

Demolition of church

The old Wesley Church in Rata Street, Inglewood, is being demolished. The site has been purchased by the Post and Telegraph Department and will house an automatic telephone exchange serving the Inglewood district.

The Inglewood Borough Council and the Inglewood Jaycees have sought an exchange for several years. Three years ago the Mayor, Mr. R. W. Brown, led a delegation seeking the building. The council was told that steps were being taken by the department to purchase a suitable site but it could not proceed further with the plan until it had bought the land.

Mr. Brown said today that he did not know when the department intended to erect the exchange, but if the council had anything to do with the building it would be "very soon."

The church was built when Inglewood was only a rough clearing in the bush. Photographs in the library show that the area was strewn with felled trees and stumps. The section was purchased a year before the establishment of the town in 1875. The front part of the church was not added until 1895.

About 50 years ago the Primitive Methodist Church united with the Wesley Church and used the church, demolishing its own building. The timber is excellent, much of it being heart rimu and matai. It will be auctioned.

The section is to be cleared by June 30.

PATEA NEWS

Producer takes over role in sparkling comedy

Until last Friday John Rough was the producer of the Patea Players' comedy, "Love's A Luxury." Then he had to take over a major role as Charles Pentwick, a prosperous theatrical manager. His polished performance contributed much to the success of the production, enjoyed by a capacity audience in Patea last night.

The first of two performances kept its audience chuckling continuously.

Capable were Bunty Knight, Rudi Mihal and Robin Condliffe. Other members of the well-rehearsed cast were June Mugeridge, Karl Berentzen, Lola Jones, Sus Stewart and Ming Fairweather.

HOSPITAL ESTIMATES

The £5310 budgeted for the Patea Hospital Board's capital account for the current year is £6000 on the estimates for 1950-51. This was stated by the secretary, Mr. M. J. Dorgan. He explained that the total for this year included only items on which firm commitments had been made.

Some items were still outstanding in the capital programme, and a new schedule would be prepared in August.

The maintenance estimate was

WAITARA NEWS

Fashion parade raises £51/9/6 for grandstand

A cheque for £51/9/6 for Waitara's proposed grandstand was handed to the Mayor, Mr. W. R. Yardley, by Mr. A. B. Cotter at the end of a "Fashion Fiesta" in the Waitara war memorial theatre last night.

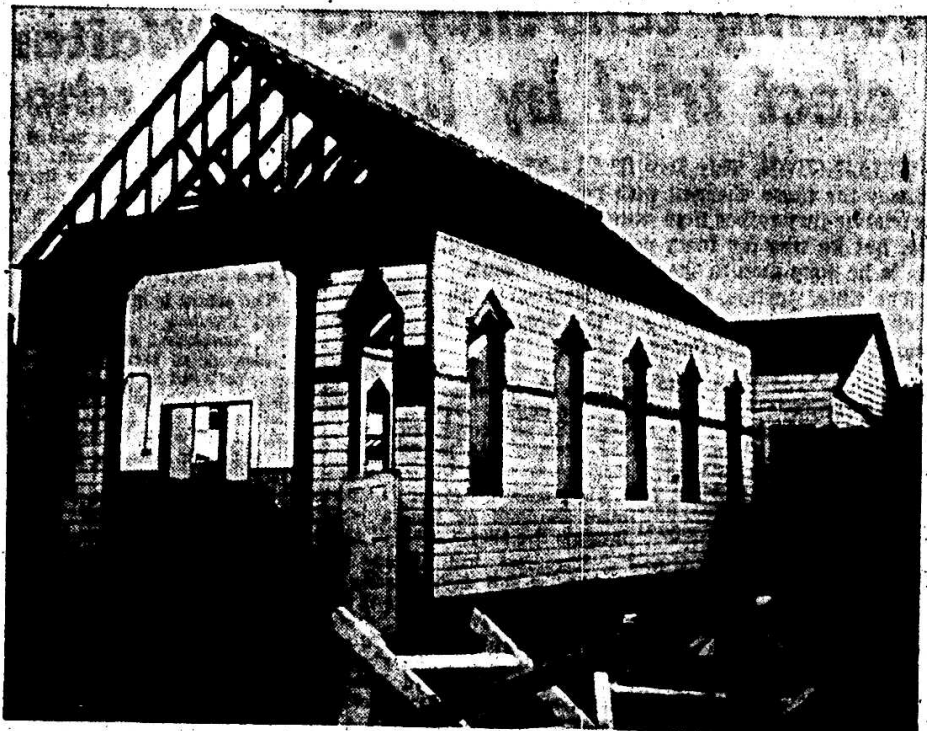
The parade was attended by more than 200 people. Latest trends in men's clothing were shown by Messrs. G. McKenzie (Wellington), W. B. Anderson (Wellington), H. Kitchingman and T. Waite (Stratford) and P. Kettle and M. Foley (Waitara). Six-year-old Ian Appleby modelled boys' outfits and Lorraine Croftskey showed beachwear.

Knitwear, lounge and dinner suits, shorts, underwear and bathing suits were displayed. Features of the parade were clothes worn in earlier decades and a brief preview of next summer's styles.

Local artists who gave items included the Hi-Glows, Lew Fryms, the Harmonisers and the Watson family. The comper was Mr. C. Blythe.

much the same as for last year. The account had been allotted £64,030. No loan proposals had been signified in the estimates.

The board ended the year with a slight surplus in both accounts in spite of wage increases and the cost of operating a boiler 24 hours a day. The maintenance credit was £236 and the capital account was £1309 below the estimates.



A LINK WITH INGLEWOOD'S PAST, the old Wesley church in Rata Street, the back portion of which was built in 1876, only a year after Inglewood was established as a town, is being demolished.