

KAIPARA FLATS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shelves have been put up in the library, so that the large number of books is shown off to good advantage. The library will now be a great boon to the district. An entertainment is being organised for May.

Everything is going well for the Hall Fair and concert on April 9th. Auckland and Warkworth talent is rising to the occasion in good style, so that a tip top programme is assured. Details of the programme will be advertised next week.

A visit to the manure paddocks of Mr Roy Ellis was paid this week by Mr Hamblyn, of the Dept. of Agriculture. He was very pleased with the results, especially the super paddock—in fact was very much surprised. Six sheep to the acre have been carried for the six months. There has not been enough rain for the slag to show such quick results. He took further photographs. Mr Hamblyn stated that this coming May he would be making his headquarters at Whangarei, and his district would be as far south as Helensville. He will have a car and so next summer hopes to spend more time on the farms and cover much more ground.

WHANGATEAU.

(From a Correspondent.)

SCHOOL PICNIC.

The annual school picnic of the combined schools of Takatū Point, Big Omaha, Ti Point and Leigh was held at the Domain on 4th March, 71 children of the several schools being brought to the meeting place in cars or lorries, accompanied by their several teachers. The parents also were present with their younger children and a host of friends, bringing the number up to over 150. All were supplied with lunch and tea in the hall, there were races for the children for many prizes, scrambles for lollies, and a lot of games under the able management of Mr C. J. Stewart (Ti Point teacher.) The senior gents played bowls. It was a beautiful day and the children had a good time, all leaving for home tired but happy.

COMMUNITY SINGING.

The first community singing of this season was held in the hall on Wednesday evening, March 24th. Unfortunately there were important meetings at Matakana and Leigh on the same evening which kept many from attending, but those who turned up had a very enjoyable time thanks to the conductor, Mr C. J. Stewart, the accompanist Mrs L. Whitaker, and also the ladies who kindly supplied the supper. It is intended to continue these social evenings every month near the full moon.

BOWLING NOTES.

The rain on Friday last upset the plans for a team to visit Devonport, making the roads too heavy and greasy to travel or for pleasure. The local green, however, was dry enough to play on by Saturday afternoon and some interesting games resulted.

Score cards as below have been handed in since last report:

Handicap Pairs—Shirley and Moore 21, v. E. Morrison and J. Ashton 18; Hoysted and Civil 19, v. J. Morrisou and Green 18; E Morrison and J. Ashton 31 v. Williams and Petterd 12, Club Draw—Ewart and Moore 22, v. Paulger and Mulholland 18.

It is hoped to play off most of the pairs games during Easter.

W.C.T.U.

The usual meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held in the Methodist Church on Thursday, March 25th. Mrs Hamilton gave a little further information concerning the Plunket Nurse work.

It was decided that each member bring a saleable gift for the April meeting to raise funds for the District Committee.

POWER FOR THE NORTH.**CONFERENCE TO BE HELD.**

Further action in connection with the formation of a power board embracing the greater part of North Auckland will be taken in the near future when a conference convened by Bay of Islands County Council will be held to discuss the proposal to obtain power from Arapuni. It is estimated that some eight years will elapse before power will be available.

In a recent letter to the Bay of Islands County Council the Minister of Public Works noted that body's endeavours in the direction of having a power district constituted. The present position, he pointed out, was that a small power board had been formed in Hobson county, but it was too small to function properly. Negotiations had been in hand to extend this power board area to include Hobson, Whangarei, Otamatea and Rodney counties and included boroughs and town boards. Provided this proposed board could guarantee to take a load of 700 to 800 k.w. at the department's present charge for bulk supply—£10 for the first k.v.a. per annum and £8 for all over 200 k.v.a. per annum—the Minister would consider bringing a main line north from Arapuni to give supply at a central point, probably connected with the present Wairau Falls system. If the four counties to the north of this proposed district (Bay of Islands, Hokianga, Whangaroa and Mangonui) could arrange to unite to form another board, a line could be taken to a central point in this area to give a supply of current to each board. A guaranteed load of at least 250 k.w. would be necessary in the four northern counties. As an alternative the Minister suggested considering an amalgamation of all the counties mentioned so as to operate the whole scheme as one. In this case the department would give supply at one or more points to be agreed upon with the board, and the reticulation and operation could be carried out by the combined board.

All aspects of the matter will be discussed at the forthcoming conference, which will be attended by the various councils and town boards concerned.

"THE BOY IS FATHER - - -"

A Sunday school teacher finding it difficult to obtain the prompt attendance of the boys in her class, resolved to adopt a plan which she felt sure would be successful. She said to the boys:

"Now, I will give a bright penny to each one who will be in his place every Sunday."

The plan seemed to work well until one Sunday not a boy appeared in his class. The teacher was surprised and somewhat discouraged that her plan had not succeeded. But the next day while walking down the street and thinking what to do next, she met one of the boys, and said to him:

"Well, Johnnie, where were you yesterday?"

"At home, mum."

"But why did you and the other boys not come to Sunday school and get your pennies?"

"Oh, teacher, 'cause we've struck for more money; we can't come for less than twopence now."

Many papers record all the world's news: only one chronicles your district affairs. You need that one, for it is unsatisfactory to be dependant upon gossip—or an occasional read of your neighbor's paper—for information as to stock sales, what the local governing bodies are doing, and the hundred and one matters of local interest that are printed from time to time. On a year's subscription it costs only twopence halfpenny a week to be so provided: This is what it pans out. Postage is free, and so is delivery.

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