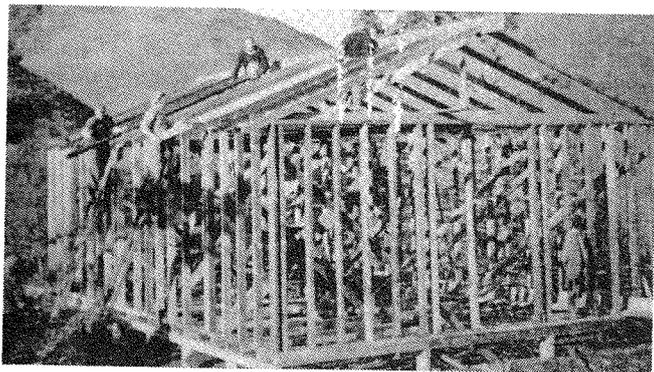
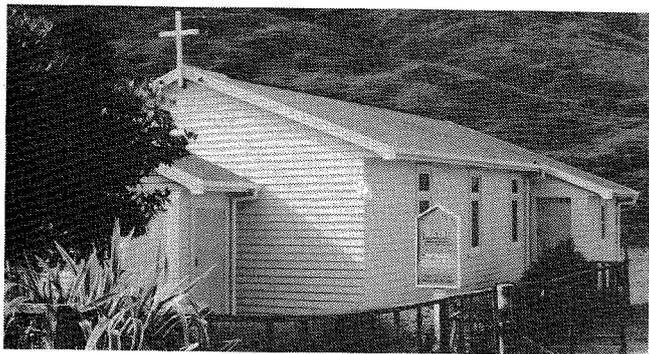


nephews of Te Manihera the Lay-reader. The latter brother was named after his uncle. The third carpenter was Tohe Pakanga, a grandson of Te Manihera. The symbols and carvings were the work of Te Kaporere Patuwairua, a renowned artist from Wanganui. The only paid hand on the work was Mr. W. F. Dowman, who was responsible for the shingle roof. Billy Bertrand was the handy boy when not at school. Mr. Bertrand is the great-great-grand-nephew of Te Manihera, who was the first Lay-reader, and also the adopted son of Tutanuku Tume, who helped to build St. Peter's.



Building St James' Church, Matau 1957. L to R: T. Mills, M. Smith, N. Rawlinson, T. Mackie, N. Smith.



St James Church, Matau

St. Peter's Day, 1906, (Friday, June 29th), was a "Red Letter Day" for the Maoris in Taranaki, for on this day a new church, built entirely by Maori hands, was dedicated for the worship of Almighty God by the Archdeacon of Taranaki (Ven. R. H. Cole, D.C.L.) to bear the name of St. Peter. The Maori name of the Church is "Tu-ki-te-Arero," a name linking the new building with the memories of the past, when a Maori Church, bearing the same name, stood at the settlement of Pukemahoe, a little more than a mile distant from the new Church.

The land on which St. James', Matau, stands was given by Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Carver. The timber for the Church was given by Mr. Nigel Rawlinson, plus many other donations from other people. The Vestry employed Mr. Tom Mackie of Stratford to build the Church. Voluntary labour was given by the parishioners of Matau and the Church was com-

pleted in six weeks. It was dedicated on the 28th August 1957, by the Rt. Rev. J. T. Holland, 2nd Bishop of Waikato.

Vestrymen from Matau and Purangi have been: Messrs. P. Webb, R. Mounsey, W. N. Bertrand, G. H. Rawlinson, W. G. N. Rawlinson, W. L. Carver, A. N. Smith.

The Presbyterian community has been looked after in recent years from Toko, except for a period when the Rev. Bill Perry, of Normanby, came to the school once a month and also took a service in the evening.

Sunday School has also been taken in the district at odd times. For many years Mrs. C. H. Larsen conducted the classes in the hall. But now the ministers come around to the school.

Christenings, weddings and burials have all taken place here over the years. Some of the early weddings have already been described in a previous part of this book. One funeral was that of Mrs. Dewar who was buried in the Purangi cemetery in September 1909.

Matau and District Roll of Honour

1914 - 1918

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| W. W. Evans | W. H. Hogg | H. Kirton |
| C. Larsen | W. H. Woodill | A. Larsen |
| W. J. Campbell | F. H. J. Rolfe | Claude Beauchamp |
| P.A. Rolfe | W. McCoard | Clem Beauchamp |
| E.A. Dewar | A. D. Smith | R. Smith |
| V. Larsen | E. C. Dewar | L. McAssey |
| E. Mundy | F. May | C. H. Larsen |
| H. Kirton | W. W. Smith | C. Kirton |

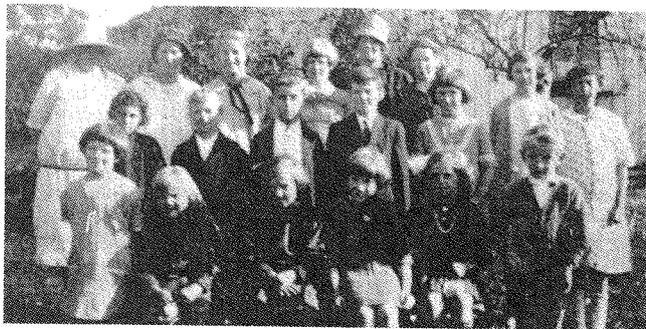
Lest we Forget.

In Memory of The Men From Matau.

1939 - 1945

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| S. Eriksson* | G. D. Cuthbertson* |
| E. Eriksson* | M. G. B. Jensen* |
| W. W. Rolfe | A. N. Smith |
| W. McCoard | M. Jensen |

*Overseas Service.



Mrs E. Evans and her Sunday School Group 1927

BACKROW: Edna Ayers, Isobel Chapman, Sadie Mounsey, Pat Nelson, Mrs Evans, Phyllis Tebbutt.

MIDDLE ROW: Illa Munday, Ron Rawlinson, Terance Nelson, Nigel Rawlinson, Jean Tebbutt, Doreen Rawlinson, Nellie Munday.

FRONT ROW: Molly Walker, Betty Walker, Dorris Tebbutt, Iris McCoard, Alex Rolfe.