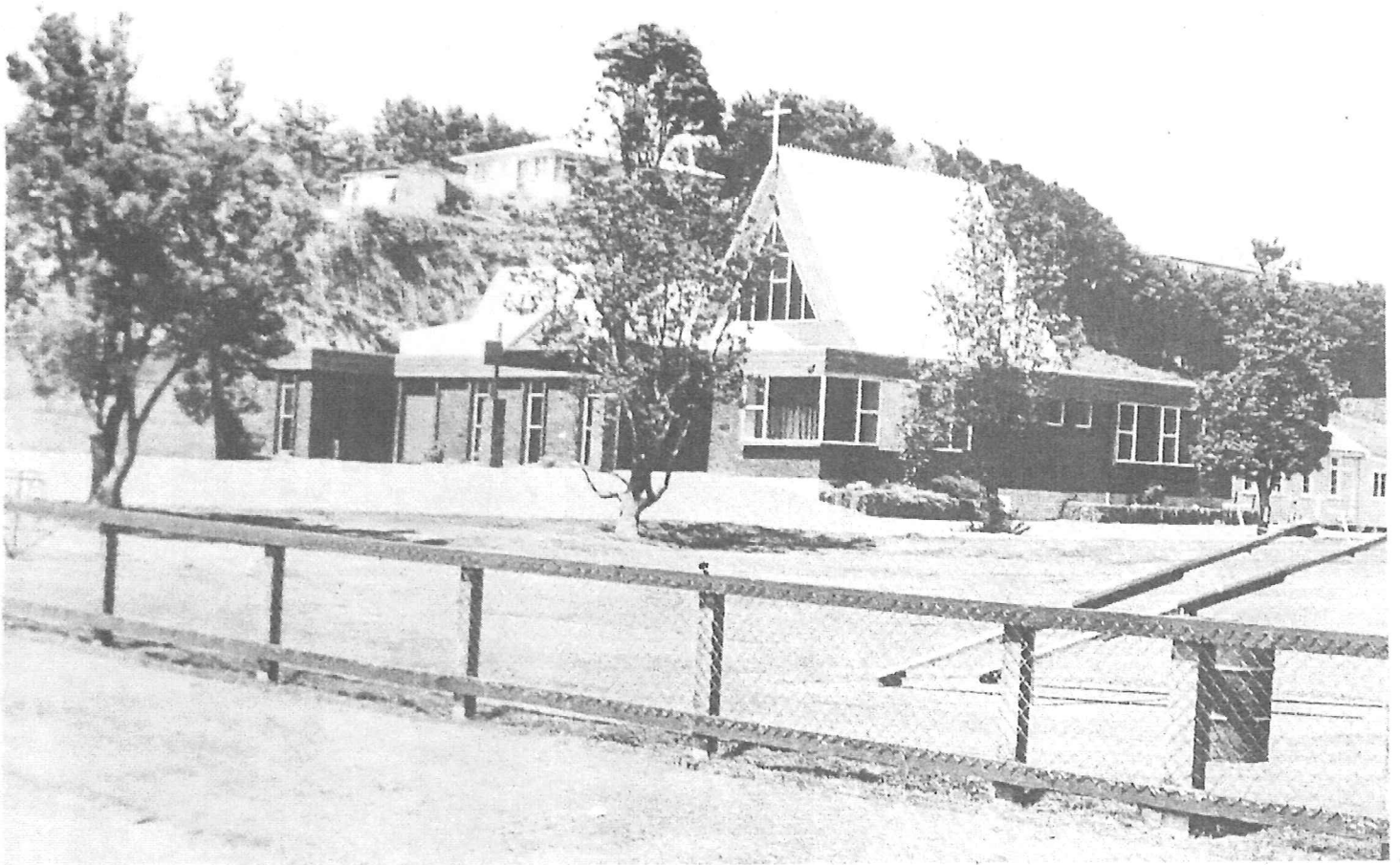


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On Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6, 1983, members of the parish of St James' Presbyterian Church in Lawry Street, New Plymouth, will welcome back former ministers and hopefully a large gathering of former fellow parishioners for the celebration of the church's 30th anniversary.

St James' Church was a comparative latecomer to an already partially established pastoral scene. The story begins as early as 1927 when a small group of children began to meet regularly for Sunday School lessons in a lunch shed at Moturoa School. These children continued to meet in this way until 1940 when a site for a permanent facility was

acquired in Lawry Street.

The Sunday School was built and dedicated in 1943. For 10 years services were conducted in the hall by a succession of retired ministers; then in 1953 the first resident minister was inducted. He was the Rev Angus Ross. Ross was followed in 1961 by the Rev

Murray Hall, whose place was taken in turn in 1969 by the present minister, the Rev Des Turnbull.

A new church centre was opened in 1979 and there are now more than 500 families under pastoral care.

The anniversary cele-

brations next March will include an afternoon gathering on the Saturday, followed by an evening dinner and an anniversary service on the Sunday morning.

Enrolment forms may be obtained by writing to Miss Margaret Tilley, PO Box 6040, New Plymouth.

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