the Hall, look in at the Duck Inn at Alton or attend a Knick Knack

Ladies' or Women's Division of Federated Farmers meeting. A big change in our leisure time activities has certainly taken place.

The Cup That Cheers

A part-time occupation that interested many was the making of your own liquor. Mr. Duthy, a bushwhacker, lived at the top of the cemetery reserve, grew hops and made beer in his own plant. There was a still on the present Schultz Brothers' property and the result was sold in the store, probably as medicine. It is said that there is still a cache of moonshine buried on the farm for fear of the raiding police. Another one engaged in the trade was William Blake Hulme, a French-Canadian, a graduate of Trinity College who had worked in Guinness' Breweries and a remittance man. Neighbours did his laundry and fed him for "Oh, ten to twelve, I'd better stay to dinner," he would say, but he was a much sought after sharpener of saws, made a good wine and was looked up to as the district savante.



The School Baths in action.

Work



MEN

Work, our pioneering fathers did. The cows called them as they do today—but one to two hours earlier, and they were hand milked at the rate of eight to twelve an hour. After a home-grown breakfast, the farmer would shoulder his long bladed axe and carry on felling the rata and puketea and clearing the bush, a good man clearing 40 acres a year. He might, perhaps, split posts and hump them down the back for a post and wire fence to prevent his Shorthorns or Lincolns straying. He might split rata at 4s 6d a cord or cut maire for the fire. He might plant cocksfoot or harvest it, plant or weed a root crop or he might kill a baconer for himself and the neighbours and cart it down to Otto Schultz's smokehouse, then, get the cows in.

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WOMEN

In the 1880's, the women weren't idle either. The men fed, they harnessed the horse to separate the cream, fed the pigs, and hand-churned the cream into cakes to be sold in Mr. J. A. McKenna's shop in Patea. Then there were black puddings to be made out of blood, bladders to be filled with lard and the eternal colonial oven to be attended to. The washing, of course, had to be done. Shirts, collars, petticoats and linen had to be starched and all ironed with a flat or crimping iron. Now the evening meal called. Perhaps it was to be mutton, corned beef or the occasional roast. After the dishes, the mending and so it went on.

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CHILDREN

The children had to do their share. For instance, fungus (poor man's wool) had to be collected in sacksful and laid out to dry, later to be sold to the Chinese, or the washing was to be tramped in the tin tub which they had a bath in later in front of the roaring fire.

In the 1890's, the roads were "dreadful" so the men tied on their bowyangs and picked up their shovels. Another day, they might skin and bury the unwanted bobby calves, or cart their milk to the Hurley Road Factory, from 1893, or to the Wilford Road creamery from 1902 onwards.

About 1900 the first African boxthorn hedge in the area was planted on Messrs I. & R. Schultz's property. When the berries ripened, they were collected, dried and the seeds planted with loving care by all. Gorse was also planted as a fence.

About 1906, the impoverished soil led to hours of back-breaking work hoeing and slashing gorse and manuka.

1916 or thereabouts, saw the mechanical age help the farmer at last. The Lawrence Kennedy milking machines arrived. Petrol-driven, they were easier, more convenient and soon became more efficient. The first shearing machines followed two years later and about 1919, the farmer found the answer to his leached soil—basic slag. This was spread by hand or horse-drawn drill until the early 1930's when Len Newell, a very progressive farmer, who had already bought the first Caterpillar tractor into the district, slung a drill from the back of a truck. The haybaler and the hedgecutter followed.

January, 1951, saw another giant step forward. Roy Jones chartered a Moth plane for top-dressing. The pilot, Mr. Holloway from Wanganui, had suffered an accident the day before and was very much on edge and he found the strip unsafe. All hastily formed landing strips on their properties, but after three days, he pronounced Mr. Jones' strip to be the most suitable of those available. Fifty tons could now be spread in a day, and a new era in farming was opened up.



Now that we have reached this, our 75th Jubilee year, where will we go now? We have come a long way from the hardships faced and overcome by our forefathers. In our turn, we face the need for new markets, the need to adapt to survive. Our fathers have given of their all. Let us hope that the undaunted spirit of three generations still lives within us, and we will, in turn, build a greater prosperity for the coming generations.



Committeemen at Hurleyville School



It is regretted that no records are available prior to 1899, though it is known that Mr. P. Hurley was Chairman for some years.

1899—Messrs P. Hurley (Chairman), G. Jeffs, S. Gould, A. Cornwall, W. Hodge, S. MacDonald.

1900—Messrs P. Hurley (Chairman), Cornwall, Hodge, MacDonald, Morrison, Hodge, McPhail, Gould.

1901—Messrs P. Hurley (Chairman), Locker, Bretherton, McPhail, R. Cornwall, Morrison, Gould.

1902—Messrs P. Hurley (Chairman), Blake, Black, Rutherford, Frew, Gould, Bretherton.

1903—Messrs Besky (Chairman), MacDonald, McPhail, Bretherton.

1904—Messrs Besky (Chairman), Nickel, McPhail, Scown, Black, Bretherton, Craft.

1906—Messrs Scown, J. Taylor, W. Taylor, Tagg, Nol Schultz, Black.

1907—Messrs Besky (Chairman), W. Taylor, J. Taylor, O. Schultz, T. Tagg, C. Nolan and one to be chosen.

1908—School Commissioners appointed: C. Nolan, C. Taylor, O. Schultz.

1909—Messrs D. Hurley, jun. (Chairman), O. Schultz, C. Nolan, S. Gould, W. Hume, R. Cornwall, T. Mills.

1912—Messrs D. Hurley (Chairman), O. Schultz, W. Locker, M. McDonnell, W. Dick, J. Ridge, N. Couchman.

1913-1921—No Records.

1922—Messrs R. Scown (Chairman), D. Hurley, jun. (Secretary) Balsille, Bassett, Schultz.

1923-1929—No Records.

1930-1931—Messrs R. Scown (Chairman), D. Hurley (Secretary) G. Craft, A. Rodley, S. Adlam.

1933—Messrs R. Scown (Chairman), D. Hurley (Secretary) Adlam, Rodley, Dunbar.

1934-35—Messrs R. Scown (Chairman), C. Dunbar (Secretary), Adlam, W. Locker, L. Smith.

1936-37—Messrs A. Schultz (Chairman), D. T. Goodson (Secretary), H. D. McCarthy, W. Locker, A. Rodley.

1938-39—Messrs A. Schultz (Chairman), D. T. Goodson (Secretary), H. D. McCarthy, H. McAsey, W. Locker.

1940-41—Messrs Schultz (Chairman), T. Goodson (Secretary), W. Locker, McCarthy, F. Thame.

1942-43—Messrs Schultz (Chairman), T. Goodson (Secretary), W. Locker, McCarthy, F. Thame.

1944-45—Messrs A. Schultz (Chairman), T. Goodson (Secretary), W. Locker, L. Scown, Mrs. Burnett.

1946-47—Messrs Schultz (Chairman), T. Goodson (Secretary), W. Locker, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. I. M. Smitheram.

1948-49—Messrs A. Schultz (Chairman), T. Goodson (Secretary), Locker, McColl, Taplin.

1950-52—Messrs A. Schultz (Chairman), H. E. Hurley (Secretary), F. Alderton, W. Locker, A. Taplin.

1953-54—Messrs Schultz (Chairman), H. E. Hurley (Secretary), B. L. Newell, E. T. Scown, F. Christian.

1955-56—Messrs E. T. Scown (Chairman), H. E. Hurley (Secretary), F. Christian, B. Newell, A. Rowe.

1957-59—Messrs E. Scown (Chairman), H. E. Hurley (Secretary), B. Newell, N. Scown, A. Rowe.

1959-61—Messrs E. Scown (Chairman), L. Burkhart (Secretary) D. Holland, B. L. Newell, A. Rowe.
Mr. Rowe resigned 23/3/60. Mr. D. K. Hurley co-opted in August, 1960.

1961-63—Messrs T. Holden (Chairman), K. Hurley (Secretary), L. Burkhart, D. K. Hurley, B. Enright.
Mr. Holden resigned 3/3/1962. Mr. C. Collins co-opted. Mr. L. Burkhart, acting chairman.

School Baths Committee—Messrs E. Scown (Chairman), C. S. Collins (Secretary), K. Hurley, L. Burkhart, D. Hurley, B. Enright, R. Jones, V. Bloor, Mrs. D. Scown and Mrs. D. K. Hurley.

1963-65—Messrs K. Hurley (Chairman), C. Collins (Secretary), D. K. Hurley, L. Burkhart, B. Enright.

1965-67—Messrs K. Hurley (Chairman), C. Collins (Secretary), I. Rowe, R. Barr, I. Schultz.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, 21st MAY, 1967, at 11.15 a.m.

Conducted by Canon G. B. Stote-Blandy and the Rev. Fr. J. Roy.



HYMN: Holy God We Praise Thy Name.

Holy God we praise Thy name,
Lord of all we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee:
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.

THE INTRODUCTION: Read by Canon G. B. Stote-Blandy

Brethren, we are gathered here in the presence of Almighty God, to commemorate with thanksgiving seventy-five years in the life of the Hurleyville School.

We thank God today for the teachers who have served in the school with lives dedicated to the spread of true learning, and the moulding of Christian character. We thank God for pupils who have passed from this school to serve God, their country and their community with loyalty, wisdom and faith. We thank God for all who have served the school in any way, especially those who have served on the School Committee, and other committees for the welfare of the school. We thank God today for happy memories and old comradeships. We particularly remember those whom God has called to his eternal keeping.

We thank God today for all the blessings of this life, and for all his many mercies.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Response: And all that is within me praise his holy Name.

SCRIPTURE READING

All join together in THE LORD'S PRAYER.

PRAYERS: Led by Father J. Roy

O Heavenly Father, whom we praise today for all thy mercies in the past, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy loving mercies towards us and towards this school. Bless the teachers who serve here today, that they may worthily keep alight the torch of true learning, conscious that all knowledge comes from thee. Bless the scholars under their care, that they may be worthy of those who have gone before; may they be fitly prepared to serve Thee and their fellow men in the wider community. Bless all parents and give them wisdom and understanding. Bless all who serve the school in any way, that they may serve as seeing Thee. Bless all who are gathered here today, that we may go back to our daily work, dedicated anew to Thy service. We ask this is the Name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

Eternal God, who rulest in the kingdoms of men, grant, we beseech Thee, safety to our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth; peace throughout the Commonwealth of her peoples; wisdom to her ministers; promotion to true religion; encouragement to learning and godly living; a patient service to the concord of the world; and by all these, glory to Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

ADDRESS: Canon G. B. Stote-Blandy

HYMN: O God, Our Help In Ages Past.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

CLOSING PRAYER and BLESSING: Father John Roy

Do You Remember . . ?



Remember when Florry swerved a little too far in and took the store verandah posts with him?

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Remember when the school caught fire in October, 1923, and it was worth three days holiday?

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Remember 1957 and the water diviners? The twig bent and Messrs Dan Hurley and Guernhoffer found a limited supply near the big water tank.

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Remember, 1959, when nobody was willing to take the School Committee Secretaryship, so a coin was tossed—Lou Burkhart lost.

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Did you know that a Post Office sign on the store dates back to Queen Victoria?

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Do you know where Hulme's corner is? (Just past Roy Jones' house).

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What attraction did the local lady teachers have? George Corbett married Eve Williamson, Lou Goodson married Mary Frank; Doug Roots Elizabeth Cavell, Gilbert Small Susan Craft and Dan Hurley Miss E. Kerrisk, etc.

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Remember the 1910 scare when Polish Powelka shot a policeman, Mr. Quirk, and went on the run. Anything that went missing in Hurleyville was, of course, taken by Powelka.

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Remember when Pat Barry had seven water tanks to fill?

Remember when lightning struck twice in 1962 — Pat McCarthy's last cherished standing rata and Bob Larsen's carshed?

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Do you remember when only three girls were going to the school?

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Remember the 1961 explosion when Bill Andrews got a friend to let off some surplus "jelly"—this he accidentally did on Katie Nelson's property which Bill had been attempting to buy?

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Remember 1924 and the Allens being put on correspondence in the winter because of the long distance from school and the bad roads?

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Remember Paddy McCarthy saying he would like to be buried in the unused cemetery reserve and O'Sullivan's disclaimer "The next slip would hurl 'e into the gully"?

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Did you know that there is an unbroken fourth generation at the school? Jerry—Dermot—Michael—Anthony Maxwell Hurley.

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Did you know that the first Postmasters were paid by the number of transactions that took place—£27 for 1918?

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Remember the big Sikorsky helicopter crash in 1963 on Bob Laren's place?

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Remember when trenches were dug at the school during World War II?

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Remember when, three years ago, the Patea Volunteer Fire Brigade came screaming up Ball Road and down Hurley Road just in time to see the fire die down in May Schultz's tractor?

SATURDAY, 20th MAY, 1967

7.30 p.m.

JUBILEE BANQUET

(Dress Informal)



Menu

Cold Joints:

ROAST PORK

SLICED HAM

GREEN SALADS

BEETROOT

Hot Vegetables:

GREEN PEAS

MASHED POTATOES

Sweets:

FRUIT SALAD

FRUIT JELLIES

TRIFLE SUPREME

Savouries:

BACON and EGG PIE

OYSTER PATTIES

CHEESE STRAWS

ASPARAGUS ROLLS

SANDWICHES

CAKES

SOFT DRINKS

ALE

SHERRY

TEA or COFFEE

SWEETS

PEANUTS

CIGARETTES