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February March 2015 Newsletter

“BLENNERHASSETT”

One sunny **DAY** I started out from the **BRIGHT** stores in Birkdale and decided to **WALKER** long Rangatira Road down **DALE** and up **HILL** when a **RAY** of sunshine burst forth. This I felt to be an **INWOOD** sign from the ‘**EVANS** that winter was over, and we **WOOD** soon **REVEL** in the summer sun.

I passed **GREEN** fields noticing a lady **ANDERSON**. The child threw a piece of **CLAY** at me but it hit a stray dog, which was a real **BARKER**. I stood for some time in the **LEE** of some **MAYALL** boxes, thinking what a little **SAINTY** I was!

I continued to **AMBER** long and met a chap who seemed lost, told him to check the road signs in **CASEY** he went the wrong way.

The school bus passed with a **BLAIR** of horns as I reached Beach Haven, the boaties delight, where people would **PURCHASE** a **COLLINS** publication on boatbuilding and let Dick **REED** it to them, as he was an expert yachtie. There were boats for sale, but not everyone could a **FORDHAM**, finding it cheaper to buy some **BOATWOOD** and build their own.

The lovely weather would soon make **SONNY BROWN** and local farmers would **MAY KAY** while the sun shone. Opportunity could not be missed, as any **HAYMAN** would know, hoping that the weather would continue on the **MORROW**.

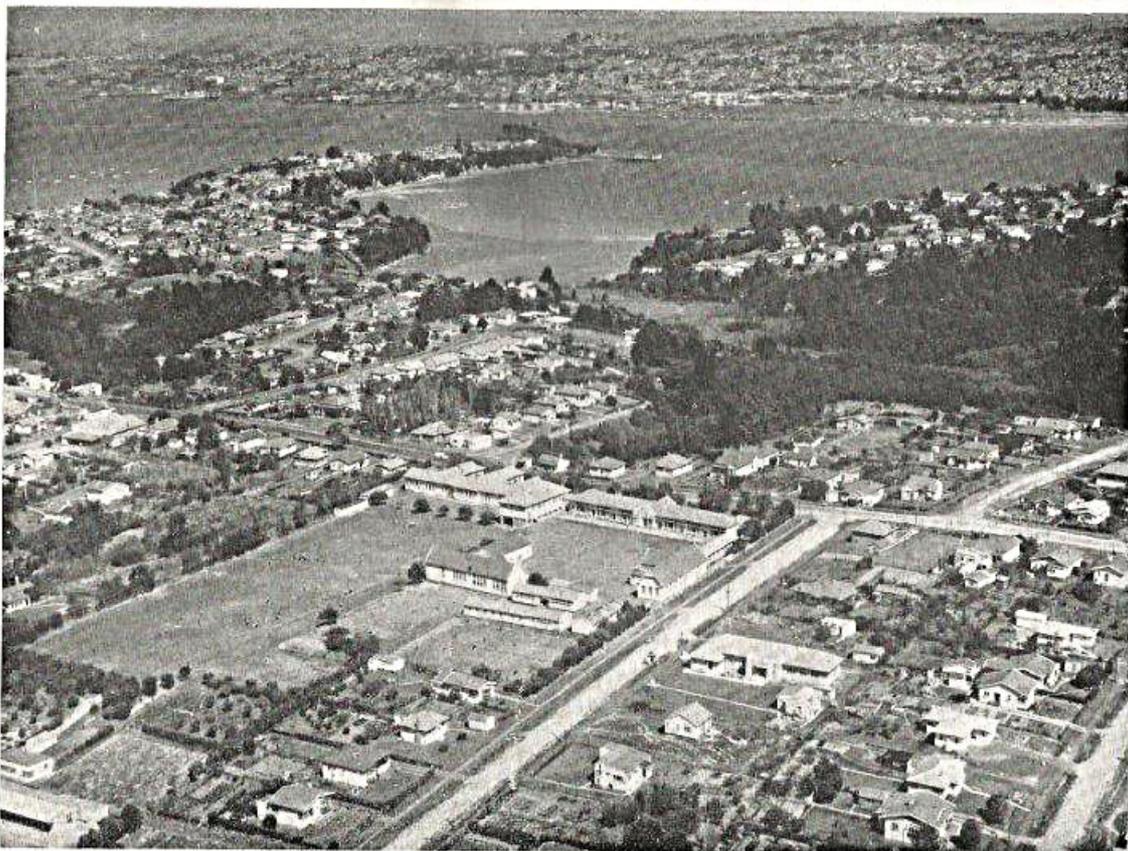
On the way along Beach Haven Road a cricket match was in progress and a frequent call **HOWARTH** could be heard. When I got to **WALTONS** Corner the school bus was there and the **MUMMES** were trying to **SHEPHERD** the children aboard, and asking **WOODALL** the

children move please, I decided to go too in case I should get **CRAMP**. I should have taken my car, but had recently sold my **MORRISON** bought a **BENTLEY** which was a gas-guzzler. One of the children found an **APLIN** in her school bag while another found a **BARTLETT** pear.

The sun was still shining as if to **USHER** in the summer. We finally reached the school where I noticed a **DENT** in the side of the bus, it had probably hit a **VERRANda** post.

Saw a chap who had had a **BEER** or two to celebrate the new suit he had got at the **TAYLORS**. I thought he was a **PAYNE** in the neck. I had noticed a lot of **WEEDON** the roadside but knew the summer sun would soon **COOK** it leaving only sweet **WILLIAMS. HOWARTH.**

Written by Errol Collins. Mentioning residents of Birkdale/Beachhaven and believed to be written in the early 1900's

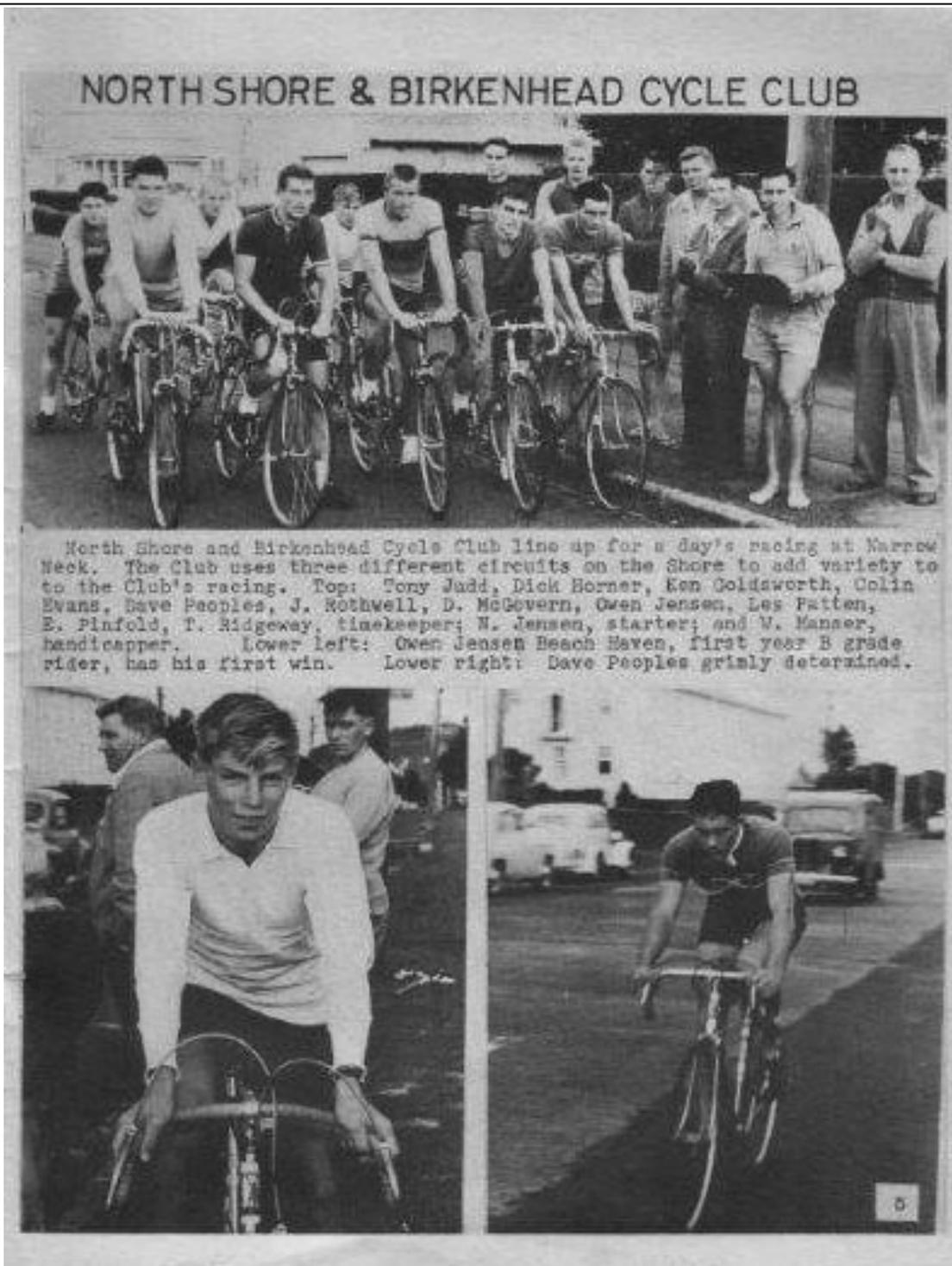


Northcote College from the Air. (White's Aviation Ltd. photograph.)

28 February 9.00am Working bee at Museum

The committee has organised a working bee. We need to water blast and repair and do a bit of dusting and rearranging. All welcome to come along and help.

We will have tea and coffee available.



NORTH SHORE & BIRKENHEAD CYCLE CLUB

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 Lower right: Dave Peoples Looking grimly determined.

I wonder where they are today.

COMING EVENTS

Bus Trip

Our February event will be a trip that we had to delay last year due to inclement weather, and that is to visit the Northern Waikato battlefields of the Land Wars. In this trip we will visit the sites of the battles of Meremere and Rangiriri, as well as the engagement at Martyns Farm and the Queens Redoubt. We invite you to bring your friends and families for an interesting day out. Details are:

Date: Saturday 21 February 2015

Time: Pickups start on the Birkdale circuit at 9am.

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Bookings: Mavis Throll, phone 483-7230

NB Please bring your lunch.

Date: 21 March 2011

Venue: St Andrews Church, Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead.

Speaker: Valerie Tomlinson from Auckland War Memorial Museum

Time: 2pm

Cost: \$2.00

Valerie Tomlinson, Conservator at the Auckland Museum is working within the Department to preserve Auckland's heritage. She was born and raised in the snowy wilds of the remote Canadian Prairies. Trained in Canada at the Queen's University, Masters of Art Conservation program. She has worked internationally in England and Norway, and at institutions across Canada, and spent 5 years exploring the Canadian Arctic before moving to New Zealand. Institutions worked at include: Parks Canada, Heritage resources, University of Oslo/National Museum of Norway, the York Archaeological trust, The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, and with the sculpture conservator working on Canada's Parliament Hill and within the National Capital Region. Valerie has been working at the Auckland War Memorial Museum for a number of years, enjoys exploring New Zealand and welcomes the opportunity to share her knowledge preserving items of heritage interest for the future with local communities and Heritage Societies such as ours in Birkenhead.

18 April 2015

Stories Day

Venue: St Andrews Church, Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead.

Time: 2pm

Cost: \$2.00

25 April 2015

ANZAC DAY

Museum Opening

All welcome to come and visit and join the commemorations at the War Memorial Park

16 May 2015

Birkenhead Heritage Society AGM

Venue: St Andrews Church, Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead.

Time: 2pm