

ROADS. All roads in the settlement were sealed before the end of the 1983/84 sealing season.

In the next few weeks they will be given another seal. The County will widen portions of Rapaki St. before the roads are given the new seal.

COMMUNITY HALL. Since the last newsletter the toilets and kitchen have been completed and painted. The whole kitchen and toilet area is very attractive.

Special thanks must go to Mr. Noel Abbott who painted the whole area - to Messrs Jermy and Cornish who finished the the lining and fitting in of sinks and cupboards, Messrs McKenzie and Ramsdale who were responsible for work on the septic tank, fitting of pumps and the working of the water system.

→ The exterior of the building must be painted in the next few weeks. A call is made for volunteers to do this work, contact in the first instance should be made with Alan McKenzie (Phone 855). An early response to this appeal would be appreciated.

We await replies to our applications to various bodies for grants towards the cost of extending the Hall. The suggestion was that the hall should be extended by ten feet. The suggestion has now been made that the extension should be 20 feet rather than 10 feet. This would give the space for improved recreation facilities in the Hall plus an area 20x10 which could be used to house the firefighting equipment plus the County's tractor mower.

FIREFIGHTING. The Community Council wishes to form a Volunteer Fire Brigade in the settlement.

→ A meeting will be held in the Community Hall, on Sunday 14th October at 10.00am. Purpose to try and get a core of 9 residents to form a Brigade.

PARKING. In the next few weeks the Council hopes to be able to arrange for the area on the western side of the hall to be cleared and levelled for the purpose of providing a parking area adjacent to the Hall. Some of the sand removed will be used to fill in & level the area over the septic tank. Along the boundary of the property immediately behind the hall a wall of tyres will be made to stop any of the sand fill falling on to the adjoining property. The Council is grateful to Mr. Alan McKenzie for obtaining old tyres to be used for this purpose.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB VISIT. On Friday 26th October about 100 members of the Marton Friendship Club plus additional patients from Lake Alice Hospital will visit the settlement. The visitors will be entertained in the Community Hall. This is an Annual visit much appreciated by the elderly people in Marton.

→ A special appeal is made to all residents for a contribution towards the afternoon tea that day.

Housie - Cards. Mr. Eddie Ramsdale is keen to organise a housie or card evening possibly in November. The idea is to hold evenings at regular intervals during the summer and to hold functions during the afternoon in the winter period. Housie or cards could be organised dependent of the wishes of those attending.

Mr. Ramsdale offers the following proposals.

Subject to enough interest being shown among local residents it is proposed to hold Housie and card sessions or any other form of recreation at times to suit residents.

SUGGESTED Summer months (During daylight saving period) Evening meetings commencing 7.30pm. OTHER MONTHS Meetings commencing 2pm.

→ A meeting to discuss these ideas will be held in the Community Hall on Sunday 28th October 1984 at 2.30pm.

BUSINESS- To ascertain if there is sufficient interest to warrant holding regular Housie or card sessions.

SUBDIVISION. The Council has finalised the plans for the proposed subdivision of the area adjoining the conveniences. Work will commence about Easter 1985 and the subdivision levelling and roading should be completed during the winter and sections will be available for purchase towards the end of 1985.

CATTLE. We will have to endure the mess made by Mr. Greens cows. A start has been made at providing an alternative bridge for his stock adjoining the road bridge near Scotts road. During the winter girders were laid over the stream. The approaches were graded out and recently metal has been tipped on both sides of the stream. Maybe by the end of this season the bridge will be completed.

GARAGE SALE. A very successful garage sale was held in July and a net sum of about \$370 was raised. Our grateful thanks go to all those who donated items for the sale. A refrigerator donated for the sale was kept and forms part of the furniture at the Hall. Part of the money raised will be used to purchase a reconditioned stove for the Hall and to pay the cost of providing a heavier wiring from the street to the Hall.

GARAGE SALE It is proposed to hold a further sale towards the end of the year. When you are spring cleaning please keep any surplus items that could go to the sale.

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CHAIRMAN

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