

Community Hall.

When I wrote the last Newsletter we were waiting to hear the results of our applications for grants.

The J.B.S. Dudding Trust gave us a grant of \$500.

We received a grant of \$4000 from the Lottery Board. We are particularly grateful to Mrs. M. Clapham who came up from the Internal affairs Department, Wellington and recommended that this grant be made. I took her for a trip around the settlement so that she could see how well the sections were kept. She then went to the Community Hall and at that time Noel Abbott was painting the Convenience. She was immensely impressed with the appearance of the settlement and what had been done on the Hall. When she left she said to me 'I am going to put in for the maximum grant of \$6000. I doubt whether you will get it as there are so many other applications. We got \$4000 and I think we were particularly fortunate.

We discussed with Mr. F. Jermy the plans we had for extending the Hall and asked him to consider them and give us his opinion.

He drew up plans for two different proposals - the County representatives took them to be considered by their building inspector. Two particular matters to be considered were the beam to join the extensions with the existing building and the funnelling of water to the existing tank.

The extensions to the building have now been built and we now have a Hall measuring 30 feet by 20 feet and 10 feet of the seaward end of the building has been enclosed to hold the firefighting trailer, County Tractor and trailer. The two sliding doors on the original building have been incorporated on the front and back end of the portion housing the tractor and trailer. It is now possible to drive right through this portion of the building.

The interior of the Hall proper is now 30 feet by 20 feet. This will allow for 2 indoor bowls mats to be used and a third at a real pinch. Mrs. Burberry has put two mats in the hall, they were given by Mr. Bostock. We have been able to get two sets of indoor bowls and will be able to put the mats down in a few days. At the present time Messrs Noel Abbott and Arnold Nation are chipping away concrete to level the join in the concrete floor because it was laid in two portions. When the second portion was laid it was difficult to level off completely because of the wooden plate of the wall of the existing building. We are grateful for the tedious work these two are doing for our future enjoyment. A week later the concrete join has been levelled and plastered.

During the year the Committee were able to buy at a bargain price windows that had been taken out of the Mr. W. Redmaynes home. In the last few days Mr. F. Jermy with the help of Messrs Abbott and Ramsdale have fitted the windows into the new building greatly adding to its appearance. There is still some work to be done on the windows. The next urgent job is to wash down the building and have it painted hopefully before Labour Day week-end. I would like to hear from any who would volunteer to help with that work. We maybe able to get the work done by some of the County P.F.P. Workers.

Before moving away from the Hall I must on behalf of all the residents thank Mr.F.Jermy and his assistants for the work and advice they have given with his whole project. In addition to the Hall the kitchen and conveniences are permanent evidence of the debt we owe to Mr.F.Jermy and his band of assistants Bill Cornish, Noel Abbott Ernie Ramsdale and others. Mention must also be made of Alan McKenzie and E.Ramsdale who were responsible for installing the septic tank water pump and water system.

A further application has been made to the Budding Trust for a grant to help meet the cost of additional electrical wiring and lining of the Hall. Mr. Newman will give voluntary labour for the wiring.

Subdivision . During July County staff worked on levelling the area beyond the existing conveniences. An area sufficient to provide 19 extra sections and a camping ground has been levelled and at present is over sown with lumpin to hold the ground until sections are sold. Kerbing and provision for underground wiring has still to be done. It is expected that the sections will be available for sale by Christmas. Any persons interested in acquiring a section in the subdivision should get in touch with the County.

Conveniences. A new roof and spouting has been put on the conveniences

Roads. Last year the remaining metal roads in the settlement were sealed and a few months later they were given a second seal. It is pleasing to know that all the streets in the settlement have been sealed.

Firefighting. We have a trailer and fire fighting equipment garaged at the Community Hall. A pole has been erected at the back of the building and a siren will be fitted in a few days. The siren will warn all the settlement in the case of an emergency. The Committee wants to form a firefighting group to act in emergencies. Will any interested in joining the group please contact Mr.N.Abbott.

Recreation. Two sections at the back of Mrs Rawcliffes residence in Wainui St, have been purchased by the Committee. It is proposed to use portion of these sections to provide a bowling green. The sections have been cleared of lumpin and it is intended to level them in the near future.

Cattle. The Green cows are always a nuisance on the Beach Road. During the year a race has been built in the Greens Property towards the main road - this will keep the cows off portion of that road. A low level bridge has been started beside the present one way bridge. As soon as sides are put on the new bridge we will be free of cattle using the present one way road bridge.

Cards. Over the summer and autumn some residents have attended card evenings held in the Hall. They have been enjoyable and will probably be revived after the winter. Once the additions to the Hall are completed some indoor bowls evenings will be started. An effort may be made to have some housie evenings too.

Donations. I think it is desirable that a record should be made of donations made towards the Hall project. I list below ones I can think of, not in any particular sequence.

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| Mtn.Friendship Club | 1 large Zip Heater and offer of wall ti. |
| Mr. F. Jermy) | Work on lining toilets, kitchen and |
| Mr. W.Cornish) | building sinks and benches in kitchen |
| Mr. E.Ramsdale) | |

Sonny Reardon	Trailer chassis and wheels
A. McKenzie	Fixing water supply and pump for hall
N. Abbott	Completing trailer donated by S. Reardon
J. Blyth	Organising supplies for kitchen, painting kitchen, conveniences and Liason with County.
Mr. Newman	Paint for undercoats & promise to lay tiles on kitchen floor.
Mr & Mrs. K. Huddleston	Labour wiring hall, kitchen and toilet area.
Mrs. M. Burberry	Windows
Mrs. L. McIndoe (dec)	large panel heater
P. Young	Piano, Formica extension table & chairs, tea-trolley, large alum. teapot, electric kettle cups saucers and plates.
	Table tennis top and trestles

Labour Day weekend.

Bands on Domain - On the Saturday of Labour Day weekend the Committee has given the group which organised the band function on the Domain a year or so ago permission to organise a similar function on the Labour Day week-end. Definite requirements have been laid down for the function and before final approval is given the group organising the function is to report progress to representatives of the County, Police and the Koitisti Committee at a meeting to be held later this month.

The proposed activities will be :-

Saturday 26th.	Bands till 1 am Sunday stalls to be erected on Domain.
Sunday 27th	Stalls to operate. No further band functions.
Monday 28th	Organising committee to be responsible for cleaning up Domain. Any profits from the weekend to be used for improvements in the settlement.

Opening of Community Hall. The Community Hall is to be opened on Saturday afternoon 26th October. On the same afternoon we will have our Annual visit from members of the Marton Friendship Club and some inmates from Lake Alice Hospital. A large bus load will come from the Friendship Club and a minibus load from Lake Alice. All local residents are invited to be present at the function - a very entertaining afternoon is assured to those who attend. In addition you will get personal pleasure in seeing the enjoyment the elderly residents from Marton get from the visit.

Mesdames Rawcliffe, Leighton and Burberry are making arrangements for providing afternoon tea for the visitors. Help is needed for baking cakes, savouries for the afternoon tea. Items such as Pikelets, Scones Cakes, sponges, sandwiches, will be needed. Would any who are prepared to help in this matter please contact Mrs Leighton Ph 702
Mrs Rawcliffe Ph 828

On the afternoon assistance will be required in arranging the afternoon tea and the serving of it. Some men will be required in the morning to set up the hall.

Yours sincerely,

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CHAIRMAN

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