

Arapeti

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This school opened in 1922 at the mining camp for the power station on the Mangahao River. There were two camps One at Arapeti east of Shannon and One Mangahao 3 miles further up. The interesting thing about this power plant is that the Excess water from the holding lakes or when they are flushed for cleaning comes out on the Marima Side of the mountain range and forms the headwaters of the Mangahao river which runs between Pahiatua and the railway line to join the Manawatu River north of Mangatainoka

The Power station is only 5 kilometres from Shannon so why the school was not used there I couldn't find out

There was a Mangahao School in the Pahiatua Area opened from 1896-1955. So hence the name Arapeti for the school at Mangahao I presume

5th July 1921 Part of a long article The men engaged in . the "undertaking are sheltered in three distinct camps— Mangaore (three miles from Shannon), Arapeti (five miles further on); . and Mangahao (another three miles into the hills). The first settlement: is at the foot of the hills and is the headquarters. Here is the. Main office and the power-house, the latter providing power for all the operations needing it.

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10th October 1922 ALLEGED DELAY IN OPENING. GOVERNMENT AND BOARD. Had the Minister for Education any information as to when the school would be opened at Mangahao? asked Mr E. Newman (Manawatu) in Parliament. The Hon. C. J. Parr replied that the necessary grant had been made, and the department had done all it could in the matter. He understood, however, that there had been some delay in regard to the equipment of the school. That was the business of the Education Board. .He did not know why there should be any delay. He would get into touch with the board at once and ascertain the reason. He recognised that the school should be opened as soon as possible.

THE BOARD'S VIEW. Interviewed by a reporter last evening, Mr T. Forsyth, chairman oi the Wellington Education Board, said: "The grant, was received only a few days ago. There undoubtedly been some delay in fixing the mailer up, but the responsibility for this does not rest with the board. The grant of a little over £50 has, however, been made, and the work is now in hand, and will be completed in a few days. It is being done by the Public Works Department. We could not proceed until we had the grant, and that only came a few days ago. The school will be opened as soon as the work is completed."

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25th October 1922 The Wellington Education Board has appointed Mr Harry Talbot to the position of permanent teacher at the Arapeti school, and he will arrive to commence duties on November 1. Miss Erskine, of the relieving Staff, who initiated the school here, has done excellent work, and her early departure is regretted by the community.

31st October 1922 The new teacher for the Arapeti school arrives to-day and on Saturday night the Arapeti residents tendered a farewell social to Mrs Erskine, who has had charge of the school since it started.

7th November 1922 Mr Harry Talbot commenced duties as schoolmaster at Arapeti on November 1. In December 1921 Harry Talbot was supernumerary teacher at St Clair School in Dunedin

7th November 1922 The, Wellington Education Board have appointed Messrs. E. L. Wain and E. Hjorth as School Commissioners for the Camp School.

4th August 1923 The attendance at the Arapeti school, Mangahao works, is now 20, which is the highest it has been. Some of the children come from the top camp, a good three miles, away. Pictures are now being shewn three nights a week in the Y.M.C.A, social hut at Arapeti,

11th December 1923 A census taken -of the children, at Arapeti and Mangahao revealed that no fewer than 93 little folk live with their parents on the works. It is proposed to organise a Christmas treat for them 28th May 1925 Horowhenua Rugby Union The Poroutawhao, Te Horo, Foxton and Arapeti, Paraparaumu, and Moutoa -schools acknowledged receipt of footballs from the Union

24th December 1923 A Christmas treat for the children living at Mangahao and Arapeti camps was held in the Y.M.C.A. hut at Arapeti on Thursday last. The sum of £25, which had been collected, was utilised in giving the young people one big day of joy. A huge Christmas tree had been erected over night and was laden with toys and lucky stockings, etc and a list had been prepared of all ages to award presents to. Seventy children, whose ages ranged from babes in arms to 14 years were present to welcome Santa Claus, Who arrived at 2.30 p.m. with all due ceremony and pomp. His reception was somewhat mixed between awe and joy, according to age. However, his jovial smile soon put every one in a happy mood. After the presents had been distributed the young people seated themselves at tables which groaned under the weight of good cheer provided. An outstanding feature was the fine Christmas cake, presented by Mr J. Roach, of Shannon, which was cut with musical honours. At the feast many parents discovered that a child's size was no guide to its capacity for good things and for the first time many of the children discovered they were, allowed to eat as much, as they liked, cordials and cakes disappearing in quick time. A picture programme in the evening completed a day that will long live in the memory of the little folk. During the proceedings Master Irvane Lawrence, the dux of the school, was the recipient of a nice present from Mr Grenfield, while! Mr Doig presented Norma Gavin of the primers, with a prize for good attendance and general proficiency.

21st May 1924 H Talbot resigns

13th November 1925 The Arapeti camp, (Mangahao) which a few months ago was such a busy one, is now practically deserted, there being only nine men working there

2nd June 1925 G Skeen appointed

12th December 1925 Four children have left for Shannon to sit for their, proficiency examination. They are the first to go from here to sit for the examination. There are over 30 children now attending the local school under Mr. Skeen

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