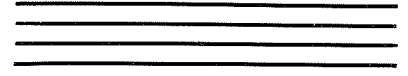


Early Auroa (about 1900)



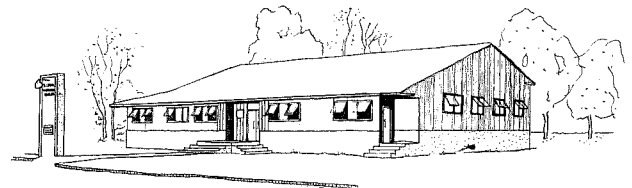
# Official Opening

OF THE

## Auroa War Memorial Hall



Saturday, March 3rd, 1956



Sketch of the New Hall

EKDAHL, HAWERA: 56/298

*Souvenir Programme*

## Order of Procedure for Official Opening

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7.30 COMMUNITY SING - - Leader:  
Accompanist: Mrs. I. J. Crawford

8.00 THE PIPING IN of the Hon. E. B. Corbett, M.P. and the  
Official Party, by THE AUROA HIGHLAND PIPE BAND.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.



## Opening Ceremony

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Welcome to Visitors and Opening Remarks.

MR. S. W. BAILEY - - - - Chairman of The Memorial Hall  
Board.

### Speeches from Representatives

MR. I. H. FINDLAY - - - Chairman of the Carnival Com-  
mittee.

MR. E. R. HASTIE - - - - Chairman Waimate West County  
Council.  
Representative of the Taranaki  
Education Board.

MR. T. HOOPER - - - - - Representing the People of the  
District.

MR. R. DUFF - - - - - Representing the former Auroa  
Public Hall Society.

*MR. G. SPENCE*  
MR. T. H. ROBINS - - - - Secretary of the Memorial Hall  
Board and Representing the  
R.S.A. *CONTRACTOR*

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## Official Opening of the "Auroa War Memorial Hall"

— BY —

THE HON. E. B. CORBETT, M.P.

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Five Minutes Interval.

# Concert Programme

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## Accompanists:

Mesdames G. W. Corbett, Patea; A. K. Fyson and I. J. Crawford, Hawera.

Stage Manager: Mr. Reg. Duff.

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## INSTRUMENTAL TRIOS—

Mesdames C. Fyson, M. Thompson and O. Ward

“On Wings of Song”

*Mendelssohn*

“Sligo Dance Tune”

*Eric H. Thiman*

Mr. TIM LAWSON, Wanganui—

“The Holy City”

*Stephen Adams*

“Ave Maria”

*Schubert*

Mrs. MARGARET THOMPSON, Hawera—

“I Heard a Robin Singing”

*Conrad Leonard*

“I Love You So” (from ‘The Merry Widow’) *Franz Lehar*

Miss MARY MORRISON, Patea—

“All Packed Up in My Little Bottom Drawer”

“The Biggest Aspidistra in the World”

## INSTRUMENTAL TRIO—

Mesdames C. Fyson, M. Thompson and O. Ward

“Palera” (Spanish Dance)

*E. Granados*

Mr. TIM LAWSON—

“The Farmer’s Pride”

*Leslie Coward*

“I Love Life”

*Mana-Zacca*

Mesdames MARGARET THOMPSON and OLGA WARD—

Vocal Duets

“April Morn”

*Robert Batten*

“The Garden of Your Heart”

*Francis Dorel*

## MAORI CHOIR

Miss MARY MORRISON—

“You Can’t Get a Man with a Gun”

from ‘Annie Get your Gun’

“The Gypsy Warned Me”

## O.M.O. MAORI CONCERT PARTY—

LEADER:—Mr. & Mrs. Rongonui

ACTION SONG:—Hoki Hoki Tonu Mai Haere Mai

POI:—Manu Rere

HAKA:—Whaka Rongo

FINALE—“Poata rau (Now is the Hour)”

## "The March of Time . . ."

AT the turn of the century Auroa's early pioneers required a place to foregather, discuss their problems and enjoy some relaxation from their arduous labours of breaking in a new, untamed but fertile countryside, — and so the original Auroa Hall was built, in the shadow of Mount Egmont, at about £100; — which throws into relief the price of progress — (this new Memorial Hall costing about £10,000). In those early days, the roads and bush tracks were mud, and transport, in the main, was bullock drays and horses.

Tonight, just over half a century later, we speed here from all parts of Taranaki on fine macadam roads in our modern stream-lined motor cars unthought of 50 years ago. Gone are the bullock drays and horses. And so 'The March of Time' brings — some sad, some glad, — but all Proud Memories for the Settlers and present residents of this District.



## Appreciation . . .

THE Hall stands as a Memorial to our Boys who gave their lives for their country, and will also be a lasting tribute to the co-operation and warm community spirit of the people of Auroa and District.

It is impossible to mention and thank individually every person and organisation whose generous efforts have resulted in the rebuilding and opening of "The Auroa War Memorial Hall."