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KUROW RUGBY CLUB AGM:

December 6th, 8pm @ Kurow Rugby Club Rooms.

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KUROW MARKET DAY:

Is now being held by the Memorial Hall on Gordon Street. For any queries please email **kurowfestival@gmail.com**

WAITAKI VALLEY CALENDAR:

The 2023 Waitaki Valley Calendar is now available for purchase at the Kurow Info Centre and Feliz. These are sold as a fundraiser for the Kurow Museum and are \$20 each including an A4 envelope.

CLEANER REQUIRED:

The Kurow Museum is looking for a cleaner for approximately 2 hours a month. If you are interested please phone Gaynor **021 362 181** or John **021 355 172**

HAKATARAMEA CEMETRY TRUST:

We the Hakataramea Cemetery Trust Committee are applying for Community Funds from Meridian. This is to carry out some maintenance and preservation work reinstating headstones, repairing and replacing damaged plots and engraving on headstones.

We want to do this to preserve the history of people who have lived and worked in the Hakataramea Valley and to continue making the Cemetery a pleasant well cared for place for families to visit.

Our work on the Committee is voluntary and we want to establish a yearly plan that is functionable and achievable for current and following members to continue providing timely and exemplary service caring for our families resting place.

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Elaine Simpson Grant wrote the following account around 2016. It has been edited in length for inclusion in the next two issues of The Bugle. (Part 2)

During the war, there was rationing; coupons were issued to all families; petrol; sugar; butter and clothing. And those things could only be bought with these coupons. Most of my clothes Gran made, with many of them made out of mum's old cast-offs. Petrol was a bother, but folk did not go far anyway. Most able-bodied men were called up if they were 36 and under. Older men than that had to volunteer. I learnt to sew on Gran's old treadle machine while my grandparents were still on the farm. When I was in Form 1, we had sewing and cookery classes. I remember making a skirt and drafting the pattern.

My grandparents left the farm the year before the high wool prices came. They came out with very little. At first, they stayed with us. They bought a hut and slept in that beside our house. Later they rented a tiny cottage in Kurow township underneath the hill. When I started work, they shifted to another place on the main street and bought a small place in Bledisloe Street. It had power but was very basic and still had a coal range.

Having no brothers or sisters, I had to amuse myself. No other kids lived close by. Above us lived Mr and Mrs Cochrane, elderly folk. A bit further between them and the farm lived an old bachelor, a recluse called Mark Cochrane. Sometimes we would take him some scones or pikelets. I remember once we took paper cakes. The next time we saw him, he said, "*those were pretty good but were a bit tough on the outside.*" He had eaten the paper as well

Down beside the hospital lived a family called Campbell. Dougal worked on the roads and drove a grader. Phyllis thought herself a real lady (but she was nice). They had a son several years older than me. He had a beaut sledge and gave me his old one. I was over the moon and started on the low run but soon graduated to the top slope. Lots of grazed knees, but it was great fun. His mum shot herself one day but did not make an excellent job. She lived.

After the R.S.A. came up and helped connect our house to the town water supply, Gran Ashton (née Simpson, she was married twice) gave mum the money to connect power to the house. Only the lights and plugs, but it was great to boil a jug and make toast without having to use the range. We also had an electric radio; no frig (*sic*), and great to do embroidery and read without having to peer.

As I got older, I got 30 rabbit traps. And set these round the paddock. I would go around them at night, re-set and did a round in the morning. (I was only 5 min away from the school.) I would get them and hang them on the fence for the rabbit truck to collect. In those days, hares were best at 5 shillings a pair. While granddad lived with us, he would sometimes give me a hand. I also went shooting, but you had to skin and stretch onto wires and dry. That was because they had holes in the pelt. Bought myself an overcoat with my first rabbit money.

I always made tree huts, dug new vegetables, and fought the rabbits. In autumn, Grandad and I would go up the paddock and burn off the gorse and matagouri so the grass would come away better in spring. We loved that fire lighting. Perhaps we were arsonists at heart. The creek I loved - made dams to deepen the holes so I could swim. But water usually dried up after Christmas. Bird nesting. Also, in season picking wild fruit.

I got my only bike (second-hand) when I was in form 1. We learnt cooking and had to go a mile to the classroom down in the township. Boys did woodwork there, too. Having a bike was great as I could go and see other girls at the weekend. Before, I had to walk over the hills to see a second cousin in the next gully and up the Awakino road.

I did learn to play the piano as I was growing up and even played extras at dances. Just the slow tunes; I never really got on top of the quickstep. I preferred to sing but did not get the chance to learn. I did sing at a couple of concerts and once sang on the radio in Dunedin. Also, remember doing two songs at the end of the war concert. Sang "*Coming in on a wing*

and a prayer" and *"I threw a kiss in the ocean"*. Often sang with the dance band at local hops. When mum played on a Sat, I would often go to the movies (usually with Lorraine) and then go round to the hall and wait for mum. Dances usually finished no later than 1am. Grandad was usually doorman whenever they had a function.

We played a lot of cards. Grandad loved crib, and he was hard to beat. Most people played euchre. We had a jar of pennies and would go to Cochrane's and play poker on a Friday night. Bill Cochrane was a cook during the war, and his wife Mavis was a great baker.

I went to Sunday school and bible class - mostly under protest but more for social outings than completely ruined my shoes (fun, though.) Worst thing I ever did as a child. On Friday nights, we always went to Kurow in the car. Mum would pick up Gran and Grandad, and we would go down the street. Grandad would sit on a windowsill with other old guys and chat. I was always full of beans (showing off, I guess) jumping around – gave him a push, and he went through the big glass plate window of Robertson's storeroom. Didn't hurt himself, luckily. Don't know who paid to have it fixed. Guess it was insured.

Sylvia lived in the family home until 1954, when she sold and moved to the township. (This was after we got married.) She bought a small house next to my grandparents in Bledisloe St. Stan built a sunporch and did a kitchen, porch, and toilet. Did up the bathroom also. This was the first time she had an electric range and a frig (*sic*). Also washing machine. She had trouble with depression and had to have treatment several times. Gran Ashton (dad's mother) shouted her a holiday trip to Australia to stay with Jack's younger sister, Rene.

Mary died first. I was married by then. Reggie was in his 88th year when he passed away in his sleep in 1960.

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Location: Kurow Rugby Club Rooms**

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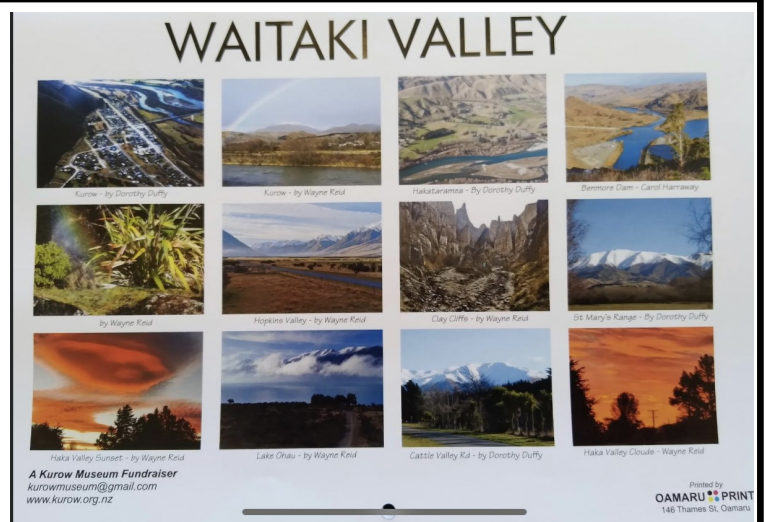
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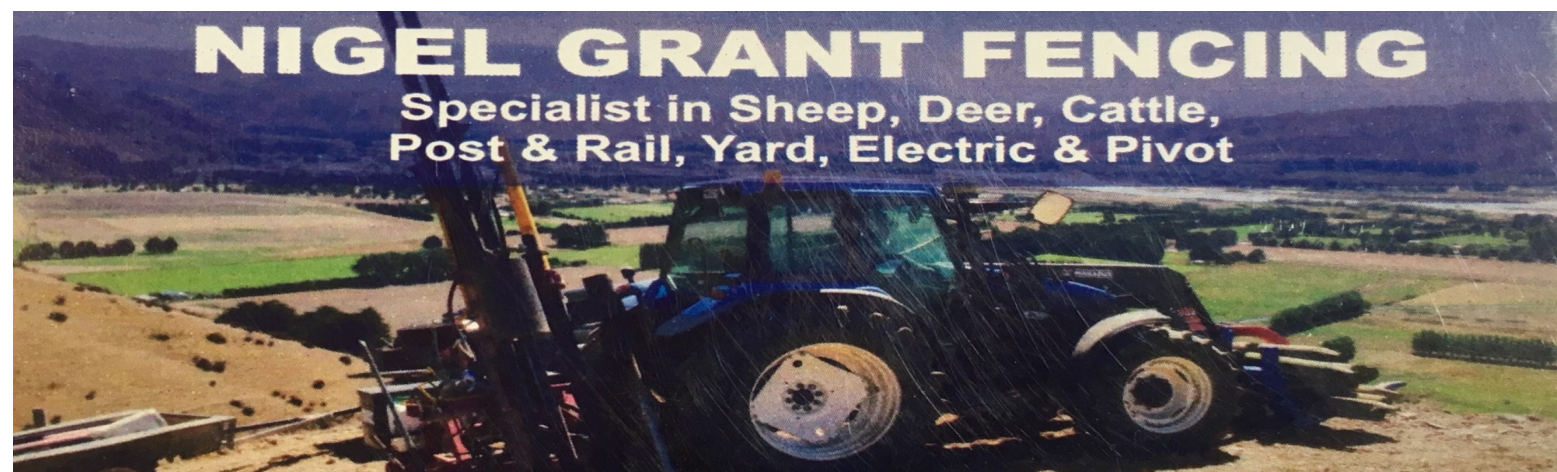
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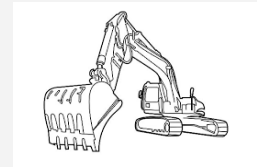




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