

Stout Research Centre Residents

Biographical notes

WENDY POND took up her J.D. Stout Fellowship in May. She is pursuing her interest in bicultural science and is focusing on Maori and Pakeha interpretations of New Zealand insects with particular reference to Northland. She is at present in Hawaii where she is studying the Bishop Museum's collections of Polynesian insects.

BILL RENWICK, senior research fellow, has completed the editing of the papers given at the 1990 Stout Conference, which were published by Victoria University Press at the end of last year as *Sovereignty and Indigenous Rights: The Treaty of Waitangi in International Contexts*. Since then, he has written the entry on John Rutherford Blair for the second volume of *The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*; the introduction to *The Biography of an Idea* by C.E. Beeby; and the opening piece - 'Portrait of a Reforming Director' - for the *Festschrift* to honour Dr. Beeby on his 90th birthday. He continues to be active in international education and in June will complete his appraisal of distance education in the University of the West Indies for publication by The Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver.

ANN BEAGLEHOLE has taken up her Claude McCarthy Fellowship. She is writing a book (in co-operation with Dr. Hal Levine in the Anthropology Department) about the changing and diverse expressions of Jewish identity in New Zealand. It is based on interviews with Jews of widely differing backgrounds - religious and secular Jews as well as converts to Judaism; those who identify strongly as Jews and those whose Jewish identity is weak or almost non-existent; families who have been settled in New Zealand for two or three generations and more recent immigrants including people who have come to New Zealand as refugees fleeing persecution in Europe and post-war immigrants from South Africa the Soviet Union and Israel. The study examines the accommodations and adjustments made by people living in a community isolated from the larger centres of Jewish life. However, as there is considerable emigration of New Zealand Jews to such centres, one section of the study focuses on the lives of New Zealand Jews who are currently living in Australia and Israel.

WINIFRED BAUER returned to the Stout Centre in April for three months. During this time she has made the final revisions to her grammar of Maori, and is currently constructing the index. The camera-ready copy runs to 600 pages and, barring unforeseen mishaps, should be despatched to the London publisher, Routledge, before the end of June. It will appear in the *Routledge Descriptive Grammar Series*.

NELSON WATTIE is working as co-editor of 'The Oxford Companion to New Zealand Literature' and his office in the Stout Research Centre is the centre of activity for that project. In addition to editorial work he is also writing a large number of the entries himself, as are the other editors, Vincent O'Sullivan and Gillian Boddy. Nelson is also continuing his work on literary images of New Zealand, particularly in early fiction, and the two essays recently published as 'Stout Centre Occasional Papers I' are a spin-off from that project. He is revising and indexing his 800-page bibliography of New Zealand fiction to 1980, which is to be published in Germany, and is preparing a translation of selected poetry, essays and letters by Karl Wolfskehl.

IRMA SULKUNEN, a senior research fellow at the Academy of Finland and a teacher at the University of Helsinki recently spent seven weeks at the Stout Research Centre. She has wide-ranging research interests which focus on changes of social organisation and the gender system in the emergence of modern civil society and the national welfare state in Finland. Her interest in New Zealand is in the winning of the vote for women and whether similar social conditions in New Zealand and Finland had a bearing on the outcome.

BRAD PATTERSON is in his second year at the Centre. He is presently completing his extended study of the political economy of early New Zealand settlement, the particular focus being nineteenth century Wellington. He reports that progress is slow but steady, and that completion of a first draft of 'Wakefield, Wool and Waste Land' is expected around the end of 1992. Over the past twelve months interim reports have been published in a number of journals, the most recent in the present issue of the *Review*. A spin off from his work was last year's seminar on business archives and the writing of business history *Board Rooms and Balance Sheets: Recording New Zealand's Business Past*, jointly sponsored by ARANZ and the Stout Centre.

TONY SIMPSON, the social historian, will be working in the Stout Centre during May and June as the Reader's Digest PEN-SRC Fellow. During his stay he'll be completing work on a longstanding project on the occupation of Trieste by the New Zealand Division in 1945, and developing a research bibliography for a new project on immigration to New Zealand in the nineteenth century. He's also doing the final work on a monograph on the burning of the *Boyd* in Whangaroa in 1809, and will be presenting a seminar on historiographical aspects of this topic in the Stout Centre series in July.

W.L. Renwick

Stout Centre events

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are available for purchase from the Stout Research Centre (VUW, Box 600, Wellington):

Biography in New Zealand

Jock Phillips (ed). Allen & Unwin/Port Nicholson Press. ISBN 0 86861 530 7105pp.\$12.50

American Connection

Malcolm McKinnon (ed). Allen & Unwin/Port Nicholson Press. ISBN 0 86861 651 6. Paperback, A5,153pp. \$16.00

Migration & N.Z. Society.

The proceedings of the 1989 Stout Centre Conference. ISBN 0-475-11006-4.A4, 142pp. \$12.00

Australia-New Zealand: Aspects of a Relationship

The proceedings of the 1991 Stout Centre Conference. ISBN 0-475-11010-2. A4, 272pp. \$12.00

New Worlds? The Comparative History of N.Z. & U.S.

Jock Phillips (ed). The Fulbright Seminars. ISBN 0 473 00869 6. Paperback, A5,176pp. \$16.00

Stout Centre Review

ISSN No. 1170-4616. Back numbers. \$5.00 each

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STOUT RESEARCH CENTRE CONFERENCE

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 August

'The bit in between'

Speakers at this year's conference will investigate aspects of the history, society and culture of New Zealand between the wars.

The Great Depression, as a prelude to the social changes of the later thirties and forties, has received much attention. What about the period which immediately preceded the Depression? Few people have made a study of the twenties, yet with a spell of three-party government, the establishment of marketing boards for primary produce, and the growth of women's organisations, it was a time of particular interest for today.

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Wednesday Seminars

1992: Fourth series

29 July

JANE McRAE

Seeking harmony through knowledge: a model for resolving conflict between Maori and Pakeha librarians

[Jane McRae is writing a thesis in the Department of Library and Information Studies. Her chapter on Maori literature appeared in *The Oxford History of New Zealand Literature* last year.]

5 August

GEORGE GIBBS

G.V. Hudson: Wellington's pioneer naturalist
[George Gibbs, entomologist at Victoria University, published *New Zealand Butterflies* in 1980. He was recently involved in establishing that certain high-country wetas in the West Coast and Otago were indeed new species.]

12 August

JENNIFER SHENNAN

*To make a stand:
dance posture in cultural context*

[Jennifer Shennan is well known for her tireless advocacy of dance as a teacher, reviewer and researcher. She is currently engaged in research on a wide variety of topics related to dance in New Zealand.]

19 August

MILES FAIRBURN

*Writing on ethno-history of a
colonial labourer's diary*

[Miles Fairburn has been editing the diary of W.J. Cox, a transient labourer. He recently published *The Ideal Society and its Enemies: The Foundations of Modern New Zealand Society, 1850-1900.*]

All seminars are held on
Wednesdays at 4.10 p.m.

at the
Stout Research Centre
12 Waiteata Road

Tea and coffee available from 3.45 p.m.