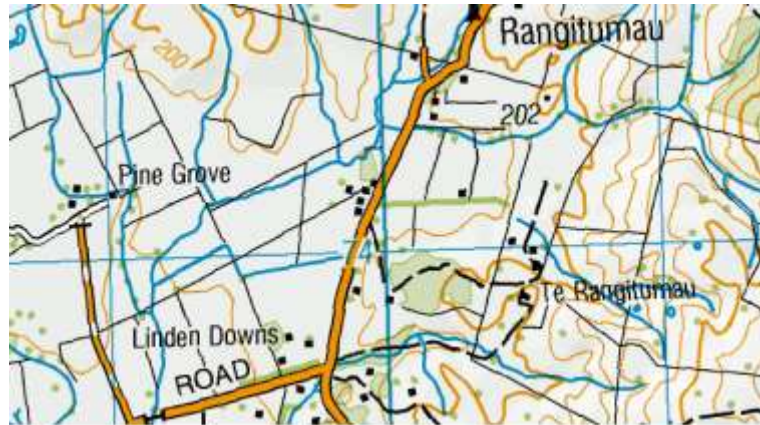


Rangitumau

Rangitumau 1894- 1969

Te Rangitumau 1891-1893. The same school, different name.
Rangitumau amalgamated on Opaki. Rangitumau is situated on Rangitumau Road off the Opaki Kaipororo Road at Double Bridges. 15 Kilometres from Masterton



School Site on corner by Linden Downs

24 January 1886 20 sections in the Rangitumau Block, in the Wairarapa District, containing 5000 acres, more or less For Sale

1893

School erected 528 Square Feet

Still the same at 31st January 1951

Residence Erected 1907 5 Rooms 1115 sq feet

Block IX Section 93 Kopuaranga Page 676

Section area 8 acres 2 rood 0 perches

Septic tank 1954 £947 – 17-6

Swimming Baths 1956 £450

Wellington Education Board History Notes For Jubilee

September 1887 Application was received for the erection of new school at Rangitumau. The Board could not in its present state of funds deal with the application

October 1887 Rangitumau The question of a grant towards a school at Rangitumau was postponed. The Board considered that the site should be vested- 2 acres if possible – before any expenditure was authorised

February 1888 The Board approved of the appointment of Miss Manley to an aided school to be opened at Rangitumau

May 1891 The chairman was empowered to deal with the application from Mr Stuckey for authority to fell the bush on the school site at Rangitumau

November 1892 Plans were approved and tenders authorised to be called for a school at Rangitumau

1906

5th October Board applies to Ministry for grant for a residence

Attendance

1893 Roll 20

1905 36

1906 March 39

1906 June 33

House allowance paid. Nil

Amount for House £68

4 rooms with bathroom, scullery and wash house

Present four roomed cottage now cannot be added to

1907

Clerk of works certifies that Rangitumau teacher's residence was completed to my satisfaction and is ready for occupation in the 15th July

2 rooms 13' 6"

Passage 16',9" x 12'

1 room 21' 9" x 12'

Kitchen 14' x 6'

Bathroom 6' x 5'

Pantry 6' x 2'6"

Wash House etc. 19' X 6'6

'= 1 foot. 1 foot is 30.48 centimetres

1922

21st December Owing to high winds prevailing in this district it becomes necessary to erect a porch. Cost £48 and an extra £40 for repairs and a new bath

The Board has had a married man with a family resident here for some years and the present conditions are very uncomfortable

1929

3rd May T A Hardie Appointed Sole teacher, Ex Ruakokopatuna and Pukehinau

29th September 1936 T A Hardie appointed assistant at Martinborough

1943

19th April Earthquake damage Rangitumau

Major work was needed including putting in concrete piles

1961

22nd February the teacher at Rangitumau on the 17th February reported an outbreak of fire at the residence causing damage to hot water heater, etc In addition considerable loss of personal effects was suffered by the teacher

The fire was caused during burning off operations by the painter. The fire occurred at 11.15. The painter with assistance of adjoining neighbours however managed to control the fire before the brigade arrived at 11.35
Arrangements are in hand to restore the damage

1962

7th March Asking to set aside the land as for a public school. Clearly Wellington Education Board didn't own the land before this

1963

The fire damage was caused by a bird's nest in the flue catching fire

1966

19th April That a further meeting was held and a vote was taken on the proposal to consolidate Rangitumau School on Opaki School
Details of the voting were given and although the roll is down to 8 the voting is strongly in favour of the retention of the school
Moved Mr Wallace Seconded by Mr Kilsby that the report be received and that no further action be taken on the matter of consolidating Rangitumau on Opaki School

1968

9th January letter to Board Member Mr J F R Wallace of Eketahuna

- a) Rangitumau has been closed Roll was 5
- b) The buildings will be sold as both school and residence were due for replacement
- c) 4 of the 5 children belong to Mr P W Campbell whose farm is at the extreme ends of Rangitumau road from School
- d) His children will go onto correspondence
- e) The only way of keeping the school open is as a grade 1 school or household school We have had no request to have one

1st July It was decided to sell school and residence

Land transferred to crown land from Wellington Education Board

News from Papers Past

PUBLIC NOTICE. Crown Land* Office, Wellington, 28th March, 1868. "Notice is hereby given that the under-mentioned land will be offered at auction, at the Crown Lands office, Wellington, on Wednesday, the 29th day of April next, at one o'clock p.m., at the upset price of six shillings, per acre, viz : — 13 Sections in the Rangitumau Block, Wairarapa District, containing 3234 acres (more or less). A plan of the land is open for inspection at this office. JOS.

G. HOLDSWORTH, Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands. 1st April 1868 Upset price of 5 shillings per acre

18th March 1876 The work of road construction in the Rangitumau Block will shortly be commenced, Tenders for felling 470 chains of Bush in the Mangarei Valley, Rangitumau Block, to the intended road line, were opened to-day by the provincial authorities. The tender of Gallagher, McCarthy, and Duncan, at £1 Is. per chain

9th March 1876 It is notified in a Provincial Gazette issued to-day that certain Crown lands situated in the Rangitumau Block, in the Wairarapa district; in the ParaeKaretu Block, in the Porewa District ; in the Pahaua Block, in the East Coast District; and in the township of Fitzherbert, in the Manawatu District have for the present been withdrawn from sale.

30th September 1876 Rangitumau roads : 72 chains bush felling, &c, J. Quin, £1 2s. Gd. per chain Provincial Council

30th July 1891 The Board of (Governors of the Wellington Collage Girls' High School was held this morning and was attended by Messrs. J. R. Blan (Chairman), C. B. Izard, J. Young, A. H Miles, Sir James Hector, and Rev. J. Paterson. A letter was read from Mr. John Wingate, stating that the rabbits which has infested the Rangitumau reserve had been thinned out, and in his opinion there would be no necessity to lay down poison next year

4th December 1892 The Finance Committee was empowered to accept tenders for schools at Cross' Creek, Te Horo, Tokomaru, and Rangitumau

17th March 1893 Head Teacher, Rangitumau Average attendance, about 20. Salary, 100 pound No residence

31st May 1893 To Rangitumau .£5, for gravelling and the erection of a lean-to

29th May 1895 Mr. W. H. Welch, a member of the Rangitumau School Committee, interviewed the Board as to the necessity for providing living accommodation for the female teacher at the Rangitumau School . At present she had to travel a long distance each day to the school, and her health had broken down, The Board decided to add two rooms to the school building for the accommodation of the teacher

21st February 1899 The leases of sections in the Wellington College endowment at Rangitumau were offered at auction at Masterton on Saturday, but no sales were effected. Sixpence an acre per annum was tendered for two sections, but as the reserve was a shilling an acre, the offer had to be rejected

19th January 1901 Rangitumau average, 41. Salary from £132 to £195, according to classification. Two rooms attached to school for teacher

13th January 1901 Rangitumau H Evans 125 pound 10 pound 1 shilling rise

8th February 1901 Mr. J. J Meade, at present third assistant master at the Petone School , has accepted the appointment to the charge of the Rangitumau School, beyond Masterton 8th Feb 1901

25th July 1901 That Mr. J. Mead cannot have leave to close the Rangitumau School an hour earlier once a fortnight to attend

31st December 1901 Mistress Rangitumau 80 pound Must have been a change in gradings as lots of jobs advertised

1st May 1902 Rangitumau School Committee Messrs —James Stuckey (chairman), Bertelson, Kjestrup, Harvey and Court

M Chamberlain Pupil Teacher transferred because of changes in staffing to Masterton

27th February 1904 RANGITUMAU NOTES.

(By an Occasional Correspondent).

A Public Hall has recently been erected here, and with the Church and School standing close by, gives the place quite a pretentious appearance. An energetic Committee, w, do all in their power to cater for the social entertainment of the residents. A week or two ago the School children gave a successful concert, the proceeds of which supplied them with Indian clubs and several other things necessary for their work. To-night there is to be a concert and dance. Several performers are expected from Masterton, and as the ladies of the district, with their accustomed efficiency, are superintending the supper arrangements, a very pleasant evening should be spent. At a meeting of the Committee, held on Tuesday evening, it was decided to hold, in the autumn, an Industrial Exhibition, exhibits to consist mainly of products and manufactures of the district. It is hoped that this will prove a source not only of entertainment, but also of educational value to all who may honour us with their presence on that auspicious occasion. WTPP

29th February 1904 RANGITUMAU SCHOOL PICNIC.

(From a Correspondent),

The Rangitumau School picnic was held on Friday in Mr R. Macdonald's paddock. Excellent weather prevailed, this fact doubtless being responsible in a great degree for the large attendance of scholars, parents and visitors.

All the running and jumping events were well contested, and many of the competitors gave promise of future greatness in the athletic field.

In the pole jump Gr. Harvey, an undersized fifth standard boy cleared 7ft 2in, and won the event. T. Wrigley (scr) got over 7ft 7in, but failed by 2in to make up his handicap. Little Teddie Wrigley, aged eight, cleared 5ft 1 in in thorough professional style, and with his handicap (2ft) jumped into third place.

The Old Boys' Race was won easily by A. Bertelsen, C. Bertelsen being second, and P. Hopkins third. A field of two dozen entered for the ladies' nail-driving and wood-sawing competitions, the former being won by Mrs F. Court and the latter by Miss L. Wilton, who, amidst excitement, beat Mrs A. Larsen and Miss N. Stuckey by a fraction of a second.

Trophies were presented for competition by Levin and Co., W.F.C.A.. Ltd., Daily" Times, J. P. Elliott, R. Hannah and Co., Jas. Elliot, W. Dougall, Townsend and Couper, F. Dupre, C. Smith, T. H. Harvey, and T. McLauchlan. The Committee was composed of Messrs W. Hopkins, F. Court, T. P. Kemble, R. Wilton, and J. J. Mead, who wish to tender their thanks to all donators of prizes and to the multitude of young people who did so much to make the gathering a success. WTPP

18th May 1904 We have before us for review some specimens of typewritten work executed by the scholars of the Rangitumau School This work was exhibited at the Wellington School Cadet Band exhibition, held a few weeks ago. We have no hesitation in saying that it is work that both pupils and instructor may well be proud of. The pupils seem to turn their machines to all kinds of written work. There are compositions, grammar papers, letters to each other and to parents, and dictation papers. Quite a feature has been made of actual business letters to well-known firms. For instance, one young lady writes to the managing director of the W.F.C.A., saying how pleased

her mother is with a certain sewing machine recently purchased from that establishment. A little girl from Standard 111 boldly writes to the Empire City calling for supplies for the typewriter class while another addresses the proprietor of this journal. In each case copies have been taken by means of a copying press. Manifold work has received a prominent place, the exhibit in this case taking the form of circulars from the School Committee, etc., and advertisement leaflets.

Looking critically at each sheet, we cannot find one that would not be considered creditable to much older students. Indeed many of the communications that emanate from the offices of some of our prominent business men would suffer by comparison. We believe the time is not far distant when every father of a boy will realise that his son is not being properly educated in at least one important direction, unless he is given opportunity to discipline his mind, cultivate his ability to properly use our language, write intelligent letters, and acquire all the varied accomplishments that are sure to follow upon the practical use of this great aid to humanity. It does not perhaps speak well for town offices that the typewriting work of a country school like that of Rangitumau should be cleaner and more perfect than that which is turned out day by day in actual business correspondence, but there can be no question of the superiority of the former. There is a future before the children of Rangitumau WTPP

19th March 1906 RANGITUMAU NOTES.

{Special to Daily Times.}

The annual examination of the school was conducted by Mr Fleming, on the 13th inst. The following children passed :—Standard VII., Isla McDonald, Fred Clarke, George Harvey. Standard VI., Olive McDonald, Lucy Wilton, Kathleen Wilton, Mary Wrigley, John

Clarke, William Kjestrup, Leonard Blatchford and Bernard Bertelsen (all proficiency). Standard V., Doris Blatchford, Annie Kjestrup, and Robert Harvey. Standard IV., Clementina Wilton and Fred Wrigley. Standard 111., Fanny Larsen, Amy Wilton, Christina Harvey, Mary Kjestrup, Dorothy Hopkins, Gertrude Donovan, Euphemia Manning and Mona Bertelsen. Standard 11., Eunice Wrigley, John Street and Frank Manning. The school picnic was held on the 15th inst., in a paddock kindly placed at the disposal of the School Committee by Mr C. McLachlan. The children were favoured with a beautiful day, there was an ample supply of good things provided, and the day proved enjoyable to all.

Upto Various races and competitions were held, with the following results.—School championship, Geo. Harvey, 1; Frank Manning, 2. Girls' race Chrissy Harvey, 1; Doris Blatchford, 2. High Jump: Lawrie Wilton and Frank Manning (tie), 1. Girls' book race Olive McDonald, 1; Doris Blatchford, 2. Skipping race: Ivy Wrigley, 1 Lucy Wilton, 2. Three legged race (boys-): Jack Clark and Will Kjestrup. Three-Legged race (girls), Amy Wilton and Gertie Donovan. Apple-bobbing: Mario Paraone. Young ladies' race: Miss D. Stuckey. Nail driving Miss Wilton, 1 MrsTait,2. Sawing: Mrs R. Wilton. WTPP

1st July 1904 RANGITUMAU HALL.

Opening Ceremonies.

An Enjoyable Function.

There were about two hundred persons, including a number from Masterton, present at the opening of the Rangitumau Hall, last evening. Mr Jas. Stuckey presided. A letter was read from the Mayor

of Masterton (Mr J. A. Renall) apologising for his unavoidable absence, and enclosing a donation of £1 3s towards the funds.

Mr J. Stuckey, in formally declaring the Hall open, congratulated the settlers on the enterprise displayed in securing such a comfortable little building as a Public Hall. He also detailed the circumstances that led up to the scheme being set on foot. Now they had the satisfaction of seeing the building almost completed. The speaker also referred at length to the rise and progress of Rangitumau. He carried his audience back to the days in September, 1877, when he, in company with Mr Tuck and Mr Fitton? had first visited Rangitumau. They had on this occasion been lost in the dense bush which then covered the country. There was only a road-line felled at that time, and the only bridge or culvert was that at Kopuaranga. The railway was only completed to the Hutt then, and the coach fare to Masterton amounted to no less than £6.

Mr Stuckey also recalled a number of thrilling incidents of the early days, and told of the hardships and even privations endured by the first settlers. They now had their comfortable residences, school, creamery, the Hall, and, what was very important, fairly good roads to give access to their properties.

The following musical programme was rendered: —Mr Iggulden, Sound of the Drum Miss M. Stuckey, "The Rose Garden Mrs Welch, Dear Heart Mr Stewart, The Mighty Deep Miss Read, Tit for Tat Mr Stebbing, Rose of My Life;" Mr Fawcett, selected Mr Iggulden, The Champion of the King Miss Stewart, Daddy Rev. Spencer, The Old Umbrella Miss Brady, song; Miss M. Stuckey, Killarney Mr Stebbing, "To-morrow will be Friday," Two glees were also rendered.

After the concert, dancing was commenced and kept up with vigour, by about eighty couples, till an early hour this morning.—The MC. were Messrs Bertelsen and Tankersley while Mr F. McKenzie supplied the music. WTPP

22nd April 1905 RANGITUMAU NOTES

(Special to Daily Times.)

The annual meeting of residents for the purpose of electing a Hall Committee was called for Thursday, 1st, but after a little business had been done it was adjourned for a week so that certain documents might be available.

Mr Bakewell, Inspector, examined the school children on Wednesday last, and granted them the next day as a holiday.

Mr J. Stuckey has kindly presented to the School neatly-mounted specimens of wool, collected from all parts of New Zealand.

The genus school-boy is renowned for his unintentional witticisms, and the local schoolmaster reports that even at Rangitumau the sparks of genius sometimes fly. One young hopeful in particular has decided gifts for producing material for a Wit and Humour Column." He recently declared quite confidently that a "statue" was a "haystack," and when asked how it was that people can discover something of the age of mountains, replied "Because they grow a little every year." He also supplied an unlooked-for answer when he was asked to name the last thing his father did each night. The answer sought was, of course, Lock up the house but instead thereof the youthful sage replied, "Unties his hair, sir."

Mr McCurdy, organising secretary of the Farmers' Union, was to have addressed a meeting in the hall on Monday evening. The stormy state of the weather, however, kept the settlers at home but to the few

who did attend Mr McCurdy explained the workings of the proposed Farmers' Insurance scheme.

22nd March 1907 Rose and Mason's tender for the erection of a school at Rangitumau be accepted

22nd March 1907 Rangitumau permission to erect posting boxes WTPP

26th March 1907 RANGITUMAU EXHIBITION TO be held in the RANGITUMAU HALL, on Thursday, April 11th, 1907. ENTRIES close on the 1st April with Mr G. R. Sykes (A. and P. Office, Masterton), Mr Geo. Donovan (Kopuaranga), or Mr Dallaston Rangitumau School. Mr A. Jones will run a drag to the Exhibition on the 11th WTPP

3rd April 1907 Dallaston Jones- There was a pretty wedding at Napier, on Monday, when Mr Charles William Dallaston (son of the Rev. O. Dallaston), master of Rangitumau School near Masterton, was married to Miss Elizabeth (Lizzie) Jones, eldest daughter of Mr J. M. Phillips, of Napier. The ceremony took place at the Baptist Church, and was conducted by the pastor, the bridegroom's father. Flowers, foliage and pot plants were used in the beautiful decorations of the platform. The bride's dress was of cream crepe de chine, trimmed with narrow satin ribbon and chiffon, appliqué vest with satin rovers, veil and orange blossoms, She carried a handsome shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Misses Ivy Phillips (sister of the bride) mid Naomi Dallaston (sister of the bridegroom). Their dresses were of pale pink nun's veiling trimmed with biscuit overall lace and narrow satin ribbons, cream lace hats with clusters of pink roses. Their bouquets were of pink roses, and they wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr A. H. Dallaston, and the groomsmen Mr W. Jones. The bride and

bridegroom left by the four o'clock train for the South. The bride's travelling dress was a pastille cloth trimmed with green velvet, and hat to match. Many beautiful and useful presents, about seventy in number, were given by Wellington, Christchurch and Napier friends. The presents included a silver inkstand, sugar and cream set and silver breadboard, which were the gift of the members of the Musical Club and Bible RANGITUMAU HORTICULTURAL AND AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

A Very Creditable Display.

(Special Reporter.)

The Rangitumau Horticultural and Agricultural Association held an Exhibition yesterday, in the Rangitumau Public Hall. Owing to the absence of goods for simply exhibition purposes, there was not the usual display, but the tables were well occupied with local products, and in several classes the competition was keen. There was a moderate attendance of settlers and a number of visitors from Masterton, the weather, which was dull and cloudy and inclined to rain, doubtless interfering with a large attendance, particularly of those from a distance. Mr Bertelsen, assisted by Messrs Donovan and Dallaston, carried out the arrangements in a way that gave entire satisfaction. The judges were Messrs A. W. Hogg, M.H. R., James McGregor, E. Hale and Mesdames McKenzie and Hogg.

One of the most interesting exhibits consisted of samples of noxious weeds, of which about twenty varieties were shown, all with names attached. The discussions that took place on their habits and the best methods of eradication were instructive, many of the opinions expressed being quite a revelation to the ordinary visitor.

The samples of fruit were particularly fine, the apples especially by their size and inviting appearance showing what good limestone country can produce.

The display of vegetables, if not very large, was certainly select, Mr A. Bertelsen's Drum Head cabbages being mammoths in their line. Plants and flowers bore evidence of vigorous growth and attention.

Messrs Dagg Bros. were the principal exhibitors of seed and grain.

The collection of preserves, which occupied the centre table, was varied and creditable, the lady exhibitors showing that there is no longer the slightest need to import bottled fruit, jams, jellies, sauces or pickles. At few exhibitions have finer samples of bread, scones, cakes and pastries been shown. Nor were sweetmeats omitted.

The chief prize-taker carried off her trophy by exhibiting—under glass, of course.—no fewer than twenty different, samples of the confectioner's art.

The industrial exhibits excited a good share of attention, especially a picture frame of honeysuckle and stained kauri, the workmanship of Mr O. Bertelsen. The frame comprised three panels of unique but attractive design, and if hit the popular taste, being fairly surrounded by admirers. Miss Andrews' wood-carving exhibits were also so well executed as to excite considerable attention.

Although there was no competition in amateur photography, the group of portraits and selections of local

Joinery by Mr T. A. Wrigley were very fine. Among the school exhibits the sample of floral modelling by Vernon Welch, of the Opaki School was exceptionally well-executed, while the specimens of writing from the local school were generally next to creditable. The following were the prize takers Flowers.—Geranium blooms: Mrs T. R. Wilton 1. Collection of Dahlias: B. Bertelsen. Bouquet (for

School children): Miss A. Stewart 1. Buttonhole (for school children) W. Hibbard 2. Plants.—Geranium: Miss M. T. Harvey 1. Flowering Plant: Mrs W. Donovan 1. Noxious Weeds: B. Bertelsen J. A T vegetables.—Cabbages: A. Bertelsen 1. Cauliflowers: G. H. Clarke 1. Onions: A. Bertelsen 1. D. McLachlan 2, Miss I. McKenzie h.c. Carrots: Miss I. McKenzie J, A. Bertelsen T Parsnips: P. Hopkins 1, A. Bertelsen 2. Cucumbers: A. Bertelsen 1. Potatoes: P. Wilton 1, A. Kjestrup 2. Potatoes (4 varieties): E. 1. H. C. Bertelsen h.c, Marrow: S. H. Clarke 1, F. P. Welch 2. Pumpkin: Clarke 1, P. Hopkins 2, Seed and Grain. —Long oats: Dagg Bros. I.E. McLachlan 2. Short oats: Dagg Bros. 1 and 2. Wheat: Dagg Bros. 1. Peas: Dagg Bros. 1, E. J. Kjestrup 2. Seed Potatoes :A. Kjestrup 1, E. J. Kjestrup 2. Cocksfoot: Dagg Bros 1. Rye Grass: Dagg Bros. 1.

Cooking.—Bread: Mrs W. Donovan 1, Mrs Kjestrup 2, Miss Isabella Harvey h.c. Brown Bread Mrs McKenzie 1. Scones: Miss P. McLachlan 1, Miss Bertelsen 2, Miss M. Wrigley h.c, Fruit Cake: Mrs W. Tankersley 1. Sponge Cake: Miss P. McLachlan 1. Jam Tarts: Mrs W. Donovan 1, Miss W. Chamberlain 2. Collection of Sweets: Miss P. McLachlan 1. Toffee Miss Doris Blatchford f. Cake: Stella McLachlan 1, Mona Bertelsen 2. School Work.—Writing (children over 12): Lucy Wilton 1, Olive Mc-Donald 2. Under 12: F. Manning 1, Eunice Wrigley 2. Clay Modelling Vernon Welch J. Sewing: Alma McLachlan 1, E. Manning 2, Best dressed doll: Doris Blatchford i. Preserves.—Bottled Fruit: Mrs Manning, senr., 1. Jam: Miss Isabella Harvey 1, Mrs W. Donovan 2. Jelly: Miss T. Harvey 1, Mrs Tait 2, Mrs W. Donovan h.c. Honey: A. Bertelsen 1, T. H. Harvey 2. Pickles: Mrs W. Tankersley 1, Mrs G. Townsend 2. Sauce: Miss Kjestrup 1, Miss Duncan McLachlan 2. Fruit.—Cooking Apples: Mrs W. Donovan 1, Mrs Manning, senr., 2, G. H. Clarke h.c. Dessert

Apples: T. H. Harvey 1 and 2, Miss I. Harvey h.c, Keeping Apples: Miss E. J. Harvey 1, Mrs Franklin 2. Tomatoes: W. Shute 1, A. Kjestrup 2. Quinces: N. McLachlan 1, Miss J. Millar 2. Pears: Miss I. McDonald 1, W. A. Donovan 2. Farm Produce. —Home-made Butter Mrs W. Donovan 1, Miss M. Shute 2. Fowl: Mrs Duncan McLachlan 1. Marigolds: C. Bertlesen 1, E. J. Kjestrup 2, P. Hopkins h.c. Swedes:

Dagg Bros. 1, P. Hopkins 2, O. Bertelsen h.c. Carrots: C. Bertelsen 1, E. J. Kjestrup 2. Wool: N. McLachlan 1, H. G., Bertelsen 2.

Industrial.—Collection of Birds' Eggs: E. Harvey 1. Postage Stamps: Miss F. Kemble 1. Post-card Album: Miss Ivy Wrigley 1. Photos: T. A. Wrigley 1. Picture frames: C. Bertelsen 1, F. Johnston 2. Wood-carving: Miss Andrews 1. Laundered White Shirt: Mrs W. Donovan 1, Mrs W. Tankersley 2, Miss P. McLachlan h.c. Darned Stocking: Mrs Tait 1. Fancy Needlework: Miss Kilminster 1, Miss I. McKay h.c.

WTPP

1st July 1907 RANGITUMAU NOTES.

(Special to Daily Times.) On Friday evening a most enjoyable concert and dance was held in the Rangitumau Hall, in aid of the Hall and School Funds. There was a large and appreciative audience at the concert. The first part consisted of items by the schoolchildren, all of whom acquitted themselves with great credit. A recitation by Miss Gertie Donovan was particularly well-received, while the quaint appearance of Mrs Harley's Waxworks evoked great applause. A number of the girls also sang very prettily, with appropriate actions, "Close your Dreamy Eyes." In the second part the Rangitumau Glee Club rendered, very effectively, Spofforth's "Hail, Smiling Morn!" and Barnby's "Sweet and Low," and the orchestra contributed several

acceptable items. Solos and duets from various members of the Glee Club were interspersed, and of these a duet by Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Andrews was perhaps the most appreciated. Apart from the musical part of the programme, there were the irresistibly humorous performance of Mrs Sniggle and her talented family of eight bewitching daughters, and the not less laughable term of the Doctor's Locum Tenens. At the close of the concert, which, though long, was greatly enjoyed by all those present, supper was served. After supper the floor was cleared for dancing, which was continued until the early hours. Altogether, the evening was a great success WTPP

18th July 1907 RANGITUMAU NOTES.

Departure of Mr Bertelsen

(From, a Correspondent.)

On Tuesday night, at the Rangitumau Hall, Mr H. C. Bertelsen and family were, entertained at a farewell social by the local residents, there being fully one hundred people present. Mr Bertelsen, who has been in the district for nearly twenty years recently sold out, and has purchased a farm near Cambridge. Waikato, and leaves for the North next week.

Mr Duncan McLachlan presided, and on behalf of the settlers, presented Mr Bertelsen with a travelling rug and Mrs Bertelsen with a handsome dressing case. Mr McLachlan referred to the loss the district would sustain in losing such a sterling settler as Mr Bertelsen had proved himself to be. It was mainly through his untiring efforts that they now had the Hall and their up-to-date creamery. He had also taken an active interest in educational matters, and had been chairman of the School Committee for several years. He trusted that

they would make as many friends in their new home as they were leaving behind.

Mr Bertelsen, in replying, thanked all kind friends for the handsome way in which they were being farewelled, and for their beautiful presents. They would always look back with pleasure on their old Rangitumau associations. He trusted that the district would continue to prosper.

Songs were contributed by Messrs Stewart, Clarke and McLachlan, Mrs F. P. Welch and Misses Macdonald and Stewart. WTPP

VALEDICTORY SOCIAL AT RANGITUMAU

29th April 1910 A large and representative gathering of Rangitumau residents, amongst whom were a number of friends and visitors from the outlying districts, assembled in the Hall on Wednesday evening to bid farewell to Mr and Mrs Dallaston . the popular teacher of the local school and his wife, who are leaving for Johnsonville. the former having accepted an appointment under the Education Board in that district. The function took the form of a social evening, interspersed with dancing. Prior to the supper adjournment, Mr A. J. Stone-Wigg read a letter from the Rev .C. E. Porter, expressing his keen regret at being unable to be present, and referring in glowing terms to the valuable assistance rendered to him in his capacity as Methodist minister in every branch of church work by Mr Dallaston, whose departure he sincerely regretted, and whom he wished every success in his new sphere of operations.

Mr Hopkins, Chairman of the School Committee, in a well-chosen speech, referred to the capable manner in which Mr Dallaston had carried out his duties as master of the school, during his six years' residence amongst them, and the amicable relations that had always existed between him and the parents and residents generally. The

speaker made special reference to Mr Dallaston's active cooperation and generous assistance in promoting any function or entertainment for the benefit of the community, especially in regard to church matters, in which he took a particularly keen interest, having acted as organist for the church and superintendent of the Sunday School. The speaker had no hesitation in saying that both Mr and Mrs Dallaston were the mainstay of their church.

Mr Hopkins then presented Mr Dallaston with a valuable travelling rug and Mrs Dallaston with a handsome silver cake dish and a pair of silver candlesticks, which he asked them to accept as a slight token of the esteem and respect in which they were held by their many friends in Rangitumau In conclusion he called for three hearty cheers for Mr and Mrs Dallaston, which were enthusiastically given. Mr Dallaston, who on rising was greeted with prolonged applause, in a happy and humorous speech, warmly thanked his hearers for their generous gifts and the kindly sentiments expressed towards Mrs Dallaston and himself. He assured them that it had always been a pleasure to him to be associated with the people of Rangitumau, both as a school teacher and a resident, and he fully appreciated the many acts of kindness that had been extended to himself and Mrs Dallaston. A sumptuous supper, dispensed by an energetic ladies' committee, was served, after which the musical portion of the programme was continued till twelve o'clock, when a happy and enjoyable gathering was brought to a close by the company joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne." During the evening the following vocal and instrumental items were contributed to the programme:— Songs: Messrs G. Stewart (3), J. McLachlan (2), and T. Harvey; recitations, Mrs Clarke, Miss Kjestrup and Mr G. Donovan; pianoforte duets, Misses Wilton and Misses I. and S. McLachlan ; pianoforte solo, Miss Gertie Donovan;

duet (violin and banjo), Misses Hopkins. Excellent dance music was supplied by Mr T. A. Wrigley, extras being contributed by Misses E. Clarke, M. Wrigley and I. McDonald. Messrs A. Kjestrup and E. Wilton carried out the duties of M.C WTPP

13th May 1910 Advertisement Rangitumau (Masterton District) ST 150 to 180 pound with house

10th September 1914 Rangitumau (Masterton District) ST 120 to 150 pound with house

6th March 1918 Rangitumau (Masterton railway station) ST 110 to 140 pound with house

20th March 1918 Miss C Bartlett Sole Teacher

18th April 1918 Miss F J Shand

25th April 1918 Miss Florrie Shand, mistress of the Kaitawa School; has been appointed mistress of the Rangitumau School WTPP

5th Sept 1919 Mr C Cumpsty

23rd December 1919 Mr. C. E. Cumpsty, Headmaster of Te Rangitumau School has been admitted a lay reader of St. Matthews's Church, Masterton.

9th June 1923 Mrs. Francis Ashton. Warner (Te Whiti) has been appointed to the Rangitumau School, and will take up her duties on the 1st July.

6th February 1928 RH Tregurtha ST

Rangitumau School Jubilee Celebrations

July 1893 Henrietta Jackson Teacher

Memories of this lady

- a) Newly opened settlement

- b) Met at the station by Mr George Welch chairman of the School Committee with a farm wagon and a very sturdy horse. The bluff was blocked with slips. Had to cross the Ruamahunga and it was with a Fresh so brought the farm cart
- c) Walked to school a little over a mile away Half the road was metalled The school was built at the end of the Kak Amu Hill and commanded a view of the whole country.
- d) Passed a neighbour "Ay She'll do The lassie was nae frightened of the cows."
- e) The school was unfenced, with limestone all around it
- f) The desks and furniture had not arrived so I had to plan how to carry on when the children attended the next day
- g) The road was metalled as far as Te Rangitumau a station owned by the late Mr Stuckey.
- h) The school was surrounded by burnt timber.
- i) The room was one room with a porch
- j) There had been a dance on the previous weekend and the floor was covered by limestone.
- k) The school opened with 19 children
Harvey: Thomas, John, Elizabeth, Isabella, Agnes
Thomson: Robert, James, John, Sydney, William, George, Jessie, May
Brown: Albert
Court: Thomas
Wilton: Leonard, Laura
Bertlesen: Katherine
Macdonald, Flora,

The following are the other children who were first day pupils
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Court: Isabella, Elizabeth
 Thomson: Charles Alfred, Andrew
 Welch: William Kemble, Kathleen
 Bertlesen; Albert
 Wilton; Cecil, Eric Thomas
 Kjestrup, Ellen Alice

- l) The only books were ones that Laura and Leonard Wilton had brought
- m) The desks and equipment had not come until 3 weeks later
- n) We cleared and burnt logs to make a playground and two shelter sheds were built
- o) A Museum was started with the help of Sir James Hector who visited the district on an astronomical survey and stated that Rangitumau was a wonderful place for fossils.
- p) Only Riding, horse drawn vehicle and walking. Most children walked to school some a distance of 3 or 4 miles.
- q) Later some rode horses or came in a trap
- r) Religious instruction was allowed before school started at 9.00. The Rev Yorke took a lesson once a week and Bishop Wallis visited
- s) Roll rose from 19 to 44. My sister (Hermione Amy) was appointed to help Two living rooms had been attached to the school and she lived with me as I was living on my own
- t) Those who passed standard 7 often stayed another year

The school was built in 1893 on a piece of land set aside for a recreation reserve. The land being cleared by working bees.
 By the end of 1898 a buggy shed was added.

November 1900 Mr W Allen metalled around the school thus doing away with the limestone mess
 A new school residence was erected early in 1907 and fenced by a working bee in October 1908.

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1923 Mrs Gibson (April to May)
 1923 M Warner (July to March 1925)
 1925 Mr. E J Caigou (June 1925 December 1927)
 1926 Miss F Ullmer (February 1926 May 26)
 1928 Mr. R H Tregurtha (February 1928 to April 1929)
 1929 Mr. R C Gallop (May 1929 relieving)
 1929 Mr. T A Hardie (May 1929 to October 1926)
 1937 Mrs D A Connell September Oct
 1943 Miss A H Parker November 1943 to December 1945)
 1946 Mrs D A Connell February to May
 1946 Mr. R C Cousins

1891	Rangitumau (Te)	Not Open Yet
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1894	20	Rangitumau	Evans	Henrietta M	Female	£120
1895	26	Rangitumau	Evans	Henrietta M	Female	£120
1896	31	Rangitumau	Evans	Henrietta M	Female	£104
1897	35	Rangitumau	Evans	Henrietta M	Female	£123
1898	37	Rangitumau	Evans	Henrietta M	Female	£125
1898	37	Rangitumau	Evans	Amy	Female Pupil Teacher	£25
1899	42	Rangitumau	Evans	Henrietta M	Female	£125
1899	42	Rangitumau	Evans	Hermione A	Female Pupil Teacher	£32
1900	43	Rangitumau	Evans	Henrietta M	Female	£125
1900	43	Rangitumau	Evans	Ada	Female Pupil Teacher	£36
1901	43	Rangitumau	Mead	John J	Headmaster	£175
1901	43	Rangitumau	Chamberlain	May	Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1902	41	Rangitumau	Mead	John J	Headmaster	£175

1902	41	Rangitumau	Young	Mabel R		Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1903	32	Rangitumau	Mead	John J		Headmaster	£175
1904	33	Rangitumau	Dallaston	C M		Master	£139
1905	36	Rangitumau	Dallaston	C M	D2	Master	£146
1906	36	Rangitumau	Dallaston	C W	D2	Master	£160
1907	33	Rangitumau	Dallaston	Chas W	D2	Master	£160
1908	29	Rangitumau	Dallaston	Chas W	D2	Master	£160
1909	31	Rangitumau	Dallaston	Chas W	D2	Master	£165
1910	26	Rangitumau	Atkinson	Mary E	D3	Female	£150
1911	24	Rangitumau	Atkinson	Mary E	D3	Female	£155
1912	23	Rangitumau	Atkinson	Mary E	D3	Female	£160
1913	25	Rangitumau	Atkinson	Mary E	D3	Female	£165
1914	22	Rangitumau	Grant	Colin C	B4	Master	£150
1915	21	Rangitumau	Grant	Colin C	B4	Master	£160
1917	15	Rangitumau	Bartlett	Constance	Sole	B-82	£140
1919	20	Rangitumau	Cumpsty	Charles E	Sole	Licensed	£180
1921	16	Rangitumau	Cumpsty	Charles E	Sole	Licensed	£240
1923	20	Rangitumau	Warner	Margaret	Sole	D-202	£205