

THE GYMNASIUM



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BUILDING A MODEL GYMNASIUM

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With £2300 in hand, and a further £2200 needed, our gymnasium seemed likely to be built in 1971—supposing that Work Day contributions over the next four years were to bring in some £550 each.

To abbreviate what has been an apparently interminable period of waiting the Board of Managers decided that the time had come to call for special efforts by which to raise the balance sum of £2200 this year. With the formation of a Central Committee and separate committees of adults representing Blue, Green, Red and Yellow Houses, planning began.

Because the result of the Gymnasium Appeal is not finalised as we go to press, this is not the place to attempt a full summary of the hundreds of hours of thought and work which have been devoted to fund-raising.

Generous donations have been received from clubs, from business groups and from individuals. The list of campaign enterprises includes a beach gala, a variety concert, a copper trail; light bulbs and shoe laces have been sold; milk tokens have

been collected; various raffles and stalls organised. A debutante of the year contest, a model building-block project have been run; dances have been held; immunity cards and mystery envelopes sold.

The Appeal looks likely to have succeeded, and the School owes warm thanks to the many people who have given of their time and of their money to make the campaign worthwhile. In a time of uneasy local economic conditions, fund-raising has not been easy; but the determination and dedication of small groups of people have ensured a happy financial outcome.

It may be months yet before the Government subsidy of £9000 becomes available; it may be further months before construction begins; but one fact emerges—that Motueka High School will have a fine gymnasium built in 1967. Not only will our students benefit, but Motueka will then possess a valuable civic asset—a gymnasium which will also be available for use by the community.