

South Featherston

South Featherston National Archives

1898 456 square feet classroom built

1913 Added 528 Square Feet classroom

1923 Temporary 720 square feet Old Army Hut Used as a hall

Land 5 acres 2nd November 1917 Board refused to add another 5 acres from education reserve next door.

1916 Tender for improvements to Septic Tank, water tower, windmill etc. at South Featherston and residence.

William Tinney Contractor

Application for Residence: Roll 1912 ,68 Teacher is paid house allowance of £20

Note : teacher cannot obtain accommodation locally

Note from Wellington Education Board to Department Application for a grant of £442-10-0 in 1912 for residence

- a) This is a rising dairying area which will shortly be a two teacher school. The teacher has to travel 3 miles each way from Featherston as he can't get a house. It will be noted that a fairly large sum is set for fencing but it is observed in reference to this that the winds blowing here are of such violence as to render absolutely necessary the erection of a fair amount of Board fencing

Reply a grant of £450 be granted by Department

- b) Particulars included in application for enlargement of school showing pre-schoolers in the district in 1912

| | | From School | Land (acres) | Description | Names | Age (years) | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Charles Cundy | Farmer | 1/4 Mile | 44 acres | Leasehold | Jean | 3 | My Father's Cousins |
| | | | | | Eric | 2 | |
| James Scott | Farmer | 1/2 mile | 350 | Sharemilker | Kenneth | 4 | |
| | | | | | Zoe | 2 | |
| George Burt | Farmer | 3/4 | 300 | Freehold | Allan | | |
| Franc Burt | Farmer | 1/2 | 8 | Freehold | Norman | 3 | |
| | | | | | Sley (Is/lay) | 2 | |
| William Wakely | Flax Miller | 1/2 mile | 15 | Freehold | Mira | 2 | |
| Archie Benton | Carpenter | 3/4 | 8 | Freehold | Douglas | 4 | |

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| | | | | | Avrill | 2 | |
| Harold Gibbs | Labourer | 1/2 | 3/4 | Freehold | Stanley | 1 | |
| Andrew Murphy | Farmer | 1 1/2 | 3/4 | Leasehold | Andrew | 3 | |
| William Brown | Farmer | 450 | 2 | Tenant | Leonard | 4 | |
| | | | | | Amelia | 2 | |
| Thomas Teaseteale (Teasdale?) | Gardener | | 1/2 | Tenant | Mary | 2 | |
| Dan Riddiford | Farmer | 100 | 1/2 | Freehold | Francis | 1 | |
| Sidney Fleming | Gardener | | 1/2 | Tenant | Monty | 4 | |
| | | | | | Horace | 2 | |
| George Cox | Farmer | 80 | 1/4 | Freehold | Eileen | 1 | |
| James Adamson | Factory Manager | | 1/2 | Tenant | Percy | 4 | |
| | | | | | Ruby | 1 | |
| Donald Yule | Farmer | 195 | 1 | Freehold | Dulcie | 3 | |
| Fred Simmonds | Farmer | 18 | 2 1/2 | Freehold | Avrill | 1 | |
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Signed by Charles R Cundy

No of children over 14 attending South Featherston: 3

Featherston Two miles away Roll 144

Tauherenikau 3 Miles away Roll 19

Kaiwairai 3 miles away Roll 53

Further in application

- All the children at South Featherston are attending their nearest school
- Increase is because increase of population especially towards the lake
- A portion of Longwood estate is to be cut into 5 acre sections
- A sheep farm is being subdivided into three dairy farms
- Roll 50 with average of 47 attendance
- The area for classroom does not allow for chimney or cupboards Length is 24' x 19' (7.31 X 5.79 Meters)

29th November 1912 Acknowledged by Department of letter and grant made of £ 376-15-0

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South Featherston: *1899-Present* Aka Featherston South in the early years. Built close to the dairy factory, which my grandfather was Secretary of for quite a while. My Great Aunt, Nell Cundy was a first day pupil of Featherston South School. In 1972 I was appointed to South Featherston School as head teacher. We had an old school house built in 1913 still with an outside toilet and laundry. Two of the classrooms were the original school buildings with windows so high I was the only one who could look out the windows at 6 feet tall

Fernside was the Cundy home where my Grandmother grew up

The dairy factory was next to the Tauherenikau River on State Highway 52. The eels here were big and fat as the whey was flushed into the river. I can remember going with George Cuff (*Married Dad's cousin Jean*) to the factory with the milk and then filling up with cans of whey to feed the pigs on the farm.



1896

26th February 1896 As regards the petition for a school at South Featherston, the Inspector reported he was unable to make any definite recommendation, as the children affected could be taken either to the Featherston or Tauherenikau schools if provision were made for conveying them there. The present buildings at Tauherenikau were unfit for habitation, and if a school was to be maintained there a new room was absolutely necessary, the present

building, with a few alterations, being made to do duty as a teacher's residence PP

19th September 1897 Inspector Lee recommended in regard to an application for a school at South Featherston that a school be placed a mile from Tauherenikau. The Chairman decided to visit the district. PP

22nd October 1897 FEATHERSTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent). Friday. Messrs Blair and Dorset, the Chairman and Secretary of the Education Board und Mr McDougall, the Board's carpenter came up here yesterday and visited Tauherenikau and South Featherston relative to providing school accommodation for these two places. Touching Tauherenikau School, Mr Blair has promised not to decide anything until after next Board meeting, as to South Featherston, Mr Blair has not decided on a site yet. Messrs Blair, Dorset and McDougall returned to town this morning. PP

23rd February 1898 it was left to the Chairman to deal with the transfer of the school building from Vogeltown to Brooklyn, to consult with M. Jackson concerning a school site at South Featherston PP

30th June 1898 The Education Board has decided to include in their application for building grant this year provision for new school at South Featherston PP

4th January 1899 South Featherston School. Salary .£90 PP

16th January 1899 Head teacher, South Featherston School (salary £90) Miss Frances Townsend PP

14th January 1899 That appointments under the Wellington Education Board are widely sought after is proved by the number of candidates for the vacancies about to be filled For the position of

first assistant at the Te Aro School, 17; head teacher at Dreyerton, 20 head teacher at Waihakeke, 10 head teacher at South Featherston, 18; head teacher at Ponatahi, 6; PP

2nd February 1899 Miss Townsend, at present at Shannon, will go to South Featherston PP

25th October 1899 150 ACRES OF FIRST-CLASS LAND, with an eight-roomed house, dairy, barn, and stables, situate at South Featherston, and two miles from the Featherston Railway Station. Cheese Factory adjoining the property. For full particulars, apply to Mr. M. J. H. JACKSON, South Featherston; PP

29th November 1900 It was decided not to complete the purchase of a piece of land for a new school at Tocker's Corner (*Commonly called Church Corner at the turnoff to Lake Ferry*), near the Kaiwairi and the South Featherston schools PP

7th October 1901 The South Featherston School Committee has endorsed the action of the four members of the Education Board who voted for the retirement of Inspector Lee on the ground of retrenchment. PP

3rd May 1902 (By Telegraph —Special to Daily Times). Featherston, This Day. The South Featherston School Committee election, held on Monday evening, resulted as follows :—Messrs I. N. Burt (chairman), M. J. H. Jackson, J. Henderson, W. Parker and J. Logan PP

30th May 1902 Mrs John Tocker, of South Featherston, died early on Thursday morning, at the age of 89 years, as the result of injuries sustained through falling into the kitchen fire on Tuesday evening last. The deceased lady was a very old identity.

Dr Hanratty was on Thursday morning sentenced to three months' imprisonment at the local S.M. Court for vagrancy. A medical man, Michael Hanratty was charged by the police at, Wellington -this week with vagrancy. He said he had been practising in the Wairarapa district for 13 or 14 years. One of the Justices expressed the opinion that it was a case for an inebriates' home rather than for gaol. Hanratty was discharged, with a recommendation for his admission to one of the local homes. The annual examination of the South Featherston School took place with most satisfactory results, all the pupils passing in their respective standards.

31st July 1902 Resignation Miss Ethel Townsend, sewing (?) teacher at Featherston South

9th January 1902 A fire occurred at Toomath's flaxmill, South Featherston, yesterday, about 12 o'clock, the scutch-house and six or eight tons of flax being destroyed

16th August 1902 A very successful concert was given by the pupils attending the South Featherston school. There was a crowded audience, and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all assembled. Miss Townsend, who is severing her connection as teacher of the South Featherston school, has been presented with a travelling rug by the residents of the district, in recognition of her services during the three-and-a-half years she had occupied the position of teacher.

3rd September 1902 The appointment of Miss Oswin to the charge of the South Featherston School has been confirmed

PRESENTATION TO MISS OSWIN, M.A.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the Victoria High School (Greymouth) yesterday, when the senior pupils presented an address

to Miss Oswin, who is severing her connection with the school to take up a position in the South Featherston School, in the Wellington district. The address read as follows

We, on behalf of the pupils of the District High School beg to present you with the accompanying present as a token of our affection of your work on our behalf. We trust that it may serve as a pleasant memento of the time you have spent with us in this school. In conclusion we desire to express the hope that every happiness and prosperity may attend you in your new sphere of work. Hokitika District High School, September 26, 1902.

The teaching staff of the school presented her with beautifully bound volumes of Shakespeare's and Tennyson's works, and her class with a handsome album and photograph of the school, while the pupils of the District High School presented her with a silver mounted inkstand.

The Rector (H. G. Wake Esq.,) and the Chairman (J J. Clarke, Esq.) were present and spoke in complimentary terms of her connection with the school,

Miss Oswin feelingly replied, thanking them for their presents and address and assured them she would never forget her connection with the school which had always been of a most pleasurable nature.

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| 1896 | 508 | Terrace | Oswin | Mabel |
| 1897 | 528 | Terrace | Oswin | Mabel E |
| 1898 | 497 | Terrace | Oswin | Mabel E |
| 1899 | 497 | Terrace | Oswin | Mabel E |
| 1902 | 22 | South Featherston | Oswin | Mabel E |
| 1903 | 24 | South Featherston | Oswin | Mabel E |
| 1904 | 26 | South Featherston | Oswin | Mabel E |

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| 1905 | 26 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1906 | 24 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1907 | 22 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1908 | 26 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1909 | 28 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1910 | 27 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1911 | 24 | Makerua | Oswin MA | Mabel E |
| 1912 | 30 | Makerua | Oswin MA | Mabel E |
| 1913 | 30 | Makerua | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1914 | 29 | Makerua | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1915 | 32 | Makerua | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1917 | 27 | Wainuiomata | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1919 | 26 | Wainuiomata | Oswin BA | Mabel E |
| 1921 | 36 | Te Marua | Oswin BA | Mabel A |
| 1923 | 40 | Te Marua | Oswin | Mabel E |
| 1946/1879 | Oswin | | Mabel Ellen | |

1906

27th May School Committee meeting Messrs Burt, Jackson, Tyler, Jas Henderson present

The chairman reported he had received invitation to join the School Committee's Association for the Wairarapa

That the School Committee join the association

That oppose rule No 6 re-election of Life members

7th September The chairman reported that the Wellington Education Board hoped to paint the school during the season

The resolution passed by the Aramoho School Committee that all books throughout the district should be uniform. This Committee agrees But as to head teacher holding the annual examination this Committee down not agree

The Treasurer reported a credit balance £11

To putting new suckers in the pump was left to Mr Tyler

Resolved that the teachers attention to be drawn to the fact that the children left the tap of the tank run therefore wasting water

R G Burt Chairman

1907

15th February Jackson, Jas Henderson, Jno Henderson, R N Burt, D Tyler

Miss Oswin reported that the school room and shelter sheds were sadly in need of repair as when it rained the water came in "on" several places

The chairman reported that he interviewed Mr Buchanan (*Wellington Education Board Member*) lately in reference to above and he has promised to see what he could get done

After discussion it was resolved that the chairman get Mr C Skippage to give price for repairs and painting and report to Committee as soon as possible

The treasurer reported a credit balance of £12-4-10

4th March To consider tender for painting school and outbuildings

A tender from Mr Skippage for the sum of £11-10 was received. After discussion it was resolved that the chairman write the Education Board to see if they would contribute half

The amount of the above tender as the Committee was not in the financial position to carry out the work

It was resolved that Miss Oswin's attention be drawn to the fact that she has omitted to award the children any marks for good conduct on the Monthly report cards and the Committee request her to rectify this omission

16th April 1907 TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS. TENDERS are invited for Additions mid /improvements In Cheese Factory Plans and specifications may be seen at the Factory, South Featherston, and at the Secretary's Office. Tenders close at Featherston on April 25th, at 8 p.m. with , C. CARLYON, Sec. Featherston Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd (*C Carlyon was my grandfather*) PP

22nd April Householders meeting was held. The retiring Committee was then elected on Mr Jacksons proposal and seconded by Mr Tyler Messrs Jackson, J T Henderson, Jas Henderson, W Tyler and R But

A meeting of new Committee was held immediately after meeting of householders.

Mr Burt elected Chairman and Secretary and Mr Jackson Treasurer
The chairman reported that he had interviewed Mr Stewart (Wellington Education Board Secretary) and received the promise that the school would be repaired and painted as soon as possible

and since then had received information that Mr Skippage's tender for same be accepted

The chairman reported he had ordered 4 cord of 2 foot wood for use of the school. Ways and means of gravelling around the building was then discussed

It was resolved to purchase two new towels and disinfecting powder for closets

Mr Jas Henderson was granted the use of school room for socials at odd times during the winter months. He stating that any surplus funds accruing from same to go to a fund for prizes for school children

1908

27th January 1908 grass fire at South Featherston on Friday afternoon caused some trouble to the settlers, who had a hard tussle in preventing it spreading to the school PP

27th April Householders meeting

Mr Burt having stated his intention of retiring after holding the position for 11 years

Elected. J Shaw, J Scott, J N Henderson, J Coe and G Holcroft

A meeting of the new Committee was held when Mr J Shaw was elected Chairman and Secretary and M Scott Treasurer

Mr Holcroft was granted the use of the school for a Sunday School function

Mr J Henderson was granted the use of the school for socials during the winter to raise funds for school prize fund

Receipts for year £ 21-12-10

Expenditure £11-9-0

Credit balance £10-3-10

28th April 1908 committee for South Featherston of Messrs. J. Shaw (chairman), J. Scott, J. W Henderson, G. Coe, G. Holcroft

18th May 1908 Mr Mads Gundersen, who has been managing one of Donald's dairies at South Featherston for some two years, resigns the position at the end of the month, in order to go farming on his own account. A Mr Johnson succeeds Mr Gundersen PP

19th May 1908 On Friday evening a social and distribution of prizes in connection with Methodist Sunday School, at South Featherston, took place in the school, the building being crowded. Mr J. T. Pratley occupied the chair, and the Rev. W. J. Elliott delivered an address and presented the prizes. The first musical item was a sacred chorus by the girl scholars, followed by recitations by Master R. Yule ("The Fireman"): Myrtle Davison ("My Dolly") dialogue by M. Gilpin and D. Burt; recitations by S. Tyler, Horry King, Geo. Mouldy, R. Yule, and a humorous one by Master P. Burt, entitled "The Razor Seller." A good deal of credit is due to Mr and Mrs Holcroft (superintendents) for the splendid manner in which the social was carried out, A plentiful supply of refreshments was handed round, and Mr G. Coe, snr., contributed some phonograph selections at intervals. PP

27th May 1908 Mr. R. N. Burt, an old settler of South Featherston, died suddenly yesterday from heart failure. He was a well-known business man of the district. He was chairman of the South Featherston School Committee, and was also associated with the local cheese factory. The funeral takes place to-morrow PP

7th July

Resolved that Arbor Day be held on the 22nd

Mr J E Henderson's offer of trees for planting was accepted with thanks

Resolved to have the fences repaired by day labour

Resolved that the Board's Carpenter be asked to meet the chairman with regard to the improvements of the shelter sheds

6th October Account for cleaning was passed for payment

Resolved that Mr Henderson meet the inspector re desks

That the school be given a holiday on the Peoples' day of the show and that the Labour Day Holiday be held on the day following

Resolved that Messrs Holcroft and Henderson procure a lamp for school

Mr Shaw tendered his resignation from the Committee on account of leaving the district- accepted

That Mr Scott Be appointed Treasurer and Chairman. Mr Henderson be appointed Secretary

Chairman and Secretary was appointed to sign cheques

That Mr C Cundy (*Brother of my Grandmother*) be appointed to the Committee

19th October 1908 Mr J. Shaw has resigned the position of chairman and secretary to the South Featherston School Committee, owing to leaving the district. Mr J. Scott has been elected Chairman, and Mr J. W. Henderson secretary. The vacancy on the Committee has been filled by the appointment of Mr C. Cundy. PP

15th December Secretary reported of having received desks from the Belvedere School but they were the same kind as the ones the Committee had asked to be replaced

Resolved that the Secretary write to the Board and point out that the desks were of no use as they were not the kind that the inspector had promised

Resolved that payment at the rate of £2 per year be voted for sweeping the school. The chairman to arrange for two of the scholars to undertake the work

The Secretary reported that the sum of £4-14-6 was available for prizes

Resolved that the chairman arrange with the teacher re allotting the prizes

1909

17th March A letter from Secretary of Board re desks was received.

Resolved that the Secretary again write to the Board for suitable desks

The chairman's actions in granting a holiday for the Factory Picnic was endorsed

Resolved that the postage on free books be refunded to Miss Oswin

19th April Resolved to recommend to the incoming Committee to go on with the gravelling of the school yard

Resolved that the Committee meet at the school to go into the matter of repairing sheds

26th April Householders Meeting

Eleven nominations were received for the Committee and on a ballot the following were elected. G Coe, J Scott, C Cundy, A Clark, J Pepperill, G Burt and A Johnston

At the subsequent meeting Mr J Scott Chairman and A Clark Secretary and Treasurer

3rd May Mr J N Henderson being also in attendance when he made a complaint re Health Inspector

The Secretary was to write or interview Mr Buchanan re shelter sheds

24th May The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Education Board asking for a copy of the education act

It was resolved that J N Henderson have the cleaning of the school and outhouses for £6 as a year as per his letter of 20th May and Rose Goodrick to sweep the school twice a week for £2 per year

It was arranged that the chairman and Mr Cundy see to fencing the newly planted trees

That the Committee hold fortnightly dances to provide school prizes on the condition that the dancers arrange amongst themselves to leave the school as they find it and that the dances be held from 7.30 to 10.30

14th July Mr Henderson resigned from cleaning the school etc..

The resignation was accepted and the Chairman, Mr Cundy and Mr Coe were empowered to engage another

The Secretary and Mr Burt were empowered to plant and fence the South Boundary

31st July 1909 A working bee put in a day at the South Featherston School this week when the grounds were gravelled and the plantations fenced PP

13th December The use of the school for a dance on New Year's Eve was granted. Proceeds to go to school funds

A list of prizes was arranged for each class

1910

1st March 1910 The children attending the South Featherston school held their annual picnic on Friday, on the grounds of Mr H. Willis, on the banks of the Tauherenikau River. There was a full roll and the committee were ably assisted by the parents in making the gathering enjoyable for the children. PP

25th April Householders meeting

28th November A letter was received from Mrs Henderson complaining of her girl being accused of taking things from the school when she was engaged cleaning the school out. The matter was held over till the Committee heard from the teacher

14th December Messrs Scott and Coe were asked to attend the first meeting of the Education Board re discipline in the school

Mr J Scott was also asked to Interview Mrs Henderson re Cleaning the school

The Committee voted £3-10-0 to be spent in prizes for the children and the Secretary was authorised to send the money to Miss Oswin

15th December 1910 The Wellington Education Board was waited upon yesterday by a deputation from the South Featherston School Committee, which made certain representations concerning the conduct of the school. The inspectors will inquire into the matter .PP

1911

2nd February It was decided to hold the annual school picnic on Friday 10th February

Committees were formed and arrangements made for a meeting for the afternoon of 3rd February

3rd April A letter was received from Wellington Education Board with a list of applicants for teacher.

It was unanimously agreed to select Mr J H Fieldhouse

11th April 1911 Featherston South School. Mr. J. H. Fieldhouse (sole teacher) PP

24th April Meeting following householders meeting where 9 nominations were received Messrs Scott, C Cundy, Gilpin, Burt, Pepperwell (*Pepperill*) and Clark elected

Mr Jas Scott Chairman, A Clark Secretary and Treasurer

The Committee were to keep the socials proceeds to go towards prizes for the children also that the Secretary buy a new hanging lamp

Mr Fieldhouse the new Teacher starts on 1st May

15th June A letter of condolence to Mrs Pepperwell on the sad death of James Pepperwell. It was agreed that John Bentley be elected to the vacant seat on the Committee

DOUBLE DROWNING FATALITY.

2nd May WAIRARAPA RESIDENT AND HIS NEPHEW THE VICTIMS. BOAT CAPSIZES SIX YARDS FROM SHORE.

This Day. The opening of the shooting season yesterday was marked by a. double fatality, Mr. James Pepperill and a nephew, Walter Rodgers, of Stratford, being the victims. Whilst proceeding from Simmonds's lagoon to the lake by way of a channel the boat containing Mr. Pepperill, his son Robert, and his two nephews, Walter and Leonard Rodgers, became swamped, and the occupants were thrown into the water. Although only six yards from the land they were in a sad plight, as none could swim. Mr. Pepperill and Walter Rodgers were drowned, but Robert Pepperill and Leonard Rodgers were enabled to cling to the upturned boat. The cries for help had been heard by the occupants of a whare on Goose Island,

some distance off, and L. Donald came to the rescue in a boat. The sad mishap occurred between four and five o'clock in the afternoon. The late Mr. Pepperill, who was a middle-aged man, had charge of one of the dairies on Donald's estate. He leaves a widow and three sons and three daughters. At an early hour this morning the bodies were recovered, and an inquest will be held this afternoon. PP

3rd May INQUEST AT FEATHERSTQN,

An inquest was held at Featherston yesterday afternoon before Mr J. T. M. Hornsby, coroner, touching the death of James Pepperill and Walter Rodgers. who lost their lives in the Wairarapa Lake on Monday.

The evidence showed that a man named Jensen noticed that the boat, which contained four occupants, was leaking, and called out to that effect. The party replied that they were not going far out. A few minutes after Jensen, on turning round, saw the boat lurch and turn over, throwing the men into the water, which was sixteen feet deep and very cold. Jensen at once rushed away for assistance, and Lawrie Donald, who was some distance away, paddled to the spot as quickly as possible. None of the struggling men could swim, however, and before assistance reached them the two deceased sank, the other two clinging to the upturned boat. As soon as Donald arrived, the survivors seized the side of his boat, which was in danger of being overturned, and it was only by his great presence of mind that another catastrophe was averted.

The Coroner returned a verdict of accidental drowning, drawing attention at the same time to the risk run by shootists in venturing out in such cranky boats as some of those used. He praised the coolness displayed by Mr Donald in rescuing the survivors. PP

It was also agreed that the children attend the coronation celebrations in Featherston and the Teacher take charge of them there

Two applicants were received for sewing mistress and after a ballot Miss M L Machon was appointed if the Education Board approves of same

Mr Fieldhouse was present and handed in his months report

The contents of same were fully discussed

13th December That Mr Fieldhouse be congratulated on the good inspector's report

That the teacher be instructed to purchase an award present to the value of £4

18th December 1911 A well-attended and successful social gathering was held at South Featherston on Friday night in connection with the public school. Vocal items were contributed by the scholars and Mr. and Mrs. Fieldhouse, a pianoforte duet- by Misses Bentley and Jensen, and a solo by Mr. Bert Hardman. Mr. Sparrow was the recipient of a presentation in recognition of his assistance at social functions

1912

12th February Mr Fieldhouse was ordered to get some timber for shelving.

It was arranged to hold the annual picnic on Friday 16th March and Mr Geo Burt was asked to Canvas Featherston for lollies etc.. for the children

24th April Annual Householders meeting

School Roll 36

The resignation of Miss Machon as sewing mistress was received

A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to the teacher for interest taken in the welfare of the school also retiring Committee also Mr and Mrs Gilpin for taking charge of school socials

Meeting afterwards

Mrs J Adamson be appointed sewing mistress

Charles Cundy, Secretary Treasurer

10th July Secretary to see to fences and gorse grubbing and shifting fence for extra plantation on South Side

A working bee was arranged to gravel school grounds on Friday

The cutting of trees be left to the Master

School concert to take place on 26th July

Get printing of 100 tickets to be sold by Committee

25th September 1912 Application is to be made for a grant for a residence at Featherston South. When the school earns a second teacher application will be made for an addition to the school. PP

7th October John Henderson gorse grubbing £1/5/0

The social Committee followed the school concert to take place on the 28th November and £1 be donated to the school library

18th November Leave of Absence be granted to Mr Bentley

9th December Social made a credit balance of £20 . Thanks to the teacher and his wife for their valuable assistance in connection with concert

1913

30th January 1913 regarding tenders for Taratahi West, and Carrington residences, and South Featherston school and residence, the secretary communicate with the Education Department

18th February 1911 Miss M. Oswin,- 8.A., at present in charge of the South Featherston School, has been appointed sole teacher at Makerua PP

1st April 1911 A" farewell social," attended by a group of parents and children, was tendered this week by the people of South Featherston to Miss Oswin, who has been sole teacher of the public school there for the past nine years. Miss Oswin was presented with a testimonial expressive of the esteem of the householders PP

16th April That Mrs Coe be instructed to procure 2 towels and disinfectant for school use

Secretary to see chimney cleaning at 3/-

That £1 be donated to the Master for the benefit of catering for children on day of visit to Warship Money taken from Social Funds

That the value of Miss Armstrong services be placed on record while assisting at the school as relieving teacher

That Miss Margaret Burbush be accepted as assistant to Commence on 31st March

28th April Householders meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr and Mrs Fieldhouse for their assistance

14th May A vote of thanks was accorded Mr Fieldhouse and Miss Burbush for the satisfactory manner in which they had carried out their duties under adverse conditions

That a meeting of ladies be called for Friday the 16th to arrange euchre parties. To commence on Wednesday 21st

29th May 1913 South Featherston— Remodelling desks, J. M. Emery

1st July Education Board Re Buchanan Reception That on account of the number of holidays already given no holiday be given on this occasion

To write to Education Board requesting new desks also 2 tables and 2 chairs for the use of the teacher

That the chairman and Mr Coe interview the contractor and endeavour to get the inside of the school finished as soon as possible

Resolved to remove barbed wire from the back fence

Mr Fieldhouse to get it done

14th July 1913 successful concert in aid of the South Featherston School piano fund was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening. Those who contributed to the programme were; Mesdames Fieldhouse, Wickens, Misses E. Hursthouse, H. Lyford, E. Yule, K. Yule, Ottaway, Burbush, and Messrs. J. ,V. Wilson and Fieldhouse PP

21st July Letter from Education Board notifying that chicken pox is gazetted as a notifiable infectious disease

Resolved that barb wire be removed from fences around school. Mr Burt offering to supply plain wire in its place

The balance sheet from concert arranged by Mrs Fieldhouse was presented and showed a credit of £18-17-6

That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr and Mrs Fieldhouse

Resolved to officially open the new school on Saturday 2nd August at 2.30 pm

Sir W Buchanan to be invited to perform the opening ceremony and the ladies be asked to provide the afternoon tea

It was also resolved to hold a dance at night. Gents to pay 1/- and Committee to buy refreshments

Resolved to extend the Set holidays to a fortnight to enable the teacher to attend the classes for teachers in Masterton

Mr Adamson and Mr Coe were appointed a Committee to arrange for levelling ground in front of residence

That the Secretary write to Wellington Education Board for permission to erect a gymnasium and social hall on the school ground at our own expense

29th July Sir Buchanan accepting opening of school

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Fieldhouse for her kindness in choosing a new piano for the school

Mr Adamson was appointed to arrange for refreshments for the official opening of the school £2 to be allotted for same

5th September Resolved that Mrs Gibbs be approached re scrubbing the school and that the school be scrubbed 6 times a year

Resolved to hold a social to wind up euchre Tourney on Thursday 11th inst. and that Mrs A Burt be engaged to supply music

Resolved to charge gents 2/- Ladies to bring refreshments

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr G Coe Senior for his gift of a stepladder

1st August 1913 C. Skipage and Son; Featherston South, fencing residence site PP

5th August 1913 Sir Walter Buchanan, M.P., formally opened the recently-erected addition to the South Featherston School on Saturday afternoon. The original building was erected in 1899, and has now been extended to more than double its former size. A residence for the teacher is also being built, adjacent to the school PP

22nd September That the Secretary interview Mrs Coe re scrubbing and cleaning school £10 per year to be allotted for same

Resolved to insure piano and school furniture

The inspectors report was received and was considered very satisfactory

Thank to Mr H Willis for a donation of 14/6 to school funds

17th October Completed the Insurance on piano and school furniture for £100

Resolved to grant a holiday for peoples day (*Carterton Show*)

8th November 1913 FEATHERSTON TELEGRAPH— SPECIAL TO THE POST. FEATHERSTON, This Day. A largely attended and very successful entertainment was held in the Town Hall on Thursday night, in connection with the South Featherston School. The organisers were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fieldhouse and Miss Burbush. The first part of the programme consisted of the presentation of the juvenile operetta *Golden Straw*, and the second half included vocal and recital items by Mesdames Fieldhouse and A. E. Wickens, Miss Lyford, and Messrs. I. V. Wilson and Harry Graham. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Fieldhouse and Miss Jones

17th November Correspondence was received from Education Board re grant of £16 for gravelling and fencing subsidy

The school will be closed for a fortnight prior to Easter to enable teacher to attend Physical Training

That Mrs Coe's account for cleaning school together with a bonus of £1 for extra work be passed for payment

To write to Wellington Education Board notifying them of the necessity of a pump at the residence

A letter to Mrs R N Burt thanking her for use of brake and horse for conveying children to practice

To Mrs A Burt for supplying music free for dance

A hearty thanks was according Mr and Mrs Fieldhouse and Miss Burbush for their efforts in successfully carrying out the concert and operetta

Resolved that Mrs Adamson select a present for Dean Burt as a recognition of his unselfish services in connection with concert

1914

26th January Received £2-10

Balance at bank £30-12-10

The Secretary brought up the matter of grubbing gorse in front of the school. Resolved that Secretary arrange to have it done

Annual Picnic to be held February 6th

Secretary to call a meeting of ladies for Friday 30th January to arrange the same

Write to Sir Walter Buchannan inviting him to attend picnic and distribute the prizes

Resolved to vote £2 for refreshments and £3 for sports

The Secretary brought up the matter of holding a dance after the picnic. After considerable discussion it was resolved not to hold a dance

23rd February Treasurer of Social Fund reported a credit balance of £16-8-5

Secretary reported receiving 10/- from Mr Cundy final rent for paddock

Unanimously resolved not to take part in Wellington Citizens Carnival

That framing of pictures be left to Mr Fieldhouse

The a matter of settling O'Neale's Account be left to the chairman

That Mr Burt get and estimate for asphaltting sheds and report to next meeting

That a sewing machine be purchased for school, the Secretary dissenting

Resolved that Miss Burbush procure material and make a cover for piano

7th April An account from Miss Burbush amounting to 13/9 for piano cover was passed over

Mr Skippage's account for framing pictures was passed for payment

Mr Fieldhouse proposed holding a concert and dance in the school on Friday May 8th

That charges be 1/- to concert and 1/- for dance. Those providing refreshments to be admitted free.

Headmaster reported an average attendance of 47 for the last quarter. The roll number being 49

Mr Adamson reported on work at Teacher's residence

Resolved to hold a working bee to concrete sheds and porch at teacher's residence during the holidays

4th May J E Henderson's account 9/- for gorse grubbing was also passed for payment

The matter of concreting sheds etc.. and also the appointment of a cleaner was left to the incoming Committee

7th May Annual meeting of Householders

Following Committee elected J Adamson, J N Henderson, J Scott, G Coe and T Teasdale, G Burt and C Cundy elected

Mr J Scott elected Chairman

J W Henderson Secretary and Treasurer

Mr Adamson was reappointed Secretary of social funds

A special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr and Mrs Fieldhouse and Mr and Mrs Adamson for their efforts in raising funds for the school during the past year

Resolved to commence concreting the sheds on May 26th

That the Secretary try and arrange for a school cleaner

22nd June The chairman reported that he had purchased lamps for the school. Chairman's action endorsed and account for same 22/- was passed for payment

The matter of the school cleaning was left in hands of chairman and Secretary

14th July The inspectors report was received and considered very satisfactory

Mr Fieldhouse and Miss Burbush received a vote of thanks for the thorough manner in which they had carried out their duties as shown by Inspector's report

Inspectors Report included

- a) Mr. Fieldhouse 26 pupils
- b) Miss Burbush 20 pupils
- c) The schemes of work are intelligently constructed and the results show that very satisfactory work is being done

Mr Teasdale offered to supply trees for Arbor Day

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Teasdale for his generous offer

Mr L Sparrow was appointed custodian of the school from July 1st
24th August A letter received from the management of the Methodist
Concert thanking Committee for use of the school

Resolved that Mr J Scott be appointed treasurer of social funds Vice
Mr J Adamson- resigned

Passed for payment L Sparrow £1-12-0 School cleaning. Mr
Sparrow's resignation as school cleaner was received and accepted
Mr F R Bladen was appointed to the Committee Vice Mr Adamson
– resigned

26th October The matter of cleaning outhouses was left to Mr Cundy
to arrange. That a holiday be granted for Carterton Show.

Labour Day holiday be half on Friday 30th

7th December Robert Pye was appointed to attend to attend to
outhouses from 1st November

Resolved that the children be asked to vote on the matter of giving
the value of their prizes (£5) to the Great British and Belgian Relief
funds

The chairman to attend and explain the matter to the children

Resolved to illuminated card giving names of prize winners and all
particulars in regard to the matter. The card to be framed and hung
in the school

The amount of £1-11-8 for 1/3 ton cement was paid in by Mr C
Cundy

1915

26th January To call a meeting of ladies for Friday 29th at 2 pm to
arrange the picnic

Resolved to allot £2 and £2 for sports

Mr Fieldhouse reported that the health officer had disinfected the
school and that the school had been thoroughly scrubbed and
cleaned

26th April The matter of renovation flag pole was left to Mr Bladen
3rd August Householders meeting Credit School Account £16-14-0
and Social Account £12-11-5

The matter of holding Euchre parties at the school was left to the
Committee

6th July 1915 TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

'ANNUAL MEETING WAIR'ARAPA BRANCH. (By Telegraph—
Special oorre»pon4ent.) Masterton, July 4. 'At the annual meeting of
the Wairarapa Branch of the Teachers' Institute, held at the
Masterton Technical School on Saturday morning, the report and
balance-sheet, which showed a small credit balance, were adopted,
and the following officers were elected:— President, Mr. D. E.
Leslie (Masterton) vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Bringans
(Scarborough) and P. L. Combs, M.A. (Mauriceville West);
committee, Miss Haggett (Lansdowne), Messrs. W. H. Jackson
(Masterton), R. J. Foss Fernridge), J. Fieldhouse (Featherston
South), C. A. Cumming (Masterton), A. T. White (Hastwell), J. A.
Brockett (Parkvale); Hon, secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. A. Jones
(Te Ore Ore): hon. auditor, Mr. A. D. Low, A.1.A.N.Z.;
representatives on District Institute Management Committee,
Messrs. G. A.' Jones and R. J. Foss. .Hearty votes of thanks, were
accorded to all retiring officers. In the afternoon over -70 teachers
gathered to hear a very fine lecture by Miss A. D. Bright on "The
Fighting Man in Fiction."- PP

13th July Mr Bladen was appointed to get 2 rollers for towels
The Head Teacher reported receiving trees and shrubs for Arbor Day planting

Resolved to vote up to £2 for wool for knitting Balaclavas etc.. for Expeditionary Forces

21st July 1915 On Friday evening a farewell social -was tendered to Mr and Mrs James Adamson in the South Featherston school by residents of the district. Mr Jas. Scott, chairman of the school committee.in a eulogistic speech, voiced the sentiments of all concerned when he referred to the guests as neighbours, residents, and good citizens. He presented Mr and Mrs Adamson with a silver afternoon tea set as a mark of appreciation of the valuable service rendered in connection with the school PP

20th October The matter of putting in a septic tank at the school was gone into and after a long discussion it was resolved to get estimates

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board giving them the estimated cost and requesting a £ for £ subsidy for same

Resolved that Mrs Riddiford be accorded hearty thanks for her donation of £2 -10-0 for knitted sox and essay

16th December Correspondence from Wellington Education Board re septic tank was received. Resolved to write to Board asking that Mr Powell appoint a time to meet Secretary and go into the matter thoroughly

The matter of school prizes was gone into and after considerable discussion it was decided that owing to lack of funds no prizes be given, but certificates of merit be given to the best in each class.

Resolved to hold a social after the picnic proceeds to go to social fund

1916

15th February Secretary reported that he had met Mr Powell of the Board's Staff regarding matters in connection with the septic tank. An estimate from Mr Tinney for plumbing etc.. for septic tank was received and after a long discussion. It was decided Mr Fieldhouse write to Mr Powell putting the whole position before him and asking his advice

The Head teacher presented a very full report of the work during the year showing that the past year had been the most successful in the history of the school.

A long discussion took place with regard to the septic tank and eventually it was decided to recommend to the incoming Committee to call a meeting of the householders to decide ways and means for carrying out the work

At Following meeting Mr Tinney (Plumber) met the Committee and went into all matters in connection with the septic tank. It was finally resolved that Mr Tinney send a tender for the whole job through the Secretary

10th June Communication from Education Board received and it was resolved that the Secretary write to the Board forwarding contribution (£45) and also pointing out that in the event of better conditions being allowed other schools of the same grade our school be allowed the same concessions

That a meeting of House holders be called for Friday 23rd to finally decide what action be taken with regard with regard to septic tank
Inspectors Report included Roll 59

The methods of instruction are intelligent and the quality energetic and through

30th June Inspector's report received and proved to be a splendid report on all departments of school work

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the teachers for their work in the school

A communication from Education Board re Belgian Day was received and after considerable discussion it was resolved that a collection of produce be undertaken by the children

It was further moved that the chairman organise a shooting party to the lake

16th July 1916 The board approved of the South Featherston Committee's application for the acquiring of an additional area of five acres;. PP

25th August A letter from Featherston School Committee re District High School was received

Considerable discussion took place in regard to supporting the application and on a vote being taken the motion to support the application was declared carried, the Secretary voting against it

17th October Inspectors report included Roll 68

The school is efficiently managed by Mr. Fieldhouse whose class teaching results are in the main good. The Lower division and Infant Classes have done good work

9th November To grant a half day holiday for Agricultural Show
Resolved to give certificates in lieu of prizes this year

Resolved that Mr McKeown interview Mr Tinney in regard to pushing on the construction of septic tank

1917

31st January After considerable discussion it was decided not to hold a dance on night of picnic

Resolved that the matter of cleaning the school be left to Mr Fieldhouse

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Teasdale for the donation of an enlarged photo of Private Robert Pye an old pupil of the school now on active service

The matter of an honours board for old pupils serving with the colours was left over to a further meeting

20th February Mr Fieldhouse reported that he had arranged with George Hatfield to sweep the school

Mr Fieldhouse was instructed to purchase a Boston Pencil sharpener for use of the school

Thank to Lieutenant Colonel Adams for attending picnic and distributing prizes

The chairman's action in granting a holiday for the Masterton Show was endorsed

The Chairman reported on the meeting held at Greytown re Buchannan testimonial after the Committee had discussed the matter . It was resolved that the chairman take a subscription list round the district to raise the amount required from our school for the fund

29th March The chairman reported collecting £3-10-0 and Mr McKeown 10.- for Buchannan testimonial

The amount required £5 having been made up the chairman was made up chairman was instructed to forward it to the Secretary of the fund

26th April Correspondence from Education Board re extension of school ground was received

Head Teacher reported the roll number at 82

30th April Householders meeting 7 householders present including 3 ladies J Scott, W McKeown, F Bladen, T Teasdale and J Henderson elected. *No women nominated or elected*

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Fieldhouse and Miss Burbush for the splendid manner in which they had carried out the work of the school during the year

7th May Mr Fieldhouse reported that Mrs Wakely had offered to lend a singer sewing machine for the use of the school. Offer was accepted

The suggestion of sending children to Greytown for woodwork and cooking instruction be not entertained on account of the difficulty of getting the children to the classes

Resolved to grant use of school for welcome Social to Private George Gain. Social to take place on Friday 18th Inst.

3rd July Decided to vote 10/- to YMCA

Resolved to tender a welcome social to Private D Clarke on the same lines as that to Private G Gain the matter of arranging date be left to Mr Fieldhouse

That Mr Fieldhouse be allowed to spend up to £2 on school library for current year

20th November A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Teasdale for the presentation of a cricket bat for the boys

Resolved that 7/6 received for Carterton Show exhibit be added to library fund making £2-7-6

Mr Fieldhouse reported that the 15/6 in hand for games fund. A letter from the Board re extension of site and after considerable discussion a reply was agreed upon. The Secretary was instructed to try and interest the member for the district in the proposal

21st November 1917 An application for an addition to the site of the South Featherston School was before the Wellington Education Board to-day. The secretary reported that the local committee, which was very active, was desirous of obtaining five acres from an education reserve to add to the five acres the site already contained. The lessee of the reserve raised no objection, and the committee was anxious to offer the teacher some inducement to remain at the school. The Lands Department, in reply to the application, said it was advised by the Education Department that five acres was ample for the school site, unless there were special circumstances. It was asked if there were such special considerations.

Mr. Moss considered the matter should be pursued further. There should be some inducement offered to teachers to remain in the country, and not drift to the town.

McCalklin said the experience in Marlborough was that the Minister for Lands and the Lands Department were willing to assist in increasing the area of school sites, but the; Education Department was not so favourable Mr. .E. P. Rishworth remarked that the Department's policy of cutting down school sites was a very foolish one. It was resolved that further representations be made on receipt of information from the committee. PP

1918

Resolved to hold annual picnic on Friday 8th February and welcome home social to ex pupils Private P Burt and R Noble-Pye on same evening

That a meeting of ladies be called for Wednesday 6th

Resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Education Board on the stand taken in regard to the remaining teachers being called up in the ballot

21st February Leave of absence granted to Miss Burbush

A long discussion took place with regard to school discipline and it was finally decided. To obtain the opinion of the local inspector be obtained on a special case

25th March resolved that the Secretary write to the Minister of education re extension of school grounds

Resolved that the proceeds of potato growing be invested in 2 war bond certificates and credited to social funds (*While at South Featherston the ANZ bank called up and asked the School Committee to come and clear out the safe deposit box, in it was the two war bonds, worth nothing and a ruler, there went all our dreams*)

Resolved that sale of rotary pump at School residence be left to Mr Fieldhouse

15th April Re Correspondence from Minister of Education After a lengthy discussion on the Minister's reply the Secretary moved that the Chairman and Mrs Fieldhouse draw out a reply to be submitted to the annual meeting of householders for their consideration

Received a letter from the NZEI asking for cooperation in an endeavour to induce the Government to improve the Educational

System of the Country . Decided to leave this matter to householder's meeting

22nd April Householders meeting Roll 81

During the year 10 children were presented for proficiency and all passed

It also showed the urgent need of larger shelter sheds, the present ones being built to accommodate 30 children

All the old members of the Committee were unanimously re elected In the matter of additional ground for school purposes. That this meeting of householders deplores the actions of the Minister in declining to increase the area of the school ground thus ignoring the recommendation of the School Committee, the Education Board and the generosity of the present lessee

The meeting is also of opinion that the present and future interests of Education in this district would be infinitely better served by an adequate school glebe than by the paltry revenue obtained by the ground in question

The matter of more efficiency in the Educational System of the Country caused considerable debate and finally on the motion of Mr Tricker, That this meeting of South Featherston school strongly urges the government not only resist all attempts to encroach upon the national system of Education but also without delay to make provision for improvements and extensions necessary to enable the Nation to successfully cope with after war conditions and that Junior National Scholarships be only allotted to children attending primary state schools

Mr Tricker offered to see the fixing up of a bubbling fountain if the Committee secures one- Offer accepted with thanks

At following meeting it was agreed to write to A and T Burt for particulars of a sanitary bubbling fountain with power to secure one if thought suitable

Chairman endeavour to arrange for the Scrubbing of School

31st May That the topping of trees be left over till next year

That ploughing and levelling of front part of the playground be started at once and that the superintendence of the work be left to Mr Shaw

That a fence be erected to fence off the ploughed ground

Resolved that Two War Loan certificates be deposited in Bank Of Australasia

17th June Inspectors Report included

- a) More stress should be laid on observational work and conversation on the results of observation
- b) Physical Instruction. Too wet to test Mr. Just reported “good”
- c) Behaviour Good on the whole though a few pupils appear restive and indolent
- d) The work of the school is commendable with very few weaknesses

10th July Correspondence from Wellington Education Board re Wellington Education Board Election. It was agreed that a change in the personal of the Board would be to the good of Education

Mr Shaw offered to supply a straining post for horse paddock. Mr Bladen offered to erect same

The Secretary offered to supply guttering for the boys urinal

The matter of erecting fountain was left in hands of Mr Fieldhouse

27th August Mr Fieldhouse reported he was unable to get Mr O’Neale to erect the fountain- Chairman promised to ring up O’Neal about the matter

That Me Fieldhouse procure any school requisites he may want

A deputation from the hall Committee consisting of Messrs Wilton and Valentine waited on the Committee and reported their progress to date

Considerable discussion took place on the matter of building the hall on the school ground and eventually the deputation decided that it was not advisable to put the building (hall) on school land

The Deputation then thanked the Committee and retired

The matter of school cleaning was gone into and it was decided to get a schedule from Fernridge School and that on receipt of this draw up their own schedule and advertise for a cleaner for the sum of not more than £25 per annum

Resolved to grant use of school to copper trail Committee for two socials on condition that the school is scrubbed after the second concert

Decided that the Committee meet on Sunday morning at 10.30 at the school to go into the matter of levelling the ground

1919

5th February Secretary reported that the school and outhouses had been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected

The chairman gave a very interesting address re High School for Featherston District and long and interesting discussion took place

That Annual School Picnic be held in Mr J Shaw's Bush and that a meeting of ladies be called for

10th February 1919 The South Featherston School Committee recently arranged a very successful picnic and evening "social" in honour of Trooper D. Yule, who has returned lately from active service in Egypt. Trooper Yule is the son of very well-known Wairarapa residents, Mr and Mrs. D. C. Yule. PP

2nd April 1919 Job Advertisement South Featherston, £140 to £160
9th April

Correspondence in connection for scheme of the lunches received
Considerable discussion took place and it was decided that we were not in a position to carry out any of the suggested schemes

That a farewell social be tendered to Miss Burbush on Thursday 17th or other suitable date

19th April 1919 Miss M. Burbush, who is leaving for Otaki to assume an appointment on the school staff, was farewelled at South Featherston on Thursday night and presented with a cheque, also a gold necklet and pendant. Mr J. W. McKeown, chairman of the school committee, made the presentation. PP

7th May Decided to write to the Wellington Education Board re assistant teacher

The chairman was authorised to arrange to put the flag pole in order
Decided to purchase out of social fund a ball for the girl's to play Basketball and erect posts for same. Mr Teasdale offering to supply the posts

Resolved that Mr Fieldhouse be authorised to buy pictures for placing in corridor

Resolved that the matter of topping trees be left to Mr Teasdale

Resolved to hold a welcome home Social to several local returned soldiers on Friday 23rd Inst.

17th July Mr Teasdale offered to supply a flag pole to be erected in the grounds

The matter of concreting yard was left over till later when the weather is more suited

Resolved to secure a mushroom top cast iron vent for septic tank

That members of the Committee do their best to secure somebody to sweep school

Secretary instructed to write to Mr Hornby (Wellington Education Board) to arrange to meet him re gymnasium

Resolved to hold a welcome home social to Private A Burt on Friday 1st August

29th July Regarding roll of honour That Mr Fieldhouse and Secretary go through the school rolls and get a list of Ex Pupils to submit to next meeting

20th October Bill for flag from Wellington Education Board

The matter of sweeping school was left to Secretary to try and arrange

That Education Board be written to confirming the appointment of Miss Nicols as assistant teacher

That the Education Board be written to in regard to inadequate provisions for the number of children

Also the rotten state of the buildings

Write to Mr Hornsby MP re chairman's interview about gymnasium

That a holiday be held on Peoples Day at Carterton Show

Resolved to call a meeting as soon as definite word is received as to arrival of the last of the local boys from the front

Resolved to start concreting on Saturday 1st November

Mr Shaw to get metal and Secretary cement

Resolved that Secretary and Chairman to attend conference re school libraries

3rd December Miss Nicol had been permanently appointed as assistant teacher

A letter re school sports gathering at Carterton was received

Various matters in concern with gymnasium were discussed

10th December 1919 Miss A. K. M. "Booth. South Featherston, assistant PP

1920

30th January The Board had favourably considered application for gymnasium and granted up to £40

Various matters in connection with gymnasium were considered

Resolved that the annual picnic be postponed till the gymnasium is completed

10th March Correspondence was received from Secretary Wellington Education Board re subsidy for gymnasium. Resolved that the Secretary write a strong letter to the Board re non-payment of subsidy

Resolved that the annual picnic be held on Friday 19th March owing to the Hall not being completed, no dance will be held

Mr Shaw kindly offered the use of his ground for picnic. That a meeting of ladies be called to arrange picnic. Mr Fieldhouse to arrange for the sending out of notices

29th March A special meeting in connection with gymnasium was held on above date

Decided to accept Mr C Skippage's offer for painting the hall

Resolved to concrete floor of shelter shed on Friday April 2nd

That the official opening be held on Friday 9th April to take the form of a concert and dance

The charge to be gents 2/6 Ladies 1/6

Invitations as follows to be sent out. Messrs A D McLeod MP, A C Holmes, President School Committees association

Chairman of adjacent School Committee's

Teachers of Adjacent School Committee's

Chairman and Members of Wellington Education Board

Advertising- One mention in each paper and 1 week at Pictures

Mr Tricker offered a table for Ladies' room and Mr Teasdale offered a mirror

22nd April Correspondence from Education Board re subsidy was received. Resolved that the chairman try to get in touch with Board Secretary on Phone in connection with this matter

The following a/c's in connection with hall were passed for payment

J M Russell £ 17-16-7

J C Chapman £15-0-0

P Wilton Balance £18-0-0

Resolved to insure the hall for £500

28th April Householders meeting 16 householders present including 6 ladies

Elected School Committee J McKeown, J Henderson, J Shaw, F Baden, A Maidment, All the elected members returned thanks

Mr Fieldhouse proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Tricker and Mr Teasdale two retiring members who did not seek re election
Mr Henderson gave a short address on educational matters including the aims and object of the School Committee Association

A general discussion took place in regard to supplying hot drinks during winter months. Finally Mr Bladen moved that it be a recommendation to the incoming Committee to go on with the scheme

Mr Tricker offered to provide an urn if a 3 burner perfection stove is obtained

Mr Stark offered £1 towards the expenses in connection with scheme

4th May Various matters in connection with the Prince's visit were discussed.

In connection with providing hot drinks for the children's Messrs Bladen and Shaw were deputed to inspect a water heater that had been offered from the camp.

Re subsidy for hall from Department it was resolved that the Chairman and Secretary draft a letter to the minister in connection with the matter

8th June Notice of Board paying off the balance of the subsidy

Regarding completion of the fence Mr Bladen reported that timber was at present unprocurable

Secretary reported that Mr Ottaway had offered a lamp for the Hall

13th August 1920 Fire inspector . no firefighting equipment available

24th August Resolved to have school scrubbed during the holidays

The matter of letting the Hall was considered as the following conditions were agreed to

Charges Public or Private parties

During Daylight 10/-

With use of Kitchen £1.0.0

Night

Up to 10 O'clock 15/-

Later than 10 O'clock with use of kitchen 15/-

Conditions

a) Any damage to be paid for

b) Applications to be in writing, addressed to chairman

Regarding Central library it was decided to make the initial subscription a minimum of £10

Mr Fieldhouse mentioned that he expected to raise most of this amount by an appeal to settlers

7th December Correspondence from Featherston School Committee the subsidy for entertaining children at Prince's visit was read and action of Featherston Committee in handing over balance to central library was endorsed

Correspondence from Board re subsidy of £40 for hall also for £15 for painting hall was read

Resolved that a letter of thanks sent to Board for contribution also to Department for subsidy

1921

19th February resolved that Messrs Benton and Player be asked to erect fence

15th April Resolved that Secretary buying 8 packs of playing cards

Resolved to hold 1st Fortnightly social on Thursday April 18th
Subsequent socials to be arranged later

18th April Householders meeting Roll 76 Attendance of 76%

15 Nominations for New Committee Messrs Bladen and Fieldhouse
were appointed scrutineers

The ballot resulted in the retiring School Committee being re-
elected

The matter of providing hot cocoa was endorsed

20th June Inspectors reports Roll 81 Mr. Fieldhouse 35 Miss Nicol
46

Extensive improvements are being made to the playground. The
Committee and staff are to be commended for the efforts in
providing suitable grounds for games

Inspector's Report included

- a) Roll 81
- b) Mr. Fieldhouse and Miss Nicoll
- c) Extensive improvements are being made to the playing
grounds The staff and Committee are to be highly
commended for the efforts in providing suitable grounds for
games.

18th July The matter of Stationery Supply for schools was gone into
and after a long and interesting discussion it was resolved that the
scheme be heartily supported.

Headmaster reported a roll of 85

Resolved that a half holiday be given on Wednesday 20th for football
match Wairarapa V South Africa

Roll of honour board resolved that Mr Fieldhouse go into the matter
of cost and report to next meeting

Central Library Resolved that headmaster try to arrange a children's
concert for breaking up for next holidays. Concert to be followed by
a dance

The matter of obtaining a clock was left to Mr Bladen

Mr Brice be thanked for a cupboard for hall kitchen

Mr McKeown handed in resignation as he is leaving district

All members expressed regret at losing Mr McKeown's Service

5th August Mr Bladen elected chairman

The chairman had arranged with Mr Gordon Burt to put a load of
gravel in front of school gates

6th September That a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation be
accorded Major Brunt for his generous donation of a flagpole for
the school

That Mrs Foss be thanked for her services in playing for dances
during the season and also to send a cheque for £5 as a present

1922

13th January The resignation of Mr Teasdale was accepted with
regret. Resolved to hold a farewell social to Mr and Mrs Teasdale on
Thursday 19th the charges to be gents 2/- ladies to be basket
Resolved that Secretary try to procure a suitable travelling rug for
presentation

Resolved to hold annual picnic on Friday 3rd February in Mr Shaw's
Bush

Resolved that the Secretary write to chairman Boxing Night Dance
Committee and inform him that no rebate be given for rent of hall

27th January Secretary reported on ladies meeting re picnic

Mr Fieldhouse was appointed to arrange sports programme

Resolved to hold a dance after picnic 2/- Gents

Mrs Foss to be engaged at a fee of £1 if available

Mr Shaw paid in £2-10-0 contributions from Boxing day dance Committee

27th February Mr Fieldhouse reported that the total proceeds of concert for Central library fund were £22-14-0

That the whole amount be paid over the Central Library Committee

That the usual charges be made for carnival Committee for use of hall at night

And that they be allowed the use of the hall free if wanted in afternoon from 3 pm or subject to arrangements with Head master

6th March Messrs J Jepsen and D Burt waited on the Committee as a deputation. The chairman congratulated them on their action in coming before the Committee to discuss matters instead of going round the country and spreading false reports like some irresponsible persons were doing

Mr Burt asked if it were possible to make a reduction in rent of the hall of 10/- per night

The chairman pointed out very clearly the position of the Committee in the matter

The Secretary suggested that the deputation should withdraw for a few minutes as he had a proposal to bring before the Committee that he thought would satisfy all parties. After the deputation withdrew the Secretary proposed as follows

That although the Committee cannot make a reduction in the rent they have decided to make a donation of £3-0-0 The deputation was called in and the decision of the Committee made known to them

They expressed their entire satisfaction, thanked the Committee and withdrew

Mr Fieldhouse asked for permission to use 2 hours of school time for a parents day to help the carnival fund- This was granted the Committee promising to do all they could to assist in making the afternoon a success

20th April Mr Shaw undertook to have the horse paddock fence repaired

24th April The Householders meeting 20 present including 4 ladies

All were asked to rise as a mark of respect to the late Mrs M Burt

Mr Bladen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Fieldhouse and Miss Nicol for their continued interest in the school and children fully appreciating the difficulties they were working under in having what was practically a 3 grade school with only two teachers

That the board be asked to go ahead with the proposal to supply school stationery at wholesale rates

22nd May Education Board notifying £7-10-0 subsidy on flagpole was placed to our credit

The Chairman reported interviewing Mrs Foss re playing for dances during the season and she said it was her pleasure to do so.

That chairman to arrange to get windows repaired

That a duplicator be secured for the school- left to Mr Fieldhouse to order one

The management of the tennis court was discussed and draft rules were made and left to the next meeting to discuss

That the Head teacher be the custodian of the tennis court

Resolved to meet between school and hall as soon as possible

3rd July The matter of getting firewood was left in the hands of the chairman.

Resolved to provide dust bins, Mr Fieldhouse to make a sample one

24th July Owing to his early departure from the district the Secretary handed in his resignation from the Committee

The chairman spoke very eulogistically of the services of the Secretary – That this Committee accepts with regret the resignation of Mr Henderson and wishes to place on record his long and faithful service as Committeeman and Secretary

An account from N Gibbs £1-5-0 for firewood was passed for payment

That Mr G E Yule be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee
Mr Maidment appointed Secretary

25th July Circular from Wellington Education Board re accommodation for Dental Nurse, removal of apparatus etc.. was read

That Mr Burt endeavour to purchase a tennis net when he was in Wellington

That chairman orders and forwards the necessary wire netting and timber for fencing the tennis courts

Mr Shaw was authorised to purchase prizes value 21/- for aggregate points in euchre tournament

16th October The Secretary to write to the Wellington Education Board in appreciation of the dental scheme

That Mr Fieldhouse purchase two tennis nets for 70 shillings also fittings

Mr Fieldhouse being approached by a dance Committee for permission to hold a dance of the evening of Labour Day, whole proceeds to go to sports requisites for children

Resolved permission be providing the said Committee take sole responsibility for floor etc..

22nd September Inspectors Report included

- a) Mr. Fieldhouse Grading 106 Number 34
- b) Miss Nicol Grading 213, 53
- c) Miss Henderson Pupil Teacher
- d) Two grass tennis courts have been laid down
- e) Mr. Fieldhouse manages the Central library an institution which is doing much to assist in increasing the efficiency of the schools it serves
- f) Miss Nicol The classes are under very good management and control. The pupils are alert and eager to learn
- g) Miss Nicol is commended for her successful work
- h) Miss Henderson is reported by the Headmaster as doing good work

That a ladies meeting be held on Wednesday to arrange details for parents day at school on October 23rd

30th October After a general discussion on the fracas which occurred at the dance held on the evening of Labour day

That No liquor be allowed on the school grounds carried Unanimously

Mr Fieldhouse reported a total credit balance of £30/5/6 as the result of Gate Money, Bran Tubs etc. at the official opening of tennis courts on Labour day

It was resolved to make the balance after purchase of tennis racquets into children's sports funds

29th November The question of holding the picnic before or after the Holidays came up for discussion and it was finally agreed to hold it on Friday 15th December

Mr Fieldhouse agreed to call a ladies meeting to arrange details

Mr Fieldhouse reported that the present length of hose was not long enough to water all the gardens. That an additional 60 feet be purchased at 9d per foot

It was decided to claim a subsidy on the balance of social funds and any tennis club subscriptions that came in

10th December It was proposed that Messrs Benton and Ahipene should canvas for funds for the children's sports at the annual picnic also that they should organise different competitions

Mr Fieldhouse brought forward the question of forming a branch of the Young Helpers League among School Children providing that no pressure should be put on any child to join

That the Secretary write to Wellington Education Board re a new water tank

A letter was received from the newly formed tennis club requesting the use of the tennis courts after 3.30 pm and holidays

A letter be written to the Tennis Club

That the School Committee requested a withdrawal of the statement made at their meeting that the Head Master had without authority spent any money belonging to the tennis club.

Also that the Committee had given the teachers free use of the courts and would not withdraw that privilege

With the exception of a possible interschool match to be played on a Saturday the hours of play would be as requested and the club would be free to make their own rules and regulation to govern the play and to organise any tournaments they like

The Committee in a previous minute had appointed the Head Master custodian of the courts and for numerous reasons could not alter the arrangement

1923

19th January That the Tennis Club be asked for 2 representatives elected by the School Committee to be on the tennis club Committee In answer to the tennis Clubs enquiries for hot water for afternoon tea also crockery it was resolved to answer in the following terms

That the tennis club should have use of the crockery for the season to be paid for by means of 1/- per member.

The School Committee could not permit the use of the School urn for boiling water but members of the tennis club could use a primus or other lamp in a kerosene tin on the concrete floor in the annex to the hall

That no Sunday play be allowed on the tennis courts this season

Tenders for the erection of an additional classroom were received.

Mr Skippage £35 P Wilton £96

That Mr Skippage's tender be accepted

Mr Hodder would give £1 toward a water trough and connection with tanks for the horses and would also collect from parents sending horses to the school if permission was given, he would also help carry out the work

5th February Mr Fieldhouse reported the acceptance by the tennis club of all the bylaws wished by the School Committee without reservation

27th March Confirm appointment of Miss Miller as assistant teacher
Letters received from Misses Beer and Donnelly re dancing classes in the hall. Miss Donnelly offered 15% of fees for the privilege
Mr Fieldhouse reported that he had circularised the parents of likely children re the classes but so far had received very poor responses, it was resolved to leave the matter.

That 12/6 be paid to Miss Land for cleaning classroom

23 April A short meeting was held at which all were present. Mr Fieldhouse reported a telephone conversation with The Education Board in which they recommended the Committee not to proceed with the work on the new classroom until further notice

That 6/6d per week be paid for scrapping the classrooms

24th April 1923 Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department

- a) The School Committee has obtained and erected a fine 36 feet x 20 feet hutment
- b) A third teacher was some time ago added to staff
- c) The School Committee want to make this room habitable for winter and asked for the sum of £69 to build a chimney, to paint the building and to line the interior
- d) The greater part of the labour to be from the School Committee
This building will be used as a third classroom
- e) 1920 Roll 62, 1921 76, 1922 86
- f) Featherston Roll 237 Tauherenikau 26 and Kaiwairangi 40

30th April The householders meeting was held. There was hardly a good attendance as usual owing to its being the eve of the shooting season

29th May 1923 Department approves amount for classroom

5th July Correspondence from the Education Board re painting of the new classroom was received and the chairman was requested to get alternatives tenders for carrying out the work

It was reported that the windmill was out of commission and would have to be seen to at once. The wheel part having fallen to the ground (*Electric Power came to South Featherston in 1924*)

Mr Fieldhouse reported he wanted a fire pan and brush and 3 hand towels for school use.

Reinsure with the State Insurance the Fire policy for the hall. The Secretary to advise Mr Carlyon (*Grandad*) to that effect

5th October A long discussion was held over the state of the new windmill and pumps and it was decided that members of the Committee make a thorough inspection and decide upon what should be done before the account was paid.

In reference to the big entrance gate it was decided that two blue gums gates 6 foot and 4 foot would be far more convenient for children

Read a letter from Mrs Riddiford enquiring about the price of a swimming bath at the school. Also the approximate amount that could be raised in South Featherston towards the scheme at the same time offering to defray the remainder of the bill

Having no idea of the cost etc.. it was decided to ask Mr Fieldhouse to communicate with the Education Board architect re cost, also the

Department explaining the situation so as to find out what attitude they would adopt and what help would we expect from them

Mr Bladen was requested to write to Mrs Riddiford thanking her for her generous offer

After discussion it was decided to adhere to the former hours of play on the tennis courts

12th November Re Swimming Baths Mr Yule interview members of the Water race Committee to test their attitude towards the use of the water race for the baths

That Mr Bladen writes to Mr Riddiford asking him to bring the proposal forward at their next meeting

As addition all land will be required it was decided to send the Engineers plan and letter to the Education Board and ask for a definite reply re subsidy and land transfer. Nothing could be done until these points were settled

Mr Brash reported that the windmill and pump would be satisfactory if two bands were placed near the broken parts of the pump

The new entrance gates have been delivered and they would be hung as soon as a competent man was available

The grass between tennis court and school residence being rather long Mr Fieldhouse said that with the Committee's consent he would ask Mr Henderson to cut it and cart it away

30th November 1923 A well was sunk and a pump installed for school baths

1924

8th February Correspondence and plans for verification re baths was received from the Education Board and passed as being correct. Mr Bladen undertaking to notify them to that effect

It was resolved to donate £5 to the central library fund from the hall account

The Secretary was instructed to order a new rope for the flag pole which Mr Bladen kindly offered to put up

Permission was given to the tennis club to put Carbide lines on the courts but hoped it would be neatly and efficiently done

Miss Millar having resigned her post at the school staff. Mr Fieldhouse said he had been in communication with the board and asked them if possible to supply a teacher with a sufficiently high grade to enable her to hold the post permanently

Some discussion arose as to where the Annual Picnic should be held and it was decided that providing a suitable paddock was available to again accept Mr Riddiford's kind invitation to go to Longwood.

The football club applied for use of the hall for boxing etc., permission was withheld as it was not thought necessary

28th February 1924 B. M. Miller, assistant, South Featherston PP

13th March 1924 South Featherston, assistant, Miss M. H. Collier PP

15th April Mr Bladen reported he had written to Miss Millar on behalf of the School Committee expressing appreciation of her services and regret that circumstances would not allow her to remain on the school staff

Mr Shaw reported a substantial balance in the social account and said he would like to have a separate bank account for it after

discussion it was decided to open an account in the Bank of New Zealand to be operated on by Mr Shaw and Mr Fieldhouse

As winter was approaching Mr Bladen suggested holding a social every week unless it was found later on that there was sufficient support to warrant a change. Mr Fieldhouse promised in the meantime to call a ladies meeting to find out what help would be forthcoming in looking after the supper arrangements on these evenings

As nothing more had been heard from the Education Board re the swimming baths and time was going on the chairman said he would again write and stress the urgency of the matter

5th May Householders meeting Presented a balance sheet of the social account which showed a profit of £25 on the season after paying nearly £20 into the school account to enable the Committee to carry on. A strong resolution was carried protesting against capitation being paid on attendance instead of the roll number thereby making it far more difficult for Committees to carry out their obligations

In sports the children held their own well, winning at basketball against Featherston, Carterton, Greytown and Martinborough but being short of girls such success could not be expected this year
School Committee Mr Bladen, Mr Brash, Mr Maidment, Mr Shaw and Mr Yule

That socials be held every two weeks and that occasionally sealed handicaps be played at Euchre to make it more interesting;

Mr Fieldhouse proposed an aggregate prize at the end of the season for the highest number of marks

Mr Wilton kindly consented to keep the records which he so successfully carried out once before

13th May It was anticipated that a tender for building the swimming pool would be forthcoming this however did not materialise and the time was spent in drawing up the conditions under which the Committee could have the use of the water for the approval of the water race Committee

The Secretary was instructed to write at once to the Education Board for the specification for the baths

3rd June A tender for the erection of the swimming bath was received from Mr Hilton and Howard but was considered far too high

After carefully going through the specifications it was decided that a suitable bath could be erected for a lot smaller sum and Mr Fieldhouse was deputed to see the contractors and asked them to submit another price with specifications of their own for the approval of the Board

20th June Messrs Hilton and Howards alternative tender was discussed and was considered far too high so it was decided to request the Board to call for tenders

The Secretary was asked to write to the Board asking that additional land be granted to enable the bath to be erected parallel with the water race

20th June 1925 WELLINGTON' EDUCATION BOARD.
CONSTRUCTION OF' SWIMMING BATH AT SOUTH
FEATHERSTON. TENDERS for the Construction of a Swimming
Bath at the South Featherston School will be received at the
Education Board Office, Mercer Street, Wellington, until noon of

TUESDAY, 30th June. The plans and specifications may be seen at the School, South Featherston and at the Office of the "Daily News," Carterton. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
G. L. STEWART, Secretary PP

18th August It was resolved to cable for the big donation promised towards the swimming baths when approved plans and estimate had been accepted it was thought that with local subscriptions and the funds already in hand that £170 would be sufficient

Messrs Fieldhouse and Yule were asked to see to the forwarding of the cable.

22nd August Inspectors Report

Included

- a) J H Fieldhouse Grading 96, 26 children
- b) Miss N L Foster Grading 222, 26 children
- c) Miss M H Collier Grading 218, 28 Children
- d) Accommodation. Local effort subsidised by the Department has resulted in the erection of an additional classroom (*Supper Room of Hall*)

15th September A new tender was received from Mr J Davies at £420-10-0 which it was resolved to recommend the Board to accept, it was reported that £150 was the utmost we could expect from the Department as the latest tender was so much lower it did not affect the financial position to any great extent

That the school children should leave the use of the tennis courts until 4 p m and this was carried

It was resolved that as the tennis courts are in a bad condition and would entail great trouble and work to put in good order that the tennis club would accept them as they are

Mr Fieldhouse read from a paper a few particulars of a dental scheme which it appears is in operation at Levin and the Secretary was instructed to write and endeavour to find out on what lines it was worked

14th October Mr Fieldhouse reported that he had enquired of the visiting doctor re the dental scheme in operation at Levin and Dr Bakewell had promised to forward full particulars thereof

Copy of agreement with the water race Committee was received and read and discussion centred round the clause of the water race caretaker filling her baths on each occasion at a charge of 10/-.

It was resolved to endeavour to obtain a memorandum enabling Mr Fieldhouse to discharge this duty

A letter was received from the Education Board requesting the Committee to raising another £40 towards the cost of the baths, but as the Committee had in hand the sum formerly stated by the Board to be sufficient it was decided to take no action and endeavour to get Messrs Moss and McLeod to visit the school and put the whole matter before them

1925

9th March It was resolved on account of the infantile paralysis and the school not being in session not to hold the usual picnic

The electric light bills were passed for payment

Wellington Education Board £3-6-3 being 1/3 of actual cost and Wairarapa Electric Power Board £5 Trading Company 7/9

A long discussion was held over the cleaning of the school rooms and in the absence of any suitable local women to perform this duty and as the present system is very unsatisfactory it was resolved to obtain the replies received by the Featherston Committee in answer to their advertisement to see if someone could be obtained to do the work for 10/- weekly, rooms to be swept thrice weekly and scrubbed once a month

1st May It was resolved to forward the P O Savings Bank Book containing the amount collected for the swimming bath to the Education Board with a request that they at once call tenders for their erection

It was unanimously carried that the 25/- previously intended to go to a soldier's memorial be included in the baths account

As the concrete is badly broken in one end of the porch it was decided to purchase 2 bags of cement and re-lay it

Mr Yule kindly offered to cart the gravel when required

Mr Brash undertook to see to the windmill with reference to oil

The Headmaster reported that the school cleaning had been carried out in a most satisfactory manner and it was resolved to get Mrs Roxburgh to do it regularly in future

4th May Annual Meeting A very small number attended no doubt on account of the weather

In sports the school have more than held their own being very successful in both tennis and football

The meeting heartily congratulated Mr Bladen on his recovery from his serious illness and hoped it would be permanent

Messrs Bladen, Foss, Yule, Brash and Maidment elected

It was resolved to start the socials on Thursday the 14th May and on alternate Tuesday to follow

22nd May The chief business to the evening centred around the swimming baths. The feeling be freely expressed that it was quite time some definite step was taken towards getting them erected

The Secretary read a draft of a letter to the Secretary of the Wellington Education Board and was requested to forward it without delay

Also to write to Mr Robert McLeod requesting him to use his best endeavours with the board to get water pushed on

It was resolved to have pine trees trimmed and the wires on the horse paddock removed to the proper side as soon as a capable man was available

5th June Mr Brash authorised to order a tinned copper billy from Mr Barton at a cost of 35/-

As Mr and Mrs Shaw are leaving the district and they had always displayed each a keen interest in the school it was decided to present Mr Shaw with an illuminated address and set of chess men Mrs Shaw's present to be decided at a later stage according to funds which Messrs Foss and Maidment were authorised to collect

It was decided that euchre prizes for one night were not to cost more than 10/-

18th June. Mr Yule called attention to the hall door which is hanging on one hinge. Mr Bladen kindly promised to give it attention

4th July The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board for a copy of the regulations governing the conveyance of children to school. The action of Mr Fieldhouse's to Mr S Benton's gate from

the school was endorsed and it was decided that the Committee could do nothing more

A perusal of the scheduled capitation fees disclosed that the school was only being paid for the upkeep of two classrooms and the

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| 1910 | 35 | Cross Creek | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |
| 1911 | 27 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |
| 1912 | 39 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |
| 1913 | 44 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |
| 1914 | 46 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |
| 1915 | 65 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |
| 1917 | 75 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |
| 1919 | 63 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |
| 1921 | 76 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |
| 1923 | 83 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H |

Secretary was asked to write to the Board pointing out the fact and asking them to rectify it

As sufficient funds were available it was resolved to present Mr Shaw with a travelling rug Mrs Shaw with a present to cost not more than £1 and to be chosen by the ladies and a joint cheque

4th September The Education Board wrote acknowledging that the Committee had not been in receipt of their proper amount of capitation and that the matter would be rectified with the present quarterly amount. They also stated that capitation would be paid at the end of February, May, August September and December

It was resolved to replace all broken panes of glass in classroom windows and Mr Bladen was asked to inspect and advise course of action to be taken re broken frames

The Secretary was instructed to purchase a brush with a long handle for the removal of cobwebs and dust from the higher windows/

As the following Tuesday night was the closing one for the social evening it was resolved to give £1 each for ladies and gents aggregate Euchre prizes

24th September 1925 Richard John Davis of Featherston £470 pounds contract let by Wellington Education Board Swimming Baths

13th October The whole business of the swimming bath was reviewed and it was agreed that with an additional £50 which the Committee are justly entitled to according to regulation read by Mr Fieldhouse would enable the Committee to work in an efficient and satisfactory manner and leaving the bath free of debt

Mr Yule kindly offered to use his efforts to procure a suitable man as supervisor

It was resolved to have the classroom lined with 3 ply the work to be carried out by whoever was in charge of the construction of the bath
26th November The close atmosphere of the classroom in which the meeting was held was remarked on by the members present and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Education Board requesting that the clerk of works be allowed to inspect on the best course to adopt

Mr Yule kindly promised to interview a suitable man to act as clerk of works during the erection of the swimming bath on his return to Featherston

The Committee heard with regret of the annoyance caused to the Head Teacher through the conduct of certain parents coming to the school

1926

4th January Some discussion arose in reference to the clerk of works for the swimming bath and at the end it was unanimously resolved to appoint Mr Fred Benton. Messrs Yule and Fieldhouse agreed to interview him with regard to the work also in connection with some minor repairs around the school which the Committee agreed could very well be done in between times

3rd May The annual meeting of householders Owing probably to the very boisterous night there were only 7 householders present

The late head teachers report was read and considered very satisfactory

Messrs Bladen, Yule, Brash, Foss and Wilton only people nominated and elected

[4th December 1936 Mr. J. H. Fieldhouse, who has been headmaster of the Whatman School for the past eleven years, has been transferred on promotion to the position of headmaster of the Port Ahuriri School (Napier).]

27th May It was proposed that a farewell social be tendered Mr and Mrs Maidment on June 17th

8th July A long discussion arose over the appointment of Head Teacher. The Secretary and relieving teacher Mr E C Millar draft a letter to the Board pointing out the necessity of appointing a Head master to the position Secretary was authorised to obtain cord for

window ventilators, One gallon of Lyttle's Sheep Dip (*Disinfectant to wash floors*) and some sawdust (*To clean up spills in school*)

4th August Inspectors Report included

a) Mr. J H Fieldhouse 27 children

b) Miss N L Foster 30

c) Miss M H Collier 23

17th August it was proposed that the Secretary write to Board re the accident to Harden Benton

It was decided to hold a Hard Up dance on Tuesday August 5th Admission Gents 2/- and 1/- for ladies.

Mr Yule to order £1 worth of sausages from Masterton

The sec to order two large loaves, 4 lbs of water biscuits and a tin of 50 cigarettes for 1st prize for a gentleman

The proceeds of this dance for school prizes and picnic fund

4th October Mr R J Burke appointed Head Teacher

That Mr Burke's appointment be accepted

16th November That the Secretary write to the Board re boundary fence

That Secretary write to Mr Fieldhouse re fence stating that he write to the board for same

A long discussion arose over the tennis courts. It was proposed that the tennis club have the use of the courts only and provide their own nets for charge of 5/- per member

13th December Correspondence received from the Board asking how many chains the Board are entitled to erect and approximate cost

That approximately 5 ¼ chains and approximate cost £10

The Secretary write re pantry window in Residence.

That Mr Rowles be written to thanking him for donation of two racquets to the school

That 15/- worth of ice cream be procured for the breakup night on 16th inst.

That the Secretary write to Board for 3 new chairs for the school

1927

24th January Mr R J Burke attended

The Secretary was authorised to make arrangements re scrubbing of classrooms

31st January Correspondence was received from Board re conveyance of children asking the Committee to verify distances

Mr Yule and Mr Burke undertook to do this per motor and this report was duly forwarded to the board

That this Committee apply to the racecourse Committee for the use of their grounds for the annual picnic to be held on February 11th

It was proposed that Mr Burke arrange a programme for picnic and Messers Brash and Foss draw £4-10-0 from P O account

A long discussion arose over the water supply at school and the Secretary be authorised to wire board as follows.

No water at South Featherston School for flushing, drinking purposes, what is Board going to do, matter urgent

14th February 1927 Baths built on Education Reserve land previously turned down by Department

6th April Present School Committee, and a group of local men and women

That we start fortnightly Euchre and Dances on Tuesday 12th April

That charges be 1/6d gents and ladies 1/-

After a long discussion that two clips be given for a win and 1 for a draw

The following were nominated as a social Committee for dances Messrs Daysh, Sorenson, F Burt and H Smith

It was proposed that hire of the hall be reduced from 30/- to £1 per night with use of crockery. The hirer to pay for all breakages

24th August That Mr Burke interview the sewing machine man re repairs to sewing machine

1st November The tennis club applied for use of the courts for the coming season. Granted on the same terms as last year

That the Secretary write to Board re repairs to fireplaces

9th December Present School Committee plus Mesdames Yule, Wilton, Brash Price That the Picnic be held on the Tauherenikau racecourse

Mrs Yule donated a ham, Mrs Brash 5 loaves Mrs Price 5 loaves, Mrs Wilton sugar, Mrs Burke 3lbs of tea

The Secretary was instructed to ring Mr Shepherd re application for racecourse

That the tennis club be granted the use of the hall for one night free of charge

1928

1st February Staff Mr Collier and Mr Burke. Attendance 70

6th February The district is being subjected to an extremely high temperatures and absence of rain. The results are very trying to the children in school

15th February School closed for Masterton Show
 24th February Annual School Picnic at Tauherenikau
 27th February School closed on account of no water
 28th February New pipe driven. Good flow at about 20 feet drive.
 Miss Collier's last day leaving for Manakau Entertained by ladies at
 2.30 Presented with rug
 29th February No teacher to take Miss Collier's room. Two monitors
 placed in charge
 1st March Miss Sybil Allen commenced relieving duty today
 19th March Wrote to Board re effects of daylight saving
 21st March Miss Allan, absent from Duty (gastric Influenza)
 23rd April Half day granted by Minister of Education
 24th April Mr Brockett, agricultural Instructor spent the morning at
 school
 3rd May That Mr A Annear and partner receive tickets for all Euchre
 tournaments and dances
 That we procure the services of a piano tuner to overhaul the piano
 That One cord of firewood be obtained from Mr Gibbs
 It was decided to have a dance on Thursday May 17th
 Mr Rasmussen was appointed MC
 That Euchre tickets be used for dance
 That £2 out of social funds on a presentation
 Mrs Stark kindly donated crepe paper for decorations to hall
 That Mr Wilton's estimate of £26 for the erection of ladies and gents
 dressing rooms
 4th May Miss Allen completed her relieving work. Her industry and
 conscientious attention to her duties are worthy of being placed on
 record

21st May Miss Hebblerley joined the staff as infant mistress. Mr
 Boden inspected the school
 22nd June The week just ended (June 18th -22nd) has been most
 unsatisfactory for attendance view point. Cause Influenza and
 Southerly weather
 31st July Last Day in Charge. Leaving for Boulcott School. Lower
 Hutt
 1st August E J Kelly Commenced duty as relieving head teacher 72
 children present E J Kelly
 7th August It was decided to ask Mesdames Yule and Q Donald to
 judge the hard up costumes on the night of the hard up dance
 It was decided to get 200 saveloys, 2 large loaves of bread, 6 lb
 water biscuits and 4 lbs cheese and to give out 5/- prizes for most
 original Hard Up Costumes
 Decided to give £2 to ladies to purchase crockery for the hall
 That Mr Stan Benton be appointed to School Committee pending
 Mr G Sorenson's resignation
 Decided to purchase 2 bags of wood from Mr Gibbs
 It was decided to hold over our Donation to the central library until
 Mr Yule has had an interview with one of the members of the
 Committee
 10th August Owing to an epidemic of 'flu prevailing in the district
 the attendance has fallen considerably this week especially in the
 Upper Classes
 15th August Very wet day Only 43 present School visited by drill
 instructors who gave demonstration lessons in both rooms

17th August Average for week 55 out of 79 The lowness of the average is due to extreme severity of weather and prevailing epidemic of flu

My duty as relieving Head teacher terminates today

4th September C C Grant Took charge of school Weather wet but attendance rather good

25th September New headmaster Mr Grant present

The Headmaster complained about the chimney at his residence also the water supply

It was decided to refer the matter to the Board and get them to rectify the complaint as soon as possible

That we procure three new ticket punches

It was decided to repair fences with wire and wire netting from the tennis court to the Headmaster's residence and from the entrance gate to the school also erect two days

That we purchase 4 rolls of wire netting, 8 posts and necessary timber for the erection of a fence along both sides of the tennis courts. The labour to be done by a working bee of Committee and Tennis Club members

After a long discussion it was decided to call tenders (The lowest not necessarily accepted) for laying down one tennis court in concrete 1 ½ inches thick and without metal supplied and to be strapped every 3 yards square

Mr Grant requested we procure two clocks for classrooms and we decided to leave the matter until we heard from the Board

It was decided to approach Mr Mellish re topping and trimming of pine hedge

As our attendance was rising Mr Grant suggested that we should try and get the services of another teacher and it was left

It was decided to have the lawn mower set and sharpened at Benton's

Re conveyance of children from Kahautara Road That we obtain signatures of Kahutara residents and present it to the Board

5th October Tenders were received from Mr F Benton, Mr O'Reilly and Watson and Johnson re playing area That we carry on with the work so Watson and Johnson's tender of £106-0-0 subject to the Board's subsidy

It was moved by Mr Yule that a further 15/6 be granted from social funds to cover expense of children at the Show

That the Miniature rifle club be granted use of the hall and they can make any necessary alteration subject to the Committee's approval be obtained

That the Cheese makers be granted the use of the hall on same conditions as usual

5th December Mr Grant suggested we hold the school concert on 18th December

Net proceeds to be divided between sports and picnic funds

Te Tau Brothers orchestra applied for the use of the hall That the application be declined.

1929

14th February That the school picnic be held at Tauherenikau racecourse if available

The following accounts were passed for payment Wairarapa Electric Power Board 10/3d

L G Benton £ 7-9-4

It was decided to write a letter of thanks to The Wairarapa Automobile Association (*Headquarters in Featherston*) for the road signs

That the rifle club be allowed to make the following alterations in the hall

Taking out partition between present corridor and hall. Lining supper room wall, putting down (after removing old floor back to supper room) new floor over concrete corridor, cut necessary space in supper room wall and cut necessary doorway at road end of hall. Also put door in by chimney of supper room.

That the chairman be given authority to arrange with Head master re cleaning the school

That the urn be taken to Trengroves for repairs and also put a new tap in same.

That a ticket box be erected beside entrance door to hall

25th February Meeting of ladies present, Mrs Gain, Mrs Wilton, Mrs R Jepson, Mrs J Jepson, Mrs Hutchings, Mrs Benton, Mrs S Benton, Mrs Yule, Mrs Brash, Mrs G Brash and Messrs Yule and Rasmussen

It was decided to purchase 8 loaves of bread

The following donations were received

Mrs R Jepson and Foss, Butter

Mrs Brash and Wilton, Bread

Mrs Hutchings and Benton, tomatoes

Mrs J Jepson, 1 tin lollies, Mrs Rasmussen 1 tin lollies,

Mrs Yule 1 Ham

Mrs Benton Milk

22nd April The last meeting of old Committee held

31 Householders present Plus Mr Crom from the Press.

Roll number 65 Average attendance 50

10 householders male were nominated for School Committee

After a spirited election the following Committee were elected Messrs Yule, Rasmussen, Benton, Stark and Wilton

6th May That a contract price be obtained for mending fences

That Secretary write to the Board re broken and unsanitary condition of boys conveniences

¼ ton of Westport Coal in bags be obtained from Mr Tait also 1 cord of wood from Gibbs

That we purchase a squeegee

It was decided that the Chairman, Secretary and Headmaster decide on price to be paid for children's school cleaning

It was decided to charge the rifle club £1-10-2 for the first two months lighting in hall

That the Piano be tuned by Mr Williams

That shelter shed be removed to its old position

Mr S Benton was appointed visiting Committee man for the month (*First Mention*)

6th June Re letters from Mr Grant the Secretary moved that they be sent to the Boards Secretary by Mr Stark Mr Grant was at meeting Re essay winter show:- as the competition was not carried out as the donors of the prizes stipulated the competition be declared off

The Secretary was ordered Taupariri Coal instead of Blackball as Westport was not available

It was decided to go half shares with the rifle club, with their ball to be held on 13th June

Mr Stark was appointed visiting Committee man for the month

1st July That the chairman and Secretary attend a clinic meeting on the 4th July at Featherston

1 Load 5 square yards of sieving be purchased from crusher

5th August The headmasters report was read and received (First minuting)

That the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr McLeod (Board Member) to come and inspect our water supply

That subscription lists be taken around in aid of the dental clinic

A new Committee man was appointed each month

11th September Present roll 71

Inspector Watson and Mr Darroch from the Navy League called

The inside of the school will be painted in the summer vacation and the Upper Room will be ventilated

Re swimming bath fence which is out of repair. It was decided to purchase Jarrah or Totara Posts and do necessary repairs. Post to be 9 foot long

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board re boundary fence and also write to Mr McLeod re water supply

That the Euchre Parties cease after 8th October

4th November A special meeting held before the monthly meeting. Mr McLeod Board Member was present. The business was to discuss Mr Grants Report on certain objectionable features of the last dance. After a lengthy discussion That the Committee exercise strict control of all functions held in the hall in order to eliminate all objectionable practices and followings

A vote of thanks to Board Member for attending the meeting at which they gave their views as to what procedure we should take to over come our difficult problem

That concreting the children's play area be carried on with if funds are available

That Children's fancy dress ball be held on December 5th admission adults 2/-. The supper arrangements be left to the ladies

13th November As the School Committee were short of funds the Tennis Club voted £6 on conditions that they be given the use of the courts for a period of two years

That the Tennis Clubs offer be accepted and that for a membership of over 12 the tennis club pay the extra 5/- per member, also they are to adhere to regulation hours

That we approach the Board about a subsidy for play area

It was decided to purchase 150 tickets from the Daily News for our Children's Fancy Dress Ball

Re taking children to Wellington Aero Club Pageant after a short discussion the matter lapsed

A ladies meeting was held on 26th November to make full arrangements for Fancy Dress

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12th February Accounts included P and T Bureau 5/4

The Committee inspected the water race and found it dry, and as the baths required filling we decided to purchase piping and fittings and connect with pump

It was decided to rescind previous motion (Racecourse) and hold the picnic in Mr Willis paddock

Mr Graham kindly offered us the use of his lorry to cart necessary crockery forms and tables to the grounds

All are to assemble at the grounds at 10.00

A Committee meeting was held after the Ladies meeting to discuss a proposal from the Kahutara School Committee re carrying of children into woodwork and cooking lessons. After a short discussion we decided to reject the proposal as our children had no means of attending

3rd March The Board notified us that Miss F Herberley had been appointed assistant teacher

They also wrote demanding hall hire. This matter was held over to next meeting

That the rifle club have permission to install a meter in the hall

That we start Euchre parties on April 1st

Correspondence was received from the Rifle club asking permission to carry out improvements to their firing point. Viz enlarging doorway into supper room taking out 4 x 2 stud and erecting a 6 x 4 beam, doorway to be swung inside supper room

25th March 1930 Miss F Heberley, infant mistress, South Featherston PP

28th April Householders meeting 11 Women 27 men present

Following election 5 men voted on Tocker, Foss, Rasmussen, F Burt and Stark

Roll number 65

Mr Wilton spoke eulogistically of the services of Mr Yule That this meeting of householders wishes to place on record his long and faithful service as Committeeman

8th May That the committee have a visiting committee man every month

That the Committee cover in the tank stand for wood shed and have under lock and key

Mr Foss offered the iron to cover in the stand

Two delegates from the Rifle Club Messrs C Bain and A Gain waited on the Committee re renting of hall

After a brief discussion the delegates withdrew

That a charge of 2/6d per night for use of the rifle range and 2/6d per night for the use of the Supper room

If financial arrangements can be made the Committee accept Mr Copelands tender for conveniences in the hall

13th May That the Rifle Club minute be rescinded and the following motion That a charge of 2/6 per night for use of the rifle range and 2/6 per night for the use of the supper room alone. The rifle club to pay their own lighting

11th June That the motion of May re rifle club be rescinded

Mr Burt's report for month He ordered 1 cord of firewood from Mr Clark Rimutaka Road

Also roller towels for school

A working bee was arranged for Saturday 14th June

Headmaster reported attendance very satisfactorily

Assistant Teacher Miss Heberley was on the sick list

Mr Stark kindly offered assistance

That £1 be spent on records for school purposes

14th July The Secretary was authorised to purchase 1 cord of wood from Mr Clark

That the Committee subsidise £ for £ for shrubs to plant in school grounds

That the Committee spend £4 from social funds on Winter Show trip providing we get 20 scholars to participate

That a hearty vote of thanks be given Mr Stark for assisting headmaster during Miss Heberley's sickness

That a long night dance be held on Thursday August 7th

14th August Correspondence was read from Board advising that Miss Bicknell was the successful applicant for conveyance from Kahutara Road

11th September Attendance during the winter term was remarkably good, being slightly better than the first term

That the lawnmower needed resetting and adjusting and he was prepared to halve with the Committee the cost of same up to seven shillings and sixpence

17th November That tenders be called for subsoiling and levelling tennis court

It was decided to hold a shop day on December 12th if Featherston Town hall available

That School Committee pay over the flat rate on Rifle Club Meter until Rifle Club start again

24th November A meeting of Committee and ladies was held

It was decided to hold over the shop day until after the holidays

It was proposed to hold a Euchre and dance on December 29th

The ladies present arranged to bring sandwiches

That a waltzing Competition be held and novelty dancing

The following ladies kindly donated prizes for competition

Mrs A Bain and Mrs B Burt Prizes for Monte Carlo

Mrs W Hutchings and Mrs S Benton Prizes for spot dance

Mrs P Gain and Mrs Lumsden prizes for Waltzing Competition

Mrs F Burt donated cake for guessing competition

Prices for admission Gents 1/6d Ladies 1/-

Dancing to 1 a.m.

11th December That Secretary phone Education Board re playing area

That Children's Fancy Dress Ball be held on Wednesday 17th December. Gents 1/6d ladies 1/-

That children be given a bag of lollies on Fancy Dress ball to be supplemented by Christmas Tree if funds available

That Secretary write to Dental Clinic in Regard to our position (*No explanation*)

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11th February That Mrs M Rasmussen's account for school scrubbing be passed for payment

That Messers Stark and Foss interview the Minister of Hygiene re dental clinic

That Mr Rasmussen interview the chairman of Tauherenikau, Kaiwairai, and Kahutara School Committee's reorganising a shop day for the Earthquake relief fund

That we have a Euchre and Dance on the 24th February
Gents 1/6 ladies 1/-

3rd March A meeting of ladies was held on 3rd March to arrange the school picnic

Picnic to held at the Racecourse or in the school grounds

Each lady present cutting ½ loaf for sandwiches other parents not attending meting to bring cakes

Prize money same as last year 1/-, 6d, 3d

Miss Bicknell taking some of the children who did not have transport to meet at school

Nail Driving and Chain Stepping entry 3d

16th March That children receive 4/- per week for school sweeping as from 1st April

That Committee obtain a new broom for school sweeping

23rd April That Mr D H S Riddiford's account of £33-11-6 be passed for payment

That Committee order 1 cord of 1 foot matai firewood from Mr Gibbs

27th April Householders meet. That a representation be made to the Education Board for a probationer or Pupil Teacher

28th April Power was given to the Secretary to purchase 18 packs of cards,

It was moved that a Committee man visit the Head master periodically beginning in alphabetical order

That the services of Mrs H Tocker be obtained to scrub out the school at a fee of £2

Mr Grant asked that the flowing requirements

- a) Flagstaff rope
- b) Cords for windows
- c) Repairs to drawer in table

d) Boarding in woodshed

That a hard up dance be held on 28th May

8th June It was decided to hold a long night dance on the 2nd July to help raise funds for purchasing a piano

To write to Board inquiring if £ for £ subsidy was available for concreting playing area

It was decided to obtain the services of Mr Neal to top and cut back sides of pine hedge around school at a fee of £4

23rd July It was decided to hold a dance on the 6th August. The following to be purchased for same. 6 large loaves, 4 lbs butter, 1 ham, £2 worth of cakes, and prizes for novelty dances

It was resolved to close the school on Thursday 30th July from 12 O'clock to allow the teachers to attend a physical drill instruction in Featherston

It was decided that the services of a piano tuner to tune the school piano and the piano recently purchased for the hall

Mr Grant reported that More cups were required for children's cocoa so Mr Stark to purchase ½ dozen

10th August The headmaster reported a roll of 56 with average of 53 The matter of a concrete playing area had been gone into and was found that an area 80 foot X 80 foot could be laid down in 4 to 1 concrete 2 inches thick for the sum of £85. It was decided to have this work proceeded with as soon as enough funds were available and the Board's subsidy of £ by £ was to hand

14th September That the new baker Mr Fraser be interviewed re the price of cakes for euchre etc..

Roll 62 and an inspection had been made by one of the inspectors

12th October It was decided to forward our share of the cost of the playing area viz £42-10-0 onto the Board so the Secretary was instructed to get a money Order and Forward same

Roll is 65

9th December The only matter for discussion was in the form of a breaking up for the school children

The decision come to re aforementioned was to give the children a small bag of sweets each and some soft drink

1932

17th February it was decided to ask the Board if the relieving teacher could remain until a permanent one was appointed

The date for the picnic was 11th March

It was decided to purchase cakes for the Euchre from a local baker Mr Neville

Ladies Meeting held 1st March to arrange picnic

Picnic to be held at Racecourse if possible

14th March That the sum of £42-10-0 be held in trust and that the Committee were carrying on with an area of 80 x 40 feet

That a dance be held in connection with Euchre. Mr Burt responsible for music and M C ing of dance

That the hall be let to the Miniature rifle Club at the usual fee for the night of 31st March

The Committee decided to grant the use of the Hall to Mr Stark for a benefit night for Mr W Benton at some future date

4th April That half the playing area be gone onwards at the same rate of previous contract

Secretary instructed to write to Tennis Club re donation of £6-8-0

That a cord of wood be ordered from Mr Gibbs

Mr Stark was authorised to get a broom for sweeping the concrete.

18th April Annual Meeting

That arrangements for Anzac Day be left to the Head teacher and the Chairman

That the Department of Education continue providing for the conveyance of country school children as in the past, also that this meeting urge the Department not to raise the school age to the detriment of schools as at present graded

The only vacancies to be filled through the retiring of Mr Northcott and Mr Blandford and as Mr L G Rasmussen and Mr J Wilson were the only nominees they were duly elected

24th April The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Featherston football Club to see if they could see their way clear to arrange for another night for their practice night s it prevented a number of young fellows from attending our euchre and dance evenings

The School Committee meeting to beheld second Monday in each month

21st April Between South Featherston rifle club Committee and School Committee , That the hall hire be 3/- for night

That all pervious arrangements between the two bodies be cancelled

9th May That all past accounts for lighting to the rifle club be cancelled and the rifle club begin @ the rate of 3/- per night

It was decided to order an extra 2/6 worth of cakes for the euchre making the order up to 22/6

That 2/6 be spent on advertising our dance and euchre at the pictures

That the pigeon hole in outside wall be altered to the inside on a door swung on the side again supper room wall

That an extra man be put on door as doorkeeper. That an unemployed man be given a days work carting manure at the rate of 12/- per day The manure was given and the horse and cart kindly lent by the Burt Bros

That the ends of the playing area be concreted at the cost of £9 and to be paid off at the rate of £1 per euchre evening

It was decided to old time dance at some future date. Mr Hyland to be approached to see if he would carry out the duties of MC

Advertising to be done through the pictures at Greytown and Featherston. Mr Rasmussen kindly offered to write posters

27th June That Mr Frazer be given a trial for supplying cakes for the long night dance to be held 7th July

11th July That Mrs Lind be given power to spend up to 10/- in raffia work

It was decided to a hold a dance on August 7th in aid of Children's Health Camp

The Headmaster reports a roll of 53. Average attendance 50

That Mrs Neville be given the order for 30/- worth of cakes for dance

15th June it was decided to meet Joe Bain on euchre night and get his real version on his playing for the euchres

Roll 52

It was decided to get Mr Grant to get the feeling of parents re gardens and the Date of the Fancy Dress Ball

13th August The Secretary was instructed to write to Duthie and Co and ask for the price of tennis racquets for the children

That a kitchen chair be purchased for Miss Lind

That the chairman and Secretary together with Mr Grant meet in Featherston on Sat 19th September to purchase garden tools sum to be paid from capitation grant

3rd October This meeting was called a week earlier than usual for the purpose of discussing the hiring of the hall to outside bodies

A letter from Mr Grant objecting to the bringing and drinking of liquor at the dances. The Committee decided to do all it could to put a stop to same

The application received from the Featherston defence Rifle Club and The bachelors and spinsters to hold a dance respectively was granted on the condition that the building and grounds be left in the same condition as when hired and also that the hiring body do all in its power to stop the bringing and drinking of strong liquor

That the euchre to be held on October 4th for the season

That the sum of £1 be donated to the dance to be held by the Bachelors and Spinsters in aid of the Wairoa Earthquake Fund

14th November Roll 49. That power be given to the tennis club to cut a hole through the hedge on the tennis courts

The headmaster reported 2 broken panes of glass. It was decided to have then repaired

That Mr Grant be given the power to purchase a cricket ball

That a Christmas Tree be given the children. The children to render items until 9 O'clock. Mr Grant to notify parents a fortnight before the same takes place.

The Secretary was instructed to send an invitation to the teaching staff and the Chairman of the Kaiwairua School

28th October 1932 Two new industries have been started in the Featherston district— Brownlee's sawmill, on Mr Allen Donald's property, adjoining the Greytown apple orchard, and Te Hori flaxmill, also on Mr Donald's property at South Featherston. Both these mills are now working full time. It is estimated that the sawmill will have enough timber to keep it in operation at its present stand for five years, while the flaxmill—providing nothing unforeseen happens—has enough flax to keep it going indefinitely. The establishment of these two mills in the district is welcomed by the Featherston people, as apart from the revenue derived, the employment of a number of men at the mills has relieved the local unemployment problem PP

12th December Miss Yule applied for the use of the hall to hold Sunday School which was granted unanimously

The Secretary was instructed to copy a minute from the old minute book relating to the charge per member and to the Tennis Club

Mr Rasmussen and Mr Wilton kindly donated a tin of sweets for the children Xmas Tree

That a Euchre and Dance be held on the 29th December in aid of the Picnic Fund

Roll 48

Left to the Secretary to see to the repair of 3 windows

That Mr Grant be congratulated on his success at the exam, having 2 gain proficiency and 1 Competency

1933

6th February A letter was received from Mr Durrand requesting the committee's permission for a ½ hour per week religious service for the children

It was decided to leave our stand until next meeting

An application for the hire of the supper room was received from the South Featherston miniature rifle club for their annual meeting was granted

That the same amount of prize money be drawn for the picnic as last years

£1-10-0 worth of 1/- (*There were 20 1/- (/ = a shilling) in a £*)

£1 worth of 6d (*40 6d in a pound*)

10/- worth of 3ds (*\$ 3d in a shilling*)

That the swimming baths be under lock and key. Head Teacher to hold one and Mr Rasmussen to hold one and no children will be allowed in the bath unless with someone responsible

That Mr Rasmussen get the necessary gut for repairs to tennis racquets

10th April An application was received from Mrs F Burt and Joe Bain to play for the euchres and dance from 8 O'clock till 1.00. An application received from W Jeffries for piano and saxophone for the sum of £1-0-0 for the same period. The present fee is 10/- for Mr Duffy from 10.00 to 12.00

This matter was decided to be held over for the incoming Committee The Head Master reported a roll number of 41.

Power was given to purchase a lawn mower to the value of not more than £2-10-0

24th April That parents and children be allowed to have use of the baths out of school hours

That a lifeline be purchased for swimming baths

On account of the poor attendance at the Householders meeting the matter of Rev Durrand's ½ hour bible lesson be allowed to lapse

8th May Application from Mr H Toms for school cleaning after a short discussion it was decided to give cleaning to Mrs Mellish as she had given every satisfaction

Re free bus The Secretary moved that the bus be continued and be referred to again at the next meeting (*Presumably to dance and euchre*)

Mr Northcote be door keeper, That P Wilton be engaged to replace 3 panes of glass in the hall

That Secretary inspect Rata Firewood on Mr Clark's Property

12th June £2 be spent on purchasing cups and curtains for supper room

Re Free bus held over to next meeting

The running cost of Committee men was discussed That 5/- per month be granted for Benzine, receivers to give statement of mileage done on Committee's behalf

Roll Of 47

That Secretary purchase 1 lb of Capstan Cocoa and 6 lbs sugar for children

That Secretary purchase a basketball

Re kindling wood the Secretary to ring Mr Clark and obtain ½ cord Rimu

Surplus Grass on playground left to Mr Northcote and his herd

10th July Re Free Bus Necessary arrangements left to Secretary

That Secretary was instructed to get Mr G Burt to put in another days metalling 17/6d per day

Attendance 44 Miss Lind required a clock for her room (Left to Secretary to purchase same)

11th September That Secretary purchase Castors for piano, hearth brush and mouse traps

Re calf rearing held over in meantime until Mr Grant gets response to notes sent out to parents

9th October That the South Featherston tennis club be given free use of the school courts for one year with a recommendation to the incoming Committee that privilege be extended up to two years up to a membership of 30. Over that the tennis club pay rent of 5/- per member per year

The Courts available after 4.25 on school days, Saturdays and holidays all day

The tennis club will be held responsible for damages

Roll 49

The Secretary was instructed to expend up to 10/- for tennis balls for the season

Arrangements to be made to clean filter stones at baths

14th November Board are supplying paint for Hall subject to Committee painting same

The following are the entrants for the Calf Rearing Competition Stark 2, Hooper 2 Dawson 2, Gibbs 1, Simmonds 1

A preliminary judging under Mr Brockett will be carried out on December 5th Mr Rasmussen to see J Brophy to see if date will suit Kaiwaiwai

Re Sunday Tennis Held over

4th December Re transport of children to Primary Schools Tennis Tournament at Carterton left to Secretary to arrange

Re transport of calves to judging at Featherston on 15th December at 1 pm

It was decided to hold a Children's Christmas tree and concert on December 19th Admission adults 1/- Children 6d

Staging Secretary to borrow same from Mill if possible stage also 18X10 also butter boxes to erect stage on

The following are to be asked to give items: The Brash trio, I Udy, H Graham, D Robertson, Mr and Mrs A Bain, Mrs H R Burt, Miss Sarah Troake

Mr Carters offer to bring a load from Pihautea also collect a load from Featherston for 15/- be accepted

The following donations were received for prizes W Stark Ham, L G Rasmussen Ham, J Wilson 5/- towards free bus, F Burt 5/- towards Free Bus. Mrs F Burt Christmas Cake, Mr Noble Christmas Cake, All were heartily accepted

That tennis club have permission to play on Sunday after 4 pm

20th December A meeting was held at the Chairman's residence

L G Rasmussen Benzine for Miss Bicknell's trip to Carterton with children 5/-

1934

5th March Secretary reported windows broken by Tennis Club. Tennis club to replace same

Roll 53 Mr Grant still Head Master'

Music for dance Mrs Burt's Orchestra to play for Euchre

The Secretary was instructed to purchase 1000 euchre Tickets also 1 tin of floor powder

The Swimming Programme was arranged

- a) 1 Lengths of baths Junior Championship
- b) 1½ lengths Senior Championship
- c) 1 length Open handicap race
- d) 1 width beginners race
- e) Diving Competition Open
- f) Neatest Jump
- g) Ugliest Jump
- h) Long Dive
- i) Bun eating competition
- j) Length Breast stroke
- k) Exhibition dive by J Foss and A McCallum
- l) Ex Pupils Race

It was decided to invite 12 swimming members from Featherston School also Kaiwairi School

That Mr Wilton be starter

The judges to be appointed on the day

12th March Athletic Sports School versus School that this Committee supports Headmaster's proposal for an interschool athletic meet

30th April Annual Householders Roll 19 Boys 33 Girls total 52

In Examinations 3 presented 2 proficiency passes and 1 competency Mr Grant congratulated Neville and Bob Stark for their success in the calf rearing competition

Mrs Grant reported on the Anzac service being quite a success for both children and parents

Mr Grant reported that the supper room had been left untidy
Mr Wilton replied to Mr Grant Re supper room and stated that children had been in the habit of forcing cupboard doors open and obtaining bullets , that's how live shells were found
Mr Wilton moved a recommendation that the Board be approached re allowing Standard children woodwork and cooking instruction between 9.00 and 2 a.m. or between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. or we cease taking instruction
That the Board be informed that of the seventeen householders present and only one would accept nomination for a Committee.
Mrs Mellish asked if Mr Grant was allowed to use length of pipe for corporal punishment. Mr Grant gave a very unsatisfactory answer
Re dental clinic and woodwork cookery lessons which are very unsatisfactory for this school
That the Board be requested to send to two Wairarapa Delegates Mr Donald and Colonel Macdonald to our next meeting which is to be held in a fortnight
That meeting be adjourned for a fortnight
The Chairman Mr Stark then thanked late Committee men for support they had accorded him in the past
28th May Another householder's meeting. 19 Householders Mr A Donald and Colonel MacDonald, Wairarapa members of the Board
A lengthy discuss headed by D Wilton re Cookery and Woodwork instruction and terminated with our Board Members signifying that they would do all in their power to get the matter straightened and so that our children can obtain instruction in hours quoted above. Thus allowing the children a full hour for their lunch

Re Dental Clinic Mr Donald promised to see Mr Kenwood (Clinic Nurse) re our dental clinic service which is very unsatisfactory
The Chairman then Called for nomination of a Committee 6 were received 5 declined
That nominations be held over to give householders an opportunity of airing their grievances as we are going to have difficulty in getting a Committee
Questions were asked of Mr Grant and answered satisfactorily so elections proceeded
Messrs S Benton, A S Dawson, I Gundesen, N Willis, J Dittmer
That Secretary should write to Board asking for an up to date set of by laws
W Lumsden then asked if there was any chance of getting a conveyance for children down his road. He mentioned the expense he had been put to buying bicycles. He resides over the 3 mile limit
Board member said there would be no allowance for bicycles
Chairman Mr W N Gundesen, Secretary Mr W A S Dawson
5th June Letter from Presbyterian Church applying for use of the hall and supper room for Weekly Sunday School and monthly Church Service. Request be granted
Roll 56
Mr Grant asked for supply of firewood was required. Secretary to order wood per Mr Gibb
That Mrs Neal be engaged to attend school cleaning including sweeping and all cleaning work
A proper list of duties to be drawn up
That Euchre evenings be held on Thursdays instead of Tuesday

Secretary to draw up a proposal re lake area children to school and submit same to Board

3rd July Mrs Barney Burt donated 1 pound of coca for which Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks

7th August Letter from Miss Bicknell asking that children from Lake area be in readiness to board school bus promptly after 3 and it was arranged with Mr Grant that bell be rung 5 minutes to 3 as a reminder

August Relieving Relinquished charge leaving keys with Mr L J Rasmussen

3rd September I Aplin Commenced duty as Reliever Head Teacher. 100% attendance

18th September Visit of nurse for examination of pupil's eyesight

1st October No school due to an extremely severe storm rendering travelling impossible

2nd October Poor attendance several children being still cut off by floodwaters

3rd October Owing to absence of Miss McArthur Domestic Science Classes suspended.

22nd and 25th School closed for Labour Day and Carterton Show Day

26th October All fire extinguishers put in order

9th October Secretary instructed to Bring to Mr Aplin's notice interference with flowers and shrubs by school children also to write to Ike and Roy Jensen forbidding them to attend dances and euchre or to enter upon the school premises

Discussed visit of H RH Prince Duke of Gloucester. Decided to take no action until it is ascertained whether a local reception Committee is formed

7th November Whooping Cough and Chicken Pox in district several contacts sent home

14th November All except four children taken at 1.35 to see film Beautiful New Zealand

22nd November Received note from Board re change of day for manual Instruction- too late to effect. Medical officers inspected all children

30th November School closed for proficiency examination held at Featherston DHS

4th December Letter was read from Mr F R Burt requesting the Jensen Boys be allowed to attend dances and euchres. Secretary was instructed to reply that no action could be taken

The visit of the Duke of Gloucester, parents to make own arrangements to Masterton

That baths be left empty until the summer holidays

7th December Calf Club Competition Judged in Featherston 6 entrants from this school, one winning

1935

5th February C M Hocquard Commenced duty as Head Teacher

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| 1919 | 21 | Makomako | Gould | Cecilia M | Sole |
| 1921 | 10 | Saratoga | Hocquard | Cecilia M Mrs | |
| 1923 | 10 | Saratoga | Hocquard | Cecilia M Mrs | |

1927 Opaki

1930 Parkvale appointed from Opaki

1921/9478 Cecilia Marguerita Gould Laurence Egbert

1923/5324 Hocquard

Laurence
Egbert 29Y

Returned World War 1 Soldier

The wedding was solemnised at the Catholic Church, Feilding, on 12th January, of Cecilia Marguerite, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W: Gould, of Colyton, to Laurence Egbert, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Hocquard, of Marlborough. Rev. Father O'Dwyer officiated, and celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming frock of cream crepe de chine, draped with georgette and. finished with silver lace and pearls. She also wore the customary veil and wreath, and carried a shower bouquet of roses, carnations, and ferns. The bridesmaid. Miss Lena Gould, wore pale blue crepe de chine and Leghorn hat. And carried a bouquet of sweet peas and ferns. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. J. Gould as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held as the Carlton. The bridal couple left by motor for Marton en route for Auckland on their honeymoon, the bride wearing a grey costume and Leghorn hat. trimmed with vieux rose PP

Heat intense. Chairman of Committee visited school to draw attention to paragraph in the newspaper advising that schools be closed during the afternoon. The Minister of Education considers that one half day in the classroom until each day until the weather becomes cooler, will be in the interests of the children's health. Closed school at 12.30

5th February It was decided that nothing could be done re filling of baths as no water was available for filling the baths from the race

Mrs Hocquard reported that several small articles of furniture etc.. were required. Secretary was instructed to write to Board for same.

It was decided to call a meeting of ladies for 12th February to organise picnic advantage to be taken of the opportunity to introduce Mrs Hocquard at an afternoon tea in the hall

It was agreed that the Committee purchase, nibs, blotting paper, brown paper, scribbling blocks, fasteners and drawing pins

Special Meeting of ladies 12th February at 2 pm. 30 ladies mostly parents of scholars Also 4 Committee members. 14 ladies volunteered to supply sandwiches, all the ladies would provide cakes also Committee to provide 2 lbs tea, sugar (bag), 8 large GREGGS essences (1/2 raspberry and 1/2 orange) Mr Benton to supply milk (3 Gallons)

8th February Weather cooler and we continued classwork during the normal school day

12th February Roll 56. Class work continues all day

Meeting of the ladies to arrange for the school picnic, held in the hall at 1.45. Teachers invited to attend We did so and I was introduced to all those present- a very pleasant function indeed

18th February After almost two weeks of class work I find that I might agree with Mr Aplin's remarks which were entered in the Examination register. All subjects are weak. Reading throughout is toneless. Arithmetic is weak. Composition weak. Very little history and Geography known. Little interest in school work of any kind is evident

5th March Mr Dittmer resigned. Letter from Wellington Education Board declining application for furniture

That something be done to the grate in Miss Linde's room, She also reported that the cleaning was not being done satisfactorily. Secretary was instructed to write to Board for copy of latest school cleaner duties

Letter be written to Rifle Club protesting about school hall being occupied for a meeting without notifying Committee

29th March Tennis team 3 boys and 3 girls left at 1 pm with Miss Linde to play a match at Dalefield

2nd April That notice be sent to Mrs Neill terminating her engagement in the school as school cleaner from end of present term Mr Benton was instructed to procure mats for Miss Linde's Room Secretary to write to Board re boundary fence and request 20 posts It was decided to endeavour to send party of scholars to Easter Show at Wellington on 16th Inst. Miss Hocquard to obtain a certain of party of at least 20 could be made

12th April Return match arranged but it was too wet to play

16th April Took senior pupils and Standard 1 and 2 to Wellington Winter Show

7th May Mr. Foss was requested to see Mr. Fred Benton re price for enclosing wood bin under tank stand

It was decided to expend Government grant for entertainment of children in connection with King's Jubilee on cakes and penny confections to provide spread at 12.30 on Friday 10th inst. After which Mrs. Hocquard to address children on significance of jubilee

3rd June Motion of condolence to Mr. And Mrs Willis on their recent bereavement all members standing

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Board when in Wellington whether subsidy was available towards purchase of piano also whether capitation money could be spent on library books Secretary was instructed to write to the session clerk stating that piano must not be removed into supper room; also to obtain 2 way switch and necessary fitting to provide additional lights at piano and front part of hall

It was decided to hold a paddy's market in Featherston on Friday to put funds in piano fund

Repair to basketball goal post to be attended to

16th July Secretary was instructed to purchase a duplicator for use in classroom, 4 loads of gravel @ 5/-, coloured chalk and wood.

That long night dance be held on Tuesday 30th July to assist piano fund

Also the Committee to dismantle old decorations in hall and erect fresh ones.

Also to write to Mrs Leighton with regard to school bus and see Miss Bicknell to have Leighton children picked up at No 1 line

26th July Played basketball match against Kahutara girls

18th September From the board authorising purchase of wooden posts for repair of boundary fence. It was decided to write to Board recommending use of concrete posts owing these being more lasting and indestructible by fire.

Secretary was instructed to reply to board re application for an additional chair

Mrs. Hocquard reported that roll number was now 59

31st October Holiday for Carterton Show

15th November travelled to Featherston with Form II pupils for the proficiency examination

17th November Secretary was instructed to see Mr. C Bain re rent due by rifle club for use of hall. Also Mr. Arnold Ashworth re 10/- due and Farmers Union 5/-

A request from Secretary of tennis club to paint lines. Agreed to

27th November School closed for half day Election roll

Ernest Partridge's Inspection Report included

- a) Roll 54
- b) The present classification approved although promotions at the end of the year will need close supervision as some of the pupils have been hurried on too fast
- c) On the other hand there will be some who need to be hurried on, on account of age.
- d) Tone and discipline are very good
- e) Fine working spirit is being fostered

9th December Secretary to write to Rifle club supplying copy of record of night's hall was used

It was decided to hold break up social on Wednesday evening 18th inst. and to hold Euchre and dance to raise funds for toys for Xmas tree

It was decided not open baths before summer vacation

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3rd February Roll 54

4th February Secretary was instructed to procure 1/- Lupin seed to sow down for green manure also to write to board re mistake in measurement of blinds and to order white and coloured chalks

11th February Decided to hold picnic at racecourse

- a) All families to take cakes
- b) Committee to purchase 1 dozen cordials- Greig's
- c) Essence to be made up into syrup by Mr. Gundersen
- d) 1 large bread each made into sandwiches
- e) 2 lbs tea
- f) 3 lbs sugar
- g) Mr A Dawson to supply 2 small cream cans and bath for washing up

10th March Roll 53

Secretary to write to Board re condition of tank and connecting pipes also to see Board re blinds

Letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Wilton for helping at swimming

25th March Visited local dairy factory

27th April Secretary to write to Mr. Gordon Burt requesting him to cut gorse on corner as Miss Bicknell reports several narrow escapes from accident

That a man be secured to do one day's work at school trimming Lucerne hedges and cutting grass

To purchase Lawn Mower at £4 from G Cook (*My Uncle Denny worked for Cook's*) also to purchase 3 dozen cups and saucers for social hall

A hearty vote of thanks for the manner in which the Secretary and Chairman have carried out their numerous duties

4th May Householders meeting 3 Committee members and 19 householders

Discussion was opened by Mr. Rasmussen on unsatisfactory system of water supply for filling baths. It was suggested by Mr. Wilton that electric pump might be most satisfactory

The School Committee after being formed to call a further meeting of householders for Thursday 7th to form a parents and Young Peoples Association

Mr. Lumsden, Mr. Rasmussen, H R Burt, P Wilton P Gain elected

11th May Mrs Hocquard Head Teacher requirements were Toilet paper, Disinfectant, Firewood

Head teacher also asked Committee to dig and lay out small portion of ground on North side of school, for seed beds. Committee agreed The Secretary to write to Board re lavatories which need painting inside badly and also write re Gorse on School Grounds estimated cost of removing same £3 to £5

The parents and young peoples association made application for use of hall for socials etc.. That the hall be available for 5/- per night. Afternoon entertainment free

That Secretary write Secretary of Parents Association tendering our cooperation and assistance in any way possible

Re School Cleaning Mr. Burt would see Mrs Mellish if she would take it on, if not Mr. Lumsden may be able to get a man

6th July As our funds were very low Mr. Wilton moved that the Rifle Club be asked to pay rent of hall up to date

Roll 59

Head Teacher required 1 Bass Broom for sweeping concrete, also 1 electric light globe, That requirements to be held over until funds are available.

That Miss Linde make enquiries in Wellington about cane for basket making

10th August Mrs Hocquard's report was then tabled

Roll 59

Requirements; wood, 2 boxes chalk and black board dusters

Mr. Keenan Presbyterian Minister then approached the Committee on Bible Reading in our school It was agreed to let Mr. Keenan circulate notes through the school (Subject to Mrs Hocquard consent) to obtain the feeling of parents on the above question

Following the meeting members of the Home and School Association joined us to plan the laying out of areas adjoining school main entrance

Mrs Clark chairwoman of Home and School Assn had obtained rough sketches of Mr. Carters Idea as to how it should be laid out and the cost would be approximately £5-10-0 this idea was ruled out as the cost was too much

Mr. Wilton then suggested 1 dozen rose cuttings with a border of Violas for plot nearest main entrance and Hydrangeas with Viola Border for plot nearest tennis court. This one was the most favoured by the School Committee so was carried

Mr. Brash then suggested of laying plot by hall down in grass. This suggestion was not favoured and the matter was held over

Mrs Hocquard then mentioned a First Aid outfit for the school. On the motion of Mrs Rasmussen The outfit be obtained, Bandage,

Ointment, Tweezers, Safety pins Peroxide and Iodine it was left to Mr. Wilton to purchase same in Wellington

14th September Correspondence received from Board re bell which we made applications for and was declined

Requirements Electric Light Bulb and Blackboard Dusters

Tennis racquets left to Mr. Burt to obtain prices from Duthie's in Wellington

Re children from Tauherenikau School. Secretary was instructed to write to Board to say our contractor Miss Bicknell was prepared to cart children if her contract was subsidised adequately

1st October Miss Linde commenced sick leave and Miss Clark took charge of infant room

12th October Roll 71, Average Attendance 67 our attention was then turned to the possible ways and means of procuring a good water supply for our baths. The present supply having been condemned by the Health Department Some committeemen favoured installing a larger pump at present water supply and running piping to baths others favoured running Electric Power down and installing the pump there eventually The Secretary was instructed to call for prices of both suggestions Pump to be V Belt driven

2nd November The next business was the discussing of ways and means of financing our proposed venture of obtaining a Pumping Plant for School baths

That The chairman and Secretary approach Mr. And Mrs D Riddiford to try and arrange a loan as to carry on with the work as soon as possible

That the Secretary write to the Minister of Internal Affairs to try and obtain a £ for £ subsidy on the amount to be expended on pumping plant

Tenders for the installation of Pumping Plant was then considered the following were received:- J B McEwen £63-17-5 and Dale and Grace £72=13-6 these prices were for installation at present water supply and running 12" piping to baths

Tender awarded Dale and Grace Rees Roto Turbo pump £58-3-6 Anderson Bulldozer pump £80-10-0

After a long discussion it was finally decided that the MacEwens pump was the most suitable. That MacEwens be asked to give us a price for laying the power down also driving a suction pipe

Matter to be held in an abeyance until Price has been procured

December 17th is date for fancy Dress and Christmas Tree

9th November The chairman reported a successful visit was paid to Mr. Riddiford and he will guarantee finance for Pumping Plant

Discussion then turned to proposed pumping outfit and ways and means of reducing installation costs

It was finally decided that Committee men drive the pipe which will save £12

7th December Correspondence from Education Board re paint for latrines also special grant of £40 for baths

That Mrs Mellish be paid 10/- extra as a Christmas bonus

Mr. Drews Price was accepted for baths £64-5-0

The Secretary was instructed to procure 12 foot of 4 x 2 rimu, 2 tins of sweets from Cooks, 2 white pine spring boards for baths

The chairman then brought up the matter of paint for swimming baths. Committee men fell in with the idea and authorised £3 for a start to be made without delay

Re Old Lawn mower. Mr. Rasmussen offered to purchase same after a short discussion it was decided as it was of no use to the school at all. Mr. Rasmussen could have same

Kaiwaiwai Hall Committee asked for a loan of seats and Euchre tables for 17th. Granted on condition they are returned by 11 O'clock on Friday morning 18th December

Tennis club made application for use of courts for ensuing year. Granted on condition they repair surrounding fence otherwise rent will be charged to cover costs of same.

That Sunday tennis is permissible between the hours of 10.30 and 7.30

That Secretary write to Home and School for a grant of £5 for the erection of dressing sheds at baths

1st December Miss I M Linde again began duty in charge of infant room

Inspectors Report included

- a) The small concrete patch is very rough and should be surfaced
- b) The rooms are well cleaned

1937

13th January Miss Linde tendered her resignation which was received with regret

Play Area: It was left to the Chairman to give any farmer grazing rights

8th February The Wairarapa Pig Association made application for use of Hall for meeting.

Re running of baths It was decided that Mr. E Wilton and Mr. Rasmussen be responsible for first month

13th February A meeting of householders was called to explain the idea was to give householders an opportunity of expressing their views on the advisability of holding a school picnic this year or not

Also to discuss ways and means of raising £80 to write off Committee's liability incurred in installing pumping plant at school baths

Mr. Dawson moved that school picnic be waived altogether this year. Lapsed for want of a Seconder

Mrs Dawson then suggested having a party for children instead of picnic, this suggestion also lapsed

That School picnic be held on Saturday, Funds to be raised at Euchre and Dance

That picnic be held at Racecourse

That all details for catering be left to Home and School

Chairman explained it was trying to halve the cost of pump from Education Board without luck.

That a shop day be held in Featherston on 12th March

The following stalls were decided on

Sweets Mrs Dawson and Wilton

Cake, Mrs L G Rasmussen, H R Burt and A Gain

Afternoon tea Mrs Gordon Burt

Bran Tub Mrs Cross

Produce Mrs R Tocker, S Benton

Jumble Misses Hawke and Henderson

Hoop La H Graham

Nail Driving H R Burt

Dart Throwing A Gain H Lumsden

The chairman then called for any recommendations anyone could suggest as regards School and Surroundings improvements

Mrs Hocquard mentioned entrance gate needed re swinging. Committee promised to have same attended to as no more recommendations were forthcoming the meeting closed

22nd February That two globes (Light bulbs) be purchased for hall.

It was decided that chairman would advertise shop day at the Pictures

That a broom be purchased for exclusive use in hall

1st March School reopened. Miss Kitchener took charge of infant room as relieving assistant

3rd March Letter received from Miss Card (*Esme*) for use of hall furniture for their garden party

That children not be allowed in the baths unless accompanied by their parents

No swimming allowed to others than school children in school hours unless accompanied by a member of the School Committee

The regulations to be printed and posted up at baths

Miss Bicknell was granted half days pay to carry children to the picnic

Re dressing sheds at baths It was left to chairman to obtain necessary iron, wood etc..

1st April Miss Gregor took charge of infant room her position being permanent

12th April That Secretary be granted an allowance of £1-10-0 for travelling expenses etc..

That wood recently purchased be sawn

That Home and School be asked to abandon socials in the Social Hall until infantile paralysis epidemic abates

16th April Received notice from Featherston that the Education Board has ordered immediate closing of schools. Pupils collected their books and were instructed to work assignments from newspaper and post to school

26th April The next business was suggestions for providing necessary recreation for our children in their leisure time; after a short discussion it was finally decided that tenders be called for the erection of swings, they are to be built of 6x6 Totara posts cross bar with ½ inch steel rods and necessary hooks

That the Secretary call tenders for lining supper room in any approved wall board

10th May From Education Board re new cisterns and repapering Head Mistresses cottage

Secretary was instructed to write Mr Riddiford tendering our thanks for guaranteeing our finance for pumping plant

Re milk distribution in schools the chairman reported that he and the Secretary had attended a meeting called by Featherston School Committee

Discussion then arose as to whether milk distribution was essential in our school. That we reside in a dairying district and our children

receive a plentiful supply of milk the matter be held in abeyance for the present

24th May Reopened School

5th June That cleaning contract be £5 per term

That coronation book which we have on appo be purchased for 2/-

12th July Re swings The Committee rediscussed the advisability of erecting same: reports from Board Members about other schools experiences brought about the following motion That motion authorising the erection of swings be rescinded.

23rd August Authority was granted to Hire County Council Grader (Two days for large grader and three days for the small) for levelling play ground

Roll 67

That four bulbs be purchased from Rifle Club

Home and School Association were prepared to subscribe £8 towards cost of lining ceiling. This advice was received with thanks.

Re restriction placed on Te Tau Orchestra was lifted

15th October Roll 68

Library books Committee has no funds available at present

Re Flagstaff area Committee decided on a working bee on following Sunday to cut grass etc..

Home and School wanted to cut long euchre table in half as it was awkward to handle Permission granted

8th November The chairman intimated it was his intention of giving a trophy for the best life saver in his class at the end of the season

15th December The chairman then moved that the Committee extends our congratulations to Miss Gregor and Mrs Hocquard for the excellent report received from the inspectors

That admission to all functions held in our Social Hall be by ticket

That adults using the baths be asked to contribute 2/6 for a season ticket

16th December Break up ceremony and school concert took place in the local hall

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10th January That 10 lbs Copper Sulphate be purchased for the baths

That Secretary write to Education Board to explain that the County Grader was unprocurable at the present time and that they be asked to renew negotiations with the public works department to have the work done as soon as possible

That the School picnic be held at the racecourse be held on Friday 18th February

Prize list to be the same as last year

1st February Roll 60

Compiled a list of books for addition to the school library, the money for these being granted by the Home and School Association

14th February Roll 60

Requisition list

- a) Black Board dusters
- b) White chalk
- c) Waste paper baskets (one for each room)
- d) 6lb blue lupin seed
- e) Fret saw and blade
- f) Miss Gregor's Chair

That Mrs Mellish our cleaner be offered £1 per term extra that it is £6 per term

Firewood: Secretary was asked to ascertain prices of slabs from local mill

The matter erecting a small swimming pool for the smaller children was discussed

Mr. Wilton assessed the cost to be approximately £5.00 of labour is done by working bee

That the work be done as soon as possible

That Home and School install an electric hot water urn provided that it is safely housed and not less than 4 gallons capacity

That the Home and School were considering erecting a playshed for Girls on side of super room

The Committee recommended that playshed be apart from hall as Supper Room was built by Education Board as a classroom and placing play shed on side would exclude all light on Eastern Side

14th March Re proposed purchase of Fret Saw matter was held over till after Thursday 17th

That School Committee to make application to Board re removal of Playshed from Tauherenikau to ours

That Miss M Tocker be granted permission to use hall piano for music teaching on days hall is not engaged.

11th April Correspondence from Mr. Lobb making application for use of hall to run dances. Declined

Chairman tabled a report on swimming certificates gained during season 18 children were successful in obtaining School Swimming Certificates. 6 obtained Primary Schools Life Saving Certificates

4 Obtained elementary Life Saving Certificates

3 Intermediate

It was decided to present trophies won at swimming sports

29th April Closed school for half day to attend lectures dealing with speech training and Choral Verse Speaking

2nd May Householders meeting The Head Teacher Mrs Hocquard was present but as some of the householders were late she did not wait

Discussion then arose regarding school leaving times. Mr. Sorenson stated his children left home at 7.30 and did not return until 4.30 and wanted to know if the children were out from school punctually at 3 pm if not our Head teacher be approached to cooperate and let children away punctually Only Five Householders present they were duly elected as a Committee Re rent of hall for dancing lessons to Miss M Nix it was decided the charge be 2/6d per day

21st May Annual meeting of householders to elect School Committee. Report covering two years submitted to this meeting

3rd May The above meeting was poorly attended there being only 4 members of the retiring committee and one other householder. These now form the new Committee

23rd May Reopened school. For the past ten weeks ten men have been employed in clearing and levelling the playing area. The work has been completed and they are sown down in grass. One of the men has been retained and has done very valuable work in planting native trees in the area behind the experimental plots. Trees planted are Kowhai, Tarata, Lancewood, Lacebark, Titoki, Five Finger, Kahikatea, and Tawa and Totara

13th June That Mr. F Benton's tender of £9 for removal of shelter shed from Tauherenikau be accepted and his tender of £4 for erecting suitable seating in the hall be accepted

27th June 1938 Public Works Department authorised to lay down concrete paths (*This was part of the work scheme during the depression*)

11th July That home and School be asked for £2 to lay paths to Mrs Hocquard's residence. That concrete path be done while Public Works men are here

8th August Mrs Hocquard reported a few cases of measles

Also takes exception to path provided also School Committee providing pencils to assistant

Miniature Rifle Club asked to make changes to Supper Room to enable them to hold their annual championships meeting

That subject to the Education Board sanction necessary alterations be allowed to proceed

That Mr. J Pederson (An old boy of the school) have a send off. Send off fixed for Thursday

7th September One family suffering from measles and one family excluded because of contact with a case of measles

Note from Inspector. Please complete entries in 1938 and Begin 1939

12th September Roll 59 Mrs Hocquard requested that the Committee supply seedlings for flower gardens

That plants be purchased not to exceed £1

Several windows require glass. The chairman was instructed to have same renewed

Re seating accommodation in hall and supper room which the Home and School Association called for prices to repair the Committee decided to hold a working bee of all members on the first Monday evening in October therefore saving labour charges which would be fairly substantial in fact more than the seats were worth

10th October Mrs Hocquard's report Roll 63. She also reported having found bottles on school lawns after last social function. It was decided that Home and School Association be written about also that chairman at next Function to younger people who are the offenders that if they persist in this type of offence we will have no option but to recommend to Home and School that dances will have to be suspended and only Euchre carried on Mrs Hocquard also presented the Inspector's report for our perusal the chairman commented that is very gratifying to know our school is showing steady advancement and our teachers are to be complemented on progress shown

The Secretary was instructed to purchase timber for seating around hall Mr. Gain offered to bring along another load of farm manure for Flower Gardens

The Secretary was instructed to make application to Education Board re the possibility of Kaiwairua children attending our school

Re staging of the upcoming concert the Secretary to see about cheeses shelves and boxes

5th December The Secretary was instructed to purchase 7 clips for toilet paper rolls

Re paddling pool Chairman moved that job be gone on with straight away Secretary was instructed to purchase 1 tin paper and 1 tin boiled lollies and 150 bags

9th December Calf judging for the local group took place. Visitors from Featherston and Kahutara were entertained at morning teas after the judging

15th December Break up party held in the hall

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9th January Secretary reported that the raffle realised the handsome sum of £716-6 gross which was considered very satisfactory

That proceeds of raffle be placed in baths account and drawn upon as required

Secretary to purchase materials for paddling pool

1st February Weather fine and full use will be made of the baths

8th February School picnic to be held at Racecourse

Decided to hold swimming sports on Saturday

Secretary was instructed to send an invitation to Colonel Macdonald and Mr. Donald Board Members to officially open our paddling pool

17th February Annual picnic held at Tauherenikau racecourse

4th April Mrs Hocquard complained about excessive noise created by various functions in Hall which led up to a short discussion terminating that The hall be not let for dances in future Euchre and Dances be permissible as long as Euchre is held first and dancing follows. Dancing to be discontinued at 1.30 pm

8th May Correspondence from Mr. Kenward Secretary Dental Clinic enclosing report and balance sheet of past years workings

The Queen Carnival Committee made application for use of the hall for a concert on May 16th

Secretary instructed to write to Education Board re school desks which are in a state of disrepair

The Committee decided to make a donation of 10/6 to the local queen in Plunket Carnival

The following ladies as a deputation from Home and School Ass met us after our meeting to discuss the desirability of reopening the hall for Dancing

Mrs Clark, chairwomen, H R Burt, Wilton and Hocquard

A round table discussion was entered in which culminated in Mrs H R Burt moving that entertainments be still confined to Euchre till the end of May the matter to be rediscussed then

Mrs Clark then thanked the Committee for hearing given and the deputation withdrew, The meeting then closed

19th June Secretary was instructed to see Mr. Riddiford re wood.

That Home and School be informed that dances from now on are permissible on trial

3rd August The head teacher was granted a roll of brown paper

Miss Gregor was asked to obtain a price for paint and brushes

The Home and School be advised that the hot point in the hall would meet all requirements for the school teacher

That the fee for supper room be 5/- but should the fire be used an extra 2/6 would be charged if school wood was used

11th August Kahautara Basketball and Football teams visited our school for matches. South Featherston won the basketball but Kahautara were successful on the football field

16th August Return games against Kahautara played at Kahautara The girls won the basketball but the football team were defeated

23rd October Labour Day School Closed

26th October Holiday for Carterton Show

1940

6th February School reopened 4 Five year old pupils. Roll 54

1st march Many of the children took advantage of the excursion train to pay a visit to the Centennial Exhibition

7th March Maxwell Wilton injured by Motor Car in an accident- which occurred while he was cycling home from school. He is likely to be in hospital some months

29th April The chairman was instructed to purchase four cord of wood from Mr. Donald at £1 a cord and get Mr. L G Sorenson to cart it to the school

Signed Duncan Robertson Secretary (*Father of Jock (John) Robertson Principal of Greytown later on*)

20th May A special meeting was called by the chairman to discuss the letting of the hall to the Home and School Association

To get two tins of dance floor powder

The Secretary was instructed to write to the home and School re rent of hall.

3rd June The headmistress presented a report and a repair and requisition list

1st July Mrs Hocquard thanked the Committee for repair work done and presented list of books to be procured for the library

She was instructed to procure 4 lb of sugar and 40 lbs of sugar

The Committee were instructed to see to the flagpole
Discussing rent for war service Committee Full rent was decided to be charged. Also full rent for use of hall for pictures and concert.

The Committee decided to make a donation to the funds of the war service Committee

The resignation of Mr. L A Southey was received with regret

Miss Jean Burt was appointed caretaker in place of Mrs Mellish at a salary of £6-6-8d a quarter

10th July Basketball and Football teams visit Kahautara. Basketball Kahautara 18 South Featherston 19

The football scores were South Featherston 8 Kahautara 0 The day was very wet rather spoiling the basketball game

18th July Mr Brockett visited school in connection with calf club

25th July Return Basketball and Football matches played against Kahautara. Basketball 17-11 in favour of Kahautara Football 6-3 South Featherston being the winner

7th August Mrs Riddiford visited school and addressed pupils on Arbor Day. Mrs Riddiford gave gum trees to be planted in the grounds. 12 bluegums were planted and a Totara given by Mr Carter

26th September Absent from school as I broke my arm

8th October It was decided to write to Whitcombe and Tombs for library books to the value of £5 and to purchase four dusters for blackboard

It was decided to arrange a local calf rearing competition

It was decided to recommend that the Lord's Prayer be said at the opening of the school

It was decided to apply for a wash basin

27th November Baths filled and children went swimming during the lunch hour

30th November Children held a shop day in the hall and collected £8 15 s
Calves and lambs were judged at the school on the same day

1941

3rd February Roll 48

14th February School picnic held in the hall as the day proved very wet

20th March Mr Willett and Mr Cole visited the school to present cups and certificates won in the Calf and Lamb Competition

7th August Football team played against Featherston B at Featherston
Score South Featherston 6 Featherston 3

19th August Return football match played at South Featherston when the score was South Featherston 11 Featherston B 3

22nd August Radio has arrived and will be installed during the holidays
Played matches on our grounds against the Kahutara basketball and football teams Basketball Kahutara 19 South Featherston 7 Football South Featherston 20 Kahutara 0

21st October Mr Beere of Wairarapa Automobile Patrol gave Safety First Lecture and showed film

November Meeting To ask Mr. Bob Fuge to judge calves and lambs. Date to be arranged. A working bee was formed to clean out baths and refill
The Home and School sent £1- 4-6d for prize giving for judging calves and lambs

2nd November Shop day held on school grounds as a result of which £21-13-3 was handed to the Red Cross. The children provided most of the produce, flowers etc..

30th November Report of Calf and day included

- a) 14 calves and 13 lambs
- b) Judge Mr. D C Stuart of Masterton
- c) Best Ayrshire Calf Norma Blandford
- d) Care and Handling A Dick, Ray Snell, Rex Leighton
- e) Dairy Type Norma Blandford. Lola Blandford, Raymond Snell

Lambs

- a) Care and handling A Dick, Raymond Snell, Rex Leighton

- b) Weight and Condition Doris Blandford, Ray Burt, Mervyn Gain
- c) Mr. Stuart spoke highly on the way the calves and lambs were brought forward and told the children that if they continued their care and attention they should do well in group competition
- d) The children arranged a bring and buy sale in aid of the million pound patriotic appeal. This reached £8-16-0 a magnificent effort on their part
- e) Acknowledge the donation of 1 Guinea from Mr. J G Donald and a Guinea from Anon
- f) Mr. Stark and Mr. Blandford purchased the prize ribbons

10th December That parties renting hall be made responsible for any wilful damage done to the hall or property and conduct of persons attending

It was decided to hold a Euchre and Dance on Monday 30th December

The following rules for the calf and lamb rearing that any child under school age if able to feed or lead a calf and lamb be eligible for the school's competition

Also anyone who enters a calf or lamb and leaves school before judging day is also eligible

18th December School closed for Summer Holiday Breaking up party was not held owing to petrol restrictions

1942

6th January It was decided to hold a Euchre and dance on 30th January with the provision that if enough turn up to start an aggregate prize

Mr. Corbett was instructed to find a spot for the school piano

3rd February School Picnic will be held in Racecourse Prizes to 1/6d for first, 1/- for second and 6d third

Also to buy 1lb tea , 6 lbs sugar, 10 lb boiled lollies 14lb paper lollies

The Home and School Association handed over two pounds for the purchase of ice cream and also arranged for cakes and soft drinks

3rd March Mrs Hocquard pointed out repairs necessary to desks and drew attention to dangerous position of garden tools it was decided to apply for a tool shed for tools

Mrs Hocquard asked if it was possible to procure a wireless for school

13th March School closed for school picnic which was held in school grounds

7th April Mrs Hocquard lodged a complaint regarding broken bottles on the school grounds after the Euchre on Thursday 4th April

Regarding broken window in hall, cause unknown.

That the Home and School be asked for a donation of £6 towards school wireless

It was decided to procure a Cromwell wireless set if donation is available from Home and School

All bills will be held over until cheque book is returned (Presumably from Education Board)

28th April Letter was received from Services Committee applying for hall after 12 pm.

That hall be granted until one o'clock subject to the condition that if any complaint as to noise or any other nuisance during or after the dance the hall be closed for dancing all together

No extra charge to be made and no appeal on conditions above

That for send offs or farewells to residents of the district where no charge is made for admission to the hall That the hall be free of charge if users bring their own firewood

2nd June The head teacher was instructed to purchase Cocoa and Sugar for children

That Mr. Donald had no wood for sale and he had ordered it from Pope's sawmill

The Education Board were sent a cheque for £20 for a Cromwell or Ultimate Radio for the school

Arrangement for Mr. Stark's send-off was left in Chairman's hands

25th June Violent earthquake on 24th June. Chimneys at school shaken down and bricks and tops of chimneys lying on roof. Mr Robertson Chairman of Committee decided to close the school until the bricks could be cleared

29th June Resumed school. Chimneys considered safe for use

7th July That the Home and School be approached to provide funds for physical games

That the chairman arrange for the installing of the radio when received.

That new brushes and mops be purchased and disinfectant be procured

Mr. Guthrie to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Corbett

The members of the Committee decided to call on Mr. And Mrs. Corbett on Saturday 12th July and make a small presentation

4th August That a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs P Gain as her husband was a past member of the School Committee

It was decided to adhere to rules regarding School Judging with extra classes for cross bred calves and longwool lambs

1st September Mrs Hocquard present. Wireless was tested and found excellent

9th November Prizes for calf club 5/- 4/3d Classes Ayrshire, Jersey, Cross bred, lambs, short wool, long wool

28th November Shop day and School Calf and Lamb judging day held on the school grounds. Mr Stewart of Masterton judged the stock. Mr Brockett judged the school vegetable plots

2nd December Sharp earthquake felt at 12.15 pm Violent trembling of buildings but no apparent damage caused

1942

2nd March After various suggestions it was decided to hold the picnic in the school grounds on 13th March on the school grounds to ensure that all pupils could get to it. The Committee took to clean out baths and arrange various obstacles for the races The Home and School donated three Pounds

Picnic this was held in ideal weather the children enjoying themselves immensely after lunch they all went up to baths and had a swim until afternoon tea time

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the gift of ice cream for the children from Mr. A Burt of Featherston

4th May Various small repairs were carried out after the meeting

July Meeting Mr. Higgs letter re Bible in School received with approval Time of his visit once a week from 9.00 to 9.30 any day to suit him

The Secretary to write to Board re earthquake damage to school and residence, Urgent repairs were needed at the residence

Report on Judging of Calf

a) 16 calves and 14 lambs entered

Mrs Hocquard attended most meetings

1943

5th February Reopened School with Roll 54

19th February School Picnic held in School Grounds

31st March Mrs Pottinger visited the school to speak to the School Committee about forming a Junior Red Cross

30th March Received 2nd lot of apples 2 cases in each lot.

1st Meeting held first meeting of Junior Red Cross

Went to Kahautara to play football and basketball

Beaten in both games 10-6 and 15-12

Return matches when Kahautara visited us and we were successful

3rd May The chairman said that each school in group should donate £5 to the prize fund. That this Committee donate three pounds and that the Home and School be asked to pay 2 pounds

4th October Miss Burt asked if a hearth brush could be procured for her and the lavatory in the hall to be fixed

13th August Boys played Featherston at football and beat them 9-3. Return Match played here when we were again successful score being 11-3. Played still another game in Featherston the score being 16-3 in our favour

27th November Calf Judging took place in Featherston

16th December Break up party held in local hall

1944

1st February Reopened school

2nd February Admitted three pupils from Petone West

April The Committee received with regret the resignation of Miss Gregor and after a brief discussion it was resolved to hold a farewell party in the hall on May 4th

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Rugby Union for a football
At the householders meeting Mr. D Robertson, Chairman Mr. A Gain, Mr. H W Willis, Mr. Jepson and Mr. Willis were elected

4th May Farewell function tendered for Miss Gregor. General regret is felt at her departure. Handsome gifts were made by both parents and children. Miss Gregor will be greatly missed

9th July Football team from Featherston DHS played our team on our ground Scores 19-3 in our favour. Our boys had previously been beaten 19-5 in Featherston

21st July Featherston girls visited our school. Two games were played. Game with A Team resulted in a win for Featherston 8-2. B team score 8-1 in our favour

In both these games Featherston gave us two players to complete our team

28th July Pirinoa school teams visited us for games. Basketball scores Pirinoa 13 South Featherston 5. Football scores 28 nil in our favour. We entertained the teams to afternoon tea provided by the ladies of the district
1st July (Note: This entry should be above) Miss Woods took charge of infant room. Miss Hodder has been relieving in that position since 22nd May 1944

14th December Break up party in local hall. Concert given by school children to entertain parents

4th December Miss Woods asked for 36 foot of pinex to nail pictures on to be taken up with the board

1945

5th February Gardens and grounds require considerable attention. Maize and corn seem to be fully grown. During February, swimming at school baths twice every day

6th March Mr. Anderson and Mr. Lucas were present and a discussion on the transport of their children during the winter months took place. It was decided to make an application for a permit for benzine to take the children to and from school. The permits to Mr. Lucas for 3 gallons of petrol per week

Mr. Anderson was paid 9/- for transporting calves to Carterton

9th March Swimming for certificates Marie Burt completed 880 yards and Anne Willis 440 yards

19th March Cricket baths arrived and Mr A Gain came to school to coach boys in rudiments of cricket. Bat split the first day and is being repaired Have asked the Committee to purchase a new football and basketball

April Meeting Pinex to be nailed up in the infant room

Conditions of cups for School calf and lamb judging

Nimmo Cup to be held for one year by the exhibitor of the best yearling judged on dairy type

Stuart Cup The Best calf on dairy type

Robertson Cup Best lamb judged on type and wool

The other cups are challenge cups and in all cases it is the committee's duty to get them engraved

Miniature cups have been awarded for the Nimmo and Stuart cups and become the property of the winner

20th July Pirinoa School basketball and football teams' visited our school Two football of seven aside played our teams. Junior Match a draw 6 all Senior Match Pirinoa 34 South Featherston 4. The teams entertained in the local hall by the ladies of the Home and School Association

15th August School closed at noon for celebrations to mark the surrender of Japan. Entertainment in Featherston Town Hall

4th September It was decided to ask residents to help in a farewell to Mr. A Gain, Mr. A Burt and Mr. And Mrs Simmonds at a night to be arranged later

December Meeting The Secretary of the tennis club and Mr. S Rasmussen waiting on the Committee re tennis clubs use of the courts it was decided that a charge of 2/6 per member be charged the tennis club for use of same and play only be used by the club out of school hours.

14th December Break up entertainment held in the hall. Presentation made by Miss Woods

1946

4th February Miss Linton took charge of infant room

The February meeting discussed the picnic. That the picnic be held in the school grounds and that athletic and swimming spots be held and that the Home and School Association be asked to help with catering

The School Committee decided to purchase cakes and drinks for the children and that the ice cream be left to the Home and School Association

22nd February School picnic held on school grounds

1st March Miss Linton finished duties as infant mistress

4th March Miss Wall took charge of infant room

15th March The Treasurer was authorised to pay country library fee of £1-17-6 for the year out of hall rent

Mrs Wall asked for five yards of cocoanut matting and a pack of cards. Granted

One desk was in need of repair to be done at the next meeting

Three racquets needed restringing

Football required. Get in touch with Rugby Union and the Home and School be asked to supply one

April Meeting Letter from Mrs Hocquard thanking the Committee for their work during the past two years

Application from the rifle club for the use of the hall for the coming season was granted under the following conditions

- a) Hall rent to be same as previous seasons
- b) 3/- per night if only 2 lights in supper room be used
- c) Supper room must be swept up every night and more care must be taken as to leaving shells and live cartridges around
- d) Application must be made for any night other than Tuesday required by the club
- e) The rifle club must provide their own firewood and it is understood the rent charged was the cost of lights only

30th April Householders meeting was held. 19 householders were present. The retiring Committee did not stand for re-election

Mr. O'Shea, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Busch, Mr. H Burt and Mr. Sorenson elected That the School Committee procure from the Health department milk in schools

That the Home and School be asked to supply hooks for ladies and gents dressing rooms

6th May Mrs Hocquard present again after an absence. Roll 48

She complained about stock getting into school ground so it was decided to write to the Education Board for new front gate

There was one account for light on corner of the school but as it was installed there for the benefit of the entrance to the hall it was decided to ask the Home and School to pay for it

July Meeting That no further charge be made to the Home and School for Hall Rent

The Secretary was instructed to write to the rugby union for a football

A discussion was held about the School Committee taking over the fortnightly Euchre and Dance. The School Committee decided to make it clear to the Home and School Association that they had no such intention until they had a letter from the Home and School Assn stating that they wished the Committee to take over

19th July Finished duty before commencing six week leave. Relieved by Miss Henderson of Greytown

9th September Resumed duty

December Letter received from Home and School asking the Committee to assist with the Children's Christmas Tree

1947

3rd January A meeting of householders was called on 23rd January to discuss the removal of trees on the South Side of the Hall

That representatives of householders give the School Committee permission to remove the trees

3rd February Reopened school

February meeting Picnic to be held at the Racecourse on the 28th February. It was decided to buy £3 worth of cakes for the Picnic also ice cream for the children. It was decided to take around a subscription list towards the prize money

21st February School picnic at Tauherenikau Racecourse

March Meeting It was decided to recharge the Home and School Association for hire to cover the cost of lighting

10th March Swimming for School Certificates at School Baths

Visited local Dairy factory with Standard 3 – Form 2 pupils

The manger Mr Thomson conducted us through the factory and took considerable pains to make the visit interesting

Letter of thanks written by pupils

May Meeting (All undated) The Secretary was instructed to write to the Home and School asking them if they could help to pay towards the expenses of repairs to the piano

June Meeting The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board asking them to pay towards the cost of repairs

23rd June Miss Wall absent- ill

30th June Miss Wall returned to duty but not at all well

1st July Miss wall applied for sick leave. Informed Board but no relieving teacher available Must continue to manage both rooms

14th – 18th July Head Teacher absent suffering from Influenza. School closed

16th July Football and Basketball matches played against Pirinoa as scheduled. Midget 7 aside match- draw.

Football and basketball matches both won by Pirinoa

21st July Head Teacher returned to duty. Arrangements have been made to convey junior classes to Featherston Mrs Halpin has been

engaged as a relieving teacher and takes charge of them there. Miss Wall expected to return after the second term holiday

August It was decided to hold a farewell for Mrs Ahipene the date to be arranged later

September It was decided to let the trees to a contractor to be cut into firewood at £2-0-0 a cord

A discussion took place on the conveyance of children past the South Featherston School onto the Featherston School

It was decided first to see Miss Bicknell, the driver of the bus and if she was unable to do anything about it, the Committee would write to the Board

8th September Miss Halpin took charge of the Infant room. Miss Wall is expected to return 22nd September

October It was decided to ask the Home and School for the loan of £19 to pay for the cutting of firewood the trees that were felled on the side of the hall

21st November School closed outbreak of Poliomyelitis in North Island. Teachers to attend refresher course in Featherston

1948

2nd February Teachers met to discuss place of work while schools remain closed

It was decided to engage a man to re-erect the fence that was taken down to the remove the trees on the side of the hall

9th February Assignments of Primer 3 and Primer 4 and Standard 3 arrived. Posted to parents

15th February Some work sent in by pupils. Marked and returned

1st March School reopened with roll of 45

10th March Miss Wall absent for part of day to attend wedding

12th March School picnic held at school grounds

3rd May Householders Committee elected the following School Committee K Simmons, D Roberts, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burt and Mr. O'Shea

That some kind of hedge be planted on the South side of the Hall (Mr. Willis's) of the hall to provide shelter for the new entrance Mr. Robertson (Not listed as a member of School Committee appointed School Committee)

12th May That a letter asking for a donation towards the cost of the piano be sent to the Home and School

Mrs Clements was appointed school cleaner in place of Mrs Foss Secretary to apply for a permit for the sugar and to purchase small prizes for Euchre

Mr. Robertson be appointed as delegate to the calf club

The letting of the hall be left to Mr. O'Shea

It was decided that cocoa and sugar permit be applied for. Left to Mrs Hocquard

It was decided that members of the Committee meet at the hall on Sunday 16th at 10.30 to look over the hall

A short discussion was held on the approach off the main road That the Chairman get in touch with the County overseer regarding it The Committee met at the hall as arranged

The lavatories were fixed in response to Mrs Clements complaint The Secretary reported having seen Mrs Clements and arranged for her to be paid every two months

In regard to the new entrance it was decided to employ the bulldozer to level the approach when he came to Mr. Willis

The Committee discussed raising funds before the Jubilee Committee got started and it was decided to hold a combined euchre and dance and bring and buy on Saturday 29th May

The Secretary was instructed to arrange for it to be advertised on the screen the previous Wednesday and Friday both before the start of the pictures and at half time

A meeting of Home and School, Rifle Club and School Committee delegates was held in the hall on 3rd June

It was decided to build an addition to the ladies dressing room. 6 foot wide to form the new entrance. It was decided to hold a fun fair with Euchre and dance on 3rd July

3rd June Mrs Simmonds (Nee Wall) resumed duty as infant mistress. Mrs Halpin took charge as relieving infant mistress on 24th May

14th June Mr Hood Traffic Officer for the district visited the school and gave lesson Road Safety using a film to illustrate

23rd June Received letter from Mrs Hocquard regarding Parish Priest application for hall after school hours for instructions to be given to catholic children

Mrs Hocquard be granted permission to put stronger lights in the school

Mrs Hocquard asked if wood for firing was forthcoming it had been ordered a fortnight previous also if axe could be fixed. Mr. Robertson undertook to get new handle and fit it in the axe and split the remaining wood which was becoming too big for the children

After a discussion on the oiling of the floor it was left to Mr. Simmonds to get in touch with Mr. Skippage to get a quote from him for sanding the floors

The National Party applications for use of the piano and crockery was granted subject to the replacement of any damages No charge to be made but donation expected

It was arranged to hold a working bee on Sunday 25th

29th June Received the first English Books Standard III (Free Issue)

1st July Head Teacher absent ill- Pupils of Senior Room did not attend

9th July Returned to duty after being in quarantine for a week. Polio suspect CMH

13th July Mrs Simmonds absent owing to Husband's illness- polio suspect. I conducted classes for whole school. Several pupils absent Mrs Hocquard asked if wood for firing was forthcoming

19th July Mrs Simmonds returned to duty

In the evening the Health Inspector telephoned instructions re closing of school owing to a pupil being declared a positive case of poliomyelitis

21st July Nurse Little visited school to collect addresses of parents of pupils for the purpose of forwarding them a Health Circular. School will reopened 3rd August

29th July Reopened earlier than was indicated when the school closed. Nurse visits school frequently to check cases of illness

11th August An application from the Jubilee Committee for use of the school and hall for the necessary work on arranging same was granted. Rent to be 5/- for dances with no charge for meetings

Another letter regarding the need of a tool shed be sent to the Board

As the radio was giving off a burning smell it was decided to take it to Mr. Hardie

Roll 48 She pointed out some bad holes were developing in the concrete at the north side of the school to be fixed during the holidays

7th September Enrolled 5 boys, all beginners

28th September Head Teacher absent –ill

13th October Returned to duty. No relieving teacher available and the Senior Room remained closed during my absence

13th October Letter from Education Board that no tool shed could be supplied by the Board

That Secretary write to Board suggesting that a hut from the POW camp would fit the bill s a tool shed

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs Hocquard That no sports equipment was suitable for the summer and suggested that equipment for the game of softball be procured

Also four tennis racquets and balls and a tennis net

After a discussion on the way sports gear seemed to be continually having to be replaced the Secretary was instructed to see Mr. McKain about tennis racquets, nets, softball equipment Size 5 and 3 cricket bats

The Secretary was instructed to get in two loads of metal for the square between the hall and the school

1927 Sole Teacher Otaki

1935 Cecilia Marguerita Hocquard Carterton on register

1949 South Featherston Widow

1923 Central Otago

1921 Saratoga

Gould 1921 Lawrence E 1923 Died

She Died 1966 Son Kevin Egbert

1949 Island Bay 1963

2nd November Received from Committee bat and ball for softball

10th November Mr McClure paid an inspection visit during the afternoon. Received from the Committee sports material consisting of 3 tennis racquets, 3 cricket bats and a set of wickets. Tennis net will arrive in the near future

The Secretary was instructed to order 5 gallons Floor Oil from the Vacuum oil company

It was decided after a discussion that no direction be given Mr. Stuart for the School calf judging and that the prizes be the same for Type and Care and Handling being 5/- first Second 4/- Third 2/-

Two year old Cup and shield first 7/6

The Secretary was ordered £4 worth of cakes at Mawsons and 6 dozen rice buns. Bottles of Drink and 2 ½ gallons of ice cream

Mr. Robertson offered to make rosettes

8th December The Secretary was instructed to get in touch with the Power Board regarding the baths pump and hall light and also with the health Inspector regarding the chlorination of the baths

Mr. O'Shea said he would get the Euchre and Dance prizes in Masterton

17th December Mrs Simmonds relinquished her role as Infant Mistress

1st March Miss J Macdonald (*Later to become Mrs Jean Benton doyen of Featherston School*)

2nd February As school opened on 2nd February 1899 the jubilee is to be celebrated this year on 12th, 13th, 14th 15th May

Accident to one of the school pupils who was Peter Lynch was sent to Masterton Hospital in an Ambulance. He fell from the pine hedge to the tennis court

Throughout the month swimming practice was taken every day

Children swam for certificates and most succeeded in completing distance attempted 1- 880 yards 3 – 220 yards 1 50 yards 10 25 yards

24th February School picnic held at Tauherenikau Racecourse

9th March School closed for election of licensing and betting issues

6th May Jubilee held

12th August Our teams combined with Kahautara teams to play Featherston at football and basketball. Football teams drew and while our girls won against the B team they were beaten by the A Team

30th November School closed for general election Teachers acted as Deputy Returning Officer and poll Clerk

15th December Closed school for the summer holidays and forwarded returns to the Board office

1949

26th January That the picnic be held at the Racecourse

Mr. Robertson undertook to see Mr. Lett regarding high jump gear.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Mrs Hocquard for a list of the children and their ages

It was decided to send notes to parents for donations. Mr. O'Shea said he would contact settlers for subscribers at the factory

The insurance on calf cups was due and it was moved that this be paid out of cash in hand

The Secretary was instructed to order from Mawson's £5 worth of cakes and 2 gallons ice cream with cones and server for same

9th February That the baths be only used by the school children for the present season owing to the uncertain position as regards lime for chlorination

Mr. Brown offered the use of his truck to cart necessary gear for the picnic

9th March It was decided to assist the Home and School Association to purchase cups for the hall and the School Committee would pay for a dozen

The rifle club were granted permission to use school entrance on shoot night's only and be sure the gate was locked after the shoot. They must procure their own key for the padlock

A meeting of residents was held in the hall to consider ways to raise funds to pay deficit on new entrance

That a shop day be held

That this be combined with a Euchre and Dance

Euchre Mr. E Wilton Mr. A Gain

Wheel, Mr. Yule, Mr. Brown Mr. Benton

Stalls Mr. S Benton, Mr. Graham

The Secretary was instructed to procure 3 boxes of chocolates for the wheel

Mr. S Benton donated a suckling pig for a raffle. Tickets 1/-

Mr. Yule donated a lamb Tickets 1/-

First half a lamb, Second Hind Quarter Third Hind Quarter

Sandwiches Mrs O'Shea, Mrs Brown, Mrs Benton, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Graham, Mrs Simmonds

The Secretary was instructed to advertise on the screen, in shops and through the school

13th April Hall Committee dance had a balance of £9-1

Mr. Brown arranged to see Mr. Bargh regarding ground to be laid down in lawn

18th May The books were received back from the auditor and passed as correct. All accounts held over for the past two months were passed for present

Cheque drawn for Mr. Skipage for £40-12-8d to meet the hall payments

After a discussion on a shelter belt for the hall it was left to the chairman to find out if concrete posts could be used

August Meeting It was decided to leave oiling of the floors until summer term as Mrs Hocquard said children had fallen on them

It was decided to call a meeting of residents to discuss position of calf club with the Board's policy as regards prize money and to see if parents are prepared to back the Committee in their stand. The Secretary was instructed to advertise meeting at the Home and School, the rifle club and the Factory Meeting

14th September Quotes to be sought for a bookcase of modern design to hold 400 books

The Secretary was instructed to write to the County Council to see what had to be done to the roadway into hall before tar sealing

Mrs Hocquard reported that the lights in supper room had been left on after catchment board meeting

12th October A requisition list was received from Mrs Hocquard which was or would be dealt with by the Committee

The Secretary was instructed to order a tennis net

It was decided until a club could be formed no one could use the courts

Miss McDonald sent a request for material for curtains it was decided to pass this on to the Home and School Association

A grant of 5 pounds for the Calf and lamb group was passed

Mrs Hocquard in a letter to the Committee complained about the state of the tennis courts with broken glass after the Featherston Football clubs dance and also after people had been playing tennis. Received

9th November It was decided to call a meeting of residents to form a calf club Committee

13th December A motion of sympathy was passed to Mr. O'Shea on the death of her husband. The Secretary reported he had sent a wreath and written to Mrs O'Shea

Mr. Robertson now moved that the Calf Club Committee now take over the custody of the Competition Cups

1950

1st February Roll Of 59

8th February The school picnic to be held at the Racecourse. Children to bring own cups, sacks and skipping ropes

It was decided to order £5 worth of cakes and ice cream

3 bars for high jump. The Home and School to be asked to provide drinks for children and sandwiches

An application for extension of the bus route by Mr. Cook was left to the Secretary to find out if Mr. Cook was sending all his primary children to South Featherston School, if he was not the application would not be forwarded by the Committee

Mrs Hocquard asked for tennis balls for children. Left to the Secretary

Mrs Hocquard on behalf of herself and Miss McDonald lodged a complaint as regards children arriving early and leaving late at school due to the bus service. The Secretary was left to see Miss Bicknell and write to the Board

9th February Received word that school will be closed on Thursday 16th February to enable teachers to meet inspectors in Featherston

10th February Still having difficulty in obtaining testing fluid to use in testing swimming baths water after chlorination. The Secretary of Committee has the matter in hand

7th March Meeting of Householders to discuss the route and timetable of school bus. Meeting resolved to make certain recommendations to the Board

- 1) That Miss Bicknell's bus service only South Featherston School
- 2) That all extensions of route be granted and that all children be conveyed

20th 21st 22nd March Head Teacher ill. Pupils from Standard 3 to Form 2 dismissed but Standard 3 attended on 21st and 22nd March

1st May School Committee Mr. Payton, Mr. Borrie, Mr. Busch, Mr. Eteveneaux, Mr. Cook

That the Board Member and the Member for the district be approached regarding the bus service and that the matter be taken up by the new Committee.

5th May Miss J Macdonald relinquished duties as Infant Mistress prior to taking up position at Featherston D H S

15th May That the Secretary write to the Miniature Rifle Club about the condition of the hall after shoots

Firewood to be purchased from Mr. Foss before the next term starts Working Bee was arranged for 20th to clean out gutters and generally clean up before school starts on the 22nd

It was arranged to hold an evening for Mr. Hinson and Mr Hunter Day has they were leaving the district

22nd May Resumed classes. No appointment has been made to the position of infant mistress. Head teacher taking all classes except infants who are not attending

29th May Mrs Higgison has begun duties as relieving infant mistress Roll 60

14th June Discussion on School bus routes with Featherston, South Featherston and Kahutara present School Committee representatives and head teachers. There were 5 from Kahutara, 3 from Featherston, South Featherston 4 members.

After a discussion lasting until 10.15 it was decided to meet again on the Wednesday Fortnight when the bus Driver's Concerned would give their side of the question

Supper was then served and the meeting closed

28th June at 8 pm The discussion on bus routes was continued The three schools were represented by the Headmasters and the Committee . The bus drivers present were Mr. Robb and Mr.

Bicknell. After a discussion lasting to 9 O'clock it was found that no workable solution to the problem was available. Meeting was then closed with supper

The chairman and Secretary of each Committee spoke thanking the South Featherston Committee for the chance of the meeting and hoping that other meetings of the like nature would be called to help solve other problems affecting all schools

26th – 29th June Head Teacher absent for specialist treatment. Classes S3- F2 did not attend but Junior classes attended as usual

7th July Janet and John Primer series of readers arrived

Trees for planting Cypress Lawsoniana and native trees arrived. Some were planted along east fence of playground but the native trees await the decision of the Committee as to the best place to plant them

12th July A report was received from Mrs Hocquard and was read and confirmed Discussion was held on householders meeting to follow and points to be brought up. A working bee was arranged for Saturday to plant trees which had arrived

12th July A Householders meeting. There were 20 present It was decided to form a hall Committee

1 School Committee Members

2 Sunday School

2 Rifle Club

2 Home and School

1 Householders

Baths are to be kept open at the wish of householders.

9th August The Headmistress Mrs Hocquard was also present. *First time for along time)*

That the new water supply was working well

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Education Board re school bus and teacher for infant room

It was decided to give £2-2-0 to calf club and 4 prizes for religious work by Mr. Hodson

10th September Junior children not attending as no appointment has been made

September Miss N Saunders a second year student has come from training college

13th September Meeting held at Mr. Busch's house

The Committee decided to go into the matter of obtaining a projector for the school and a night was to be fixed to suit the householders for a demonstration film evening by Charles Begg with an Ampro Projector

11th October There were 5 members present and Mrs Hocquard

A working bee was arranged to mark out tennis courts and clean baths. That 1 gallon of red oxide paint be purchased to mark out tennis court

16th October Householders meeting at 8 pm. 23 present

A discussion was had on the purchase of a projector and that a demonstration be arranged in as fortnight

The discussion was then about forming a Tennis Club and it was decided to leave it to Mr. Borrie to try to arrange with the young people of the district to reform the Tennis Club.

8th November A discussion was held on the proposed visit of Minister of Education. It was decided to bring the notice of the minister certain things that needed doing around the school

Mrs Hocquard asked for a pair of tennis balls and permission to get these was granted

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board when position would be advertised

That Secretary write to Education Board re Mrs Hocquard's retirement and find out when position would be advertised

That Secretary take over the Chairman's duties as Mr Cook is leaving the district

13th December Mr. Payton in the chair. Mrs Hocquard presented her report on her final meeting with us and a short statement was made on the service rendered by her by the chairman and Mr. Busch
Meeting closed at 8.30 to enable us to fix hall for children's Xmas tree the following night.

15th December forwarded returns to Education Board . Relinquished my position as Head teacher

Good Luck South Featherston Mrs C M Hocquard

1951

5th February Roll 57 Commenced duties as Head Teacher with Head Teacher Joyce Ethne Catherine Wharmby Miss L Speirs was assistant

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| Joyce Ethne Catherine Wharmby | 1935 | Wairoa |
| Joyce Ethne Catherine Wharmby | 1938 | Palmerston North |
| Joyce Ethne Catherine Wharmby | 1946 | Palmerston North |
| Joyce Ethne Catherine Wharmby | 1949 | South Featherston |

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| Joyce Ethne Catherine Wharmby | 1954 | South Featherston |
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| Joyce Ethne Catherine Wharmby | 1957 | Ormonville |
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| Joyce Ethne Catherine Wharmby | 1963 | Sanson |
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| Joyce Ethne C Wharmby | 1969 | Retired Waipuk |
| Joyce Ethne C Wharmby | 1972 | Retired Mother/Sister |

Wharmby

1909/11098 Wharmby James Agnes Minnie

Joyce Wharmby Hockey team 1922 Waipukurau

Father a funeral director in Waipukurau

7th February Working bee established for Saturday to clean up around the baths

It was arranged for the Secretary to see about 2 new fire guards and mats for rooms

21st February School was closed for Picnic at Tauherenikau

16th March School visited by Miss Noakes Organiser of Red Cross
George Simmonds sustained badly cut knee when he fell while playing softball. Injury was caused by small block of wood in the grass.

3rd April School was visited by Mr Evans agricultural instructor for the district. Recommendations as to ways in which the school grounds could be improved were discussed and these will be passed on to the Committee

5th April Householders meeting called for this date to elect three new members of the Committee as there were only 11 present it was decided to hold another special meeting on 11th April

It was decided not to proceed with the projector in the meantime in view of the fact that there were other things that the school needs more urgently

5th April Householders meeting 3 present . That the projector be cancelled

As there were insufficient at the meeting to elect three members to the Committee that a special meeting be called for the 11th

11th April Only 11 attended the special householders meeting, a letter was read from the Board and it was decided that the meeting was out of order. It was decided to write to the Board asking permission to hold a special Householders meeting to elect a new Committee at a later date

It was decided to hold a working bee in the school

15th April That Secretary write to the Board. Owing to resignation of School Committee members leaving the district it is not able to function as a Committee and asks the Board what steps are to be taken to form a new Committee.

16th April Working Bee was a great success – rockery removed, long grass cut and mowed

In the afternoon Mr Horsfall traffic Department instructor visited school and showed films from one to 2 o'clock and then conducted practical work in cycling and safe walking arising from the work done in the film period

18th April Mr Garrett donated a football for the big boys use and three ply for the boys handwork

24th April Anzac Service for children held in the hall at 2.15 Taken by Mr Hodson and the address by Mr Riddiford President Featherston RSA

26th April Received Standard 1 English Books and 2 sets of Standard 1 arithmetic. School savings bank established

23rd May Received parcel of eleven library books from Wellington Education Board from Whitcombe and Tombs

1st June Messrs Sisson and Gubb Drill Instructors visited and took Folk Dancing in the Hall

4th July It was decided to put shelves in the school rooms for a library

Metal was to be put between the school and hall to make a wet day playing area for children

Lupins to be removed from School Garden Section

Miss Wharmby advised us of a sports club started at school, where each child put in 6d.

The Secretary to write to the Home and School requesting financial help to purchase a new mower for the school

25th July Mr Evans Agricultural Supervisor visited the school to discuss running calf club etc. by groups in the school

27th July Received a parcel of 17 books from Wellington Education Board for the library.

7th August at 8.20 Miss Wharmby asked for a spanner and a skirt for the mower

It was decided to get an oil can, 2 quarts of varnish, 1 gallon raw linseed oil for bookshelves

Roll 61

It was decided to go into the cost of replacing the existing sewing machine with a later model one.

10th August Received following notice from Board. I have to inform you that by public advertisement the Board is calling a meeting of householders at the school at 7.30 on Tuesday 14th August 1951 to deal with appointment of school commissioners and various other matters. Will you kindly make this as widely known as possible through medium of the children

Each household was sent a copy of the letter per the children

14th August Meeting of householders called by the Board was very well attended. The position legally is that another householders meeting will be held to elect three new members to fill the vacancies in the Committee. Mr Deavoll (*Secretary of the Board*) presided

16th August Played Kahutara and Football teams at South Featherston

3rd September Roll Of 64

17th September Received notice from Board that householders meeting to elect three new members would be held on 24th October

24th September Received 24 copies of Once Upon a Time, Book 7 of Janet and John series

24th October 3 new members elected to the School Committee

26th October School closed for Carterton show

29th October A discussion took place of the proposed turning point on the River Road. The bus driver who was present said it would be quite suitable for turning

That a prize for religious instruction be given this year but to be discontinued from now on.

Tom Sargent on Committee

15th November Miss Wharmby brought to the notice of the Committee the way the children were being used for money appeals. It was left to her discretion which appeals school would take part in. Secretary to write to Wellington Education Board re subsidy on timber for library shelves, stools, and Notice Boards about £12 worth

That Mr. Sargent and Mr. Snell be School Committee members on calf club Committee

24th November Annual Calf and Lamb and agricultural day held

27th November Played Kahutara softball at Kahutara.

Junior Red Cross visited by Mrs F Barton President of Featherston Red Cross

28th November Received two wooden looms, Two needles and four shuttles

6th December Group judging at Kahutara. South Featherston retained the cup

18th December School concert and annual Christmas Tree held in the hall

19th December School broke up with a roll of 62

1952

4th February Roll 57

7th February School closed as a mark of respect to late King George VI

8th February Short service held in the hall in memory of King George VI

15th February Moved by Miss Wharmby (*First time a teacher moved a motion*) That letter be sent to Health Department re milk in schools scheme

That Secretary keep duplicates of correspondence

The Secretary to contact Mr. Shepherd re using racecourse for picnic.

27th February School closed for annual school picnic at Tauherenikau

28th February Mr Woodley paid a short visit to arrange for the country teachers to meet the inspectors here on 17th March

6th March Held school swimming sports in the baths from 1.30 to 2.45

12th March It was stated that the Anzac Service be held at the school on the 24th April, the address to be given by Rev Mr. Hodson

A complaint was to be lodged to the Young Farmers Club and Hall Committee re condition of school grounds after dance in the hall.

It was decided to hold a bottle drive on 22nd March for school funds
Meeting closed at 11.15

17th March School closed. Country teachers met here with Messrs Hill and Woodley, inspectors, and discussed, Arithmetic, Spelling, Writing, Reading and English and speech training

19th March commenced milk in schools scheme

31st March At Mr. Goldie's place. Proceeds from Bottle Drive raised £17-11-2

The Secretary resigned as from the next meeting

9th April Play Kahutara softball here. Kahutara winning by eight runs

9th April Miss Wharmby mentioned she had purchased paper clips to value of 5/6d

That the accounts be left until next month for payment

There was discussion re Mr. Bruce Donald using the tractor and blade for levelling school grounds as a voluntary effort

Matter raised by Miss Wharmby

1 Re blue gum trees originally donated in 1940 by Mrs Riddiford and planted on arbour day of that year

It was decided to top these trees in late winter. June was suggested

2. Wire fence around school residence is in great disrepair

It was decided that 7 small strainers, 110 foot access gate, and 1 small gate would be required.

Secretary to approach Mr. I Brickell (*Could be Bicknell*) (Fencer) for a quote

It was decided that Committee meetings would start at 7.30 and finish at 9.00

That the Money from Bottle Drive be deposited with the Committees Bank Manager for safe keeper (Note this amount is so deposited less exchange on cheque being 6d)

21st April Miss Speirs is away owing to her father's sudden death

24th April Held Anzac service in the hall at 2 pm. The speaker being Rev Hodson

28th April Miss Speirs returned to duty

2nd May Children from the upper School, Standards 2-6 visited the dairy factory where the manager Mr Thomson explained the cheese and butter making to the children

7th May Purchase of an oil mop be purchased

That a sewing machine is to be made available by the Board

17th June Started fortnightly basketball and football matches against Featherston D H S

19th – 20th June. An epidemic of chicken pox seems to have started
Ten cases reported in two days

23rd June Roll today only thirty eight out of 60 Notified Board as inspection visit was due on 24th June. Average attendance for the week 63%

9th July That the appeal for subscriptions to Otaki Shield fund be placed before the children

It was decided that Messrs Goldie, Sargent and Payton attend as Committee representatives to general meeting convened in Greytown to discuss the question of a South Wairarapa College
School roll 62

7th -8th August Matches against Kahutara and Pirinoa had to be postponed on account of an epidemic of influenza

13th August That a new Secretary Treasurer be appointed. This motion lapsed for a seconder. Mr. Borrie gave as his reason for relinquishing the position that he is too occupied with private affairs.

Mr. Foss had delivered a load of firewood but no account had been received.

That the Home and School be approached in view of financial assistance required to purchase a 35mm projector

It was suggested that the Hall Committee be asked to make suitable arrangements for carriers and others to gain access to the rear of the hall

21st August School went to Featherston to see the film Royal Tour of Canada

10th September That Miss Joyce Wharmby be appointed as sole trustee of the school savings account

31st October School closed Carterton Show

10th December Secretary to write to the Board re painting of hall.
Failing board to agree to contract for job.

1953

2nd February Roll 66

11th February Secretary to write to Board re seating arrangements in school 6 Tables essential, 33 wanted and 1 desk for a crippled child
It was left to Secretary to bring up at Hall Committee meeting a scheme to pay for upkeep of piano.

8th February school closed for annual school picnic at Tauherenikau

27th February took 21 children to the Martinborough School's swimming Sports where six of them were placed

6th March All the school went to Martinborough to attend the athletic sports for Martinborough DHS and the Country Schools children earning 38 ½ points

24th April Held ANZAC service in the hall at 11 am on Friday 24th April the speaker being Mr P Clark of the RSA

27th April Elected School Committee, Mr. Montgomerie, Snell, Sargent, Miles and Borrie

28th April The Biennial Householder's meeting for the election of School Committee. Messrs Sargent, Snell, Borrie, Miles and Montgomery

5th May Re Coronation

- a) To hold a meeting on 26th May to Hear Mr. Snell's report re Coronation Committee for combined schools function for children
- b) To purchase a tree to be planted at the Coronation Ceremony to be held at Friday 29th May

It was decided to write to Board re six mats for infant room and one for senior room

25th May Reopened for second term with roll of 69. Miss Speirs did not return as she received notification of her appointment to Trentham school during the holidays

Board notified me that no replacement was available at present and asked that effort be made to obtain a local reliever

26th May The resignations of Miss Spiers Assistant Teacher and Mr. E Clements who did the school cleaning were received with regret That a Kowhai Tree had been obtained for planting at the School Coronation Ceremony on Friday 29th May

The Head Teacher reported that 26 chairs and tables and 6 mats for infants for the Infant Room

9th June Miss Barbara Sorenson commenced duties this morning in the infant room. She is uncertificated. This is in accordance with advice received from the Education Board per telephone on 5th June

9th June That Letters be written to the Director of Education and Minister pointing out the staffing position and what was being done to make country positions attractive to young teachers.

It was left to Mr. Miles to enquire about Board for an assistant teacher

It was decided to hold bottle drive on 27th June

Kahutara Road Mr. Snell

Kaiwairai Mr. Montgomerie

Buchanan and Longwood Roads Mr. Sargent

South Featherston Road and Ashby Line Mr. Borrie

10th June Mr C H Hill Inspector called and discussed the organisation and work in the school with Miss Sorenson as assistant

1st July Miss McAleese commenced duties as infant mistress

2nd July Boys commenced woodwork classes in Featherston

14th July That Bottle drive was postponed until later in the year as it coincided with Boy Scouts

Mr. Borrie reported that no one seemed anxious to board the assistant teacher so board had been obtained in Featherston, transport being available on the school bus

That Secretary obtain 1 gallon linseed oil and turpentine to oil the school floor

That we get three loads of wood from the Factory

The Head Teacher reported the following needed attention

Bath's Gate, Front Fence, North fence of tennis court, outside wall near drinking fountain and that Mr. Foss would cut 1 ½ cords of the wood stacked under the trees

28th July School visited by Miss Girling Butcher, relieving district nurse and gave a health talk to the upper room

4th August Took basketball and football teams to Martinborough to play Martinborough The children had very pleasant games

6th August The school was taken to Featherston to see the film A Queen is Crowned

7th August Celebrated Arbor day by planting 2 Lawsoniana, 2 laburnum Vulgura trees supplied by the New Zealand Trust Service

10th August Mumps have started in the school with eight definite cases

11th August Played Basketball and Football against Featherston at 2 pm

11th August Mr. Foss has donated £1 to pay for children to go to the pictures or any other purpose

It was decided to purchase filmstrips

That a letter of thanks be sent

There was a collection of bottles at Robertson's Mr. Miles offered to collect and store these

On Saturday there was no water for use in the hall So Mr. Barton had come and repaired the fuse

Arbor Day had been held on Friday The State Forest Service had donated 2 Lawsoniana and 2 other trees

The plumber had removed the concrete from the sump on the South Side of the school

The school cleaner had left a note re state of school teacher's lavatory

It was decided to write to the board

1. , The cisterns are giving trouble
2. Have been placed outside when they are indoor cisterns
3. The foundation supplied is not adequate

25th August Played Martinborough 1 and D basketball teams and football teams here

7th September Attendance 74 As there is no cleaner for the school this week for this week Four children are doing the cleaning. There are still cases of mumps and measles

8th September The baths fence had been wired up to stop any small child from entering through the gaps in the palings and gate as baths are kept full on account of fire. Four children were doing the cleaning for the week ending 12th September as Mr. Borrie was unable to do it.

10th September School visited by Board's Attendance Officer

13th October South Featherston calf club was given permission to use the grounds

The head teachers report covered arrangements for royal visit on 15th January

Miss McAleese requested leave from 13th to 17th to attend brother's wedding in Dunedin

Rev Keith would take the scripture lesson taken by the Rev Hodson
Closing of school on Carterton Show Day so children could take entries to Carterton Show

Donation of framed picture of Queen Elizabeth II by Mrs Riddiford and a book about the coronation from Mrs Riddiford

A new broom for scrubbing was needed.

Messrs McMilland and Pearce had approached the chairman asking for permission to play tennis in the evenings. It was agreed to allow use of court provided they provided their own gear on the understanding it does not grow into an unofficial tennis club

21st October Mr M E Knudson Dalefield spoke to children on rearing and handling of their calves and lambs

1st November Received notice from the Board that the School has risen to grade 4a and that the position of Head teacher will be advertised in gazette of 2nd November

10th November The Head teacher said the pump was waterlogged.
Mr. Basham had fixed it

Pets day would be held on 8th December

Mr. Snell offered to cut the grass prior to the 28th November

Mr. Terry had asked for approval for children to travel on bus

The Board to be asked for a ruling on carrying of ineligible children
on the bus

13th November Miss McAleese began approved leave for brother's
wedding

7th December A discussion on the Queen's Visit was held. It was left
to the Head Teacher to ascertain the number of children requiring
transport

Gale Damage which resulted in door of toolshed being blown in and
baths roof being blown off

8th December Held pets day, the children organising and running the
day

16th December Annual Christmas Tree and Concert held in the hall

1954

1st February Roll 72

The Committee had the grounds and school in excellent order

9th February That 3 cord of wood had been given by the Dairy
Factory and the Board be asked to pay the value of £19 for it.

Discussion on holiday pay for children cleaning the school The
Board to be asked if holiday pay was to be paid.

School picnic to be held at Tauherenikau

a) The Committee members would provide a large loaf of
sandwiches each

b) A bag of wood would be sent along to light the copper

c) Mr. Snell offered to convey the forms and crockery and to
supply the milk

d) That donations be asked for.

e) 2 lbs tea, 6 lbs sugar, 4 tins of lollies, 3 gallons ice cream,
Chocolate for prizes (1 gross Santi bars), cigarettes and cakes
for chocolate or ladies races and a box of apples

f) Mr. Miles to provide a pig for the pig race

g) That the Home and School be asked to provide drinks

The head teacher reported the

1. The baths roof had been dismantled

2. The Kahutara School had asked for the use of the baths
(Granted)

3. The roads traversed by the school bus particularly Murphy's
Line and Longwood Roads was in a bad state. It was
resolved to write to the County Council

4. Re shingle on school path to hall. Secretary to write to the
Bowling Club and request that it be removed

1st March Held annual swimming sports in baths. There was an
attendance of about fifty parents

15th April

1. That Higginson's had commenced painting the school and
residence

2. The Plumber had repaired cisterns

3. The Home and School had donated a tennis net and curtains
for concert use.

4. The shingle belonging to the Bowling Club was still on the path to the hall
5. Thanks to Mr. Hercock, of Cosy theatre and dairy was to be thanked for his generous donation to the School Picnic

23rd April Held annual Anzac service. Rev Keith was guest speaker

3rd May Children taken to Featherston to see the film Royal Journey Through New Zealand from 10.00 to 12.00

4th May A Simmond's wages for cleaning £3-17-0

That Home and School had donated £1 for filmstrips

That windows of school needed cleaning

17th June Received 50 Cupressa trees which were planted along the East Side of the playground

12th July With Mr Morgan's assistant (Agricultural Instructor) we planted Matipo and Tasmanian Ngaio along the West and East ends of the school boundary

12th July School roll; this week has dropped from 80 to 73 owing to many changes in the district

10th August School visited by Mrs Allan, District Nurse and Mrs Booth of the health Department who showed four health films to the children

10th November The school visited the Health Exhibition in Featherston from 1.15 to 2.45

25th November Annual Group Judging at Kahutara

30th November Held Pets Day there being a good abundance of parents. The Judges were Calves and lambs and Drys Messers Jim Gain and D Sadler. Cats, Kittens and Poultry Mrs Reading Floral works Mrs Benton Snr. and model vegetable gardens Mr K Morgan Agricultural Instructor

16th December Miss McAleese ended her duties as infant mistress

1955

1st February Roll 65 Miss E M Graham commenced as relieving assistant

16th February Annual school picnic at Tauherenikau Racecourse

2nd March Took Upper Room to Martinborough swimming sports in the afternoon. Some of the children competed and were successful in gaining places

31st march Miss E M Graham concluded her relieving duties to take up a permanent position in Masterton

1st April O Ball commenced duty as relieving assistant

18th -20th Mr O Ball relieving assistant attended the assistant teachers refresher course in Masterton each afternoon

20th April Held Anzac service at 11.00 RSA representative being Rev Keith

27th April Mr Ball was away all day attending a refresher course in Masterton

23rd May School reopened. Mrs L H F Snell taking over position of relieving assistant mistress

6th July 7 aside team (Football) played in the Tournament in Masterton Mr P Burt and Mr J Lloyd taking the children

3rd August School visited by Mrs L E Johnston who conducted a hearing test with Standard 2 for the Health Department

13th September School visited by Mr Morgan who showed the pupils of the Senior Room slides of Calf and Lamb judging and discussed ways of improving their work with calves and lambs

3rd November School closed at midday to enable children to attend the Official Opening of the Rimutaka Tunnel at Speedy's Crossing

24th November Group Judging for the District Nurse was held in Featherston

29th November Pets day held. There was a very good attendance but a bad day for weather

30th November Lorna Snell completed her duties as relieving Infant Mistress on the grounds of ill health

1956

1st February Roll 63

Miss M Cochrane has taken up her duties as relieving teacher

6th February Annual School Picnic was held on the Tocker Estate No 1 Line

29th February Standard Two to Form II competed at the Featherston D H S Swimming Sports

5th March Mrs Jean Benton (Nee Macdonald) commenced duties as relieving teacher

13th March The school competed at the Country School sports at Featherston leaving school at 10.00 and returning when they were over in the afternoon

24th April The ANZAC day service was held in the school at 11.00. Rev Keith RSA representative. There was a good attendance of parents

4th May J Wharmby completed duties at South Featherston School as Head Teacher

21st May Roll 67 Mrs L H F Snell has taken up her duties as relieving infant mistress

Mrs Clive Benton has taken up her duties as Relieving Head Mistress

27th June Senior Boys went to Masterton for seven aside tournament

3rd July R J Williams commenced duties as Head Teacher. Mrs C Benton as relieving Infant Mistress Roll 65

12th July Mr Curry School Inspector visited school (Mrs Benton)

30th July School Committee inspected school and residence for purpose of filing in Work required from for Wellington Education Board

25th July Upper class visited Featherston Convent 2 basketball teams and 2 seven aside rugby teams. Rugby won. BB lost. A most enjoyable afternoon

31st July 24 pupils from Standard 2 upwards went to Masterton to see Springboks play. Behaviour etc. excellent

3rd September Roll 71 Miss A Harman commenced duties as relieving infant mistress

26th September Septic tank soakage pit dug by dragline. Visit by school nurse to completed diphtheria injections.

28th September Bring and Buy held at school, (Children only) The sum of twelve pounds was raised and handed over the School Committee towards the purchase of the multiplex set. (*Monkey Bars*)

17th October Very successful and well attended meeting of parents held in the hall at 8 p.m. The purpose was to discuss Tubular Phys Ed Apparatus. Mr Matheson (area organiser) spoke and showed films. Unanimously carried that Multiplex set, Taranaki Frame and

Jungle Gym be purchased. Money raised by donation £140. Also decided to purchase Haytor Motor Mower

6th and 7th November School visited by Mr N Burgess (Country Schools Organiser) Both days were spent with Miss Harman organising classroom, timetable and general routine

8th November Upper Class visited Wellington by railcar Visits were made to Wellington railway Station. M V Hinemoa (Courtesy of USS Company), Zoo for lunch

In the afternoon children were taken sightseeing around Wellington by WCC Observation Bus

Returned to Featherston by 5.30 railcar. Special mention must be made of behaviour of children This was excellent and comments were received from the general public

I found it necessary to close the Infant Department today as Miss Harmon was absent

9th November Miss Harmon absent again – Senior girls put in charge of infant room. Multiplex set arrived from Auckland

12th November Miss Johnson arrived as relieving assistant mistress

13th November Jungle Gym arrived and set up in playground. Haytor Motor Mower demonstrated to School Committee who purchased it and handed it over to the school

14th November Eddie Haddad had a serious accident in the playground while playing cricket. He suffered a compound fracture of the right thumb and was admitted to Masterton Hospital

15th November First accident on the multiplex set. Alan Wedderburn fell from 2 foot 6 inches and suffered a greenstick fracture of left forearm

17th November South Featherston calf club held its annual day. 35 calves and 8 lambs entered

19th November Mr B O'Brien (Health Inspector visited baths and explained system of chlorination Opened baths at 3 p.m. for children

22nd November Group day held at South Featherston

23rd November Taranaki Ladder arrived Infectious diseases in the school seem to have reached epidemic . 22 children away today with wither measles, chicken pox or whooping cough and many children seem to be in first stage of whooping cough

26th Formal handing over of Phys Ed Apparatus to school by chairman School Committee Mr Matheson and Mr Les Bailey (Phys Ed Department) present. Good attendance of parents. Holgar Neilson method of resuscitation demonstrated

29th November School pets day held- weather fine- poor entries in calf and lambs, due to this being the 4th day children have been bringing same

5th December Inspectors visited school to discuss promotions for 1957 and also organisation about a PA (Probationary Assistant be appointed. A third year student . Before certification and 2 year course teachers had to teach for a year)

13th December School concert and Christmas party held in hall at 7.30.

18th December Roll 79 Miss B S Johnson completed her duties as relieving infant mistress

1957

4th February Roll 78 Miss B Johnson took up duties as relieving infant teacher and Miss J Winter as P A. Supper room in hall used as classroom (Standard 3a, 4,5,6)

14th February School picnic held at racecourse in perfect weather-good attendance of parents

28th February Centennial Sports held at Featherston DHS All children from this school participated. Favourable comments were received on children's dress- all being in correct athletic attire

7th March Three classes visited Featherston to attend a civic reception to the Governor General Sir W Norrie transported by car-behaviour excellent

School swimming sports held at the baths commencing at 12.30-very good attendance of parents

2nd 3rd 4th April Social Studies tour. The children were all congratulated for their behaviour and uniformity of dress. The school uniform was worn for the first time

4th April Playing field sown in grass

18th April Anzac Service in hall at 1.30 The speaker was Rev Keith-good attendance of parents

24th April School Closed Governor General's holiday

27th May Roll 81

10th June 2 basketball teams and 2 7 side rugby teams visited Kahutara. Good attendance of parents

17th June Mr Robinson Inspector. P A inspection

21st June 16 pupils from Standard 1 and 2 visited museum Fire Brigade Station in Wellington Miss J Winter in charge

3rd July 3 7 aside rugby teams and 2 basketball teams played in tournament at Masterton, Wash Out at 12 midday

7th August 22 boys visited Masterton Fijians V Wairarapa

8th August School visited by all members of the Fijian Rugby Team

13th August Kahutara School and parents entertained to afternoon tea. Following 3, 7 aside rugby matches and 3 Basketball matches

9th September Roll 79

26th August 1957 A fire in South Featherston Hall

- a) Being used as a temporary classroom
- b) The Fire brigade had to lift the floor boards to get at the fire which was under the fireplace
- c) Total cost of repairs £33.3.8

4th September 1958 Letter from Department to Wellington Education Board

- a) Is the hall a permanent or temporary building
- b) This hall is used as an assembly hall erected in 1923
- c) Is the correct name of the School South Featherston or Fb South?

10th September Visited by 15 aside rugby team from Featherston DHS Good game Won 8-6. Basketball lost 16-14

16th November Calf club day held at school

21st November Group day at Kahutara

26th November Pets day Good attendance of parents- displays on Taranaki ladder and box horse- folk dancing

12th November School visited by 30 children from Form II Featherston School. Most enjoyable day, cricket softball, tennis swimming, folk dancing

19th December Concert and Christmas Party held in hall

20th December Miss J Winter completed PA year

1958

3rd February Roll 63. Mr A B Poulsen commenced duty as PA

25th February School closed, meeting with inspectors at Kahutara School

26th February School closed Picnic held at Greytown Memorial Park. Perfect weather- Very good attendance

7th March South Wairarapa Country Schools sports at Featherston South Featherston Home and School catered on the day. Profits belong to the school less 10% Children were well turned out and enjoyed the day

11th March Annual swimming spots held on a rather unpleasant day. Good attendance of parents

Standard of swimming quite high

27th March School visited by Sergeant Fogg and Constable Kettle Police Department showed filmstrip and talked to children about their work

27th March Film Projector received from Desgrange Ltd

28th March Mr Paulsen absent attending P A meeting at Greytown Miss Johnson completed duties as Infant Mistress- entertained to afternoon tea by children and some members of School Committee and wives. First Films Shown

31st March School acted as hosts to 40 Form 2 children from Oxford Crescent School Upper Hutt

Visit made to dairy factory and Pig farm. Upper class (Standard 4 – Form 2) took children home showed them farm life. Stayed for dinner and left at 8 pm

1st April Mrs L Snell commenced duties as relieving teacher

24th April Anzac ceremony held in hall 21 parents present

26th May Roll 67

9th June One 15 aside, one 7 aside (rugby Teams) and 2 basketball teams visited Kahutara

23rd June 2 rugby and 2 basketball teams from Kahutara school played games- attended by over 60 parents from both schools- entertained to afternoon tea by senior girls

1st July Standard 4 Form 1 and 2 visited museum and parliament- behaviour was excellent and uniformity of dress occasioned many comments

3rd July School closed Rugby and Basketball 1 tournaments at Greytown and Carterton

28th July Visited by convent for Basketball and Rugby. Afternoon tea provided in the hall

7th August 2 rugby and 2 basketball teams visited convent

15th August Mr Hill inspector visited school (Mr Poulsen)

6th November Calf Day and Pets Day (Combined) held at school. Excellent attendance of both of animals and residents

31st October Closed school, Carterton Show

13th November Group Day (Calves and Lambs) held at Card Reserve Featherston. Brough Cup won by South Featherston Record number of entries from this school

7th November School officially inspected by Messrs Robinson and Hill

25th November party of 24 children attended concert put on at Masterton by Alex Lindsay Orchestra

26th November School visited by Miss Lenihan Infant Adviser in response to request from Head Teacher (Developmental apparatus for Upper Primers)

18th December School break up concert and Christmas Party held in hall room too many parents and friends present for hall capacity.

Will recommend that it be held in Anzac Hall Featherston in future

19th December Closed school for the year Roll 75 Mrs L Snell relinquished duties as relieving infant mistress Mr B Poulson completed PA year

1959

2nd February Miss J Hildreth commenced duties as Infant Mistress

6th February School visited by Mr L Simmonds (Wellington Education Board Architect) matters discussed were

1. New toilets attached to school
2. Enlarging of upper classrooms
3. Handing over hall to community

26th February Swimming sports held in baths in beautiful weather-very good attendance parents and local residents. Demonstration of underwater swimming by Mr J Simmonds

19th 20th February School closed to allow Inservice training course on Social Studies and Arithmetic at Masterton

School Committee working bee- erection of Volley board and laying of concrete area adjacent to the hall

20th April A cow died from mucosal disease on a nearby farm on Saturday. On the 16th April all the senior pupils went on a cross country run on this property. All parents were urgently called to school for a lecture from a member of the Department of Agriculture at 2 pm

21st April The school grounds were sprayed with Dettol the floors mopped with Dettol and all the clothes worn by children last Thursday were brought to school to be sent to Masterton to be fumigated

8th May R J Williams completed duties as Head Teacher

8th May 1959

- a) Wellington Education Board couldn't find funds to upgrade hall
- b) The School Committee want to hand the hall over to locals

4th June 1959 Department to Wellington Education Board

- a) We have been funding improvements to the hall since 1923
- b) We would need strong justification to hand the hall over to the local people
- c) We suggest the hall should be readily available to local people and they would help , maintain it

20th July Mr F J Miles commenced duties as Head Teacher

A supply of coal delivered

Contractor with saw bench cut a supply of wood for heating stoves. Concrete slabs for stoves installed

21st July Mr Kilsby (A S, Sam) Head Teacher Featherston DHS called to discuss Board Memorandum Re South Wairarapa College

23rd July Contractors installed new heating stoves in both rooms (Romesse)

29th July 1959 The land on which the hall stands be transferred to the crown so the property can be vested in the local people

30th July Contractors fitted new spouting to girls shelter shed. One pupil injured wrist while playing during lunch interval, incident witnessed by Miss Hildreth, taken in Mr Milne's car to Dr Fraser at 3.30 p.m. (A fracture of right forearm)

31st July Form II pupils issued with enrolment forms and information sheet for new South Wairarapa College

5th August All completed enrolment forms for South Wairarapa College (8 pupils) forwarded to Mr Kilsby at Featherston DHS

10th August Dr Roberts (Mrs) School medical officer and Mr O'Brien Health Inspector, called on official visit

1. Acute overcrowding in Senior Room
2. Sub Standard lighting in senior room
3. Fire dangers and precautions
4. Open drain under outside tap
5. Disposal of rubbish
6. Hand washing and drying
7. Staff facilities for tea making and dish washing

17th August Three seven aside rugby teams and three basketball teams travelled to Kahutara for interschool matches. A very pleasing number of parents were present and assisted with transport of children to and from Kahutara. All six matches were won by South Featherston

21st August Mr Payton chairman of School Committee

15th September Shield behind hating stoves in both classrooms extended to protect walls

25th September 1959 To replace toilets at South Featherston and to extend classrooms and provide a staffroom and cloakroom £4801

12th October Mr D Duncan Staff Inspector visited the school to inspect Miss Hildreth

0th October Wrote to Education Board requesting the appointment of a Probationary Assistant during 1960. The present roll is 79

3rd November South Featherston boys and Girls Agriculture Club Field Day. A very successful function held under ideal conditions
Entries : Floral Displays 69, School garden Plots 7, 4 pupils each
Calf 22, Lamb 9

Stewart Cup (Champion Calf) Ann Rasmussen

Garratt Cup (Care and Handling) Ann Rasmussen

Nimmo Cup (Best Yearling Heifer) Nancy Rasmussen

Mastra Cup (2 year Old) Ann Rasmussen

Yule Cup (Champion Lamb) Floyd Thurston

12th November Boys and Girls agriculture club group day held at Featherston

Brough Cup South Featherston School

Matthews Cup Jean Higginson (South Featherston)

Donald Cup Nancy Rasmussen (South Featherston)

27th November PE specialist visited good work in Folk Dancing and Holgar Nielson Drills in resuscitation

11th December Parents invited to a display of traditional Folk Dancing and an exhibition of art, a successful function well attended. Proceeds from sale of exhibits £1-8-0

15th December Annual Christmas party for children, well organised but supper arrangements for children could be improved

1960

1st February School reopened for 1960 Mr R Vogt commenced duties as probationary assistant ; (*The Vogt's lived at Point Howard Eastbourne. I went to school with Roger's brother John and His Father Anton was an outspoken lecturer at Wellington Training College while I was there.*) Miss Hildreth resumed duties in infant dept. School roll 73

15th February Teachers from surrounding country schools assembled at the school swimming pool at 2 pm to watch a demonstration of the Teaching of Swimming organised by the Physical Education Branch and conducted by Mr R Stothart and his assistants. Small groups of junior and senior pupils were used for demonstration

17th February Annual School picnic held at Greytown Domain

23rd February South Wairarapa Country Schools Sports meeting at Greytown Domain, a very full programme. Every child from the school participated including the infants

1st March Annual School Swimming sports in school baths.

4th April Contractors have started on alterations to school building
Senior Room to use Main hall

Infant Room to use Supper Room

Junior Room Standard 1 and 2 to use room provided at Featherston School

A special bus service is being provided to convey pupils to and from Featherston, it operated for the first time today

8th April 1960 Letter to Mr L V Lloyd Secretary School Committee That school has only a PA (Probationary Assistant, first year)to give assistance to the school Head Teacher and assistant but is not entitled to one. So therefore a classroom won't be granted

8th June 1960 Hall land taken over by Government

29th June Art and Craft specialist Visited. Profitable work was done in all rooms the following topics being treated

1. Painting and other methods of picture making
2. Wire Work
3. Puppets
4. Models made from paper and card

6th May Roll 79

9th June Mr John McDonald, Organising teacher spent most of the day with Mr Vogt (PA) whose class is temporarily accommodated at Featherston

9th June All teachers attended an In service training course on the use of Cuisenaire material at Martinborough School from 4 pm to 9. 30 pm conducted by Mr R McFarland of the inspectorate.

15th June School attended screening of film *Wedding in Springtime* (Wedding of Princess Margaret at Featherston Theatre (Cosy) good supportive programme. Several parents generously made their cars available for transporting children to and from Featherston

13th July Seven aside Rugby and Basketball Tournament held at Greytown and Carterton

Three teams were entered in each of these tournaments

Suggest that next year the school A basketball team play in intermediate grade (not senior grade) as teams from larger schools dominated the competition

3rd August Rugby and basketball teams from Kahutara visited the school Many parents attended and afternoon tea was organised by Home and School Association

5th September Roll 80

The remodelling of the school building is still in progress and it will be some weeks yet before this work is completed

It was fully expected that the school would be ready for occupation at the beginning of this term and in anticipation of this all classroom furniture for Standard 1 and 2 classes was brought back from Featherston School

Since 4th April these classes have been using a spare room at Featherston school

At present all classes are accommodated in the South Featherston hall

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19th September Education Board rang requesting that Mr Vogt (PA) be released to act in a relieving position at Martinborough School till the end of this week

September 1960 F L Miles Head Teacher Miss J A Hildreth absent with mumps for two or three weeks

21st September With board's approval obtained the service of Mrs L H F Snell

26th September Mr Vogt resumed school after relieving for four days in Martinborough

28th September Miss Hildreth on sick leave. Mrs L Snell relieving

27th October During the past week the painting of the interior of the school was completed. Although there is still a considerable amount of finishing work to be done; classes have now shifted in to the remodelled building

After 7 months in temporary accommodation we are at last back in classrooms. The enlarged rooms, new toilet block, cloakrooms and staff room are a vast improvement

5th October Lorna Snell relieved in place of Miss Hildreth

20th October Miss Hildreth returned

10th November Featherston group Boys and Girls Agricultural Club field day held at Tuhitarata Unfortunately South Featherston did not manage to retain the Brough Cup, this trophy being won by the Tuhitarata Kahutara Club However trophies were won by Margaret Higginson and Susan Montgomerie

8th December An enjoyable afternoon function was held. Parents entertained to a series of items including recorder and Ukulele group. Plays (including a radio play) songs and recitations afternoon tea was prepared by the senior girls

14th December Christmas party held in local hall at 7 pm. The amount expended on gifts and refreshments was £42

15th December Mr R Vogt terminates duties as PA

15th December 1960 Now new toilets are in it is found that the toilets have not got enough water. The current well is inadequate and the toilets can only be flushed every 2 hours and with 78 children this can be offensive

If the well digger has to go down further then School Committee will cover costs

1961

1st February Roll 72 Miss J Cox commenced duties as relieving Infant Mistress Standard 1 and 2

20th February All pupils taken to Featherston for an afternoon's instruction on the Shell Traffic Trainer. This was conducted by Mr Doyle, School Traffic Instructor- a worthwhile afternoon

21st February School closed for Teacher's In service Training Course at Masterton (Dr Arvidson the NZCER Alphabetical Spelling List) all members of the staff attending

7th March Country Schools sports held at Card Reserve Featherston Valerie Smeaton gained first place in High Jump and Patty Payton gained first place in Junior long jump

12th March 1961 Letter from Director of Ed stating that Gordon Burt has purchased the school reserve on which the school baths sit Could you please arrange the purchase of this land? (*Gordon Burt lived next to Fernside which I visited stayed often, he wore pink thick woollen singlets and swore a lot*)

15th March 1961 The school now has a staffroom and applies for 1 staffroom table, 4 staffroom chairs plus freight from Hastings (Furnware) total cost £15-15-1

24th April School Anzac service held in Hall (Mr McKinney)

1st May Two basketball teams and two 7 aside Rugby team travelled to Kahutara where keenly contested matches were played. There was a good attendance of parents from both schools The basketball teams won both their games. The Junior Rugby won their match

1st June Basketball and Rugby team from Featherston Convent visited the school Senior rugby team won 6-3, Juniors lost 3-6. BB two defeats and a draw

29th April Miss Hildreth absent on sick leave; notified Board but informed that no relieving teacher was available. School reorganised accordingly Miss Cox taking Infants and Standard 1 (33 pupils) and Standard 2 included in Senior Room (45 pupils)

8th June 1961 Miss J A Cox absent 1 day Mechanical failure of car. Missed railcar

Miss J A Hildreth Chicken Pox Date of return unknown

20th June 1961 Letter to Board from B Thompson Secretary A house is available at peppercorn rental for a married teacher and milk is also available

26th June Miss Hildreth resumed duties today having been absent since 29th May on sick leave

15th June 1961. Baths land purchased from G Burt for £10

7th July Miss J Cox terminated duties as relieving assistant (resigned from teaching) Education Board unable to appoint another relieving teacher. The local ex teachers approached but none available

School reorganised. Miss Hildreth Primers and Standard 1 33 pupils Mr Miles Standard 2 to Form 2, 47 pupils

14th August Two basketball teams and two rugby 7 aside teams Visited St Teresa's Convent to play return matches

17th August The School Committee carried out an inspection of the school buildings and grounds during the afternoon in connection with the annual maintenance survey

18th August School closed for August Vacation. Roll 81 Since Miss Cox terminated her duties as a relieving assistant on 7th July the school has operated one teacher short. The position for the third teacher was first advertised in October 1960- It has not yet been

filled, and there are no prospects of a relieving teacher, either through the Board or locally

4th September Roll 81

School still functioning with only two teachers. No appointment has yet been made for the advertised assistant mistress position (This position has been advertised since October 1960 The Education Board is unable to supply a relieving teacher and none is available locally

5th October The school attended public reception for his excellency the governor General Lord Cobham and Lady Cobham in Featherston

6th October 1961 Junior Room Primers to Standard 1 , 36 pupils

Senior Room Standard 2 to Form 2 50 pupils F J Miles

20th October 1961 Inspector's report included

- a) F J Miles roll 51 Boy's Sport club work
- b) Miss J Hildreth roll 36 Girls' Sport Girls sewing
- c) There has been problems in securing a third permanent teacher for the lower part of the school
- d) The lower section has a conscientious teacher who works hard in the interests of her pupils
- e) In the upper classes the programme of work places suitable emphasis on achievement in the basic subjects

The School Committee has been most active in effecting improvements

20th October School inspection Mr Campbell and Mr Kemp of the inspectorate spent the day at the school

25th October All classes attended film Colourful New Zealand in Featherston

27th October School closed Carterton Show

30th October School Closed Governor General's holiday

4th October Working Bee: painting of the school swimming pool. A big job and a vast improvement

9th October Brough Cup won by South Featherston at Group day at Card Reserve, Featherston

13th November Mr J J Beauchamp commenced duties as relieving assistant reorganised

Infants Miss Hildreth 26 pupils

Standard 1 and 2 Mr Beauchamp 22

Standard 3 to Form Mr Miles 40

22nd November Michael John Miskin appointed. From Taradale

Taranaki Board Couldn't find a Taradale in Taranaki, presumably Hawkes Bay Board

6th December Senior Room attended film in Featherston. Rome Olympic Games

12th December End of year function. A pleasant afternoon

14th December Christmas party in the hall at 8 pm. During the evening Miss Hildreth was presented with tokens of appreciation from the Children , Home and School Association and the school committee. Miss Hildreth is taking up a new position after three years at South Featherston

15th December Roll 88

Miss Hildreth and Mr Beauchamp terminated their duties as relieving teacher

1962

2nd February 1962 ACE builders (ACE Johnston) new classroom for £5250.19

5th February Roll 73 Mrs Beauchamp commenced duties as relieving infant mistress

Mr Miskin as assistant master and G F Richards as relieving Head Teacher

21st February The annual school picnic held at Greytown Domain. An ideal spot with trees for shelter swimming baths and cricket fields

28th February School swimming sports held in school baths. Quite a cold day

5th March 1962 Mr Burns was selected but can't be appointed as Mr G F Bee was overlooked and was on the transfer scale. Mr George Frank Bee, Mangamaire School previous position

15th March Work commenced on new infant room (*Avalon Plan Building*)

13th April Mr Doyle Traffic Officer visited the school this morning to instruct children on road safety for pedestrians

16th April Dr Roberts visited school to give new polio vaccine to children

17th April 1962 June Constance Packman appointed assistant, from Auckland, May Road School

27th April School Committee wants to retain Mrs Beauchamp as she is doing an excellent job. Nothing personal against Miss Packman

1st May Mr Bee turns down job

4th May Roll 71 Mrs S G Beauchamp terminated her duties as relieving infant mistress. Mr G F Richards terminated his duties as relieving headmaster

15th May 1962 Ewen Francis Cameron Appointed Head Teacher from Redcliff's- Canterbury Board

21st May Mr Miskin commenced duties as relieving headmaster as a permanent appointment has not been made

Mrs J C Packman commenced duties as permanent infant mistress

Mr D R G Johnson commenced duties as relieving assistant master (Senior Room)

23rd May Two new infant mats, one insect box, one aquarium and 6 3d (insect) viewers arrived from Education Board

28th May Dr Richardson attended at 1 pm today to administer the second dose of the Oral Polio Vaccine. 64 children were vaccinated

1st May Mr Johnston terminated duties as relieving assistant

5th June Mr E J Cameron commenced duties as Headmaster

20th June Mrs J Packman still absent. Board notified. Asked to attempt to find a reliever locally. Services of Mrs Flynn (*Pat*) obtained. Commenced on 21st

27th June Mrs Flynn terminated duties as reliever for Mrs Packman

4th July Visit by Pirinoa rugby and basketball teams The basketball was shared with a win each while in the rugby South Featherston won the senior game and drew the Junior one

6th September Visit by Mr Campbell of the inspectorate accompanied by Mr Skiffington to discuss the trial syllabus in science

9th July The primers moved into the new classroom block and Standard 1-3 moved from the supper room of the hall into the old primer room

18th July 2 rugby and 2 basketball teams travelled to Kahutara. The senior rugby was won 27-0 and the Junior 6-5 Both basketball teams were defeated, the senior 16-2 and the Junior 10-1

1st August 2 rugby and 2 basketball teams travelled to Pirinoa all games were lost, the senior rugby 3-6

7th August We were visited by rugby and basketball teams from St Theresa's convent school. Lost the two basketball games 2-7 and 3-7 and the Junior Rugby 22-0. Won the senior rugby 11-6

10th August 2 buckets for coal presented by Mr D Gordon

14th August South Wairarapa Basketball and rugby tournament 2 teams entered in each and performed very well. The midget team won all games except 1 which was drawn. The Senior Basketball team won all games except One which was lost 1-2

3rd September Roll 77

26th October School closed for Carterton Show

29th October Working Bee of parents to prepare for school calf club

30th October School calf day. Good entries of calves and lambs and of cooking and floral work

Very good attendance of parents

31st October 2 softball teams visited Kahutara. Boys won; girls lost

4th December South Wairarapa Country Schools athletic sports. Every child participated in a very successful day

18th December Christmas party in hall 7.30

1963

4th February Teachers only day

5th February Roll 75. Same staff Mrs J Packman, M Miskin and E Cameron

6th February 1963 Pat Flynn relieving at South Featherston so that Mr Cameron can attend course

11th February School closed to enable children to travel to the Hutt Valley to see Queen Elizabeth and The Duke of Edinburgh

28th February School swimming sports held. Very successful. Potatoes grown by children sold

7th March Combined swimming sports held in the school pool with Kahutara, Pirinoa, Tuhitarata, Tora and Tukurumuri participating

14th March Standards 4, 5 and 6 went on educational visit to Christchurch, returning on Saturday 16th

27th March Softball matches against Pirinoa Boys won 45-32 and girls won 29-10

1st April Visit of dental nurses to inspect children's teeth

8th April Miss E Lenihan adviser to infant Department visited the school during the afternoon

10th April Working Bee at School 14 parents present. Work done included bulldozing, together and burning of trees in the horse paddock; topping of macrocarpa trees; clearing burying some rubbish at each end of the football field. Laying of lawns around the infant block and in new gardens

11th April Members of School Committee continues working bee Messrs Campbell and Fish of the inspectorate paid an advisory visit to the school in the afternoon.

22nd April Householders meeting During the last two years the School Committee had purchased, Records, Tape recorder, filing cabinets, motor mower, books

Recommendations: That a £2 levy per household with children at school

The Horse paddock be planted in pine trees

Consideration be given to the purchase of a typewriter for the school
Mr. Payton was thanked for the years of service given to the School Committee

24th April Anzac Day held in the hall

29th May School Committee D J Gordon, V B Field, A Chappell, B L Thompson, E Cameron (Relieving Teacher)

Circular from Nuclear Disarmament Campaign received

P R O office Masterton Re Golden Games

South Featherston Home and School accepting proposal for black out curtains

Chairman contact Officer in charge Ngaumu Forest re Pine trees

School Committee convene a meeting of householders to discuss upgrading of baths and raising funds for alteration

Secretary advised Mr. Miskin will be required to vacate factory house by end of July (*Teacher at School*)

Mr. Cameron advised

Delay action over improvements to the grounds

5th June Host to rugby and basketball teams from St Theresa's Featherston Rugby A won 27-0, B lost 0-11

Basketball A 3-2 B 5-6 B 6-0 against St Theresa's C

10th June Grading visit paid by Messrs Campbell and Fish for Mrs Packman and Mr Miskin

20th June Basketball and Rugby teams visited Kahutara Rugby
Teams won: A 41-0 B 20-10

Basketball teams lost 3-18 B 8-11

10th July Visited St Theresa's for rugby and basketball

Rugby Teams A 33-0 B 3-6

Basketball A 7-3 B 1-5

15th July 1964 Inspectors report included

- a) Primers 20 Miss Cass, Basketball Sewing
- b) Michael Miskin roll 20, Sport Film Library
- c) Standard 4- Form 2 Ewen Cameron Roll 24, Requests, Grass Cutting, Chlorination of swimming pool
- d) The school is operating efficiently under guidance of a competent and sympathetic head teacher
- e) A relieving junior class teacher was coping well
- f) As with many other similarly placed schools has the unstinted support of an energetic School Committee
- g) The provision of a filter plant (*at baths*) marks A Big step in the provision of amenities

3rd July Rugby teams visited Pirinoa

25th July Senior boys planted a line of Macrocarpas for a new hedge along the road frontage

15th August 7 aside tournament at Greytown South Featherston has a most successful day Basketball B team won their section

Rugby A Players under 8 stone 7 lbs combined with others from nearby school won senior grade. Under 7 stone won B Section, under 6 stone runners up in B Section, Under 5 stone- several boys combined with others from nearby schools won B section

Girls attended a ballet performance at Regent Theatre Masterton

21st August That we would apply to Education Board for a grant in aid of £400 to be for repair of baths dressing sheds and fences
That Bus timetable is going to be altered as result of investigation by Boards Officers

Roll 66

9th September A new fence is being erected in front of the school

18th September E Cameron Head teacher.

21st September Working Bee to demolish sheds at the swimming pool in preparation for the erection of new sheds and fence- work to be done by the parents

5th October 1965 L Mason Principal Miss J Hudson (Standard 1 and 2)
Mrs N Lipinski Infant teacher

16th October Write to Board for advice for grant for chlorinator, Grass cutting and wages for Mr. Miskin for grass cutting
Postpone ordering filtration plant

29 October Calf and Lamb day

1st November Carterton P and A Show day

5th November Group Calf day South Featherston children competed successfully once again winning the points cup

6th 8th November Mr Cameron on leave of absence due to death of brother

15th November Art competition in Featherston. South Featherston children filled all places in Primary Schools 10- 14 years class

16th December That if possible baths be opened during holidays and usual conditions apply Committee to act strongly if any reports of misbehaviour

School Picnic apply for Greytown Park for 12th February

18th December Christmas party held in hall School. Children sang carols

1964

3rd February School opened with teacher only Day

4th February Roll 76, 16 new children Same Staff

5th February Parents to be advised that levy of £2 is payable immediately

School Committee to advise Baths Appeal Committee that further £200 required for filtration plant

School roll is now 76

11th February All children were taken to Featherston School for practice with the Shell Traffic Trainer

12th February School picnic held at Greytown Park

25th – 18th Head Teacher at inservice course on curriculum. Reliever Mrs Pat Flynn in class

6th March Inter School swimming held in the South Featherston Pool, Kahutara, Hinakura, Tora, Tukurumuri, Tuhitarata and South Featherston

17th March Children from Standard 1 to Form II visited the glow worm caves and lime works at Blur Creek (Ruakakapatuna) A morning trip with transport provided with parents

19th and 20th March Mr Miskin attended Art and Craft course in Martinborough . reliever Mrs Pat Flynn

23rd March Social evening be organised for 16th May in order presentation to be made to Mr. P Wilton at baths

Mrs Packman probably leaving

Mr. Hedley is wanted at school. Branch Building Officer

9th April Visited by Kahutara for softball. Boys won, girls lost

20th April Baths That Filtermaster be contacted re drawing up of plans and specifications for filtration plant

Apply to Education Board for subsidy in Filtration Plant

Working bee required to finish work on dressing sheds to be arranged after louver windows constructed

No reply from parents offering Board for teacher to replace Mrs Packman

Cocoa to be available during winter term

24th April Anzac Day service held in the hall. Rev McKinney officiated

27th April Parents day Usual Daily programme held in each classroom

5th May Children from Standard 4 to Form II attended a special showing of Lawrence of Arabia in Featherston

8th May Farewell morning tea for Mrs Packman who is returning to Auckland. roll 72

25th April Roll 73 No appointment yet made to replace Mrs Packman. No reliever available from Board

26th May Mrs Flynn relieving

28th May Presentation chairs to Mr. P A Wilton South Featherston in appreciation of work done to dressing sheds at school baths Cost £17

Committee confirmed order of Filtermaster Payment ½ June remainder in November

Apply to Education Board for subsidy

Head Teacher reported

Roll 68

Infant Mistress vacancy not filled

Football posts still not repaired by Featherston Football Club

8th June Miss S Cass commenced as reliever

10th June Visited by Rugby and basketball from St Teresa's. A large attendance of parents. Results listed

2nd July Visited Pirinoa Results listed

8th July Trees to be planted in horse paddock. Forestry Service to donate trees and ranger to advise on planting

Working bee to be held to install filtration plant in shed

15th and 16th July School inspection by Messrs Campbell and Henderson and personal inspection for Mr Cameron

24th July Senior Children travelled to Masterton to observe gymnastic championships in Masterton

29th July Mr Hemi Bennett spoke to children on early Maori Customs

29th July Working bee to plant 1000 pine trees in horse paddock

30th July Rugby and basketball teams participated in games with other small schools at Kahutara during the afternoon

19th August Team participated in South Wairarapa rugby and basketball 7 aside tournament at Greytown

20th August Appointment of Mrs Lipinski as assistant Infant Mistress

That Copy of inspectors report be circulated to parents

21st August Miss Cass terminated her duties as relieving teacher in the infant room

7th September Roll 71 Mrs N (Noelle) B Lipinski took up permanent position in the infant room

9th October School cross country races held

12th October Write to Golden Kiwi applying for £150 to be used at baths

Contact Mr. G Burt to make appointment for Mr. Haddon Donald (MP) to visit school

Authority given to head teacher to spend £25 on books

13th October Calf and lamb day held

29th October Combined Tabloid and Softball day at South Featherston with Hinakura, Tora, Tuturumuri, Pirinoa, Tuhitarata and Kahutara. Most successful

30th October School closed Carterton A and P Show

23rd -27th October. Mr E Cameron attended an Inservice course on Infant arithmetic held at Masterton .Mrs P Flynn relieved

19th November Write to Education Board requesting maintenance officer to visit school

Head teacher reported That Mr. Cameron and Mr. Miskin had been offered new positions. Committee to be advised if they accept

24th November Standard 1 – Form II pupils attended a performance by the Southern Comedy Players at Featherston

1st December South Wairarapa Country Schools Athletic Sports held at Greytown Memorial Park

9th December Resignations received from Mr. Cameron and Mr. Miskin

Baths to be open in the holidays and roster to be drawn up charges to be adults 3d children and a 1/- for families

Person required for lawn mowing

No rent received from tennis Club for 63/64 season

Committee not happy with Board's refusal to remove dangerous trees from school grounds Wrote requesting they be removed at our cost if any

Vacant positions at school to be advertised December Gazette and new appointments could be made at January meeting

School breakup ceremony 10.30 a.m. 17th December

17th December School closed for the year Roll 77 Small break up function held in the hall. Messrs E Cameron and M Miskin terminated duties

1965

1st February Mr L B Mason commenced duties as Head Teacher.

Juniors: Mrs Lipinski

3rd February Miss Hudson commenced duties as relieving assistant

4th February That school swimming sports to be held 25th February to which invitations be issued to all who contributed towards amenities at baths

Also Mr. Charles, Secretary Manager Education Board, F B Yule Board member and Mr. P A Wilton

School levy Parents to be advised that school levy be the same as last year £2.00

Roll 74

12th March Inter school swimming sports at South Featherston baths Visiting Schools Kahutara, Tora, Kahutara

16th – 19th March Mr Mason attended a four day inservice course on reading held at Martinborough School. Mrs P Flynn relieved

23rd March Education Board non acceptance of grant in aid to complete baths project
 Health nurse visited school in T B testing
 Head Teacher attended reading course at Martinborough
 Sandpit requested for infant room
 Typewriter for school needed
 Home and School requested to purchase spelling books to value of £16
 24th April Typewriter quotes for up to £98 received. Further prices needed especially for portables
 Kahutara residents not satisfied with new bus routes especially due to return journey after school
 That new incoming Committee request urgent meeting with Board's Transport Official
 Roll 75
 Football received from Wairarapa Rugby Union
 Sandpit proving to be very successful
 Request for shelving for filmstrips
 Lawn mowing Mr. G Brown willing to mow
 Mr. Mason to be paid for 10 cuts at £1-10-4 per cut. Mr. Brown to commence 2nd term
 27th April Householders meeting
 The School Committee had spent over £1400 by way of works
 The chairman thanked the Baths Appeal Committee for the fine effort they put in.
 That consideration be given for the purchase of a portable typewriter

The following School Committee declared elected A E Chappell, V B Field, W Benton, R Sprott, M Mclean
 That we purchase 1 typewriter for the school
 12th May Mr. Sprott resigned from his position as he is leaving the district. That Mr. R J Montgomerie be appointed. Subsidy for typewriters was applied for but the Board prefer not to subsidise portables and School Committee want to know why
 Thanks to Mr. Field for making a a container to hold filmstrips
 School will be closed on Friday 4th June as it is Education Day and teachers from surrounding schools will be visiting South Featherston
 24th May Mrs Kath Donald relieving in Mrs Lipinski's position. Mrs Lipinski absent on sick leave
 4th June School closed inservice course on infant number Miss Lineham
 June Mrs Lipinski absent on leave of absence. Relieving teacher not available- class divided between other rooms
 9th June The education board has refused to subsidise a portable typewriter as it against their policy
 Three alternatives
 a) buy a second hand typewriter
 b) Buy a new standard model
 c) Buy a portable and get no subsidy
 It was decided to buy a new standard model at a cost of £64-18-6 half of which would be paid by the board
 School Roll 54
 16th July Roll 61, 10 below roll needed for 3 teacher school
 2 of our rugby boys were selected for South Wairarapa rugby team
 August. That £10 be given teacher for books

14th 15th October Miss T Hudson attended an inservice course on the teaching of number in the junior school

Mrs P J Mason relieving

21st October That tenders be called for removal of Gum Trees in the school ground which are dangerous

The Governor General will pay a visit to Featherston on 27th October at 10.30. Our School Bus has been hired for £1 to take our children

To purchase 1 Cuisenaire box for the Infant Room

Two new cricket bats were required

The Head teacher has suggested that we obtain the services of a male teacher in the New Year

Mr. Chappell to see if we can get a house locally

15th and 17th November Mr Mason Leave of Absence Diploma in Teaching Examination. Mrs Mason Relieving

2nd November Calf and Lamb Day

1st December Education Board to be notified of tenders for gum trees

16th December School closed for Christmas vacations. Break Up ceremony held in hall, items by children good attendance by parents

1966

25th January Miss Brown is being boarded by Mr. And Mrs Field
School picnic to be held at Greytown 8th February

1st February Miss D Brown commenced duties as assistant teacher

2nd February Roll 69

16th February The Borough Council will not mow the school lawns

The Education Board has accepted quote from E J Collins for removal of gum trees

School roll 72 and there are prospects of a further 12 during the year

The Country School swimming sports South Featherston, Tora, Tuturumuri, Hinakura, Pirinoa, Kahutara, Tuhitarata

Mrs Fennell donated 14 guinea pigs to school which we sold for 14/-
1st March Country Schools Swimming Sports Tora, Tuturumuri, Pirinoa, Tuhitarata, Kahutara and host school South Featherston

30th 31st March Miss D Brown attended inservice course on Physical Education held in Martinborough.

31st March Visit to Featherston for lessons on Shell Traffic Trainer. Children also visited places of interest. Primers, Fire Station. Standard 1,2 and 3 The Post Office

Standard 4, Form 1 and 2 The Rubber Factory

20th April It was decided there would be no Anzac Service at school

31st May 1st June Mr Mason attended an inservice course on Integrated Art and Craft at Martinborough. Mrs P J Mason Relieving Teacher

June Lots of sports results lists

15th June The cutting of the gum trees has been done and the work is satisfactory

7th September A letter was received from board £40-16-1 in last years accounts was supposed to be due to excessive expenditure by Committee

That the Secretary write to the Board asking them to itemise all accounts they considered unnecessary

Baths have been repaired with plastajoint. It was decided not to paint cracks as there is only 3 weeks to go to school holidays

Secretary to go round and see people who have not paid their subs yet

10th November group Day Featherston Group Boys and Girls Agricultural Club. Entries slightly down. Mr Mason attended with those pupils entering stock. Miss Brown remained at school taking a composite group of children who were not entering in the group day
16th November All children from Primers to Form II pupils visited Pirinoa for a softball and tabloid sports day

16th December Break up ceremony. Items by children Good attendance by parents

1967

8th February School picnic at Greytown Park. School hedge still to be topped.

21st February Country School swimming sports held at South Featherston Pirinoa, Kahutara, Tuhitarata, Tora, Tuturumuri, Fareham House and South Featherston schools participating

28th February School Picnic Held at Greytown Domain. Teacher's organised races for the children. Home and School provided lunch

28th February Last entry by Mr Mason

4th April 1967

- a) L B Mason Roll 30 Standard 4- Form 2 Roll 30
- b) Standard 2- 3 28 Miss D Brown Roll 25
- c) Mrs Kathy Donald Primers Standard 1, 21 to assist with special needs and to reduce class size for part of the day Kathy Donald

Kathy wife of Allan Donald at this time. Daughter of Squib O'Donnell Hotel Keeper at the Tin Hut and Rugby coach of Featherston in 1963

17th April School Committee Arthur Chappell, George Warren, Colleen Farrier, R Irons, M McLean

That a guillotine be purchased.

29th May 10 Dozen Journal Boxes £6-0-0 to be purchased

A letter re voluntary school milk in school was decided against

The inspectors report was read and was very pleasing

Roll 77

Mrs Lipinski to resume teaching in the infant room, Thanks to Mrs Donald for relieving

26th June A letter of resignation from Miss Brown was received with regret. Mr. Chappell commented on Miss Brown's work with gymnastics The Committee were sorry to see her go.

That Mrs Mason purchase a gift for Miss Brown

Mrs Farrier to be asked to present the gift on behalf of the School Committee on Friday Afternoon

That a social again be held if the supper room is available on the 22nd July

12th September Social It was agreed that this was a most successful and enjoyable evening in spite of the small number attending

2nd October That Mrs Donald has resigned and Mrs Mason will relieve until a replacement is made

8th December Warren Chappell will finish cutting the grass in January that Mr. Mason arrange for a college boy to cut the grass

That Cricket and Baseball bats be purchased

The meeting concluded, members and their wives enjoyed a social evening

1968

29th January A verbal resignation from the Secretary Mrs Farrier was received with regret.

1st April That Journal boxes \$200 be purchased

Mr. Mason gave notice he will finish school cleaning on 26th April

Mr. McLean to be appointed Secretary and Mr. T Simmonds was elected to School Committee

27th May Mr. M McLean's resigned from Committee That a new radio be purchased

The replanting of trees in the horse paddock was discussed and it was decided to go ahead with it

10th July That we apply for 500 trees from forest service to plant in the Horse Paddock

That a SRA reading laboratory be purchased

Relieving teachers were obtained during Miss Aylward's illness

Games to be purchased for indoor games

9th October That write to Education Board re this school dropping to a two teacher school

That the following contractors names be sent in

Builder G R Hyde, Electrician Les Morgan, Plumber Sinclair and Watkins

22nd October 1968 Only two teachers Three teachers kicks in at 71. Roll currently 62

19th November Mr. Mason's resignation was received with regret

This Committee places on record the excellent work carried out by Mason

Baths Keys available to responsible person over 18 years of age between 10 and 4 pm. Opening afternoons 2-4 Evenings 6 – 7.30 only by roistered person

13th December The School Committee decided to pass over the payment of caretaking and cleaning staff to Board

Mr. Mason suggested that the purchase of stationery for the 1969 year be left to the new head teacher

Mr. R Iorns handed in his resignation as he was leaving the district

1969

22nd January Thanks to Mr. H Bosch, thanking him for the splendid work he has done on mowing the Football Field and sending him \$20 towards the use of his tractor

Jock McLauchlan commenced as Head Teacher

3rd February Teachers Only. Mrs I McLauchlan took up position of teaching Aid for 15 hours per week. Staff meeting with Mrs Lipinski covered, duties

4th February Roll 63

6th February 1969 Teacher Appointed for 15 hours per week Suggesting that Mrs McLauchlan be appointed Letter from Wellington Education Board to South Featherston

19th February School picnic at Greytown. Children provided entertainment during the morning with very elementary athletic sports. Afternoon swimming in Greytown Pool, cricket and free

time. The day provided an excellent opportunity for meeting parents and committee

26th February School swimming sports commenced at 10.am. The amended programme ran smoothly Very good attendance of mothers, few fathers

5th March Country Schools swimming sports held at South Featherston Pirinoa, Kahutara, Tukurumuri, Hinakura, (Dalefield, Ponatahi, Clareville) Combined team, St Teresa's and South Featherston attended

Most successful day although Power Cut stopped filtration plant and water filtering from functioning. The toilets were full to overflowing!! The programme was not completed. The primers began swimming 10 a.m. whilst seniors competed in a softball tournament

10th March South Wairarapa Swimming Sports. Wayne Rei (School Pupil) Won 3 events and went on to Wairarapa Champs

13th March That the Secretary write to the Board to see if the wireless was under warranty as it cost \$4-60 to repair

That Mr. McLauchlan be appointed trustee of the School Bonus Account

That a new gramophone be bought

18th March Visit to dairy farm by Infants and Standard 1 class

14th April The Secretary was authorised to purchase a load of firewood from Carters Merchants. And two ton of coal from the Dairy Factory, one ton for the school and one ton for the teacher
School fees were slow in coming in. 11/40 families

16th April Visit to Featherston by Senior Room to tour the Rubber factory and see around Fareham House

22nd April Householders meeting. New Committee Arthur Chappell, George Warren, Elmon Benton, A Clark, and G Larsen

That in future we work towards an amalgamation between Featherston and South Featherston Schools. After discussion the motion would not be put to the meeting

A Chappell Chairman and George Warren Secretary

9th June I Farrier took place of A Clark who has left the district

The Head Teacher was given permission to take older children to Hutt Park Motor Camp for a week

The school to commence at 8.45 and have a 30 minute morning break

A letter to the Board changing the plumber from Mr. Spencer to Sinclair and Watkins as Mr. Spencer's work did not seem very satisfactory

To procure paint for the court

It was decided to hold a school social like the ones held previously

The Secretary was instructed to apply to the Board for a portable heaving bar

20th June Education Day held in Featherston School for all South Wairarapa School Teachers Theme: Visual Aids

1st August South Wairarapa Gymnastic Championships. 3 pupils made the team to represent our area at Wairarapa Championships

7th August Letter from Education Board accepting change of school hours, Accepting change of plumber

The Secretary and Head Teacher brought to the Committee's notice the bad state of the motor mower and it was agreed to look at costs.

15th August Wairarapa Champs Gymnastics held at at Memorial Stadium

School presented a Folk dance item in the evening display
17th August Senior Room Social and Dance. Because of small number of girls Kahutara pupils were invited to attend. A most enjoyable and successful evening was held in intimate surroundings. Parents used teachers house whilst waiting. Evening ended at 10,30

8th September Roll 61 Mrs N Kendrick took over duties as teacher aide room Mrs I McLauchlan

11th September A demonstration of motor mower was held at school on 1st September and it was decided to buy a Masport Mower for \$419 Board would only pay a subsidy of \$100. The old Mower had no value for resale.

Roll 66

The school will be attending a Vice Regal visit at Featherston on 30th September

29th October Calf and Lamb Day held at school Very successful although entries seemed to be down on previous years. This was the first group day for a few years

22nd October School visit to Mount Bruce Bird Reserve as part of Native Bird of N Z study. Again parents provided transport

23rd October The high cost of power at the Swimming pool was causing concern

A discussion took place on how and when to speed up sale of raffle tickets and it was decided to run a wheel at the calf day to raise money for the motor mower

Final arrangements have been made for class trip

31st October School closed for A and P Show

2nd -7th November Class Camp at Hutt Park for senior room. An excellent week spent tripping around Wellington and the Hutt

Valley. Mrs D Simmonds and Mrs N Chappell assisted as chaperones and worked wonders as camp cooks

28th November parents evening

19th November Small Groups visited Masterton to see NZ ballet production with Head Teacher and three parents

4th December All tickets were sold for the pig in the barrow raffle and about \$160 profit was realised

A letter from Wellington Education Board advising they were prepared to take over the financial side of the School Committee Agreed

Mr. McLauchlan was congratulated for the manner which he had conducted the class trip to the Hutt a lot of work and worry had gone into the trip

The resignation of the school cleaner Mrs Guillosson was accepted with regret As this was the Christmas meeting Mr. And Mrs McLauchlan invited the Committee Members and their wives to their home for supper

17th December Xmas party held in the hall. School gave a massed folk dancing and gymnastic display

18th December Break up at 12 noon

1970

27th January 1970 Mr M Guillosson resigned as cleaner. Mrs M Kendrick resigned as Teacher Aide (Went to Thames)

2nd February Roll 46 Staff remained the same though Mrs Kendrick is due to leave the district, relieved as teacher aide until that date

5th February The Board had decided to take over the financial side of the Committee

That a holiday be declared on 13th March for the Royal Tour

That Mrs Harwood purchase necessary cleaning equipment

Roll 45

School picnic to be held at Greytown

The Head Teacher gave a report on the activities of the baths over the holiday period that next year there would have to be some adjustments

Windows had been broken during the holidays

9th February 1970 Ann Harwood cleaning the school

11th February Picnic at Greytown Park., Home and School provided the lunch. With smaller numbers the athletic sports took little time. The weather just held off.

24th February School swimming sports held. Few parents really but children enjoyed the programme and the occasion ran smoothly

26th February Country School swimming sports held at South Featherston schools. Competing schools were Pirinoa (Who won the newly donated McMaster Cup), Kahutara , South Featherston, Hinakura, Tuteurumuri, St Teresa's and Fareham House

A most successful event although the length of the programme and the championship side of the event needs attention

18th March Mr Bruce, Inspector visited the school to discuss our roll and the cancellation of the film Sound of Music.

19th March It was decided to hold a pig in the barrow raffle

School roll 40

13th April Visit to school of Mr Bill Farland, Rural Adviser

22nd April The school received a visit from Board Officials including Mr Alp, Mathews, Hanna (Chief Inspector), Gilby , Woolcott all from Wellington Education Board who inspected the eternal building and state of the school and requested the School Committee (Who attended also) to go into the roll for the next few years

28th April Teacher aide withdrawn as money went to Larger Schools and Schools with problems

14th May A letter from Featherston School Committee was received

- a) An intermediate or Form 1 to 7 secondary school in the South Wairarapa
- b) 2 transportation of country children and its effects on children in Junior School
- c) Inefficient school buildings
- d) The internal organisation of School Committee
- e) Changing attitudes in Education

South Featherston School Committee agreed to attend a meeting when called

Approval for a class trip to Castlepoint in November

25th May Roll 42

Received confirmation of Class Camp at Castlepoint in November of this year from the Board

17th June That a note of congratulation be sent to Mr. Jim Gain on his being elected to Ward Rep

2nd July School trip to Wellington to visit Zoo and Museum. Mrs Lipinski, Mrs Bosch, Mr Larsen and myself took the school by railcar. A most profitable days outing

15th July A meeting to be held at Featherston School on 30th July

That following a survey approximately 30 children should be starting school in the next 5 years

This did not include factory workers children

School Roll 42

The Headmaster reported on the class trip to Wellington which proved a most worthwhile and profitable trip. Unfortunately the behaviour of a few children spoilt the days outing

20th July Education week held at the school. Activities included Open Day for parents in infant room (each morning) , in senior room to observe specific lessons, such as mathematics, reading, language development, physical education

Visiting Celebrities: Mr Shearsby (Gardener at Longwood Estate)

Mr Tom Pratt (Manager of Dairy Factory)

Mr Jack Wedderburn Vet

Mr Garratt Transport Manager of Dairy Company

24th July Senior Room of Dalefield and South Featherston swapped classrooms and teachers for the day as part of the Education weeks activities

27th July 1970 Inspector's report included

- a) John B McLauchlan 22
- b) Noelle Lipinski 22
- c) There is a pleasant tone in the school the school is happy and well conducted
- d) Good use is being made of the spare room and the hall

19th August The main reason for deficiency in main account was rising cost of fuel. Wellington Education Board explained.

The Head teachers report was mainly on the general dissatisfaction of the teaching staff over the whole of NZ over salary arrangements and after a lengthy discussion it was moved that the Committee offer their support and approval to the Headmaster

11th September Pupils from school attended mass Choir practices in Greytown (Kuranui College)

23rd September A positive inspectors report received

Due to overcrowding at the Featherston School about 44 children were using the spare room for the next five weeks.

Arrangements for class trip to Castlepoint were going smoothly

22nd October That the school be closed for the Carterton Show

A report on the sponsored walk to Martinborough showed that about \$60 was raised

3rd December Roll 47. New hooks needed in dressing sheds

The new water pump has been installed and was working satisfactorily

A report received on the class trip to Castlepoint

1971

February Mr McLauchlan took the school to Tate's Orchard

Class Trip to Rubber Factory Given Balloons

TV men came about the film Pukemanu

School went to Pig Farm

17th February Roll 46

19th April Ian Farrier, Elmon Benton, Arthur Chappell, George Warren, George Millar elected to School Committee

Mr. Chappell had been on the Committee 12 years and Chairman for 6

19th April The Headmaster asked for Filmstrips, Music apparatus, Art and Maths

26th May Mr. McLauchlan will be attending a Maths Course in Christchurch from June 21st to 25th and will present a lecture on the problems of teaching maths in rural schools

17th June A letter from Education Board saying that surplus money in the wages account at the end of the financial year must be sent to the board

As the school fees were very slow in coming the Secretary was instructed to write to parents who have not paid

It was decided not to have a parents evening again this year

22nd July Mr. McLauchlan asked that the school be closed for Education Day after discussion it was moved that the school be closed if necessary

The South Wairarapa Gymnastics competition will be held in Greytown

A Core Library (SRA) was shown to the School Committee That these books be obtained also one tone of coal. The school social will be held on the 19th August

A general discussion was held on methods to stop the baths from leaking and Ian Farrier proposed to inspect the Baths and report back to Committee

15th August The Headmaster reported that Education Day was cancelled. As was the round robin basketball and football

Gym competition held was held at Greytown and the South Featherston children performed creditably

The school won \$20 for a farm safety competition and this was given to the children to use as they wish

Mr. Farrier reported that he had inspected the baths and found the fault and it was decided to hold a working bee to fix the baths a little later on when the Committee were not so busy

16th September A meeting was called for the 22nd to discuss the arrangements for a class trip to Resolution Bay

25th October A letter of resignation was received from Mr. McLaughlin was read to the Committee Mr. McLauchlan stated he was taking up a new teaching position in Wellington and would be leaving at the end of the term

Roll 52

Only 13 pupils were now going to the Class Camp at Resolution Bay with The Headmaster

25th November Mr. Farrier reported that the baths had been repaired and painted

Mr. McLaughlin was very disappointed that only 12 children had attended the camp. He was also very disappointed at the meeting prior with number of parents who attended. And at after the trip the children showed films and spoke of their outings

Meeting closed at 8.30 and the Headmaster Mr. McLauchlan invited the Committee members and their wives to his home for supper and refreshments, and a very happy evening was had by all.

1972

All Committee Members present Arthur Chappell welcomed the new Head Teacher Mr. Carlyne (sic) and wished him many years of happiness at the South Featherston school

School Roll 53

The plumbers had fitted a fire hose in the old building to meet Ministry of Works regulations

He advised the Committee that the Filmstrip Projector was beyond repair.

That during the weekend boys were driving their cars around the school ground

That a working bee be arranged to put a padlock on the school gates and repair the baths gates

The school picnic to be held on a suitable date

The Secretary advised the Headmaster Mr. Carlyon that a key for the hall and conditions for the use of the hall would be presented to him during the next few days

16th March Mr. Carlyne suggested that we wait until the new Board Grants are made before purchasing a new ladder.

He also asked the School Committee for any ideas they had about a pebble garden in the front of the school

The headmaster thanked Mr. George Warren and Mr. George Millar for meeting Mr. Wallis, Board Maintenance officer at the school

20th April The new incinerator had arrived

The Headmaster reported that the basketball goals and the tennis post needed repairing

That the grass cutting wages would in future be paid by the Board and the rate of \$2 per week and \$20 per year respectively

On the 1st April all subsidies would be abolished and most items paid for under subsidy will be paid for by the Board

24th May That the grass cutting wages would be now paid by computer system at \$1-25 to Mr. W Rae and \$25 per year to Mr. Bosch,

The annual maintenance programme had been carried out and the Headmaster Mr. Carlyne was not very satisfied with the standard of work and he suggested a change of carpenters . The School Committee advised Mr. Carlyne to discuss this with the Maintenance officer

28th June School roll 53 The Headmaster reported a successful trip to Wellington and that the maintenance work was completed

Five boys made the South Football team from the school and a most successful day was held at Kahutara School

7th July 1972 Letter from CRF Carlyon to Board Notifying Wellington Education Board that Noelle Lipinski is going to work for Auckland Education Board (At Woodhill)

26th July Very successful sports days were held at Pirinoa and the Convent and also the children enjoyed their social. Mr. Carlyne requested that the sports ground be marked out for 15th August and Mr. Millar offered to supply the diesel

10th August 1972 Letter to Geo Warren Secretary School Committee saying position would be advertised in August Gazette

16th August Letter from Wellington Education Board

- a) The position left vacant by Mrs Lipinski's resignation would be advertised in the gazette (*Went to Woodhill School, New Auckland*)

- b) The Committee would be advised when the work was to start on the toilet and laundry at the school house

That Mr. Elmon Benton be appointed Secretary/ Treasurer

Moved Mr. Carlyne that a letter be sent to Mrs Lipinski in appreciation of the wonderful work she had done over the last eight years. It was also decided that the Secretary and Chairman obtain and present her with a small present

That Mr. Wolcott be invited to the next meeting to discuss bus arrangements

That the Committee was concerned that Kuranui College was being taken off the Country Schools List

25th September That new appointment was Mrs Jennifer Tweddle

Mr. Carlyne reported he had received a further cheque of \$ 20 making \$26 in all for school photos

It was decided not to go ahead with a new set of keys for the school baths as no responsible person had been found to take control of the baths

Mr. Carlyne asked that the lawn mower be fixed as the throttle appeared stuck

A Letter was sent to Mr. Tom Shearsby (Gardener at Longwood) thanking him for spraying the weeds about and around the school area

It seems that every child within the two mile limit could be picked up and conveyed to school

- a) Provided there was room in the bus
- b) Made allowance for the number standing
- c) Thus bus being a 50 passenger bus was never full morning or night

- d) Mr. Woolcott, Transport Officer stated that parents always had the choice of schools even to pass one much closer

- e) A further \$6 was recorded for school fees

- f) Mr. Woolcott said that the Education Board Grant for a swimming bath attendant ceased during the holidays and was then under the School Committee control

19th October Roll 51

7th November Senior Children to go to Cross Creek

28th November Sports Day Greytown

Mr. John Tulloch had given his consent to look after the baths this year

As a suitable person had given his consent to look after the baths it was decided to go ahead with cutting spare keys sets per family who were financial in school fees and probably other responsible people. The charge to be \$3.00

The whole Committee to be told where the baths keys were

The holders of keys on Caring for the baths to make sure all was locked up

Mr. Carlyon stated the lawn mower needed some attention as it was jamming in the gears

The School Committee agreed that the school area be cut for sports day

13th November Mr. Carlyon was becoming concerned at the thefts in the school by the pupils he felt some quick and drastic action was needed, he had discussed this with the local police in an endeavour to stop this going further

Swimming Baths Rules

- a) That person issued with keys for the baths gates were responsible to see that no child under the age of fifteen years was to have the responsibility if no parents was present
- b) No cars to enter the play area as cars were racing around the school area
- c) Casual swimmers to pay 5 cents a swim
- d) It was hoped that keyholders would watch and collect them
- e) The costs of running the baths was always on risk management
- f) The response for keys was very good 25 applications were received
- g) Lost keys would cost the holder 50 cents

The resignation of Mrs Harwood as school cleaner was regretted and at present no person had been found for the position

The banking of baths money was to be banked \$20 Special Fund and \$31 in general

Discussion of Xmas party to be left

11th December Roll 53

Roll expected to be 40 at the start of next year

12 South Featherston children going to secondary school

Mr. Carlyon had a visit from the Ministry of Work on ways and suggestions of improving the entrance to the schools some rocks and plants could be purchased from the MOW

A new bolt type of lock was needed on the pump shed at the baths, the existing fastening could easily be forced and damage done to the filtering equipment inside

Wood to be ordered from Martinborough, 3 loads in early February

Education Board to be notified that payment for grass cutting due to Mr H Bosch

School picnic to be on 13th February at Greytown Park

It was pleasing that 25 families were using the baths

1973

5th February School roll 40

Mr. Carlyon reported damage to school by vandals, broken windows and outside lights at Infants Room

During the holidays Mrs Catherine B Wilson appointed Infant Mistress

A letter to be sent to Mr. John Tulloch thanking him for his services during the Holidays

Rather filthy writing was found on the playshed and had to be washed off by schoolmaster

Mr. Carlyon to get advice about pine trees in the horse paddock

A carpenter to be found immediately to repair the broken windows

That a trip be made to Cross Creek in March by the senior pupils

George Miller Chairman. Warren Chappell had left South Featherston

Wayne Harwood to do the lawn mowing as Wayne Rei has retired

Good progress was being made on the school house a necessity before winter

Swimming Baths to close on the 29th march

A working bee on Thursday 29th to erect posts on football field and bandage with straw and sacking

Permission was given for a trip to Resolution Bay on the 19th to 23rd October

Sports equipment to be purchased from Department Skipping Ropes, 5 rubber balls, one being leather

16th April Householders meeting. Present Mr. And Mrs Simmonds, Mr. And Mrs Morgan, Mr. And Mrs Cuff, Mr. And Mrs Millar, Mr. And Mrs Chappell, E Benton, J Dittmer, R Carlyon, Ian Farrier, Mrs Wedderburn, Mrs Sissons

The retiring chairman A Chappell 12 years on the Committee

The school had a visit from 2 inspectors who had a good look around and made no comment. The new cleaner for the school Mr. McCready

The swimming pool which have been leaking for some time now to have a full plastering to stop these leaks.

The school house improvements and repairs are now almost completed. G Millar Chairman

A letter to the Education Board asking for paint to paint the hall facing the school

23rd May Roll 35

All maintenance around school has been completed. The swimming baths to be plastered lately

Mr. Carlyon asked for stepladder, and a chain measure for the school

Mr. Carlyon asked to try out a new projector for the school

A broken window was again reported over the holidays,

A visit from the Forestry Department shows the trees in the Horse paddock are of no use for posts and recommended that the straight

ones be trimmed up to 15 feet and left, the dead ones and twisted to be removed

AS a guard against fire risk it was suggested the grazing be given to someone near. Mr. Les Morgan to be asked if he was interested

The Education Board turned down the painting of the hall easterly wall and the Committee decided to use some school funds

20th June The children were taking a big interest in their school activities, enjoying their trips to other schools

Mrs Morgan and Mrs Millar had tidied and replanted the school gardens

Mr. John Cuff was thanked for his donation of book shelves, the children had assembled them

A request for an overhead projector was granted by the Committee the cost being \$165.00

Also duplicating paper and stencils

Mr. Morgan not interested in horse paddock but Mr. Pilcher was.

A very good muster to trim and destroy twisted and dying pine trees the work being done on one afternoon

Chairman to enquire at dairy factory office for some coal for the school

The Home and School had decided to hold a get together of Committee and local residents for a local dance

9th July 1973 Inspector's Report

a) CRF Carlyon 19

b) C B Wilson (Cathy) 16

c) The school is under control of an enthusiastic, efficient and forward looking principal who together with a conscientious

and hardworking assistant is providing for the children's needs in a sound and progressive manner

- d) There is a pleasing spirit evident in the school, the children show initiative and developing independence and responsibility while working cooperatively and effectively as a group
- e) It is evident that a similar spirit exists between school and community as evidenced by the contacts made with newsletters, activities and reports
- f) The school is effectively organised and the principal enlists the full cooperation of all visiting specialists and advisory services
- g) Good use is made of the National Library Service and it is noted the children make regular requests each fortnight
- h) Educational visits have been well worth while in stimulating Social Studies and in widening children's horizons The School Committee support the efforts of the Head Teacher and assistant
- i) The valuable school equipment is used carefully, supervised and regularly checked
- j) The overall picture of South Featherston School is of a school which has the respect of cooperation with its community and where the educational needs of the children are being very catered for

18th July School Roll 35

The Committee was shown the new projector and were pleased with the performance, it could be used in many ways

Mr. Carlyon asked for some paint to paint the side of the school hall

15th August Mr. Carlyon reported that the children had started to clean up limbs amongst the trimmed trees in the Horse Paddock The lawn mower does not measure up to a fair job. Mr. Miller to see Wayne Harwood to try and settle this question, he is being paid good money

Mr. Carlyon is try sugar soap for cleaning the school floors instead of oiling the floors, this is being done during the holiday period

12th September Roll 40

Children making good progress cleaning of horse paddock of trimmed trees

Mr. Carlyon thought the mowing of the school acre rather poor the chairman to try and correct this job of work

Plans for the trip to the Sounds were up to the minute all going well A discussion was held on the swimming baths, two letters had gone to the Education Board

It was decided to ring the responsible person in charge for an answer No more coal or wood would be needed this winter as supplies were in good supply

18th October Roll 40

Mr. Carlyon reported the standard of mowing was not at all pleasing. The Committee decided to seek a new attendant. It was decided to ask Mr. H Bosch and Son if interested

The carpenters had measured and replaced the broken windows Mrs. Wilson is to take the smaller children on a trip to Wellington as they are not going to the Sounds

That Show Day at Carterton be used as a school day. This did not mean that parents could not take their children away

As many of the parents and locals had not returned their baths keys it was decided to give a ring to attach to the keys who had paid
A very welcome piece of news was had at the meeting The repairs to the cracks in the baths was on its way. A contract has been let and accepted

It will be finished mid-November for swimming on return from Resolution Bay The meeting held in the middle of the day closed at 1 O'clock

28th November Mr. Carlyon the school would lose 4 children to the colleges, with 3 new pupils expected

The baths had been plastered If the baths still leaked the Education Board would plaster the whole baths instead of just the cracks

The trip to the Sounds had been very worthwhile and all had gained some knowledge of camping and helping each other

School sports to be held at 4th December

Children's Christmas party 19th December. Parents evening to be held December 12th to view slides and discussion on the sounds trip

Working bee to be held in January painting the side of the hall and clear the gorse on the path to the baths

The sale of keys for the swimming baths was good Some \$72 being handed in to Mr. Carlyon The price for the casual swimmer was increased from 5 cents to 10 cents

The price of a key to be \$3.00 for a season

The sheep of Mr. Morgan's were causing a little concern as their droppings were getting into the children's clothes and footwear. Two lots of college students had visited the school some very interested in school affairs, others couldn't care type of person.

The Bosch family are doing a good job of mowing and cleaning around the building.

19th December 1973 Cathy having a baby and would probably be giving up teaching at the May Holidays

1974

4th February Roll 38

Mrs Wilson Infants teacher would leave at end of the term.

Again this summer two windows had been broken The wall dividing the boys and girls dressing shed had been kicked out. Mr. Farrier had repaired it

The plastering of the baths is so far doing a good job

Letter for permission to paint the school hall facing the school be sent to Mrs Hazel McIntosh

School picnic at Greytown Park

G Millar to arrange pick up of ice creams and cordials from Pickering's garage

The combined swimming sports to be held at Featherston baths to give more room

Committee approved at the purchase of a tack gun and cashbox for the school

The school frontage was now grassed and levelled for Mr. Shearsby offer to plant some shrubs

12th February 1974 Letter to Board from Robin Carlyon What is happening in May?, As there is a woman teacher in Featherston claiming she has been given the job and this claim is upsetting some of the Parents

13th February A Reply Featherston school is overstaffed and a woman has been notified she may come to South Featherston

20th March Roll 39

Money has again been taken from the school rooms and from the Teacher's handbag and keys from Mrs Wilson

The approval of the painting of the school hall has been approved by all

The Education Board has made a grant of \$100 for equipment of the school to be purchased by Mr. Carlyon Talk by the Committee of the question of farmers taking their holidays in a shorter period of time did not making headway as farmer s finished milking at different times

The chairman to book two tonnes of coal for school

17th April The Committee prepared to paint the school as no painter was interested

Thanks to Mr. G Millar the gorse has been well killed

The Jaycees' requested to use the school grounds and baths during the summer holidays accepted. The Headmaster being a Jaycee

Two tons of coal had arrived

The request for a police visit to the school to try and check petty thieving met with no visit and no explanation

A detergent mixed into the baths for the winter seemed to be doing the job well

The school request for a radio cassette tape recorder was discussed as one Committee member was going out of the country he would try and get the schools one duty free

The gardening group had been formed

27th May The new infant teacher is Miss Creech and was helped in her duties by the Rural Adviser Mr. Hopkirk

Mrs McCready the school cleaner had retired and to fill the position Mrs Carlyon took over the work as no other person was available

The Committee was happy was happy with the work and appointed Mrs. Carlyon

Mr. Shearsby as an Arbour day effort for the school for beautifying the area and discussed the methods of planting with the children

He then offered \$15.00 as a prize for an essay on the care of the trees. The essay winner to pick the books for the school library.

The Committee supporting Mr. Carlyon that the money going to a child was not in the best interest of the school

The painting of the school room was discussed again as nothing had been heard from the Education Board, the Committee put in a tender and asked them to be notified by 11th June as all being farmer's time was short

Mr. Carlyon asked for the idea of starting a playground between the school house and the school in an effort to tidy up and beautify the area. The Committee being in complete agreement

The children to do the work over the months during spring time

11th July Roll 42

Mr. Carlyon thanked the willing hands for the painting of the schoolroom

The contract was taken by the School Committee for \$250 for extra funds.

The Home and School had bought new curtains, made and hung them

The Education Board being asked to pay the cost of up to \$60

A request for a further tape recorder and cassette to cost \$55 and another gymnastic mat was granted The mat cost \$20..00

The recorder to be in the Junior Room

The Governor General to visit Featherston on Monday 17th July The school holiday to be taken on the 2nd August

The donation of \$20.00 for the essay has been received

As no businesses was anticipated in August the next meeting would be in September at 8

A visit to general motors (Upper Hutt) was proposed for 21st July Standard One and upwards to go

18th September Roll 45

Mrs Williams the new Infant Mistress seems to be fitting in very well among the children. A change to take pace in the New Year a Mr. Webb is to be permanent teacher although no word has been heard from him

At the moment the baths are very green as the supply of Hyamin is in short supply

Mr. Carlyon asked to buy in bulk for the school this would save funds and always having a store to fall back on

The school sanitation is not to the liking of the teachers and some trouble is being experienced in getting the regular plumber so the suggestion is to get another to cure the situation

The new cassette recorder has been put aside for the present as the price is a little too high

Mr. Carlyon asked for a power lead between the two schoolrooms for the use of projector and recorders

16th October Roll 49

Mr. Carlyon reported the children have done a good job cleaning the horse paddock and around the swimming baths

It was thought by the Committee that the baths could be drained by the present pump. This did not function so the fire brigade was to be approached to see if they would drain the baths with the mobile pump

The new teacher to take the infant room did not materialise he had accepted another school

The Committee had a talk on the pamphlet on the sex question, this was decided to do nothing as it was felt the pamphlet did little good. To write to Mr. Wallis Wellington Education Board maintenance officer to remove the old tool shed It was found cleaning around it the walls were rotting and beyond repair

Mr. Carlyon asked for permission to purchase a large cassette for \$27.50

A Cowell 30 inch projector screen for \$6

Mr. Bob Hopkirk, Rural Adviser had spent some time at school attending to repairs of the wireless and recorders, this was appreciated by Mr. Carlyon.

The trip to Resolution Bay was going along nicely and some donated stores had been left at the school

There being no more business the meeting closed after a talk and listen to the new listening post for the children which had just arrived.

25th November Special Meeting of School Committee It was decided that the fees for the baths was too small.

\$70 had been spent on painting

The season fee for keys was increased \$3.00 to \$5.00 and the day price from 10 cents to 20 cents

4th December Roll 53

Mr. Carlyon thanked the willing workers for their time in painting the baths

Mrs Barnes is the new infant teacher and she appears to be very interested in the new appointment

Mrs Morgan appointed typist/teacher aide for the school, in her new duties are the care of the School Equipment and the Library, the allotted hours being 5 each week

As no plumbers had attended to the school sanitation (Notified in October) Mr. Wallis was contacted and would try to get someone in the holidays

13th December to be a free day for Xmas shopping for the children

A request from Mr. Carlyon for some tools for the school use was agreed to

It was suggested that a goat be found to clear around those places where no lawn mower could go

The Committee were then invited to supper and Xmas cheer with Mr. And Mrs Carlyon and their wives (sic)

1975

3rd February Roll 43

Mrs Barnes will be welcomed and accepted by the infants

Mr. Carlyon reported that vandals had damaged the pump shed during the holiday

The money taken from the baths was very good. \$150 being from the sales of keys the honesty box returned \$22-24

Mr. Tulloch's cheque for baths keys was returned and he was presented with a bottle of refreshments which he accepted

Work had been done during the vacation by the plumbers so far this year there has not been the usual maintenance at the school

A discussion on the merits of an adventure playground was held

It was decided to build a fort, this would be with posts concrete floor and a pole in the middle

A working bee to be held on Monday 17th February

The Home and School had donated \$60 towards this project

26th March Mr. Carlyon requested additional school books, Cracking the Code, Science Books

A tool box was wanted

A plumber had visited and done some repairs at the school and school house

Ian Farrier was thanked for his work in clearing of the long and rough grass around the shrubs

The working bee had done a good job in building a fort at the school. This was most popular with the children

Mr. Millar to try and get some blocks of wood for the infant room

The camp this year will be at Castlepoint

The whole school library to be changed and rearranged when he National Library Officer visited the school

The school to make a trip to Masterton the visit Hansell's Laboratories, Breadcraft factory, Milk Treatment Station and a look at Cobblestones on the way home

21st April Householders meeting Election George Millar Chairman, Elmon Benton, Hamish Donald, Ian Farrier, Joe Dittmer

The headmaster Mr. Carlyon thanked the Committee for their attendance to school duties required when extra work was needed.

Roll 46

Mr. Carlyon reported on the excellent work done by Mesdames, Millar, Morgan, Sisson and Carlyon on cleaning the garden

Mr. Farrier and Cuff for their work in levelling the horse paddock and the school grounds

A thank you to the Centennial Committee for brightening the hall. These all in turn clean up the whole area

A letter to be sent to Mr. John Cuff thanking him for his services on the Committee

The School camp is to be transferred to Riversdale as camp at Castlepoint are not catered for

A thank you to the ladies who rearranged the whole library

16th June Roll 44

Mr. Carlyon thanked the Committee for their work in getting the school ready for the School Jubilee

Request for \$6 for cricket bat

A working bee to work with the school children clearing the horse paddock of rubbish and broken glass on the 19th June at 1 .00

Six parents to attend the school on Fridays to help with craft

Mrs Diana Donald had kindly given her time to teach the senior room singing

The Secretary to write to the Education Board to see if a maintenance survey could be had

The Education Board had offered finance to paint the baths by the School Committee this had been refused as all hands were very busy painting the hall

The School Committee to pay half the cost of a football for the school

15th July Mr. Carlyon reported John Bosh would no longer be available to mow the lawn He suggest Malcolm Morgan an ex pupil with whom he had discussed the job. This met the Committee's approval

The question of buying the chair built by Mr. Bosh was turned down. It was felt that the School Committee could make a new one somewhat cheaper (*This chair was towed by lawn mower*)

The question of cutting the main area was thought to be done by local machines owned by School Committee members

The school was in need of another filing cabinet

As the library was in first class order now it was felt that a special book fund should be put into effect

The issue of this year's swimming baths keys left rather a sore point as some pupils from last year had gone to any lengths to make their presence felt The Committee Decided to try and keep this type out of the baths

Last month the Education Board was asked for maintenance work to be done, this is set down for the middle of September the feeling was one of disappointment the school was left it seems to slowly collapse through age and rot

The house too was showing lack of maintenance with a leaking roof

11th September During school holiday school was broken into the sum of \$5.38 was taken with the steel cash box. Education Board would replace cashbox only.

The Secretary to write to Education Board with regard to the old school, somewhere along the line a report on the Kahutara School was received

During School Holidays the TV people did some filming in the school area using the school rooms.

When they left the tidiness was not what would be expected of these folk. *Film was God Boy written by Ian Cross*

23rd October Mr. Carlyon reports that the infant teacher would leave us in the New Year to take up a new appointment at Trentham School of Special Classes

No replacement as yet appointed

The school classrooms and grounds had been lent to the television peoples to film God Boy and the school found itself \$200 in credit

A used Gestetner duplicator had been bought from the Dairy factory and it seems a very good investment made

The Secretary to advise the Board that swimming baths could not be used in their present condition. The baths needed a new plug to hold the water in, the old plug is being broken and rusted away

A much improved listening post was demonstrated to the Committee
The Head teacher to go ahead with his plans for this equipment the cost to be \$156

Mr. Carlyon invited the Committee to his home along with wives at the next meeting

4th December Mr. Carlyon asked the Committee to write to Education Board to confirm School, Plumber, carpenter and electrician

The School Committee to help children clean out the woodshed ready for firewood

The Baths are now ready to fill a request to all School Committee members to watch during the Head teachers Holiday.

Suggestion to put honesty box in pump shed with a slot in the wall for safety sake

1976

2nd February Mr. Carlyon reported that the honesty box at the pool earned \$22 The lawnmower is no use in its present state

The new infant Mistress is to be Mrs McPherson (*Nee Creech*)

The Secretary to order drinks and ices for the school picnic, 8 dozen cordials and 6 dozen ices

The theft of a bicycle from the baths during the holiday was later recovered

The baths again seem to be losing water

After a discussion on the children's play area Mr. Donald offered to put a steel pipe across two poles for the children's enjoyment

After some discussion the Committee decided there was no need for a March meeting

6th April Returns from the swimming baths during the summer were very good. There was no trouble or damage

A request to buy \$40 worth of books was approved

The Committee to paint the staffroom later in the winter time. Mr. Donald was thanked for his work on the poles

The Education Board to repaint the school soon was a little disappointing as only one section of the school is to be done

A the children would be going this year to the Sounds a bottle drive was held with wonderful results. The cost per child is expected to be \$22, so more dollars were needed to ease the cost to families with more than one child.

Mr. Carlyon suggested that a quiet corner be built between the two buildings possibly out of sawn posts a discussion seemed to think that posts were too dear

Lawnmower giving trouble again and the wrong type of belt if thought to be the cause of the trouble

31st May Roll 45 Mr. Carlyon reported that the mowing of the lawns had not been done in a satisfactory manner. That a set of rules be written

That all petrols and oils be brought from the one garage, Adamson's The bottle drive organised by the headmaster had earned the school some \$230 with more to come

The drive to reduce the cost of a trip to the Sounds this summer meant the cost would be reduced from \$22 per child to \$12

The Secretary to write to the Board for a change of plumber. The present one was a little longwinded in emergencies

The proposed person is Mr. Piotrowski. Of Masterton

The completing of the steel work by Mr. Donald had made it possible for the Home and School to go ahead and buy a climbing net. This was a popular asset for the playground

The cost of the net being \$132

The contract to paint half the school had been let to a Carterton Painter Bill Hewson

The price being \$995 This being a disappointment as Mr. Carlyon had asked for the whole school to be painted

The Home and School women had done a fine job in painting the staffroom and general shifting the furniture into new positions

A notice board made out of pinex covered with Hessian was asked for at a cost of \$12

The chairman to go ahead and spend \$20 on half sawn posts for the tables in the quiet space after some discussion it was moved that this be completed

All bath keys had now been accounted for and was considered very good as other years this had been a little troublesome

The Grounds man was asked to report any lawnmower trouble to Mr. Carlyon or the Committee

12th July Roll 45. 5 new infants expected

A further visit from the Board's maintenance officer reported that wall Education Board were considering putting another wall inside the present one (*Baths*).

After a long discussion it was agreed to see if the Jubilee Committee could be wound up. The hall board should be looked at too, the children being the biggest losers

The members thanked H Donald for his work in the staffroom and repairs to the trampoline

The money spent on the staffroom and other maintenance costs be charged to Education Board

A good discussion on the timetable of the conveyance bus for the children was one of different opinions.

8th September Roll 48 Mr. Carlyon reported that the painting of the old school left a little to be desired. It looks like the painting was done in the rain. In using waster based paint and to end the day they burnt their rubbish in a polythene water pipe from the baths

Discussion on the Greytown picnic spot was discussed and the use of caravans on the usual spot spoilt it as a picnic

It appears that the Education Board has no intention of repairs on the baths because of their age

Secretary to book with Greytown Borough a picnic spot

15th September 1976 Inspectors Report included

1974 Resolution Bay Camp

1975 Riversdale Camp

1976 Resolution Bay Camp

Included in report Over the last 8 years there have been 6 teachers in the Junior Room

- a) Robin Carlyon Standard 2 to Form 2
- b) Susan Macpherson (Nee Creech) Primer 1 to Standard 1- 19 children
- c) The school consists of two blocks part of the old block dates from 1898 and the newer building an Avalon Building, it has become uneconomic to maintain the old building but the Committee has asked it to be retained and the board has concurred
- d) The grounds are attractive and show evidence of thought and hard work
- e) The recently completed pebble gardens and the new fort are a feature.

- f) There is a large number of carefully chosen library books and a wealth of gymnastic equipment
- g) The Principal and his assistant work conscientiously and successfully to provide the pupils with a sound modern education
- h) Children are encouraged to attain their own levels and satisfactory standards are achieved.
- i) The working tone of the children is impressive throughout but particularly so in the junior Room and all children are polite and well disciplined
- j) School records are seen to be carefully kept

27th October The swimming pool is again losing water down to a certain level

Mr. Ivan Keast was thanked for transporting a piano to the school from Carterton a gift from another school

Mr. Carlyon asked for the School Committee Holiday to be taken 10th December

A cheque was received from the Pony Club of \$2.00 for use of the school's paper and printing equipment

The Committee had a meeting with members of the Education Board on the general condition of school buildings and swimming baths hoping to get some help for the leaky baths. The members said the baths were too old.

On their return to Wellington we got a reply to paint the two classrooms in the old block

Arrangements were now finished to arrangements for the children to go to Resolution Bay. Mr. Carlyon had arranged to transport goods

and children in buses instead of private cars as the timetable would not suit most parents

The Secretary to write to John Bosch thanking him for mowing the play area ready for calf and lamb day

Mr. Carlyon offered to start a tennis club to teach the members in and out of the game

The lawn mower needs to be repaired it seems the user tangles with the fence

9th December Roll 52 School painting contract \$3000

Mr. Carlyon spoke of the good work and teaching ability of infant Mistress Mrs. Macpherson and hope she would be here next year

The Secretary to order two loads of wood for the school in January

After some time the Education Board have at last renewed the old stove in the school house. It is not a new one but seems to be a big improvement on the old one

After some discussion the tennis nets were not to be kept up.

The members of the Committee to take the recording equipment and its listening post gear home to save the risk of entry to the school

The work of mowing the lawn is to be sent to Kevin Morgan who has taken over the work of his brother

1977

31st January Roll 52

Mr. Carlyon asked all Committee members to attend the meeting with the maintenance representative of the Education Board

The Committee to find the paint for the log tables

The swimming baths again leaking thought to be damaged by local earthquakes

There being no more business the Committee had a walk around the school and play area in an attempt to see just what maintenance work was needed

30th March Roll 44 The possible increase of 7 with loss one infant. This being the moving families in the area

Mr. Millar had spent some time in the school to get the water going again. The problem being blocked pipes and calls had to be made to the official plumber as authorised by the Education Board

The baths were still leaking near the top

The Secretary to contact the painter Mr. Bill Hewson just when he was starting it was felt the year was getting on and wet weather was coming

The Committee would need to place an order for cassettes which were nearly worn out

The wood from Martinborough Sawmill had arrived

In the maintenance work rejected items such as rotten piles in the school house

The retiring members were thanked by Mr. Carlyon for the good work over the year

The powder at the Swimming Baths was causing some considerable corrosion of the filtration plant equipment. The need for a small shed was required for storage of baths chemicals

Mr. Morgan now had no sheep and stock from elsewhere was needed to keep the grass and weeds down around the swimming baths

Committee Elected George Millar, Hamish Donald, Les Morgan, Ivan Keast and John Allen

1st June Roll has already reached 49, A record since Mr. Carlyon has been here

If the roll keeps on increasing we will have to ask for another teacher or more likely increased teacher aide hours. The outside painting has not been started and this will not start to September

The water has been left in the baths because the tap cannot be undone. The water level is staying just below the rail

We are still waiting for better lighting in the Junior Room This actioned in January but no joy yet

School trip to Castlepoint using the shearers's quarters and motor camp

Rechargeable batteries to be purchased for about \$25

Committee has decided to purchase 6 in lamb ewes at the cost of up to \$100

12th September R Carlyon was appointed to take the minutes

Roll is 52

The painter has finished all the school building apart from the roof and has started on the house

Warren Burgess (Carpenter) has replaced some of the rotten boards on sheds.

Still have not heard official word about painting old block

Baths will have to be cleared out

The home and school have made curtains for junior room and cushions and seat covers

The Board will not include a Romesse Stove heater in the Junior Room. But hopefully will install a new heater. Expected to last 4 years

Mr. And Mrs Payton have donated a vacuum cleaner to the school.

Mr. Les Morgan agreed to check it out. Les was an electrician

Meeting closed after and inspection of the refurbished junior room

25th October Letter received from Mrs Macpherson tendering her resignation as infant mistress.

Painting has finished with favourable comment

Baths pump has been fixed by George (Millar) and will be pumped out in next few days plus repair leak and have them filled for the 25th November

String Collection (Hay Making String) on the 4th November

Tenders have been called to reseal the tennis court

Ivan (Keast) to pant the fort and outdoor tables.

8th November Our school is host to sports day

Mr. Carlyon intends to keep the tennis club for children and if the adults intend to continue he will be quite happy

Mr. Allen will be approaching Dairy Co regarding joining in on the companies rubbish collection

Baths keys to remain at \$6.00.

Movie Projector That Robin goes ahead and purchase movie projector from Martinborough School.

25th October 1977 Letter to Board from Robin Carlyon asking why house rent went up £1.59 per week?

12th December Mr. Carlyon required an adaptor for calculator at the cost of \$6.90

1978

31st January \$40.84 cents from baling twine sales

Roll 56

Two families left to go to other schools.

Baths received \$9.65 from Honesty Box. Generally baths were in good shape

Request for extension of activities in the playground

A swing and a swinging log

Setting upon incinerator area and fence off sandpit

Quite a few ponies are being ridden to school

The Secretary was requested to give John Tulloch a token in recognition of looking after the swimming baths during the school holidays

The trip to Resolution Bay is estimated to cost \$28

Roll 58 Government announced that schools over 50 will be getting a third teacher as of right from 1980

Board has decided to make Board Maintenance surveys each 6 years

This means our first survey will be in 1980

Minor Maintenance will still be carried out

Points of interest are

- a) Incinerator
- b) Repaint interior old block
- c) Provide chlorine storage
- d) Repair leak in roof
- e) Place locks on toilet doors
- f) Path to house
- g) New sink in staffroom
- h) Regrass field
- i) Windbreak along front and remove trees
- j) General repairs on windows

The new fire place in infant room is a big improvement on old one

Tennis courts have been finished

Cup of soup for school lunches is proving quite a success

Mr. Les Morgan to give the young gentleman who mows the lawns a gentle reminder that he is becoming a bit slack with the job (His Son)

Mr. Carlyon requested cheques of \$5 for film money and \$12 for the annual hall hire

Working Bee. Making Big Book displays, working corner for children Filmstrip boxes

17th February 1978 Letter to board Current roll is 56. What happens when roll meets the Magical 61?

4th July Committee approves of the school bus to travel down Diversion Road to pick up Donald, Gillett and Robertson Children

That we should purchase a sound vacuum cleaner.

Committee agrees to buy a new vacuum cleaner

7th September Send letter to Board and Mrs McLeod (Pauline Wellington Education Board Member) regarding the redecorating of the house approved back in February 1977

Mr. Carlyon has authority to buy a new cricket bat for the school

12th October 1978 Letter to Board from Ann Morgan Teacher aide asking why she wasn't being paid for the extra 5 hours per week she was working' no reply

17th October Swimming baths to be emptied and resealed with black sealer

Tennis Court puddle has been removed not to our satisfaction but there is little we can do about until a child has a bad accident as a result of the poor workmanship of the contractor

5th December Committee decided it was appropriate to give Mrs McKenzie a cheque of \$20 to cover petty cash expenses incurred during the past year

Roll 56 with 6 leaving for college

5 Extra hour have been applied for next term for teacher aide

Resolution Bay trip was a great success

Tuturumuri sports day was another successful day

39 Keys sold for baths Diving Board and Fence need attention

The Board is upgrading the Senior Rooms and Library Mr. Carlyon would like to have individual study booths incorporated in the design

Board still want to replace the school house laundry

Interior decoration of house is still waiting

1979

29th January School roll is expected to be 54.

By the end of March the roll in the infant room will be 20

Baths seem to be holding water well

Changing rooms have been left untidy fairly regularly.

Need to approach Board regarding schoolhouse interior

Committee decided to have a duplicate set of keys for school baths and school in case of an emergency

The keys would be stationed at Les Morgan's

School picnic to be held at Greytown Park

12th February 1979 Roll now 59 and of 7 new comers 6 are slow learners.

Told to wait for 61

12th March 1979 Roll now 61 Approval for a teacher CRFC had to find one. Margaret Ann Coventry Battersea. Started. Had taught at Whareama previously where they farmed

23rd April Annual Meeting

Mrs Morgan wished to express her vote of thanks to Mr. Millar for the dedicated way he fulfilled his position as Chairman

Mr. Carlyon also thanked Mr. Millar for his duties over the past 8 years of service to the Committee

Mr. Millar resigned from the Committee due to the uncertainty of his future employment

Les Morgan, Ivan Keast, Royce Wiffen, Hamish Donald, John Allen Chairman Hamish Donald. Secretary John Allen

Mr. Carlyon was granted approval to negotiate with Mike Beckett regarding the purchasing of shelving for the library and the Schoolroom

7th June Mrs Pauline McLeod in attendance

Home and School arranging garage sale on 7th July

Baling String collection H Donald to arrange packing and dispatch

Functions of Committee

The matter of Responsibilities of maintaining school facilities was raised by the chairman After some discussion it was suggested that Committee members be allotted areas of responsibility with authority to arrange general repairs and maintenance

The areas were allocated

L Morgan Electrical Repairs and Baths

I Keast Machinery maintenance

R Wiffen Grounds

First Typed report in Book

Roll 58 I have informed board but so far no reply. For once am Pleased that Board don't answer letters

Sinfonica are bringing 4 musicians here on 14th

The alterations have been one of frustrations

In Library No display for book shelves. No display boards though we have been told we can have two, No protection around fireplace, No protection around sink

Classroom: No provision for shelving, Old display Boards being maintained

Staffroom. No shelving, Non replacement of sink

Board carpenters and building are calling library is a classroom but we are in process of receiving all equipment for a library including materials we don't want

19th July Letter from Board re reduction of cleaning hours Secretary to write advising increased work involved in cleaning since upgrading of classrooms

Roll 62 Thanks To R Wiffen for trimming trees. To Committee for meeting Board Assistant Secretary and Assistant Transport manager on Tuesday

The builder has finished work on old block

No progress has been made on promised shelves for classroom

Books to the value of \$500 are to be purchased using book grant and Home and School Money

11th September Received letter from Board advising reduction of cleaning hours are reassessed allocation is increased from 8 hours to 12 hours

Power accounts must be passed by Committee according to Education Board

Roll 57

Building All finished at last Shelves were put in last Thursday and Robin painted them over weekend

We have basically got all that we wanted at the start

Visit of Maintenance inspection on Thursday 20th

We intend going to Hutt Park for our school camp this year

May possibly request for six chairs to go round issue table

Calf and Lamb day 30th October

Mr. Carlyon suggestion that a letter of appreciation be sent to Board now that upgrading of senior room and library is complete

Mr. Donald advised that his wool press is available to bail string

Calf and Lamb day 30th Oct

18th October Roll 58 Storage of Chlorine. Under regulation our storage facilities were good enough

We need grounds to look especially good for Triennial Inspection in November

Very successful effort of children at Cross Country and School Music Festival

Guy Fawkes Night Hope to hold a Guy Fawkes Night on 5th November

Baths need emptying Hope to open baths before camp

Flax plants to be planted along fence for shelter H Donald to purchase 50 plants

Playground extension 3 rows of trees would have to be removed to make a full sized field. It was decided to leave this matter until next year

It was decided to purchase a screen for new room \$30. 27

That \$15 be donated to calf and lamb club

14th November 1979 Inspector's report included

- a) R Carlyon 22, Standard 4-Form 2.
- b) Standards 2- 3 Mrs Jan. Keay 15
- c) J1- Standard 1 Mrs A Coventry Relieving 23
- d) Ann Morgan Teacher Aide

13th May Letter to Wellington Education Board Mrs J Keay intends resigning as they have bought a farm at Wainuioru

11th July 1980 Sue Palmer teaching in J Keay's position

5th December Letter from Tuturumuri School Committee suggesting that semi regular meetings of country School Committee be held to discuss matters of mutual interest

It was decided to reply expressing this Committee's support

Roll 61

We had a very good camp. The behaviour of the children was marvellous. On all outings we were complemented on the behaviour. Many of the children got rewards of one kind or another because of their behaviour

We were treated well in all places we visited. All transport arrangements went well

Bill Hedley and John Morris inspected the school yesterday Comments from Hedley who had not seen our June Letter were about display boards in classroom should have been replaced. More display boards in the library (It is now called a bookroom). Sink should have been replaced

Thanks for filling baths. We are at sometime going to get a chlorine store at school

I intend taking tennis nets down at holiday time

Was told by Bill Hedley that we should spray for Onehunga Weed now

Mr. Odlin (Bruce) will be renting a house in Brandon Street for first term at least

I would like to thank the Committee for their cooperation and help

I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Thank You

Royce Wiffen and Les Morgan to look after baths during the holiday

A list of Keyholders to be distributed to School Committee members

A No smoking and No eating sign is to be erected in baths

A request from the Pony Club to use the baths on one evening was granted subject to responsibility being accepted by a pony club representative

1980

31st January Maintenance survey satisfactory except that replacement sink in staffroom was not approved and the leak in the roof of the Girls Toilet is not to be repaired

An extremely creditable report received from the Board

Roll 61 The highest for the last 9 years at opening time

Thanks to Les and Wayne for the way they looked after the baths

There appears to be the usual number of people getting in without paying Some minor damage and abuse to School Committee officials doing their job. But overall things have been getting along pretty well

The diving board has broken. Not vandalism just wear and tear

People are still climbing over. 5 young Waaka children were in the pool the other night

The baths surrounds have been made much cleaner since the ban on eating and smoking

More lights are going in the library

Ventilation holes are going to be placed around old school

Kevin Morgan has resigned mowing from 5th February After consulting Hamish I approached the Wheeler boys who are going to do the lawns

Mrs Mackenzie donated a very good music stand

Mr. Odlin is teaching in Junior Room He is living at 33 Brandon Street

Could we please have a storage system for posters. A Volley board

Two extra Hours granted for Relief in Classroom I have been given 5 days leave for work within the school

Ann Morgan has been given 40 hours work to complete Library filing

A Volley Board is to be attached to the back of the library to enable more children to practice tennis

A further Volley Board is to be erected before next summer

H Donald is to purchase material for poster rack and approach George Millar to build same

The school donation was set at \$4.00 for 1980

The picnic to be at Memorial Park Greytown on 14th February

25th March Hall hire \$12.00 paid

Received letter from Wellington Education Board advising reduction in cleaning hours

Received letter from NZ Fire Service regarding an alarm system and access for fire appliances

Roll 62

We have been without a zip for over three weeks

Gauges fitted at baths don't work

Taps and Cisterns still broken and don't work correctly

It has taken Sinclair and Watkins 3 trips just to get to this stage

Volley Board worked well It must be about time we gave another donation to hall board. The figure set is \$12.00

Horse paddock gate has been fixed by Royce Wiffen and needs grazing again

Poster Rack George Millar has built rack It has worked out ideally

Have ordered a battery charger, have waited until another firm came up with a reasonable offer \$23.00

Need a base for 6 foot 9 square shed purchased by Home and School a concrete base will fit in well around quiet corner. Shed to be used as a Wendy house

Could we have an induction loop around the library/ *So that we could have headphones through a wireless system*

Purchased 1 camera and film Funds came from Principal's account

Mr. Morgan reported that several parents had expressed concern that there is insufficient space in the cycle shed on wet days

Mr. Carlyon suggested that extra space was available in shed behind hall

3rd June Received letter from Education Board advising against erection of Wendy House

Mr. And Mrs Keay have purchased a farm at Wainuioru (Ngahape) and moving in January will be resigning on the 28th of this month

This is unfortunate as Jan has fitted in well at South Featherston

We are getting a new lawn mower on basic grant. A Self driven 5 HP commander machine. Other schools that have then are very happy with them

String new price \$100 tonne

Request \$30 for toy library To build up a library for listening posts

Received Notification from Board of special grant \$214.

Headmaster recommended that this be spent on Maths equipment and Non Fiction Library Books

Roll 64

Some damage was done to fort by children at a Dairy Company held function at the hall

The Board are providing a new piano

4th December Roll 66 Expect to start with 54 next year

Mr. Carlyon expressed appreciation for work done on the baths, playshed and weed killing

A copy of rules to be given with each key

Hours to be 7 a.m. to 9.p.m.

Committee members to check grounds over holidays

Education Board are to install a fire alarm bell system in the classroom blocks

A survey of the Household by the board's architect and foreman

There has been no result as yet from maintenance

The new bus was working well

School camp was very successful

1981

4th February The Secretary Treasurer advised of his impending departure from district The Committee and Headmaster expressed their appreciation for the work done by Mr. Allan

There is no sign of vandalism around the school. This is very pleasing

Looks as though we need another weed and grass spraying

Still have not heard from Board re last August's survey

Anne Morgan has had hours cut back to 5 hours per week

Thought's for a cheap form of hockey goals for the season

27th April Householders Meeting The following were elected Ivan Keast, Royce Wiffen, Colin Palmer, Hamish Donald. Ian Evans missed out

Mr. Donald thanked Mr. Les Morgan and John Allen for their services over the last 4 years

5th May The Jaycees used baths on Sunday 15th February However conditions set by the Committee were not adhered to It was resolved that they would not be permitted again if they asked

Roll 59. Ian Robertson to start after the holidays

The builders have completed all work around the school

The new fire bells have been installed But do not solve problem of not hearing the bells in the storeroom Another bell is to be installed House: We are still awaiting the results of a survey completed in February on fate of house. Rebuilt or Redecorated. The Board is only maintain essential features. E.G New hot water cylinder

Thanks to Royce for marking grounds.

I keep an account with cheques signed by Hamish and I. This contains monies from incidental incomes

I also bank all monies received from School Donations
Men's Hockey club have asked to use grounds. Subject to
Committee's approval. I have given permission on the following
conditions. Only the field is to be used. No hordes of children to
come and use playground

John Berryman is leaving Pirinoa. He has been a full supporter of
this school. Lesley has taught here for a term (*Went to Sun Valley
Wainuiomata*)

We need coal for the school

One tonne of coal was ordered from Tait and McKenzie

Ian Evans to be invited to Join School Committee

7th July Letter received from Board that House has been put on
1981/81 draft programme. Letter to be sent asking when

The Infant room heater is unsatisfactory as takes a lot of looking
after for heat provided

Roll 51

Fireplace running low and buckling in Junior Room

Thanks to Royce for rolling ground. To Royce and Hamish for
bailing string

Grounds are taking a hiding- from wet weather

New Chlorine shed (*Meat hanging Concrete building*) shed at cost
to Board of \$600

Teachers Only day. 3rd August Art Programme

10th September No response from Board Re Teacher's residence

Roll 54 It looks as though will be the roll as at 30th September

Received a cheque of \$44.00 for sale of string. Have a few bags in
storage for next year

Camp will be at Castlepoint this year 23rd to 27th November

This Committee will have to decide what to do with the trees in the
horse paddock. Many of them are dying, some are falling over.
Many are dangerous in a wind

That the Committee purchase from special funds.

100 Journal Boxes £66-65

20 Storage boxes for Units £13.60. The money to come from
Principal's account

Staffroom Replace light fitting Present ones small Cannot be used

Replace louver windows

House: Fix garage door so it can be used

Junior Room Replace unusable light fitting in classroom with
Fluorescent lights

Mark Lovett to look at number of trees to be cut down. This is to be
done urgently so that children can use paddock

Trees cut up over summer and sold as firewood

Education Board is to visit school on the 16th October A list of
questions to be asked to be submitted before visit

Mr. Carlyon reported that the Home and School had approved
purchase of lacing nylon to repair the net

5th October 1981 Ken Stokes has applied for Paternity leave

7th December A letter from Education Board thanking us for
seeing them when they visited

Journal boxes have arrived

Trees in horse paddock have been removed

Roll 56. Ratahi's and 7 Form 2 to leave. Starting roll 46

Very good camp Good Kids Marvellous response to food. There will
be a slight profit on camp depending on final bottle sales

Thank you for a good year of quiet progress

Thanks to Mark and Hamish for cutting down the trees
Flaxes are growing well
We were the only Committee with a 100% attendance in meeting the Board, thank you

1982

2nd February maintenance survey received
A letter be sent to Mrs Pauline McLeod asking her to stand again as Board member
Roll 52 Teacher Ratio 1 14.5 Senior Room 1: 23 in Junior room
Messrs Carlyon and Stokes will be spending some time in the Junior Room as an experiment to help Lower Junior Ratio
Parents under Mrs Lovett will carry out school garden maintenance
School picnic to held at Greytown on Wednesday 3rd March
6th April An offer of \$70 was received from Kahautara School for the Gestetner they had borrowed
Roll 53
Junior classroom heater has been removed and will be replaced
R Carlyon is authorised to purchase 1 ream of School letterhead paper
4th June Merv. Gain now maintenance builder
Discussion and onsite meeting took place over the siting of a new proposed principals residence
A further inspection will be made after 19th June when chairman returns
9th August Roll 55

Thank you to those who attended meetings about the house. I am sure we will end up with a residence that is very suitable It has been a long wait since 1977
Colin Palmer to write to Education Board re rental of residence for Principal
14th October Maintenance survey was at last held on 22nd September
Playing field was rolled by R Wiffen and oversown by I Keast
Demolition of present house
Copy of plan of new house
Rental difficulty for Headmaster
House for Principal at Tui Dairy Company house approved. Ex General Manager
No notification and demolition tender has been achieved
Resolved that recent x pupils (10 years), current pupils and parents can use tennis courts out of school time
Roll 51 with 2 Fenwick's to start
We will have to arrange for main field to be cut
Mark Wheeler has taken over lawn mowing after comments made to me from Royce were relayed to Darin. Lawns are really well done now
Horse paddock needs to be grazed before swimming season
Theft No obvious sign of break in Final list that we can tell 1 vacuum cleaner, 1 cassette radio, 1 tennis racquet, 3 tennis balls, 2 headphones, 1 towel and 1 bottle of twink. Police and Education Board notified
Maintenance survey Thank you for full attendance . Hopefully we will get some of the things we asked for.

Camp Everything underway Unfortunately 9 parents wish to come, Ken (Stokes) and I will have to make decision soon
 Have written to Board enquiring about a new stove. The old one given by Mrs Watson has given up the ghost. Bruce Odlin needs a stove to help his cooking classes
 Though the Board have money we are having trouble in getting Banda printing machine replaced. This is an ancient machine. Written off by Mr. Pilkington, agent
 Carlyon's House: We are on a week's notice, but have not heard as of when The Board are already renting the Factory Manager's house
 13th December roll 55
 Baths filled and ready to go Fees have to be set. Custodian needed after the holidays
 House Down on foundations before Xmas Due to move in before April
 Camp went well from Kids point of view.
 Tennis nets will be taken down before end of term
 Headmaster thanked everyone for year
 Mr. Donald felt that surplus money from 1982 camp should be placed in a special fund for another camp. It was pointed out that surplus monies were the responsibility of the Home and School as they had raised the money

1983

16th February Roll 52

Progress on the house is slow. The Board are threatening to put on penalty payments if not completed by Mid-March

The builders have still not got a painting subcontractor
 Have been asked by Peter Bussell (Board Architect) to name someone to trim the front hedge
 Thanks to Ian and Royce for looking after baths. They were in good order and there appeared to be few problems. Maybe because of bad weather
 Had one case of fellow sleeping in school grounds, after a warning was still hanging around so advised police. Have not seen person in grounds again
 We have finally received our new Banda This is the first copy of a new stencil. Sorry it does not correct typing errors
 School picnic at Greytown. Greytown baths booked for 12-1 key to be uplifted from Greytown Borough on payment of \$9.50 Mr. Donald to order ice blocks 72, Mr. Palmer to order soft drinks 72 Mr. Wiffen to uplift tables
 9th March 1983 Bruce Odlin appointed
 18th April Biennial meeting
 Following elected Colin Palmer, Mark Lovett, Royce Wiffen, Ian Evans and Wayne Thurston
 Mr. Donald passed a vote of thanks to Bruce Odlin who is leaving at the end of the term
 Mr. Carlyon passed on his and Committee's thanks to retiring President Mr. H Donald and retiring Member I Keast for their help, advise and work over a combined period of 18 years
 Chairman Colin Palmer
 Secretary/ Treasurer Mark Lovett
 3rd May
 Roll Number 53

The house is completed and very comfortable. The Board have been very reasonable in their attitude towards our needs Only minor things have not been agreed to

House came from Te Ore Ore School

The grounds have been completed to some degree It will take a lot of work by Carlyon's to get them into shape

We got a grant of \$40 from the Board for shrubs

When the lawn grows then the house will be really attractive

Miss B Rogers has been appointed She has also been appointed to a job down South. We will know tomorrow what she does

I have found accommodation for her sharing a flat with Greytown Kindergarten teacher

Will leave keys with Colin (Palmer) over holiday

I have a pile of string out in the shed I want to get rid of out of the shed

We need a good rubbish clean up, would it be possible to use the factory dump

At present I have \$344-04 in Kitty

Where does the Committee wish to keep these funds

I suggest that they be kept in School Committee funds not in the Principal's account

For the last few years I have had free rein to order necessary stationery without question. Now with regular meetings will this be agreed to or does the Committee wish to have all requests before purchase. Only the book account would be exempt.

String in the school shed to be removed and bailed and sold Royce and Mark will do the job on Thursday

7th June Roll 52

Roof still leaks over Senior Girls Toilets

Am still waiting for word about stove asked for last October

Betty Sims will be relieving all term I am hopeful that the job will be advertised in the 15th June Gazette so that we can be sure of a replacement

Thanks to Ian Evans for the great job done in cleaning up grounds. Everything that could, went

Request for some hardware to store coal in rooms. 2 plastic buckets? Wayne Thurston had some.

I am going to ask home and school for a photocopier If so will the School Committee provide the software to go with this. School Committee approved.

15th June 1983 Letter to South Featherston from Wellington Education Board Mrs A Morgan was resigned off our computer in error and this automatically stopped payment. I offer apologies

2nd August request to Board for South Featherston school boundary

Roll is now 50 with Antonio's leaving

With 9 children leaving at end of year future prospects of keeping 3 teachers are not bright

Mr. Anthony Neyland will commence in Third term Has previously taught in Greytown. Is currently at Redwood, Tawa

Mrs Sims is standing up to the strain of travelling well

We have an offer for a Photocopier from Reeves \$ 1250 This is a bargain for a very good machine. Guaranteed for 3 months The Home and School will pay \$1150 and I propose to pay other \$100 from Principals account

While this has nothing to do with the Committee the school does use the hall a lot I am not happy with the ongoing maintenance of the

hall. With the development of safety standards it will not be long before I fear the hall will be closed down by the County Council

The grounds are looking very good

Adam Wheeler has taken over lawn mowing, at the moment is very keen

Safety Day We are involved in a bigger way than I first thought on 4th October A cheque was received for \$100 for school books

String Sales Bought \$155. Mark held the 7 wool packs at his place The Board are not going to paint all sheds. Some will be left which will be unsightly

The plumber Lou Piotrowski has repaired all cisterns cylinders at house/school

22nd November This involves Fire safety, tractor safety, tractors, chainsaws, motorbikes, water. Household and traffic, and electrical Other schools will be invited

I would like School Committee permission to use facilities. Home and School will be involved

(We got a huge turnout from all the schools in the south with a large number of exhibitors. All was going well until an Unexpected Cold Southerly arrived getting everything wet and everybody cold. Had fires going as we waited for transport to come to pick up children)

Royce wished to thank all the parents and school children and Chrissy Sargent for helping bale the hay string and Ken McKenzie for waving the weigh bridge charge

A discussion was held on the South Featherston hall. Members were made aware of the state of the hall which is in danger of being closed by the County Building Inspector.

Will Homes is still finishing off minor maintenance at house The board have supplied 3 bags of fertiliser, only 1 bag needed

I have purchased \$100 worth of paper for photocopier. Photo Copier is going well

24th November Staff. Robin Carlyon, Anthony Neyland and Ken Stokes

29th November Roll 54 With 10 in Form 2 and 2 Palmers to go

School Committee has \$405.30 in Principals account

Camp all arrangements going well. We are coming back by bus from Riversdale

Who holds school keys at present. Who should hold them?

A C C Safety Day A great success well worth effort. Thanks to those who worked so hard at the baths Unfortunately they were not well used by water safety Committee

Baths Thank you for a wonderful job Look really good They are still losing some water Though rate appears to have diminished

Thanks to all the Committee Special thanks to Colin for his efforts for and on behalf of the Committee and to Royce for his dedicated work for the school I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Colin Palmer is moving to Greytown

A letter was received from Royce wishing to resign

Baths kit testing is much needed for water testing

1984

31st January Roll 45

Thanks to Ian Evans on the way the baths were looked after

Disappointed in fact that painters arrived unannounced and broke in

Painters broke in through louver windows to get into school If they can do it so can others. This work has been left off list

Kevin Beales is doing a great job with mowing the field Donating money back to school

6th March It looks as though Warren Burgess is back to being our builder. He has been doing the work for 25 years on and off

We have a new stove in the staffroom

The Home and School have purchased a Vic 20 computer this should be available soon

I thought the picnic went very well and things were friendly

3rd April That outside organisations using the Photo Copier a fee of 10 cents per copy be charged and 5 cents for a personal copy

Members to keep an eye out for a second hand colour TV for the computer

The Board are reluctant to replace louver windows

1st May That the Principal go ahead and buy more rubber balls for the school

Roll 45 We hope to go to Wellington for one day next term All school will be going

I have burnt 7 balls that would not stay up Need to replace same Hockey goals need repairing

Roll 46 Two new children Blair Harper and Justin Risetto

Door in House bedroom broken Collie Burt removed it at 9.30

House blinds giving trouble

Camp Akatarawa 19th 23rd November

Visit to Wellington 4th July

Hinakura Fortnightly visit of the 12 pupils of Hinakura School are being held so as to allow these children to mix socially with ours

At tomorrow nights meeting of Country Teachers we are going to be discussing winter sports. Any ideas please

Letter from Visa asking if School would like Visa Payments

Computer is insured with Education Board

3rd July Roll 46. Daryl Brown leaves on Monday

3 children start 16th July Clinton Lee, Charlotte Magon and Corrie Sargent

Maybe will be visiting Garry Brain percussionist on 17th July at St Teresa

Copier has been repaired working perfectly

Committee decided not to have association with Wairarapa School Committee

Committee working on hay string

30th July 1984 School reduced to two teachers. Anthony Neyland Resigned

7th August Roll 48, Door at house repaired finally

Resignation of Anthony Newland is regretted

School has been designated "At Risk" in terms of staffing. No position will be advertised at the school A final decision will be made after next years grading (1st July). This means a reliever here for next term

Hinakura School (Richard Keeling) will continue to visit next term. Has worked very successfully

Twenty cycle racks are due to be delivered to the school

Letter sent to Bull Gundersen thanking him for work on the hockey goals.

Letter sent to the board stating our disappointment at their decision on Anthony Neyland's application for leave of absence

Hay string coming into the school will be baled in the summer
4th September Still only one hockey goal at school. The twenty cycle racks being sent by the Board have not arrived

Letter sent to Mr. Morgan hall Committee re hall problems

Sarah Wheeler taking over the lawn mowing

Ian gave a full report of the grass bunker

Rules for use of tennis courts same as last year

Roll 47

Enrolled two Hares. Schickers have left for Shannon

Flagpole blown down

Miss Chris New from Masterton appointed for a term

I raise the matter of the hall again The school will lose this valuable asset if something is not done soon.

17th September 1984

Inspectors report included

- a) R Carlyon Roll 18
- b) Ken Stokes Roll 15
- c) Chris New Roll 15
- d) Teacher strengths are being well used by flexible organisation techniques
- e) The present organisation has many elements of open education (Now the "new" find of teachers in 2014)
- f) All subjects in the curriculum are being covered
- g) The overall programme shows modern development in teaching
- h) The school scheme is a well-developed series of documents kept under review by the school

- i) The use of contract systems and the building of real open education elements is also commended.

2nd October 4 Lloyd children have come from Masterton This has caused some concern about poaching from other schools No parent should be approached to bring children here from another school Though we cannot stop them coming if they wish. Page 61 Red Handbook

All minor maintenance is responsibility of School Committee

The Board requested that Elaine Carlyon become cleaner/ groundsman instead of Sarah Wheeler. But I suggested it would be more polite to wait until Sarah finished before that was considered. Reason it is easier for the Board to handle as cleaner is always around the school

Wish to take 26th October as School Committee holiday. Carterton Show

Bus Route discussion in the future, Committee decided to leave well alone at present'

6th November Roll 51

Kevin Beals is now mowing South End of field. New mower most successful

Baths have been cleaned out by children

Thrilled with school grounds at Calf and Lamb Day

Mower still giving trouble. Stu Harper has been down to repair it a number of times. Have purchased a plastic petrol tank

Health Education amendments need to be discussed at all levels. I am consulting with School Committee as instructed

I hope to fill baths on return from camp. Depends on plumber

Colour TV set for computer

6th November That the Principal buy a colour TV for the computer
School still waiting for plumber to come for minor work on
swimming baths

School Committee to pay more attention to Calf and Lamb Club
planning

Final reminder in next newsletter re string collection

4th December Plumber has repaired baths

Baths are filled first swim today

Lynne Carlyon has cleaned out shed 7 The rubbish needs taking out
I am thrilled with 12/1 inspection report It clearly shows we are
improving our standards and providing a modern education for our
children

Camp went very well have a surplus of about \$250 and I presume
this will be carried towards another camp

Teacher Aide. I have three firm applicants for teacher aid

Mrs Van der Shaaf of Featherston

Mrs Ruth Evans of Kaiwairua

Mrs Christine Hawker of Featherston

Ann Morgan has left after 10 years of aiding the school to enter the
work force fulltime. The Home and School gave her a nice gift and
she had a farewell from the children

I will make a selection on Friday

Received a speaker from Education Board. Would like options for
use of.

Thank you very much for the School Committee work I feel that
everything is going well. This Committee is functioning well since
having regular monthly meetings. The communication has improved

all round Thank you I wish you a merry Christmas and rain filled
new year

17th December 1984 Sue Lloyd Teacher aid

1985

6th February Roll Form 2 , 10. Form 1, 6, Standard 4 4, Standard 3
7, Standard 2 6 Primers 11

Kevin Beals lawn mowing donated \$110.80

Thanks for bunker. Ian and Brendan Evans collected rubbish last
term

Thanks to Ian for looking after baths over holidays. Job well done as
usual

Have no reports of any problems. Confiscated 1 key

Have sold 31 Keys

Casual Money \$88.01

It appears that more people are paying which is welcomed

Could we spend \$20 on clothes hooks

Mrs. Janet Gosling has been appointed reliever for the year, she
comes from Hawera. Is going well

Country Schools swimming sports are on Wednesday 27th February
Need to have picnic beforehand

Computer to be insured by Secretary at State

5th March Roll 53 Stu Harper has installed coat hooks in baths sheds
Elaine Carlyon has taken over the lawn mowing from Sarah
Wheeler. Sarah decided she had too much to do.

We are very pleased with swimming results

All school will be attending an athletic sports day at St Mary's Carterton

16th April 1985 Asking that Jan Gosling continue as roll is 53 Assured that she is at school all year as a placed teacher

26th April School will be closed Teacher Only Day at South Featherston Topics will be art and audio visual including a computer

Wrote to Resolution Bay but have not had a reply Will probably go to Castlepoint

Nigel Sargent to take string to railway Station

2nd April 24 families have given their donation to school. A pleasing response

Have shut baths down for the year. I am using a wintering agent at least for the start

Contacted Colleen Farrier over hall. She stated that she had heard nothing from building inspector

Have changed direction of sports Will now be competing interschool As this is the last meeting of this school committee I would like to thank you for your time given and the positive way you have supported the staff and myself over the time

That concrete slabs be placed under the tables in the quiet corner sometime in the future

Chairman thanked Ian Evans for his work on the Committee

7th May We have held two successful courses here over the last two weeks The Computer course was held under the auspices of CAP. Community Action Programme.

A confession I have overspent the Book Account ask the Committee to carry over until sufficient monies are repaid by the Education Board

\$50 grant for converting our filmstrips to slides

Computer software As Vic 20's are out of production now we have been offered some software at competitive prices

4th June Roll 54 Mr. Watchman Wellington Education Board visited, Warren Burgess's quote for shed is too high. Will concrete dirt floor Ken Stokes has taken a term's leave of absence on Sick Leave. Basically whether he wishes to continue with teaching. Mike Svenson has been appointed for this term as reliever.

Janet Gosling continues this term in the junior room. She is pregnant This means we have two relievers on staff and makes long term planning very difficult.

Both are coping very well

Letter from Board Okaying use of Computer in school It is now covered by Government insurance

We have lost our source of revenue through string sales, following the fire in Foxton

Our rubbish bunker has now been approved and paid for by the Board and will now be renamed the Fire Control Bunker

2nd July This is our grading roll and is clearly over 50. I am hoping this will mean staying a three teacher school

Ken Stokes is resigning from teaching. I hope he succeeds in his new endeavours He is happy to relieve in our school on a short term basis

I hope gazette of July 30th will contain our ad

All our stationery business will be done in future with Reeves of Masterton They have a traveller who will call first Tuesday of each month. Whitcoulls service from Palmerston North is unsatisfactory
Chairman came up with School camp to be at Punga Cove Facts and figures to be obtained by chairman

2nd July 1985 Ken Stokes who has been absent on sick leave advised me he is resigning from the end of the term Letter from R Carlyon to Wellington Education Board

6th August Roll 54.

Ken Stokes position has been advertised in this gazette. New position will not be taken up until 1986

Mike Svenson has been appointed to position for next term

Front Fence has been smashed Thanks to Wayne Thurston who came quickly and repaired. Responsibility now of Wellington Education Board . We will widen gate

We are running out of wood. Will need some more before end of term

Governor General's holiday on 16th August. All other schools in area are taking this day

The Anglicans propose holding an Ecumenical hour long course on Christianity next Thursday at 8.45. Parents will be able to withdraw children if they want to. Needs School Committee approval

Mrs. Pat Magon has asked for an extension of the bus run

New Gateway. Is this the time to put a Welcome to South Featherston School sign or something similar at gateway

Ken Stokes farewelled and presented with a barometer

Secretary to ring Mrs Magon on no bus changes

Secretary to write to Board re sign at gate

Committee members enjoyed a frank discussion with Principal on the new Ministerial Review Curriculum and Assessment

1st October That purchasing a printer for computer cost \$550

Carterton show day approved by Board

A discussion was held on the lack of progress by hall board and a brief history was told by the principal for the benefit of the new Committee members

21st October 1985 To Board stating that Robin Carlyon had had 5 teachers over the last 3 years in the Junior School

Roll 61 he didn't predict rise

5th November Roll 60

Murray Gosling has been confirmed as teacher

The Education Board mucked up with Junior Appointment. Have been advised that they may not advertise the position but appoint another long term reliever. I have written strongly objecting to this If I had been told this I would have advertised the Infant Position First A bad leak has developed in Junior Room,. Board advised

Work on gate starting tomorrow

Shed on way, somewhere along the way

Computer printer now cost \$360 Could we please purchase one. Approved

Mr. Les Morgan asked that a newsletter item be sent to all parents re a meeting of Hall Board on Wednesday 13th November

3rd December Principals report printed on Computer paper with holes down the side

Roll 62. Still no staffing

The new shed has arrived and appears to be ideal However it will need a ramp so Elaine can get the mower in

We are now on a two year maintenance cycle and need to make sure that all is covered

The baths are operating and we will start to sell keys tomorrow

The printer has arrived and is better than expected

A new hall Committee has been elected at last

1986

4th February We have opened with a roll of 56

We are very fortunate that Clare Crawford has been appointed to the Junior Room position. Clare is an experienced teacher. She has been teaching at Pirinoa School. Murray Gosling is taking Standard 1 -3

We are very lucky that Ian Evans looked after the baths so well again, No real problems though there is as usual, who is not paying for their swims

During this time the pump to school and house blew up. Ian organised the repair of this with Wayne Roper of Martinborough

T V Set A sad tale Contacted Ric Walzac and took up TV in first week of holiday I got in touch with him on last week of holiday he had not looked at it. Got a phone call on that Friday and claimed that a major part had been taken from TV

After some discussion he agreed that Teletronics would fix the TV and it would be covered by his guarantee

That general donation be left at \$5

12th February 1986 Letter from Murray Gosling saying that he wasn't living in the Clareville schoolhouse and shouldn't have been charged for rental

4th March Principal thanked the Committee for their support at the Picnic

The colour TV still at Walzac's

Principal offered to sell Black and White TV and Computer to school Chairman to negotiate price

It was decided to keep old photo copier in the meantime

Chairman to measure area for future staffroom

1st of April Committee paid \$250 for black and white TV and computer and software

Chairman presented plans to build new staffroom and a covered access between junior and senior rooms

6th May

School to be provided with a sign at front gate

The fence around horse paddock in much need of repair

Ministry of Works to upgrade filtration in the swimming baths

The water level was staying down to the bottom step

A load of firewood to be ordered from Mr. Gary Pilcher

3rd June School sign in place at front gate

A request by the Principal to buy large soccer balls.

Sandpit to be provided for junior room

Committee informed by Principal of a large increase in house rental, which could have a serious effect on the school in the future

A visit by Mark Benton introducing new image rugby to the school produced some appreciated feedback on the children's ball playing skills

1st July Twenty balls have arrived from Chevron Sports (Stu Harper)

5th July Committee to remove old sheds any useful wood to be kept for Murray Gosling's shade house

Request for mural on shed wall (Thirty Dollars) approved
Secretary to send a letter to Minister of Education on School Housing
\$120 requested for library boxes to store books for the infants
GST After much discussion over the pros and cons of different schemes it was decided to stay as we are
2nd September Nigel Sargent and Wayne Thurston to start on the sandpit
Murray Gosling shade house is now has a name change to an environmental project
Send Card to Clare on death of her father. Another teacher will be needed next year in the Junior Room
A general discussion was held on the new school curriculum
7th October Sandpit now in operation teachers pleased with it.
Old sheds have not been removed due to bad weather and busy Committee members
Horse paddock now repaired thanks to Mr. Graham Hodder
Request by Principal for more sand for sandpit due to strong winds
4th November School roll 67 Clare Crawford's job will be advertised next gazette
However I heard that there were 11 more positions in the gazette of schools from Wairarapa as only one new teacher was prepared to come
We have received a grant of \$55 for the shade house from the Education Board. Murray hopes to have it built this term
Thanks to Nigel for sand in sandpit
We are having serious problems with storage of infant maths material. At present investigating new schemes for storing

Thank you to those who helped with Calf and Lamb Day. I felt this was one of the best yet

Mrs Gosling and Mrs Crawford have both resigned

Mrs Sue Dahl our Board member was present and we had a discussion on the needs of our school and the problems of the South Wairarapa in general

2nd December School roll 70. I expect to open with a roll of 61 next term

Clare's position has been advertised and hopefully we will be advised of a new appointment

We were visited by the Board Architect on the day Wayne was pulling down the shed He conceded that the school certainly needs an upgrade and we will be considered for a major upgrade next year
He was talking major changes to classroom and staffroom

We had a very good camp The children behaved well and really joined in with Gusto The parents we took were terrific and made for a very successful camp

One cheque presented by a family bounced. This is the family that has moved. It looks as though camp funds will cover it.

A pot luck lunch to be held for Bicknell's farewell on 11th December at 12.00

1987

2nd February Only Robin Carlyon and Mark Lovett at meeting

Roll 62. 19 in Senior Class, 26 in Murray's class and 17 in Margaret Frogett's class

There are 4 Gerlings absent until May

We were fortunate to get Margaret Frogett to relieve for the term. Pirinoa have still not got a long term reliever. It was disappointing we got no applicants for our job

We have got a fancy new electronic typewriter hence the errors in this report Unfortunately it does not print Gestetner prints. Sue Lloyd will be investigating tomorrow how we get around this

3rd March 1987 Adrian McClure two months relieving

3rd March Roll 62

Margret Frogratt was unable to continue teaching because of personal problems We were very fortunate to get Mrs Adrienne McClure to teach till the end of the term

The Education Board had forgotten about our position but we have assured me that the position is in the 15th March Gazette.

Here's hoping because it is Junior Children who are suffering Murray and Trevor Wheeler have done well with the shade house and weather permitting should have it finished by next week

Letter of resignation from Jim Vollebregt

7th April I know of at least two applicants for the junior position

As you are aware I have been appointed to Cornwall Street School as Principal. It is very unlikely there will be a permanent appointee for next term

I have been told that our remodel is in the top 3 for this year

We will be leaving the Schoolhouse on the 20th of May My guess is that no or very few teachers will be moving into schoolhouses as the rent is rising to \$80 per week. At present the rent is \$19.

Any married couple would be better putting money through a mortgage

The Committee will have to appoint a cleaner higher duties. That means that the cleaner mows the lawns

I suggest the Committee also get someone who can light the fires at 7.30

I wish to thank this Committee for their efforts for the children Committee is awaiting for materials to arrive so that a playground is built in the horse paddock

4th May Roll 63

Beth Measures is Temporary Principal, Mobile Reserve teacher currently at Nireaha. She is going to live in the schoolhouse

The other position is vacant. I understand the appointment has been appealed against I also understand that the successful applicant has been appointed to Kahutara

Adrienne McClure is not prepared to carry on next term

I am very disappointed that the mess from the old shed has not been cleaned up

The hall Board has been decimated with people leaving. They are going to hold a meeting next term to rebuild their numbers

We leave South Featherston with Mixed feelings on the 20th May Sad after 15 and a bit years to be leaving. But happy that we are going to live in our own home and that there will be new pressures to live with. Life will be strange for a while

I wish to thank all those who have been associated with the Committee over the last years. There have certainly been changes and there will be more to come. I am sure I leave this school a better environment for educating your children than when I came here. Over and Out

Trevor Wheeler has been appointed as school cleaner

Chair thanked Mr. Carlyon for his help in tidying up the loose ends with the change over

Also the Committee thanked Mr. Carlyon for his 15 years' service to the South Featherston School

A pot luck tea will be held in the hall 6.30 for farewell and presentation

2nd June 1987 Principal Position advertised

Memoirs

In 1971 I (Robin Carlyon) applied for and won the position of head teacher at South Featherston and started in Term 1 1972

Now followers of this blog will realise that I rely mainly on Logs written by the Head teacher for my material. Um er there is no log written by Robin Carlyon at South Featherston It was not a requirement that one be kept and I had enough to do for what was required than write a log. Do I regret it 40 years later, sure do.

These jottings are not in chronological order

History: *My Great Aunt Nell Cundy was a first day pupil; at this school and Various Cundy relatives were on the School Committee*

First Kids: *On the first day I had my first real challenge, I had 12 Form 2 children and they were a handful, poorly behaved, off task and rude and that was on a good day. Jock McLauchlan had struggled with these kids. All year I felt sorry for Wendy Warren and Russell Pratt and some of the others excellent pupils in a class of trouble. I did two things, stuck to basics and worked hard on developing my lower classes to a standard that I wanted*

School Buildings *The primer's class with Noelle Lipinski was in a reasonably new classroom and I taught in the old original building with high windows, high ceiling and Romesse stoves in the corner. A new staffroom and internal toilets were attached to this building, there were also sheds and two play sheds. At 6 foot I was the only who could see out of the windows.*

Baths: *The school baths were down the back of the school grounds as the first water came from the water race down the back through the horse paddock. The baths were big, at one end there was a flat piece for the juniors to swim across, at the deep end the water was over 6 foot deep with a diving board. Running the baths was a constant challenge as was keeping out non key holders. Nearly all kids could swim as we opened the baths every lunch hour as well as class time. The baths were always leaking and were patched often with no solution working for a long period of time. The minimum water temperature for swimming was 17° Celsius.*

Hall: *One of the great assets was the South Featherston hall shifted from the camp site after the first world war. This hall had an uneven floor laid directly onto stringers on the ground. The only regular users were the local indoor bowling club lead by Les Morgan and the school, though it was used as a social hall at times. The school had free use of the hall and we used it for shows, folk dancing, games, drama and so on. It was great to have especially in winter and used for many interschool activities. All school functions were held in there*

Bus: *Buster and Pat Bicknell ran the School bus from their home on the Kahutara Road, they took it over from Buster's Aunt. They were reliable and regular and picked up children from round the Lake*

area as well as Kahutara Road. They also took children in Form one and two to Manual Training first at Carterton School and later at Featherston School

Horse Paddock: The school had a horse paddock as nearly all country schools had, when children rode horses to school. This paddock had been planted in pines (Mature Trees in my time) and the children especially the younger ones enjoyed playing down there. At times it was grazed by sheep. The school incinerator was down there and the grass around it had to be kept clear

Sport: I was keen on sport and encouraged children to play many sports. We had two tennis courts, cricket sets and played soccer and hockey. Hockey was the ideal sport in a small school, as both sexes played the game to Olympic Level. I had started teaching this at Horoeke and continued it on at South Featherston. The hockey competition was divided into boys and girls hockey and the girls were divided into North and South of the Waingawa River. Over the period of time both boys and girls team won championships,

Camps: I was a strong believer in school camps and days out as the processes showed kids how to conform to a different set of rules, and give them a new set of experiences to equip them for future change. We took the children to Riversdale, the old YMCA camp usually from Sunday to Friday, Castlepoint Camp where we stayed in the shearers's quarters which were pretty rough. There was also a motel style block of 4 cabins. These places were ideal. We always did our own cooking, this allowed us to be flexible with times and when we did things according to tides. One year we went to Hutt Park Motor Camp (1979 The Mount Erebus Disaster happened while we were there.) We also watched a Greyhound meeting next door. To

Akatarawa Salvation Army Camp with Ken Stokes who took some children for an overnight stay in a hut tramp away

Queen Charlotte: Nick Ives of Dalefield School invited South Featherston to go with them to Resolution Bay in the Queen Charlotte Sounds, he had been before. I learned a lot about running successful camps from Nick. This was a great experience the setting perfect for a camp. Doug Brown a Wellington architect had purchased the site and ran a brilliant camp there. Many of the huts were made from timber salvaged from abandoned buildings around the bay, so were a mismatch of style and structure.

The power was a pelton wheel generator using water a series of water races in the hills built for the antimony mining in the district. There were no flashy canoes but heavy clinker built stable dinghies for teaching children boating and safety. This was before life jackets were compulsory and teachers therefore were responsible for safety. Just as wearing helmets doesn't make children safe when cycling, it just helps them if they are involved in an accident

The journey was long and a real experience for the children. We went to Wellington by bus, caught the Ferry to Picton, Got a launch to Resolution Bay. In the early days we used Doug Brown's Boat which travelled at a maximum of 9 knots that is 16.88 kilometres per hour. The trip took another two hours. Resolution Bay is on the same latitude as South Featherston (41.06/ 41.08). Then put gear away. At one camp within five minutes of landing Sandra Simmonds tried to open a window and cut her arm on the glass. The window had been nailed shut. On another day Doug had thrown a rope right over the hut and tied it down so the roof would stay on. The main thing about Sounds weather is the calm days after a storm

On these camps we walked to Ship Cove, we rowed and children got their dinghy licence to be able to take charge of a dinghy. Dean Davies a new boy died off the wharf, came up spluttering and asked who put salt in the water?. The children fished, we camped some years. We did plant studies, walked the hills, and were at peace with ourselves.

This whole area had been farmed over the years and Doug still sent a small can of cream in the early years on the mailboat. There were enough children here in the 1890's to 1930's to have a school in Resolution Bay.

He was also building a house in the next bay and each trip down the sounds more building supplies were taken. Later they sold this house and the new owners ran a lemon orchard. After a number of trips with Doug he then sold the camp to the Sowman's and we had a couple of camp's with them, but we stopped when they tried to charge us for each hour of using the dinghies. But fortunately for my last trip to the Sounds with the school Wayne Thurston chairman of the School Committee knew an ex dairy farmer from Dannevirke who had purchased Punga Cove in Endeavour Inlet and a trip was arranged to there. It was ideal for a school camp and met all my goals for a sounds camp site. Space, solitude, good facilities and plenty of dinghies.

Of all the good times at South Featherston these trip are the most memorable

Residence: *The residence was old when we arrived, the fact we were five minutes' drive to civilization rather than 45 meant a lot with two small children. It was a traditional early 1900s 3 bedroom houses with an outside toilet, and laundry Repairs were slow.*

Eventually the Board put the toilet indoors. Finally the big decision the Board were going to put in a new house. The Te Ore Ore School had been closed and the Board would shift the house down. The Carlyon's were to live in the Dairy Factory Manager's house as the factory had been closed. The first debate was the Board's Architect Peter Bussell who argued with the School Committee members, some of whom had lived and farmed in South Featherston all their lives where North was, as the house was to be facing North.

The new house was small but pleasant to live in, warm and dry,

Table Tennis: *There was already table tennis equipment in the hall which the school used then Elaine and I decided to run a table tennis club on one evening a week. This was successfully run for a number of years. First we played socially against other clubs, then in the last few years had a competitive team in the WTT Ass interclub played at Clareville. Other clubs were Dalefield, Carterton, Red Star, Winter Sports and Mikimiki. Table tennis was an ideal sport as parents and children could all play and compete at their own level. The club ran for a short time after we left*

Country Schools: *We had a strong country schools group operating successfully, participation of schools varied according the individual teachers, some being more inward looking than others. John Berryman was at Pirinoa for a long period and was a very good leader of our group. Meetings were usually held in the evenings and whole families would come. In many cases the partner also taught in the school.*

Schools involved were Dalefield , Ponatahi, Hinakura, Tuturumuri, Pirinoa and Kahutara, and St Teresa's and St Mary's

At times Fareham and South End school were participants

We organised in my time sports events, social events and had general support discussions re school matters and developed further contacts to discuss things with.

These meetings were a great support when things were difficult in a school. Teachers had people to discuss things through that they knew.

While he was Principal at Featherston School Jack Lewis attended a lot of our meetings because he enjoyed our company and would quietly put in a word if needed

A number of teachers I worked with and appreciated their company included John Berryman, Nick Ives (Dalefield), Brian Mosley (St Teresa's), Laurie Williams (St Mary's), and a number of Kahutara teachers including Eric Baker.

Calf and Lamb Day: *The first Tuesday of November (Melbourne Cup Day) the school held a calf and lamb day. This was organised by the South Featherston School Committee. During my time Kahutara, Featherston St Teresa's Children also attended at times in small numbers.*

Competition was intense and children well versed in the art of presenting their animals. The school also had indoor displays. My own children had either a lamb or calf when attending. Often a Melbourne Cup sweepstake was held

NZEI *One of the major influences on teachers and often the only point of contact for all South Wairarapa Schools was the monthly NZEI meeting. This was at a time when the schools and branches in NZEI were making decisions and having a worthwhile input into decisions of NZEI. Branches lead the NZEI but by the time I left*

teaching NZEI had become top down and decision making become Wellington bound and teachers told what hoops to jump through.

I was also appointed a counsellor to teachers and worked as a volunteer to many in the Wairarapa. I ceased doing this whilst at Cornwall Street.

Teachers: *The school went to a three teacher school while I was there and I was promoted with the increase in roll. Staffing of schools was always a problem as accommodation for teachers could not be guaranteed and rising rolls in town schools meant that small schools were not necessarily that attractive. Some of those who were appointed as teachers in the more remote schools really struggled. This was one of the few good things about the inspection system, if they felt a teacher was not succeeding they could quietly transfer them to a more suitable position. In the current climate if the Board of Trustees makes an error then there is no outside body to make a change except getting the teacher to resign.*

At South Featherston we had a wide range of teachers moving in or out. Some were brilliant teachers and a few were in the wrong profession

1987

25th May Miss Measures started her duties as acting Principal and Barbara Jephson started her duties as Scale A Teacher in the Junior Room

26th May The sports' paddock was cut

27th May Sue Lloyd recommenced her duties as Teacher Aide

28th 29th Murray Gosling (Teacher in Middle Primary Classroom) was absent due to representing NZ in hockey in Christchurch

Mrs J Gosling took over the duties as class teacher for both days

3rd June Dawn Weatherall the school nurse visited

4th June Murray Gosling attended a reading course in Featherston and Beth Measures Acting Principal attended a Taha Maori Course at Greytown

5th June Pupils of F1 /2 attended manual

8th June Scott and Fraser Payne registered as new pupils

9th June Home and School Committee held a meeting in school-meet the teachers theme two new teachers Barbara Jephson, newly appointed junior teacher and Beth Measures Acting Principal

10th June Acting Principal attended the opening ceremony at Purnell Masterton

And then a talk at the Arts Centre. The Minister of Education Russell Marshall officiated at both events

12th June The Featherston County Council cut the football paddock

19th June Staff handed in records of work for Principal's signing

23 /25th James Bulford spent both mornings at school

29th June Staff handed in reports for the children's progress to the Principal for Signing

James Bulford commenced school fulltime

Mr Mark Benton took the school for new Image rugby

1st July Andy White Rural Adviser to discuss Adam Berry and the results of the set programme

13th July John and Tania Wedderburn and Gregory Hare started to attend this school

15th July Mark Benton spent time introducing New Image rugby Form 1 and 2 pupils attended Kuranui College Road Show at Featherston School

Mrs Thurston and Mrs Gillett kindly helped with transport

18th July (Saturday) Principal attended a course on behavioural problems in the classroom Wellington

20th July Michael and Sonia Warren started to attend this school

21st July Form 1 girls each received their rubella injections

22nd July Representatives of the Maori affairs visited the school and spoke to each group about Maori Culture and related legends

Principal attended the A and P meeting in Carterton to discuss the October show

23rd 24th Mr Gosling attended a Positive Teaching Course. Mrs Gosling relieved.

27th July Mr Gosling absent through illness. Mrs Fay Monk relieved

29th July Daniel Thornton started

3rd 7th August Mrs Bill Conservation officer visited the school, spoke about the meaning of conservation and her work caring for plants and bird life.

Mr Thurston chairman of School Committee also attended

The principal went on both bus runs to see where the children the pupils live and the buses operated

5th August The senior group attended the production of Silver Mine at Kuranui College. Mr Gunderson and Mrs Thurston assisted with transport

7th August Christine Ridding Education Psychologist visited the school to discuss Adam Berry's problem with his parents

11th August Principal attended the small school's meeting at St Mary's at 5 p.m.

13th August Christine Ridding Psychologist visited the school to discuss Dylan Roberts problem (Referred at beginning of year)

14th August South Featherston school was represented in the local Gymnastic Festival. First in Senior Girls Novice, Third for each of the Intermediate Girls and Intermediate Boys Teams. 1st Channelle Piper, 2nd Krisha Forbes, and Wendy Lloyd

18th August Hall Board Meeting very poorly attended despite all parents being informed beforehand

20th August 1987 A long letter to Board signed by Mark Lovett and Wayne Thurston (*School Committee*) about problems with behaviour at South Featherston with tension between Mr Gosling and Miss Measures

9th September Murray Gosling gone to Waipukurau Country School. Fay Monk teaching in Morning and Juliette Whetter teaching in the afternoon

10th September 1987 Sue Lloyd resigns as teacher aide. Diane Thurston takes over

20th August Therapist from Masterton Hospital came to discuss Adam Berry with view of family counselling

21st August The school visited Wellington for the day. Juniors, airport, Beehive National Museum and City

Middle Primary Astro Turf, Zoo, City

Seniors Astro turf, beehive Wellington Education Board, and city

Juniors travelled to Wellington by train and returned by bus, the rest went by bus and returned by train.

25th August Joan Paske Maths adviser visited the school after lunch

26th August Bill Farland called in from School Supplies and collected an order form just completed

27th August Principal discussed cleaning duties with Trevor Wheeler the cleaner

28th August Miss Measures completed her duties as Acting Principal/ Mobile Reserve

Mr Gosling left to spend term 3 in Kahutara School

14th September Miss Measures commenced her duties as Principal of South Featherston School

Miss Fay Monk and Mrs Juliet Whetter commenced shared teaching in the Middle Primary Room. Mrs Monk worked in the morning and Mrs Whetter in the afternoon

17th September Angela Moles left to attend a school in Upper Hutt

29th September An open meeting was held for parents to discuss different issues concerning the school

5th October Lance Simonds was registered as a new entrant

6th October Cross Country Sports were held at Kahutara School

14th October Tosca test was held in school for Form 2 pupils of St Teresa's and South Featherston

1988

16th March 1988 Miss E M Measures, Ms R Brydone and Mrs Barbara Jephson Staff. All permanent

18th October 1988 Karen Cox Teacher Aid

17th October 1988 Barbara Jephson resigns from January 1st

Bus Notes 1933

Elsie Mary Bicknell Bus contract for 2 years for 18/- per day

(Equivalent of \$108.16 in August 1914 terms)

- a) Under 10 who were two miles from the nearest school
- b) 10 and over whose homes are not less than three miles from nearest school
- c) No other children or teachers to be conveyed
- d) Must have children at school at least 10 minutes before opening and leave at least before 15 minutes from closing

February 5th 1934 I have accepted the Boards offer of 12/6 per day E M Bicknell

6th February 1934 Offer was smaller because of short distance to travel

3rd March 1934 Mr C. C. Grant Head Master to Wellington Education Board

- a) I do not tell why Mr Simmonds's Conveyance return did not reach your office. *(If you had mail to go away you raised a red flag on the side of the mail box and the Postie took the mail way)*
- b) I have suffered enough from the defects and risks of our own mail service
- c) I shall deliver and receive correspondence only at the Featherston Post Office

10th April 1934 Letter from Accountant of Wellington Education Board to Town Clerk Featherston Borough Council quoting them the act which said that the buses of Miss E Bicknell and Mr C Carter (Kahutara to Featherston) should have their buses inspected

28th June 1934 Letter from School Committee to Wellington Education

Board The Stark children are driven to school in a gig by an elder brother who has left school. These young children cannot be safely

trusted with a pony as they have had several minor mishaps

They also pick up one of the Lumsden Children while other Lumsden child rides a bike

Mr Lumsden says cycle is beyond repair but being a dairy farmer cannot replace just now.

The Burt children travel on horseback

The girl Bull rides in a gig with Simmonds Children The writer saw Mrs Simmonds and Gunderson today (also Stark and Lumsden) They will be very glad of a school bus since it started in this area. Only recently one of the children was thrown out of a gig and run over.

The Committee feel satisfied that Miss Bicknell's offer to do extra was quite reasonable

31st July To Miss Bicknell offer to transport children from Lake area accepted from Wellington Education Board

24th October 1934 Nancy Ida Jackson of Queen Charlotte Sounds Boarding allowance to stay with Mrs F W Burt Te Kohi Featherston . Boarding allowance of 5/- per week

7th February 1935 Letter from Mrs C M Hocquard saying Mrs Ahipene wants a bus allowance to allow her daughter Hine, to travel to Featherston where she will take the train to Carterton to attend the Convent School as she can learn music as well as school subjects

Turned down as not nearest public school

There was a huge amount of similar files left alone

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| 1898 | | South Featherston | Not Yet Open | | | | | | | |
| 1899 | 20 | South Featherston | Townsend | Ethel M | | Female | £90 | \$15,970 | | |
| 1900 | 25 | South Featherston | Townsend | Ethel M | | Female | £90 | \$15,647 | | |
| 1901 | 21 | South Featherston | Townsend | Ethel M | | Female | £112 | \$18,908 | | |
| 1902 | 22 | South Featherston | Oswin | Mabel E | | Female | £103 | \$16,990 | | |
| 1903 | 24 | South Featherston | Oswin | Mabel E | | Female | £107 | \$17,729 | | |
| 1904 | 26 | South Featherston | Oswin | Mabel E | | Female | £114 | \$18,877 | | |
| 1905 | 26 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E | B2 | Female | £131 | \$20,718 | | |
| 1906 | 24 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E | B2 | Female | £144 | \$22,379 | | |
| 1907 | 22 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E | B2 | Female | £144 | \$22,575 | | |
| 1908 | 26 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E | B2 | Female | £130 | \$20,380 | | |
| 1909 | 28 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E | B2 | Female | £155 | \$24,631 | | |
| 1910 | 27 | South Featherston | Oswin BA | Mabel E | B2 | Female | £160 | \$25,083 | | |
| 1911 | 27 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H | D4 | Master | £160 | \$25,304 | | |
| 1912 | 39 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H | D3 | Master | £165 | \$25,304 | | |
| 1913 | 44 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H | D3 | Master | £180 | \$27,000 | Provided | |
| 1913 | 44 | South Featherston | Burbush | Margaret A | D4 | Assistant Female | £120 | \$18,000 | | |
| 1914 | 46 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H | C3 | Headmaster | £190 | \$27,202 | Provided | |
| 1914 | 46 | South Featherston | Burbush | Margaret A | D3 | Assistant Female | £120 | \$17,180 | | |
| 1915 | 65 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H | C2 | Headmaster | £200 | \$26,790 | Provided | |
| 1915 | 65 | South Featherston | Burbush | Margaret A | D3 | Assistant Female | £130 | \$17,414 | | |
| 1917 | 75 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H | Head | C-55 | £220 | \$24,658 | | |
| 1917 | 75 | South Featherston | Burbush | Margaret A | Assistant | D-87 | £140 | \$15,691 | | |
| 1919 | 63 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H | Head | C-51 | £310 | \$28,005 | | |
| 1919 | 63 | South Featherston | Nicol | Dorothy I | Assistant | | £150 | \$13,551 | | |
| 1921 | 76 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H | Head | C | £260 | \$22,383 | | |
| 1921 | 76 | South Featherston | Nicol | Dorothy I | Assistant | D | £240 | \$20,662 | | |
| 1923 | 83 | South Featherston | Fieldhouse | Joseph H | Head | C-101 | £355 | \$32,628 | | |

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| 1923 | 83 | South Featherston | Nicol | Dorothy I | Assistant | D-205 | £223 | \$20,496 |
| 1923 | 83 | South Featherston | Miller | Barbara M | Assistant | D-206 | £195 | \$17,922 |