

Club Officers

Patrons:

Late C. R. O'Carroll:	1922-27
Late R. O'Byrne:	1928-48
A. J. Dodunski:	1949-74

Presidents:

Late Dr. Valintine:	Early years
Late W. Ogier:	1913-14
Late J. R. Sutherland:	1919-28
Mr. G. Wanklyn:	1929-35
Late N. M. Ross:	1936-48
Mr. L. E. Erb:	1949-53
Mr. F. H. Jackson:	1954-62
Mr. J. K. Wooller:	1963
Mr. F. H. Jackson:	1964
Mr. L. E. Erb:	1965-71
Mr. R. B. Young:	1972-

Secretaries:

Late E. D. Evans:	1898
Late F. Spurdle:	Early years
Late R. Nicholls:	1913-14
Late P. E. Chapman:	1921-22
Late R. E. Coutts:	1922-35
Late C. Seabright:	1936-37
Mr. D. Lamb:	1938-39
Mr. A. J. O'Keefe:	1940
Late A. B. Gamlin:	1941-44
Mr. N. C. Mackinder:	1945
Mr. F. Marinkovick:	1946-47
Mr. N. C. Mackinder:	1948-56
Mr. Brian Gyde:	1957-62
Mr. Paul Smith:	1963
Mr. John Healy:	1964-66
Mr. F. H. Jackson:	1967-72

Assistant Secretaries:

Late W. H. Egarr:	1924-28
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Late A. J. L. Kohn:	1929-35
Late A. M. Gamlin:	1937-40
Mr. R. C. Penman:	1958-66
Mr. G. Ward:::	1967-69
Mr. R. J. Austin:	1965-72
Mr. S. Crowe:	1971-72

Treasurers:

Mr. G. Fowler:	1963-65
Mr. John Wilkin:	1966-68
Mr. C. Lewis:	1971-72

Auditors:

Late J. R. Penn:	1930-55
Mr. H. Shearer:	1956-72

Club Captains:

Mr. W. H. Stephens:	1939
Mr. L. Simpson:	1940
Mr. A. Richards:	1941-42
Mr. W. H. Stephens:	1946-48
Mr. L. Rutherford:	1949-50
Mr. Gordon Gyde:	1951-52
Mr. J. J. Zimmerman:	1953
Mr. W. P. Brown:	1954-59
Mr. W. H. Trigger:	1960-61
Mr. J. K. Wooller:	1962-64
Mr. K. Wackrow & A. J. Mackie:	1965
Mr. Stan Frederickson:	1966-67
Mr. B. J. O'Neill:	1968-69
Mr. Kelvin Jackson:	1970-72
Mr. K. Wackrow:	1973

Chairman:

Central Division:	
Mr. J. K. Wooller:	1964-65

Vice Presidents:

Senior: Mr. L. E. Erb.	
Senior: Mr. R. B. Young.	
Senior: Mr. A. J. Mackie.	

Inglewood Cricket Club

When the Inglewood Cricket Club was formed is doubtful but probably about the time of the Football Club. The first minutes available, are those of the annual meeting held at the office of Messrs. Percival and Messenger on 18th September, 1905.

The Annual Report stated the Club had been successful in winning the Senior Championship, by winning eight of ten matches. J. Crombie, the Captain, had headed the batting averages with 16.3; W. Matthews, 12.5. The best bowling averages were O'Byrne 4.6, Crombie 6.2, Gudgeon 7.9. The Koster Trophy for the best all round player was won by George Gudgeon. A smoke concert was held to celebrate the winning of the cup.

Officers elected were:

Patron: B. H. Nicholls. *President:* W. E. Percival. *Vice-Presidents:* A. F. Thomson, Dr. Nutting, T. Hamerton, E. Robert-Shaw, J. H. Rowe and H. Reeve. *Secretary:* M. Tucker. *Captain:* J. Crombie. *Treasurer:* B. C. Barnett. *Vice-Captain:* G. Gudgeon. *Committee:* Spencer, T. Nicholls, J. Sutherland.

There are mentions made of the equipment purchased for the 1903-04 season, so competitions must have been played then.

Other prominent players prior to the First World War besides those mentioned above were: D. Clegg, V. Harkness, G. Pullen, I. Howarth, L. Sutherland, Jefferies, C. Nicholls, Gibson, Orbell, Billing, Dr. Gault, M. Sutherland, F. Thomson. Walter Matthews is supposed to hold the record for the biggest hit in Pukekura Park, having hit a ball right over the old pavilion into the lake. Cricket was played mostly in what is now known as Jubilee Park, on a grass wicket, because it mentions about topdressing the wicket and turfing bare patches in the run up.

Inglewood Golf Club

The Inglewood Golf Club was formed in 1907, but unfortunately no minute books earlier than 1923 are available, and being the only member left that played on all courses,

Later it was played on an asphalt wicket with matting, but I can find no record of when this was laid. In the early thirties, the park was reformed and the asphalt wicket was broken up and a sunken concrete wicket was played on. The wicket was sunken because with football being transferred from Carnival Park, the wicket could be turfed over.

After the 1st World War was over, the Club was reformed, and beside the pre-war players of J. D. Clegg, L. Sutherland, T. Nicholls, G. Pullen, Gibson, V. Harkness, R. Darlow, C. Hamerton, we had F. Partridge, J. Parfitt, Roy Coutts, V. Arthur, R. Cutfield, and later C. Nicholls, N. and L. Ross, H. Evans, L. Mamby, R. Coles, K. Clegg, W. Publitz, P. Speechly, R. Brown, N. Lightfoot, V. Devereaux, T. Wood, D. Allen, P. Peacock, and many other strong supporters.

In 1944, a meeting was held in the social room of the fire station at which Mr. L. Sutherland presided, and the Club was reformed, and friendly matches were played with Ratapiko, Air Force, Borough Council and staff. From then on the Club has had some very successful years and at times has had Taranaki Representatives. In 1951 Inglewood were promoted to the senior grade and in 1959-60 were successful in winning the Robertson Trophy as winners of North Taranaki, and the C. G. Betts Memorial Trophy as Champions of Taranaki. This team comprised R. J. Lahood (Captain), B. F. Gyde (Vice-Capt.), B. Blackburn, J. Wilson, P. G. Wilson, T. A. O'Byrne, J. M. Burrows, M. Lahood, G. A. Downs, M. T. Howell, J. M. Kuklinski, D. G. Page, P. Kuklinski, J. F. Kuklinski and T. Nelson.

Mr. T. Nelson, senior, is the President of the Club.

I will endeavour to give as accurate an account of the early days as possible.

The first course played on was at the bottom of Kahikatea Street with the club house and

1st tee on Mr. H. J. M. Thomson's property where Woodward's now live. It was a nine hole course and went down over Mr. Will Marshall's property down to the Hursthouse Road over to Brown's Mill and back with the 9th hole by the Clubhouse. Some of the foundation members were: Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brown, Mr. Will Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Surrey, Mr. and Mrs. C. O'Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winfield, Mrs. Gibbs, Misses Con and Maud Hamerton, Miss Laing, Miss Surrey, and Messrs. Glassford, Gudgeon, Crombie, and A. J. Law.

After the First World War, Mr. Marshall, who had been a sheep farmer, split up the farm into three dairy farms, and the one where the golf course was, was sold to Mr. R. B. Sutton. This resulted in the club looking around for another place, and at a special meeting of the Club, held in Mr. Thomson's office on May 27th, 1927, it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. Alfred Marshall's offer to play on his Durham Road property without cost. The new nine hole course was laid out by Mr. J. H. Ritchie. With the slump, and then the Second World War, the Club membership dropped considerably and the Club found it difficult at times to carry on. At one time the membership dropped to about 40. After the Patron, Mr. A. Marshall, died, Miss C. Marshall and Mr. Wilf Marshall continued the generous arrangements, and the game of golf gradually gained membership again. In 1951, a set of three gang mowers was purchased with Mr. Marshall's consent, and this improved playing conditions. By 1955 membership had increased to over 100 paying members.

Golden Jubilee:

On Saturday, 29th June, 1957, the Golden Jubilee of the Club was celebrated with excellent attendance of members and past members. A single Stableford was played and in the evening a most successful cabaret and social evening was held in the football gymnasium.

The annual report records: "A Golden

Jubilee only comes once, and as a finale, the cabaret was a grand success and the visitors' remarks were very complimentary. Mrs. Brown, Senior, a foundation member of the club was present, and cut the cake, interspersing the time with episodes of the early days. Celebrations were also a financial success."

At the 1958 September meeting, the Patron of the Club, Mr. W. Marshall, explained that he was giving up farming, and the club, after the next season would have to vacate his property. All expressed appreciation and grateful thanks to Mr. Marshall for the free use of his property for thirty-three years. A lease of fifty acres at Kaimata at £150 per annum was obtained, and with well-attended working bees, the clubhouse was shifted and a nine-hole course set up for the 1960 season. The club had always had in mind, the purchasing of their own property, and at a special meeting of the club on 22nd October, 1964, on the recommendation of the committee the Lepper Road property was purchased for £8,000.

Community Effort:

Then began one of Inglewood's greatest community efforts. This property, covered in fern and blackberry looked far from the golf course as known today. At the annual meeting, a levy of £15 for men and £10 for lady members was struck, and/or £20 for married couples, payable over three years for new course development. The lessee of the Lepper Road property was bought out, and possession of the property was taken on 1st June, 1965. Plans were immediately made to lay out an 18-hole course and build a modern club house. Working bees were held for concrete pipe making and drainage. Many farmer members lent their tractors and scrapers. The property was a hive of industry, piping and filling in drains, building bridges, forming greens and some heavy bulldozing work was done by contract, but the majority of the transformation was carried out by working bees. The publicity given the efforts of the club members immediately attracted new members. Before a very

large gathering, the new course was officially opened on 5th March, 1967, by the President, Mr. M. Radford. The Club has continued to prosper and grow, and now with a membership approaching 600, is one of the largest clubs in Taranaki, and is considered by many to be one of the best non-championship courses in New Zealand. The course is very attractive to visitors, and large amounts are collected in green fees annually, which helps the finances considerably. Photographs of the foundation committee of the Lepper Road course have been placed in the Club House in honour of their great service. They are: Messrs. D. Klenner, A. S. Lovell, D. R. Crone, W. T. Souness, D. B. Burd, M. Lahood, G. Goodsir (Treasurer), F. Scott (Vice-President), N. G. Radford (President), L. H. Ferguson (Club-Captain), R. J. Lahood (Secretary), and T. R. Nelson (Vice-Captain). Ladies: Mesdames E. Linley, P. Fowler, B. Mantey (Vice-President), J. Radford, D. Brown, V. Curd (Treasurer), B. O'Keefe (Club Captain), M. Burgess (President), J. Morrison (Secretary), and J. Scott (Handicapper).

Life Members Elected Are:

The late Miss C. Marshall, S. Lovell, Wilf Marshall, Mrs. Thomason, the late Norm Gibson, Mrs. S. Lovell, the late Alf Baker, Mrs. R. W. Brown, M. Lahood, Massey Radford and Mrs. G. Marsh. The 1974 Officers

are: R. W. Brown, M.B.E. (Patron), N. M. Nelson (President), J. M. Luckin (Vice-President), R. C. Smith (Club Captain), J. T. Kuklinski (Vice-Captain), G. Nasmith (Treasurer), H. Wood (Secretary), A. J. Smith (Auditor), H. Lister and R. C. Clarke (Handicappers). Committee: J. Connell, P. Davidson, R. Clarke, S. Pearce, C. Frederickson, G. White, B. Wallis. Ladies Committee: Patron, Mrs. R. W. Brown; President, Mrs. G. Marsh; Vice-President, Mrs. H. Lister; Club Captain, Mrs. R. Richards; Vice-Captain, Mrs. A. Brown; Secretary, Mrs. M. Kay; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Ashton; Handicapper, Mrs. E. Le Fleming and Mrs. M. Frederickson.

Committee: Mesdames S. Gibson, P. Mackay, J. Bell, M. Luckin and N. Butler.

Champions:

The first senior Champion of the Inglewood Golf Club was the late Mr. A. J. Law, who won the Championship in both 1908 and 1909. The most successful member of the club, was the late Mr. S. G. Lovell, who won the Championship 19 times, the first being in 1922 and the last in 1954. At one time he held it six times in succession. The first ladies Champion was Mrs. H. J. M. Thomson, and the most successful Champion was Mrs. I. P. Grant, who won the Championship 16 times with the first in 1922 and the last 1955. Miss Marjory Morton won the Senior Championship 10 times.

Inglewood Bowling Club

No one remains of the enthusiastic bowlers who, early in the year 1906, talked among themselves of forming a club in Inglewood. However, it was Mr. A. Leslie, who took the initiative and canvassed prospective members with the result that at a meeting held on the 12th April, 1906, the Inglewood Bowling Club was formed with a membership of 47. These

were men of vision and imagination, but they were also practical and hard working and they lost no time in getting down to business. At the initial meeting a Committee was elected including Mr. Jennings, M.P. (Patron), W. E. Percival (President), B. H. Nicholls (Vice-President) and Mr. Humphrey (Secretary-Treasurer).

Foundation Members Were:

W. E. Percival	F. Whitehead
P. E. Hammerton	R. J. Frewin
H. Humphries	J. Pennington
C. R. O'Carrol	G. W. Gudgeon
A. A. Leslie	H. B. Curtis
P. G. Nops	J. H. Rowe
A. Corney	F. Atkinson
G. W. Bennett	J. Gibbs
A. B. Gamlin	F. C. Bennett
F. Drake	M. J. Lile
P. Calgher	F. Haworth
H. W. Cottier	S. Orbell
A. C. Nicholls	E. Vickers
J. H. Quigley	B. H. Nicholls

Naturally the first problem confronting the Club was that of securing a suitable section for a green and financing the project. The present site was inspected and Mr. Leslie secured an option for its purchase at £125. At a committee meeting held on the 11th June, 1906, the purchase of the section at £125 was decided upon, several members of the club acting as guarantors for the money advanced by the Bank for this purpose. At the same meeting it was proposed to call a General Meeting to adopt rules, etc., and the subscription was fixed at £2/2/- per annum.

On the 2nd July, 1906, the club became an Incorporated Society. The records contain little reference to the work which followed, but hard work it must have been with the equivalent available in those days. That members worked with a will is evidenced by the fact that the great day arrived with the official opening of the green on the 13th December of the same year, to which auspicious occasion invitations were issued to the Patea, Hawera, Stratford, Eltham, New Plymouth, Fitzroy and Opunake Clubs. It is interesting to note that the Inglewood Band which was also established at that time, turned out and provided music at the official opening.

The following year (1907) witnessed some important events in the history of the young club:—

On February 8th, the first match was played

against Stratford, three rinks being engaged. On March 5th, the Inglewood Club joined the Taranaki Bowling Association. On April 19th a General Meeting was called to consider ways and means of erecting a pavilion and improving the green and surroundings. In August, 1907, a tender was accepted for the erection of a pavilion at a cost of £55. The additions in 1963 cost approximately £1,400. By the year 1910 the Club was really flourishing, as in that year the Committee secured the services of a Green Keeper at a salary not to exceed £30 per annum. Incidentally, the rates paid in that year were £2/1/4. Pride of ownership was obviously manifest and members were jealous of the respect due to their property as a resolution was passed in October 1910, to the effect that dogs were not allowed on the green while parents and others in charge of children were requested to keep children off the playing area and flower beds. Some time previously a by-law had been passed prohibiting club matches being played on Sundays. A further sign of affluence and progress is indicated by a resolution dated 17th June, 1911, to the effect "That the telephone be installed for 12 months" (N.B. — doubtless, due to the insistence of the bowlers' wives requiring to check up on the whereabouts of their husbands, this service has never been discontinued!)

The late Mr. F. Spurdle was a very popular

member of the club, and besides serving a term as president, was secretary for seven years. On his death in 1942 his son, Mr. W. Spurdle, took over the secretaryship and, with the exception of two one-year breaks, held office until 1957. The late Mr. Fred Spurdle was the first Inglewood player to win a Taranaki Open Tournament, until his son Bill repeated this effort in 1964. This was a family final — the opposing skip being brother Barney.

Talking about tournaments it is humorous to note (in the light of 1956) that the 24th Taranaki Open Tournament produced only six teams that qualified and of these six, three were from the Inglewood Club, i.e. F. Spurdle, F. Longbottom, and H. Cottier. Of these three F. Spurdle fought out the semi-final with T. Billing. What a difference the number of qualifiers there are these days. When Inglewood played Kaponga in a shield game it was commented upon as follows by the Taranaki papers: "Undoubtedly the biggest score put up in the shield competition this season was that of F. Spurdle's rink in the game against

Kaponga, when they reached the figures of 54 to 10. This equals the record put up in a shield fixture between West End and Waitara a season or two ago when a rink from the former club defeated its opponents by 51 to 7." Another time when Inglewood played Stratford for the Avon Stars the Stratford paper commented as follows: "The Avon Stars are serving as an incentive for the unity of the best players in the Central Division and some splendid games have eventuated from the "Star" challenge. During the past weekend, Inglewood carrying the "Dominion Tournament Rink" visited Stratford and were successful in their challenge. The Inglewood rink comprised J. Wilson, H. Cottier, F. Longbottom and F. Spurdle (sk) and won by 23—18."

The 1966/67 season saw the late Ern Spurdle so confident that his team would perform well against Eltham in a Shield Match, that he left his bowls back at the clubhouse. Incidentally, he and his team lost the match.

Tennis

The Inglewood Tennis Club was formed about 1906 with Mr. H. J. M. Thomson as Secretary and in conjunction with the Inglewood Croquet Club, immediately approached the Council for property to form a croquet lawn and hard court for tennis. The eastern end of Trimble Park was granted at a nominal rental.

Some of the earliest members were. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. M. Thomson, Mr. Frank Thomson, M. Crombie, and the Misses Curtis, and several members of the Hamerton family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matthews, Charlie Young (Tari-iki), Jack Sutherland. Later the club took over the croquet lawn for an extra court but this was eventually abandoned and laid down as an extra asphalt court. After lapsing somewhat during the 1914-18 War, the club quickly revived and regular inter-club matches were played with such clubs as Tarata, Stratford, and Waiwaka (New Plymouth). Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Grant were chosen for many years in

the Taranaki Provincial Tennis Team. Mr. Lew Torrens was another strong player in the thirties and two of Mr. Max Bracegirdle's children have been very strong junior players. Although the pre-war membership was in the vicinity of 100 and, at the time Mr. E. W. Hamilton was President, plans were in hand for the erection of a fairly large club house, membership apparently then declined and the materials were disposed of. In 1948, however, it was decided to seek assistance from the Internal Affairs Department for the completing of a new club house but this could not proceed immediately because of a shortage of cement and iron. The members commenced the making of blocks on 19th February 1951 and this continued until some 700 blocks had been made. The new pavilion was completed at a cost of some £550 and at this stage the membership consisted of 42 adults and 33 juniors.

From there, unfortunately, membership de-

clined until in 1956 the club went into recess and it was not until Mr. Bill Marshall became active in the matter that the club was revived in 1961. From 1961 to 1974 membership has fluctuated but unfortunately it could not be said that at any time during that period has the club really thrived, despite the efforts of enthusiasts such as Mr. Max Bracegirdle. Jun-

Inglewood Women's Bowling Club

On 29th June, 1954, a meeting was held to form a Women's Bowling Club. The President and Secretary of the Taranaki Centre were present, Mrs. Haddon-Smith and Mrs. D. Knuckey respectively. Mrs. C. Bishop was elected President and Mrs. Wright Secretary-Treasurer. The Club played on the men's green from 1954 to 1961, with a membership of 40. In 1960 a meeting was held to discuss obtaining a separate green for the women. This was opened for play on 13th October, 1962, by the Mayor, Mr. R. W. Brown. At this time Mrs. D. Chard was President and Mrs. A. Harris was Secretary. The green was laid by Mr. Roguski and the pavilion built mostly by voluntary labour. It was financed by donations, raffles and debentures. Over the years the members have won several of the Taranaki Champion of Champions, and also the Taranaki Open Tournament has been won three times by Inglewood mem-

ior membership has been encouraged in recent years by the provision of coaching, but unfortunately in many instances promising players have not continued with the sport because of the many other counter attractions.

One aspect which has flourished, however, has been that of the ladies club which has operated on Tuesday afternoons.

Present Membership: 26 members; Life Members: 3.

Through the years all members have been grateful for the assistance received from the green wardens, green keepers and voluntary labour.

The following have served as President and Secretary over the years:—

<i>Presidents:</i>	<i>Secretary:</i>
1954-58 C. Bishop	1954-58 A. Wright
1959-60 A. Wright	1959-62 A. Harris
1961-64 D. Chard	1963-64 J. Peterson
1964-66 A. Wright	Treasurer: A. Harris
1967-69 M. Churchill	1965-72 M. Schreiber
1970-72 H. Jackson	
1972-74 M. Schreiber	<i>Treasurers:</i>
	1970-71 M. Milne
	1971-72 M. Stachurski
	1972-74 M. Stachurski

Inglewood Croquet

43 Years Secretary

In 1907, an Inglewood Tennis and Croquet Club was formed where the present tennis club courts are, there being one grass croquet green and one asphalt tennis court. Later, when the tennis club expanded, they took over the area of croquet green, and croquet was played for a number of years on Mrs Henderson's lawn in Cutfield Street, and Mrs. Charlie Hamerton's, Tawa Street.

At a meeting of the club held on May 6th, 1926, it was decided to make a drive for funds and at a special meeting of the club on 1st December, 1924 it was unanimously decided

that Mr. Morgan's tender of £77/10/- be accepted for the laying down of three small sized lawns. The secretary was instructed to write to the Borough Council to ask if they would provide some land in the Trimble Park area. Land was offered in the Trimble Park at the end of James Street. The Mayor and Mayoress declared the new lawns open for the 1925-26 season. In 1927 the lawns were extended to make three full size croquet lawns at a cost of £38/-/-. The club has certainly had its ups and downs. At one time it had only nine members, but carried on. Mr. J. Burnip

was a keen member for many years and served not only as president but also as Greens Warden for a number of years, but no doubt the backbone of the club has been Mrs. A. H. Codd of Brown Street, who has been secretary for 43 years and also been 'A' Grade Champion many times. Over the last few years the club has been successful in winning a number

of Taranaki Championships

The present office holders are: Patroness: Mrs. R. W. Brown; President: Mrs. M. Aagaard; Vice-President: Mrs. P. Davidson; Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs. Codd; Handicapper and Referee: Mrs. Codd; Green Warden: Mrs. Lambert; Delegates to Assoc.: Mrs. Codd and Mrs. Davidson.

INDOOR BOWLS

Almost half a century ago this indoor game started up in the Inglewood district. The Druids' Lodge purchased a mat and a set of wooden bowls in the year 1931 and were the second club in Taranaki to undertake this particular sport. Gradually the game took on and country districts purchased mats and bowls. In 1953 Waitoriki and Ratapiko formed their clubs and are just celebrating their 21st birthdays. Other districts soon became interested and mats and bowls were taken from one hall to another for interested folk to try their skill and thus this sport became more and more popular. The Inglewood Club becomes 21 next year in 1975 and quite a number of other clubs will also be holding their birthday events. Clubs at present number nine full playing and two social. These comprise Inglewood, Rata, Waitoriki, Waiongona, Durham, Norfolk, Kaimata, Ratapiko, Tarata and the two who play more socially Miro and the Old Folks' Association. In 1957 the clubs formed an Incorporated Society and became the Inglewood Division of Indoor Bowls Inc., players numbering in the vicinity of 250 each year. The governing body of Indoor Bowls is the North Taranaki Association which comprises four divisions namely Inglewood, Central (39 clubs throughout the New Plymouth area), Western (Oakura to Rahotu) and Northern (Lepperton to Awakino). Competition is very keen in the Inglewood district and a number of Championship titles have come our way over the years. All Championships start at club level, winners then compete against all the other clubs in the Division and from there

the winners of Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles play off against the other three divisions which form the North Taranaki Association. Five Championship titles have been gained at this level by a member of the Inglewood Club which is an outstanding achievement as the standard of play is terrifically high at this level. A number of Taranaki Open tournaments drawing players from all parts of the country have also been won by players from the Inglewood district. The sportsmanship and goodwill found in this sport is absolutely outstanding and all who refer to it as "a game of marbles" only need to try it out to find how interesting it can become.

The first president for the Inglewood district was Mr. Roger Young of Ratapiko and first secretary was Colin Austin formerly of Waitui but now of New Plymouth. Each club provides a member of the committee and over the years since its inception there have been only three presidents of the Division and two secretaries, namely Mr. Vin Stachurski, Mr. Harold Bailey and currently Mr. Bill Hopkins as presidents and Mr. Colin Austin and Mrs. Olga Bailey as secretaries. Vin Stachurski has been our Patron for a number of years and is also a Life Member of the Division. In 1974 the Division also conferred Life Membership on Olga and Harold Bailey for their service to indoor bowls in the district.

Competitions between clubs are held almost every week throughout the winter months and provide a very varied and pleasant get together for all players taking part.

Hockey

Although no clear record has been discovered, hockey was most probably played in Inglewood as early as the year 1900, a men's team being in existence in competition for the Taranaki Association Shield in 1904. In 1908, and again in 1911-12, the Championship was won by the Inglewood men. They were not to win this Shield again until the year of 1950. The 1908 team were: J. D. Harris, T. H. Phillips, M. King, H. W. J. Mamby, C. R. Reed, C. Pennington, G. E. Reed, J. A. Harris, (Captain) G. Ward, J. Allen, A. J. Hopson, E. J. Harris. The 1911 team (undefeated season, with 10 members gaining representative honours); G. Ward, J. L. Allen, C. R. Reed, J. D. Harris, M. W. Priest, E. J. Harris, H. Petch, W. Stephens, N. G. Sutherland, J. A. Harris (Captain), R. W. Spurdle, W. J. Welham.

The first club for women in Inglewood, can be found in old photographs, under the heading of the "PAPAKURA HOCKEY CLUB"; showing club members grouped on the roadside between the present-day Hockey Ground and Trimble Park. The earliest games were played on a flat piece of land, between Curtis' Bush and Trimble Park, shortly afterwards being transferred to the existing ground between the Swimming Baths and Cemetery in Rata Street. Older residents will remember relatives amongst their womenfolk playing hockey as early as 1910-12. Records showing names of women members of some of the earliest years are listed as:— I. Harvey, L. Welham, L. Fowler, N. Allen, P. Franklyn, E. Harvey, E. Hogg, I. Sutherland, B. Hogg, M. Spurdle, M. Allen, B. Franklyn, M. Young (Secretary), E. Knox (Captain), A. Stephens, I. Young, D. Curtis. The women of these early days wore ankle length skirts, blouses with very wide ties and lace-up or buttoned boots with pointed toes, very different from the uniform of today's members. The men were more fortunate and appeared in white shorts, jerseys and boots, and look very similar in appearance to a present-day team.

The clubs went into recess during World War I, resuming play in the 1920's. It was not until the 1928-32 seasons that any great success was shown and this time it was by the women's team. Trained by a keen new coach, they regularly entered tournaments in Taranaki and even further afield. Indoor practice was held on the dirt floor of the old Drill Hall (corner Standish and Rata Streets) at night. In 1932 the name of Inglewood was recorded on the Taranaki Association's Championship Shield. The club also won the Gower Cup, Silver Brooches and the Kowhai Shield.

Both men and women entered teams in competition with many major and minor successes, until World War II saw the club again go into recess. In the late 1940's, from a meeting called by former players, the Inglewood Combined Hockey Club came into existence and was to remain for nearly 25 years. Hockey in Inglewood went ahead at a high level in the 1950's, and for several years, two men's, two women's, one junior men's and two or three school teams were entered for competition hockey. (The Golden Jubilee was celebrated in 1950. The year 1950 was another golden year for the men, when they again won the Taranaki Championship Shield, also winning the Kessel Cup, Nicholls Rose Bowl, Dalgleish Cup and runners-up at Hawera 7-a-side tournament. (Seven members gained representative honours from this team).

Hockey was introduced into the Inglewood Primary and High Schools during the 1950's, and due to those members who gave time so readily to coaching and inspiring, the combined club was able to recruit many new and excellent hockey players. Hockey was a very successful sport between the years 1950-65. A women's team played very consistently and for 9 consecutive years competed in the finals of championship hockey, winning 8 times and losing only once. After appearing as the runner-up three times, 1962 saw the men again have an unbeaten record for the season.

In 1971 the old Combined Inglewood Club was dissolved and today men and women still field a team each, but are now under separate club names.

Women:

- 1951 Winners, Taranaki Championship, Kowhai Shield, Gilmour Cup and Reynolds Cup.
- 1952 Winners, Taranaki Championship, Cat-tran Cup.
- 1957 Winners, Taranaki Championship, Rey-

nolds Cup. Runners-up in Kowhai Shield.

The Championship Shield was won eight times during the 50's and 60's, also numerous other cups and trophies. The number of players in all grades gaining representative honours during this period was of great pride to the club.

Men:

- 1957 Winners, Northern Division. Runners-up in Taranaki Championship.
- 1962 Unbeaten Season.

Swimming

I have been unable to ascertain whether there was a swimming club in Inglewood, between the time the town baths were built and the first World War, but one was formed in 1918, and a number of carnivals and inter-club competitions were held over the years. The club took a great interest in instructing children to swim, and was in fact the instigator of the 'Learn-to-Swim Week', which spread throughout New Zealand.

The late Messrs. T. Lindsay — Time Keeper; G. A. Lyall — Headmaster of the Primary School, Mr. Bill Rees, Stan Wayklyn, B. Sheehan, were keen supporters of teaching the young generation how to swim. Water polo was keenly sponsored in the early thirties, and despite having only seven senior male swimmers in 1930, 1933 and 1934 a team won the Taranaki Water Polo title. The team comprised Wit Kivell, Gray Sutherland, Ron and Norm Crossman, and Syd, Colin and Jack Evans. Ron Crossman and Colin represented Taranaki in the New Zealand Water Polo Championships at Napier in 1931. In 1934, Miss Jean Alleman (Mrs. Clem Coldwell) set a Taranaki record in free style which stood for many years. She represented Taranaki at Palmerston North

in 1934 and Hamilton in 1936. Tom Winter, son of the Borough Electrician, also represented Taranaki at the New Zealand Championships at Hamilton in 1936. In Taranaki Carnivals, keen interest was always taken in contests between the late Harry St. George, Waitara and Wit Kivell, Inglewood, in sprints, and also Jean Alleman, Inglewood, and Miss Fowler, also of Waitara. The Club lapsed between 1940-44, but was revived with Mr. A. Cattle as president, and a grand opening was held in January, 1945. Other members who gained representation to National Championships were: Scott and Leith Hamilton, and Wendy Franks was successful at the Taranaki Championships. A long service award for 16 years service to swimming is to be awarded to Mrs. D. Mischewski.

Swimming, especially among the younger group has revived considerably in the last two years under the enthusiastic President, Clive Wheeler. Presidents since the Second World War: A. Cattle, W. J. Smith, T. Lindsay, A. E. Baker, N. Maetzig, B. McMillan, E. Long, E. Hamilton, L. Erb, E. Newland, Mrs. W. Franks, J. Healy, D. Johns, C. Wheeler.

Netball

A brief history of the game of basketball (later re-named netball) played in the Inglewood district.

The game of netball was originally called

basketball, and the Inglewood Club was the first senior club to be formed in Taranaki in the year 1927, with Miss H. Tarry as President and D. Bocock as Secretary. For

the first year matches were played on the old Primary School courts against the Inglewood School team, and any other combined teams, consisting of boys and girls, from the outlying districts of Norfolk, Tariki and Durham Roads. Basketball had been played in the schools for a few years prior to this. However, enthusiasm increased rapidly, and at a meeting held in Inglewood on March 22nd, 1928, it was decided to form the Taranaki Basketball Association, with the following office bearers being elected:— Patroness — Miss E. Dowling. President — Miss H. Tarry. Vice-President — Miss H. Valintine. Secretary — D. Boccock.

Six clubs became affiliated to the Association, namely — Inglewood, Norfolk, Tariki, Hawera, N.P. Life-Saving, N.P. Girl Citizens.

Inglewood entered two teams in the weekly competitions and the other clubs one team each, but one of the biggest problems was arranging these matches, as Hawera had Wednesday as their half-holiday — Inglewood had Thursday and New Plymouth had Saturdays, so matches had to be arranged on days to suit the travelling teams.

From these teams the following players were selected as the first Taranaki Representative team to play in the New Zealand tournament which was held in Auckland in September, 1928. Forwards: U. Lile, R. Hucker, G. Lile, P. Laurence. Centres: G. Lile, C. Marshall, M. Hucker, M. Nasmith. Defence: M. James, M. Sutton, F. Goodwin, M. Rumball.

Results of their matches are not for publica-

tion as they were the baby team at the Tournament, but all thoroughly enjoyed the experience but not their sea voyage up to Auckland which was very rough.

Several changes have taken place however, over these past 47 years; amongst them the centralising of all clubs in this district, and bringing them together in Inglewood for their weekly competition matches. This of course meant combined efforts by Basketball Clubs, the Inglewood Tennis Club, and the Borough Council to enlarge the tennis courts for the accommodation of these matches. A few years later the Tennis and Basketball clubs had an all-out effort and built a new pavilion.

Other noticeable changes to the game at national level have been:

(1) In 1959 the alteration from nine a-side to seven a-side.

(2) In 1970 when the name of the game was changed from basketball to netball.

Nevertheless it is pleasing to note the game still continues to grow in popularity and to date the Local Division have approximately 350 players participating in the weekly competition, these being played in four grades with 28 senior teams and 15 primary teams. Several of these teams are made up of married women, which goes to prove just how the game grows on those who have played it over the years. The Inglewood Division players have always maintained a high standard of play and very seldom are without players in the Taranaki Representative team.

Badminton

Competitive Badminton started in the Inglewood district about 1930. A team called the 'Pirates' was formed by Mr. Reed, Headmaster at Kaimiro with Ratapiko players — Roy and Doug Therkelson and Gordon Linklater, and Jimmy How. This team played in a Taranaki-wide competition. Clubs were formed in Ratapiko, Kaimata, Waitui, Kaimiro, Tarata, Tariki, Norfolk Road and Inglewood. With low roofs and rafters to contend with it was sometimes a battle of wits as the shuttle

sneaked over one or two rafters and dropped unexpectedly down. Although singles were restricted with height, doubles became fast and furious. It was here that Inglewood clubs more than held their own. It is said "The backhand clear and smash came from Malaya" but who had more power than say, Len Wellington or Peter Austin, the craftiness of Ben Stachurski, Doug Dobson, Ray Mundt, Alf and Harry West, or solid players like Malcolm Willans, Ray Telfer, Jack Cartwright, Ian Instone,

Ashley Dobson. Ladies who come to mind are Noelene Steiller, Irene Buckley, Coral Austin, Jean Hunter, Merle Lyons, Betty Topping, Audrey Moratti, Verily Tamati, Jean and Betty Cartwright.

But of all the clubs around, Ratapiko has provided the Taranaki Representative players, Viv Satler, Waitui, being the exception. Rep. players — pre-war: Roy and Doug Therkelson and Betty Walker; 1951, two players from Ratapiko were selected, Harry Willans and Alan Telfer with Telfer playing continuously for 17 years. Rosie Eichsteadt was next with

Moira Telfer following and our present Rep. is Ian Willans. A strange turn of events in 1951, Alan Telfer and Harry Willans won the Taranaki Championship Doubles, then in 1973 Alan Telfer and Ian Willans won the Taranaki Championship Doubles. Badminton in the Inglewood area still flourishes with the Inglewood club leading in the present Taranaki competition. Taranaki President for the last four years is Malcolm Willans.

Most clubs have increased in membership with youngsters taking up the sport and a solid base of older players reluctant to give up.

Inglewood Indoor Basketball Association

The Inglewood Indoor Basketball Club started in 1959 after Mr. David Klenner had been inspired by watching the Harlem Globe-Trotters from America playing the Washington Giants on a tour of New Zealand. This game was played at Pukekura Park, New Plymouth.

Approaching Stratton Colbert, who was a bank officer in a bank in Inglewood and had previously played the game, it was felt that it would be a wonderful opportunity to start a club in Inglewood. A meeting was called of interested people and founded the now thriving Inglewood Club. The club with approximately 5 teams played in the old Billiard Room for many years. This being inadequate we decided to raise money in anticipation of going into a larger hall. Negotiations were then made with the local Rugby Club to see if there would be a possibility of raising the roof of their gymnasium to accommodate us. Having a price fixed, the club then went about raising funds by shooting possums and selling their skins, raffles, etc. But after a figure had been reached which was required to facilitate this project, the Rugby Club found the cost would be too high. The club then invested its money with the Whangarei Harbour Board for interest. Play continued in the old Billiard Room until it was decided we would join in

with the Waitara Association and play in their competition, which we did for about three years. By travelling back and forth by private car the interest was kept up until the High School Gymnasium was built and to where we shifted and are playing to this day.

Indoor Basketball was first played at the Inglewood High School Gym when it opened in 1968. D. Klenner was the President and Jo Curd the Secretary. There were 14 teams entered in the Competition. In 1969 both the Men's and Women's Rep. Teams won the Taranaki 'B' Grade Championships. Trophies played for each year are the Klenner Rosebowl and Klenner Cup donated by Mr. and Mrs. D. Klenner; the Diamond Shield donated by Mr. and Mrs. T. Diamond and the Kay Handicap Cup donated by Mr. and Mrs. R. Kay. The Men's and Women's Rep. teams play two games against Manaia annually. Since the games were started in 1970 the Women's team has never lost the Shield and the Men's team have won the shield twice. Junior League basketball was introduced in 1970, and each year attracts a great many children from the Primary Schools.

At present the Club has 11 Women's teams and 8 Men's teams entered in the competition.

Presidents and Secretaries since 1968 are as follows.

1968-1974

Presidents:

1968	D. Klenner
1969	D. Klenner
1970	J. Curd (Miss)
1971	J. Curd (Miss)
1972	E. Pipe (Miss)
1973	E. Pipe (Miss)
1974	B. Devine

Secretaries:

J. Curd (Miss)
J. Curd (Miss)
J. Henson (Mrs.)
J. Henson (Mrs.)
J. Henson (Mrs.)
J. Curd (Miss)
J. Kay (Miss)

Marching

A Marching Committee was formed in Inglewood in 1947 and in 1948 teams were entered in competitions. Early help was given by the New Plymouth Kilties team and their Instructor, the late Captain J. L. O. Rowe. This was appreciated greatly, and under the Leader, Miss Nyla Downs, and instructor Mr. B. Plumb, the Vanguard's made rapid headway. The wonderful co-operation, discipline, hard work and continued practice had its reward for in 1949-50 they won the Taranaki Championship, and were 10th in the North Island and New Zealand. In the 14 championships that the Vanguard's entered in the 1950-51 season, they were placed first nine times, second three times, and 11th in the North Island Championships. The upwards trend continued, and in the 1951-52 season, the team went through the Taranaki season undefeated. The ambition of any team is to win the New Zealand Championship, and the Vanguard's achieved this at Hamilton at the 1959 New

Zealand Championship meeting. Miss Rachel Josephs, the Vanguard's leader was judged the New Zealand Champion Leader also.

In the early years of marching in Inglewood, great assistance was given by Messrs. M. Burrows, Kopu, Scott and Peter Cramer. Mr. Scott was later an outstanding Judge. From about 1960, marching all over Taranaki seemed to decline and at Inglewood the club went into recess for a number of years. About two years ago the club was revived, and now has four teams—Two Midget: The Chicks and the Cherokees. One Junior: The Triumphs. One Senior: The Ingleguards.. All these teams show good promise. The President of the Club is Mrs. S. Peterson.

Mr. B. R. Plumb, who has always taken a great interest in the sport of Marching, is now Chief Judge for Taranaki, and Mrs. Plumb has been President of the Taranaki Association for a number of years.

CHAPTER TWENTY NINE

RED CROSS — 1939-74

The Inglewood sub-centre of the North Taranaki Centre, New Zealand, Red Cross Society (Inc.) was formed just prior to the Second World War. The President, Mrs. I. Franks, the Secretary, Mrs. Kivell, the Treasurer, Mrs. Braybrooke and their Committee carried out a wide variety of wartime Red Cross activities, as well as post-war work until 1949. The Inglewood Red Cross sent parcels to wounded and sick soldiers overseas, and to many prisoners of war. Special messages through the International Red Cross in Geneva (Switzerland), were forwarded to prisoners of war from the Inglewood Red Cross, received from the local families. V.A.D.'s trained locally, and prepared for emergencies. Later much help was given to refugees arriving from Europe, and material assistance extended to them, together with "caring" for their welfare.

Indeed the work during these 10 years expressed Red Cross principles in the highest degree. In recess for three years from 1949-1952, the Inglewood Red Cross was set up again by a band of volunteers to work for Red Cross in peace time. The President, Mrs. L. Messenger, the Secretary, Mrs. M. Blackburn and the Treasurer, Mrs. I. Franks commenced with a committee of seven members. A modest start was made with assistance to the local aged, lonely and less fortunate. Much fine and unselfish care was given continuously, and increasingly over the next 22 years, as the membership of the sub-centre increased to 30 members. Home nursing in times of emergencies, and medical equipment built up over the years, is on constant loan to the people of Inglewood. The local Red Cross owns five wheelchairs, which prove extremely valuable for loan purposes. Good clothing received by Red Cross and forwarded to local, needy

families, or to the Otaki Health Camp, to overseas disaster areas, Prison Aid in N.Z., or Maori Mission, have kept members very busy in sorting, washing and mending, work associated with it. Fire victims in the district are always helped with bedding, clothing and linen. At Christmas the aged and lonely citizens are transported to the Inglewood High School and attend the Christmas Service, and are served a cup of tea by the Red Cross members. For six years a "Meals on Wheels" scheme was carried out in Inglewood, guided by Mrs. D. Kohn, and drivers from various organisations assisted the Red Cross. Unfortunately it had to be discontinued — but the Red Cross is working tirelessly to establish the scheme again.

Hospital visiting was done for several years. With Marinoto in Inglewood, Red Cross can assist with garments, knee rugs, transport, etc. An emergency team is provided for Marinoto in times of fire, etc. by Red Cross. The raising of funds started with mart and street appeals, but is now covered with a complete "House to House" collection in the town, and in the country districts. For a project as large as this much assistance is received from other clubs; the Lion's Club, Rotary Club, Country Girls, Returned Services Association, etc. Indeed, a very good liaison between other organisations has been achieved, and useful combined efforts have resulted in helping others more effectively.

The Junior Red Cross was formed in the Inglewood Primary School first, to be followed later by a Circle at the Convent School, and eventually at the High School, where a full membership of all students was recorded, the only one in New Zealand! For several years, 10 country schools enjoyed active Junior Red Cross also, and the membership in Inglewood and district reached nearly the 500 mark, while

the local Junior Red Cross Organiser, Mrs. M. Gyde, worked for the sub-centre and the North Taranaki Centre.

Location of Red Cross in Inglewood:

First meetings were held in the Borough Chambers, later in the Bandrooms, etc. After recess Red Cross meetings were held in the Presbyterian Church Hall, which was also used for storage room. An offer from the Salvation Army was accepted. Because of demolition of that building, shelter for Red Cross was found in the Presbyterian Church Hall. However it was learned soon after that the hall had been sold. Desperation forced the Red Cross to get a home of their own.

The Red Cross Rooms, officially opened by His Worship the Mayor, Mr. R. W. Brown, on 10th September, 1972, was one of the highlights in the Red Cross history. Attached to the Rest Rooms, our Rooms provide an ideal storage for Red Cross material and goods, as well as a meeting place of a permanent kind. It is thanks to the Inglewood Returned Services Association, which launched a public appeal on 14th July, 1972, and the generosity of the people of Inglewood, that this wonderful project became reality in a very short time of about two months. The Red Cross found so

INGLEWOOD SUB-BRANCH OF THE PLUNKET SOCIETY

In May 1917, Mrs. Budge, President of the Stratford Plunket Society, addressed a number of ladies in the Inglewood Town Hall with the view of forming a Branch of the Society in Inglewood. A year later on the 31st May 1918, Nurse Wade took up her duties as Plunket Nurse, the rooms being lent to the Branch by Mr. E. Nicholls. The first committee consisting of Mesdames Bessie Drake (President), Spurdle and Parli (Vice-Presidents), J. Sutherland (Secretary), Partridge, Henderson, Horner, Hamerton and F. Brown were kept very busy raising funds for the rooms. The first big fund raising event was a series of euchre evenings which brought in a total of £47/12/0. These evenings were held in a room in the Scout Hall lent to the

much support from all organisations and sections of the community during this period, which confirmed their trust in this world-wide Society. Now, in 1974, the Inglewood Red Cross strives to assist locally, nationally, and internationally. Our contributions made for International Relief Overseas have been substantial, and amongst the projects supported was Aid to Fiji after a hurricane struck, with Inglewood Red Cross sending \$450 — enough to buy a ton of milkpowder for the victims.

My association with the Inglewood Red Cross covers 19 years, and I can only point out that our Branch is a fine team of volunteers, who contribute quietly, but continuously to the community. The present committee of 30 members, elected Mrs. M. Gyde as President, Mrs. J. Reeve as Secretary, and Mrs. T. Gyde as Treasurer, at the last annual meeting, 1974.

Contributions made from Branch to Centre:

Mrs. D. Kohn elected five years as North Taranaki President, and Mrs. M. Gyde, elected President for the North Taranaki Centre in 1974.

May the future of the Inglewood Red Cross be bright, and bring joy and happiness to many.

branch free of charge by Mr. Humphrey. Nurse Wade served the town well as nurse. Her first report to committee noted that there were 15 babies on the attending list and 21 babies visiting the rooms. Nurse Wade resigned in 1920 due to ill health and her place was taken by Nurse McLean. Visiting hours to the rooms were as follows: 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. — winter, 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. — summer. In an endeavour to make the presence of the nurse known, notices were placed in the waiting rooms of the Railway Station, but these had to be removed as the Railways Department objected to this. Grocers in these early days would not stock the Plunket Society's "Sugar of Milk", so supplies of this were kept on hand at the rooms for

mothers. Sir Truby King paid a visit to the Empire Theatre in New Plymouth in 1920. The Inglewood ladies were most impressed by his visit and wrote and asked would he be able to visit Inglewood. This he did in December 1921. Nurse McLean resigned in October 1921 and her place was taken by Nurse Peterson. The new rooms were now in Mr. Robb's building, and Mr. Eager took it upon his hotel to supply the nurse with lunch for the first three months she was there. Mrs. Saunders of the Inglewood Hotel continued this service, providing the nurse with lunch, this being her donation to the Society. Room changes were frequent in these early days as it is noted that in 1930 the rooms had changed to Mr. Begg's shop. The nurse travelled daily from New Plymouth by train, however, during the winter months local residents took the nurse back to New Plymouth by car. Fund raising has always been the main activity of all Plunket Committees. Copper trails, Daffodil Days, Baby Shows, Dances (with free bus to and from New Plymouth and Waitara), Baby Carnivals, Queen and King Carnivals, all were novel ways of raising funds. In 1934 a Baby Carnival was held for one month's duration with entries from the following areas: Tarata, Kaimata, Egmont Village, Norfolk Road and Inglewood. These carnivals were very popular. A Queen Carnival was held in 1934. This proved a wonderful financial success for the Society and they raised £243 1s. 0d. through the five queens, namely, Doreen Ward, Norfolk Road; Janet Cameron, Inglewood; Sheila Bracegirdle, Kaimata; Kathleen Crean, Durham Road; Janet Taylor, Egmont Village. Doreen Ward was eventually crowned Queen. She raised £64 18s. 0d. in this fund raising effort. This financial venture led the committee to transfer £200 over to the New Plymouth Society. The Rest Room and Plunket Committees met together in September 1935 to discuss a scheme for a combined Rest Room and Plunket Room. Mrs. Gibbs chaired the meeting. This building was officially opened in 1940. Once again the Society was helped by the Hotel Proprietress

— Mrs. Nodder, who provided the Nurse with a free dinner, her donation to the Society. It was interesting to note that the Proprietors of the Inglewood Talkies in 1936 donated a cot and five dolls to be used for funds. This was obviously a way of celebrating the world's first quintuplets. The war years kept the committee busy with activities other than those of Plunket. Mrs. Rock formed a Plunket Aid Group for girls 16 years and over. This was most popular, the girls being given training by Nurse Cartwright in Home Nursing and Mothercraft. Oranges when available were sent from the New Plymouth Society to the Inglewood Committee for distribution in the area. The Bi-ennial Conference was cancelled due to the War.

On July 1st, 1948, Mrs. Tribe and Mrs. Humphreys were invited to meet with the New Plymouth committee and delegates from Waitara and Urenui to discuss the formation of a Branch by Waitara, Urenui and Inglewood. By doing this Inglewood would have the services of a nurse for two days a week. Once again finance was the problem. The nurse's salary was £427 0s. 0d., with a Government subsidy of £260 4s. 0d. leaving £166 16s. 0d. to be found. Other costs brought this total up to £244 19s. 4d., of which Urenui would pay 1/10th of the total, Inglewood and Waitara would pay half each of the remainder. Inglewood required further time to consider this. However, by July 1949, the official boundaries for the Inglewood Plunket District were defined as follows: as far as Tariki Road on the Stratford side — as far as the Waiwakaiho River on the New Plymouth side — as far as the Waiongona School on the Waitara side.

In 1958, Mr. Ross resigned as Auditor for the Inglewood Branch. He had held this position since 1934 and a special afternoon tea was held to thank Mr. Ross for his many years of auditing the books for the Branch. Mr. Messenger became the Auditor and on his retirement the books were audited by Shepherd and Northcote, who still do them today. Inglewood celebrated their 50th Jubilee with a dinner held in the Parish Hall on the 16th Novem-

ber, 1968. This evening was well attended by both present and past members of the committee. Mrs. Morton, the President, read many extracts from the minutes recalling the struggles and the lighter moments of Committee business, during those fifty years. Would one ever forget the Greatest Show on Earth parade where Mr. Frank Scott and Mr. Hamish Shearer represented the Society in that parade! The committee really excelled on that entry, and what better Plunket baby could we have had than Hamish. Several changes to the rooms have been made during the past few years. Due to a generous donation by an anonymous donor, the waiting room was able to be remodelled into the present clinic. The mothers now use the Rest Rooms while waiting for Plunket appointments.

LADIES REST ROOM

The Inglewood Ladies Rest Room was opened by a Committee of Ladies comprising the Mayoress, the wife of the County Chairman together with a band of energetic helpers in the early twenties. The rooms were in a small old shop in Moa Street, until the new rooms in the Centennial Memorial in Rata Street were built, in 1940. Subsidies were received from both the Borough and County Councils, but the majority of finance needed was raised by the Committee, with marts, and donations from

BOY SCOUTS

The first Boy Scout movement was formed in Inglewood about 1915 with Mr. Humphries (bookseller) as Chief Scout, later assisted by Mr. Wagstaff and Vin Arthur. The movement grew rapidly and a second troop was formed. One troop met on Tuesday evenings, and the second on Friday evenings, (Thursdays being half-holiday and Saturdays late night). Several big rallies were held in Jubilee Park, where demonstrations in various crafts were given before large attendances of the public. Assemblies were held in the old Primitive Church, Rimu Street and later Pennington's Hall, Kelly Street.

During the influenza epidemic, when schools

The work of Plunket in this area has been greatly assisted by grants from the Inglewood Borough and County Councils, and from the Taranaki Savings Bank. The committee is constantly working to raise funds to keep this service available to the public. Many folk have given years of loyal service to the society — too many to mention individually, but in over 56 years of service to the community, two of our members were honoured by the Society with Life Membership. They were the late Mesdames M. Evans and T. Nelson, who along with so many other long service certificate holders for service, have endeavoured to carry on the work of Sir Truby King — "To help the Mothers and Save the Babies", in the Inglewood District.

generous contributors such as the late Mrs. Laurence of Surrey Road, who never failed to keep the Committee stocked with crochet articles. A faithful servant of the Rest Room was Mrs. Burrell, who was custodian of the rooms for 38 years.

The present office holders are:

President: Mrs. R. Hickford — wife of County Chairman.

Treasurer: Mrs. D. Crone — Mayoress.

Secretary: Mrs. L. B. Sattler — Waitui.

were closed, the Boy Scouts were of great assistance to the community in delivering goods such as beef tea, soup, and groceries, etc. to households where whole families were stricken. Mr. Humphries sold his business and moved to Stratford and this resulted in the gradual decline of the movement. In those days there probably was not an official New Zealand Scout Association, or if there was one, Inglewood did not affiliate, as Mr. E. Newbold states that the first official Troop was formed in 1938.

At a Public Meeting on Wednesday, 28th September, 1938, a meeting was held in Knox Hall to establish an official Scout Troop in

Inglewood. The following were elected to the Governing Committee: Messrs. W. H. Hogg (Chairman), H. Bruce (Secretary), S. Lovell, S. Timms, Rev. A. F. Stewart and Mrs. Reesby. Mr. F. Sargent, who had been a Scoutmaster at Waitara, offered to take over the proposed Inglewood Troop and instruct them in Scouting. At the next meeting it was reported that there was a membership of twenty-seven boys who had made a good start. At a meeting on 30th June, 1939, the registration of the first Inglewood Troop was received from Headquarters. At the first Annual Meeting it was reported that Mr. Sargent had resigned, and enlisted, and was now overseas serving his country, and Mr. Noel Reesby had been appointed Chief Scout and Mr. Timms, Deputy. However, with rapid changes in meeting places and movement of personnel, the movement went into recess in 1946, for seven years. In 1954, a committee comprising Darcy Jackson (Chairman), Mr. D. Yeates (Secretary), Messrs. Fabish, Cowley, Yeates, Pepperill, Rev. Fitzsimmons, and Mesdames Jackson, Grant, Penman, Cowley, McLelan, Brocklehurst, and Pepperill, revived the movement. Suggestions were made, that to try and stabilize headquarters, an endeavour should be made to raise funds, to either build or purchase a building.

In 1958 Mr. L. Bates was appointed Assistant District Commissioner. In 1959, Mr. Longstaff, and Mr. M. Yeates took a contingent of 12 scouts to the Pan Pacific Jamboree at Auckland. Despite numerous changes in committee members and Scout Masters, the movement attracted dedicated members. 1957 saw the Inglewood District Reserve Committee obtain

HISTORY OF GUIDING IN INGLEWOOD

A survey of all the local association records, only takes us back to 1948, but upon contacting a Guider of that time, Mrs. Bennett, we find that there were Guides or Peace Scouts in Inglewood as early as 1912. Two of these Peace Scouts still living have vivid recollections of their camping experiences in the early days, with their Leader Mrs. Galt, the doctor's wife. Edith Nancy Yates (Mrs. Bennett) and May

jurisdiction over the Inglewood Manual Centre and offer it to the Inglewood Scout and Girl Guide movements as centre. At this time the Scout building fund had about £350 to its credit.

During 1963 the title of Senior Scouts was changed to Venturers. At a Special Meeting on 11th February, 1965 concern was expressed at the lack of interest and lack of support of parents. There were 12 boys waiting to come up from cubs, and these could only be admitted if more help could be obtained. The following offered their services: G. Meads, O. Parker E. and D. Newbold, L. Trigger, N. Austin and R. Stewart. In 1967 the Tariki Lone Cubs amalgamated with the Inglewood Scout Group.

In 1969 negotiations took place to purchase a Scout Cottage on the Alfred Road. A Family Dinner was held in the Old Folks' Hall to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Scouting. In 1973, the Inglewood Lions' Club erected free at the Scout Cottage, bunk space for 24 boys. The Egmont Troop completed an addition to the cabin at Purangi. It is hoped that people will continue to offer their services to help sponsor this excellent movement for children.

Boys Brigade

While the Boy Scout movement was in recess, Mr. B. Plumb, in 1948 organised a Boys' Brigade movement which continued successfully for five years in the Parish Hall.

With the reorganisation of the Scouts in 1953, the majority of members joined that movement.

Miles (Mrs. Sattler) can remember camping at the corner of Durham Road in 1913. Some of the local scallywags tried to let down their tent, but the redoubtable Mrs. Galt fired one shot from her revolver which frightened off the invaders. Be that as it may, the records of Guiding in the district show that most of the prominent ladies of Inglewood were at one time or another involved in Guiding, as it

affected their daughters. There has, over the years, always been somebody to come forward as Leader to keep this thread of loyalty and love of sister Guides alive in the district.

To Guiding officials, Inglewood has always posed a problem as to just where they belonged. At various times they have belonged to Waitara Division (1948-1956), Stratford Division (1956-62) and at present are in New Plymouth Division, and through all have remained fiercely independent and proud to be just Inglewood Guides. As far back as 1948 Mrs. Ellet noted on the Receipt "Inglewood are always first to pay their Levies". Accommodation has often presented problems, for no matter how the parks, rivers, bush beckoned the girls to the outdoors, they needed a meeting place. For many years they met in the old Presbyterian Hall in Cutfield Street but in 1955, the Borough offered to assist a combined Scout and Guide Committee to found a Den. The Den was ready and duly opened for us in 1958, the old Manual School, on a Borough section, and leased by the Den Committee from the Inglewood District Reserves Board, Guide and Scout activities thus being shown to be in the care of the community.

THE INGLEWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Actually on November 30th, 1882, the first Inglewood Produce Show was held as a demonstration of the change settlers had made in the district, but the Inglewood Horticultural Society was established in 1896 and an annual show was held on the second Thursday in March. From the turn of this century Mr. W. B. Messenger acted as Secretary and under his enthusiastic guidance the show prospered. There is note of a paper read to a meeting of the Society in 1904 by Mr. Harold Trimble describing among other things a new variety of blight-proof potatoes, "Robin Adair", so the Society was in existence in 1904. The 1907 show was held in the Parish Hall with a marquee behind the hall for the vegetable classes. At the annual meeting held in October 1907, officers elected were: Patron, B. H. Nicholls, Esq.; President, H. Trimble Esq.;

Over the years there have been 10 Queen's Guides; Dallas Ladbrook being the first in 1963 and Janice Knowles the latest in 1974. Also in 1963 the 9th Taranaki Company won the Chief Commissioner's Challenge and made a triumphant trip to Arakina to receive the award.

In 1963 the Rotary Club, together with the Greatest Show on Earth Committee, combined to provide camping equipment for the Guides. These have been kept in good repair and added to from time to time and in 1974 were used extensively for Company and Provincial Camps, and at other times at National Camps. Our Rangers have gone in for lightweight nylon tents in recent years and have two which are regularly used for camps and expeditions.

As the District Centenary approaches, Mrs. Wilson reports that Guiding is in good heart in Inglewood. We have good leaders willing to train to cope with the increase in the Guiding population. In May 1974 the second Brownie Pack was reopened and a new Guide Company formed. Girls and parents are enthusiastic to carry out the Guide Promise, "To do my best, to do my duty to God, to serve my Queen and Country, and keep the Guide Law".

Committee, Messrs G. W. Bennett, A. H. Clark, G. S. Kennedy, T. Hopkinson, T. W. Rolston, E. Robinson, G. Ward, F. W. Crone, T. Drake, J. Drake, R. J. Frewin, J. Maynatt, J. Sutherland, C. Coad, W. Martin, A. Lile, and J. Bower. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. B. Messenger; Hon. Auditor, Mr. T. E. Hamerton. Ladies Committee, Mesdames, E. Vickers, E. Bennett, F. Robertshaw, H. J. M. Thompson, G. W. Bennett, F. W. Crone, T. Drake, J. Sutherland, E. Robinson, Dr. Gault, and Misses E. Brown and N. Trimble.

Classes in the 1908 show were: pot plants and cut blooms. Farm and garden produce. Fruit. Preserves and wines. Bread and cooking. Wood carving. Fancy work. Painting. Poultry.

Shows were held annually until 1915 when

the Society went into recess until 1919. The 1910 show was held in Mr. T. Drake's shop, Moa Street, and permission was gained from the Borough Council to enclose the footpath with tarpaulins hired from the Railways. A show was held in 1920 after which the Society went into recess. In September 1945 a meeting convened by the Inglewood Compost Club resolved, "That a Society entitled The Inglewood District Horticultural Society be formed with the object of promoting the encouragement and advancement of horticulture in all its branches." Mr. H. Patterson was appointed

FROM PLAY READING TO OPERATIC SOCIETY

Theatre in Inglewood began before the new settlement possessed even a name, with the visit of a courageous travelling company who gave a performance of Shakespeare in an old barn near the corner of Rata and Cutfield Streets. Later, the Parish Hall became the home for any local entertainment and until the outbreak of World War I, concerts, musicals and pantomimes were performed there. Both adults and children appeared in old favourites like "Cinderella", which was described as "a fairytale show with gorgeous costumes and delightful music."

With the opening of the Town Hall in 1913, an excellent stage and auditorium became available. Here were held the Military Balls run alternately by the Mounteds and the Infantry, with short sketches and musical items to entertain the dancers. From 1914-18 there were patriotic concerts but no plays; in the 1920's, as the country recovered from the effects of the war, interest revived and many elaborate musicals were staged by the Inglewood Operatic Society. The leading directors at this time were members of the Sutherland family, who put on such shows as "The Quaker Girl", "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "Our Miss Gibbs". Play-readings were held in private homes, and finally in the late 1920's Vincent Scanlon, a well-known short story writer and rugby player, turned to play-writing. His first play, "The Fighting O'Connors" was produced by Martin Sutherland for the Inglewood

President and a committee formed. The Society has held Autumn shows annually since that date, with evening meetings and garden outings. Mr. Patterson died in 1953 when Mr. T. H. Dickson was appointed President, a position he held until 1968 when Mr. A. H. Burwell was appointed. At the annual meeting in 1973 Mr. Burwell resigned and Mrs. N. G. Goble was appointed President. Ever since its revival the annual shows have been wonderfully successful and the flower and decorative sections and vegetables have been outstanding and very competitive.

Players in 1931. This success was followed by "Dust of Destiny" in 1932, later to be published in England. The Players continued with dramas and musicals presented in the Town Hall until 1939 when the outbreak of World War II sent them into recess. Prominent in the Players was Colin Douglas, now well-known as a television actor in England in such plays as "Family at War".

Live theatre in Inglewood resumed in 1947 with the Countrywomen's Institute Drama Festivals which annually attracted large audiences to the Town Hall for 10 years. The Norfolk branch of the Institute had always taken an active interest in drama and had produced evenings of mimes and one-act plays in the early 1940's. They won the one-act play section and were placed in several of the Festivals in later years. These one-act plays provided excellent training for future writers, producers and actors, some of whom founded the present Inglewood Dramatic Society. During the late 1940's and early 1950's the only other cultural entertainment in the town was provided by the Inglewood branch of the Community Arts Service. This group brought many overseas and national artists in music, dance, and drama to the Town Hall, and only went into recess when the national organisation disappeared.

In June 1956 a public meeting decided to form the Inglewood Dramatic Society. Ava Somerfield was elected first President. Her

energy and enthusiasm, backed by solid experience in amateur dramatic work, were to build the successful Society which later became a feature of Inglewood's cultural life. The modest beginnings of play-readings, sketches and one-act plays were reinforced by weekend classes in all aspects of drama and culminated in the 1959 first major production of "As Long As They're Happy" directed by Yvonne Brown. This, and future productions were staged in the Inglewood Town Hall, and full use was made of the Operatic Society's flats which were found under the stage where they had lain since 1938.

In 1961 the Dramatic Society bought the Inglewood Billiard Saloon for £700 and rented it for storage for five years while plans were drawn up by Alan Stevenson, and funds were

INGLEWOOD BRASS BAND

52 Years as Bandmaster

The Inglewood Brass Band was formed in the early 1890's, although before this quite a number of players were about, who, on invitation, played at functions. The first practices were held in the Athletic Hall in Rata Street next to the present Plunket and Rest Rooms. Mr. Harry Cotter (Draper) was Bandmaster for a number of years. He was very musical, and had been a member of the Invercargill Garrison Band as Leading Cornet; a member of the King's Band at Wellington, and of the Wanganui Garrison Band. Before coming to Inglewood as Draper Manager of the Farmers' Union Store he had been Bandmaster of the New Plymouth Band. Old bandsmen that I remember besides Mr. Cotter were Bill Martin, George Lamb, Ern Stockman, J. Tarplee.

The band went into recess during the First War, but was revived again in 1922 by Mr. Charles Murfitt, who came to Inglewood to

INGLEWOOD ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The Inglewood St. John Ambulance Brigade was registered as a Division on November 17th 1936, with District Headquarters at Wanganui.

raised for its eventual development as a small theatre and workshop. By 1974 the theatre was near completion; \$8,000 had been raised by members with major productions and other efforts, and the Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council awarded the Society a \$3,000 grant. This enormous project for a small Society has resulted in an intimate attractive theatre which is extremely well-designed and equipped.

Inglewood's Centennial Year sees the theatre in full use. The Inglewood Dramatic Society produces entertainment of a high standard for all sections of the community and more than fulfils the hopes of those first actors, directors and musicians of the 1880's. Serious theatre, comedies, and children's plays are written, designed and directed in the best traditions of the art.

set up as a photographer above Winfield's (now Elmes') Grocer's shop. How well Mr. Murfitt has served the community as Band-master will be appreciated when one realises that he kept the Inglewood Municipal Band active all through the slump and also the Second World War. This was made possible through his encouraging the services of women members to serve in the Band. Mr. Murfitt was conductor of the Band for 52 years. The present band room was erected in the early 30's and later under the enthusiastic guidance of Mr. Harry Patterson, a special Carnival was held and about £5,000 raised for the purchase of new instruments. The community greatly appreciates the services of the Band especially on Anzac Day and we will look forward to its appearance at the Centenary celebrations. The Inglewood Band was one of the very few in smaller centres to survive the slump and the Second World War.

MEMBERS:

Dr. I. E. Faris as Divisional Surgeon, Frederick J. N. Bracegirdle, Joseph H. Emmerston — Superintendent, Cyril R. Reed,

Ernest J. Crossman, Arthur H. Reesby — Secretary, Robert W. Brown, Lionel S. King.

In 1937 there were eleven more members.

The earliest records are those of 1941 when there were 27 members with Mr. E. Crossman as Superintendent.

1942: Dr. H. D. Law became Divisional Surgeon, and 30 members, but 6 are recorded as on active service.

1943: District Headquarters moved to New Plymouth. Taranaki was then made a separate district. Two more members on active service.

1945: Membership down to 14.

1946: Membership down to 11 and Dr. Rutherford becomes new Surgeon.

1947: 10 members.

1948: 12 members.

1949: Dr. R. T. Watson becomes Surgeon to replace Dr. Rutherford who has left.

1952: Mr. Crossman reaches retiring age and goes on reserve. Mr. W. H. Lyons becomes new Superintendent.

1956: Two ladies appear on roll.

1959: Nursing section starts with a roll of six women.

1963: Brigade disbanded by District Commissioner R. Wall, and immediately reformed with L. Bielski as Superintendent, starting with eleven members.

1964: Membership up to 19. Dr. Greig now Divisional Surgeon.

1965: Four new members, but lost three.

1967: Commencement of new headquarters

at Jubilee Park.

1968: Two new members, two resigned.

1969: Dr. Rennie appointed Surgeon. Two members left the District. Brigade now with ten members including women.

1970: Two new members, but one other resigned.

1971: Two more new members. One retired leaving a strength of six.

1973: December 31st, Strength six, including Surgeon.

There has always been a close association between St. John and the Fire Brigade. St. John meetings for many years held in the Fire Station. Shifted in 1963 to hall at rear of Presbyterian Church in Cutfield Street. Shifted in 1964 to new and present premises at Jubilee Park. Present Superintendent Mr. E. P. Dodunski. The Brigade has had 5 Superintendents, 6 Surgeons, 5 Secretaries, up until December 31st 1973, has done 8873 hours Public Duty, treated 7108 cases Public Duty and 1832 Private Duty.

The administration side of the association was not very active in the early years. Mr. Clem Coldwell was Secretary for many years, with Mr. Doug Smart taking over. However, association has been really active and effective since 1963 reforming, and is now quite strong. The late Mr. D. Kohn, secretary of association at reforming stage and a real stalwart. Mr. N. Titchener, Chairman for last 11 years, and mainly responsible for new building, and keeping association together.

CHAPTER THIRTY

INGLEWOOD BRANCH — FEDERATED FARMERS

The Inglewood Branch of the Federated Farmers, was formed on the principles of the Farmers' Union, which was very strong between the World Wars. This took place in 1946, when most farming organisations amalgamated to form Federated Farmers. The present membership of 230 makes Inglewood the numerically strongest branch in Taranaki. There have been seven Presidents and three secretaries since the Branch came into existence. The first President, Mr. N. P. Gibson, held office for sixteen years, before ill-health forced his retirement. Others who have held this office are: Messrs H. Clarke, L. Deacon, B. Aim, W. H. King, H. Wellington and D. M. Reeve. The Secretary until 1971 was Mr. W. J. Messenger, followed by B. Coyne and Bob Wilson. For many years the meetings were held in Nelson's tea-rooms where many educational and interesting debates took place on modern farming and advantages of machinery. In 1964 a shift took place to the Secretary's office. The present meeting place is the lounge of the Railway Hotel. Even this move has not resulted in any great upsurge in meeting attendance. Over the years the Branch has enjoyed a happy relationship with neighbouring branches, having joined with them on numerous occasions for meetings, debates, and other functions of mutual interest. Due to the advent of discussion groups, private advisory groups, etc., the practical side of farming does not play so large a part in branch activities as it did in earlier years. Those who involve themselves with branch activities, still seem to find the effort worthwhile, and have brought at times some very worthwhile remits before the Taranaki Centre Meeting.

MOA FARMERS CLUB

Mr. D. Thomson, Junction Road, New Plymouth, has in his possession the minute book of "The Moa Farmers Club."

This Club of which his father was secretary was formed in May 1881 with the idea of furthering the interests of the district and particularly the farming community. Meetings were held monthly at which discussions and addresses were held. One matter which attracted great attention was co-operatives and it was probably from this club and its discussions the Moa Union and the Moa Co-operative Dairy sprang from.

The following were members:

Hy Brown	William Carter
Thos. Drake	Henry S. Matthews
Edward Olson	W. B. Walker
Robert Kenny	Edwd. B. Kingdon
W. D. Thomson	George Law
Richard Price	B. Urry
E. R. Shawcross	Joseph Brown
E. D. Gibbons	G. S. Kennedy
W. Marshall	W. J. Gyde
Rob. Stevens	H. Henderson
Jas. S. Kidd	C. T. Clark
W. Davis	Alf Marshall
H. Old	H. B. Curtis
W. Paynter	W. Whitehouse
John Broughton	James Kidd
Jens. Storrng	S. P. Kidd
Peter N. Carsteens	John A. Hill
Joe. Corney	Peter Hackett
Richard Langley	L. H. McDonald
Wm. Peattie	John King
Hy Hunt	H. Wilson
Walter Bewley	Peter Hunter
Thos. G. Leech	Edward Parkins
John Barrow	Alfred Miles
James Batton	Edward Bennett
Edward Codd	A. Fisher
Johannes Allemann	

Young Farmers' Club — 1938 - 1973

After a general growing awareness of a need for agriculture education in the rural sector, the Inglewood Young Farmers' Club with the aid of George Blake (Agriculture Instructor) was formed in 1938. The first meeting of about a dozen boys was chaired by Mr. Lewis Sutton, Secretary, Mr. Eric Rowan, and Treasurer, Mr. Klenner. When the war came, the club went into recess during 1943-46 as many of the Young Farmers were called up.

The club came back into full strength after the war, having attendances of 40 to 50 members, and has always continued to be very active within the Inglewood Community, and many of Inglewood's leading citizens over the years had their early leadership training from the organisation.

Country Girls' Clubs 1951 - 1973

In February, 1951, the Young Farmers inaugurated the first meeting of the newly-established Country Girls' Club at Nelson's Tea Rooms. Fifteen young women gathered together and elected Miss Heather Patterson as their President and Miss Thelma Hinz as Secretary-Treasurer. The main object at this stage was to develop leadership and have social gatherings. Enough money was raised to send two delegates to the National Conference in June of that year in Timaru, and Miss Heather Patterson was elected to the National Committee. At this stage, the club was given assistance by the three advisories — Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Dixon.

Young Farmers — 1973

Both the old Young Farmers and Country Girls continued to be very active at Inglewood over the years until 1973 when both groups went to the vote to decide whether to amalgamate. This decision was made at the National Conference in Nelson, and the first National President, Mrs. Jenny Simpson was a member of the Inglewood Club. The first

meeting of the Inglewood Combined group was held in the Primary School Staffroom, the first President being Mr. Victor McIntyre, Secretary Mrs. Vida Harkness and Treasurer Miss Diane McIver. The main goals in the new organisation are now furthering agriculture, and general education, more community responsibility and keeping pace with the continuing change in social attitudes.

Women's Division Of Federated Farmers

In July 1925, wives of members of the Farmers' Union who were at their Conference had a tea party, where they were addressed by Mr. L. McAlpine, organiser for Farmers' Union, telling of the privations endured by back blocks women — loneliness, illness, lack of help, which could be given only by over-worked husbands or willing neighbours, no telephone, no electricity, in many cases very poor road conditions, some only mud tracks and sometimes rivers to cross. This roused the interest of the women, and next morning 16 women met and got down to business, and on July 28th it was decided to get in touch with country women. Mrs. C. C. Jackson, Wanganui, wrote over 2000 letters and included over 2000 copies of the address given by Mr. McAlpine, in the letters sent out. This stimulated the Country Women and in 1925, Mrs. Helen Harris, Oakura, formed the first branch of Women's Division, and from then on branches were formed from Northland to the Bluff. The late Mrs. Florence Polson, wife of the late Member for Stratford, became first Dominion President. Around Inglewood, the late Mrs. Harold Marsh of Egmont Village, travelled around the country districts with Miss Ivy Chard now Mrs. McAlshaw, as driver, to urge country women to join a branch. Inglewood was one of the first, having just celebrated its 45th birthday. Egmont Village, Kaimiro, Ratapiko and later Waitui, all have their W.D.'s.

As it was evident that help was needed by many and as transport was so difficult, a new service was initiated — known as Bush

Nurses, where trained nurses would go out to help maternity cases and to take complete charge of a household. Tribute should be paid to these noble women. This was the nucleus of the present W.D. Housekeeping Scheme, where the helpers do not need to be nurses, but take on the same duties, caring for the children and men in the house while the mother is away. Cases of books were also sent to the outback folk, but this now has become unnecessary. When War broke out W.D.'s all over New Zealand wanted to do something quickly, so the cry went out "Let's buy a Spitfire". In no time £5000 was raised and given, and on that Spitfire were the letters W.D.N.Z.F.U. — the pilot being a son of a Levin member. Our own district of Inglewood did not forget our own soldiers — parcels were sent out regularly from the W.D. and knitting was done under the supervision of the late Mrs. Alice Fabish. Inglewood has had the distinction of having had three Provincial Presidents — Mrs. H. R. Marsh, Mrs. S. M. James, and Mrs. R. N. Austin. North Taranaki Provincial was formed in 1933, with 19 branches in North Taranaki — Inglewood in the south, Rahotu in the west and Awakino in the north. Inglewood is proud to be part owner of a holiday cottage in Whitely Street, New Plymouth, owned by North Taranaki Provincial. North Taranaki, with Taurangi as the instigator, started a fund for research into leptospirosis, as a project for the 1975 Golden Jubilee. Donations for this have already reached several thousand dollars. Inglewood W.D. has been, and still is, very interested in Marinoto, the latest gift being a dishmaster. When Inglewood W.D. was formed in April 1929, the first meeting was held on the second

INGLEWOOD CLUB INCORPORATED

The Club was established in October 1911, when the first members were enrolled. The membership for the first year was 101. A meeting was held to discuss the building of premises, but this was turned down and the premises on the corner of Rata and Richmond

Wednesday of the month, and this date has never been altered. The first object of the W.D.F.F. — name changed when Farmers' Union became Federated Farmers — is "To better the conditions of women and children living in the country".

Country Women's Institute

The Inglewood Country Women's Institute formed in 1927 was the first of that organisation in Taranaki. An outside organiser, Miss Spencer, visited Taranaki with a view to interesting people in the movement and decided to form a branch in Inglewood. Mrs. Allen was the first President and Miss M. Leech (Mrs. Scotcher) the first Secretary. Over the years members have tried to bring happiness to many homes by providing relieving housekeepers and helping the needy. During the War, members served on the Patriotic Committee. Mrs. Adnams, the President, was in charge of packing parcels for the soldiers overseas, and Mrs. Codd was in charge of distributing wool to members for knitting. 4193 skeins of wool were knitted into 4943 scarves, long socks, balaclavas, pullovers and mittens. The arts and crafts section made money from selling their craft and each soldier that returned was given £2 pocket money. Each Anzac Day, flowers are placed on the Memorial in memory of those who gave their lives for their country. Throughout the year, contributions have been made to Intellectually Handicapped, Marinoto Home, Rest Rooms, Red Cross, and Institute funds. At monthly meetings it is usual to have a guest speaker on some interesting topic. Mrs. A. Henderson is the President and Mrs. Codd, Secretary.

Streets were rented from Mr. H. B. Curtis, the building having just been completed, so that the club was the first tenant. The other two rooms were occupied by Mr. Buckley, Secretary to the Moa Dairy Company. Members took up £5/0/0 debentures, free of inter-

est, to provide the finance to purchase one billiard table and fittings, these being paid back by ballot as funds became available. The subscription was fixed at £3/3/0 for members residing within a five mile radius of Inglewood. The Club operated under a locker system from the start. The first President was Mr. A. E. Surrey, the first Secretary was Mr. W. O. Ogier, the Town Clerk. George Pullen was Secretary from 1915-18, A. B. Gamlin held this position from 1925-1944, followed by W. J. Messenger from 1945-1950, Mr. L. Kohn from 1950-1962, Mr. J. Messenger from 1963-1972, and Mr. P. J. Moore from 1973 to this date. The first steward was Mr. George Beadle, who received £2/10/0 per week. He was followed by Fred Goy, H. Harwood, F. Salisbury, A. Knowles, C. Pattinson, G. Porter and Russell Wisnewski. The Club purchased its own property in Moa Street after a Special Meeting on 2nd

July, 1965. Two billiard tables were moved from the former Club Rooms, extra tables and chairs were purchased for card playing and a bowling mat installed. Annual tournament competitions are held in Billiards, Snooker, Pool, Bowls and Euchre. Regular inter-club visits are exchanged with other clubs, mainly Stratford and Waitara. 1974 finds the Club with a closed membership of 300, and a Committee very actively campaigning and raising finance to extend the premises by over 1500 square feet, to meet the Licensing Commission's requirements for a Charter Licence.

The application for a Charter was heard by the Commission in Wellington in March, 1974. At the conclusion of a favourable hearing the Chairman said, "Subject to the Inglewood Club upgrading its premises to meet the health and fire requirements, a Charter Licence should be granted."

CHAPTER THIRTY ONE

LODGES

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

Court Inglewood Forest No. 5685:

The history of Court Inglewood Forest No. 5685 is in a great many ways the history of Inglewood itself. The early arrivals in Inglewood soon found the urgent need to band together to help one another in times of sickness, distress, and bereavement. The great principle of Friendly Societies, is that 'no one should come seeking and go away wanting'.

Application for a dispensation to hold a Lodge was duly made with the High Court, City of York, County of York, England. A dispensation dated 6th day of January, 1876 was duly granted under the names of William Carter, Charles Goodhand, Arthur E. Langley, as founders of the Court. Some of the early settlers already belonged to the A.O.F. in England. Two Courts, Ct. Taranaki No. 4356 (1864) and Waireka No. 4925 (1866) were already serving many in New Plymouth and surrounding districts. The Court offered the opportunity to join together for mutual support, enjoy social friendships, learn ritual, to serve as an officer of the Court, and above all the responsibilities of citizenship. These high ideals as set by the founders of the order, and assiduously practised in the early years of Ct. Inglewood are still foremost in the order as it celebrates 100 years of service to the members and community of Inglewood today.

An extract taken from the first minute book states that Authority had been received from the Nelson District to open a Court. Past District S.C.R., Robert J. Collins with the support of Officers, and a large attendance of members of Ct. Waireka No. 4925 A.O.F. (N.P.) met at Langley's Hotel, Inglewood at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of initiating 13 members and then installing the Officers after the prescribed laws

of the order had been complied with, as regards to Surgeons' Certificates, etc.

The first Officers were: (C.R.), A. R. Langley, (S.C.R.) Secretary A. E. Langley, Treasurer E. Humphries, (S.W.) J. C. Peach, (J.W.) C. Goodhand, (S.B.) Herbert Curtis, (JB) R. A. Gunn.

The Court was to hold regular fortnightly meetings. At the 8th November meeting a proposal was carried that the Court secede from the Nelson District and in conjunction with Courts Taranaki and Waireka form a new District in Taranaki. This of course was not done until May 1883. Of interest from the quinquennial records is that by 1895 membership was 155 and Sick and Funeral and Management Funds totalled £1,302 or \$2,604 by 1915. Thirty years later and the beginning of World War I, membership had reached 311, funds £4,859 (\$9,718). In 1940, at the start of World War II, the Government had at this time introduced Social Security for all people, the Court had reached 400 members for the first time and had nearly \$35,000 worth of funds.

The membership declined after the War for a period, but a record 429 members were holding funds worth \$54,000 at the 1955 quinquennial valuation. In 1950, the Court, to offer further assistance to its members, started and developed Assurance, extended Benefits and Benevolence Funds. Savings deposit accounts were also made available. Today we have over 370 members of whom 40 are female. Of particular interest is that 89 members have been in the Court for over 40 years and 18 members over 60 years. We have 21 members over 80 years of age indicative of the early settlers' "fibre". Funds in excess of \$220,000, belonging to members are invested on first

mortgage in the local community, helping members to own their own homes. Court Inglewood Forest has a very proud record in the number of homes it has helped to build by way of financial assistance to its members.

The Court is the only mixed sex Court in the Taranaki District, and one of the few mixed Courts in New Zealand. Numerically, we are the second largest Friendly Society Lodge in Taranaki and one of the largest in New Zealand. Members are now scattered all over New Zealand and many have returned for the Anniversary in recent times of the 75th, 80th, 85th, and 90th Jubilee Dinners at which we have had attendances of over 400.

Long Service by principal Officers — Secretaries, Treasurers, Trustees, has been one of the great features of the Court and its present prominence in the community is in no small measure due to their devotion to serving their fellow beings. To mention names of people with service always brings the knowledge that someone worthy will be missed for a credit, so on this occasion I crave your indulgence to mention just a few of the names of persons of special interest: Bro. Joseph Clarke Peach was born in Northamptonshire, England. He came to New Zealand with the 57th Regiment in 1861, served with distinction in the Taranaki Wars and held the Imperial Medal. He returned to England in 1875 to obtain his discharge, returning to New Zealand immediately. He commenced a footwear business in Rata Street, Inglewood, in 1875, making and repairing boots and shoes. He gave 30 years of service to Public Affairs including Chairman of the Inglewood Domain and Cemetery Boards. Foundation Officer of the Court 1876, Secretary 8/11/1876-29/9/1903 — 27 years. District S.C.R. of Taranaki District at foundation 3/7/1883, afterwards Taranaki D.C.R. 1893. Died 20/11/1911 and the Court erected a headstone to his memory in the Inglewood Cemetery. The inscription reads: "A true Forester, always ready to aid the distressed".

Sister F. May Kennedy, initiated 2/9/1902, elected C.R. 7/6/1904, was the first female elected to the position of C.R. in mixed Courts

of this order in New Zealand. Bro. John Rainsford Penn was born in Dunedin, 9/12/1893. Most of his Primary education was in Napier and he attended Waitaki Boys' High School 1906-11. He left school to work for L. D. Nathan & Company, in the office. He gave five years' service in World War I, and was a Gallipoli veteran, being wounded on 24/4/1915 as a Staff Sergeant on the beach landings. After returning from overseas, he worked in Auckland for a short time, before coming to work in the office of Honan's Land Agency, New Plymouth. In November, 1921 he was initiated into the Court and installed as Secretary the same night, a position he held with great distinction for over the next 40 years until his death in July, 1962. He was C.R. of the Court 1925-26 and honoured as P.D.C.R. by the Taranaki District in 1955 for services rendered to the Order.

During the period 1921-62 he was also Secretary of the Moa Farmers' Co-op. Dairy Company Limited. To both organisations he devoted all his knowledge and energies during the very difficult economic period of the 1930's and the frustrating shortages of labour and materials during the 1940's. His memorial is to be seen in the strength both organisations now find themselves in today. He was also a conservationist at heart and besides planting many trees, encouraged everyone to protect and leave the native bush for future generations.

Foresters Hall 30/7/1895 - 19/12/1905:

In February 1895 it was first mooted that the Lodge build its own hall. In June a committee was set up to finalise the purchase of three sections from the Town Board in Richmond Street, at a cost of £220. In January 1896 two sections were resold, one with a house for £125 and the other bare for £45. Messrs. Brown & Co. built the hall at a cost of £243/10/- in April-June, 1896. The hall and section were sold for £375 in October 1905 to Father McKenna on behalf of the Catholic Church, though it still continued as the meeting place for some time afterwards.

St. Stanislaus Branch of Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society

First meeting held at Convent School on 14th December, 1911. First President — Father James F. MacManus. Branch commenced with 11 members, and by 1916 had a total of 39. At last census, 31st December, 1973, the Branch could only muster 46 members, a decline set in motion by the advent of the Welfare State. Present President: Mr. Colin G. Gibbon — Ratapiko. Present Secretary: Mr. P. Davis.

Ancient Order of Druids

When the Druids Lodge started in Inglewood seems uncertain, but the Druids Hall was built in 1910 by Mr. Harry Peterson. Mr. Charles Peterson of Cutfield Street worked on the job. It was complete with a stage,

FREEMASONRY IN INGLEWOOD

Lodge Moa 110

Founded, November 24th, 1896

The story of the foundation and development of the Lodge Moa 110 in Inglewood forms one of the most interesting chapters in the history of this district. It is a narrative of enthusiasm in the face of difficulties. Thursday, December 17th, 1896, was a red letter day for the Masonic fraternity, this being the consecration and installation ceremony of the foundation of Lodge Moa 110. Wherever settlements and commerce have blazed a trail, Freemasonry has been quick to follow. So with Inglewood. No details are available from the first minutes, nor is there any correspondence leading up to the first meeting. But it is known from the "N.Z. Craftsman" of January 1st, 1897, that for some time past a number of Masons residing in and about Inglewood had contemplated the formation of a Lodge and their petition for a warrant was forwarded to the Grand Master and was duly granted. It was known that two of the Charter Members were Past

but this was later taken out. The Hall was added to later on, and a room added to for the Magistrates Court. The late Mr. Ern Crossman and I sat many times on the bench at the Court. The membership of the Lodge was never very great — about 70, but now it has dropped considerably to about 20 members, and the Headquarters have been moved to New Plymouth. Two years ago the Hall was sold to the adjourning Concrete Works.

Manchester Unity of Oddfellows

This was another benefit Lodge which served Inglewood for many years. It used to hold its gatherings in the Druids Hall, but it, like most benefit Lodges, has, with the introduction of Social Security, dropped in membership, and it also now has its Headquarters in New Plymouth.

Masters when they arrived in the district: Mr. Joseph Pennington and Mr. Benjamin Nicholls. It is generally concluded that Moa received its name from the Moa Land District, but this could be otherwise. Four or five of the Charter Members worked or owned businesses in Moa Street. Mr. Nicholls was the Manager of the Moa Farmers' Union Trading establishment, while Mr. Pennington, with Mr. Tuck, ran a Land, Commission and Insurance Agency. The Secretary, Mr. A. Henderson was the Manager of C. O. Smith's General Store and Mr. Petherick was a journalist on the Inglewood Record in Moa Street. The Lodge commenced with seven members and ended the year with 15. The first meetings were held in the Foresters Hall, Richmond Street, and while the Foresters Hall was being repaired, in Pennington Hall, Kelly Street. The first officers of the Lodge were: Master, Rev. Henderson, S.W. W. A. Lightfoot, bricklayer; J.W., R. G. Surrey, schoolmaster, Dudley Road; Treasurer, Joseph Pennington, owned Pennington Hall, also known as Pennington's School, where the

concrete works are now; Secretary, Mr. A. Henderson, a Recabite and a prominent member of the Methodist Church; S.D., E. Petherick, journalist; J.D., J. Walker; I.G., B. Nicholls, came from U.S.A., lived on a farm that Mr. F. Jackson now owns, died in 1911; Tyler, S. O. Spurdle, sign writer, worked for F. Bennett, coach builder and blacksmith; first candidate, A. R. Surrey, joiner and timber merchant, joinery business on property now owned by the United Church. In 1903 the Lodge built its own hall, in Brown Street, most of the meetings up to that time having been held in the Foresters Hall. The new Hall was built by S. Candish and G. Turner, both members of the Lodge, at a cost of £350, and described in newspaper reports as a neat and commodious building. More than 70 Masons from all parts of Taranaki attended, including a contingent of 35 from New Plymouth, who hired a train. The dedication of the new hall took place on August 13th, 1903. The ceremony was carried out by F. P. Corkill, G.Sup. of Taranaki while J. W. Winfield was Master, the membership being 36. During the intervening years a number of additions and alterations were made to the hall as membership grew. The weekend of Saturday, May 15th, 1971, was a time of celebrations for the Masonic Fraternity of Inglewood, when more than 140 Freemasons from throughout Taranaki attended the 75th Anniversary of the Lodge and the Opening and Dedication Ceremony of the new hall in Mahoe Street. The building was officially opened by the Pro. Grand Master for New Zealand, W. H. Tucker of Dunedin. He was assisted by the Taranaki Prov. Grand Master, C. J. Capper, of Stratford, and the Officers and Members of Lodge Moa. The Architect was Mr. G. Laurenson. The hall was built by the late B. G. Mitchell, the Master of Lodge Moa, at a cost of \$8,000, and is now debt free.

Names familiar to Inglewood historians figure prominently in Lodge activities. The first Master was Mr. S. Henderson, a Primitive Methodist Minister, who served the dis-

trict before the turn of the century, while Mr. B. Nicholls, first Mayor, was one of the Charter members. Others who were very much part of the young township were, Mr. J. Pennington and Mr. A. Henderson who was the first secretary. Two of the Lodge secretaries have served long periods, the late Mr. L. Kohn, 21 years, and Mr. T. Nelson (Sen.) 10 years. The first Tyler of the Lodge was Mr. O. Spurdle, another prominent local name, who served for 45 years.

Masters of the Lodge who were in office for earlier anniversaries were: Mr. W. Silson for the 50th year, and the late Mr. C. E. Arthur, the 60th, in 1956. At its founding, the Lodge claimed seven members, today, almost 100. Five of its members have been Mayors; Messrs B. Nicholls, J. Winfield, G. Young, J. Sutherland, and R. Sutton. A number of Lodge secretaries have been Town Clerks. Many of the members have played important roles in the development of the district. Thirty members answered the call for the defence of their country and one, Mr. A. E. Thomas, paid the supreme sacrifice. From the involvement of these well-known names, it can be readily appreciated that the Lodge has been an integral part of the growth of Inglewood, and is that "Golden Tie" that binds the hearts of men into one great family.

The zeal and diligence still remain as it did 79 years ago, when that noble band of Freemasons decided on the establishment of a Lodge and the present members are to be congratulated on their undiminished enthusiasm. Present Officers of the Lodge are: Master, D. Klenner; I.P.M., W. G. G. Marsh; S.W., A. F. Dobson; J.W., D. J. Broadmore; Chaplain, T. Gillespie; Treasurer, J. K. Hammonds; Secretary, A. J. Smith; D.G., I. D. Besley; Almoner, T. H. Dickson; S.D., D. R. Dickson; J.D., L. Bielski; Organist, B. R. Plumb; I.G., R. L. Bennett; Stewards, D. R. Morton (Senior), W. H. P. Davis, B. Wallis, I. J. McIntyre; Tyler, H. F. Lund.

This is indeed an auspicious occasion, the Jubilee of Inglewood, 100 years. The thoughts associated with these celebrations go back to

that noble band of pioneers who toiled so faithfully to establish this community. It would indeed, be base ingratitude if we did not hold in sweet remembrance, those who often, through much tribulation, laboured so

abundantly in the past, leaving us a heritage beyond all price.

"So mote it be."

T.H.D.

CHAPTER THIRTY TWO

SERVICE CLUBS

THE INGLEWOOD JAYCEE INCORPORATED

The idea of an Inglewood Chapter of the service group Junior Chamber International was first conceived during the sale of a 1933 Austin car. Bob Lamplough, a local butcher, and the President of Stratford Jaycees, met during the sale of the car, and after a somewhat lengthy discussion, decided that Inglewood could well support a Chapter. Bob, quite enthusiastic about the idea, rounded up some eligible members, and the inaugural meeting of the Inglewood Jaycees was held on 3rd October, 1951 at Nelson's Tearooms. John Till and other Stratford delegates explained the movement to the meeting.

There were 15 foundation members who were gathered together by Bob to be at the meeting. It was decided that a representative body of young men between the ages of 18 and 40, form the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Inglewood and apply for affiliation to the National Body. Sandy Slater, a panel beater, was elected President, Bob Lamplough the Vice-President, and Lewis Franks, a cleaner, Secretary. Thus began Inglewood's first service club.

The following year, membership grew to 29 and the Chapter has continued to be active to this day. A perusal of the list of Presidents over the years, brings to light many familiar names:—

1951: S. Slater.	1963: C. Graham
1952-53: R. Lamplough	1964: P. Cramer
1954: N. Reesby	1965: N. Muir
1954: P. Julian	1966: J. Mealy
1955: H. Shearer	1967: D. Broadmore
1956: R. Barriball	1968: A. Cheyne
1957: A. Sheat	1969: W. Cross
1958: A. Nelson	1970: T. Colgan
1959: D. Scott	1971: T. Lash
1960: L. Mischewski	1972: K. Bremner
1961: S. Colbert	1973: M. Davey
1962: D. Klenner	1974: B. Dodunski

Of the hundreds of projects carried out over the years many stand out: a resuscitator for the Fire Brigade, a Farm Location Map, a street directory at the town's three entrances, picnic tables, road safety introduction, a borough survey, and the continuing development of the children's playground. As well as these, there are the hardy regulars: Guy Fawkes Bonfire, Christmas Parade and Tableau, meet-the-candidate forums. In more recent years an annual Wheelbarrow Derby and Sportsman-of-the-year dinner have been inaugurated. The 1973 Guess-My-Line Show raised over \$1,000.00 for the Intellectually Handicapped Children's Society.

Jaycee is not entirely a service organisation. Other facets of the organisation are fellowship and education. In the former sphere the Chapter has mixed socially with other Jaycees, the people of Inglewood and people of other nationalities. Some of the more memorable events include a regional conference at the snow-bound North Egmont Chalet, a Down-Town Cabaret, winning every raft race this side of the Wanganui, and a Saki evening aboard a Japanese ship.

In the other tenet, Education, Inglewood Jaycees have taught their members and the public the skills of debating, public speaking and meeting procedure. Firewood, fowl manure and starling nesting boxes sound like a fairly mixed bag of goodies, but over the years these have been the major source of revenue for the movement.

Many members have voluntarily given a lot of time and energy to the organisation, but three have earned the status of Life Membership or Senatorship: David Klenner, Peter Cramer and John Healy. John was appointed to the International Secretariat of Jaycee in

U.S.A. in 1970 — a position which he still holds.

Inglewood Jaycee is not an organisation solely for "white collar" workers. A cross-section of all walks of life is necessary for the widespread activities of the Chapter. All tastes

are catered for. Inglewood Jaycee Inc. aims to develop the individual member and community of which he is a part. Actions speak louder than words and the standing of the organisation in our town is high.

INGLEWOOD ROTARY

The Inglewood branch of Rotary International was sponsored by Stratford and was granted its charter at a Charter Dinner in the Town Hall on 6th August, 1960. This function was very well attended not only by representatives from Taranaki Branches, but by members from as far away as Hutt.

The following were the Charter Members sworn in by the District Governor, Ian Matherson.

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| 1. Brown, R. W. | 13. John, A. D. |
| 2. Burgess, J. A. | 14. Laurence, Frank |
| 3. Cleland, D. | 15. Maxwell, J. R. |
| 4. Cox, R. G. | 16. Orchard, B. H. |
| 5. Eades, R. W. G. | 17. Paynter, D. E. |
| 6. Elmes, J. G. | 18. Pellett, W. R. |
| 7. Erb, L. E. | 19. Peters, G. H. P. |
| 8. Fowler, Grey | 20. Slater, S. J. |
| 9. Hammonds, J. K. | 21. Steptoe, D. R. |
| 10. Harwood, John | 22. Waite, M. R. |
| 11. Jackson, F. H. | 23. Wells, R. J. |
| 12. Johnson, J. G. | |

MARINOTO

A Rotary Project

The project commenced with a letter to the Taranaki Hospital Board on 17th March, 1970, by the then vice-president of the Club, Bill Valintine, seeking the Board's preliminary approval of such a scheme. Following this, several meetings took place between the Taranaki Hospital Board and an interim committee of four members of Rotary and this committee thoroughly investigated the feasibility of the scheme particularly with regard to (a) Health Department requirements; (b) the suitability of the building; (c) staffing and salaries; (d) availability of subsidies; (e) cost of building alterations and furnishings and how these were to be met.

Although the home had not been used for

some three years, the formal closing of the home was not made until 17th July, 1970, and at this stage, official application was made to the Board by the Rotary Club of Inglewood for the home to be leased to an organisation sponsored by Rotary to operate the building as a Home for the Aged. The Inglewood Welfare Society Inc. was formed for this purpose and five members of the Rotary Club were elected as the executive Committee of the Society. The period from July to November, 1970 was occupied in making representations to the Minister of Health with a view to obtaining his approval, as originally the Minister had perhaps been misled by the Department of Health and doubted the feasibility of the

The Past Presidents of the Club are:

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| 1. Pellett, W. R. (1960) | 9. Hale, C. E. (1967) |
| (part) | 10. Drake, C. R. (1968) |
| 2. Kohn, A. D. (1960) | 11. Wellington, J. L. (1969) |
| 3. Johnson, J. G. (1961) | 12. Valintine, J. B. (1970) |
| 4. Cleland, D. (1962) | 13. Nelson, D. M. (1971) |
| 5. Harris, C. L. (1963) | 14. Scott, A. D. (1972) |
| 6. Waite, M. R. (1964) | 15. Meads, G. T. (1973) |
| 7. Erb, L. E. (1965) | 16. Wallis, B. (1974) |
| 8. Wood, H. C. (1966) | |

The main projects sponsored by Inglewood Rotary, have been a shed at the Inglewood Kindergarten, the Old Folks' Hall, and the Marinoto Home for the elderly. Each year the Rotary takes members of the Old Folks Association for a drive and entertains them to afternoon tea. Also, assistance is given to various charitable bodies, in collections.



SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PRESENTED TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF

INGLEWOOD, TAR., NEW ZEALAND

IN RECOGNITION OF ITS PROJECT INITIATED IN THE
BIENNIUM ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 1971

Ernest G. Bentholtz
GENERAL SECRETARY

Ernest G. Bentholtz
PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

scheme. The Minister, however was convinced, and his approval was received on 27th November, 1970.

Rotary immediately contacted all local organisations asking that they sponsor a room in the new Home and that they meet the cost of furnishing a room at the rate of \$150 per room. Rotary undertook to furnish one lounge at a cost of \$450 and the Lions Club agreed to furnish the second lounge at a similar figure. The Welfare Society advertised for a Matron early in December and was able to make an appointment on 23rd December by which time the first furniture had been ordered.

The first General Meeting of the Inglewood Welfare Society was held on 14th December, by which time the Society had 21 ordinary members and 23 life members, who had each paid a life subscription of \$20. The Taranaki Savings Bank had made a donation of \$1,000 and this was followed by the sponsoring of rooms by many organisations together with

other donations being received and a total of \$5,193 had come to hand by that date.

In view of the great support received, the cost of furnishing the Home was revised with the object of up-grading the standard originally envisaged. An application was made to the Golden Kiwi Lottery for assistance and a grant of £5,542 was made by this organisation. The final total of donations was \$14,248.73, plus members' subscriptions of \$928.

Already the project was a success and it was possible to furnish the Home to a standard desirable for the comfort of the aged, both lounges being fully carpeted as were all the bedrooms. Bedrooms were also equipped with central heating and a suitable number of heaters were installed in lounges and corridors to ensure that the whole building would be warmed.

"Marinoto", which translated from Maori means "to have peace" was officially opened on 24th April, 1971 by the Members of Parlia-

ment for the district. The first residents had arrived on 2nd April, 1971 and the full complement of 20 residents was achieved by the end of June, 1971. Teething troubles were almost non-existent and the Home has now been running satisfactorily for over three years.

All members of the Rotary Club of Inglewood have been engaged in one or more of the following activities associated with the Home:

- (a) Planning and organising the formation of the Inglewood Welfare Society.
- (b) Addressing meetings of local organisations in order to solicit their support for funds.
- (c) Taking part in working bees to paint the building, placing insulation in the ceilings, tidying up the grounds and concreting garden edges and paths.

- (d) Entertaining residents by taking them on outings.

The project is completed but will be a continuing interest of the Club. Under the rules of the Inglewood Welfare Society Inc., Rotary is assured of continued representation on the Executive Committee. In addition to being responsible for the administration of the Home, members of Rotary will continue to look after the maintenance of the Home and to take a real interest in the welfare of the residents. As an example of this, the Club will be holding its Christmas Tea Meeting at "Marinoto" on 21st December, when it will entertain residents and make gifts to them.

The Directors of the Inglewood Welfare Society Inc., are Messrs. Bill Valintine (Chairman), L. Erb, E. Newland, S. F. Fookes, and M. R. Waite (Secretary).

OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION

A Rotary Project

On 7th March, 1962, the Inglewood Rotary Club, on the suggestion of Rotarian George Peters, called a meeting of all those interested in the forming of an Old Folks' Association in Inglewood. Forty-four people attended this meeting and with considerable enthusiasm decided to form the Inglewood and District Old Folks' Association. Mr. J. Eversfield was elected President and Mr. G. Peters, Secretary-Treasurer. Subscriptions were fixed at 2/6d. The Returned Services Association offer of the use of their buildings were gratefully accepted. Opening day was May 8, 1962.

It was decided to immediately raise funds for the building of their own Hall. The Rotary Club organised a canvass of both town and country for funds with excellent results, a donation of £10 or over entitling the donor to Life Membership. Numerous marts were held

and with a grant from the Golden Kiwi and a large donation from the Taranaki Savings Bank and others, funds were soon in hand. The excellent site in Moa Street was purchased and the Hall was officially opened on 11th May, 1966, by the Honourable Minister of Internal Affairs. At a cost of about \$14,000, the Old Folks now have a home where they can play bowls, cards and hold their meetings in comfort. The Hall is also a great asset to the community for meetings and other functions. Membership now stands at 87 ordinary members and a further 76 life members. Presidents have been, the late J. Eversfield, J. Reeve, and in 1966 Mr. T. Nelson accepted the office and for the past eight years has guided the affairs of the Association with distinction.

INGLEWOOD LIONS CLUB

When the Inglewood Lions Club was formed in 1967 by the New Plymouth Lions Club, it was first Chartered with 26 members who were:— M. J. Bishop, D. B. Burd, P. G. F.

Butler, P. Cramer, E. A. Crow, P. G. Curd, L. H. Fairweather, J. S. Finnigan, W. B. Franks, C. H. Gibbs, A. P. Harland, N. L. Harris, P. Julian, P. B. King, W. A. King, F. G. Klenner,

R. J. Lahood, K. J. Little, R. B. McKay, I. J. Melville, T. R. Nelson, K. J. Nicholson, W. T. Souness, H. W. G. Stanley, M. S. Todd, W. J. Underwood. The Charter President was Mr. P. Julian, who was also the main organiser during its inception. The Presidents from 1967-74 were Messrs. P. Julian, R. Lahood, P. King, F. Klenner, M. Bishop, B. Stanley and D. Burd. Some of the major projects conducted over these years were financial assistance to I.H.C., Crippled Children Society, Pacific Islands, Bangladesh and other countries in urgent need. Outward Bound at Anakiwa was also another project which the club fully supported, sending at least two boys each year, costing at first \$50 a person, up to the present time at \$150 a person. Youth exchange has also been made possible through the organisation, with Australia on a reciprocal basis. The club financed a lounge at Marinoto Home for the aged and also organised an appeal and added a large amount of money

so that a piano could be provided for the Home. One of the annual projects is the distribution of free trailer loads of firewood to pensioners which average around 40 per year.

The club financed and built the new Everett Park entrance way, demolished old houses in Inglewood and then auctioned the timber, etc., to finance projects, picked up baled hay for a local contractor on a per bale basis, also to provide finance for the same purpose, also weekly raffles. The club has also provided the organisation with two Deputy District Governors, and three Zone Chairmen. It also sponsored the first Leo Club (Junior Lions Club, boys and girls) in Taranaki and sponsored two other Lions Clubs, one at Manaia and the other at Bell Block.

It raised \$750 by raffling a Rugby Football which had the signatures of the All Black team that toured the British Isles with local man J. Major as one of the team.

CHAPTER THIRTY THREE

BANKS

Trading Banks:

The Bank of New South Wales opened its first New Zealand Branch in Auckland in 1861, taking over the business of the Oriental Bank Corporation. The proposal of starting a local Bank made by Thomas Russell, whose account had been considered unsuitable by Wales, caught the imagination of many leading citizens, and an Act incorporating the Bank of New Zealand was passed by Parliament on 29th July, 1861, only a few weeks after Wales had commenced business. The Bank of New Zealand opened its first Branch at Auckland on October 15th 1861; this was followed a month later by a Branch at New Plymouth. The Colonial Bank of New Zealand was formed in 1874, with a paid up Capital of £400,000/0/0. This Bank struck difficulties and was purchased by the Bank of New Zealand; the shareholders receiving eleven shillings, one penny, and three farthings for a Two Pound share. (Note: See photograph of Moa Farmers Union, with Colonial Bank beside it.) Inglewood must have been one of the few places in New Zealand to have an agency. When this agency of the Colonial Bank was opened in Moa Street, Inglewood, I have been unable to find out, but it was apparently taken over by the Bank of New Zealand, when it opened its full branch at Inglewood in 1895.

Bank of New Zealand

The Bank of New Zealand opened a sub-branch of New Plymouth in Matai Street, Inglewood, on the nineteenth of March, 1878, and it later became a sub-branch of Waitara. (See photographs from Bank of New Zealand Archives.) A more modern wooden Bank, with a residence at the back, was built about 1896 when Inglewood became a full branch in its

own account. A manager's residence was also built some time before the First World War, because I can remember the Thomson family living there. Mr. Thomson, a brother of the solicitor, Mr. Harold Thomson, was the Bank Manager. This residence, now occupied by Dr. Watson, was sold after the First World War, and bought back when Mr. Stan Wanklyn came and later sold again to Mr. Aagaard. The present Bank, with the second storey as the manager's residence, was being built when War came which slowed up the building somewhat. It was completed in 1942, and since then has been modernised. A new manager's residence in Kelly Street was built in 1973.

Bank of New South Wales

The Bank of New South Wales opened a sub-branch of New Plymouth in Matai Street, Inglewood on 21/12/1892, in a portion of Vickers and Stevens building. Messrs Vickers & Stevens, Auctioneers had the first account. Mr. J. H. Rowe was in charge of the agency and was appointed Manager when a full branch was opened on 5/1/1898. His salary was £250 per annum. He continued as Manager until 1913 when Mr. Esse was appointed. Some early customers of 1892-93 were: A. E. Atkinson, Paul Biesiek, Henry Brown, Thomas Drake, Joseph George, Charles Hill, Thomas Burchitt, Jacob Kuklinski, Thomas G. Leech, Inglewood Athletic Club, Robert S. Matthews, Henry S. Matthews, Walter J. Matthews, Thomas King — Saddler, Arthur W. Newton — Surveyor, George Wooller, Michael Zimmerman, Franz Zimmerman, Murdoch Mackay.

The Bank of New South Wales bought the land for their present building in Rimu Street in 1902 for £700 and the new building in brick was erected in 1906 at a cost of £2,657.

Taranaki Savings Bank

The Taranaki Savings Bank (then known as the New Plymouth Savings Bank), after several invitations from the Inglewood Borough Council and others, opened a branch in Matai Street, Inglewood, early in April 1954. The opening is described as follows:

"Inglewood Branch of New Plymouth Bank is opened.

Described by the Mayor of Inglewood, Mr. R. W. Brown as an historic occasion, the opening took place of the New Plymouth Savings Bank's new branch at Inglewood yesterday afternoon. It was an historic occasion not only for the New Plymouth Savings Bank, but also for the Borough and County of Inglewood, said Mr. Brown. He complimented the Trustees of the Bank on opening the Branch. They had shown great foresight, he said. Although Inglewood had been slow in progressing, it was built on solid foundations and it had a good future with aerial topdressing helping to open up the back country, for which Inglewood acted as centre. He was sure that the production from the district would grow and that Inglewood would grow in conjunction. From the district last year had come £1,250,000 worth of produce. The President of the Bank, Mr. W. C. Weston, said the opening was a great day for the Bank. It had a lot of money invested in the district and its methods had been appreciated by farmers who needed help to buy farms or improve them. It had the happy experience of never having had problems with people in the district.

Council's Approach

The Borough Council had been very anxious to get the Bank started at Inglewood. The Bank had been considering starting the Branch for quite a time, and a deputation from the Council made the Bank decide to "take the plunge". After the Post Office Savings Bank had started, it was impossible to start a savings bank in New Zealand and the New Plymouth Bank was one of only

five such banks in the country, Mr. Weston stated. They were the Auckland, Invercargill, Dunedin, Hokitika and New Plymouth Banks. A Bank Trustee, Mr. P. E. Stainton, the Chairman of the Inglewood Branch of the Federated Farmers, Mr. N. P. Gibson, and the Chairman of the Inglewood County Council, Mr. F. Laurence also spoke. Among guests at the ceremony preceding the opening were local body and Savings Bank officials and the Member of Parliament for New Plymouth, Mr. E. P. Aderman. Mrs. Brown turned the key and opened the door of the new Branch and Mr. Brown did the first business at the Branch by opening accounts for each of his five children. The Bank will be open to the public for business for the first time today. Its Manager is Mr. L. R. Prentice. It is the third branch of the Bank. Others are at Waitara and Fitzroy, and a fourth is planned for Stratford.

The 1955 Balance Sheet shows Inglewood with:

570 accounts, with deposits of	\$178,162.00
1964: 2604 accounts, with deposits of	\$1307,372.00
1973: 4318 accounts, with deposits of	\$1932,713.00
1974: over	\$2100,000.00

From 1973 Annual Report of Taranaki Savings Bank:

Disbursements for 1973:

Educational	\$3,300.00
Kindergartens	\$750.00
Charitable	\$6,950.00
St. John Ambulance	\$1,100.00
Search and Rescue	\$3,090.00
Guides and Brownies	\$380.00
Community	\$1,175.00
Plunket Societies	\$1,600.00
Play Centres	\$650.00
Red Cross Societies	\$700.00
Cultural	\$4,750.00
Scout Groups	\$260.00
Girls and Boys Brigades	\$220.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,530.00