

KAPITI BRANCH N.Z.S.G.
New Zealand Society of Genealogists
P.O. Box 6, Paraparaumu

Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,
Tararua Street, Paraparaumu
4th Wednesdays of months
January to November at 7.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME

Feb. 23rd	"Somes Island"	Richard Anderson
Mar. 22nd	"War Graves"	Margaret Marks
Apr. 26th	"Alexander Turnhull Photos"	Joan McCracken
May 24th	"Salt Lake City"	John Weston
Jun. 28th	"An Introduction to Film Archives"	Steve Russell

NOTICES

Members are advised that there is going to be a genealogy display in the local libraries between 6th and 25th March.

This new format is due to your new editor experimenting with an updated computer programme. She starts her Senior Net course tomorrow and hopefully once this is completed will improve. Thanks go to Dennis Hicks, the former editor, and best wishes for his future.

The list of the Committee for the year appears on the back page of this newsletter.

Supper Helpers

To assist the Committee will members please help with supper duties, particularly the serving and washing up.

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UPDATE RE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The court of Appeal finally heard the case and the decision went against the Society. While in a legal sense we didn't achieve what we set out to do, from a practical sense we have achieved a lot.

The idea of positioning National Archives in a Heritage & Cultural ofshoot of the Department of Internal Affairs was well and truly dead and buried before the election. There was a Minister appointed to be responsible for culture and heritage as well as National Archives. The Society's position as a major stakeholder had at last been recognised and we were invited to meet with the Minister and departmental officials.

With the change of Government there is a new minister responsible for Internal Affairs and there will be a fresh look taken at the role of National Archives in the 21st century and beyond.

The Society has made the point with politicians and government officials that National Archives is the memory of the nation, and that our Public Record Office will need to serve the public in order to meet their needs for historical research in the years ahead.

When the need is there to front up to a Select Committee and put forward the views of genealogists we will be there.

Our thanks to all genealogists who have supported Council in its efforts; the battle has been well worthwhile and we are confident that our views will be listened to over the next few years

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REMINDERS!!

Subscriptions are OVERDUE, and Shirley West is wailing to hear from members who have not paid up. \$ 15 single or \$25 double.. Unfinancial members please note this is your last newsletter

IF you have changed your address or phone number. PLEASE advise Barbara Humpage (at the sales table) as soon as possible.

The Young and the Old

Old folks know a lot more about being young than the young know about being old, but both have a great deal in common.

.Both age groups sometimes feel trapped by their age... manipulated by people who insist on making the rules for them... helpless and dependent on others...depressed because they don't know where they fit in... confused by the physical and mental 'stage they're going through'... and even unwanted

How can younger people make the elderly feel wanted?

1. DON'T PITY. Older people have *lived*. They know a lot more than they let on - including how to tell when someone is 'just putting up with them'. They don't need pity. They need to feel appreciated, important to you....
2. PAY ATTENTION. Remember when you were a bratty kid when grandparents... fussed over you? Why not return some of that attention? A little time and effort can be the greatest gift you can ever give them, helping with heavy shopping or reading bus timetables. Or an offer to drop in and do errands.
3. BE INTERESTED. They have experienced so much that is now history, so learn to ask the right questions and *listen!* Family questions are very useful for budding genealogists. Get your grandparents to draw up a family tree now. In all to a short time you will find *you* are the Older Generation, thinking of all the questions you wished you had asked *your* grandparents.

Adapted from "The Tablet's" article on Christian Family Life

