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Since the days when the bullock waggons and the stage coaches used to career up and down our piece of coastline, when the tough hard-living whalers came across from Kapiti to land on our beaches, and the boisterous, brawling Wilson's Ferry Hotel was in full swing up by the Waikanae River, Paraparaumu and its district has developed from a sea of fern and lupins into a rich, fertile land, abundantly blessed. The clemency of our climate and the attraction of our beaches have made an impression that is nation-wide. We are growing so rapidly that it is difficult to comprehend the subdivisions appearing everywhere, the attractive homes being built, and the industrious people settling among us. Business has kept apace, and we are on the threshold of an era which will see Paraparaumu, Raumati and Raumati South develop into a fine provincial city. Already we are experiencing our first growing pains and it is of paramount importance that those who guide our destiny should be made aware of the opinions of the people. It is in keeping, therefore, that you, the residents, be kept fully informed of what is taking shape, and of what is being done in your interests, and for your entertainment. It is to this end that we dedicate this paper.

Ten people were nearly drowned in Paraparaumu last year said Mr Colin Morton, Secretary of the Paraparaumu Surf Life Saving Club in an interview for the paper. Last year the club confined its activities to Raumati and a roving patrol north and south. This year it is hoped to establish Life Saving teams at Raumati South, Raumati and Paraparaumu beaches. An alarm loud speaker has been donated by Mr D Moult together with a remote control operation. Practical medical assistance is rendered by Dr John Marshall and the District Nurse. Active members are Mr Cameron, Mr Leon Wallis, Mr & Mrs Ornberg Jnr, Mr J Wolferston, Mrs Bilby, Mrs E Peterson, Mr C Morton (Captain), Mr P Donovan. The Club acknowledges the pioneering work done by Mr Wesley Knight. The club is still in the process of formation.

"What's on in Paraparaumu" in July. Ladies Golf Championship at Paraparaumu Golf Links; Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club AGM; Women's Institute meeting at Anglican Hall; Opening Day of Paraparaumu Gun Club; Red Cross Committee meeting in the District Nurses rooms; Young Farmers Club evening in the "Dug Out"; Methodist Church Ladies Guild at Methodist Parsonage, Main Road. [*This was a fortnightly column with dates etc supplied by the Secretaries of organisations*]

The Paraparaumu-Raumati Progressive Association's Council was formed, which soon became known as the "Area Council". It is envisaged that the Council will serve in coordinating the plans of the district and besides preventing unnecessary overlapping of activities will speak for and act with the full authority and backing of the District in any

matter which concerns everyone. The Area Council will confer every three months to consider the remits from the individual Progressive Associations. President Mr E Caradus; Secretary Mr R Wakelin; Messrs A P McGrath; H Shaw; A G Sweetman; A D McIntosh; Mrs G G Nicholson; A McKenzie; W Brinsley. The Paraparaumu Ratepayers Association is technically in recess.

We introduce ourselves – This journal is a non-profit making effort, published in an earnest attempt to co-ordinate the thoughts, opinions and public affairs of the district. We shall endeavour to present to you an accurate list of, and reports on, meetings and functions, and a fair unbiassed commentary on local news. We shall depend on the various organisations, and each individual to supply us with news items, and we invite the general public to advertise miscellaneously through our columns. Because this journal is issued to you free of charge, the costs of publication are borne by the advertisers. It is these advertisers who make this service to you possible, and we, therefore ask you to give them your support. As we progress and our organisation consolidates we hope to present a bigger and better news service, but we feel we should start off small and gradually work up. We trust you will not be too critical of our amateurish efforts. We are presumptuous enough to offer no apologies for perpetrating this on an innocent and unsuspecting public, but we will welcome any constructive ideas, criticisms and letters. In conclusion we wish to thank those who have offered so much help and encouragement – the milkmen, Messrs M Donovan, P Donovan, H Shaw, M Matthews and J Halsey-Mahoney, who are generously delivering this to you at their own expense. The Editor. Page 7

Whist drive sponsored by St Pauls Ladies Guild was a great success. Application for membership to Mrs M Scaife.

Programme for The Seaside Theatre, Beach Road, Paraparaumu Beach.

Thursday 14th "Escape" starring Rex Harrison & Peggy Cummins; Saturday 16th "When my baby smiles at me" a musical comedy starring Betty Gable & Dan Dailey; Thursday 21st "Hazard" a comedy starring Paulette Goddard & Macdonald Carey; Saturday 23rd "A foreign affair" a comedy starring Jean Arthur, John Lund, and Marlene Dietrich. [*Programme published fortnightly*]

Vol 1 No 2. 27 July 1949

Front page article. Communications cut. Relates to having an adequate telephone service. The Post Office reveal that new equipment will be installed within eighteen months. Public telephone booths will be installed at Raumati South within one month. A 24 hour telephone service will eventuate. The matter could well be taken in hand by the newly formed "Area Council".

Raumati Beach Community Hall Society has decided to proceed with additions to the hall. Secretary Mr S Kerr c/- Raumati Stores Ltd, Raumati Beach.

Paraparaumu-Raumati Progressive Associations Council. Matters discussed – Bus services, bus shelters, all night telephone service, duplication of street names, publicity.

Maternity hospital for Paraparaumu urgent need felt. A suitable site within short distance of the Paraparaumu Railway Station was on the market.

Burglary. Mr N N Taylor's store, Wharemauku Road. Culprit was 14 years old.

Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club. Election of officers. President E A A Thorne; Vice President W White-Scott; Secretary A J Petherick; Treasurer A Hardham. Committee – W I J Blyth, T K Henderson; T Ricketts, N Skeet,; S M Stone; H Walton. Match Committee – S G Batten; N Skeet; J Young Snr; S M Stone; A T White; B Ginger.

New sub-branch of the Plunket Society known as the Kapiti Sub-branch was formed at the Majestic Hotel on 30 May 1949. Mrs Whitewick took the chair. Election of officers – President Mrs Wallis; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs Cuff; Active vice-presidents Mrs Darke and Mrs Masters. Committee – Mesdames Mauger; Leask; Higgins; Neill; Stapp; Lavers; Groves; Thorburn; Taylor; S Cornor; T Cornor. Delegates to the monthly meetings of Coastal Towns – Mesdames Wallis and Darke.

Notices – D H Edgar, estate agent, has clients wating for houses and sections. Mrs Price, 19 Dell Road, Raumati has a bath for sale.

Paraparaumu Branch of the National Party held a social evening in Raumati Hall. Chairman Mr W Brinsley.

Vol 1 No 3. 10 August 1949

Front page article. The peace time blackout – Relates to serious lack of street lighting. Of 51 lights applied for only 29 have been installed. Long stetches of populated roads and dangerous intersections are without any lights at all, while the almost entire absence of footpaths adds to the risks run by pedestrians.

24 Hour telephone service. Plans to circulate a petition.

Paraparaumu Air Force Association AGM. President Mr V Smith, Secretary Mr A S A Murray, Committee – Messrs Thorburn, S A Kerr, I Kerr, R Moult and Mrs E Peterson. Main discussion was accommodation for the Club.

New hall and park layout scheduled for Paraparaumu Beach. Plans for Paraparaumu Memorial Hall now before Internal Affairs Dept. Public meeting held 3 years ago a

committee was formed to draw plans and secure a site. Plans for a fine hall and layout of a spacious park. Representatives of local organisations who had applied for room space in the proposed new building were the Air Force Association (Mr V Smith); Kapiti Plunket Society (Mrs Wallis & Mrs Cuff); RSA (Mr A Wakelin); the Surf Club (Mr J Hyde). Both hall and park are to be located on the area of ground vested in the Hutt County Council opposite the Paraparaumu Post Office. The hall will be a two storey design and includes a dance floor, public sun porch, public conveniences, and rest rooms, supper rooms, lock-up rooms for sports and social clubs and many other amenities. Two tall towers: a sound shell and stage facing the Marine Parade. Incorporated in the park are a skating rink, a paddling pool, a coloured fountain (private donation) and putting greens. The beach front will be skirted with a stone wall and promenade path.

Raumati South Bowling Club. Social evening held at the Kawatiri Guest House. President Mr G N Shore, Vice President Mr J Hooker, Secretary Mr G Hay, Assistant Secretary Mr G E Rockel, Green Superintendent Mr G T Benefield. Committee Messrs S Cummins, J Douglas, G Benefield, O Kohn. Match committee Messrs J Douglas, G Benefield, J Smith.

Opening Day of the Paraparaumu Gun Club held on Mr W Mowbray's farm next to the Aerodrome. Names mentioned – President W Mowbray, Secretary Mr C Caldwell Y Gunmaster Mr H Udy. Trophy presented to Mr A Miles for best shooter under 20. Competition winners – J Searle; D Fitton; J Hunt.

Maternity Hospital site. 2 ½ acres about 75 yards from the Memorial Gates on the south side of Soldiers Road. A house adjacent to Hutt Hospital to provide accommodation for patients only is to be transferred as soon as possible. Separate quarters are proposed for staff.

Raumati South Women's Institute. Although only formed in March this organisation is proving its worth in the district with 60 members contributing to making each meeting a success. Novel hobbies and instructional home science demonstrations have been avidly absorbed. The recreational part of the meetings consists of musical items, talks and play reading while floral sprays are presented to members on their birthdays. A "Baby Box' has been instituted to which members contribute articles suitable for presenting to mothers of newly born infants.

Vol 1 No 4. 24 August 1949

Front page article – The Paraparaumu Station. It is an important building but over the years improvements have not kept pace with the developments within the area served by the station. Lists urgently needed alterations.

Petition in circulation for 24 hour telephones sponsored by the Area Council. Petitions are available from The Co-Op store, Paraparaumu; Raumati Stores Ltd, Raumati Beach; The P.O. Store, Paraparaumu Beach; A Loveridge Ltd store, and Marks Store at Raumati South.

Three sections have been purchased by the County on the corners of Mataua and Wharemauku roads, Paraparaumu Beach. It is proposed to straighten the very bad bend. The work will involve the shifting of a permanent residence.

RSA Paraparaumu. Reunuion held in the "Dugout" attended by 70 members and visitors from Otaki , Waikanae and other districts. Recent death of Mr G Shaw. Address delivered by Mr F Burkett of Paekakariki recently arrived from Britain. At next reunion an address will be given by Mr Bedwell-Watson of Waikanae. The Ladies Section is very active under Presidency of Mrs E L Ragg. Contact is Mrs A Phillips, Raumati South.

The Battle of the Halls – Memorial and community halls for Paraparaumu-Raumati area. List of resolutions.

Mr G Clunie prominent in football affairs in Paraparaumu.

Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club- Ladies section. President Mrs R Wylie, Vice-President Mrs N Skeet, Secretary Mr J B Young, Committee - Mesdames T K Henderson, A W Richter, J Cheetham & W Herbert.

Personal – Mrs I Robinson, Seaview Road has been visiting her parents in Auckland; Mr J Intyre of "Broomlands" home on *Monowa*i from visit to Great Britain; Mr & Mrs Swanson, on visit to son are big game hunting in South Africa; Mr W Joseph has been in Wellington Hospital; Mr H J Eatwell recovering from a serious operation.

After 39 years of unbroken service, except for 2 years active service in the 1914-1918 war, Mr J Lethwick has retired from the Hutt County Council.

A seal was observed in the surf. Reliable observers have seen few in the last 40 years.

Wanted to sell notice from F W Solloway, Glen Haven, Raumati Road.

Notice - Kindergarten Nursery School, Raumati South. Term commences 12 Setp1949. N E Cook.

Vol 1 No 5. 7 September 1949

Front page article – Kapiti and Whareroa Riding accounts. Provides details of the accounts which are available for public inspection.

Improvements in bus transport covers timetable, bus shelters, sections, fares. Page 2.

Rev Owen Williams, Vicar of St Pauls Church, Paraparaumu has accepted the gift of a section situated in Glen Road from Mr Herbert A Phillips of Raumati South as a site for the erection of an Anglican Church and Hall.

Aerodrome activity – Earthworks are being carried on at the western perimeter of the aerodrome in preparation for the construction of an aircraft hangar, and an engineering workshop.

Advert- Kapiti Creations, Shirley Mullins.

Mr E Caradus, OBE nominated candidate for the vacancy on the Hutt County Council. Formerly Chief Inspector of Post-Primary Schools, 1939-1946. As Wing-Commander he was Director of Educational Services RNZAF at the outbreak of war he initiated a scheme of pre-entry Air Force training which was copied throughout the British Commonwealth. He was chairman of each of the following committees set up by the Government within the last three years: Committee on the Technological Examinations; Committee to investigate NZ's scientific manpower; Committee to investigate the supply and training of professional engineers. He is a member of the RSA, the Air Force Assn; Paraparaumu Education Committee of the Rehabilitation Dept. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Horticulture, Vice-President of the Paraparaumu Beautifying Society and President of the "Area Council". A present he is Chairman of the NZ Trades Certification Board.

Resignation of H J Eatwell from Hutt County Council.

Sale of three 15' x 8' army huts. Apply Phillips & Gray Ltd, Paraparaumu.

Vol 1 No 6. 21 September 1949

Front page article - Urges people to shop locally for Christmas presents.

Letter to editor from Frank Solloway re trees planted on one side of Raumati Road and not the other. Reply states the trees were presented and planted by the Beautifying Society.

Intruders force entrance into premises on Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach occupied by R C Morpeth, accountant, and B M Vickerman, solicitor.

Six 2 and 3 bedroom houses to be erected for aerodrome staff by Bushett Building Co Ltd on a newly subdivided area just outside the western perimeter of the aerodrome. To be occupied by N.A.C. personnel and will be serviced by a road to be constructed from Wharemauku Rd in the vicinity of the Raumati Building Co Ltd in towards the aerodrome. The work will probably commence in October. The same company is at present engaged in the erection of NZ railway dwelling in Paekakariki.

The duplication of street names in the district has been taken up with the Hutt County Council.

Personal – Mr & Mrs M Wilson announced the birth of twin sons at their home in Ocean Road on 2 September. Mr & Mrs P A Howell, Soldiers Road have left on a fishing trip to their lodge at Lake Taupo.

Proposal to form a Raumati South Social Cricket Club. Inaugural meeting at the Kawatiri Guest House.

Women's Division of Federated Farmers – Mrs Connelly presided at monthly meeting of the Paraparaumu Branch held in the Anglican Hall. Names mentioned – Mrs Chas Banks; Mrs Knighton; Mrs Connelly; Mrs G Campbell.

Public notice – Mr R C Morpeth, public accountant, Marine Parade, Paraparaumu and also Evening Post Chambers, Willis St announces he is taking into partnership Mr C R Spackman who has been Chief Clerk for some time and that Mr Spackman will soon become a resident in Paraparaumu and assume control of the Branch Office serving the Paekakariki-Paraparaumu – Waikanae areas.

Vol 1 No 7. 5 October 1949

Front page article – The enigma of government held land. Voices the concern in large areas of land held under Government proclamation. Among contributory causes of this condition is the absence of reliable plans (4 listed). Already large tracts of proclaimed ground hemming the district have caused light industries to look elsewhere for accommodation and are seriously retarding the growth of the entire area.

Letter signed by residents of the Donovan Estate, Paraparaumu Beach has been sent to the Horowhenua Electric Power Board requesting urgent reticulation of power in the area. Other new subdivisions have made similar representations.

Paraparaumu St Pauls Ladies Guild. Card evening to raise funds for the Vicarage organised by Mrs S G Batten.

Telephone petition to secure a continuous telephone service has been successful. Mr H E Frederick, Mr A F McKenzie, Mr W Brinsley & Mr H Shaw canvassed their respective areas.

Postponement of building of a new theatre for Paraparaumu will probably now be delayed three years stated Mr C Banks, Managing Director of Banks Theatres Ltd following the fire which destroyed the old theatre in January 1946. Currently in an inadequate building.

Coming of age of Betty Mullins, daughter of Mr & Mrs J G Mullins, Raumati.

Mr & Mrs M Donovan returned home from a two week holiday; Mr & Mrs R A L Anderson of Paraparaumu Beach leave on *M V Monowai* for 5 weeks tour of Australia.

Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club. One minute silence for Mrs Wesley Knight who died 23 August. Flag flown at half-mast over the gates recently donated by Mr & Mrs Knight.

Raumati Beach Table Tennis Club – Winners – Mrs Parrant; Mr J Ashworth; D Darke. Trophies donated by Mr S Bowker & Mr S Neal.

Raumati South Cricket Club – Newly formed club. Patron Mr H J Eastwell. President Mr W S Eatwell; Secretary Mr K Mark; Treasurer Mr B W Wakelin; Club Captain Mr A Loveridge. The club hopes to obtain the use of the reserve in Mennin Road.

Paraparaumu Gun Club. Champions Belt won by Mr H Udy and Junior Cup by Mr A Miles.

Raumati Drama Group. Newly formed society invites people interested in play reading, drama discussions and acting to attend meetings held in the home of Mrs Brooke-White, Reomoana, Raumati Beach on alternate Tuesdays.

Paraparaumu Beach Ladies Guild (St Pauls) meeting held in home of Mrs Cheetham, Paraparaumu Beach. Mentions Mrs Chas Banks; Mrs Garth Rigg; Miss D Cobb.

Vol 1 No 8. 19 October 1949

Front page article relates to backlog of urgently needed works. Paraparaumu Beach Progressive Association should ask the Hutt County Council to raise a loan to be spent on roads etc.

AGM of Raumati Community Club. Mrs E Kelso (Chair); Mrs W Tustin (President); Mrs E McFadden (Secretary); Mrs B Yeoman (Treasurer).

Mr W Mowbray presided at a public meeting re site and plans for the Memorial Hall. The site is between Caldwell's Store and the Fire Brigade section. The Beach Progressive Associations considered that each district should build its own Community Hall. The question of a suitable site was referred to the Area Council. Committee – W Mowbray, B Howell and J G Mullins.

The Paraparaumu Tennis Club was officially opened by Mr A Hardham on 16 October.

Programme for the Paraparaumu School Diamond Jubilee 1-6 November. The brilliant display of lights around the ceremonial arch was constructed by Mr S W Moult. Full page 7.

While the editor is absent 26 Oct-10 Nov all enquiries to be referred to acting editor Mr Charles Banks, Marine Parade, Paraparaumu.

Raumati South Bowling Club opened for the season. President Mr G M Shore.

Raumati Soth Interdenominational Church Guild's 5th Flower Show was opened by Mr J J Maher. Mrs W J Wakelin (President). Awards – Mrs L H Eaton, Mrs Pitts. Committee extended thanks to Mrs Matthews and Mrs Nye.

Notice – Mrs Hazel Martin, M.R.A.D. will commence dancing classes at Raumati Hall on Saturdays.

Bridge and 500 card evening to be held in Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club Pavilion by the Paraparaumu Croquet Club. Dainty supper and prizes.

Advert – The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, cnr Kapiti Road and Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu.

Advert – Gatchell & Wilson – Fencing and garden maintenance

Vol 1 No 9. 2 November 1949

Lead article – Where does so-and-so live? Provision of name plates for every street and road, and assignment of a number to every section in subdivided areas.

Formation of a Chess Club at residence of Mr G G Nicholson, Raumati.

Coming-of-age of Trevor, son of Mr & Mrs F D Amos celebrated at Paekakariki.

Baths under construction at Paraparaumu School by under supervision of Mr A Pitts. Bath – 40' x 15' x 3'6".

Dr & Mrs Marshall have returned. Dr Glenn of Wanganui acted as locum during Dr Marshall's absence, Lew Evans home shortly after being a passenger on the maiden voyage of the "*Himalaya*".

New series of articles for those with horticultural interests is to commence edited by Mr Wesley Knight.

Vol 1 No 1 0. 16 November 1949

Lead article – The fire season. Concerns about various stands of bush along the Maungatuku and Ngatiawa streams.

Proposed winding up of Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Club and transfer of the 4 tennis courts and adjoining land to Paraparaumu Beach Progressive Assn.

The plan and specifications of the proposed Community Hall to be erected opposite the Post Office, Paraparaumu Beach, together with the plans of the park in which the Hall is to be set have been forwarded by the Hutt Conty Council to the Internal Affairs Dept for final approval.

Kapiti District Beautifying Society's Flower Exhibition held in the Raumati Hall was a marked success and planned as an annual event.

Sale or exchange of the Bluegum Road Reserve to the Anglican Church for building purposes. The Bluegum Road Reserve was a gift by the Maclean family to the district and consists of four sections, situated opposite the Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Courts.

Paraparaumu Croquet Club with greens in Paraparaumu Domain.

New pavilion for Paraparaumu Golf Club by contractors R R McKeen Ltd. 14,000 trees have been planted recently.

Vol 1 No 11. 30 November 1949

Lead article – Today's the day. General Election Day. Booths – Paraparaumu School; Majestic Hotel, Paraparaumu Beach; Community Hall, Raumati Beach; Church Hall, Raumati South.

Raumati South Women's Institute – Drama Circle. Producer was Mrs Wakelin Snr.

Five new school sites for Paraparaumu and the Beaches. The ultimate fate of the old Paekakariki School which has been used for Raumati children for some time, may be decided. The Wellington Education Board also proposes to continue negotiations for the purchase of a large area of land directly opposite the Raumati Hall for a secondary & intermediate school site to serve the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Paekakariki areas.

House fire – The residence of Mrs McKinnon, Poplar Ave was completely razed. Assisted by neighbour Mrs Jones, Mrs McKinnon was able to save a few belongings.

Paraparaumu School Diamond Jubilee. Splendid work by Mr S W Moult acknowledged by G H Howell (Chairman)

Vol 1 No 12. 14 December 1949

Lead Article – Danger – Take no risks. Relates to drowning fatalities.

The Kapiti Observer thanked all who have helped and encouraged the production of the newspaper, particularly the advertiser, "The Co-op Store", the valiant milkmen, Messrs H Shaw, J Halsey-Mahoney, M Donovan, M Matthews, P Donovan, W Potts, and also the hard-pressed agencies.

Advert – J Killick and J Humphries, the only butcher shops or vans between Te Horo and Paekakariki who are able to supply abattoir killed meat Government inspected and grade.

Raumati Indoor Bowls Club – Club Captain Mr L McFadden. Prizes to Mr E Climo, B Finlay and G Lanfear

Alteration to street names. Paraparaumu – Tainui St - Portion from ramp to Ruahine to become Rimutaka Street; portion from ramp to Arawhata St to become Tutanekai St. Paraparaumu Beach – Bluegum Road Extension to be dropped and the name Bluegum Road to cover full length of the road from Maclean Road to Rua St. Raumati South – Poplar Avenue to cover full length of the road from Main Highway to the sea. This means the renaming of the section from Matai Road to the sea, at present parts of Renown Road and the Esplanade. The name Glen Road to cover the full length of the road at present known by the two names of Glen Road and Mokoia Rd. The name Mokoia Road is dropped. Taunui Road to be known now as Kainui Road.

Airport Post Office – Advice relating to mail to Auckland

Christmas tree at Paraparaumu known as the "Big Tree" opposite the Co-op Store to be festooned with multicolour lights and a dancing floor, 50 feet square, will be erected under the tree. The philanthropist responsible for all this is Mr S W Moult.

Paraparaumu School Jubilee Memorial Baths opened for swimming with a capacity of 10,000 gallons. Thanks to volunteer Mr A T Pitts for volunteer labour.

Kapiti branch of the Wellington Master Builders Assn. President Mr P L Darke. Mentions – Mr V Dobson, Mr S Rowe (Paekakariki), Mr B N Vickerman, Mr & Mrs Gannon, Mr & Mrs R Spackman; Mr & Mrs McLean.

Thief entered premises of J R Wilson, general storekeeper, Paraparaumu Beach

Raumati Community Club. Last meeting of 1949 in form of a concert. Play produced by Colonel J Brooke-White included in the players Betty Tustin, Kath Joseph, Kay Collins, Joyce Kerr, Marjorie Brooke-White. Others mentioned – Mrs Henderson, Mrs Pinquet, Mr Alex Wakelin, Miss Cara Booker, Mrs J Cotterill, Mr Jack Hooker, Mr Wakelin.

List of fires attended by the Brigade, - House on Field Estate, Tutanekai St was a total loss in 3 minutes.

Paraparaumu Branch NZRSA. Final Smoko to be held in "The Dug-Out" and to be entertained by "The Tin Hat Club".

Auction sales – Gordon Blue and Company, general and postage stamp auctioneers. Business Grey Street, Wellington. Private: Rosetta Road, Raumati South near Modern Services Store.

Vol 1 No 13. 28 December 1949

Lead article – Police protection. Seriously discussed during last two years. Representations were made by the Progressive Associations in 1945. Answer from Minister of Police R Hon P Fraser to the effect that if a suitable building section could be found then the Police Department would erect a station and appoint a constable. A site near Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Green was found and approved.

Paraparaumu Mothers Club held a novel social dance in the "Dug-Out". Took the form of a "Fathers' Night" Men dressed as women and vice versa. Proceeds to go to the Paraparaumu Plunket Society.

Farewell to Mr and Mrs J J D Capstick, Labour Party candidate for Otaki was held in the Croxley Tea Rooms. Mr Sheridan, President of the Paraparaumu Branch. Left for their farm in Ohakea.

Notice – Mr E J Waldron has purchased Kapiti Motors, Beach Road, Paraparaumu Beach.

Advert – Dave Adams Modern Fruit Shop. Advertised as "The Blue Shop on the Beach". Maclean Road, Paraparaumu Beach.

Raumati South Bowling Club – Winning team Mr J Douglas, Mr Mullins, Mr Grimes, Mr Tickner.

Paraparaumu Volunteer Fire Brigade – W Bell, Superintendent.

Vol 1 No 14. 11 January 1950

Lead article – Public inconveniences. Lack of public conveniences causing serious concern.

Commissioner of Police Mr J Cummings and Superintendent O Neill visited the district and gave assurance that a permanent Police Officer would be stationed in Paraparaumu as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made.

Telephone subscribers increase from 193 in 1945 to 445 at present.

Paraparaumu X'mas tree now nationally famous. On Christmas Eve Father Christmas scaled the tree and came down via a tight rope and two pulleys. Dancing has taken place on the floor erected under the tree.

Paraparaumu R.S.A held a Christmas Smoko in the Dug-Out with members of the Tin Hat Club as guest artists. John Kelvin, a raconteur par excellence compered. Others involved - Mr B M Vickerman; Mr A Wakelin (President); Mr R Byne.

Advert – Mr O A Woods, Valley Road, Paraparaumu. Wood supplies.

Advert – H Jackson, dental surgeon, cnr Seaview and Ocean roads, Paraparaumu Beach, and also at Babbacombe Ave, Otaki.

New Year Day 20th Annual Sports Meeting of the Athletic Club at the Domain. The L I Howell Memorial Cup for the Mile Handicap was won by R Sutherland. Others mentioned were Mrs J Caldwell; Mr Frederick, Mr Hodgson; Mr C Ford; Mrs E Cromb; Mr W Mowbray (President). Visiting officials – Mr G F Dixon; T W Leslie; Mr Jackman.

Vol 1 No 15. 25 January 1950

Lead article – Proposed new road linkages. Desirability of providing a direct access road between Paekakariki and Raumati South. The view that the three settlements – Waikanae Beach, Paraparaumu Beach and Paekakariki would grow, ultimately converge and form a very closely co-related district has long been held by progressive thinking citizens. Since the end of WW2 the rapid expansion of residential and holiday building construction has supported this view by reaching an all-time record.

Wellington Aero Club held its first post-war Air Pageant with 7,000 people watching.

Announcement – Verdi Mattar, fruiterer has commenced business next to the Post Office, Paraparaumu Beach.

Latest club to be formed in the district is a marching team under the command of Lt-Colonel J Brooke-White.

Vol 1 No 16. 3 February 1950

Lead article – Projected civic improvements. Arising from the rapidly increasing urbanisation of the Kapiti districts are the profound problems of civic and cultural development. Chief among the desired civic improvements is the provision of an adequate water supply, the erection of suitable public amenities and conveniences, and the construction and realignment of roads and footpaths. Necessary communal cultural development can be hastened by the erection of a Community Centre or centres where residents may gather for various functions, and the development of playing fields and the sponsoring of sports organisations.

Major alterations projected by Progressive Association Works Scheme presented to Hutt County Council. Projects detailed separately under headings - Paraparaumu Beach (6); Raumati Beach (8); Raumati South (12) pp 6-7.

Situations vacant – Shop assistant required for Crossroads Tea Rooms.

Kapiti Marching Team. Members – I Penniket; L Osborne; B Jones; A Eatwell; J Booth; I Curran; D Mauger; N Inwood; J Lopez; M Casey; M McKenzie

Paraparaumu Girl Guides formed a Guard of Honour at wedding of their Captain, Miss L Wolferstan to Mr A Devening.

Vol 1 No 17. 22 February 1950

Lead article – Semi-vital statistics. Extraordinary development of the Paraparaumu district. Building permits issued in the Hutt County during 1949 totalled 1075 compared with 586 permits in 1948. Of these 374 were for new dwellings. Population – Whareroa 260; Paraparaumu Beach-Raumati South 1767; Paekakariki 355.

More land must be acquired for the cemetery.

Vol 1 No 18. 8 Mar 1950

Lead article – Annual General Meetings. "We are on the threshold of an era which may prove to be the most important in the history of Paraparaumu, and it is upon the actions and decisions of the members of social and ratepayers organisations in the immediate future that we will be judged by posterity".

A large whale observed between Kapiti and the mainland. The presence of whales in these waters is unusual.

17 sections on Ruahine Street easily disposed of.

Extension of postal services to new residents on the Hand subdivision, that is as soon as the householders in Kiwi, Huia, Weka and Kaka roads have installed letterboxes replete with names.

The Otaki-Raumati South Home Mission Station was raised in status of a sanctioned charge with the right of call to a fully ordained minister.

Raumati South Women's Institute first meeting of 1950

Parties in honour of marriage of Miss R Hand to J Tripp. Pantry Tea given by Mrs Murphy, and another by Mrs Hay in Raumati Hall with musical items by Mesdames C Banks and S Hand, and dancing exhibition Mrs J Lopez and Mr Dobson.

Advert - Ballroom dancing classes in the Kawatiri House Playroom.

Local Brownies and Guides attended Founders Day Parade in Wellington and Brownies were invited on board *MV Pipiriki*. B & M Burdan, E Buckley, B Caldwell, A & L Campbell, M Cox, M Crawford, G Ellinge, A Jackson, J Rigg, P& P Sullivan, C Winterburn & Brown Owl.

Vol 1 No 19. 22 March 1950

Lead article – Jubilation in Paraparaumu equals jubilation in Wellington. Decision to endorse plans to develop Rongotai Aerodrome to a standard capable of handling all internal air traffic has a most important bearing on the future of Paraparaumu. Rongotai closed to commercial use in 1947.

Night flying operations are scheduled to commence.

24 hour continuous telephone service to commence on 2 April 1950.

Marriage of Rae Hand to John Tripp at St Paul's on 18 March, followed by reception at the Raumati Hall. To make their home in Renown Road, Raumati Beach.

Winners of Sports Points Cups – G Clunie, R G Howell, M Mowbray, A Green, B Gault, C Clunie, R Coles, J Tinsley, B Pound, N Clunie

Raumati Indoor Bowls – Mr G G Nicholson, Mrs J Chrisp, J Young (Snr & Jnr), G Howell, G Wilson

Situations vacant – Campbells Sawmills; kitchenhand wanted at Paraparaumu Aerodrome.

Vol 1 No 20. 5th April 1950

Lead article – Reluctance to accept nomination to become officers of organisations or go onto committees

Letter to editor about land for Paraparaumu School at Matai Road

Paraparaumu Air Force Association. President Mr V Smith.

Advert – Deliveries services by A D McIntosh to Caldwell's Store, Paraparaumu; Raumati Stores Ltd; Modern Services Store Ltd & Marks Store, Raumati South

AGM of Paraparaumu School District Parent and Teachers Association. Protesting the proposed use of the Metzenthin property as a school site on the grounds. It is a swamp. Retiring president Mr A T Pitts. President Col J Brooke-White; Secretary Mr J R Hancock; Vice President Mr F J Mauger; Treasurer Mr D Crease.

Pony Club formed in Paraparaumu, a branch of the Horowhenua Pony Club to be known as The Kapiti Pony Club. Opening day to be held on Mr H Lynch's farm just north of Mackays Crossing on 15th April.

AGM of Paraparaumu Branch of the National Party. Retiring chairman Mr W Brinsley. Tributes paid to the late Mr H Linney. Mr Hardham elected chairman.

Landing lights installed at Paraparaumu Aerodrome

Advert – B Deakin, master butcher, Paraparaumu

Raumati Community Club in new rooms at Raumati Hall - Miss Unsworth, Mrs Cotterill, Jack and Cliff Thomas. President Mrs W Tustin. Mr E Caradus.

Paraparaumu Amateur Athletic Club.

Newly formed Jack Tars Marching Team. Navy blue and white uniforms

Vol 1 No 21. 19 April 1950

Lead article – Novel traffic light installation. Traffic sometimes has to be halted in Beach Road near the airport. Flashing light signals installed.

AMG Paraparaumu Branch Federated Farmer. G G Maclean, Mr W L Potts

Paraparaumu Progressive Assn - Stone wall to be extended along Marine Parade.

Women's Division of Federated Farmers – Mrs Connelly, Mrs Banks, Mrs Hay, Mrs Wallis, Mrs Hercock, Mrs Drewitt, Mrs Frederick.

Catholic Women's League – Mrs Connelly; Mrs G Welling (Soldiers Road)

Advert – Whitfields Hardware Store – Raumati Beach; G A Roate, registered plumber; Willis's Cash Drapery

Vol 1 No 22. 3 May 1950

Lead article – Urgent additions needed at station. In last eight months the Railways Department has provided a bicycle and pram shed, painted the station and the Road Services depot, repaired the platform and men's toilets. Probable that any new building or major alterations will not be commenced before electrification. Further improvements may be delayed till 1954.

Letter to Editor re reserve in Toru Road which was given to the community by Maclean Estate for the public benefit. F H Clarkson, Paraparaumu Branch

Raumati South Bowling Club - President Mr J I Hooker, Mr G Hay (Secretary) Framed scroll containing names of all 1944 foundation members. Trophies to R C Ross, J G Mullins, E Vango, A H Eaton, C Banks, R C Ross, O Lynch, S Neal, E H Frankish, H Tickner, O Kohn, G G Nicholson.

Paraparaumu Beach Indoor Bowling Club & Raumati Beach Indoor Bowling Club inter-club match.

Paraparaumu Girl Guides

Vol 1 No 23. 17 May 1950

Lead article – Parks and Reserves 1950.

The Raumati Beach Progressive Assn endeavours to secure the Blackmore Estate as a park. The Paraparaumu Beach Progressive Assn plans to provide a skating rink and sound shell opposite the post office .

Letters to editor re Toru Road Reserve.

AGM Paraparaumu Sub-Branch Plunket Society. President Mrs W Wightwick; Vice Presidents Mesdames C Reeve, H Smith, R Sullivan. Secretary-Treasurer Mrs H A Sherring. Mrs Monk President of Coastal Towns Branch; Mrs H Smith Secretary. Mention of Mrs L Thomson's fund-raising efforts & Mrs K Killick for work over last 3 years.

Paraparaumu School Committee – Messrs Hopping, Hurley, Mowbray. Mrs G W Maclean, Mr D Hartman. A separate new committee formed to manage the school's Dental Clinic – Mr P L Darke, Mrs G G Nicholson.

Kapiti Pony Club – Rally held on Mr H Lynch's farm. Mentions Miss C McPherson, Mrs R Doggett, Miss P Brown, Mr G Proctor.

Kapiti Table Tennis Assn dance to celebrate opening of the season. Mr H Shaw announced engagement of Miss S Greig (Reikorangi) to Mr B Wakelin (Raumati South).

Auction – Mr L G Springhall's house sold to Mr W Norwood, son of Sir Charles Norwood. The house was constructed by Mr C Reid in 1933-34. Set in ½ acre in Golf Road. Auctioneers were S George Nathan & Co Ltd.

Wellington Hospital Board to purchase five sections for a maternity hospital in the Field Estate when subdivision plans have been revised. A building in Lower Hutt is in readiness for removal.

Rodeo and Stampede venue to have been on Mr D Hurley's farm, Paraparaumu Beach was moved to somewhere opposite the [railway] station.

Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club – Names – Mr Wesley Knight (Life Member), Mr E A A Thorne, Mr W Stewart (Greenkeeper), Mr W White Scott (Green Superintendent), J A Young, J A Young, J B Young, H Walton, A V Petherick, S M Stone, A Hardham, Mrs A V Petherick, Mrs J B Young, Mrs W Herbert, Mrs A Richter, Mrs L Clere, Mrs E A Harris, Mrs W R Wylie, Mr S M Stone, Mr Sam Hall.

Raumati South Women's Interdenominational Guild. Visited home of Mrs J Brailsford, Dell Road.

Paraparaumu Branch of NZRSA – President Mr A Wakelin; Secretary-Treasurer Mr E Ragg; Delegate Mr J Hyde.

Paraparaumu Women's Institute – Mrs J Wightwick; Mrs Osborne; Mrs Weston; Mrs Caterer; Mrs Cameron; Mrs Cromb.

Raumati Bowling Club – Mr J I Hooker (President); Mr W Hadwin; Mr Barlow; Mr W Peters

Paraparaumu Anglican church secures four sections at Paraparaumu Beach fronting Bluegum and Toru roads. Mr H A Phillips gave a building section at Raumati South.

Raumati Community Club invites all women's organisations to be present.

V**ol 1 No 24. 31st May 1950**

Lead article – A Publican's license for Paraparaumu?

Letter to editor re work needed on Bluegum Road from Ocean Road to Maclean Road, and Maclean Road from Seaview Road to Kapiti Beach Road. A T White, Paraparaumu Beach. Reply from Councillor E Caradus.

Article re Jack Tar Marching Team – Keith Weggery, Miss Ann Childs.

AGM Raumati Beach Progressive Assn. Chairman W Brinsley. Publican's license disapproved

Human skull found during excavations in metal quarries along the main road. Thought to have been interred 1943-1944. It is believed to be either an American of Negroid extraction several of whom went missing during the war, or of Polynesian extraction.

Street name plates being erected, and street guide to be published.

Mr W S Eatwell granted permission to build a general store at corner of Menin & Miro roads, Raumati South. Mr H Carter of Wellington granted permission to build a store at the corner of Jeep and Forest roads, Raumati South

Masquerade Ball held in Raumati Hall. Winners – Miss Dawn Mauger 2nd prize, K Weggery 3rd prize, Winners were Mr & Mrs F Mauger.

Paraparaumu Progressive Assn to secure a site for hall. Site recommended was 3 sections fronting Tongariro Street, opposite the Roman Catholic Church in Mr S Batten's property. Two members agreed to negotiate privately for an additional two adjoining sections fronting Hinemoa St. The Assn accepted Mr S W Hoult's offer to convert his garage into a temporary hall for fund raising enterprises.

Sale of properties – House in Eatwell Ave, Paraparaumu Beach, and sections – some passed in.

North Island Golf Championships to be held on Paraparaumu Beach Golf Links. The official opening of the newly Incorporated Golf Club.

AGM Kapiti Sub-Branch Plunket Society. Mrs Monk, President Coastal Town Branch. Mrs J Killick represented the Paraparaumu Branch. President Mr W Neill; Secretary Mrs D Crease; Treasurer Mrs C J Cuff.

Advert - D J Adams selling vegetables. Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach

Vol 1 No 25 14 Jun 1950.

Lead article - Parochialism over halls must be avoided. Progressive Association.

Advert – Burke's Fish Emporium, P J Burke.

Properties auctioned – Mr W S Lochead's single storey wooden residence in Golf Road; Mr Shearer, single storey in Beach Road; section corner The Crescent & Eatwell Ave.

WDFF meeting – Miss B Hadfield; Mrs Batholomew; Mrs Glen Campbell; Mrs Cleary; Mrs Mowbray.

Paekakariki's Queen carnival. Money raised to be spent on Paekakariki Domain and Recreation Grounds.

Advert – A D McIntosh, hairdresser, Paraparaumu Beach

Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club officially opens new club house. President Mr S Paterson. Speeches by Mr D O White, Mr S Hunter (Club Captain), Mr Cromb (architect)

National Conference of NZ Federation of Country Girls Clubs was held in the Majestic Hotel, Paraparaumu Beach.

Raumati South Progressive Assn proposal to raise money to erect a hall; Play equipment, Tennis Court Road Reserve.

Ruby wedding. Lily Ann Whitley of Timaru married Frederick George Johnson of Ballarat, Australia 4 June 1910 at Durham St Methodist Church, Christchurch.

Kapiti Girls Marching Team to hold a dance. Music by Len Spellman's Ambassadors.

Mr C E Childs involved in a vehicle accident on Otaihanga Road.

Advert – A Loveridge Ltd, general storekeepers, Raumati South; Ritchie & Hooker, builders; W Joseph, upholsterer, Raumati Road Raumati Beach

Kapiti Beautifying Society Inc

Greenlea Floriste, Mrs P L Pitts, Rosetta Road, Raumati South

Vol 1 No 26. 28 Jun 1950

First anniversary. The Editors are fully aware of ambitious possibilities in the future, and will spare no means to achieve them but for the present will concentrate first on news, service and circulation. No city advertisements calculated to damage local trade and industry will be accepted. We will not hesitate to criticise anything which may not be within the best interests of the District, and we are at all times prepared to assist any local enterprise.

Letter to editor re Raumati Drama Group renamed the Community Playhouse, from John Brooke-White, Raumati Beach.

Adverts – [Most advertisements were published in every issue of the newspaper from the first issue in July 1949]

The Post Office Store, Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach

C Banks, agent for The Commercial Union Assurance Ltd

S E Bowker, builder, Raumati Road, Raumati Beach

P J Burke's Mobile Fish and Chip Saloon

A J Harris, taxi, Paraparaumu

McIntosh's Pharmacy, Paraparaumu Beach

F W Willis & Co Ltd, Paraparaumu Beach

Vincent's Tea Rooms, Proprietress Mrs E Gault, Paraparaumu Beach

Phillips and Gray Ltd, general carriers and earthmoving contractors, Paraparaumu

B L Shepherd Ltd, Paraparaumu

Miss I Freer, The Maison Frere Salon, Marine Parade, Paraparaumu

Buckley's Electrical Shop, opposite Bowling Green

Garth E Rigg, builder, Paraparaumu Beach

Motor cyclist accident – Mr N C Batten collided with car belonging to Mr R Butters, a professional golfer. 17 June 1950

AGM of Paraparaumu Croquet Club. President Mrs Hand; vice-presidents Mesdames Burns & Hardham; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs Hardham, Committee Mesdames Caradus & Phipps

PM Rt Hon S G Holland has purchased a residence in Knight Ave, Paraparaumu Beach. It was built in 1949 overlooking the bowling green & golf links.

Adverts – Raumati Stores Ltd; Austral Super Paints Ltd; Taylor's Store; Mr H Jackson, dental surgeon cnr Seaview and Ocean Roads; Howell Bros, Paraparaumu; Mrs Cass, hairdresser; Preston & Col Ltd, Soldiers Road, Paraparaumu; Raumati Building Co Ltd, Wharemauku Rd, Paraparaumu Beach.

Aerial top dressing – Mr L Gatehouse. Based on a runway in Mr Dermot Lynch's farm. He was one-time instructor at the Paraparaumu Flying School.

Advert – Ballroom dancing instructor Jonet Lopez, recent tutor from Arthur Murray's Studio of Dancing, Hollywood and New York

Advert – Moeller & Betts Ltd, general motor & mechanical engineers, Paraparaumu Beach.

Adverts – A Loveridge Ltd, general shopkeepers, Raumati South; Whitfield's Hardware Store, Raumati Beach; H J Eatwell, member of the NZ Institute of Valuers & Agents for Alliance Assurance

Co; Ritchie and Hooker, builders; D Adams, fruiterer and greengrocer, Paraparaumu Beach; W Joseph, upholster, Raumati Road, Raumati Beach; S R Mudgway, contractor, Paraparaumu Beach; Messrs P C P McGavin and R G M MacGoun, barristers and solicitors have a branch in Beach Road, Paekakariki; Paraparaumu Radio Service, A J Bull, Eatwell Ave, Paraparaumu Beach.

Public notice – Raffle drawn – Jack Tars Marching Team

Trade Adverts – G A Roatz, registered plumber, Raumati Beach; Pat Molly, hairdresser, Paraparaumu Beach next to the Theatre; Raumati Dairy; R H Parrant, registered plumber, Raumati South; Alladin Painters and Decorators, Paraparaumu Beach; L Graham, contractor, Kaka Road, Raumati Beach; Miss K Harris, public typist.

Programme for “The Seaside Theatre”, Paraparaumu Beach. [Published in every issue]