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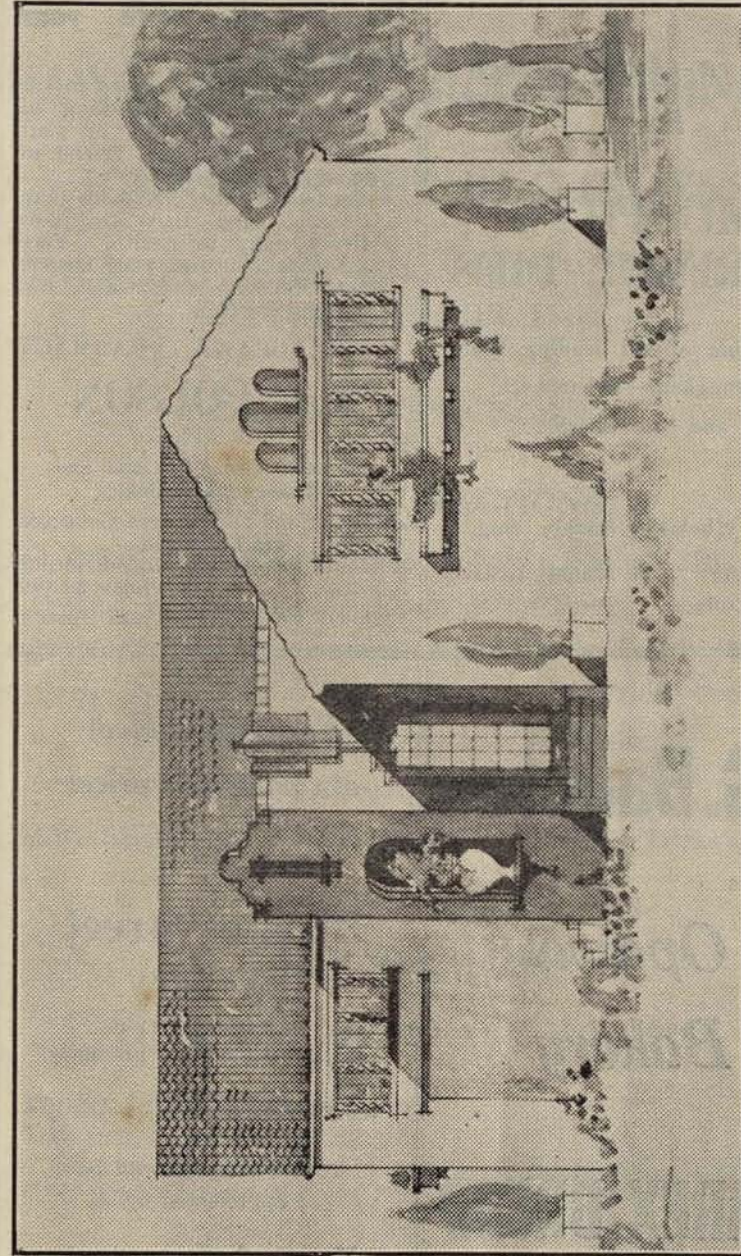
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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1936**

7 p.m.—Community Sing.

7.30 p.m.—Merry Makers' Concert Party.

8.30 p.m.—Hockey Match on Skates.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Novelty Items.

Side Shows and Novelty Items all the evening.

Ladies are in attendance at the Tea Tent:—Supper 8—11.  
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7.30 p.m.—Carl and his Merrymakers.  
8.30 p.m.—Finals Hockey Tournament.  
9.30 p.m.—Dance Novelty Items.  
10 p.m.—Hidden Treasure will be dug up.

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Ladies are in attendance at the Tea Tent:—Supper 8—11.

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The Organisers feel that the success of their efforts up to the present, are in a large measure due to the courteous and generous co-operation they have received from the above business firms and private supporters.

The Merry Makers' Concert Party recently played to record audiences at the Timaru Beach Carnival, and were acclaimed the Best Party to ever appear on that Beach.

The following well-known artists comprise the party:—Misses Edna Harrison, Lottie Colville, Heather Wright; Messrs Carl Morris, Reg. Lamb, Eddie Hegan, Dave McGill, and Bert Goodland.

As Organisers to the Opawa Public Library Carnival, we wish to extend our thanks for the favourable treatment received.

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The thanks of the Opawa Library Committee are due to the Swimming Club for their offer to hold a Swimming Carnival at the Opawa Baths in aid of the Library Funds on Saturday, March 7, 1936, at 2.30.

It is our earnest wish for a large attendance at this carnival.

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In aid of Opawa Public Library, Opawa Bath,  
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February 7, 1936.

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As organisers of the forthcoming carnival at Johnson's Picnic Grounds we appeal to the general public to support this effort and make the carnival the huge success it deserves.

Yours faithfully,  
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*Supplement to the Opawa Public Library Gazette*

## EDITORIAL

Owing to the short time at our disposal and the necessity for the early publication of the "Gazette" it was not possible to embrace all features and information. Since going to press we are however in the position to state that the Hon. D. G. Sullivan, M.P., will officially open the Carnival at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 13th. Splendid progress reports have been received and it is anticipated that this, the biggest, brightest and best Carnival ever attempted in Opawa, will, with your support and encouragement, also be the biggest success.

No amount of thought, time, effort and

money has been spared to make the Carnival worth while. We are doing our part, we now look to you.

EDITOR.

## AN APPRECIATION

We are much indebted to the Hon. D. G. Sullivan and those who were associated with him on the Council for their efforts on our behalf. Although it will have taken six years to



achieve our object, Mr Sullivan was ever ready to support our claims and as soon as the financial position improved he made a definite promise that the Library would be established, this promise is now to be fulfilled. As Mr Sullivan vacates the Mayoral chair, through the pressure of parliamentary duties owing to his elevation to ministerial rank, he will have something tangible in the district, in which he resides, to remind him of one of his last acts as Mayor of the City, on behalf of the residents of Opawa who in turn say, "Thank you," and "Congratulations."

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## PROGRESS OPAWA

In presenting the first edition of the "Opawa Library Gazette" we do so with a view to stimulating interest in the district, particularly in regard to the erection and successful functioning of the Opawa public library. There is no necessity to stress the need for such a public building, the point is quite obvious, as borne out by the fact that residents at the present time have to go far afield for their literature. This of course has been forced upon them by circumstances. By the erection of our own library this stigma on the district will be removed.

Opawa is one of the oldest residential areas, but the last to be possessed of its own library.

Your Burgesses' Association, who initiated the scheme, followed up by

the Library Committee, have rendered valuable services to the district. In an attempt to raise sufficient funds to equip and stock the library, a three days carnival is being held in Johnson's picnic grounds, Clarendon Terrace, on February 13th, 14th, and 15th. We make no apologies in appealing to you for assistance. The library is a community institution, and can function only to the extent of the support accorded to it by the community. We therefore urge you to get behind those who are rendering voluntary service on your behalf, give them that support and encouragement which is their due so that the library may be worthy of the name and district.

EDITOR.

## LIBRARY NOTES

The suggestion that a public library should be erected in Opawa was first made at a meeting of the Opawa-Hillsborough Burgesses' Association on June 10, 1929.

At a subsequent meeting it was decided to write to the Christchurch City Council asking for a sum to be placed on the estimates. No immediate promise was made, but the application was renewed from time to time, and deputations also waited upon the Council. In the meantime the Association, through Mr T. W. West, negotiated with Mr A. W. Minson, who made a generous gift of a splendid site at the corner of Richardson Terrace and Opawa Road. It was not until 1934 that something in the nature of a promise was made, but owing to financial difficulties at that time the grant was not placed on the estimates until 1935.

The Opawa-Hillsborough Burgesses' Association convened a meeting on October 9th, 1934, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of erecting the building and equipping it. About thirty residents attended, and a provisional library committee was formed, the chairman being Mr F. H. Dephoff, secretary Mr H. Jackson, treasurer Mr J. Evans. Mesdames Ray, Sullivan, Dephoff and Wilkie, Rev. G. N. Watson, Dr. E. H. H. Taylor, Messrs Wicks, Bryce, Adcock, Ray, Jarden, West, Sullivan, Ludecke, O. M. Miller. Organisers, Messrs L. W. Adams and C. Coates.

Since that date monthly meetings have been held, and a good deal of spade-work accomplished, as the following account will show. The previous City Council had given a definite undertaking to erect a library on the site, and in March, 1935, two

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representatives of the Council, Mr J. Mathison and Mr V. Hean, the city architect, met the provisional committee in the Methodist schoolroom.

At this meeting several plans were considered, one being unanimously approved, as it seemed so appropriate for its purpose and to the situation. This plan was drawn by Mr V. Hean, and I think you will all agree when you see the illustration, although somewhat modified to keep within the limits of the estimates, that it is an admirable one. Provision is made for a large room 36 ft. by 18 ft., with shelves round the walls for four or five thousand books. If necessary accommodation in the form of "islands" for two or three thousand extra books can be added. In addition there is a smaller room about 16 ft. by 12 ft. for a reading room, as well as a store room and conveniences.

Before the last City Council election the secretary wrote to the then opposing party asking what would be their attitude, if elected, towards the promised grant for the library. In reply it was stated that any arrangement made by the previous

Council would be honoured. As matters turned out this was a good move, because otherwise the new Council, faced with problems of reducing the rates, might have postponed the building for an indefinite period.

However, in August of last year a letter was received from the City Council giving a definite promise that the building would be commenced in January, 1936, and completed in April or May.

In the meantime the committee faced with the problem of stocking and equipping the new library, has not been idle. It has to date, by means of various functions and gifts, raised a fair sum of money. Most of this has been raised privately by individual members of the committee; but this is only a fraction of what will be needed for books alone. It is to be hoped that all the residents of the district will co-operate to make this carnival a success, so that by the time the building is ready we will have in hand the means of adequately stocking and appropriately equipping it.

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An breecks ees made from dees  
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**BEAUTIFUL OPAWA**

The following letter, culled from one of the local newspapers, makes interesting reading, and can well bear repetition:—

To the Editor.

Sir,—In my youthful days Opawa was my home. I thought then, and think now, that Christchurch cannot show a more pleasing or attractive suburb. In those earlier days many notable people made their homes in Opawa, and vied with each other in adding to the natural attractions of the locality by means of attractive gardens and fine dwellings. It is difficult to understand why, and how, Fendalton supplanted Opawa. At Fendalton there is no satisfying outlook, many of the streets are narrow, many of them very crooked, and the distance from the city Square is greater. Yet Fendalton somehow caught on. Of course, a number of the old Opawa residents have gone the way of all flesh; but how is it that the descendants did not carry on? When one thinks of the fine people who plied the church on Sundays one can hardly help regretting the past. The many fashionably-dressed and beautiful women; the well-known and capable men folk, many of whom did admirable service for this Dominion, were devoted supporters of the conveniently situated church. Often, in fine weather, when early for church, the writer would walk down to the river and watch that fine old colonist the late Mr H. P. Murray-Aynsley rowing down from his picturesque

home under the hills, with his family in the boat as passengers, on their way to church. Where are the people who once seemed to be permanent residents of Opawa? What has become of the Edward Richardsons, the Murray-Aynsleys, the Strange Williams, the E. S. Costers, the Waites, the Reeves family, the Tabarts, the T. M. Hassells, the Thomsons, the Harleys, the Ensors, the Emblings, the Willis family, the Earles, and many others? Or, to put it differently, what caused the descendants to desert? Beautiful surroundings, good garden soil, a beautiful background of hills and the Heathcote River, at its widest and most attractive part, would seem to rate Opawa as the most attractive suburb of Christchurch. The old-time residents seemed to enjoy life, and their mode of life typified ample means. The writer can remember the late Mrs E. S. Coster driving her two little Shetland ponies, in a little low carriage, on her way to the city; and men like Joshua Strange Williams, the Hon. William Reeves, and T. M. Hassall walking daily to the city. Though Opawa does not now attract people of distinguished eminence, it does appeal to capable people of good standing and comfortable means. With so many advantages, the wonder is that those who are lovers of the picturesque have not discovered the advantages of beautiful Opawa.

I am, etc.,

THEN AND NOW.

**THE RIVER HEATHCOTE**

The Heathcote is a small tidal river about ten miles in length. It rises near Tai Tapu, and flows eastwards along the foot of the Port Hills into the Estuary. Here it is joined by

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The Heathcote is a slow winding river because it has very little fall, and therefore its bed is not covered

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with shingle and boulders. In summer time the Heathcote gets most of its water from springs, but in winter it is also fed by rains. A number of small tributaries flow into the Heathcote, mostly from the valleys in the hills, and the soil and clay brought down by these are deposited partly on the "mud-flats" and partly at the mouth, where they help to form "a bar," but most of the clay is carried out to sea, and gradually sinks to the bottom.

The Heathcote drains the districts of Cashmere, Opawa, Woolston, and Heathcote. Various industries have been started along the banks of the river, the chief of which are wool-washing, tanning, and the making of gelatine.

In olden times the Heathcote was very different from what it is now. The Port Hills were then covered with

bush, which meant more water, and therefore a larger river. Great swamps stretched out in many places from the present banks, and they were full of flax, raupo, toi-toi, and rushes, where the Maoris used to fish for eels. Many people believe that the present bed of the Heathcote is one of the old beds of the Waimakariri, on account of the high and wide terraces about Cashmere. Only a very large river could have formed them or required so much space.

(Note.—Within recent years the Heathcote River and its banks have been considerably improved, but as yet they fall far short of being perfect. Every effort should be made to free the river of pollution, and continue the good work so that the Heathcote will vie with the Avon in beauty and attractiveness.—Editor.)

**"MUD MAGIC THROUGH THE AGES"**

(Written for Opawa Library Magazine.)

Residents in the Opawa district which, with the hills surrounding it, has been the home of the brickmaking industry in Christchurch, may find a certain amount of interest in the following small article on the history of bricks. No small part has been played in the development of Christchurch by the brick and clay industry, which has always had its home in Opawa and the surrounding hills. It is pleasing to know that the social development of the district is still going on, and the latest and most necessary movement is the establishing of a library at Opawa, which is sure to be welcomed and appreciated by the residents.

The oldest living things in the world are trees, and the oldest man-made things in existence are bricks. There are bricks in the world to-day

that were made 5200 years ago, the date of their manufacture has been authoritatively identified by the inscription on the bricks. Long before their discovery men had been making brick by drying roughly moulded clay and baking it in the tropical sun.

The oldest brick of this type of which we have accepted record, date back to 3500 B.C. These have been unearthed in Ur, the ancient Chaldean capital in Mesopotamia. There Abraham was born. They were used for all types of construction, homes, temples, and defensive city walls.

Recently in the valley of the Indus River, ancient Sumerian territory, have been discovered remarkable examples of early brickwork, believed to be more ancient than any in Ur or Babylon.

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Brickwork in Babylonia reached perhaps its greatest excellence during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, who made bricks by the million. He practically rebuilt Babylon, and surrounded the city with massive walls. These bricks were all lightly burned, and in keeping with the royal fashion each bore an inscription identifying the dynasty under which it was made.

It was in the banqueting hall of the palace at Babylon that Belshazzar read the handwriting on a brick wall. And just outside the ancient city limits of Ur are the ruins of a big brick pyramid, held by some archaeologists to be the remains of the Tower of Babel, where developed the confusion of tongues and probably the birth of languages.

The history of brick making is a story of "Mud Magic Through the Ages"; there is romance in the story of burned dry bricks, the most nearly indestructible thing man has been able to produce.

It seems altogether probable that the Romans learned to make brick in Egypt, as their use of rick came later. Roman invaders carried the art of brickmaking into Germany, France, and the British Isles.

The earliest brickwork in England dates from about 44 A.D.

Little Wenham Hall, in Suffolk, the oldest existing brick dwelling in England was built in 1260 A.D. Brickwork and masonry received their greatest impetus in England in 1666 after the great fire in London.

But at the back of it all has endured one dominant principle, the purifying effectiveness of fire.

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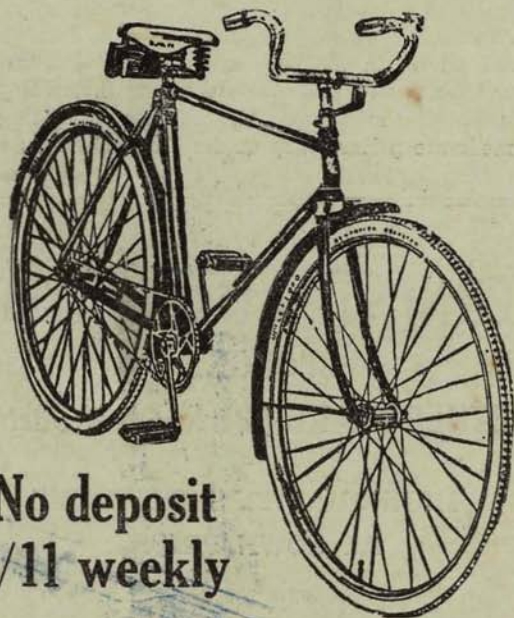
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