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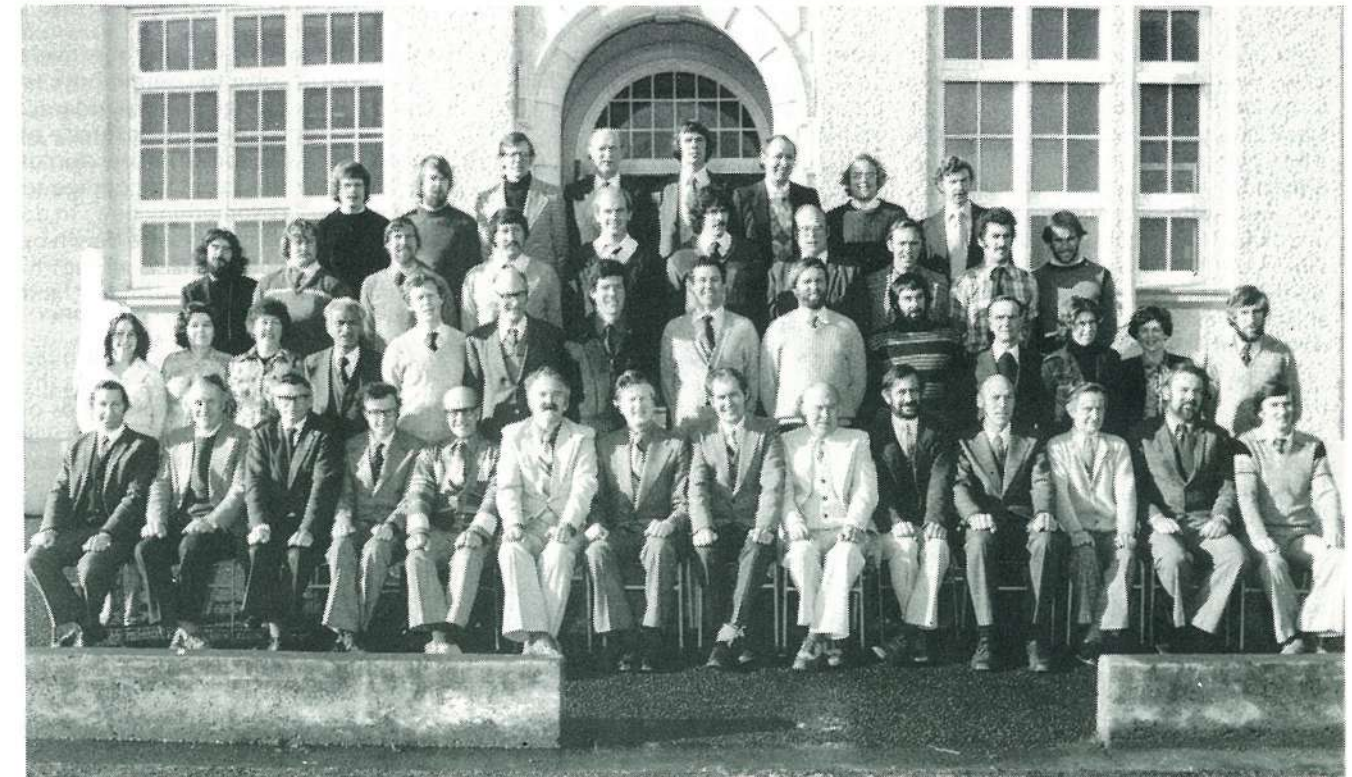
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THE HEADMASTER COMMENTS . . .

From the street we look very much as we have done for the last ten years: formidable and solid, the Old Hall crowned by the eye-taking Spaniard's white helmet with the trees before the Alexander block imperceptibly growing and softening the lines of the building. The discerning note the addition of three name boards which label Pridham Hall, the Cramond Wing and the Alexander block, but they are details only.

Inside, within the school proper, however, a great deal is happening and most of it is obvious. New buildings are rising on the sites of former buildings and the jaded insides of old buildings are being renovated.

Work began in May on the first two laboratories in the science block and the change is remarkable. No more cracked and leaking sinks and gas fittings — cross benches have gone forever. All the services — electricity, gas and water — are on peripheral fixed benches, and the new furniture rejoices in the name 'modular'. Small mobile benches can be grouped as the teacher wants and they fit snugly into the fixed benches down the long walls. No longer do shoes ring on bare floor boards, and convenient crevices and holes for stowing away useless pieces of paper and apple cores no longer exist. By Christmas the remaining laboratories will be similarly rejuvenated.

But more spectacular is the emergence of a new two-storeyed laboratory block, extending more than halfway down the site formerly occupied by Pridham House. Between it and the renovated Science block a boiler house will rise — and the new gas-fired boiler will heat both science blocks, the Cramond Wing and the Alexander block, with capacity sufficient to heat the new library planned to close in the rectangle made in part by the new extensions! The ugly old prefab cluttering that space will, of course, be removed.

And, if that weren't enough, the Department has at last acknowledged that the old gymnasium is inadequate and a New Plymouth architect is currently working on the plans of a modern full-sized gymnasium which we have been promised will be ready for the centennial celebrations in Easter 1982!

And there is more, but this catalogue will suffice. The staff and board are properly delighted and excited by the growth and there is no question that the school's service to the boys will be enhanced by these

things — but there is more subtle building going on which I hope is being noted both within the school and without.

Last November two groups of senior boys set about doing service for the school. One group collected facing stone from a local quarry, and the other, boarders in the main, from our Interact Club, set about raising money and working with parents and the school's ground staff installing new seating on the gully ground terraces. This year, their efforts have literally borne the school as boys and visitors sat to watch the rugby games against Collegiate and Hamilton. Their efforts have been a fine finishing touch to the



work begun in Bill Moyes's time when the terraced field was hewn out of a featureless, treeless gully. The facing stone early this year was set in place by board members around the garden plot near the bell tower. That plot now draws frequent and favourable comment and it is a group leader's sign-writing that points the way (on a sign post in that stone-faced plot) to a host of venues. Small scale building when measured against two-storeyed structures, but big when measured by the value they represent and by the pride and spirit of service that prompted them.

A school, in a sense, is traditionally a building industry: building character, skills, moral fibre, standards, talents, decency, pride, reputation and spirit. Few if any of my teaching colleagues would fail to agree that we are in the business of building the whole boy, and, while we would all acknowledge the much greater influence of the home and family for good or bad, the school certainly makes its contribution either by conscious commitment or by indifference and default. We are rarely accused of the latter and I like to believe, though it's no longer fashion-

able to say so, that we are collectively firm in our resolve to commit boys to live and work by high moral standards. I include among them: the exercise of conscience; the honest expression of joy and appreciation; the courage to take risks, to try something new; to do what is right and refuse to be drawn by the mob into doing what is wrong; to get involved in healthy projects, and so help others.

I am confident that we shall build curricula appropriate to meet the technological and economic needs of our evolving society. Horticulture will be added to our programme next year as Industrial Technology and Construction were added to the sixth form programme this year. We shall certainly acquire the computers which I and people of my generation may be in ignorance and awe of, but which the next generation cannot afford to be! What remains is the task of building character in young men resilient and flexible enough to cope. A task made difficult, not because the nature of boys today is so different, but because of the nature of the world we currently live in.

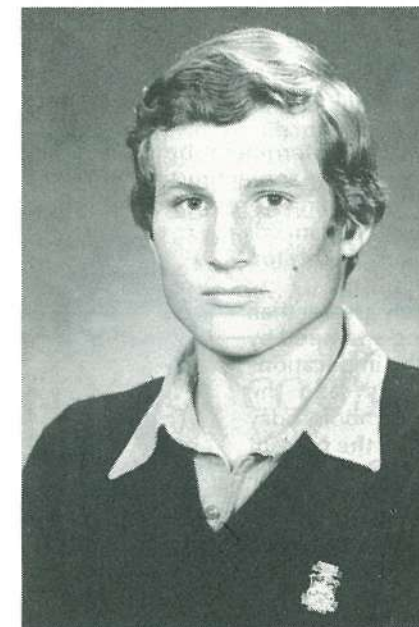
All of us — boys, parents and teachers — are products of our times. We tend, all of us, to be more hedonistic, to seek instant satisfaction, and to protest if we don't get our way. We complain simultaneously about not having enough time, while suffering from boredom. We deplore meritricious standards on television and in the worlds of commerce and politics, while making heroes of pop stars, exponents of double entendre and big business men, and measuring success by the acquisition of money and the exercise of power, rather than the use both are put to. We, the parents and teachers, or at least some of us, fret about unemployment, promiscuity, drugs and the decline of religion in our daily lives but for all that, I detect a drawing together — a rebuilding of attitudes by parents, teachers and young people themselves which sets high store on discipline, work, achievement, co-operation, fair play, a spirit of adventure, laughter without smut or cynicism, and a belief in God.

Helping to build good people is never an easy task, but we can get on with the task at N.P.B.H.S. with much more confidence and zest when home and school are essentially of one mind as to what the guiding principles are to be.

I would like, finally, to pay a tribute to the staff and boys for their considerable efforts and achievements, and their support during the year. The

school is particularly fortunate in the quality of the senior staff and I am impressed by the considerable time and effort readily given by a host of teachers to foster drama, music, games and sport of all kinds, public speaking, debating and the many social and recreational activities our young people engage in.

The leadership given by this year's head boy, Bruce Waite, and the the heads of Houses, together with the council and the group leaders, is also very encouraging, and their example will not be lost on those seniors who will bear responsibility next year.



B. H. Waite
Head Boy, 1980



T. Tukaroa
Head Boarder, 1980

TWO DUXES FROM THE HARROP FAMILY

Last year's Dux, Chris, is at Otago, starting out on a combined B.A., B.Com. degree, eventually majoring in English and marketing. Chris has maintained his involvement in Table Tennis, playing for Otago Under 18 and also representing his University at 1980 Winter Tournament.



CHRIS HARROP — DUX, 1979

Stephen is currently in his fifth year at Otago University. He completed his B.A. in 1978 (majoring in geography), was selected as a Senior Scholar and this year is fully engaged in studying law, with a dissertation and professional units to be done next year. He has maintained his interest in cricket (Captain 1st XI, 1975) and has represented Otago Under 23 and Otago B and hopes to go close to the Otago Shell team this coming season. As a member of the Otago University Cricket Club Senior XI which won the local club championship last year, he finds



STEPHEN HARROP — DUX, 1975

there is plenty of encouragement to stay in Dunedin over the summer. Stephen recommends Otago University to any aspiring University student from Boys' High — it is worth the travel to Dunedin — for all students live close to the University and students are prominent in the affairs of the City.

Footnote: It is not only the Harrop sons who are at university; both mother and father have returned to full-time study at Massey University to complete degrees begun in years gone by. Like father, like son!



New Plymouth Boys' High School extends grateful thanks to **Mr E. J. Jennings** who when he retired from teaching at the end of the first term had given over nineteen years' graceful service to the School and its pupils.

Semper tibi gratias!

THE JUNGLE OF LIFE

*Life is like a jungle
With many obstacles to pass.
There are so many paths to take;
Some right,
Some wrong.
After climbing that mountain,
Only to tumble down a ridge.
Boulders and swamps,
And vines that tangle you up.
And make the longest and most tedious way
The right way
Make the right choice.*

B. Jones, 4G4

EDITORIAL

As society progresses, schools should adapt to and anticipate the needs of the community. Individuals must be educated so that they may cope with the demands society will make on them and the changing lifestyle that is most likely to eventuate. Progress is swift, and education must, therefore, endeavour to make the person more adaptable, tolerant and understanding of others, law-abiding and knowledgeable about the world in which he lives. People with political power, wealth or the resources to sway the masses should not be the sole creators of the lifestyle of future generations. Those with vision, knowledge, the ability to apply concepts and those who respect the environment as well as all other living creatures are the persons upon which the shape of the future should ultimately depend.

Technology is advancing rapidly and the 'silicon chip' will change our environments. This minute, but important, piece of electronic wizardry is already creating turbulence among many people who see it as a potential disaster, theoretically bringing with it mass unemployment and associated social problems. How can schools meet the challenge of this new technology? Inevitably, new material will have to be included in already crowded syllabuses and time will be far more important than ever before. This valuable commodity, time, must be well-managed by both staff and pupils in order to successfully complete the educational aims of the school. These goals are not always clear to staff and pupils and many feel that there is an over-emphasis on the unnecessary, out-dated and frivolous, possibly only retained for tradition.

Tradition is not harmful if kept in the correct perspective and much can be learnt from history, but should traditional ways be kept in the system for too long they place undue pressure on other, more positive, aspects of education and the institution may become lost in the past. I do not feel that if tradition is placed respectfully to one side, many would object to different methods and activities being adopted in order to use valuable learning time in a more efficient way.

The restrictions placed upon the school system, be they financial, legal or some other constraint, should be 'relocated' in such a way that the individual inside the system has more freedom to make his own choices and thus become self-reliant and independent and, therefore, help to alleviate peer pressure to conform. At the present time, many of the restrictions are frustrating, not only to pupils, but also to staff.

The major portion of a student's week is spent in school. Therefore, should not this 'internment' be challenging, interesting and satisfying for the individual? Many students are apparently unaware they all have something to give to their school community and if the majority were less self-centred and prepared to give something in return to the school society, the atmosphere could well be refreshed and academic studies would be enhanced. Hopefully, more students would then feel it would be beneficial to be at school and many might stop trying to test the administration continually.

Chances to gain and extend academic knowledge through additional studies are rarely greater than those open to individuals during school years. Many of these opportunities are being swamped by other surrounding social and economic problems and all citizens should be aware of the implications of a poorly educated society. The future academic, cultural and financial wealth and the responsibility for New Zealand's welfare will be in the hands of those being educated in schools today and, therefore, the personal and academic standards of each individual must be high. If the present system is not adapted to cope with new technology in a positive manner and to deal with the social and cultural problems already evident today, our standard of living, community spirit and self-pride will be further undermined and double standards that already infest today's society will mature and be vested in future generations.



G. P. HARRISON, 7G4

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R. G. Williams (4); D. M. Wilson (5); S. J. Wilson (5); G. K. Wood (5).

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G. A. McGregor (3); C. I. Mehning (4); J. S. Middlebrook (5); S. K. Modgill (3); R. F. Montgomery (5); G. D. Morris (1); P. D. Murphy (1); R. A. Neal (3); M. C. Newland (6); M. J. Nield (5); K. M. O'Keefe (5); S. P. Oakley (1); A. M. Parker (4); C. E. Pennell (1); M. D. Perham (1); S. G. Perkins (5); K. L. Perry (4); P. W. Phillips (3); B. W. Pirikahu (4); L. R. Powell (5); B. A. Prichard (1); G. P. Quickfall (5); D. J. Robertson (4); S. P. Robertson (5); N. H. Robinson (4); S. A. Rolls (1); W. J. Russell (4); G. P. Rutherford (5); M. L. Salisbury (4); D. G. Sampson (4); A. J. Sangster (6); M. L. Schofield (5); T. L. Scott (4); S. W. Shannon (2); B. H. Shaw (5); S. L. Shaw (1); G. S. Shearer (6); D. Siddall (3); A. V. Sisarich (5); K. D. Smith (1); R. W. Smith (5); I. R. Snowdon (6); M. D. Snowdon (1); M. P. Stevenson (2); M. L. Stott (5); R. J. Symon (5); M. N. Tanswell (3); M. E. Tatham (1); M. D. Taylor (6); S. W. Thompson (2); G. A. Tipping (2); P. W. Todd (1); B. L. Tulloch (1); R. C. Waite (5); D. C. Walker (6); D. L. Ward (4); A. G. Webb (4); A. J. Webb (1); N. C. Williamson (5); S. M. Wilson (6); T. S. Withers (5).

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General Academic Excellence in Form Four:

B. E. Boocock, 1st; J. A. Harrison, 2nd; C. W. Boon, 3rd; C. Haldane, 4th; T. E. Stevenson, 5th; J. A. Goodare, 6th.

General Academic Excellence in Form Five:

M. A. Jones, 1st; M. D. Taylor, 2nd; J. A. Chivers, 3rd.

General Academic Excellence in Form Six:

G. P. Harrison, 1st; C. M. Daly and A. Messenger 2nd equal.

General Academic Excellence in Form Seven:

C. N. Harrop, 1st; R. J. Armstrong, 2nd.

Outstanding Effort and Progress:

G. J. Blyth and R. L. Hogg.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

1980 saw the Council again providing a necessary function within the school, giving pupils the chance to voice their opinions and let their views be known to the school hierarchy. The Council also controlled the important task of distributing financial aid in the form of subsidies to the needy sectors of the school. As in previous years the council was chaired by Mr Bublitz, contained three pupil representatives from each house and also its Master in Charge. The staff voiced their opinion through their two representatives.

Often labelled a 'rubber stamp' for the granting of financial subsidies, this

year the Council tried to diversify and expand its role. Activities such as the beautification of school grounds through the planting of native trees were encouraged. Other activities included: supporting charitable organisations, renaming the Houses, financial assistance for drama lighting, preparation for the Centennial.

No governing or administrative body can function efficiently without the support and participation of the people it serves. The Council has often been disadvantaged by an apathetic approach from pupils towards participation in Council affairs, especially in letting their views be known. It was, therefore, pleasing to acknowledge an increase in students voicing their

opinions from the group level.

The final benefit the Council provides is gained by those elected members who take part in the making of council decisions. This experience and education may prove valuable for those who participate in similar organisations in later life.

Councillors: G. Arthur, H. Cargill and C. Daly (Blue); P. Hansen, J. Harland and P. Laurenson (Green); R. Moffat, B. Pirikahu and C. Prichard (Maroon); T. Tukaroa, B. Waite and S. Wilson (White); Mr Bennett and Mr Dobson (Staff); Mr Brine, Mr Giddy, Mr Carroll and Mr Abraham (Housemasters); Mr Bublitz (Chairman).

J. G. Harland, Secretary



The "Choozoo" which the fifth form Woodwork class built for the New Plymouth Public Library. As you can see, the "Choozoo" is a series of boxes for storing books in, so that young children can see the books easily and can take a book out from the container themselves. S. J. Wilson (7W5) painted the train and animals on the boxes.

The sixth form certificate Construction class is currently engaged in building a 66m² gear shed for the North Taranaki Pony Club at the New Plymouth racecourse. The boys have spent two hours a week on the project

and some work will remain for the Pony Club to do at the end of the year. The framing for the shed had been pre-nailed by students of the Polytechnic.





BOARDING PREFECTS

Standing (from left): S. P. Milliken, B. H. Shaw, L. W. Morgan, R. Molloy, M. J. Sanders, M. E. Tatham.
Seated: R. W. Smith, G. F. Arthur, J. G. Harland, T. Tukaroa (Head Boarder, Moyes), J. M. Gordon (Carrington), P. E. Hansen, C. M. Daly.

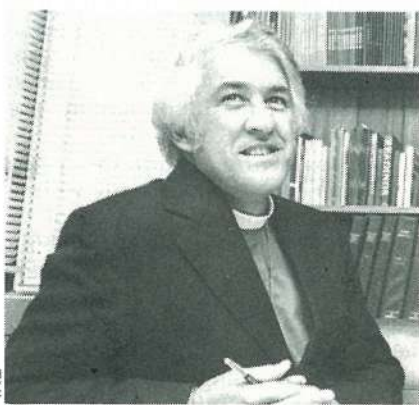
AUCKLAND'S ANGLICAN BISHOP TALKS TO THE SCHOOL

On 15 April, the School was fortunate to be addressed by Bishop Reeves. The Bishop had actually flown down that morning to officially open the Puketapu School at Bell Block but he said he was glad for the opportunity to address our assembly.

After introducing himself with mention that he had formerly been Vicar at Okato and would be visiting old friends and relatives in Taranaki, he went on to tell us something of his occupation. His diocese, he said, covered 8,000 sq. miles including Auckland city. He had recently spent an evening with police in South Auckland visiting a tavern and youth club. He said 200 people, aged between eight and 13, were at the youth club for an evening organised by the Stormtroopers. Inflation was making some people very rich and the gap between rich and poor was getting bigger.

"The New Zealand of the future is going to come out of places like Otara," the Bishop said. Whatever New Zealand was going to be, the people were going to have to live with it. This reinforced what he had said earlier that the world does not owe us a living. The chances are there, we've got to go out and grab them, was his message.

The Bishop left us with a simple anecdote about two survivors of an



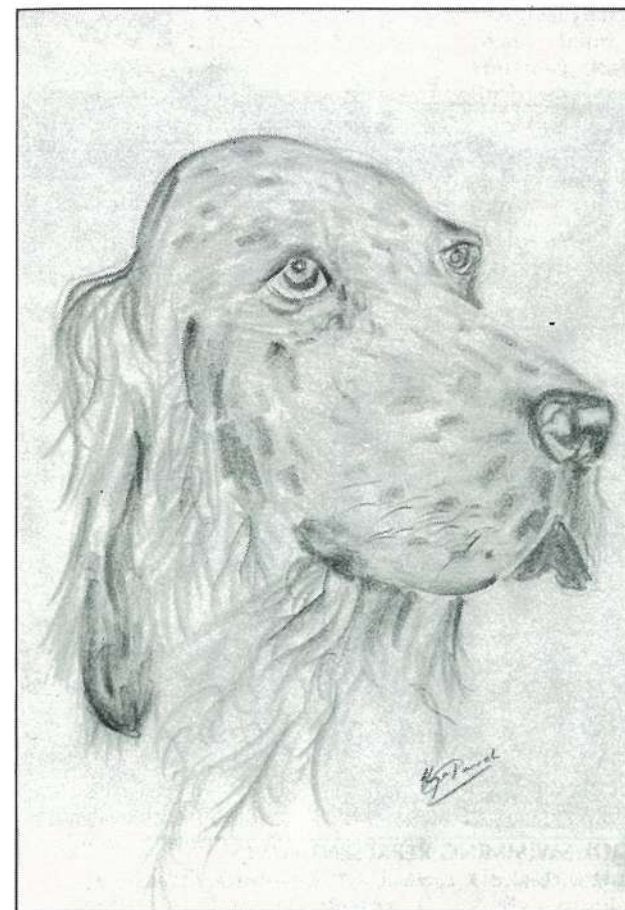
air-craft crash who were told to walk over the nearest sand dune to see what they could find. They returned with the bad news that all they could find for food was camel dung but the good news was that there was plenty of it. This he compared to life in that there were good and bad things in life and everything depended on what we did about it.

Footnote: In introducing Bishop Reeves to the School, the Headmaster referred to him as His Grace. The Bishop courteously pointed out to the Headmaster that this title belonged properly to an Archbishop. The Headmaster's words, however, were prophetic. During the year Bishop Reeves was elected Archbishop and Primate of New Zealand.

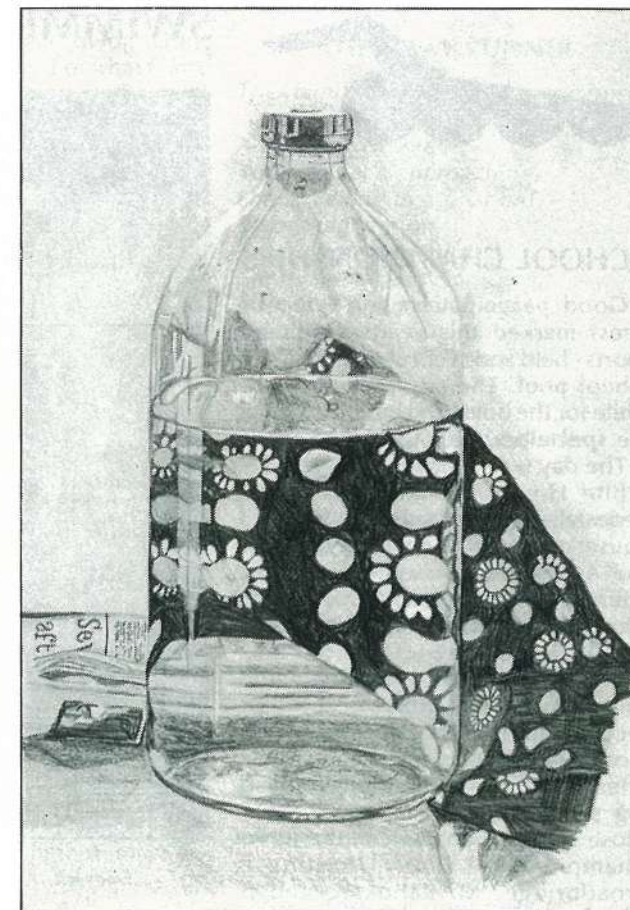
RAIN

*The dull drumming on the roof
Acts as an anaesthetic
To the mind's activities.
The once-grassed fields
Now transfigured to slush
By the free-falling wetness.
Glistening, ever-changing diamonds
Live their brief life.
Doomed from the start to
Die gallantly for the good of all.
Only to be resurrected to fulfil
Their activities again.
A fine mist masks the view
Of the refreshed countryside.
The thirst of the land quenched
for the time being.
Life begins anew
Strength redoubled.
One, two, the rain
Almost seems to hesitate;
Pondering its next move
Where will it go now that it
Has done
All it can do here.
Sun. Breathe the ozone
in the air.
The world seems to bubble
Then overflow with life,
Although a mind entrancing
Once left, at once forgotten.*

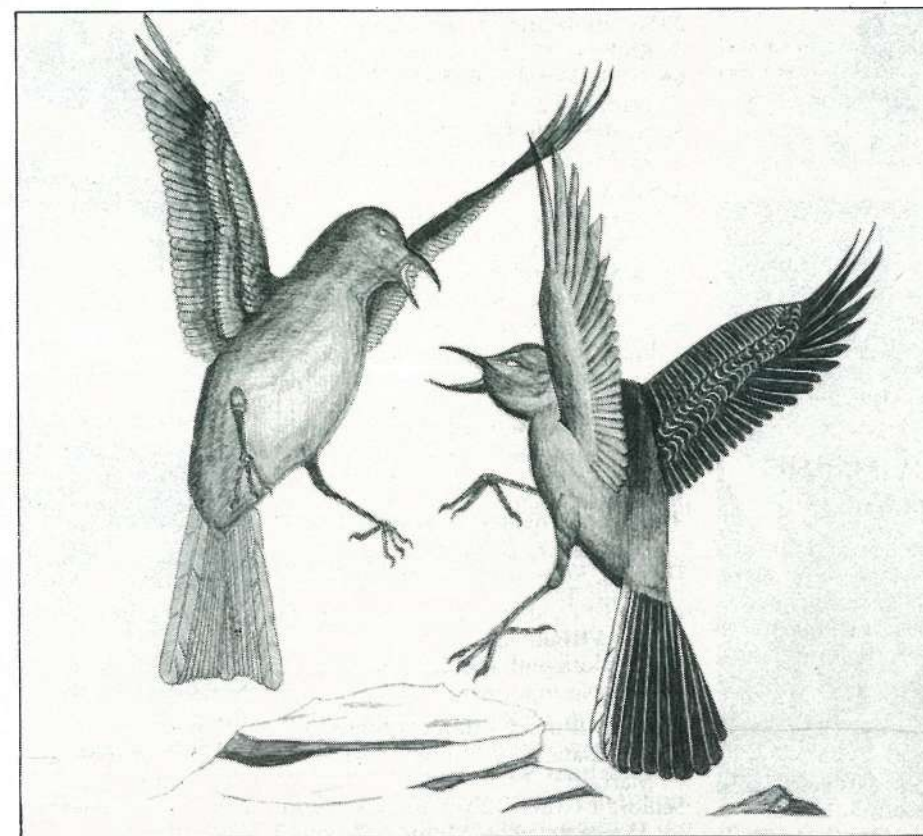
A. Sangster, 6W4



Pencil drawing by K. S. Darrah, 4B1



Pencil drawing by S. J. Wilson, 7W5



Ballpoint drawing by A. M. Howard, 5G3



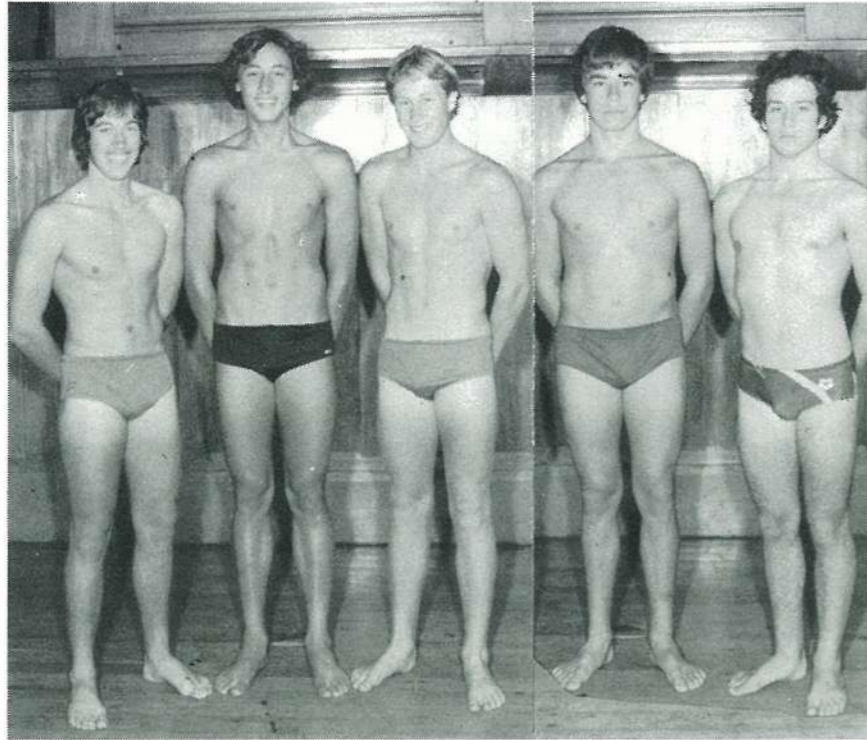
SWIMMING

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Good participation and keen interest marked this year's swimming sports held on February 20 at the school pool. The day proved worthwhile for the boys who entered and for the spectators.

The day was 'notable' for the fall of White House from the swimming pedestal — White had won the inter-house competition every year since the establishment of the current house system, but this year could only manage third even though it did win the 'A' House relay.

M. Grey won the Senior Championship comfortably with M. Lockhart, second, and T. Webb, third. P. Kahukare was just as clear-cut a winner of the Intermediate title, P. Rothwell finishing second and M. Hatfield third. Close competition came in the Junior Championship: J. Lyall beating P. Broadbridge, M. Kahukare and B. Axbey.



SCHOOL SWIMMING REPRESENTATIVES

From left: T. J. Webb, M. L. Grey, M. R. Lockhart, P. D. Kahukare, P. S. Rothwell.

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ y Butterfly: M. Grey, 1; M. Lockhart, 2; T. Scott, 3. (17.5)

INTERMEDIATE:

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ y Freestyle: P. Kahukare, 1; C. Morris, 2; M. Hatfield, 3. (16.6)

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ y Butterfly: P. Kahukare, 1; P. Rothwell, 2; K. Larsen, 3. (18.1)

66 $\frac{2}{3}$ y Backstroke: P. Kahukare, 1; M. Hatfield, 2; P. Rothwell, 3. (47.0)

66 $\frac{2}{3}$ y Breaststroke: P. Kahukare, 1; M. Kenny, 2; P. Hamilton, 3. (55.2)

JUNIOR:

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ y Freestyle: D. Merritt, 1; J. Stott, 2; B. Axbey, 3. (19.7)

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ y Breaststroke: G. Hepworth, 1; M. Kahukare, 2; K. Hyde, 3. (26.8)

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ y Backstroke: P. Broadbridge, 1; J. Lyall, 2; P. Cayzer, 3. (25.5)

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ y Butterfly: G. Sanger, 1; J. Lyall, 2; P. Broadbridge, 3. (25.6)

110y Freestyle: J. Lyall, 1; B. Axbey, 2; M. Kahukare, 3. (1.12.8)

OPEN:

4 x 1 length Medley: P. Rothwell, 1; M. Hatfield, 2; D. Grey, 3.

Dive: S. Ross, 1; G. Earp, 2; W. Clement, 3.

LIFE SAVING:

1st: P. Rothwell and T. Scott.

RELAYS:

Junior: 1 Blue; 2 White; 3 Maroon.

Intermediate: 1= Green, White; 3 Maroon.

Senior: 1 Green; 2 White, 3 Maroon.

'A' House Relay: 1 White; 2 Green; 3 Maroon.



Macvey in the Intermediate Breaststroke

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Some events which have appeared regularly in the past had to be eliminated this year because of the need to hold heats and finals of all events, as well as the relays, on the one day.

SENIOR:

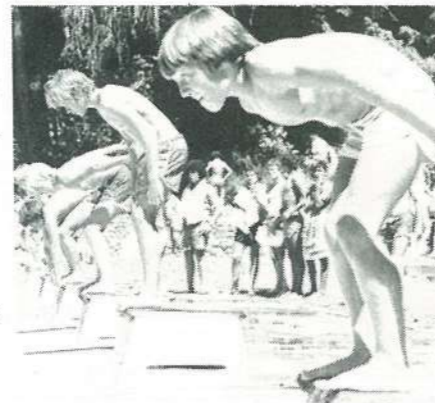
33 $\frac{1}{3}$ y Freestyle: M. Grey, 1; M. Lockhart, 2; T. Webb, 3. (15.8)

66 $\frac{2}{3}$ y Breaststroke: M. Grey, 1; L. Te Huia, 2; J. Coleman, 3. (49.3)

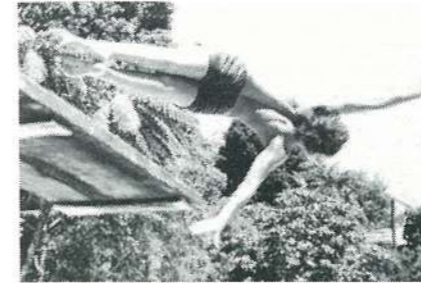
66 $\frac{2}{3}$ y Backstroke: J. Doorbar, 1; T. Webb, 2; G. Arthur, 3. (52.5)



Webb rests after a race



... Get set ... Junior freestylers



HOUSE COMPETITION:

Blue (149) 1st; Green (145) 2nd; White (132) 3rd; Maroon (87) 4th.

TARANAKI INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Again held at Francis Douglas College, all events were run, as last year, as relays in three age groupings.

Seven boys comprised our third form team: Cayzer, Hepworth, Kahukare, Lyall, T. Moyes, Sanger and Stott. The team was placed second in 100m medley, second in 100m breaststroke, and fourth in 100m freestyle.

The six fourth formers — M. Brew, C. Candy, D. Clout, G. Ngatoa, C. Nicholas and A. Van't Hof — came fourth in the 100m freestyle and breaststroke relays.

As last year, the seniors won all their relays, team members being Grey, Hatfield, Kahukare, Lockhart and Rothwell.

In the flying squadron, a freestyle relay with two swimmers from each age group, N.P.B.H.S. was placed third.

This year the School did not enter the North Island Championships.

CANOEING

Although the club is small compared to other sports codes in the school, comprising about 12 members, we are an active club. Most weekends the club is involved in some activity such as trips down the Waiwakaiho and Waitara Rivers, trying out the slalom course at the Meeting of the Waters or even going out to sea. The highlight of the year was a two-day trip down the Patea River from Mangurangi to the new hydro site.

As a club we can only remain small since the equipment the club provides is expensive and in winter, especially, personal equipment must include a wetsuit.

Main problems this year have been a lack of transport and a lack of capital to replace equipment that is steadily becoming worn and broken.

THE RELAY RUNNER

The familiar singlet, the recognised form,

*A jolt of excitement,
Your runner's approaching,
Limbs flailing in a final bid
Before tagging on*

*You, sturdy and grim
Set to the task*

*Your feet grind on shingle
Rasping along*

*Red and raw and restless
Heart pounds*

*Echoing at your wrists
Lungs are smouldering cylinders*

*Burning dry within
Hair spills lank and sweaty*

*Over scorched and streaming face
Legs plodding on*

*Slowly growing larger
A hand and face appear*

*One blank and unrevealing
One expectant, nervous*

*You grope wildly for their palm
Nearly smothering them*

*Their figure recedes into a blur
You collapse like a slide of boulders*

Disjoint and leaden.

A. Kenworthy, 4C2

AUTUMN HAIKU

*Leaves: they fall from trees
I fall from reality*

Deep within myself.

A. Sangster, 6W4



World Vision



A TASTE OF HUNGER

Throughout the world hunger and malnutrition are constant factors of life and death. We in New Zealand know nothing of true hunger but for forty hours, beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday, 28 March and going to 12 noon on Sunday, 30 March, 60 staff and pupils went without food. Each had

obtained sponsors to raise money for World Vision, which this year is concentrating on relief for refugees. There are more than 15 million refugees in the world and half of them are children.

Mr David Loveridge, All Black Captain, spoke to the school in assembly of what he has seen of the plight of the hungry overseas. He took part in the 40 hour famine and encouraged pupils to take part and get more sponsors.

All who did fast came to know personally what lack of food means. Energy is a limited resource, dependent on food. At first missed meals meant little, especially if one kept actively involved when others were eating. But most found some degree of tiredness by late Saturday afternoon and most were definitely conscious of weakness on Saturday night and Sunday morning. It is strange to say that late in the fast the thought of food was not a preoccupation. One did become more aware of how so many exist. Perhaps food in New Zealand takes up too much of our time and attention. Perhaps our minds are clouded by too much food in our stomachs! Regard-

less of the benefit to others by the 40 hour famine, many found it personally a rewarding experience.

\$971 was raised to aid the world's hungry.



Mr Clareburt, organiser, with All Black captain, Mr David Loveridge.



CRICKET

L. Jones, Mr B. O'Dowda, Mr D. Green and Mr N. Phillips have all made valuable contributions. During the year some boys received specialised coaching from Mr Leo Park of Hawera and also some of our boys were assisted by National Coach, Martin Horton, during his visit to examine coaches. The cricketers of the School also enjoyed a visit from former N.Z. captain, Mark Burgess.

Once again the boys are indebted to the people named above and to the many parents and friends of the School who provided transport, catering, billets and served as umpires and team managers. The continued enthusiastic support of Board members, staff, parents and friends is vital to the promotion of cricket in the School.

Some noteworthy events during the year were the acquisition of a synthetic cricket pitch, the inaugural match with Kings College of Auckland, the winning of the Second Grade Country Division competition by the 2nd XI and the presentation to the School by the Old Boys Club of The Alistair Jordan Cup. Bryan Lilley became the first recipient of this handsome trophy for his outstanding contribution to School cricket.

We are looking forward to the future with real confidence as the School continues to gain young players of outstanding ability and grounds and

facilities are to be upgraded during the coming year. By 1982 our Centennial year, we are confident our facilities and performances will reach the highest possible standard.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS:

Western Districts Junior Secondary: S. Urbahn
Taranaki Junior Secondary: S. Urbahn, D. Laurenson, S. O'Dowda, A. Boon, M. Cox, G. Hall, T. Irvine, B. Johnston.

1st XI CLUB SEASON

The 1st XI as in previous years played in the Senior Second Division Championship. For the first half of the season the team performed well and led the competition. Instrumental in the good performances were G. Moore and A. Gordon who bowled very effectively, while B. Lilley, C. Harrop and B. Cox led a reliable if not attacking line-up. However, as happens every year, the team was weakened half way through the season because of players leaving school. The 1980 team was a relatively young and inexperienced one containing only three players from the previous year. Many people were politely sceptical about the team's chances, but the enthusiasm of the team combined with excellent coaching from player/coach Mr Tuffery produced a

During the 1979-80 season, the School maintained six teams in local competitions. These were:

- 1st XI — Senior Grade, 2nd division.
- 2nd XI — 2nd Grade, country division.
- 3rd XI — 3rd Grade, country division.
- Cavaliers — 4th Grade.
- Nomads — 5th Grade.
- Wanderers — 5th Grade.

Mr M. Tuffery has continued to coach the 1st XI and play for them in club games as has Mr B. Robson with the 2nd XI. Mr G. Wilson has coached the 3rd XI with valuable assistance from Mr G. Boon. Mr R. Brine, master-in-charge of cricket, has coached the Cavaliers while the two third form teams have been coached by Messrs G. Giddy and A. Butler. Mr G. Bell, Mr



1ST XI CRICKET TEAM 1980

Back Row (from left): T. M. Irvine, R. J. Balsom, J. B. Irvine, D. C. Brinsley, I. A. Cox, S. A. O'Dowda, S. E. Urbahn.
Front Row: A. H. Brown, S. P. Robertson, C. R. Moffat (Captain), M. J. Sanders, D. A. Laurenson.



Sanders appeals in the Hamilton match while Brinsley awaits the umpire's decision.

talented side. All members of the team contributed well. S. Robertson again led the batting although playing below his potential. He was well supported by J. Irvine who proved his worth in the Kings College match. At last a slips fieldsman has been found, for A. Brown performed brilliantly in this specialist position and also batted well towards the end of the season. D. Brinsley proved a worthwhile member of the team and provided many light-hearted moments on and off the field. Of the bowlers, R. Balsom and I. Cox stood out with many fine performances which culminated in both earning places on the honours board. J. Sanders proved a very reliable all-rounder and was noted for his fluent batting style.

S. O'Dowda, D. Laurenson, T. Irvine and S. Urbahn are all future match winners, so these players will further develop to be part of a formidable team.

Parent involvement has been tremendous this year and special thanks must go to those who took billets and supported the team. Special mention must be made of Mr O'Dowda whose interest and support was outstanding.

In short, the season has been a great one in terms of team spirit and involvement.

1ST XI FOR 1980:

D. Brinsley, A. Brown, I. Cox, J. Irvine, T. Irvine, D. Laurenson, R. Moffat (Captain), S. O'Dowda, S. Robertson, J. Sanders, S. Urbahn.

Club Matches: Played 10, drew 9, lost 1.

College Matches:

v Kings College — Draw
v Hamilton Boys' H.S. — Win
v Wellington College — Draw
v Palmerston North Boys' H.S. — Draw
v Wanganui Collegiate — Draw

COLLEGE SEASON

N.P.B.H.S. v KINGS COLLEGE: In the inaugural game between the two schools there resulted an exciting and see-saw battle between two good sides. The game contained everything a cricket match could reasonably be expected to contain: batting collapses followed by good stands, brilliant catches, a heroic innings by an injured batsman, two excellent captains' innings, sporting declarations, superb batting and bowling with first one side then the other seeming to hold the upper hand until the final over.

New Plymouth won the toss and batted and were immediately in trouble losing Cox in the first over, and Harrop soon after. Moore and Robertson knuckled down and gradually restored solidarity to the innings and looked to be getting on top before an unfortunate run-out broke the partnership. There followed a middle order collapse just before lunch to leave school 6/95 at the break.

After lunch, J. Irvine, playing his first college game, with able support from Moffat and Gordon, saw School through to a respectable first innings score of 188.

Kings went into bat with some 100 minutes left of the first day. In that time they scored 123 for the loss of 1 wicket with some brilliant batting from both openers who put on 116 in a superb opening stand. Next morning the School bowlers staged a fight back and restricted the Kings scoring with good accurate bowling, until Kings declared just after passing New Plymouth's score at 197/5.

School's second innings again started disastrously, this time because Harrop had to retire hurt after being struck in the mouth. The innings didn't seem to 'fire' after that and the score read 8/100, only 91 ahead, when Harrop returned from hospital to continue his innings. He joined captain Lilley who was starting to hit the ball very hard. These two suddenly seemed to find the bowling easy, where before batsmen had struggled, and the runs followed freely, enabling Lilley to make a sporting declaration at 163/8—a selfless declaration as he was 80 not out at the time and batting beautifully. Harrop remained 27 not out in a confident knock.

Set to get 155 to win in one hour plus 20 overs, Kings started slowly and seemed to have set a good platform when a middle collapse sent them spinning to 5/58. At this stage the captain, Smith, took charge and with a series of scintillating shots took the score through to 121. Moore then came back for a final spell and dismissed Smith with a brilliant caught and bowled. This proved to be a decisive

wicket as the remaining Kings batsmen could not cope with the required run rate and the game finished in tense fashion with the final pair at the crease, 14 runs short of victory. Moore bowled very well to take 5/40, and complete a good all-round double.

An excellent game in all respects and played in a spirit that reflected the respect and camaraderie that both teams had for each other.

NPBHS v KINGS COLLEGE

NPBHS 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
B. Cox b Smith	0	b Swift	16
C. Harrop c Poole b Smith	6	not out	27
G. Moore b Swift	44	c Cranswick b McLachlan	2
S. Robertson run out	20	b McLachlan	0
B. Lilley c and b Klipple	12	not out	80
D. Foreman c Fuller b Swift	0	c Fuller b McLachlan	4
R. Moffat c Cranswick b Smith	23	b Smith	13
J. Irvine st b Klipple	45	c Smith b Klipple	4
R. Balsom c Scott	4	c McLachlan b Scott	0
A. Gordon c Scott b Klipple	13	c Chalmers b Klipple	1
B. Jones not out	0		
Extras	21	Extras	17
TOTAL	188	TOTAL (for 8 wks)	163

Bowling: 1st Innings: Smith 3-19, McLachlan 0-22, Swift 2-13, Scott 1-49, Klipple 3-64.
2nd Innings: Swift 1-38, McLachlan 3-22, Smith 1-19, Scott 1-41, Klipple 2-26.

KINGS COLLEGE 1st Innings

KINGS COLLEGE 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
R. Cranswick b Balsom	55	b Moore	24
P. Chalmers run out	72	b Moore	1
R. Smith c Lilley b Moore	4	c and b Moore	62
C. McLachlan c Harrop b Moffat	16	run out	0
N. Scott not out	22	b Gordon	0
S. Klipple c Robertson b Jones	13	b Gordon	6
G. Poole		c Lilley b Moore	18
J. Smith		c Balsom b Moore	5
J. Swift		run out	7
S. Fuller		not out	1
D. Ferrier		not out	0
Extras	15	Extras	11
TOTAL (for 5 wks)	197	TOTAL (for 9 wks)	141

Bowling: 1st Innings: Moore 1-34, Gordon 0-36, Moffat 1-16, Cox 0-27, Balsom 1-18, Jones 1-5.
2nd Innings: Moore 5-40, Gordon 2-26, Moffat 0-42, Jones 0-21.

N.P.B.H.S. v H.B.H.S. (24 and 25 February): A game in which a young school team outplayed their opponents in all respects.

Hamilton had arrived confident of redeeming themselves for the one-sided games of the past two years. They had an experienced, strong team, whereas School's 1st XI was largely untried, with only three regular players returning from the previous year. The team spirit that was to become a feature of the team in later games was evident throughout this first fixture.

Hamilton won the toss and batted. Against some wayward early bowling the openers raced away to an opening stand of 50 within the hour. However, the erratic bowling by Balsom and Moffat soon proved to be simply 'nerves' and once Balsom found his length he went through the Hamilton side with a superb display of straight—four of his victims were clean bowled—accurate, good length bowling. Only Pairaudeau of the later batsmen offered any resistance, and Hamilton were all out for 131. Balsom's final analysis of 16 overs 5 maidens 40 runs 7 wickets was an honours board performance. The other bowlers lent able support, while the fielding was brilliant.

School's innings produced solid batting throughout with outstanding performances from Brown, with a patient 59, and Balsom, who added a robust 55 to his fine bowling. The outfield was slow and rain interrupted proceedings so the final score of 199 for 9 declared was excellent in the circumstances.

When batting a second time, Hamilton were soon in trouble and were never able to extricate themselves in the face of accurate bowling and some absolutely superb catching and fielding. Attention must be made of the brilliant catch by Brinsley at silly-mid-off to dismiss Lenin and also the three caught by Brown at slip.

This time it was Cox, in his first college game, to do the damage. He finished with 6/24 off 13 overs — another honours board performance.

With Hamilton all out for 79, School had to get 12 off 2 overs, and, amid great excitement, after Captain Moffat was sensationally caught right on the long on boundary, opener Robertson coolly collected the runs in twos to see School home with one ball to spare.

NPBHS v HBHS	
HBHS 1st Innings	2nd Innings
Gatland c O'Dowda b Cox	32 c Balsom b Moffat
Strawbridge b Balsom	31 c Irvine b Moffat
Ensor b Balsom	2 c Moffat b Balsom
Waymouth c Irvine b Balsom	5 b Urbahn
Giles st b Urbahn	11 lbw Cox
Dewdney lbw Balsom	3 c Brown b Cox
Koers c Brown b Sanders	0 c Balsom b Cox
Lenin b Balsom	9 c O'Dowda b Cox
Donnison b Balsom	1 c Brinsley b Cox
Pairaudeau c Brinsley b Balsom	24 c Brown b Cox
O'Brien not out	0 not out
Extras	13 Extras
TOTAL	131 TOTAL
Bowling: 1st Innings: Moffat 0-41; Balsom 7-40; Cox 1-15; Urbahn 1-18; Sanders 1-4.	
2nd Innings: Balsom 1-25; Moffat 2-6; Cox 6-24; Urbahn 1-8; Saunders 0-5.	

NPBHS 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
Robertson c Lenin b Pairaudeau	14	not out	9
Brown lbw Gatland	59		
Moffat b Lenin	23	c Ensor b Lenin	3
Irvine lbw O'Brien	2		
Sanders lbw Gatland	8		
Balsom c Donnison b O'Brien	56		
O'Dowda b Lenin	2	not out	0
Brinsley lbw O'Brien	8		
Laurenson c Ensor b O'Brien	7		
Cox not out	3		
Urbahn not out	9		
Extras	19	Extras	0
TOTAL (for 9 wkts)	199	TOTAL (for 1 wkt)	12
Bowling: 1st Innings: Pairaudeau 1-12; Lenin 2-52; Gatland 2-37; Giles 0-23; O'Brien 4-52; Waymouth 0-4.			
2nd Innings: Gatland 0-4; Lenin 1-8.			

NPBHS v PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL (10 and 11 March): A hard game for School, and, in the face of great pressure and a team well versed in playing their local con-



Captain Moffat displays his distinctive style against Wanganui Collegiate.

ditions, the team came through with undaunted spirit. Although rain interrupted play on the second day when School was fighting to stay in the game only one hour and twenty minutes were lost so the draw was well earned.

Palmerston won the toss and batted on a cloudy morning and fast pitch. They were immediately in trouble, losing star batsmen Brougham and Calkin in successive balls. However, the other opener, Charles, and McNie steadied the innings and then Stirling joined Charles to at first get on top then, after lunch, when the sun came out, to pile on the runs. These two added 116 at a run a minute and School's fielding wilted in the hot sun. After these two went the sixth wicket pair added 85 easy runs before the declaration, well after tea.

Going into bat after a long day in the field found School quickly in strife, losing Robertson and Moffat before close of play.

Next morning, Brown and Irvine took School through to 51 before the next wicket fell. Then followed a dramatic collapse to find the lunchtime score at 9/98. The rain came down during lunch and when play resumed 75 minutes had been lost. School's last wicket pair of Brinsley and Urbahn then added 27 for the last wicket and were looking comfortable till a freak run out finished the innings.

Asked to follow on, School played out time comfortably until the game was called off, by mutual assent, at 5 p.m.

NPBHS v PNBHS	
PNBHS 1st Innings	2nd Innings
Brougham b Balsom	4
Charles c Moffat b O'Dowda	70
Calkin lbw Balsom	0
McNie c and b Saunders	32
Stirling run out	64
Finlay not out	41
Glover not out	38
Wilkey	
Colson	
Allan	
Copeland	
Extras	19
TOTAL (for 5 wkts)	268
Bowling: 1st Innings: Moffat 0-50; Balsom 2-35; O'Dowda 1-62; Sanders 1-42; Brinsley 0-10; Cox 0-24; Urbahn 0-27.	

NPBHS 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
A. Brown lbw Stirling	14	b Glover	6
S. Robertson lbw Finlay	0	not out	18
R. Moffat c McNie b Finlay	9	not out	4
J. Irvine b Stirling	29		
J. Sanders c Charles b Stirling	2		
R. Balsom c and b Colson	9		
S. O'Dowda c Brougham b McNie	3		
D. Brinsley not out	16		
D. Laurenson b Colson	0		
I. Cox b McNie	13		
S. Urbahn run out	17		
Extras	13	Extras	1
TOTAL	125	TOTAL (for 1 wkt)	29
Bowling: 1st Innings: Stirling 3-39; Finlay 2-30; McNie 2-27; Colson 2-16.			
2nd Innings: Colson 0-1; McNie 0-7; Copeland 0-5; Glover 1-3; Finlay 0-6; Stirling 0-6.			

NPBHS v WELLINGTON COLLEGE (17 and 18 March): A game in which the pitch played a major part, the low and uneven bounce and slowness making staying at the crease easy but run making difficult.

School soon found this when they won the toss and batted. Only Robertson, with 24 excellent runs, got into double figures. Extras were second highest score as School crumbled to 75 all out. Many of the batsmen were caught either from lazy shots or trying to force the pace.

Wellington College, however, seemed to adapt better to the conditions and, taking no risks, they overcame the early loss of Ritchie to be 90/1 overnight. Warner and Nimmo continued on the following morning to accumulate runs in a very sedate manner until Warner, after a well-disciplined and classy-looking knock of 81, was enticed into lofting one into the covers. Soon after, Wellington declared 63 runs ahead. The opener, Nimmo, had batted 220 minutes for his 34 not out. This included 26 singles and four twos.

Setting themselves to play out time, School's team spirit really shone through. Every batsman stayed at least a quarter of an hour at the crease. Brown spent 52 minutes while scoring 3, J. Irvine 88 while scoring 16, and so on. The pitch, if anything, was even lower and slower than earlier.

At lunch it was 3/13 and the long slow grind between lunch and tea saw tea taken at 7/77 — only 14 ahead and in dire straits. After tea, Balsom, who seemed School's last hope, soon went after an invaluable 25 and the score was 8/82 — only 19 ahead. Cox joined 14-year-old T. Irvine, playing his first College game. These two started to play straight and looked for singles. The runs started to flow. Then Irvine hit a couple of fours. The Wellington bowlers and fielders felt their grip on the game slipping and redoubled their efforts. Both Cox and Irvine looked comfortable until a mix-up saw Cox run out for a very useful 14, in time as well as runs.

Still only 53 ahead with 70 minutes of play left, Urbahn joined Irvine. The two youngest players in the team, both fourth formers, did not seem overawed at all. On the contrary, they easily saw out the next half hour. Urbahn had time to square cut three glorious fours to emphasise the fact that the game was saved. Finally, the game was called off at 5.30. All told, the final two wickets added 64 runs in 82 minutes under extremely trying circumstances. Irvine remained not out 26, scored in one and a half hours.

NPBHS v WELLINGTON COLLEGE			
NPBHS 1st Innings:	2nd Innings:		
S. Robertson c Kelly b Jurie	24	b Gair	3
A. Brown lbw Hunt	4	b Gair	3
R. Moffat c Rutherford b Gair	5	b Gair	5
J. Irvine c Nimmo b Ritchie	7	lbw Woodard	16
J. Sanders b Jurie	1	c Rutherford b Woodard	9
R. Balsom c Rutherford b Hunt	5	lbw Ritchie	25
S. O'Dowda c Boon b Ritchie	2	c Ritchie b Woodard	10
D. Brinsley c Rutherford b Ritchie	0	c Kelly b Jurie	1
T. Irvine not out	0	not out	26
I. Cox b Gair	2	run out	14
S. Urbahn b Hunt	4	not out	14
Extras	21	Extras	20
TOTAL	75	TOTAL (for 9 wkts)	146
Bowling: 1st Innings: Gair 2-20; Hunt 3-7; Jurie 2-16; Ritchie 3-10; Warner 0-1.			
2nd Innings: Gair 3-25; Hunt 0-8; Warner 0-18; Woodard 3-29; Ritchie 1-25; Jurie 1-0.			

Wellington College 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
Ritchie b Moffat	1		
Nimmo not out	34		
Warner c Urbahn b Balsom	81		
Gair not out	1		
Rutherford			
Woodard			
Extras	21		
TOTAL (for 2 wkts)	138		
Bowling: 1st Innings: Moffat 1-41; Balsom 1-40; Cox 0-13; Urbahn 0-21; O'Dowda 0-2.			

NPBHS v WANGANUI COLLEGIATE (24 and 25 March): In the traditional finale to the season, School played out a very meritorious draw with a strong Collegiate team. Wanganui won the toss and sent School into bat on a wicket of unknown quantities.

Robertson and Brown, now an established pair, opened and were batting comfortably when Brown received a blow in the eye, a hard drive from Robertson rebounding off the bowler's boot. The batting seemed to absorb this shock and we went to lunch at 2/69, a solid start. After lunch Robertson continued his excellent knock until, with the score at 83, he

was caught for a well-compiled 42. This seemed to precipitate a collapse and apart from Brown, who returned to bat at 7/105, the middle and lower order fell away for School to be dismissed for 135.



Always aggressive, Balsom connects one against Wanganui Collegiate.

Collegiate were soon in deep trouble at 3/10 then 5/43. School's bowlers were right on top until Duncan started to imprint his mark on the game and took the score through to 5/60 at the close. The game was delicately poised.

Next morning, the School bowlers, led by Balsom, rammed home their advantage to quickly dismiss the remaining Collegiate batsmen and take a lead of 30 runs on the first innings.

Batting a second time, the School opening pair again indicated that they had formed a good opening partnership by adding 61 very good runs in quick time. When Brown was dismissed they seemed right on top. After this, wickets fell at regular intervals as most batsmen attempted to force the pace and a declaration at 129/9 set Wanganui 160 to win in approximately 110 minutes.

Again Collegiate started badly — losing 2/7, and again Duncan came to the rescue. With some paralysing drives and good timing, he was one of the few batsmen to come to grips with the pitch. His innings seemed likely to take Collegiate close until a brilliant piece of fielding by O'Dowda saw him run out for an excellent 55. Soon after, bad light forced an abandonment of the game.

NPBHS v WANGANUI COLLEGIATE			
NPBHS 1st Innings	2nd Innings		
A. Brown not out	25	b Nancarrow	26
S. Robertson c Hewitt b Webber	42	lbw King	24
J. Irvine b Nancarrow	2	run out	4
R. Moffat b Webber	12	c King b Nancarrow	12
R. Balsom c Nancarrow b Lance	22	c Nancarrow b Kelt	13
J. Sanders b Hewitt	2	b Hewitt	13
S. O'Dowda st b King	4	not out	11
D. Brinsley c Hewitt b King	0	b Hewitt	0
T. Irvine c Hewitt b Nancarrow	1	b Kelt	1
f. Cox c Duncan b Nancarrow	3	run out	9
S. Urbahn b Kelt	3	not out	3
Extras	19	Extras	13
TOTAL	135	TOTAL (for 9 wkts)	129
Bowling: 1st Innings: Kelt 1-20; Hewitt 1-30; King 2-22; Nancarrow 3-31; Webber 2-6; Lewis 0-10; Lance 1-10.			
2nd Innings: Kelt 2-20; Hewitt 2-30; Lance 0-7; Webber 0-10; Nancarrow 2-36; King 1-13.			

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE			
1st Innings	2nd Innings		
King c Cox b Balsom	7	c O'Dowda b Cox	5
Eastwick run out	0	b Moffat	16
Kelt b Moffat	1	c Irvine b Balsom	0
Duncan c Urbahn b Balsom	45	run out	55
Reid b Balsom	7	c Urbahn b Cox	10
Hewitt c Robertson b Cox	0	not out	18
Lewis lbw Balsom	23	not out	0
Lance run out	3		
Nancarrow b Moffat	2		
Van Gerd not out	3		
Webber b Balsom	2		
Extra	12	Extras	10
TOTAL	105	TOTAL (for 5 wkts)	114
Bowling: 1st Innings: Moffat 2-23; Balsom 5-36; Sanders 0-9; Cox 1-15; Urbahn 0-10.			
2nd Innings: Moffat 1-13; Balsom 1-33; Cox 2-38; Saunders 0-20.			

N.P.B.H.S. 2ND XI 1979-80

The 2nd XI began the season with a rather heavy loss at the hands of a powerful Palmerston North Boys' High School team but recovered admirably from this to defeat Hamilton Boys' H.S. later in the season and to eventually win the North Taranaki Country Division Second Grade Competition. The team was very ably led by C. May prior to Christmas and by P. Phillips after the break. Mr Bert Robson again devoted a great deal of time to this team as player-coach and the team members and School are very grateful indeed for his efforts and dedication.

During the early part of the season J. Irvine produced many fine performances with both bat and ball, including 89 n.o. against Spotswood College and 54 n.o. against Ratapiko. After the break, when the composition of the team changed almost completely, the batting strength decreased, although T. Irvine scored a fine 57 n.o. against Spotswood, but fortunately the bowlers performed exceptionally well. The outstanding bowler was S. Hill who took 25 wickets for 249 runs and he was well supported by P. Phillips and left arm W. Hall.

After winning the Country Division of the 2nd Grade, the 2nd XI met the Inglewood Club team in the divisional play-off. After dismissing Inglewood cheaply the 2nds seemed poised for victory but their batting let them down at the crucial stage. Inglewood won and went on to win the final and so take the Taranaki 2nd Grade Championship.

Details of College matches were: v Palmerston North B.H.S. 2nds: Palmeston North 263 for 8 (J. Irvine 6



Action in the Hamilton Boys' High match.

for 109) defeated New Plymouth B.H.S. 44 and 66 (A. Brown 22) by an innings and 153 runs.

v Hamilton Boys' H.S. 2nds: Hamilton 113 (S. Hill 8 for 29) and 60 (S. Hill 5 for 23, P. Phillips 4 for 4) lost to New Plymouth B.H.S. 131 (B. Johnston 27, P. Phillips 26, S. Blair 17 and W. Hall 14) and 47 for 3 (B. Johnston 16 n.o., L. Powell 20) by 7 wickets. The feature of this match was the sustained bowling of S. Hill who had match figures of 13 wickets for 52 runs from 44 overs of which 20 were maidens.

N.P.B.H.S. 3RD XI 1979-80

Experiencing a great deal of success considering they were playing adult opponents, the 3rd XI always performed to the best of their ability. A creditable third placing was gained in the 3rd Grade country competition and the performances in the field were always of a high standard. Mr B. O'Dowda who played most of the pre-Christmas games made a very significant contribution to the team's performance. One of the more outstanding performances of the season was the 36 n.o. by T. Stevenson against Leopard K.P. Squash Club, while other batsmen to perform well were A. Boon, M. Cox, P. Darney, B. Johnston and N. Reeve. The most successful bowlers were G. Shearer, A. Boon, M. Cox and P. Darney. The team wishes to acknowledge the assistance given to them by their coach, Mr Wilson, Mr. O'Dowda, Mr G. Boon, and the other parents who supported them.

Performances of note during the season were:

1979:

v Inglewood: Batting — G. Shearer 15, S. O'Dowda 14 n.o. Bowling — S. O'Dowda 4-18, B. O'Dowda 3-10, G. Shearer 2-8.

v Leopard K.P. Squash: Batting — B. O'Dowda 28, S. Hill 22. Bowling — S.



2ND XI

Standing (from left): W. P. Hall, S. W. Blair, S. C. Lilley, L. R. Powell, G. S. Trenwith.
Seated: S. M. Hill, C. J. Hill, P. W. Phillips (Captain), T. Webb, Mr H. M. Robson.
Absent: A. A. Johnson.

O'Dowda 5-27.

v Mangorei: Batting — S. O'Dowda 22 n.o., C. Hill 21, D. Laurenson 21. Bowling — B. O'Dowda 9-5.

v Westown: Batting — L. Powell 44, S. O'Dowda 29, S. Hill 28. Bowling — B. O'Dowda 2-33, D. Laurenson 2-14.

v Midhurst: Batting — C. Hill 14, S. Hill 12. Bowling — S. O'Dowda 3-25.

v Inglewood: Batting — L. Powell 23. Bowling — W. Hall 4-20, S. O'Dowda 4-11.

v Leopard K.P. Squash: Batting — C. Hill 28. Bowling — G. Shearer 4-23, W. Hall 3-10.

v Westown: Batting — S. O'Dowda

27 n.o. Bowling — S. O'Dowda 3-5, W. Hall 3-14.

1980:

v Midhurst: Batting — D. Putt 11. Bowling — G. Shearer 3-11, A. Boon 2-9.

v Inglewood: Batting — N. Reeve 31, P. Darney 27, B. Johnston 24. Bowling — A. Boon 3-19, M. Cox 3-18.

v Leopard K.P. Squash: Batting — T. Stevenson 36 n.o., B. Johnston 27. Bowling — B. Johnston 3-29.

v Mangorei: Batting — A. Boon 31 n.o. Bowling — A. Boon 2-36.

v Midhurst: Batting — B. Johnston 26, G. Hall 20. Bowling — G. Shearer 3-35, G. Hall 2-15.



3RD XI

Standing (from left): P. S. Fleming, P. J. Darney, M. A. Cox, C. W. Boon, A. J. Pepper.
Seated: A. G. Boon, G. R. Dunnet, A. G. Phillips, G. S. Shearer, T. E. Stevenson, B. A. Johnston.
Absent: D. R. Putt, N. F. Reeve.



CAVALIERS

Back Row (from left): S. C. Mackey, D. M. Goodare, D. B. Sharnan.
Middle Row: P. Titcombe, P. D. Hamilton, H. W. Fairey, S. R. Brine, D. S. Bradley.
Front Row: J. R. Carr, D. M. Cross, P. M. Roberts, G. S. Hall (Captain), R. E. Morton, R. A. Harvey.
Absent: R. J. Harris, A. G. Perkins.



NOMADS

Standing (from left): T. H. Duckett, T. D. McLachlan, G. I. Mehrtens, A. C. Bayly, K. R. Dohig.
Seated: P. A. Shearer, B. J. Snellgrove, R. S. Dempster (Captain), B. J. Goodin, A. M. Banfield.
Absent: R. W. Robinson, C. G. Todd.



WANDERERS

Standing (from left): C. D. Boulter, B. L. O'Dowda, L. I. Porteous, A. T. Jury, C. R. Wilson.
Seated: O. J. Murphy, R. W. Boniface, M. J. Roberts (Captain), S. G. Dally, T. N. Francis.
Absent: W. R. Scott, G. L. Wills.

N.P.B.H.S. 4TH GRADE CAVALIERS 1979-80

1980 Team: G. Hall (Captain), D. Bradley, S. Brine, J. Carr, D. Cross, H. Fairey, D. Goodare, P. Hamilton, R. Harris, R. Harvey, S. Mackey, R. Morton, A. Perkins, P. Roberts, D. Sharnan, P. Titcombe.

Before Christmas the team was coached by Mr A. Butler and after Christmas by Mr R. Brine. The team played in the 4th Grade competition which is open to secondary boys of any age. Considering our team was composed entirely of fourth formers it performed very well indeed.

During Term 3 of 1979 C. Boon, P. Darney, N. Reeve, K. Loveridge and D. Putt were the most successful batsmen while D. Ramsay, P. Darney, A. Pepper and K. Loveridge were the most successful bowlers.

Term 1 of 1980 saw a completely new team of fourth formers led by G. Hall again perform well. G. Hall, D. Cross, P. Hamilton, P. Titcombe and R. Harris were the most consistent batsmen while G. Hall, S. Mackey, R. Harris, D. Bradley and S. Brine all bowled consistently well. All the games were closely contested and some very useful performances were returned by N. Fairey, R. Harvey and D. Sharnan when the situation was very tense. The team recorded wins over Francis Douglas College and Inglewood High but suffered two losses to Spotswood College.

1979: Cavaliers 93 (Reeve 25, Boon 25) lost to Inglewood 112 (Ramsay 3 for 20, Loveridge 2 for 12).

Cavaliers 71 (Loveridge 33, Pepper 15) lost to Spotswood 137 (Ramsay 2 for 16).

Cavaliers 35 (Loveridge 17) lost to Francis Douglas 58 (Ramsay 3 for 9,

Pepper 2 for 9, Putt 2 for 9).

Cavaliers 107 (Reeve 29, Loveridge 26, Pepper 14, Putt 12) lost to Spotswood 139 (Loveridge 2 for 15).

Cavaliers 91 (Darney 21, Pepper 39) lost to Francis Douglas 128 (Loveridge 4 for 10).

1980: Cavaliers 75 for 6 (Hamilton 18, Hall 14) defeated Inglewood 69 (Sharnan 3 for 15, Hall 2 for 9, Bradley 2 for 9, Carr 2 for 3).

Cavaliers 45 (Harris 15, Cross 12) lost to Spotswood 64 (Brine 3 for 23, Harris 2 for 7).

Cavaliers 97 for 6 (Hall 24, Cross 24, Titcombe 20, Hamilton 13) defeated Francis Douglas 83 (Bradley 3 for 8, Hall 2 for 13, Sharnan 2 for 11).

Cavaliers 54 (Hall 12, Titcombe 12) lost to Spotswood 93 (Mackey 2 for 5).

The players wish to thank Mr Brine and Mr Butler for their efforts and also the parents who provided transport.

N.P.B.H.S. 5TH GRADE NOMADS 1980

Master in charge: Mr G. Giddy. Team: R. Dempster (Captain), A. Banfield, A. Bayly, K. Dohig, T. Duckett, B. Goodin, T. McLachlan, G. Mehrtens, R. Robinson, P. Shearer, B. Snellgrove, C. Todd.

Three games were played in the first term. The game against Inglewood High School was won; losses were incurred against N.P.B.H.S. Wanderers and Spotswood College. Three games were cancelled because of poor weather.

Sound batting came from T. McLachlan, R. Dempster and G. Mehrtens, with excellent bowling by T. McLachlan with 9 for 16 at the end of the season. Other wicket-takers were R. Dempster, G. Mehrtens, P. Shearer

and B. Snellgrove. Performances of note during the season were:

v Inglewood: Batting — G. Mehrtens 18, R. Dempster 11. Bowling — P. Shearer 2-4.

v N.P.B.H.S. Wanderers: Batting — B. Snellgrove 11. Bowling — R. Dempster 2-4, T. McLachlan 2-6.

v Spotswood College: Batting — G. Mehrtens 18, T. McLachlan 15. Bowling — T. McLachlan 6-0, R. Dempster 3-2, T. Duckett 1-7.

N.P.B.H.S. 5TH GRADE WANDERERS 1980

Master in charge: Mr A. Butler. Team: M. Roberts (Captain), R. Boniface, C. Boulter, S. Dally, T. Francis, A. Jury, O. Murphy, B. O'Dowda, L. Porteous, W. Scott, G. Wills, C. Wilson.

Of the six games scheduled to be played by the Wanderers in the first term two were won and two were lost. The two wins were recorded against Spotswood College and N.P.B.H.S. Nomads; the two losses were against Inglewood and Francis Douglas A. The two cancelled games were against Francis Douglas A and B teams.

The top score was 17 by A. Jury who batted capably throughout the season with an average of 13 runs. C. Wilson, S. Dally, A. Jury, T. Francis and M. Roberts bowled consistently well and were the major wicket takers. C. Boulter and W. Scott have proved themselves to be first-rate fielders; R. Boniface and B. O'Dowda have shown that they are cricketers of promise.

The Wanderers thank Mr Butler for his time and effort and all the parents who supported the boys in their games.

REFLECTIONS ON THE EVE OF ANZAC DAY, 1980

Tomorrow, 25 April, there is a holiday. Of course, we all know it's a special kind of holiday that has been brought about by the slaughter of many thousands of human lives in warfare. It's a day when we feel truly humble.

Today, and tomorrow, we remember the New Zealanders who gave up their lives at Anzac Cove, a beach in Turkey in the battle that began on 25 April 1915 and ended some nine months later. That was 65 years ago. Yet Anzac Day means more than that, because on that day we remember all New Zealanders, and especially the Old Boys of this school who perished in World War One and World War Two, and in the wars that followed: in Korea, Malaya and Vietnam. We remember, too, those who are still suffering in body and in mind and those who suffered for their conscience sake.

It is not a day when we boil up hatred against old enemies, or talk pompously of military glory, or try to influence young people into thinking that war is all glorious and adventurous. It is a day for humility and thanksgiving.

The Battle of Anzac in World War One, and the Battle for Crete, for example, in World War Two were not military victories; neither were they defeats, but they were appalling disasters. Yet in a sense they were victories for they kept large enemy forces occupied — and they were victories of men's spirits over appalling death and destruction.

We are inclined to think that only Anzac forces took part in the Landing at Gallipoli, but actually vast numbers of British and French forces were also landed, along with Indians, Gurkhas and West Africans. Some 75,000 men took part in five separate landings that morning, and eventually nearly 500,000 allied troops were fighting there on Gallipoli.

Nor must we imagine that the allied soldiers were the only "good guys" and that the Turks were "bad guys". The Turks fought with fanatical courage with tremendous losses to the tune of 65,000 men. They were defending their home land.

At one stage on the Anzac sector after a few days' fighting the stench from decaying bodies forced both sides to agree to a truce to bury dead and collect wounded. During the burials and cremations a strange thing happened. It was noticed that groups of Anzacs and Turks were fraternising, mingling, talking, swapping badges, cigarettes and photos. This would not

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TO GROW OLD
THE DUST OF TIME



do at all; they must get back to killing; and a note in an Australian officer's diary says — 'we had to force them apart'. It would have been interesting to see what might have happened if they had not been forced apart.

So the two sides went back to killing each other for nine months more. Great feats were performed — on land, on the sea, and in the air (for the world's first aircraft carrier was in action) and by British, French and Turk submarines. Do you realise that water had to be brought from Egypt — 500 miles away — by ship? And did you know that the burning heat of summer was followed by snow and blizzards that cut down a tenth of the allied army with frostbite and exposure? That torrential rain followed with flash floods that drowned men in collapsed trenches and dugouts?

When the first echelon of New Zealand troops arrived in Egypt in World War Two we were called "Anzacs". One of these first echelon soldiers was a chap called Gunn Leckie, a farmer's son. He was the greatest sportsman I have known — and he was always, without fail, a loser. He came from a family of champion sportsmen. Jim, his brother, was a New Zealand champion javelin and hammer thrower, and a New Zealand champion amateur boxer. Johnny, his cousin, defeated the world's professional lightweight champion boxer. Gunn took part in all sports, and, year after year, he was always hopelessly defeated. I've seen him smashed to pulp in boxing bouts. In his childhood he had been burned with petrol and

had suffered rheumatic fever. He was a perfect gentleman always. Not once did he ever make an excuse for losing or did he show disappointment. He was painfully shy and had no close friends. But he was with us in all the battles in Greece when we fought from the north to the south of Greece — and were literally driven into the sea. He was in the great bayonet attacks in Crete — at Maleme and Galatas — and he was there on that rocky hill, Belhamid in Libya, when after five days of heavy fighting the battalion was reduced to little more than 200 men. The German tanks closed in and after bitter fighting the order came to surrender. But this quiet man, shy Gunn Leckie, refused to surrender. He took on two tanks, firing at them with an anti-tank rifle. He would fire, bob down in his trench, spring up again and fire. He ran out of ammunition and called for more. He was wounded. Somebody threw him more ammunition — and the fight went on — one man against the tanks. Then one tank came closer, fired its 75mm gun, and Gunn Leckie was no more. One thousand one hundred New Zealanders died in that battle, the Battle of Sidi Rezegh.

Some people might say, "Why do you wear medals and go on parades? Aren't you showing off and glamorising war?" Quite a good question. No, I am definitely not glamorising war — but I could be showing off. We all like to show off at times, especially if we are happy and when we rejoice. Anzac Day is a time for humility, but it is also a time for rejoicing. We rejoice because we are alive and free. These things —

these medals — are merely worn as an outward expression of my happiness that I am free. On Anzac Day, I rejoice — and I celebrate — quietly. And I realise only too well that I am free because some family relations of yours — of your blood — Maori and Pakeha — made sacrifices to give me freedom. These medals are also an outward expression of my thanks to those who gave me life — for this life I have does not really belong to me at all. It was given to me by very many people. I owe it to such people as 26 fellow New Zealanders who died close to me on a road near Athens — to the German tank soldier who took me prisoner and thus made me a present of my life — to the thousands of Red Cross workers, because I, along with 4,000 other New Zealanders, would not have survived without Red Cross help; we would have perished like hundreds of thousands of Russian prisoners. I owe

it to the sailors of the eight destroyers sunk trying to get us out of Crete and to the villagers in Crete who tried to help us and who paid with their lives — people of small places like Galatas and Kardarnos that became heaps of rubble — Kardarnos bore a notice with the words "Kardarnos was here". And I owe my life to Russian soldiers who saved me — and who later sent me to "Mother Russia". As the Russians advanced towards Dresden, another member of the staff, whom I did not know then, was 20,000 feet in the air above us — that was Mr Abraham.

One of the men who served with us was very old; in fact he had fought in the Boer War. His name was Tom Mockfort. He wished to enlist for World War One, but he was not accepted since he was married and had a large family. By the time World War Two came his family had all left home,

so Tom enlisted and came away with us — after faking his age. He survived the battles, but the rigours of prisoner-of-war life in the winters of Poland took their toll, and he was sent before a repatriation board. It is said a German officer examined the poor old man and said, "Well Mockfort, we'll repatriate you — but only on one condition — and that is that you do not enlist for the Third World War."

Well, no sane person wants a third world war. It's now 41 years since World War Two began and I wonder what you and New Zealand will be doing in another forty years from this Anzac Day. Make this note when you go home tonight — what shall I be doing forty years from today? I hope it finds you and the world at peace.

E. S. Allison
Regimental Number 1863



This year consolidated the work of the previous season, with particular emphasis on building up a range of

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equipment and facilities on the Gully ground culminating in the decision of the Taranaki A.A.A. to hold Saturday inter-club meetings at the School. School club members acknowledge with gratitude the donation of services provided by the Surveyor, Mr Colin McKinlay, the willingness of boys to raise money through the sale of raffle tickets and the assistance given by staff members, particularly Mr Wilson, Mr Watts, Mr J. Rowlands and Mr Derby. In addition recognition must be made of the considerable interest and help displayed by Mr H. E. Wilson, Mr N. R. Read and Mr and Mrs Colin Taylor. One of the highlights was certainly the

visit of over 40 Wellington College boys for a triangular meeting with us and Francis Douglas College in March.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Heavy rain meant that the sports which were to be held on March 12 had to be postponed a day. March 13 did not prove to be unlucky, however, because a very full day's competition, this year on the Gully ground, ran smoothly and thanks must go to the large number of staff who contributed so much to the day's success.

Highlights, as to be expected, came in the Championships. In the Senior



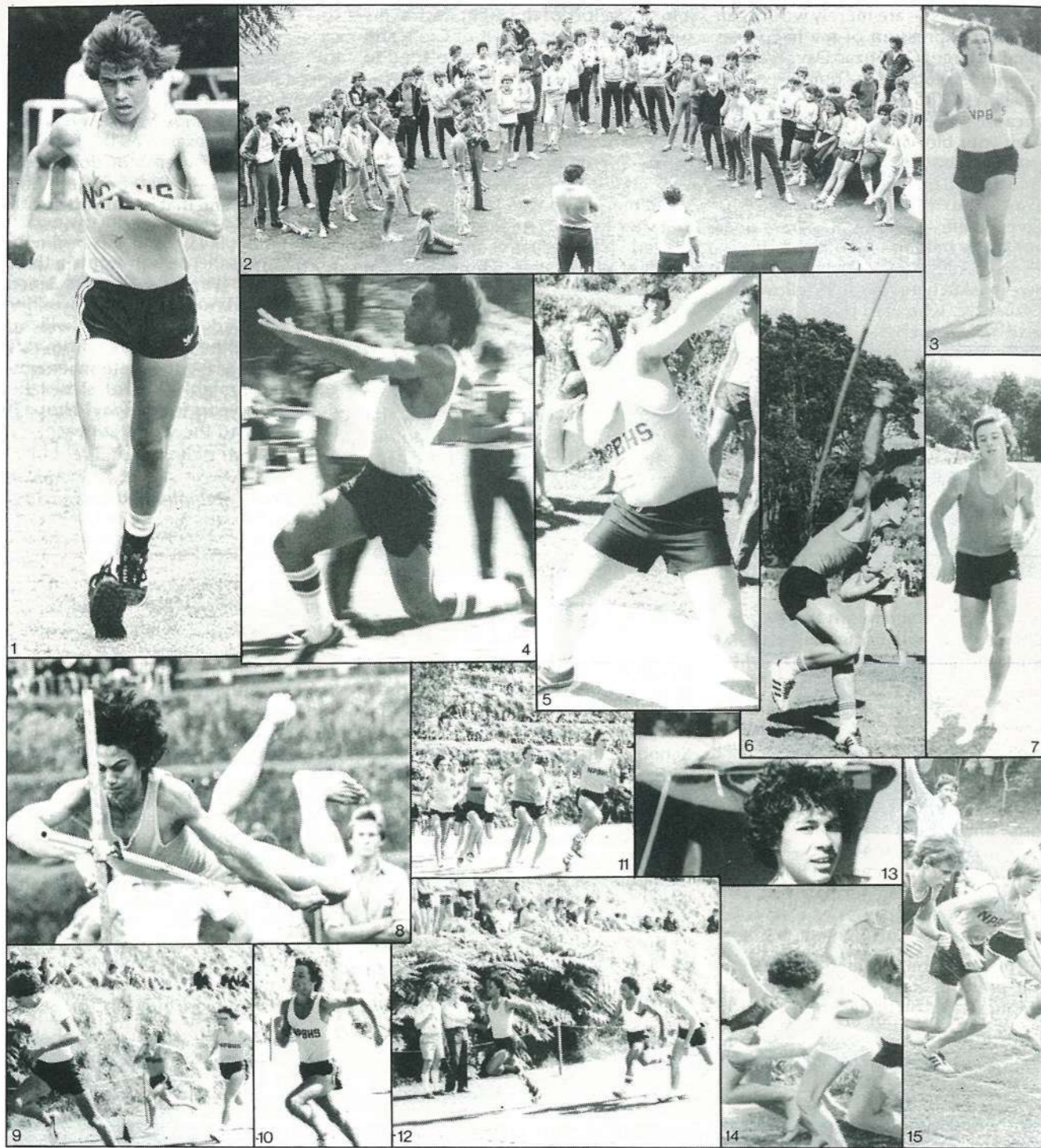
SENIOR ATHLETICS

Standing (from left): R. S. Pereira, T. Sio, F. I. Esera, J. K. Moore, T. Tukaroa.
Seated: B. B. Pirikahu, T. M. Van Hattum, K. G. Adlam, R. D. Peters, S. J. Duckett.



JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Standing (from left): T. G. Crossman, B. J. Axbey, K. W. Bland, L. B. Huizer, G. M. Rowe.
Seated: S. I. Feaver, P. G. Hepworth, G. S. Hall, T. K. Sharland, S. P. Page.
Absent: T. W. Bull, C. G. Todd.



1. M. N. Day 2. Wellington College Visit 3. K. G. Adlam 4. B. B. Pirikahu 5. G. F. Barrack 6. R. Peters 7. B. J. Axbey 8. J. Moore 9. A. E. Riddick wins 200m 10. L. G. Macvey 11. Intermediate 800m Championship 12. R. Pereira wins 200m 13. C. Nicholas 14. 100m Start Intermediate Grade 15. G. J. Matheson at 1500m start v Wellington College.

sprints there was very close and exciting competition among Pereira, Adlam and Pirikahu, while in the 400m and 800m Adlam eclipsed the opposition, winning the 800m by three seconds and the 400m by over five seconds! Final championship points were: Pereira (33) 1; Adlam (23) 2; Sio (20) 3; Esera (19.5) 4; Moore (16) 5; Peters (12) 6.

The highest standard of racing was seen in the **Intermediate** Championship, particularly in the middle distance events. While Riddick domi-

nated the 400m, winning in an impressive 56.6 secs on a heavy track, Chilcott, Graystone, Day, Adams and Matheson fought out the finishes to the 800m and 1500m after interesting tactical battles during those races. It was Feaver, though, who won the Championship because of his fine consistency in track and field: winning the javelin, second in the triple jump and the 200m, third in the discus, fourth in the 100m and fifth in the long jump. Riddick, who added the hurdles title to his wins in the 200m and 400m

plus second in the 100m went into the last championship event, the long jump, on level terms with Feaver but his superb efforts in the sprints had taken their toll and he could not complete the event. Congratulations to Day for a record-winning walk and thanks to Mr N. R. Read for judging that event. Championship points were: Feaver (25) 1; Riddick (23) 2; Day (21) 3; Chilcott (15) 4; Barrack (14) 5; and Ferguson (14) 5=.

The **Junior** Championship was the most evenly contested, no boy show-

ing overall dominance. Of interest was Feaver's win in the triple jump, the third brother of the family to win that title. Championship points were Sharland (20) 1; Hall (18) 2; Bull (17) 3; Huizer (16) 4; Rowe (15) 5; Crossman (14) 6.

House competition resulted in a win to Blue (593). White finished second (528), followed by Green (479) and Maroon (471).

RESULTS:

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

100m: R. Pereira (12.1s)
 200m: R. Pereira (24.9s)
 400m: K. Adlam (54.9s)
 800m: K. Adlam (2m 9.9s)
 1500m: M. Harvey (4m 45s)
 110m Hurdles: T. Sio (18.9s)
 Long Jump: R. Pereira (5.60m)
 Triple Jump: R. Pereira (13.32m)
 High Jump: R. Peters (1.52m)
 Discus (1.5k): T. Tukaroa (32.60m)
 Shot Put (6.25k): T. Sio (11.97m)
 Javelin (700g): R. Peters (39.59m)
INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP:
 100m: R. Ferguson (12.9s)
 200m: A. Riddick (26.4s)
 400m: A. Riddick (56.6s)
 800m: D. Chilcott (2m 14.8s)
 1500m: A. Graystone (4m 32.7s)
 100m Hurdles: A. Riddick (18.6s)
 Long Jump: B. Boocock and G. Sklenars (5.0m)
 Triple Jump: K. Le Bas (10.93m)
 High Jump: R. Tucker (1.525m)
 Discus (1.25k): G. Barrack (31.51m)
 Shot Put (5k): B. Boniface (10.42m)
 Javelin (700g): B. Feaver (37.41m)

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

100m: L. Huizer (13.8s)
 200m: T. Bull (27.8s)
 400m: T. Sharland (65.9s)
 800m: B. Axbey (2m 32.7s)
 1500m: P. Hepworth (5m 9.4s)
 100m Hurdles: L. Huizer (18.9s)
 Long Jump: G. Hall (4.48m)
 Triple Jump: S. Feaver (9.32m)
 High Jump: P. Van Endhoven (1.33m)
 Discus (1k): C. Todd (25.27m)
 Shot Put (4k): T. Crossman (8.88m)
 Javelin (600g): K. Bland (29.33m)

OPEN EVENTS:

3000m: M. Day (9 m 43s)
 1600m Walk: M. Day (7m 46.8s)

HOUSE RELAYS:

Senior 4 x 100m: Maroon (49.3s)
 Intermediate 4 x 100m: Maroon (51s)
 Junior 4 x 100m: Blue (56.4s)

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Weather conditions at Hawera could not have been worse with relays having to be abandoned and accurate measuring of field events at times



INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

Back Row (from left): L. G. Macvey D. C. Elgar, G. F. Barrack, R. B. Feaver, W. N. Clement, C. N. Morris.
 Middle Row: A. F. Riddick, B. E. Boocock, R. C. Tucker, M. D. Taylor, D. P. Chilcott.
 Front Row: D. R. Senior, G. J. Matheson, M. N. Day, K. D. LeBas, C. A. Adams.
 Absent: A. M. Graystone.

becoming farcical — in the afternoon the triple jump take-off board was afloat — but spirits remained high. Good performances were recorded by:

Junior: T. Bull 1st High Jump (1.30m); C. Todd 2nd Discus; G. Hall 2nd Long Jump; T. Crossman 3rd Javelin.

Intermediate: D. Chilcott 2nd 800m; A. Graystone 1st 1500m Steeplechase (4m 57.5s); K. LeBas 3rd Triple Jump; B. Boocock 3rd Long Jump; W. Clement 2nd Hurdles; D. Senior 2nd Javelin; B. Feaver 1st Triple Jump (10.72m); J. Goodare 2nd High Jump; R. Tucker 3rd High Jump; G. Barrack 2nd Shot Put, 2nd Discus; M. Day 3rd 1500m, 1st 3000m Walk (15m 32.5s).

Senior: R. Pereira 3rd 100m, 1st Triple Jump (11.85m); K. Adlam 2nd 800m; B. Lawrence 3rd Long Jump; R. Peters 3rd Javelin; T. Sio 1st Shot Put (11.89m).

As a result of this meeting, several boys travelled to Auckland to take part in the North Island Secondary Schools' Championships where M. Day was placed 3rd in the 3000m open Walk and R. Pereira was placed 3rd in the Senior Triple Jump. K. Adlam narrowly missed third place in the 400m hurdles while A. Riddick was unlucky in his heat of the 400m hurdles when recording 54.48 secs.

TASMAN HERTZ RENT-A-CAR SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC LEAGUE

This competition for North Taranaki Schools was reinstated this year, with twilight meetings at Pukekura Park on the 19 and 26 February and 4 March. School won the first night's competition narrowly from Waitara, won the second night even more narrowly, but dominated the final night to beat the nearest rival, Okato, by 23 points. Overall, School won the boys' section and was grateful to the sponsors for the \$80 prize money which was used in the purchase of javelins. In this competition only one pupil from each school can be entered in each event with restrictions on the number of events any one competitor can take part in.

First Night's Results:

Triple Jump — Senior: Pereira (12.98m) 1; Intermediate: Feaver (10.82m) 1; Junior: Hall (9.58m) 2. Javelin — Senior: Peters (46.70m) 1; Intermediate: Feaver (39.32m) 2; Junior: Crossman (25.60m) 3. 200m — Senior: Adlam (24.4s) 2; Junior: Rowe (28.0s) 2. 1500m — Senior: Van Hattum (4m 45.0s) 2; Intermediate: Day (4m 30.1s) 2; Junior: Hepworth (4min 58.0s) 1. Junior Relay: 4 x 100m — Bull, Rowe, Huizer, Lamb (53.4s) 1.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RECORDS

CURRENT RECORDS Note: As from 1978 Junior is defined as under 14 years on May 1st

100 METRES:

Junior — D. L. Jones 12.2 secs (1978)
Intermediate — P. D. Fitzpatrick 11.4 secs (1973)
Senior — P. J. Hickey 11.1 secs (1970)

200 METRES:

Junior — L. K. Wilcoxson 25.9 secs (1979) [Also Under 14½ Record]
Intermediate — B. B. W. Pirikahu 23.4 secs (1978)
Senior — B. W. E. Binnie 22.9 secs (1971)

400 METRES:

Junior — L. G. Macvey 61.8 secs (1979)
Intermediate — N. A. Harrison 54.2 secs (1972)
Senior — N. A. Harrison 52.6 secs (1974)

800 METRES:

Junior — D. P. Chilcott 2 mins 15.2 secs (1979) [Also Under 14½ Record]
Intermediate — S. G. Fleming 2 mins 6.2 secs (1975)
Senior — M. A. Houston 1 min 59.4 secs (1974)

1500 METRES:

Junior — D. P. Chilcott 4 mins 56.7 secs (1979)
Intermediate — M. N. Day 4 mins 30.1 secs (1980)
Senior — B. D. Crocker 4 mins 18.8 secs (1970)

5000 METRES:

Senior — M. J. Middlebrook 15 mins 37 secs (1976)

100 METRES HURDLES:

Junior — M. E. Marsh 16.9 secs (1971) [Also Under 14½ Record]
Intermediate — D. S. Willis 16.4 secs (1971)

110 METRES HURDLES:

Senior — D. S. Willis 15.8 secs (1973)

400 METRES HURDLES:

Senior — K. G. Adlam 60.19 secs (1980)

LONG JUMP:

Junior — D. L. Jones 5.17 metres (1978)
Intermediate — L. C. Kjestrup 6.31 metres (1937); A. Moore 6.31 metres (1975)
Senior — A. G. McIntyre 6.60 metres (1937)

TRIPLE JUMP:

Junior — R. B. Feaver 9.70 metres (1978)
Intermediate — T. L. Feaver 12.49 metres (1978)
Senior — P. A. Johns 13.37 metres (1962)

HIGH JUMP:

Junior — J. D. Newson 1.40 metres (1978); B. D. Parker 1.40 metres (1979).
Intermediate — A. K. Martin 1.63 metres (1968); G. L. Towler 1.63 metres (1971).
Senior — A. K. Martin 1.73 metres (1970)

POLE VAULT:

Senior — M. R. Gregory 3.58 metres (1975)

JAVELIN:

Junior (600 grams) — T. G. Crossman 32.20 metres (1980) [Also Under 14½ Record]
Intermediate (700 grams) — D. R. Senior 42.24 metres (1980)
Senior (700 grams) — T. Tafa 54.84 metres (1979)

SHOT PUT:

Junior (4 kilos) — C. J. Southern 10.35 metres (1974)
Intermediate (5 kilos) (from 1978) — G. F. Barrack 11.10 metres (1980)
Senior (6.25 kilos) (from 1978) — T. Sio 11.97 metres (1980)

DISCUS THROW:

Junior (1 kilo) — B. R. Boniface 27.42 metres (1979)
Intermediate (5 kilos) (from 1978) G. F. Barrack 11.10 metres (1980)

Senior (1.5 kilos) — N. H. Edmonds 48.17 metres (1968)

1600 METRES TRACK WALK:

Senior — M. N. Day 7 mins 46.8 secs (1980)

3000 METRES TRACK WALK:

Senior — M. N. Day 14 mins 58 secs (1980)

4 x 100 METRES HOUSE RELAY:

Junior — Blue 55 secs (1979)
Intermediate — Moyes 48.5 secs (1973)
Senior — Green 46.4 secs (1974)

PERMANENT RECORDS

100 YARDS (91.4 METRES):

Under 14½ — B. W. E. Binnie 10.7 secs (1968)
Intermediate — K. T. Williams 10.4 secs (1962)
Senior — K. T. Williams 10.2 secs (1964)

100 METRES:

Under 14½ — M. G. Collins 11.7 secs (1975)

220 YARDS (201.2 METRES):

Under 14½ — B. W. E. Binnie 10.7 secs (1968)
Intermediate — T. J. Jordan 23.6 secs (1968)
Senior — R. C. Johns 22.9 secs (1959)

400 METRES:

Under 14½ — J. A. Cameron 58.8 secs (1970)

440 YARDS (402.4 METRES):

Under 14½ — P. H. Rowe 57 secs (1963)
Intermediate — M. S. Johnson 53.7 secs (1969)
Senior — K. T. Williams 51.5 secs (1964)

880 YARDS (804.7 METRES):

Under 14½ — R. M. Martin 2 mins 15.5 secs (1955)
Intermediate — L. J. Purdy 2 mins 7 secs (1961)
Senior — L. J. Purdy 2 mins 1.8 secs (1962)

ONE MILE (1609.3 METRES):

Senior — B. D. Crocker 4 mins 38.9 secs (1969)

1500 METRES:

Under 14½ — I. L. Meuli 4 mins 49 secs (1974)

THREE MILES (4828 METRES):

Intermediate — P. Simpson 16 mins 42 secs (1966)
Senior — B. D. Crocker 15 mins 38.2 secs (1969)

110 YARDS HURDLES (100.58 METRES):

Under 14½ — A. K. Martin 15.4 secs (1967); T. H. Burkhart 15.4 secs (1968).

Intermediate — M. S. Johnson 15.3 secs (1969)

120 YARDS HURDLES (109.7 METRES):

Senior — R. C. Johns 14.5 secs (1959)

LONG JUMP:

Under 14½ — B. W. E. Binnie 5.52 metres (1968)

TRIPLE JUMP:

Under 14½ — A. Messenger 10.07 metres (1977)

HIGH JUMP:

Under 14½ — D. S. Willis 1.50 metres (1970)

SHOT PUT:

Under 14½ (4 kilos) — N. A. Prince 10.55 metres (1975)
Intermediate (4 kilos) — G. P. Emson 14.74 metres (1975)
Senior (5.44 kilos) — B. V. Temata 13.73 metres (1972)

DISCUS THROW:

Under 14½ (1 kilo) — B. R. Lilley 31.30 metres (1976)
Intermediate (1 kilo) — W. Garnham 49.52 metres (1966);
M. Smith 49.52 metres (1974).

4 x 100 YARDS HOUSE RELAY:

Under 14½ — Carrington 50.9 secs (1968)
Intermediate — Carrington 48 secs (1968)
Senior — Moyes 47.2 secs (1968)

4 x 100 METRES HOUSE RELAY:

Under 14½ — Pridham 52.3 secs (1973)

Second Night's Results:

Hurdles — Senior: Sio (17.5s) 2;
Junior: Rowe (18.5s) 3. 100m —
Senior: Pirikahu (12.4s) 2; Inter-
mediate: Feaver 4; Junior: Bull (14.2s)
2. 800m — Senior: Adlam (2 min 7.5s)
1; Intermediate: Taylor 4; Junior: Page
(2m 30.1s) 2. Intermediate Relay: 4 x
100m — Riddick, Elgar, Feaver, Chil-
cott (51.0s) 3. Long Jump — Senior:
Pereira (5.72m) 1; Intermediate:
Feaver (4.83m) 2; Junior: Hall (4.46m)
1. Shot Put — Senior: Sio (11.80m) 1;
Intermediate: Barrack (10.18m) 2;
Junior: Bull (8.36m) 2.

Third Night's Results:

High Jump — Senior: Peters (1.45m)
4; Intermediate: Tucker (1.50m) 1;
Junior: Bull (1.32m) 1. Discus —
Senior: Pereira (30.78m) 2; Inter-
mediate: Barrack (30.64m) 1; Junior:
Todd (23.82m) 3. Senior Relay: 4 x
100m — Lawrence, Esera, Pirikahu,
Pereira (46.72s) 1. 400m — Senior:
Adlam (53.6s) 1; Intermediate: Riddick
(56.4s) 3; Junior: Sharland 3. 1600m
Open Walk — Day (8m 11.9s) 1; 3000m
Open — Adams (9m 34.6s) 2.

Overall Competition Points:
N.P.B.H.S. (21 points) 1; Waitara High
School (14 points) 2; Okato College
(11 points) 3.

TARANAKI AGE-GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

This competition for registered ath-
letes was held on 16 and 17 February at
Hawera's Hicks Park. There were two
divisions of competition: Under 16
and Under 18. Placings included:

Under 16: R. Thompson 3rd Javelin;
J. Matheson 3rd 1500m; B. Feaver 3rd
Long Jump, 1st Javelin; G. Barrack 3rd
Discus; A. Riddick 3rd 400m; M. Day
1st 3000m Walk, 2nd 1500m, 3rd 3000m;
R. Tucker 3rd High Jump; D. Chilcott
3rd 800m; W. Clement 3rd 100m Hur-
dles. School relay teams were placed
first in the 4 x 400m (Riddick, Chilcott,
Taylor, Macvey), 1st in 4 x 100m
(Feaver, Corney, Riddick, Macvey) and
2nd in 4 x 100m (K. Keegan, Elgar,
Chilcott, Clement).

Under 18: K. Adlam 1st 400m Hur-
dles, 2nd 110m Hurdles, 3rd High
Jump, 3rd 200m, 2nd 800m, 3rd Triple
Jump. School's relay teams were
placed 2nd in the 4 x 100m event (S.
Keegan, Adlam, Mace, Gulliver) and
the 4 x 400m (Adlam, Adams, Gulliver,
Mace).

WEST COAST (N.I.) UNDER 14 AND 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

A full busload of our registered ath-
letes took part in this year's meeting
which was held at Cooks Gardens,
Wanganui, on 23 February. There were
large fields in all events, three rounds

being necessary in the sprints. Best
performances were:

Under 14: Bull 2 = High Jump, 3rd
200m; Page 3rd 800m; 4 x 100m Relay
3rd.

Under 16: Day 2nd 1500m, 1st 1500m
Track Walk (8m 32.2s); Riddick 3rd
400m; Taylor 2nd 800m; Chilcott 3rd
1500m, 3rd 800m; 4 x 100m Relay 3rd.

Additional W.C.N.I. results were:

Under 18 (Colts): Adlam 2nd Triple
Jump, 2nd 400m Hurdles; B. Lawrence
3rd Triple Jump; Day 1st 3000m Track
Walk (16m 23.8s); C. Hayward 1st
1500m Steeplechase (4m 41.8s).

DEATH OF A PET

*When a pet's faithful eyes,
Reach out for sympathy,
With despair and sorrow,
We thrust off the embedded thought
of death.*

*After death we feel tense and tight
inside,
Perhaps an eruption of tears,
Why? But why?
As the throat swallows, red and sore.
We will always remember our pet,
Young and youthful,
Always trusting and obeying us,
But here no more.*

D. Sharman, 4W7

GOAT HUNTING

*Walking the ridges in search of a goat
With a 22 rifle on the back of your coat
Vision is poor for the land's so hilly
But you can smell the strong odour of
that big billy.*

*Three ridges later you make a sighting
Rifle off back
Bullets slammed in
From now on it gets exciting.
Lying on your stomach you look
through the scope,
How many shots will he take?
Your heart is full of hope.*

*The cross-hairs pass over the neck and
rest on the head,
Holding your breath to keep it steady,
Then everything is ready,
Squeezing the trigger, then with a
"crack",
The little lead flies with a special
knack,
Then it smashes and penetrates his
head,
He rolls down into a carpet fern bed,
Where he will join the rest of the dead.*

K. Williams, 3W4

SOCIETY DENTIST

*Nerves tingle, the door opens.
Only his office, but no!
It seems to be leading to the destiny
of a tooth that is part of me!
A smiling nurse, so reassuring.*

*How false can a human be!
She is a front to an inhumanity!
Society seems to end here.
The droning drill sounds clearly
through the bisonboard barrier.
Like hypnotism, my mind is con-
ditioned
to lack the fear that I need.
The drill cuts still deeper into
its previous victim.*

M. Taylor, 6W3

*Try to reach outside
The immediate vicinity
Go on*

*Push tendrils of originality
Out onto the masses -
And the mousetrap
Shuts
On your fingers.*

A. Sangster, 6W4

MAN

*Our world of today is of no com-
promise,
Computerised structures now fill up
our skies.*

*Natural mountains and freedom we
knew,
Is experienced now by only a few. -
Society now such a rioting mess,
The drugs and the violence we all must
confess.*

*That confuse the brain and envelop
the body.*

*A system of functioning education?
Thoughts of a greater qualification.
Obliged are we to a work like a slave,
Until we rest in our grave.*

*What triggers such living?
Who warrants our life?
The terrorist grudges,
The blood, fear and strife.*

*Struggle for power a catastrophised
race,*

*For the world's leading powers to set
up the pace -*

*The life it endangers and resources it
wastes -*

*Man simply takes it all in his stride,
No care for his fellows and his once
known pride.*

*We all seem so sure of decisions we
make,
What of the greatest resources that we
take.*

*With chemicals, poisons and wastes
we abuse,
Our environment suffers from
thoughtless refuse.*

*We've even a name for a creature
destructive,
As his thought for his future - nothing
constructive.*

*Three letters need be all that forbid
Nature to live as we once knew it did -
Man.*

G. Quickfall, 6 M8

OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND CADETS

The arrangement of the Battalion was similar to that of preceding years: one A.T.C. squadron, the band, a Civil Defence platoon and four infantry companies. For those who were present and participated, the activities were a combination of civil and military exercises.

The Battalion was commanded by Lt. Col. M. C. Carroll with Lt. M. E. Dobson as Adjutant and W.O.I. D. Farrelly as R.S.M.

A COMPANY:

This company, comprising fourth and fifth year boys in their respective third and fourth years of training, was commanded by Capt. D. J. Mossop with assistance from Lt. D. Collier, 2nd Lts. B. Wrigley and G. Bell. W. O. II C. R. Moffat was C.S.M.

All members of the company spent three days and two nights camping on the ranges of Mt Egmont where they learnt bush craft, had exercises on casavac, radio communications, search and rescue and living in the field. The chance to shoot the 7.62mm S.L.R. at the Rewa Rewa range was given to all pupils in this company.

B COMPANY:

Third year boys were the members of this company. Sqn. Ldr. D. K. Derby commanded these students, with help



Eradicating weeds at Pukekura Park. From left: Sklenars, Simpson, Ward and Newson.

from 2nd Lts. D. Moore and M. Watts, Under Officers D. Watts and P. Hansen and W.O. II. S. Wilson as C.S.M.

These cadets participated in a more community-based time-table; each of the platoons doing an afternoon's community service with City Council Parks and Reserves Department. They also learnt about canoeing and yachting and were given the opportunity of shooting the S.L.R. at the Rewa Rewa range.

C AND D COMPANIES:

These companies consisted of fourth form boys with no previous experience in military training. The cadets were introduced to drill,

weapon training, first aid, map reading, orienteering, field-craft, river crossing and personal flotation.

Weapon training was carried out with the 0.22 inch rifle and the S.L.R. at the East End indoor range.

C Company was commanded by Major R. E. Brine with help from 2nd Lt. G. Giddy, Under Officer S. Stubblings and W.O. II. M. Grey as C.S.M.

D Company was commanded by Major H. P. Webster who was assisted by Under Officer D. Wilson and Mr Clareburt. W.O. II. C. Prichard was C.S.M.

CIVIL DEFENCE:

Commanded by Sqn. Ldr. D. K. Derby, the unit participated in many activities, ranging from defence training and first aid to communication and weapon training.

This unit maintained a high standard and is an asset to the City's civil defence organisation.

BAND:

Congratulations must be given to this small group of boys who had attained a good, well-presented level of performance evident at the final parade, especially considering the amount of time available for practice. Thanks must go to Mr D. Boyd and Lt. Dobson.



Yachting and canoeing at Waiwakaiho

Aerospace Industries in Hamilton, but the loss of some of our luggage nearly ruined this opportunity. However, with some "arm-twisting" we succeeded in obtaining a pass to view the production line for the new Fletcher turboprop top dresser.

Continuing north, we arrived in Mt Eden about 8 p.m. After checking in at the YMCA Hostel we decided to climb the extinct volcano and enjoy the chance to relax after a hectic day.

The next morning we set out for the Air N.Z. Complex at Mangere. We were guided through the main hangars, engine testing bays and maintenance hangars, but it was disappointing not to see the flight simulator in action. After visiting the Firecrash division and the Customs we headed home, arriving back about 9.30.

Other highlights of the week included an SLR shoot at Rewa Rewa in which our flight easily out-shot the other units, sailing and canoeing, a compass survival course plus other complementary topics. All in all, a most enjoyable week.

B FLIGHT:

Once again variety and interest were maintained through a number of activities which included bush shooting, films, lectures and a bushcraft camp. This camp showed boys the importance of survival techniques in a practical way while establishing good relationships with others in the group to gain understanding and respect. Many boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience, particularly the opportunity to bivouac, build bridges and participate in an infiltration exercise at night. This proved an opportunity for senior boys to develop leadership roles and learn more about their own capabilities. The NCOs proved invaluable to the officers and the chain of command kept everyone informed.

C FLIGHT:

We were overwhelmed with new recruits and it was regrettable that many were unable to participate in our programme. Activities varied from shooting 0.22 rifles at the Indoor Range to a visit to the airport to appreciate the facilities provided. Although many of the cadets were from the No. 8 Squadron, there was still something new to enjoy.

The organisation went smoothly throughout and there was a good rapport between officers and boys. The wearing of shoes and socks smartened up the appearance of the Company and gave a sense of identity and purpose. This was particularly evident in the march past when all boys gave their best when the occasion demanded it.

Thanks must go to Squadron W/O Waite, Ft. Sgts Wildbore, Symon and Hill, and others who gave of their time and effort to make the week run successfully.

Next year, further innovations are being planned with the accent on building flying machines.

The Battalion was inspected, during the final parade, by Major H. Russell, a retired infantry Major. Major Russell, also the retiring controller for Civil Defence in Taranaki, spoke on leadership and its effect on people.

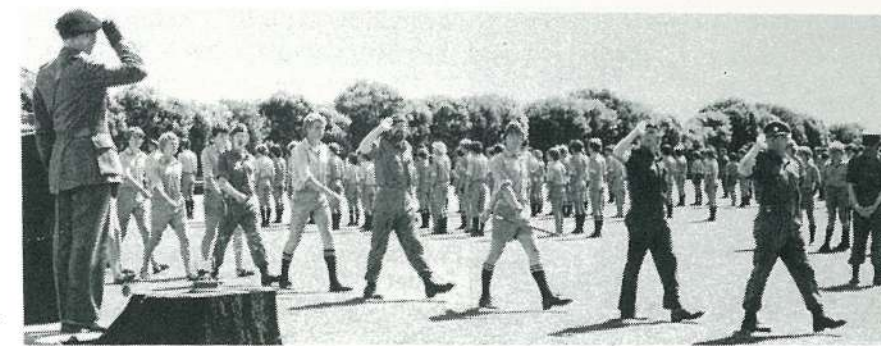
THE RIDDIFORD CUP:

At the final parade, Major Russell, Guest of Honour, presented the Riddiford Cup to the School.

This gold cup, valued in 1969 by Paris House Jewellers at \$1,400.00 is now given annually for the School Cadet Unit which has displayed the top training, quality and endeavour in the central region of the N.Z. Cadet Forces.

The cup was originally presented by Mr Eric Riddiford, M.P., of Oranorango (near Wellington), in 1920 for competition among senior cadets. He considered physical fitness very important and, therefore, requested that the cup be presented to the Cadet Unit with the highest standard of physical fitness in the Dominion.

In 1928 the competition was cancelled. However, Mr Riddiford agreed to a suggestion that the cup be awarded to the champion cadet at the annual army rifle meeting at Trentham. Approval for this award was withheld by the Chief of General Staff at that time and so the cup was then put up as an award for the most efficient cadet contingent in the Dominion. This award was to be presented on the basis of general inspections and tests.



March Past

In 1957, after a lapse of many years, the competition was re-started in accordance with the new guidelines.

FOURTH FORM CAMP:

Last year, while the senior school was sitting external examinations, nearly all fourth formers and fifteen officers boarded buses and trucks and travelled to Linton Military Camp. The camp was based along the same lines as the camp held in the previous year.

During the three days the boys gained experience in boating, orienteering and rifle firing using M16s and S.L.R.s. Lessons on 'Living in the Field', 'Temporary Shelters', and 'First Aid' were given, and day and night stalk and night compass march exercises were held. The boys were, once again, treated to good army meals throughout their stay.

The school must be thankful to the army for the equipment, facilities and services which were freely given, since the school could not afford to stage such activities as those already men-



Preparing a brew

tioned under ordinary circumstances.

Thanks must also go to all the Regular Force personnel for their help in organisation and instruction and to the staff and officers at school.



Major Russell presents the Riddiford Cup to Lt. Col. Carroll



Boating at Linton

**PROMPTION COURSES:
JUNIOR N.C.O. COURSE —**

During the May Holidays, 28 fourth form boys, two Under Officers, the R.S.M. and Major Webster travelled to Linton Military Camp for the Junior N.C.O. course. The N.P.B.H.S. cadets were joined by cadets from Francis Douglas College and three from Napier Boys' High School.

The cadets stayed at Linton for one week during which they learnt drill instruction, squad handling, weapon training with the 5.62mm M16 rifle, boat handling, styles of knots and lashes, techniques of map reading and personal camouflage and all cadets had to prepare and deliver a lesson on either 'Drill' or 'Weapon Training'.

The N.P.B.H.S. cadets who qualified for promotion were: R. Baker, M. Bailey, A. Boon, J. Borok, S. Butler, C. Candy, S. De Grey, D. French, R. Gedye, D. Goodare, R. Harris, R. Harvey, B. Keightley, B. Kettle, S. Mackey, P. McNairney, J. Mason, J. Matheson, C. Morris, P. Robertson, S. Ross, S. Schou, R. Shearer, B. Tanner, R. Thompson and S. Watts; both D. Leatherby and M. Tume passed with distinction.

On their passing out parade, the Camp Commandant congratulated all boys and remarked on the importance of school cadets in times of uncertainty.

SENIOR N.C.O. COURSE —

Unfortunately, the Senior N.C.O. course had to be cancelled due to lack of Officers available. This meant that those boys who had previously passed the Junior N.C.O. course were internally promoted and thus these cadets were able to attend the Under Officers course during August.

UNDER OFFICERS COURSE —

During the first ten days of the August holidays, the Under Officers course was conducted at the Linton Military Camp. This course was at-

tended by both boys and girls from schools throughout the North Island.

The exercises carried out were of a high standard with weapon training, map reading and field craft being the main subjects.

All cadets shot the S.L.R., M15, M16 with 0.22 sub calibre and the Bren Machine gun. The camp ended with all cadets spending two nights in the bush where their own knowledge and initiative was required to set up camp, keep dry, cook meals and navigate through thick bush.

Those who qualified for promotion to Under Officers in the school unit were: R. Johnson, C. Kerrison, C. Morris, S. Reid, S. Tanner and B. Wilson.

THIRD FORM PROGRAMME:

A programme of outdoor education was organised for third formers — six different camps were offered and, where possible, boys attended the camp of their choice. Because of the inequality of numbers, some boys had to be directed to a particular camp. However, with the exception of the Mayor Island trip, all camps were of comparable cost. Each camp developed a programme of activities



Unloading at Mayor Island

suited to the camp and its environs. Such activities included a study of the history, geology and cultural development of the area plus a study of the flora and fauna. All camps — Mayor Island, Te Wera Forestry, Dawson Falls, North Egmont, Rahotu and Oakura — offered valuable experience in communal living, cooking and tramping.



Third formers at Holly Hut

WIND

*He streaks across the lawn,
The grass bows to his presence,
His eerie whistling coming through the window,*

The creeping fingers squeezing through the door.

*Adults, children, dogs, cats,
And every sign of life,
Run for shelter in their cozy dwellings,
Doors slamming and clothes lines spinning.*

*You guess who he is,
This friend of storm,
He streams through fast,
And then he's gone.*

*A familiar thing,
The wind, of course,
The hated wind,
On his destructive course.*

K. Russell, 4W9

THE CYCLE

*Nine Months,
Waiting, Expecting,
Cry, Pain, Joy,
Boy OR Girl?*

*Dirty nappies.
Growth,
Pain, Joy, Learn, Think!*

*Change,
Teens,
Man OR Woman.*

*Parties, Parents, School.
Responsibility,
Job, Money,
Woman, Man.*

*Husband and Wife
Birth, Nine months.
Growth.*

*Elderly, Lonesome,
Tea, Church, Cucumber sandwiches.
Family visit, Outing,
Joy!*

*PAIN! Sudden, chest.
The world stops.
Obituary. "No flowers please".*

Is this Man?

D. Prince, 5M2

SPACE 2020

*For years we searched
Mankind had to find: room for our
ever-growing population.
In 1985 we successfully irrigated the
desert.*

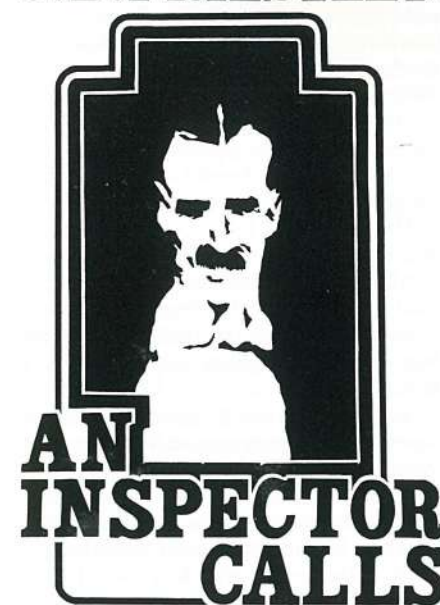
*And in '93 the ice-covered poles
perished through much melting.
Then our greatest achievement: the
evaporation of the sea.*

*But still, we needed room
Then we looked upwards and saw it:
SPACE*

Are our needs fulfilled?

D. Cross, 4B4

J. B. PRIESTLEY.



S. J. Wilson

The School Drama Group produced J. B. Priestley's play "An Inspector Calls" on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 5, 6 and 7 May. Every performance was well attended and as a result the Group was able to provide two new spotlights for the Hall and subsidise the purchase of a third.

Eight business houses sponsored our programme which featured artistic portraits of the cast, an additional feature of the programme being a cover picture produced by Scott Wilson.

The play is set in a Middle Class home in the English Midlands. It is made plain that the head of the family, Mr Birling, has achieved wealth at the expense of his workers, and with this wealth he and his wife believe they have achieved respectability. Having been Lord Mayor, Mr Birling openly speaks of his hopes for a Knighthood.

An Inspector calls and questions each member of the family and each in turn has to admit having taken advantage of a girl who was employed by Mr Birling and who, the Inspector reports, has that day committed suicide in an extremely painful way.

Evidence of erring ways, humbug and deceit in members of this family is drawn from each one and made plain on stage as Mark Slattery, as Edward the Butler, made possible many dramatic entrances and exits with immaculate moves and in the most mannerly tones.

The Drama Group was fortunate to have from Girls' High Jenny Pitt and Sherie Crosby.

Jenny, as the wife of a selfish and unscrupulous man, played the part of a hard woman of high disdain convincingly. Yet she balanced this with a sensitive portrayal of anguish when



From Left: T. Withers, B. Howell, M. Slattery, A. Sangster, S. Crosbie, D. Prince and J. Pitt.

confronted by her own son with her failure.

Jenny's confidence on stage was an important part of crisis at the end of the play.

Sherie, was Sheila, whose harm to the girl derived from a spiteful remark, has insight to see her own and all the family's folly. Sherie played her part with delicate awareness; in gentle contrast to her father and even her fiancé was the truth which she managed to portray.

Brett Howell (Mr Birling) who was on stage for almost all the play maintained the part of a successful man, falsely respectable, excellently. He didn't tire and when there was a chance to escape his guilt he switched his character with skill. His were the final words of the drama; in a chilling whisper he created the desired effect.

Andrew Sangster, as the gentlemanly Gerald, was convincing. He moved confidently and used the whole stage to good effect. His change of character from one lowered by wrong doing to a shrewd advocate who sought to justify his own and others' guilt was most impressive.



Mr Birling (Howell) finds Gerald (Sangster) most acceptable.

Darryl Prince as Inspector Goole had a demanding part which he developed through long rehearsal most effectively. He contrived to impress as the superhuman visitor, all knowing, but without overriding pomp, and used his voice so that his revelations of crime became the drama.

Tim Withers played Eric, the rejected son of this successful family, the son who even in his weakness is strong where his father is not. Tim, perhaps more than others, advanced the drama in his sincerity and ease of movement. His performances and help in rehearsals were a lift to all the other players.

Andrew Little excelled himself as prompt, commentator and philosopher at rehearsals, but had little to do on production nights.

The producer, Mr Webster, and the Drama Group were thrilled by the efforts of those who supported their play. Mr Dobson with G. Wright, G. Carr and A. Wiseman, produced an excellent set.

A memorable feature of this production was the work done so purposefully by our lighting experts, D. Wilson and G. Harrison.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND OTHER LANGUAGE COMPETITIONS

The School Public Speaking Contest was held in July and the judges of the finalists, those boys chosen from classroom competitions and from semi-finals, were Rev. W. T. Woods, Mr Ryder and Mr Bublitz. Thanks must go to these for a difficult task well done and also to all those boys who competed, all of whom came to see the challenge of interesting, entertaining or informing their fellow pupils for two minutes or more. **RESULTS:**

Form 3:
D. S. Flay "Adolf Hitler" 1
P. J. Buxton "Motor Bikes" 2
S. G. Chatterton "Dinosaur" 3
Highly commended: A. C. Beveridge.

Form 4:
G. S. Hall "Television" 1
B. W. Gordon "Litter" 2
D. M. Cross "Litter" 3
Highly commended: D. B. Sharman.

Form 5:
T. G. Lloyd "An Interesting Hobby" 1=
K. P. Mitchell "The Conscience" 1=
D. W. Ward "Comets" 3
Highly commended: A. J. Little.

Forms 6 and 7:
G. S. Shearer "Drugs" 1
M. D. Taylor "English Professional Football" 2
R. J. Symon "Youth" 3

The School Essay Contest was held in August with results as follows: Form 3 — S. G. Chatterton 1; P. Graves 2; K. M. Wohler 3. Form 4 — G. S. Watts 1; W. D. Garrett 2; A. J. Stening 3. Form 5 — J. A. Harrison 1; M. N. Day 2; B. J. Valentine 3. Form 6 — R. J. Foreman 1; J. M. Doorbar 2; G. S. Shearer 3. Form 7 — A. L. Van Paassen 1; G. A. Whelan 2.

Oral Reading competitions were introduced to third and fourth forms in 1979 when results were: Form 3 — B. D. Jones 1; G. K. McAllister 2; C. R. Baldock 3. Form 4 — B. J. Valentine 1; D. J. Prince 2; D. W. Ward 3. In 1980 such competitions were extended to include the whole school, 1980 results being: Form 3 — W. R. Scott 1; D. J. Salisbury 2; D. C. Jury 3. Form 4 — C. R. Baldock 1; D. M. Cross 2; G. C. Busch and M. K. Mehring 3=. Form 5 — D. J. Prince 1; A. J. Little and D. W. Ward 2=. Forms 6 and 7 — M. D. Taylor 1; T. S. Withers 2; A. J. Sangster 3.

The **Original Verse** contest held in 1979 had resulted: Form 3 — M. K. Mehring 1; Form 4 — K. P. Mitchell 1; Form 5 — S. L. Shaw and I. R. Snowdon 1=; Forms 6 and 7 — A. J. Hall 1. 1980 results are as follows: Form 3 — B. R. Connelly 1; Form 4 — A. J. Kenworthy 1; Form 5 — D. J. Prince and D. G. Ramsay 1=; Forms 6 and 7 — M. R. Holland 1.

A HORSE'S TALE

Open the 1979 New Zealand Stud Book Volume XXIII at page 1272 and you will read:

Olgjata (GB) (6) (Chestnut) Bred in 1960 by Acropolis, her dam Tesaura by Niccollo Dell'Arca — Tokomura by Navarro — Tofanella by Apelle. 1966 ch.f. La Balsa (foaled 14/3/67) by Worden II (FR) — J. G. Alexander 1972 ch.f. Lucky Bid by Kaazakstaa (GB) — J. G. Alexander 1977 b.f. La Figlia by Taipan II (U.S.A.) — Mr and Mrs J. E. Austin 1979 by Roi Lear (FR).

"Well", you the reader may say, "what has that information in common with a school magazine like 'The Taranakian'? Where is the interest in an old broodmare and her progeny. I'm more interested in the photographs and the sporting details like how we almost beat Auckland Grammar at rugby."

"Fair comment," says the writer, "But hold for a little, while I add some more information on thoroughbreds."

On page 899 of the same N.Z. Stud Book one reads:

La Balsa (6) (Chestnut) Bred by Mr J. G. Alexander, in 1966, by Worden II (FR) her dam Olgjata (GB) by Acropolis — Tesaura by Niccollo Dell'Arca — Tokomura by Navarro. 1972 ch.f. Beach Manner, by Battle Waggon (GB) — Mr J. G. Alexander 1973 ch.f. La Mer, by Copenhagen II (GB) — Mr J. G. Alexander 1978 ch.c. by Decies (GB) — Estate L. A. Alexander 1979 by Bolak (IRE) (sic)*



Mr S. Florence presents the Simpson painting of La Mer for permanent display in the Taranaki Jockey Club lounge.

*to be corrected in the next issue to read:

1979 by Sovereign Edition (GB)

"Well," you the reader may say, "the name La Mer is vaguely familiar but what has it got to do with a school magazine?"

The late Mr J. G. Alexander (no relation to our past Headmaster Mr W. E. Alexander) owned a very important thoroughbred stud at Wanganui called "Cranleigh" and in 1966 imported from Britain the mare Olgjata with La Balsa in utero.

So came to New Zealand the bloodlines of the prepotent French sire Worden II.

"Meanwhile," as they say in the good cowboy movies "back at the ranch". In this case read Wynthorpe Stud, Tikorangi, the late Mr L. A. Alexander (our past Headmaster's brother) was building upon the success of his much underrated champion sire Copenhagen II who carried the prepotent genes of Nearco through his sire Royal Charger, one of the great influences on post-World War II thoroughbred breeding.

Mr Allan Alexander had always been disappointed with the 1929 decision to establish Massey College, now Massey University, at Palmerston North. Although both Marton and New Plymouth were also on the short list of possible sites, a donation of land tipped the then Government's hand towards the present site of Massey. Allan Alexander always thought that such an important Agricultural College

should have been in the heart of the Taranaki dairying scene. With Mr L. A. Alexander's death in 1968 the New Plymouth High Schools' Board found that it had been bequeathed a property in trust to establish and administer an agricultural college. At that time the New Plymouth High Schools Board represented three schools: Girls' High, Boys' High and Spotswood College.

In 1975 our Headmaster, Mr Cramond, proposed to the Board that as the government Agriculture and Education Departments did not want an Agricultural College to be built then a scheme of outdoor education with an agricultural bias be developed using the Tikorangi property as a base and as a source of perpetual income. That basic idea was adopted by the Board and a working party established a draft Trust Deed that is at present before the High Court.

Meanwhile back at the Wynthorpe 'ranch', the Trustees of the Estate, Mr Stanley Florence and the New Zealand Insurance Co., had the task of running the establishment and trying to enlarge the estate. In 1973 Mr J. G. Alexander, back at his 'ranch', "Cranleigh", decided fortuitously on a mating of La Balsa and Copenhagen II. So came together two potent bloodlines.

In 1974 "J.G." decided to reduce "Cranleigh" and again fortuitously the Wynthorpe Trustees with the urging of Mr Malcolm Smith decided to buy as a package deal all the stock that "J.G." wished to dispense with. Along with two stallions and numerous mares came Olgjata and La Balsa with a chestnut filly foal at foot. That filly foal was to be named La Mer. Enter now Mr Malcolm Smith, horse trainer and studmaster for the L. A. Alexander Estate.

Mr Smith has had many good horses through his stables and being a top professional he realised from the time of breaking in the filly that here was something special. Because of being lightly framed the filly was turned out in the spring of her two-year-old season and did not make her debut until the autumn when she won her first start at Woodville. La Mer won again at the Taranaki Jockey Club's Centenary meeting then went on to take the Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes ending her two-year-old season with three starts and three wins and \$14,125 in stakes.

As a three-year-old La Mer was outstanding, winning seven of the eight races in the Filly of the Year Series and finishing second in that other race. That season La Mer started ten times, won seven races, finished second once, third once, and sixth once for stake money of \$71,925.

Perhaps her best race was the Great

Northern Oaks which was the last race in the Filly of the Year series. The track at Ellerslie was heavy and the rain was still falling when the race started. Mr Smith had tried to scratch La Mer because of the state of the track but the Stewards refused his request and in the saddling enclosure he was upset that his precious filly would be subject to such conditions that obviously she did not like. The race was over 2400 metres and with 1400 metres to go Des Harris, La Mer's jockey, took her to the front and he appeared to be in trouble. Indeed he was, for his saddle had slipped and he was doing a desperate balancing act. La Mer strode away from the field in the straight to win by 10 lengths in good time on a heavy track with a slipped saddle. It's not that the fillies that finished behind her were not worthy race horses, it was just that she was a superb champion.

Mr Smith had one aim in view for La Mer and that was to win races that would enhance her future as a broodmare. With the help of his dedicated staff and, in particular, Peter Graham who was La Mer's strapper, La Mer was always turned out for her races looking the Queen of the Turf, a position she truly earned.

Never was this horse over-raced and over four seasons of racing only started 38 times in New Zealand failing to weigh in and earn stake money on only four occasions.

At four La Mer started thirteen times, again winning seven races in a season with one second and three third places and finishing ninth in the Auckland Cup, a distance she was not bred to race and an eleventh placing on a heavy track at Carterton, for stake winnings of \$63,575. Her best win was in the N.Z. International Stakes at Te Rapa.

In her last season of racing at five years old, La Mer raced 11 times in N.Z. for six wins, two seconds, a third, a fourth and a fifth. The fourth and fifth placings were on rain-affected tracks but in the Air New Zealand Stakes at Ellerslie one had to see that race to understand the instant acceleration that was the hallmark of this mare. With 600 metres to run of the 2000 metre race and in a field of the best weight-for-age horses that could be assembled within New Zealand La Mer was 15 lengths last with a wall of horses in front and all "going for the doctor". With a split along the rails La Mer raced from last to first and won going away by 1½ lengths over the brilliant Shivarree who subsequently went to Sydney and beat all at weight-for-age that the Australians could muster. It was a race that was described by racing writers "as the most memorable performance in an outstanding career".

La Mer made two trips to Australia as

a five year old. In the spring the main mission was the W. S. Cox Plate. As a lead up to that race La Mer started in the Coongy Handicap at Caulfield and to the delight of the Australian public, who had been saturated with press commentaries on this champion New Zealand mare, she duly obliged and won her first race in Australia.

As much as the Australians were delighted with that performance Malcolm Smith was not convinced that his pride and joy was 100% as she had appeared to him to take too long to "wind up" in her finishing sprint. The Cox Plate was next and again a wet, shifting surface of a track that had been recently turfled and an inside draw on the tight track of Moonee Valley combined to dent La Mer's reputation in Australia for the best she could do was sixth.

The next race, one of the last W.F.A. events of the Spring Carnival in Melbourne, attracted a class field. La Mer had apparently settled into the Victorian scene and seemed to be her old self so the hopes of a victory were high. Undoubtedly this was La Mer's finest race in Australia on either of her two trips to that big island.

This is what Gavin Bell wrote of that performance:

"In the event La Mer drew wide and with none of the riders keen to make the pace things didn't go her way. Harris was faced with having to slow to a walk to get in behind or kick up and keep a reasonable position.

"In the finish, as they approached the big bend Harris wanted to get near the rails and decided to move forward. He was in the ideal trail as the field approached the straight but trouble struck as the pacemakers, a couple of jumpers in the line-up to make up the numbers, stopped very quickly and to avoid getting swept back quickly he had to go to the front.

"Watching closely and taking advantage of the situation was Brent Thomson on Family of Man, Australia's greatest stakes winning thoroughbred.

"Family of Man, with Thomson riding hard, put three-quarters of a length on Harris in the run home. Then La Mer came again and a stride past the post had her head in front. Such was her finish that the ABC commentator delighted the mare's fans when he 'gave it to La Mer'. There was widespread disappointment when the judge gave his verdict the other way.

"Still, as Smith says, it was a very gutsy performance. Many who witnessed the race feel Harris, with a better appreciation of the opposition and a little more luck, would have won.

"La Mer arrived home in only fair condition but a few days of good Taranaki grass and La Mer was soon her old self."

The second trip to Australia was planned for the Autumn Carnival in Victoria with the Australian Cup as the sought-after prize. After La Mer's brilliant win in the Air New Zealand Stakes the stable was confident of a better showing than the spring campaign. Mr Smith was keen to get his charge to Australia as soon as possible so that she could settle in but the inevitable frustrating delays of the air transport system for horses to cross the Tasman saw La Mer loaded at Auckland in

heavy rain at 3 a.m. barely 50 hours before the start of the race. After a long flight to Melbourne disaster struck when La Mer badly gashed a knee while being unloaded. As no drug medication can be administered within a specified time before racing, La Mer was up against it to show her best and her gutsy sixth placing was commendable under the circumstances. The Queen Elizabeth Stakes over 2500 was run a few days later and, as the field was small, Malcolm Smith decided on a start to try to recoup some grace, but a fourth place was all that La Mer could muster. "Let's get home as soon as possible," declared Mr Smith. As soon as La Mer was back on Bell Block grass she thrived and quickly picked up, but that cut on her knee was still visible as a large scar.

La Mer next started at Hastings over 1400 and was beaten a neck by Vice Regal. And so to her last race at Hastings, the Ormond Memorial. It was learnt in the week before that race that the Trustees of the L. A. Alexander Estate were negotiating the sale of New Zealand's best racemare.

To quote the D.B.Racing Annual, 8th Edition, "It was announced on the Friday morning in a joint statement from Wrightson Bloodstock, who acted for the mare's Irish buyer Captain Tim Rogers and Mr Stan Florence, a co-trustee of the Estate of Mr L. A. Alexander, in whose interests La Mer was racing, that from the following Monday, veterinary tests completed, she would change hands for a rumoured \$300,000."

La Mer was turned out for her last race looking as magnificent as usual and duly obliged her followers by doing her usual of settling back early, sprinting up on the turn and then winning going away.

Malcolm Smith was too emotional to go to the bird cage when Des Harris returned her to scale. He stood at the turn out of the straight near the saddling stalls and with a group of friends, who were unashamedly wiping tears from their eyes listened to the speeches eulogising the best horse he would ever train. It was to be a long trip home, back to New Plymouth.

In 1979 La Mer was named "Horse of the Year" by the Ellerslie public. The prize was a commissioned oil painting of the mare which today hangs in the President's Room of the Auckland Racing Club. Later in the year La Mer was awarded the Racing Writers' annual award of "Horse of the Year" and a subsequent presentation was made at a special dinner at Awapuni.

The Trustees had also decided that the "Champion" should be captured

in oils and another painting by Alister Simpson was commissioned, which hangs in the Taranaki Jockey Club at New Plymouth. The awards keep on coming and only in August 1980 was La Mer named along with Showgate, Balmerino, Mainbrace and Passive as one of the five best New Zealand horses since W.W. II. The controversy over her being sold to Ireland and being lost to the N.Z. breeding scene will last for a long time.

Her progeny will be worth inestimable value and it is hoped that eventually we will see some of her offspring back in New Zealand. Well! Back to summer, 1980 and what's the score now? Where does all this horse talk fit into "The Taranakian" scene?

O.K. La Mer won stake monies of \$245,300 and was sold for \$300,000. The colt by Decies from La Balsa sold for \$110,000 and very soon we will have another foal on the ground from La Balsa. Hopefully a healthy filly that will carry on the potent bloodlines. From La Balsa the Trust has gained \$655,300. This money has helped to place Wynthorpe in a healthy financial position and to build a nest egg for the proposed outdoor education scheme. Without this offspring of La Balsa the scheme would still be five years away but sometime next year, 1981, the pupils of the secondary schools in New Plymouth may start to use the proposed facilities. When pupils begin to enjoy those facilities one hopes that some will think of the Alexander names both "L.A.", the man of "Wynthorpe", whose name will be attached to the outdoor centres and "J.G." the man of "Cranleigh" who imported the mare Olgia, the grand dam of La Mer.

M. E. Gray

LOCKED UP AND LET OUT

*Fresh out of borstal, he scratched his head,
Case by his side, criminal record half-dead,
He walked back to his house and flattened the door,
His black boots, ripped jeans and coat on the floor,
Flopped down on his bed and lit up a smoke,
Played some old records and guzzled flat Coke,
Picked up his T shirt, ripped and smelly,
All set once again for the streets and the alleys,
Forgetting his past, a young misfit of a boy,
He was back in the city, once and for all, to destroy.*

D. Ramsay, 5M5

Postscript: II-9-80

Filly foal for La Balsa

La Balsa, the dam of La Mer, foaled a filly by the Papatoetoe-based sire, Sovereign Edition, late on Thursday.

The filly, surely one of the most valuable foals that will be born this spring, is owned by the Waitara-based Wynthorpe Stud.

The stud, which raced the champion La Mer, plans to mate La Balsa with Imposing. He stands alongside Sovereign Edition at the Ra Ora Stud.

The filly is La Balsa's fourth foal. La Mer, which is now at stud in Ireland, was her second. The third, a colt by Decies, was sold by the Wynthorpe Stud during the National Yearling Sales at Trentham in January for \$110,000.

Being by perhaps the most proven commercial sire in New Zealand, the filly, not yet two days' old, is thought to be worth in the vicinity of \$250,000.

I-10-80

Olgia dies

PA Christchurch
Olgia grand dam of the famous racemare La Mer, died in Canterbury this week, at the age of twenty.

Olgia by Acropolis was owned by Mr and Mrs John Austin, of Oxford who purchased her from the Estate of Mr L. A. Alexander, when she was carrying the Taipan II filly La Figlio.

DEATH

*Loneliness and desperation
inner feelings of revenge
wanting
knowing
asking
the simple question . . .
Why?*

P. Steffensen, 5W6

THE MORNING

*Calm
Silent
Crystal Clear
Nostril Tingling
In the Early Morn
Milkbottles Jingling
Cats Meow
At the
Door.*

T. Robertson, 4M8

MUSIC

1980 saw the arrival of Mr Boyd as Head of the Music Department. The year began with the band undergoing a week's marching training and playing in preparation for the final parade at the end of Barracks Week. As band sergeant, C. Kirk did an admirable job of assembling the players and training them into an acceptable formation. Next year we look forward to the addition of a drum corps to the band's ranks. Four boys will be selected from Mr Johnston's drum class which began this year as part of the free instrumental tuition offered. The school also offers this instruction in strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, piano and guitar.

The major musical event of term one was the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Music Festival which is held annually at Girls' High. Over 60 boys represented the school in combined bands, orchestra and choir items.

Term two, and these three main musical groups continued to grow in numbers, working towards a musical evening in the final week of the term. But, of course, these three groups by themselves could not possibly provide enough material for a two hour concert and so a number of solo and ensemble items were selected from the House music competitions held the week before. This combination made for an excellently well-balanced concert revealing a considerable wealth of talent within the school.



School Concert Band

In a similar fashion to the concerts performed at Central and Welbourn Schools in term two, the band and orchestra performed at Highlands Intermediate and Merrilands School in term three both in an effort to enrich the music programme of these primary schools and to provide our musicians with more opportunities to gain experience in actual performance.

In numbers and in expertise the band, orchestra and choir have grown. One of the main reasons for growth in so far as the band is concerned is the addition of woodwind instruments — flute, clarinet and saxophone. This changes the traditional brass band into a concert band and so it is that the school has purchased two new flutes and two saxophones. In addition, 15

guitars have been purchased for use by third form music classes.

The House music competitions for 1980 resulted:

Junior Solo — B. Gordon (cornet) 1; A. Diprose (piano) 2; T. Robertson (cornet) 3.

Junior Group — B. Gordon and T. Robertson (cornet duet) 1.

Senior Solo — D. Broughton (electric guitar) 1; L. Gordon (euphonium) 2; L. Brown (piano) and L. Gordon (guitar) 3=.

House Points: Maroon (27) 1st; Green (20) 2nd; Blue (15) 3rd; White (10) 4th.

Music staff this year were Mr Boyd (band, brass), Mrs B. Simpson (orchestra, choir), Mr A. Rogers (woodwind), Miss G. Pullin (guitar) and Mr S. Johnstone (drums).



Gordon and Roberston performing at the Music Festival



The School Orchestra in concert.



INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

surface of national and local life.

1982 sees the centenary of N.P.B.H.S. and apart from the monument raising, the reminiscing and celebratory side, we should all acknowledge the qualities of fundamental importance which have ensured that School's traditions have been cherished, are valued, and will endure.

Certainly illustrious Old Boys re-

corded on the Honours Board and on milestones along the path of provincial and national history are a tangible record of academic and sporting excellence, but the real test of endurance is in hearts and minds — lifelong friendships made when teachers and pupils express sensitivity and interest in one another's needs and welfare which permeate the often necessarily harsh lines of life in an institution.

Such friendship and bonds are cemented by Christian belief and practice so we try to relate the Bible to every-day work and problems, encouraging and helping one another in order to be more effective witnesses in the school community and beyond. We participated in particular projects such as the Forty Hour Famine conducted by World Vision, we ran a series of lectures on ancient Egypt and Israel demonstrating how Biblical prophecies had been carried out. Mr Greenwell's slides and comments attracted a great deal of interest. Other speakers have given us insight into such widely differing cultures as Japan and the Philippines. In addition, boys have had the opportunity of joining a snow camp at Ruapehu and a King Country bike tour.

I.S.C.F. is an expression of our care and interest in all through the Father of us all.

**SPIRIT OF
ADVENTURE**

24-Hour Raffle

OFFICIAL SELLER

The principal fund-raising activity of the year was the selling of raffle tickets for the 'Spirit of Adventure' Trust Board's 24 hour national raffle held on 17 April.

The Trust assists young New Zealanders to have an equal opportunity of participating on a ten day voyage upon the 'Spirit of Adventure'. The cruises aim to develop good character and community spirit while educating trainees in various aspects of seamanship, marine biology, navigation and conservation.

Selected trainees pay \$195 which covers return travel to and from anywhere in the country, ten days at sea on the schooner and any other incidental costs. The Trust Account is sustained by proceeds from the national raffle supported and managed by participating schools. This fund covers the difference between the true cost, well in excess of \$300 per trainee, and the actual amount paid. In this way it is hoped that all young New Zealanders have an equal opportunity to participate on a voyage.

Each year this school has the opportunity of sending two pupils on a voyage. Normally these excursions are concentrated within the Hauraki Gulf. However, midway through the first term, Alan Wildbore was selected for an unusual voyage which departed from Wellington and worked its way up the East Coast, through boisterous weather, to Auckland. The second student selected, was Bruce Shaw, who will take part in a voyage during December.

On the day of the raffle, this school was involved in sales throughout North Taranaki. Under the control of Mr Brine, the region was well covered with sellers: Mr Bublitz and group teachers organised day boys in street selling; Messrs Giddy, Rowlands, Bennett and Abraham supervised boarders selling tickets at fixed loca-

tions throughout the region's shopping centres; group leaders, under the guidance of Messrs Carroll and Lay, visited New Plymouth's business firms.

In all, the total ticket sales were in excess of 10,000; the school benefiting to the extent of \$5,634. This money, divided equally between the School Council and the P.T.A., will be used to finance school activities throughout the year.

The school has been fortunate in the effort and enthusiasm of the pupils, staff and the many parents who participated in selling, collecting money and transporting sellers. Particular thanks should go to the Regional Co-ordinator, Mr R. E. Brine, who supervised the organisation of the raffle within this school.



The "Spirit of Adventure"

TUCK SHOP

For many years boys of the school have queued in all weathers at a small, inconvenient tuckshop across the roadway from the laundry.

All that had changed when the boys returned to school in February, 1980. The room which had previously housed the boarders' laundry lockers had been stripped and converted into an undercover assembly area for those wishing to buy at the shop.

Mrs Fieldes, assisted by Mrs Rae or Miss Jackson in the well-appointed kitchen/shop, has given a much appreciated service to boys and staff. Senior boys B. Waite (Head Boy), R. Moffat (Head, Maroon House), S. Wilson, J. Bone, P. Kahukare and P. Phil-

lips have been rostered to serve at lunchtimes, while fourth formers D. Cross, J. Edwards, A. Kenworthy, L. Macvey and G. Nightingale have given good service at morning intervals.

A committee (comprising the Headmaster, Mr Wright (supervisor), Mrs Fieldes, S. Wilson, B. Waite, Mr Abraham (Board and Staff), Mr N. Phillips (P.T.A.)) has met on a number of occasions and the vastly improved business operations and service are most gratifying.

It is well worth acknowledging the considerable financial help provided by the P.T.A. in the upgrading exercise — which in adding new fittings and equipment cost almost \$4000. We would like to put on record, too, our thanks to Messrs George Watson, Doug Bishop and Maurice Curd for their construction skills and to the supervisor and men from the Periodic Detention Centre who painted the entire interior.

Despite inevitable rising prices, turnover, which has increased considerably, is likely to reach \$28,000 this year.

The facility has been so well treated by the boys that it is hoped to make further improvements as finances permit. It is to the credit of all boys as well as Mrs Fieldes and her helpers that the shop area is virtually in the same condition as it was when new.

From a sample survey indications are that 40 boys buy their lunch at the shop almost every day, 420 buy their lunch at least once a week and 500 buy from the shop fairly frequently.

TENNIS



School tennis has 60 boys to call on, most of whom play for local clubs in Saturday competition, gaining worthwhile experience and coaching by so doing. Four of the School courts have been repainted and two new nets bought, helping to enhance the already fine surface and convenient location of the courts.

v Palmerston North Boys' H.S.: The consistent play of one of the strongest school teams in the North Island



SCHOOL TENNIS REPRESENTATIVES
Standing (from left): G. T. Maechler, J. G. Harland, R. C. Waite, A. B. Pilbrow, M. C. Newland. Seated: M. I. Fleming, R. E. Goodin, L. C. Lawson, R. J. Fleming, Mr J. A. Sims. Absent: R. J. Foreman, S. G. Hickford, B. H. Waite.

proved too much for us, going down 2-4 in the singles and again 2-4 in the doubles.

v Hamilton Boys' H.S.: School's first victory over Hamilton for five years, winning 16-8. Although top-seeded players, L. Lawson and B. Waite showed very good form, the bottom six were responsible for the comfortable winning margin.

v Wanganui Collegiate: The team did not reach the standard shown against Hamilton, and we had to be content with a draw.

TRAMPING CLUB

A re-organised Tramping Club this year undertook a variety of day tramps on Mt Egmont and the surrounding ranges. A small nucleus of members including T. Hill, C. Kirk, M. Goodchap, P. Robertson, S. Treweek, G. Nightingale, J. Edwards, G. Moratti and L. Morgan under the staff supervision of Mr Wrigley and Mr R. Rowlands enjoyed tramps of varying length and difficulty.

The season began with an ascent to Pouakai Trig via the Plymouth Track/Pouakai Track with the descent via the Kiri Track. All tracks are in excellent condition although the Kiri Track has now been removed from the latest Lands and Survey Map.

This was followed by a tramp over varying terrain to the Waipuku Hut at the head of the York Track. The return track via the Gorge Track to the base of the "Puffer" under a hot sun became something other than a pleasant stroll on a quiet Sunday.

Holly Hut provided the Club with an interesting tramp while traversing the Ahukawakawa Swamp was a novel experience for some. Access to the hut was gained along the Round the Mountain Track.

A tramp into the ochre deposits at the head of the Waiwakaiho River had to be abandoned because of adverse

tramping conditions. However, an interesting day trip was achieved with the Club walking the Kokowai/RTM/Razor back/Veronica Tracks.

Patuha, in the Kaitake Range provided the Club with an interesting half day exercise. Ascent was via Sefton Ridge, descent via Waimoku Tracks.

Third term activities included a tramp up the Stony River to Bell's Falls, Plymouth Track to Maude and Henry Peaks and an overnight tramp to the new Lake Dive Hut.

With the continuing interest of Club members it is hoped that 1981 will see the Club on Mt Tongariro early in the year. Other tramps in outlying districts of Taranaki are also being planned. Finally, all Club members would like to thank the generous and willing support of parents who have provided assistance in many ways throughout the year.



Mr C. H. Diack who has been a regular reliever at School over a number of years as well as chief supervisor of the School Certificate examination. Indeed, many boys could be excused for thinking that Mr Diack is a full-time staff member. In his younger days he was a prominent rugby player and provincial coach (of Southland, when it held the Ranfurly Shield) and this year, on a visit to Fiji, he was presented with a tabua — a whale's tooth — a presentation made "only to visitors of very high standing and an esteemed token of goodwill, loyalty and reverence".



HOCKEY



FIRST HOCKEY XI

Back Row (from left): H. D. Brownlie, A. J. Sangster, M. A. Salisbury, K. J. Hayward.
Middle Row: R. J. Johnson, B. W. Hayward, P. S. Melgren, G. J. Feaver, S. D. Stones.
Front Row: S. H. Mehrtens, L. W. Morgan (Captain), J. M. Gordon, P. S. Connor.
Absent: G. R. Lilly.

1st XI: Coaches — Mr R. Burrowes and Mr A. Lane; Captain — L. Morgan.

Team: H. Brownlie, G. Feaver, J. Gordon, B. Hayward, K. Hayward, R. Johnson, G. Lilly, S. Mehrtens, P. Melgren, L. Morgan, M. Salisbury, A. Sangster, D. Stones.

2nd XI: Coach — Mr Cooper.

Team: P. Cayzer, S. Cayzer, R. Clegg, W. Clement, M. Connor, P. Connor, M. Goodchap, W. Hoffmann, M. Magrath, M. Salisbury, W. Scott, N. Smith.

The 1st XI competed in the Taranaki Third Grade competition and the 2nd XI played Fourth Grade. Both teams put up some creditable performances, notably the 1st XI in winning the Woolaston Cup for secondary schools from Inglewood and the 2nd XI's eighteen goal win against Sportswood. The 1st XI defended the cup successfully against Stratford and Hawera, but lost to a strengthened Opunake H.S. 2nd XI (Opunake's 1st XI playing in the Senior Reserve grade).

League Record — P., 11; W., 5; D., 1; L., 5; F., 39; A., 35.

College Matches:

v Hamilton Boys' H.S.	Lost 2-3
v Wanganui Collegiate	Lost 0-7
v Wellington College	Lost 3-5
v Wanganui Boys'	Lost 2-3
v Opunake H.S.	Lost 0-2

August Holidays Tournament: The 1st XI travelled to Carterton in the Wairarapa, and, although it won only two of the six games played, held its own in midfield and up front but were caught out by quick breaks and good penalty corners. At times it was hard to believe that School was in fact losing with the way the midfield was dominating the opposition. Players,

however, realised that there was much to learn from others, and count as their best performance the close-fought encounter with eventual tournament winners, Nelson College. Results: v. Rathkeale College, lost 3-6; v Nelson College, lost 1-3; v Westlake B.H.S., won 5-0; v Hawera H.S., lost 1-3; v Rangitoto College, lost 2-3; v Westlake B.H.S., won 3-0.

It would be easy to belittle the team on the basis of these scores. However, it must be pointed out that the team always gave of its best, holding its own until the later stages of the game when the opposition's superior level of fitness and skills finally told. Herein lies the guideline for 1981's hockey squad — players must be prepared to do their own fitness training in their own time and practise the basic hockey skills in twos and threes if only for ten minutes a day (perhaps at lunchtime) in addition to the usual practices. It was sad to see the gauntlet of abuse and derision from players of other

codes which the few 1st XI members who did this extra lunch hour training had to run.

Three 1st XI members leave school this year and all three have contributed much to School hockey over a number of years: G. Feaver, J. Gordon and L. Morgan. Morgan first played for the 1st XI in 1976 in the key position of centre-half. He has a high level of skills and should be an asset to any senior club. He has been his team's outstanding player this season.

Messrs Burrowes and Lane must be thanked for the generous amount of time they gave in coaching the 1st XI, Mr Howes must be thanked for looking after the 2nd XI on Saturdays, New Plymouth's senior hockey clubs for providing umpires, Messrs R. Adams, A. Lane and H. Simpson for umpiring college matches, the ground staff for preparing the pitches, and all parents who helped with billeting, after-match functions and transport.



Visiting Dutch Expert Coach instructs 1st XI members



Vs Wanganui Boys' College

THE PESSIMIST AND THE OPTIMIST

The Pessimist:

*What's the matter with society these days?
My friends tell me I'm chasing rainbows,
But my rainbows only shine when it's been raining.
Are my views alone forged by too much listening and believing?
Please don't laugh and turn away — I don't want to make a fuss,
I'm lonely but I'm in a crowded room.
Is everyone but me getting drunk on the wine of immorality?
If I set the modes, the standards, who listens anyway?
It stinks, but I'm different — I was born different.
Who are you to scorn me anyway?
After all, I could be right.*

The Optimist:

*Praying,
Hoping,
Needing.
This feeling inside me has just made up my mind.
I know I'm going to be where the sun will always shine.
I'll be leaving all my loneliness behind.
There'll be someone there, I know will find the time.
I thought I heard a voice on the wind.
I heard it say, "I will find a friend".
There'll be no more turning back because I know someone will be beside me.
And in return I'll give them all the love I always felt I had to hide.
Each new horizon reminds me that it's not over yet.*

K. P. Mitchell, 5M4

*'Which way goes the hole?' asked the golfer 'to the left or to the right?'
'For I've never played this course before and I'd like to get it right!'
'Shall I skim that tree and put a shot right on to the green?'
'Or shall I play it wide and use my second shot, keep it nice and clean?'
My advice to the golfer, was to put it high and true,
And forget about the fancy stuff and put it on for two.
But with that, he produced a wink, and put his ball onto the tee,
He aimed to brush the ageing willow taking no advice from me.
His shot was true, flew past the tree and carried on to make,
Its short but eventful journey from the tee area to the lake.
We saw it lying in the lake with sides so long and steep,
It serves him right, I laughed like hell.
He's wading in the deep.*

D. Flay, 3B9

BADMINTON

The Badminton Club this year met in the School gymnasium after school on Wednesdays. It was pleasing to note that more younger players participated this year. In July a team comprising L. Mace, C. Hill, S. Hill and M. Goodchap represented School in a match against Hamilton Boys' H.S. 'B' team, and had a convincing win. The team also participated in the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools' doubles tournament in Inglewood, combining

with New Plymouth Girls' H.S. C. Hill and S. Hill with their partners reached the quarter-final while L. Mace and A. Van Paassen lost their first round game against far more experienced players. The Club has experienced a good season and appreciates the help with organisation given by staff members.

School championships were held on October 17, the Senior title being won by C. Hill and the Under 16 title by his brother, S. Hill.

THE GANG OF FIVE — HEAD BOY AND HOUSE LEADERS



Ink drawing by P. J. Launson, 7C9



As the photographer sees them. Standing from left: C. R. Moffat (Maroon), T. Tukaroa (White), B. H. Waite (Head Boy), C. M. Daly (Blue), J. G. Harland (Green). Seated is the Headmaster, Mr T. T. Ryder.



SOCCER

1ST XI

1980 saw the return of seven players from last year. This formed the basis of a strong team which again played in the Senior Men's Division 2 Grade. The team proved its worth against often very strong opposition, playing club teams of very experienced players. The boys finished the season in fourth position out of nine teams in the grade. Out of 17 Division games, the 1st XI won 10, drew 1 and lost 6 — 57 goals were scored by the boys and 30 against in total.

Mr Sims has coached the team this season and has been able to skilfully mould a very able team. Many of the parents have helped greatly with support at games and also at social events.

During the season the boys played four college matches, of which two were won and two lost. In these college matches the 1st XI scored a total of 10 goals with 5 scored against.

Hamilton Boys' High 26 June:

After a 12-1 thrashing at the hands of Hamilton last year our team was desperately trying to win this year's match. The 1st XI played well, showing the benefit of a year's maturity and experience. Although the Hamilton team was more skilful, our boys played valiantly passing the ball and moving well on the field. At half time the score was 1-0 to Hamilton and remained this way for most of the match.

Through a misunderstanding in defence, Hamilton was able to score an extremely lucky second goal. The defence of the 1st XI was very strong. The three backs, Le Sueur, Foreman and Spedding, all played solidly and did so consistently throughout the season.

The final score in this hard match was a 2-0 loss — the best score ever in the 26 years of inter-college games between the two schools.

Wanganui Collegiate 17 July:

Although the game was played on a soft wet pitch against a fast Wanganui team, the first half saw neither team dominating. Boys' High were able to capitalize on two good chances, scor-

ing both times. Wanganui, however, missed a spot kick, and good defence and a high standard of goal keeping foiled their goal attempts.

In the second half Boys' High took command and scored another three goals and late in the match Wanganui put a ball in the net, leading to a 5-1 win to Boys' High School.

Wellington College 28 July:

This was the toughest game of the season. Despite this, the final score was a loss of 2-1 to the skilful and mature Wellington team. Although they dominated play, they failed to use their many chances. The defence of the 1st XI was excellent and Wipatene, playing his first college game, settled after a nervous start to play a strong and steady game in goal. Although the score was 1-0 to Wellington at half time; with another Wellington goal just after the second half began B.H.S. was continuing to attack strongly. Very late in the game Le Sueur was able to score a brilliant goal from 40 metres out. This totally stunned the Wellington defence and Boys' High were unlucky not to equalise in the last few minutes when an open goal was missed from short range. Despite the loss of Foreman, the defence was strong with Brinsley playing an excellent game in his new position.

Wanganui Boys' College 6 August:

This final college match was played on a very hard Webster Ground. Our opponents had beaten Wanganui Collegiate 6-0; therefore, an even game was expected. This proved to be so, with both teams having opportunities and being unlucky not to score. By half time Boys' High were ahead, 1-0. In the

second half the game remained the same but Boys' High scored two quite lucky goals and one very well-placed 20 metre chip from Lockhart. The wind had quite a bearing on the game, moving the ball very fast at times and tiring both teams.

The team had a good season reflecting a very dedicated coach and good participation and training by the boys.

Team: S. Wilson (Captain), D. Brinsley (Vice-captain), E. Brownlie, D. Farrelly, R. Foreman, J. LeSueur, M. Lockhart, P. Mace, M. Newland, R. Prasad, G. Shearer, G. Spedding, S. Stubbing.

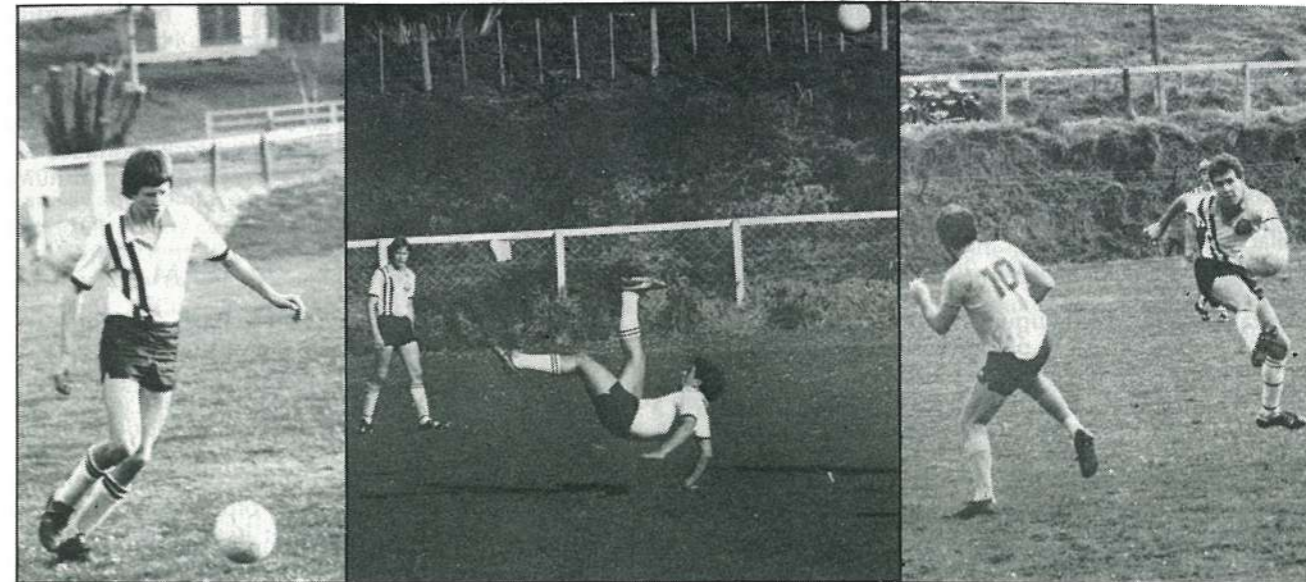
2ND XI

The 2nd XI had a tough season playing in the Senior Men's Division 3 Grade. This often put the boys up against older and more experienced players, and on occasion games were against teams who set out to win at any cost. This led to a few injuries and one or two rough games. The boys were commended by the referees' association for their manner and spirit during the competition games, especially in those games where there was a fair degree of provocation. The team enjoyed a fair degree of success during the season; out of 16 games, 8 were won, 2 drawn and 6 lost.

Total goals scored were 50 with 38 goals scored by the opposing teams.

At the end of the season a knock-out Cup was played and the boys were beaten by the strong Kaponga team by 1-0.

Hawera won the League Cup over Kaponga. When the Hawera and Boys' High teams met in the first round of



Newland about to side step.

Stubbing, continental style.

Captain Wilson in action.

the competition Hawera had a handsome victory; however, in the second round the Boys' High team was able to hold Hawera to a 1-all draw. This shows the real improvement the 2nd XI has made during the season and the able coaching of Mr Doug Best assisted by Mr Ian Wilson.

To date the 2nd XI has never been beaten on its home ground and has at times put on some displays of fine football, making them a popular team in the competition. Their generally small size, in comparison to that of most of the opposing teams, has meant that often the boys were out-classed but their enthusiasm and determination has led to a successful season.

Team: M. Little (Captain), S. Rolls (Vice-captain), K. Best, M. Jones, T. May, R. Morrice, M. Schofield, M. Taylor, F. Uivaa, C. Wilson, S. Wilson, W. Wipatene.

3RD XI

The 3rd XI has played very well and with real spirit this season. Out of 8

teams in the 16th Grade of the Junior Football Association competition they finished in fourth place. The boys had 9 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses with a total of 30 goals for and 23 against. At times real skill was shown by individual players. At the beginning of the season they won the first few games, but with injuries taking their toll the team was temporarily weakened. However, although some boys were playing two games on one day, the 3rd XI continued to do well under the guidance of Mr B. Robson's coaching.

Team: R. Brons, G. Dunnet, R. Goodin, B. Gregg, D. Jonkers, M. McCartain, G. Maechler, G. Nightingale, V. Pimm, S. Rudd, A. Vincent, D. Walker, C. Wilson.

4TH XI

The 4th XI had a poor season, but certainly not due to the enthusiasm of the players. Injuries and a shortage of players at the beginning of the season led to some games having to be played with only nine players. However, their enthusiasm never waned; indeed it

was hard at times to keep injured players from playing. This enthusiasm and determination led to games played in good spirit even when the opposition proved much more skilful. The boys had a few wins during the season to bolster morale and by the end of the season Mr Duynhoven had 17 players to choose from in the team, a far cry from early in the season.

Team: E. Broadbridge, R. Cheyne, D. Cox, B. Dempsey, R. Dowsing, K. Hyde, S. Roberts, P. Robertson, G. Rowe, J. Russell, G. Semple, P. Shearer, R. Shearer, B. Simpson, R. Smith, I. Wallace, M. Wilson.

At all levels of the school soccer has done well this year, with more boys enjoying the game. Many boys at the school play soccer for outside clubs but this year we have won back a few to play for the school. It is pleasing also to have a few boarders playing soccer despite keen encouragement to 'conform' and play rugby. All in all an excellent season with a fair degree of success and good expectations for next year.



FIRST SOCCER XI

Back Row (from left): P. E. Mace, E. J. Brownlie, R. J. Foreman, D. C. Brinsley, J. E. Le Sueur, M. R. Lockhart.
Front Row: M. C. Newland, S. J. Stubbing, S. J. Wilson (Captain), R. Prasad, G. S. Shearer, D. L. Farrelly.
Absent: G. P. Spedding.

THOUGHTS ON THE MT. ST. HELEN'S ERUPTION

Bubbling red lava spurting around,
Hot burning lava burning trees to the ground,
Red smelly lava engulfing houses,
Everything stirs but nothing rouses,
Masses of black smoke, billowing out,
From this great mountain,
Tall and stout,
Panic-stricken people scampering everywhere.
Cries of pain and hysteria fill the air,

Away in the distance the cries and the moans,
But where there is silence there are only stones,
Oh, what a horror, what a terrifying sight!
All of us wonder will we live through the night,
She's rumbling again, blowing her top,
It's deafening, its frightening, please let it stop.
There's only a few of us left here at all,
Thank you, dear Lord, for hearing my call.

S. Schou, 4W1

THE TIGER

The tiger lying in wait
razor sharp teeth full of hate
Along walks a deer
smelling with fear
it senses the tiger
too late.
The tiger leaps and tears
like a butcher it rips with ease
when it has finished
it creeps back into obscurity
knowing that another catch is a certainty.

B. Connelly, 3B9

AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGE 1980

In the first term, 1980, I was lucky enough to be chosen as a Rotary Exchange Student. This lasted for 15 weeks. I was matched with a "twin" of similar age and interests. I went to Yarram, a small country town, 200km SSE of Melbourne.

Yarram has a town population of 2,000, surrounded by a prosperous dairy farming population of around 8,000. Within a 70km radius of Yarram there is a lot of industry, especially coal-fired electric power stations. There are also many oilrigs off the Yarram coast.

Yarram High School, which I attended, has a roll of about 500, comprising girls and boys from Forms 1 to 6. The school curriculum is quite similar to our own. School uniform is the standard dress but sixth form students of a lot of schools wear civilian dress.

Being so close to the coast and similar types of landscape reminded me a lot of New Plymouth, which probably helped me from becoming too homesick. My host family was most hospitable and generous with their time, showing me some of the interesting and historical places of their country.

I found this exchange to be a very worthwhile experience for it helped me understand communication in all respects in another country. At the end of my term there, I returned home with my "twin" who spent the second term with me and my family. The cost of the exchange was \$400 which includes airfares and insurance. This cost had to be found by my family. Spending money was over and above this amount.

Whilst I was in Australia, many friendships were made which I found hard to sever on my departure.

A. J. Boniface, 6B9

A welcome visitor to Boys' High during July was **Danny Kite (18)**, the first American to be chosen as **Otaki Scholar**, and the school captain of **Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, Scotland**. During his three day stay in New Plymouth he was billeted by our Head Boy, **B. H. Waite**, visiting local places of interest and addressing the school on July 21.

Danny has been in Scotland for eight years, where his father is drilling manager on a North Sea oil project, and he plans to study mechanical engineering at the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa next year.



BASKETBALL

games, car washes and raffles have allowed all boys to be smartly turned out. My thanks go to B. Boniface for his excellent screen printing of numbers and designs.

P. G. Lay

'A' TEAM

Team: C. Prichard (Captain), A. Boniface, D. Detenamo, J. Goodare, P. Kaitoa, G. McManus, D. Ramsay.

There has been continued interest and growth of the sport within the school this year. With the introduction of a new college grade to cater for a wider range of players and to encourage stronger competition within the Waitara-New Plymouth area, a resurgence of interest was shown with N.P.B.H.S. entering three teams; B.H.S. A in the 1st division and B.H.S. Giants and B.H.S. Bullets in the 2nd Division. The junior league attracted five teams, two playing in the 'A' grade. The 'B' grade was reserved for third formers and those new to the game, but shortage of coaches is still imposing restrictions on the number of boys who are able to participate. It is expected that the more experienced players help coach and encourage players, but often commitments to representative teams make this difficult.

Fund raising through sponsored

With only three of last year's team returning, Coach Mr Bodensteiner, had to introduce several new players to the team. With a few of our top players lost to other codes, the team was seldom at its strongest. Despite the handicaps, however, the 1980 team was one of the best for many years. Prichard, at centre, continued his 1979 form and despite lacking that last inch of height excelled in all aspects of the game, especially his rebounding and ability to score inside from any position. As a captain he was a good leader. His form won him Rep. honours with both the U20 and Senior representative teams. Detenamo became the outstanding player of the season — he developed excellent passing, dribbling and shooting skills to complement his natural speed and flair. Prichard and Detenamo were selected to represent New Plymouth at the national junior men's champion-



A BASKETBALL

Standing (from left): G. W. McManus, D. G. Ramsay, J. A. Goodare, A. J. Boniface. Seated: D. T. Detenamo, L. C. Lawson, G. C. Prichard (Captain), B. R. Boniface, P. J. Kaitoa.

ship played in Christchurch. McManus and Kaitoa were both competent number two guards and fought all season to gain starting — five positions. Both combined with Detenamo to make the fast-break School's most prolific scoring weapon. Goodare, Ramsay and Boniface made up our tall forwards and any combination of them proved efficient. Others also played for the team during the season — I. Simmons, J. Carr, B. Boniface and L. Lawson — and these last three will form the core of next year's team.

The local regional qualifying tournament was held in New Plymouth. School's first game resulted in a 15 point win over Francis Douglas College, then followed a 58-53 win against Hawera H.S. in a hard-fought match, and a 84-41 win over Spotswood College. So School qualified for the next round to be held in Hastings. After the long drive and a short night's sleep, we lost to Colenso H.S. 65-75, with our best efforts coming from Prichard and Carr. In the final day of the tournament, School played Hawera H.S. for fifth place, a see-saw battle but a victory to us, Detenamo and Boniface being particularly prominent.

June 14 was first of the season's College matches — an easy win, 90-40 against Francis Douglas. Wellington College provided much tougher competition. At one stage down by 25 points, some really good play by guards Kaitoa, Carr and Detenamo narrowed the gap to 65-78, a fair representation of the boys' ability. The final college match of the year saw our team's best effort. Against a highly skilled Wanganui Boys' College team the score was 52 all with ten minutes to go. The final score of 56-72 was a tribute to the efforts of McManus, Prichard and Kaitoa for challenging one of New Zealand's top secondary basketball teams.

In the **Taranaki Intersecondary Championships**, School completed the 'grand-slam' with wins against Spotswood, Opunake, Hawera and Waitara. Credit must be given to Prichard for his defensive play, Lawson for his determination, and to Goodare for his work on the boards.

College grade — School was undefeated, and showed their domination of the League with a 50-30 win over Polytech. McManus and Detenamo were one and two in the hotly-contested leading scorer honours. However, in the grand final to decide the title, School went under to Francis Douglas College, much against the run of previous encounters.

INTER-COLLEGE LEAGUE

This new competition offered boys greater participation and competition than had been experienced in past

years. Intermediate players from the third, fourth and fifth forms had the opportunity to improve their skill and knowledge of the game and consequently the format was a great success. However, the finals evening turned into a fiasco when the N.P.B.H.S. Giants, after winning twelve successive games, appeared jaded against a determined FDC Colts, went down narrowly 24-26 and so lost the competition.

N.P.B.H.S. Giants: This was the basis of the 'B' team and included B. Boniface, J. Carr, H. Fairey, D. Goodare, L. Lawson, S. Shearman and P. Titcombe. The team started out well, often annihilating their opponents by 20 or 30 points through a combination of well-executed fast breaks, good man-to-man defence and accurate shooting. Boniface was strong on offence and defence under the basket while Carr and Titcombe showed their prowess for outside shots and lay-ups. Fairey and Goodare improved during the season, though their physical size did prevent domination under the baskets. Mr Carr, a former New Zealand player, coached the side and moulded the players into a close-knit unit.

N.P.B.H.S. Bullets: At the start of the season, the team struggled to win games, but gradually their confidence and skills improved until the last round when they defeated all teams except the Giants. The team consisting of G. Bailey, G. Barrack, P. Hallowell, T. McColl, S. Mackey, G. Ngatoa, D. Peters, S. Ross and T. Sharland, had speed, height and size. Many games were lost only by a two to five point margin and the fact they beat FDC Colts two out of three times and FDC Rebels two out of four suggests their fourth placing did not do the side justice. Barrack proved an asset to the side, while Peters, Mackey and Ngatoa showed their potential, but mistakes often cost us the game.

The two College games, against Hamilton and Wanganui Collegiate, were enjoyable encounters. The team was a composite of the Giants and Bullets to give all boys the opportunity of playing.

We dominated the game against Hamilton, winning 65-41 with Boniface in devastating form. The Wanganui Collegiate visit was a closer game with the advantage only going our way in the last five minutes, score 52-39.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The **Kings** comprising C. Boon, P. Darney, B. Feaver, D. Laurenson, S. O'Dowda, A. Pepper, A. Phillips and D. Ramsay, were ably coached by G. Kaitoa. They won eight out of their ten competition games before beating FDC Sonics in the semi-final 27-5 and

FDC Hawks 16-6 in the final.

In the other A Grade Pool the **Warriors** didn't enjoy the same success, although their game improved markedly as the season progressed. The team included M. Cox, W. Garrett, R. Gedye, G. Hall, R. Harris, K. Hayward, F. Meachen and A. Pilbrow. Although they only gained sixth place everyone had an enjoyable time.

The third form teams in the B Grade were not as strong as last year particularly where the opposing teams had greater height and size.

It was pleasing to see keen support from the boarders and their team did surprisingly well, winning five games to finish sixth. The Celtics and Spooks were keen to show their mobility but the strength of the opposition made possession difficult to retain. Thanks go to Miss Curd, Mr Bailey and J. Goodare for their support, coaching and running of games, and, of course, to Mr Lay for his overall organisation, enthusiasm and interest.

VOLLEYBALL

With a completely new and inexperienced side, School volleyball was nevertheless kept going strong this year. The team, although only finishing fourth in the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Championships, played well particularly in the game with the eventual winners, Spotswood College. Sunday night competition saw the team well-placed in the top three all season, second place being the overall result.

The team of J. B. Bone, P. J. Hallowell, J. B. Irvine, C. D. Kirk, M. J. Ramsay and M. N. Tanswell wish to thank Mr J. Rowlands for helping to coach the side.

Grant Cleland competed over Easter at the New Zealand National Paraplegic and Physically Disabled Games. From nine events he gained six medals — a gold in table tennis and silvers in 100m freestyle swimming, 100m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 25m butterfly. This was the fifth time Grant had entered the national contest and the third time he has won the New Zealand table tennis title.

In October last year Grant won the same placings in the North Island Championships and he was also selected to attend the New Zealand basketball school for the disabled.

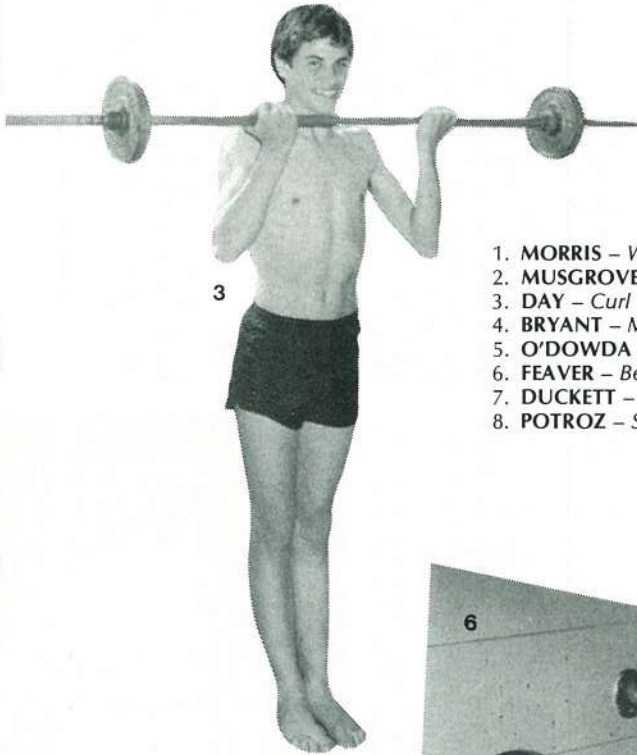
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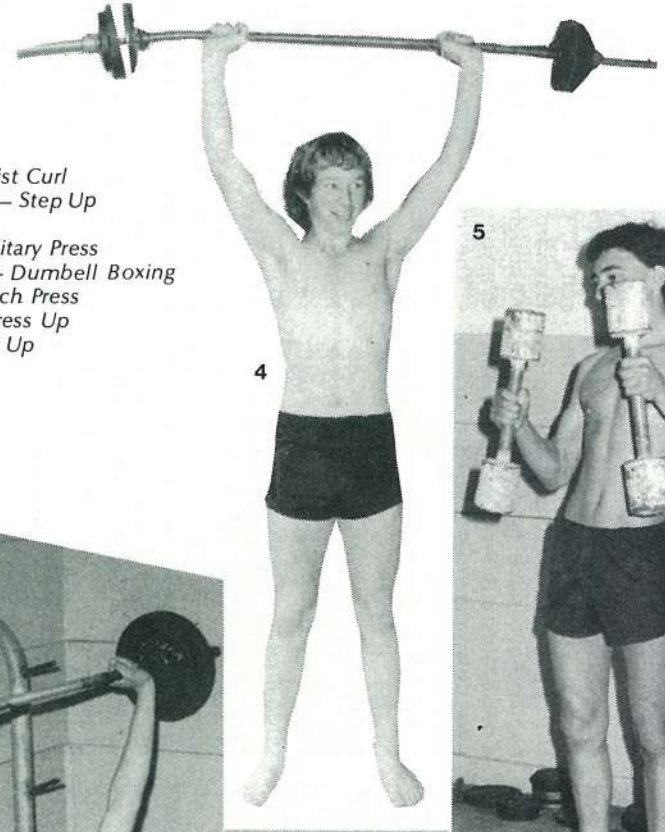
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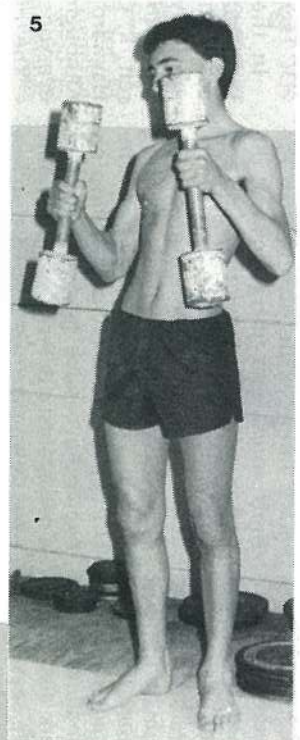


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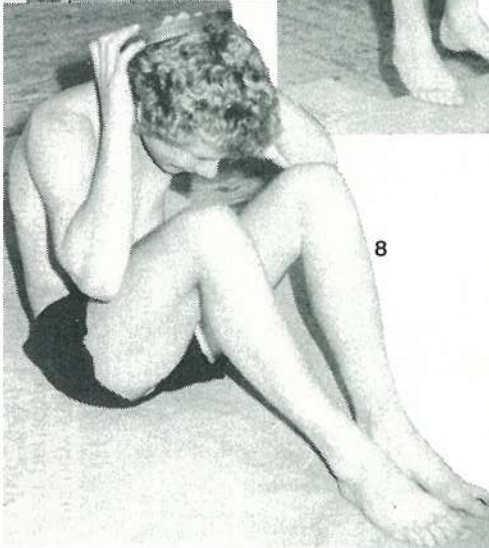


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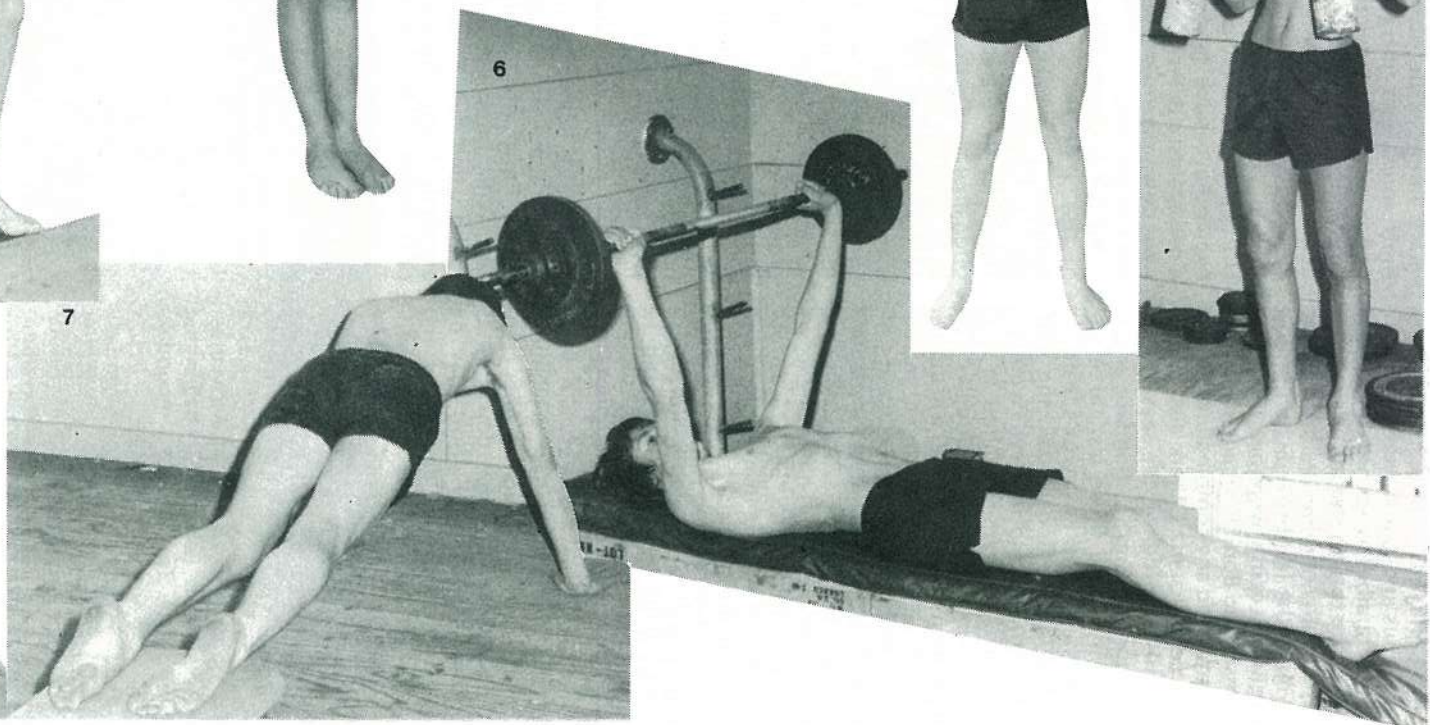
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- 2. MUSGROVE - *Step Up*
- 3. DAY - *Curl*
- 4. BRYANT - *Military Press*
- 5. O'DOWDA - *Dumbbell Boxing*
- 6. FEAVER - *Bench Press*
- 7. DUCKETT - *Press Up*
- 8. POTROZ - *Sit Up*



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MICROSCOPIC WORLD

Small, small, too small to be seen. I am a microbe. I live in the rust flaking off this nail. My world trembles. I enter a different one. I move along in spurts through a yellowy fluid. Plasma. Searching around myself, I detect blood cells. Now they are turning from red to a purplish-reddish tinge. I recognise the transformation. Oxygen is being absorbed through the cell walls into a muscle. I am in one of the lower extremities of an immense giant. But I haven't any brain to recognise this. I am but a single-celled animal too small to feel pain, let alone think. Now my mode of travel doesn't move in spurts, the heart pumped the blood through the artery I was in, because I'm in a

vein now. Through the vein, into a side vein. I am now in the lower body. Looking around me I see blood cells lining up against an undulating squiggle. The bowel. The cells are absorbing protein. I line up. Food. I wrap myself around it, digest it. Swelling up. I am just about to give birth, not as you would think, but I duplicate myself. My work done and I travel on. Then I see my greatest enemy. A white blood cell. It tries to envelop me and digest me but I slip past. Then we detect hundreds lining the vein wall up ahead. I duck down a side vein and into one of the higher extremities. The vein ruptures, a huge metallic point spews out more of my kind. We charge and break through. More whites. I am separated from my kind. Somehow I

manage to escape, somehow. Traveling up into the brain, the control centre, I pass the thymus; it is busy sending out chemicals to stimulate the cells. A detector cell arrives enveloping me; it compares my DNA with its cell DNA. It rejects me, and moves away quickly. I watch the dazzling show of electronic impulses jumping through the brain. Warnings come to me through instinct. I have stayed too long. Quickly I shoot down the main neck vein. Special whites designed with my name on them, designed to kill me. Eat me. Swallow me. They pull their bodies around me. Just one more cold cell dead. One human combating sickness. A cruel world. Live or die.

S. Chatterton, 3B3

CROSS COUNTRY

Opportunities expanded as interest grew in cross country running. After Easter about 30 boys started training seriously at lunchtimes on the racecourse and in the evenings in preparation for the **New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cross Country Championships** this year held in Blenheim. In addition, of course, money had to be raised to pay for the car journey to Wellington, the flight across Cook Strait and the motel accommodation. A total of 14 runners made the trip with the junior team finishing eighth overall in their 4000m race. Of the 285 who competed from 71 schools, Matheson was 12th, Greystone 49th, Kenworthy, 68th, Kane 72nd, Hill 76th — another fine performance like last year's Under 16 effort. This year's Over 16 team was inexperienced in senior competition but Day 64, Adams 89, Adlam 142, McKinlay 158 and Mace 159 gave School 16th place overall. 276 seniors from 75 schools completed the 6000m event.

Five days later a team of three runners from **Hamilton B.H.S.** competed against three of our boys over the school cross country course. Day (19 mins 21s) Matheson and Adams filled the first three placings, followed by Hamilton's S. Wright, C. Walker and D. Bradding.

In order to select the teams to compete in the Wanganui "Round The Lake" Relay a **day boys versus boarders 2000m** event was held on the New Plymouth racecourse — the 1980 2000 Guineas! The event was a convincing win to the dayboys with results as follows: **Form 3** — Bayly 1; Dravitski 2; Hepworth 3. **Form 4** — Graystone 1; Matheson 2; Chilcott 3. **Form 5** — Day 1; Phillips 2; Adams 3. **Fastest time** went to Graystone (6 mins 22s) 4 seconds ahead of Day's.

Three teams competed in the second "**Round the Lake**" Relay, all in the Under 16 Division. Matheson's team which included Graystone, Chilcott and Kane finished third behind Rongotai and Wellington Colleges. The third form team also performed well among teams of their own age group. Two days later third, fourth and fifth form teams again travelled to **Wanganui** to participate in an **invitation competition** involving three Wanganui Schools, Wellington College and ourselves. The third formers were placed third, with Bayly recording second fastest time of 12 mins 0.4 secs for the approximate 3000m. The fourth form team finished first — Graystone 1st (14 mins 55 secs for about 4000m), Matheson 2nd, Kane 6th, Johnston 8th, Kenworthy 10th and Chilcott 16th. The fifth form race was won by Day (18 mins 47 secs for 5500m) with Adams 3rd, Hill 10th, Butler 13th, Phillips 16th: second place overall. We appreciate the invitation sent by Wanganui Collegiate and especially the interest shown in our School by Mr A. McNab of Collegiate.

The win by the fourth form team at Wanganui was particularly pleasing because it confirmed the good form shown by these boys in the **Wellington College Invitation Cross Country** held in the capital on July 7. There Matheson won the fourth form event in a new record time and Kenworthy, Kane and Graystone filled 6th, 7th and 8th placings and these boys, together with Johnson (18th), gave School a combined total of 40 against Wellington College's 52 and Hutt Valley High School's 78. Day failed by five seconds to win the fifth form race there, while Dravitski was the first of our third formers home in twelfth place. Mr B. McCrea's organisation and

Wellington's hospitality were much appreciated by our runners.

The **School Cross Country Championships** held in October were particularly notable for the performance of M. N. Day in winning both the Intermediate and Senior races. Day's achievement is all the more creditable when it is realised that the senior race was started immediately after the first four Intermediates had crossed the finishing line. Results:

Senior: M. N. Day 1; G. S. Shearer 2; S. J. Duckett 3; D. H. Russell 4. (Times: 21.54, 22.01, 22.18).

Intermediate: M. N. Day 1; G. J. Matheson 2; A. M. Graystone 3; P. W. Kane 4. (Times: 19.41, 20.19, 20.57).

Junior: B. R. Ellis 1; D. A. Dravitski 2; R. S. Mascull 3; P. R. Armstrong 4. (Times: 13.06, 13.10, 13.14). House Points: 1. Blue (4965), 2 White (3641), 3. Green (3634), 4. Maroon (3096).

The **Taranaki Inter-Secondary Championships** were once again held on the testing Okato farm course adjacent to the high school. Results were as good as last year's — two firsts and a second in team competition. **Junior:** D. Dravitski (1st), P. Armstrong (6), B. Ellis (7), J. Lyall (19), P. Hepworth (20), R. Kirk (22), S. Scott (34), G. Moratti (37). Overall placing: First, 50 points ahead of the next school team. **Intermediate:** M. Day (2), J. Matheson (3), P. Kane (14), A. Maxwell (17), S. Ross (21), A. Kenworthy (31). Overall placing: First. **Senior:** G. Shearer (6), D. Russell (8), P. McKinlay (10), S. Duckett (15), K. Adlam (18), P. Laurenson (24). Overall placing: second to Opunake H.S.

Thanks are due to Mr Wilson, Mr Derby, Mr Moore and Mr J. Rowlands for all the assistance they have given to this year's cross country runners.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

CHANGES

It has become traditional to name buildings and grounds in honour of men who have served the school and city with distinction.

In 1916 the boarders shifted from Niger House, then leased by the school, to a new building named Carrington House after Mr F. A. Carrington, New Plymouth's first surveyor, agent of the New Zealand Company, member of the Taranaki Provincial Council, member of the Taranaki Education Board and long-time proponent of the establishment of a High School in New Plymouth.



Site of the new Laboratories

A wooden structure on the present site of Moyes House was known as School House, a name it retained (even after it was replaced by the present concrete building in 1930 until 1946, when it was renamed Moyes House to perpetuate the memory of the second Headmaster, Mr "Bill" Moyes, who introduced boarding to the school. The cricket pavilion also carries his name. In 1927 a wooden building was constructed between the two houses to carry the overflow of boarders. In 1939 an extra storey was added to it and the house achieved full status and was named Pridham House after the first Headmaster of the school. Pridham House was demolished in 1979.

The ground behind the Gymnasium which once was a gully and the site of a .22 rifle range was levelled in 1959 to form the present rugby field and tennis courts and was named McNaught Field as a tribute to Mr McNaught, the third Headmaster who retired in 1957. Money for this development came in part from the profits of the 75th jubilee celebrations in 1957.

For many years the paddock bordering Hobson Street was the site of the school piggeries. In the late 1960s the field was levelled to provide two soccer fields, a hockey field and a 440 yard athletic track. The ground was named after Mr J. S. Webster, the school's fourth Headmaster, who was tragically killed in a motor accident in 1967.

In 1972 the new block bordering Elliot Street and adjoining the assembly hall was completed and named the Alexander Block so honouring the name of a man who spent most of his life, man and boy, in service of the school. He was the school's fifth Headmaster and retired in 1971.

Last year after Pridham House was demolished the Board decided to perpetuate the name of the School's first Headmaster and named the "Old Main Block", built on the site of the original school overlooking the cricket ground and city, Pridham Hall. The south block, more commonly known as the "morgue" because it was un-

heated for many years, was begun in 1933, completed in 1945 and upgraded in 1978 and was named the Cramond wing.

Thus all the six former Headmasters, their efforts and contributions, are remembered in the structural fabric of the school.

In addition to the upgrading of the Science Block and a start being made to the new Biology wing, which is being constructed on the old Pridham House site, other changes and maintenance items include the exterior painting of the Woodwork Block and the conversion of the basement of the new Technical Block into a Dark Room and Pottery Room. The basement was also extended to increase the storage room for unused furniture. The conversion leaves the former pottery room vacant. It will be used as an annexe to the Art Room and will provide a base for the seventh form practical art students.



Third formers demolishing the inside of an old laboratory



Repainting the Woodwork Block



Niger House reduced to firewood

NIGER HOUSE IS NO MORE

Niger was the school's first boarding house and although built in 1906 it did not begin its association with our school until 1910. Then for the next two years it was home for all our boarders, but in the meantime, until it became school property in 1943, Niger was in fact a private boarding house which was used for the overflow of boarders when the other newer houses were overtaxed. Jockeys and other race-goers often stayed at Niger for the various race meetings. Out-of-town visitors were paying guests who also stayed at Niger.

An exclusive use of Niger began in 1944 when it became the boarding house for the Preparatory School. These boarders of primary school age grouped together with their contemporary dayboy peers became the new Niger House and began to make a strong contribution to school life. In 1955 Niger was renovated and became the school's most luxurious boarding house and of full boarding house status in its own right. In 1959 Niger became the home for the whole intake of third form boarders until they moved onto the three houses in the 'top' school. In 1967 Niger's role was again changed and it became a senior boys' domain with greater study facilities. 1973 brought the end of its life as a home for many of our boarders.

The two-storeyed kauri building comprised many smaller dormitories, sometimes with shortened beds probably housing best the smaller boys of our school. The rambling basement offered many possibilities and activities not all of which were approved by the house staff. The verandah and windows offered a splendid view of much of New Plymouth. This Taranakian records the demolition of this grand old building. Niger House, the building, is no more.

For a long time this building held

pride of place on its impressive site just below the top ground. Now it will simply occupy pride of place in the hearts of many past pupils, especially the prep boys, who often began their life at N.P.B.H.S. in Niger House.



It is not only School buildings which are being refurbished and modernised. Our near neighbour, the New Plymouth racecourse, which was out of commission during 1979 has been realigned with a new 1600m galloping track and a 1000m all-weather trotting track laid. Provision has been made for several rugby and soccer fields inside these tracks, so after-school practices have resumed 'over the road'.



RUGBY

tative honours. Robert Moffat, Taura Tukaroa, Colin Maihi, Andrew Brown, Gary Lundt and Beamish Pirikahu were selected for the Taranaki Secondary Schools tournament team. Paul Kahukare and Alistair Chilcott represented Taranaki at the North Island Under 16 Tournament and Tim Crossman, David Merritt and Gerald Barrack were included in the Taranaki Under 14 team.

For the first time the school played in an Under 15 Tournament with 16 teams from schools throughout the country, playing five games in three days. Although our boys found themselves against bigger opposition they performed with determination and enjoyed the experience.

In Saturday competition the first fifteen, fifth grade gold and sixth grade gold enjoyed most successful seasons.

1ST XV

v. Hamilton Boys' High School on the Gully:

This was the first 'College Match' for

both the team and the coach, Mr Moore, and, with the incentive of playing on the Gully in front of the School, everyone was eager for a good performance.

School was the superior team on the day but often made mistakes which made the final result difficult to predict.

The School forwards dominated possession in the first half but the backs too often passed under pressure and wasted ball. Esera made a number of fine runs in this half and was particularly unlucky not to score.

Right on half time, Hamilton forced a five metre scrum, from which their No. 8 scored. This was converted to make the half time score 6-0 to Hamilton.

Early in the second half Esera scored after a fine move in which the whole backline combined well. After twenty minutes, Brown scored after a good solo run on the blindside. Moffat converted to make the score 10-9 to New Plymouth. We spent the remainder of the game on defence which although

This year the School entered thirteen teams in Saturday competition, an increase of one over recent years. This meant in 6th, 7th and 8th grades we had three teams entered which because of the number of teams in some grades meant that they were required to play each other too often. However, 270 boys took part in Saturday games on a regular basis. Thanks go to all coaches and especially Messrs O'Dowda, Bellringer, Urbahn, Ashworth and Gray for making their time available.

A number of boys gained represen-



Charters & Guthrie

FIRST FIFTEEN

Back Row (from left): J. B. Bone, T. Sio, W. A. Broughton, I. J. Simmons, T. Esera, P. D. Kahukare, B. H. Waite.
Middle Row: P. W. Phillips, C. T. T. Maihi, M. E. Tatham, S. P. Milliken, A. B. Chilcott, G. M. Lundt.
Front Row: J. G. Harland, D. M. Watts, T. Tukaroa, C. R. Moffat (Captain), A. H. Brown, C. M. Daly, B. W. Pirikahu.
Absent: K. E. Fisher.



Boarders' Haka Party in action during the Hamilton match.

tested at times proved to be sufficient.

Tukaroa had a fine game in the forwards, as did Maihi, especially off the front of the lineout. The pick of the backs was Esera whose devastating runs proved a handful for the opposition.

The team was: J. Harland, D. Watts, F. Esera, B. Pirikahu, G. Lundt, A. Brown, K. Fisher, R. Moffat, B. Waite, W. Broughton, I. Simmons, P. Kahukare, T. Sio, T. Tukaroa, C. Maihi.

v. St. Patrick's College at Silverstream:

Although the weather was fine the ground conditions were atrocious for the fiftieth encounter between the schools. Before the match the two teams were introduced to the men who had been the team captains for the first game between the schools.

We took a few minutes to adapt to the foreign conditions both underfoot and playing into a strong southerly wind and after five minutes were down three points after giving away a penalty. From this moment the School forwards toiled tirelessly to dominate possession, which the backs gave

plenty of air to and showed good skills to move the ball about. Chilcott, on the right wing, had a number of strong runs and Moffat made a couple of solo bursts and was brought down inches from the line on two occasions. Half time arrived with no change to the score.

In the second half, apart from a ten minute period midway through the spell, our forwards again dominated possession, the tight core of Tukaroa, Daly, Kahukare, Broughton and Simmons in particular working hard. The St. Pat's defence, however, was superb and although it appeared only a matter of time before we would score, full time was getting nearer. Finally, with around five minutes left to play, School forwards drove deep into the St. Pat's twenty-two and after winning a series of quick rucks the ball was moved through the backline for Watts to score in the corner. The score remained 4-3 to New Plymouth until the final whistle.

School forwards had played very well as a pack which allowed Moffat to be most effective in the loose, while in

the backs Harland was always safe at fullback and Brown at five-eighth showed rare ability in his handling of the slimy ball.

The team was: J. Harland, A. Chilcott, D. Watts, F. Esera, G. Lundt, A. Brown, K. Fisher, R. Moffat, B. Waite, C. Maihi, W. Broughton, I. Simmons, T. Tukaroa, P. Kahukare, C. Daly.

v. Wanganui Collegiate at Wanganui:

We arrived home from St. Pat's to find that our game against Wanganui Collegiate had been brought forward a week. This meant we were to play our second College match in five days. The morning of the match was brilliantly fine and with a playing surface to match the weather, a good game was assured.

We made a good start to the game, being unlucky not to score in the first minutes of the match after Pirikahu had made a beautiful 70 metre dash. This was an indication of the way he was to play for the entire match.

After the early exchanges, however, our game fell away and at halftime we trailed 6-3.

In the second half we took control and although we gave away a penalty goal, the number of times Collegiate was able to make gains into our territory were minimal.

Our biggest difficulty was to put points on the board, as, although we had control, we could not penetrate the Collegiate defence. Then finally after a good drive by the forwards the ball was fed to Brown who scored. A penalty by Moffat a few minutes later gave us a 10-9 lead which we held to the end. As mentioned, Pirikahu had a good game in the backs as did fullback Harland, while in the forwards Daly, Tukaroa and Broughton played well.

The team was: J. Harland, D. Watts, A. Chilcott, B. Pirikahu, G. Lundt, A. Brown, K. Fisher, R. Moffat, C. Maihi, B. Waite, I. Simmons, W. Broughton, P. Kahukare, T. Tukaroa, C. Daly.



Mr Bellringer with the team which played Wanganui Boys' College.



v. P.N.B.H.S. - Pirikahu, Lundt and Brown

v. Palmerston North Boys' High School on the Gully:

Palmerston North came to us with a very strong reputation and although their 'star player', Craig Wickes, was engaged with the North Island team they were still able to boast two New Zealand Under 17 representatives, Mark Finlay and John Tawharu, in their backline.

Played on the School Gully which was in remarkable condition following overnight rain, School made a grand beginning when a dropped goal attempt by Brown in the first minute missed by only inches.

Palmerston were first to score when



Harland in action against P.N.B.H.S.

a planned move was executed to perfection and their left winger, McKay, scored, converted by Finlay to make the score 6-0. McKay repeated the performance later in the half to make the score 10-3 at half time, after R. Moffat had kicked a penalty goal for School.

In the second spell School played with more purpose and were able to put pressure on the visitors. Moffat

kicked two further penalties before Finlay replied with a penalty to keep Palmerston clear 13-9.

A number of forward drives with good support play by the backs made sure we were in Palmerston's territory and Moffat kicked yet another penalty to bring the score to 13-12.

Palmerston forced their way back and their fullback, Finlay, kicked a fine 35 metre dropped goal after a clearing kick had failed to find touch.

The whole of the school team performed with credit especially in the second spell when the forwards and especially Daly and Simmons strove to overcome their larger opponents.

The team was: J. Harland, A. Chilcott, F. Esera, B. Pirikahu, G. Lundt, A. Brown, K. Fisher, R. Moffat, B. Waite, W. Broughton, P. Kahukare, I. Simmons, T. Sio, T. Tukaroa, C. Daly.

v. Auckland Grammar at Auckland:

We went to Auckland knowing that the Grammar team had been unbeaten in matches for two seasons and that they had three players who were to tour Australia with the New Zealand Secondary Schools' side.

The weather and ground conditions were perfect as the teams went onto the field. We made our best start to any game of the season with the forwards pouring into the first ruck and although we were penalised for over-vigorous play the momentum never reduced. School's forward pack dominated the first half with the tight five of Daly, Tukaroa, Sio, Simmons and Kahukare giving the heavier Grammar forwards a lesson in rucking and mauling and the loose trio, and especially Broughton, putting a lot of pressure on the Grammar inside backs.

In the backs our combination was not always sound under the pressure from the Grammar defenders, although we were unlucky not to score on a number of occasions, none more so than when Pirikahu made a break of 40 metres and kicked ahead to be

beaten narrowly to the touchdown.

Just before half-time, after constant pressure inside the Grammar half, Moffat kicked a penalty to make the score 3-0 to School at the break.

In the second spell Grammar showed why they have managed to build up such a fine record. Their forwards won a large percentage of the ball and their backs went through a wide repertoire of moves. It began to look as if it was only time before School cracked. Before he left the field, concussed, Brown covered and tackled well from first five eighth, and, with Moffat having an outstanding game at No. 8, the School defence held. Grammar then began to pepper our line with up and unders but Harland at fullback took the ball and cleared magnificently.

With six minutes left in the game the Grammar backs were held up inches from our line and from the ensuing scrum the Grammar pack pushed us back over our own line for their No. 8, Wood, to score.

Although School fought valiantly to regain the lead they were unable to get enough control and in the final minutes Fox kicked a penalty goal for Grammar to make the final score 7-3.

Losses are never enjoyed but the team had turned on a magnificent effort for 80 minutes against possibly the best secondary school team in the country. The whole team lifted their efforts and it was fitting that our last game together was our best performance.

The team was: J. Harland, F. Esera, D. Watts, B. Pirikahu, G. Lundt, A. Brown, K. Fisher, R. Moffat, B. Waite, W. Broughton, P. Kahukare, I. Simmons, T. Sio, T. Tukaroa, C. Daly. A. Chilcott replaced A. Brown.

General: On Saturdays we played in the Under 21 grade for the first time. We started the season playing an open style of game and won our first four games. The highlight of the early part of the season was the defeat of Tukapa, the grade winners the previous season. This game was played as a curtain raiser to the Taranaki v Wanganui representative match on Anzac Day. School reached the North-South play-offs in which we lost two of the three games.

Overall, the games were enjoyable and the competition keen. Moffat was the top points scorer bringing up his hundred against Palmerston North Boys' High School while Watts topped the try scorers with eleven. More importantly, however, the players moulded into a good team in all senses of the word.

Te Aute Match: "The Taranakian" records with regret the non-scheduling of the traditional match



From the Headmaster's XV game on Queen's Birthday Weekend.

against Te Aute College, what would have been the 76th encounter between the schools. Parents on both sides of the Island hope that the rivalry will resume next year.

With only five of last year's 1st XV returning to School, the job of forming a winning team was made difficult. However, the team has pulled together and with the use of video equipment and some novel training techniques, enthusiasm has been kept going throughout the long, hard season. On behalf of the 1st XV, I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Moore for all the time they have spent organising and supporting the team.

C. R. Moffat

2ND XV

This year's 2nd XV was a relatively young side with many players coming from the lower grades. The season was mixed with one or two indifferent performances against stronger sides, but some excellent performances against sides of similar size and ability were seen.

The season was highlighted by the trip to Hamilton to play Hamilton B.H.S. 2nd XV. This resulted in a convincing win to N.P.B.H.S. 19-6. The outstanding feature of the game was the dominance of our forwards who were playing against a much larger pack. The backs also were able to clear the ball easily and pressurise the opposition. After the performance, the need for more inter-college games for the seconds became very obvious.

This year's team had a large squad so the team changed considerably from week to week.

This team was well lead by Bryan whose experience kept the team going. Other players to stand out were: Ward, who was undoubtedly 1st XV material; Bryant, changed from wing to flanker and was destructive to the opposition; Darney, the most consistent of all the forwards; Pereira, the fastest winger in the competition but too often lacking opportunity; and Peters, a very good utility player.

The team members were: K. Adlam,

K. Bryan (Captain), S. Bryant, I. Cox, P. Darney, M. Frederikson, G. Hannaford, M. Hodson, G. Miscall, J. Moore, S. O'Dowda, J. Pembroke, A. Pepper, R. Pereira, R. Peters, M. Ramsay, J. Roberts, J. Sanders, B. Shaw, G. Sklenars, B. Ward, T. Webb.

FIFTH GRADE GOLD

In reaching the Taranaki play-offs, this season's team has every reason to be proud of its achievements. Hard-hit at the beginning of the season by defections, and then during the winter by severe injuries to key players, the team never gave up and its ultimate success reflected its strength of character. Equally, the team was grateful for the continued support it received from both the 2nd XV and its fellow fifth grade Black team.

Though playing success is often used as a measure of a team's achievement, the most pleasing feature of the season was the marked

improvement in the playing ability of nearly all team members. In a team without any true stars, an attempt was always made to play positive rugby, and the team gave their supporters many moments of enjoyment (and sometimes frustration). The team's strength lay in its front row, its loose forwards and three-quarter line. Coleman led the team well, and formed a competent mid-field combination with McAuliffe. Powell was a number eight with a fine penchant for scoring tries, whilst Bryant was a strong and deceptive running wing. M. E. Gray, Blair, Laurenson, Tanswell and M. L. Gray were all players who performed consistently throughout the season.

All members of the team wish to thank Mr Bellringer for the time and effort he put into coaching them.

Team: G. Barrack, S. Blair, I. Brown, P. Bryant, W. Callaghan, J. Coleman (Captain), P. Dennis, B. Feaver, M. A. Grey, M. L. Grey, P. Hansen, J. Irvine, P. Laurenson, S. Lilley, B. McAuliffe, L.



SECOND FIFTEEN

Back Row (from left): P. J. Darney, J. K. Moore, A. J. Pembroke, B. M. Ward, B. H. Shaw, R. S. Pereira, G. D. Hannaford.
Middle Row: S. A. O'Dowda, J. C. Roberts, G. S. Sklenars, M. J. Sanders, M. J. Ramsay, R. A. Peters, K. G. Adlam, I. A. Cox.
Front Row: A. J. Pepper, T. J. Webb, M. G. Frederikson, K. W. Bryan (Captain), G. S. Miscall, M. R. Hodson, S. R. Bryant.



FIFTH GRADE GOLD

Back Row (from left): R. C. Waite, I. D. Brown, D. G. Ramsay, J. B. Irvine, M. N. Tanswell, M. A. Grey.
Middle Row: W. M. Callaghan, B. M. McAuliffe, R. B. Feaver, S. C. Lilley, M. L. Grey, G. F. Barrack, A. G. Webb.
Front Row: P. M. Dennis, P. J. Bryant, P. J. Laurenson, J. D. Coleman (Captain), L. R. Powell, Mr B. Bellringer, P. E. Hansen.
Absent: S. W. Blair.

Powell, D. Ramsay, M. Tanswell, R. Waite, A. Webb.

FIFTH GRADE BLACK

This year many close games were played and the team, always displaying fine sportsmanship, was full of enthusiasm, determination and comradeship. In all, four games were won and the highlight of the season, for this team, was undoubtedly the win over Waitara after earlier having been beaten by a very wide margin. The team was well led by Webb and, upon his promotion to the Gold team, Wipatene continued the fine leadership. Congratulations from the team to Brown and Dennis who played very good games and were promoted to the Gold team during the season.

The team was most fortunate in having good support from parents who attended games and assisted with transport and much spirited encouragement came from the School. The team thanks Mr Clareburt for his coaching throughout the season.

Team: R. Aroa, G. Arthur, R. Balsom, I. Brown, D. Green, G. Kehely, P. McKinlay, J. Mason, N. O'Riley, A. Parker, N. Reeve, B. Shaw, S. Simons, R. Smith, W. Taylor, G. Trenwith, N. Williamson, M. Wineera, W. Wipatene (Captain).

SIXTH GRADE GOLD

This year's sixth grade gold enjoyed a most successful season, as much, if not more, because of the style of rugby played, rather than the wins

gained. With a highly talented backline and forwards prepared to work together to give good ball to the backs, an open brand of rugby developed as the season progressed, giving very much pleasure to the large number of parents and supporters who followed the team's fortunes. The team soon conquered the temptation to go it alone after several tries had been scored early in a game, and learned to play fifteen-man rugby much to the satisfaction of the team itself.

With boys ranging over five forms, the most pleasing aspect of the season was the tremendous pride and spirit, along with loyalty to coach Mr Wilson, which motivated the team to play to the level of their ability. All backs gave a highly creditable account of themselves — there was no backline that could match their application of skills — and the forwards worked hard to secure the possession the backs made so much positive use of.

The team was very capably led by Harvey who brought out the best in the boys on the field, both in effort and self-discipline. It would not be fair to single out individuals — it was the team that counted. One member on the sideline summed up the feeling when asked by a 1st XV player why he had not been selected for a particular game: 'A team is only as strong as its reserves'.

Team: C. Boon, R. Brown, M. Clegg, T. Crossman, R. Fleming, B. Harvey (Captain), S. Hill, M. Kenny, D. Laurenson, K. Le Bas, R. Le Bas, D. Merritt, S. Miln, W. Neill, A. Phillips, A. Potroz, N. Robinson, G. Scouller, T. Stevenson, R. Tucker.

SIXTH GRADE BLACK

The team developed with the season and at the end had won at least one game against all its opponents in the "B" Division. School and team pride



SIXTH GRADE GOLD

Back Row (from left): M. J. Clegg, D. A. Laurenson, A. G. Phillips, C. W. Boon, W. J. Neill, S. M. Hill, T. G. Crossman.
Middle Row: R. J. Fleming, G. J. Scouller, R. C. Tucker, N. H. Robinson, D. J. Merritt, A. B. Potroz.
Front Row: R. P. Le Bas, K. D. Le Bas, T. E. Stevenson, B. K. Harvey (Captain), S. C. Miln, R. H. Brown, M. J. Kenny.



Sixth Grade Gold v Francis Douglas.

were paramount — some boys would rather be reserves than deplete the team's chance of winning. Among the forwards Hutchings was a strong and determined runner while Morgan used his height well in the line-out. Captain Hamilton played very well as an inside back with fine tactical kicking. Altogether it was a spirited effort. Thanks to Mr Gray who coached the team and to parents and friends, particularly Mr Derby, for helping with transport.

Team: W. Allan, G. Coleman, J. France, M. Franks, P. Hamilton (Captain), G. Herbert, M. Hone, T. Hutchings, J. Mason, K. Mason, D. Morgan, M. Musgrove, K. Pratt, A. Riddick, T. Ritchie, M. Ryan, P. Sarjeant, G. Wineera.

SIXTH GRADE WHITE

Although it was difficult to record many wins, all the players of this team must be congratulated on their fine team spirit and sportsmanship.

With every player trying his hardest during training and while playing in the competition games, it is impossible to single out individuals.

The team thanks Mr Ashworth, their coach, for the time and effort which he freely gave and the parents who supported the players.

Team: C. Adams, K. Ashworth, B. Axbey, G. Barkla, D. Batten, B. Brown, A. Coleman, M. Crane, D. Greenslade, R. Harris, N. Holland, A. Howard, R. Lamb, A. Larcom, K. Larsen, K. Mitchell, G. Ngatoa (Captain), E. Newton, P. Thony.

SEVENTH GRADE GOLD

After four losses, in reasonably close contests, the team produced a dramatic win over Waitara High School Blue and claimed the Top Dog shield. The shield was lost in the next match to Waitara H.S. White but there followed a 23-11 win over Francis Douglas and two draws against Spotswood College and Waitara H.S. Blue.



SEVENTH GRADE GOLD

Back Row (from left): S. W. Webber, D. E. Doorbar, G. B. Sanger, M. A. Cox, R. P. Wilson, K. W. Bland, C. M. Mace, A. G. Boon.
Front Row: G. S. Hall, R. T. Thompson, M. D. Reid, S. E. Urbahn (Captain), C. M. Brown, M. S. Ryder, Mr R. J. Urbahn.
Absent: A. C. Bayly, S. R. Brine, J. D. Stott.

The team improved during the season, mainly as a result of strong scrummaging and a backline that was never bettered. The team always battled courageously on defence but suffered through lack of possession, especially in loose play. Bayly produced many solo breakaways, Cox was the chief ball-winner at lineouts while Webber and Bland were often outstanding in other phases. The backline made great improvement as an attacking force. Hall, at halfback for the first season, developed a good pass, Urbahn directed the attacks confidently, Boon and Thompson were often strong runners and Brown showed promise as an attacking fullback.

The team thanks their coach, Mr Urbahn, and the keen group of parents for their support and transport.

Team: A. Bayly, K. Bland, A. Boon, S. Brine, C. Brown, M. Cox, D. Doorbar, G. Hall, C. Mace, M. Reid, M. Ryder, G. Sanger, J. Stott, R. Thompson, S. Urbahn (Captain), S. Webber, R. Wilson.

SEVENTH GRADE BLACK

This team played in the second division of the competition. While only two competition matches were won, many of the games were close and the rivalry between this team and Seventh Grade White and Francis Douglas teams was fierce. Whitehead, the captain, led by example and many other players, including Morton, Hamilton and Richardson, made significant contributions. The loss of Morris through injury was a sad blow.

Thanks are due to their coach, Mr Mossop, their mascot, Lee, and to the prents for their support.

Team: S. Bishop, V. Borok, S. Clement, S. Hadland, A. Hamilton, W. Harvey, E. Kettle, M. Lissington, R. McDonald, S. McKenzie, B. McKinlay, C. McMurray, C. Morris, R. Morton, N. Ngauru, A. Pascoe, R. Reid, S. Richardson, A. Shaw, N. Whitehead (Captain).

SEVENTH GRADE WHITE

Never short of players, the team only suffered one serious defeat in a game against Waitara Gold. Features of the season were the games of test match intensity against seventh grade black. On three occasions, narrow defeats were suffered against Francis Douglas College and the season ended with this team in second equal position in the competition.

The team was light-weight and the forwards had to fight courageously for the ball, giving the hooker, Walker, excellent support. Pilbrow was invaluable at full back, Gedye was a swift centre and Larsen scored winning tries — his handling and tackling ability were an example to the team. Roberts, as number eight, was resolute in defence and the strength and determination of the props and locks were always evident.

Throughout the season, the team scored 77 points and 87 points were scored against. Of the ten games played, four were won.

Mr Webster is thanked for the time and effort he put into coaching the team.

Team: G. Bailey, M. Bradshaw, D. Bradley, I. Brown, D. Clarke, M. Elliot, R. Gedye, M. Goodson, G. Holland, T. Irvine, M. Kahukare, K. Larsen, J. Mitchell, T. Moyes, A. Pilbrow (Captain), P. Roberts, M. Tatham, M. Walker.

EIGHTH GRADE GOLD

After beginning the season in promising fashion with a win and a loss to competition winners Waitara High School the team was unable to build on those games and improve its play as much as was required to win more games. In many of the encounters, their opponents were allowed to dominate the opening exchanges and build up an early lead.

The team always showed plenty of spirit and all players reached their full



EIGHTH GRADE GOLD

Back Row (from left): R. G. Kirk, L. H. Huizer, C. G. Todd, B. E. Haszard
Middle Row: A. M. Cole, P. L. Tatham, P. G. Hepworth, S. G. Page, B. L. O'Dowda, G. P. Clegg.
Front Row: S. G. Dally, B. L. Whalen, R. A. Harvey, M. L. Gleeson (Captain), S. Bond, T. D. McLachlan, D. W. Ritchie.
Absent: D. C. McCallum.

potential during the season. Those to play consistently well and with considerable skill were: Dally and McLachlan in the backs and Huizer who was often able to outrun his opponents with ease and thus became the top try scorer. Up front, Gleeson led by example and Bond and Kirk followed his lead closely.

Thanks must go to Mr Bell for coaching the team.

Team: S. Bond, G. Clegg, A. Cole, S. Dally, M. Gleeson (Captain), R. Harvey, B. Haszard, P. Hepworth, L. Huizer, R. Kirk, D. McCallum, T. McLachlan, B. O'Dowda, S. Page, D. Ritchie, P. Tatham, C. Todd, B. Whalen.

EIGHTH GRADE BLACK

After a bad start to the season, due to a lack of team members and two large losses to Okato College, the team began to play some very controlled rugby; as a result only one or two further games were lost.

Every member of this team gave his best and the talents of Duckett at first-five, Hotene as a strong and elusive runner at fullback, and Ellis and Boulter in the forwards became evident as the season progressed. The team thanks Mr J. Rowlands for his help in coaching them.

Team: C. Boulter, S. Bull, T. Duckett, G. Eden, B. Ellis, S. Feaver, M. Goodsell, N. Holland, S. Hotene, O. Murphy, T. Newson, P. Nielsen, T. Richards, M. Ross, R. Luxford, G. Wills (Captain).



BOARDERS' RUGBY XV

Back Row (from left): T. Sio, M. J. Sanders, B. N. Ward, T. Esera.

Middle Row: R. Pereira, S. P. Milliken, M. G. Frederikson, M. E. Tatham, A. J. Pembroke.

Front Row: C. T. Maihi, J. G. Harland, T. Tukaroa (Captain), B. B. Pirikahu, C. M. Daly, S. R. Bryant.

Boarders defeated Day Boys 16-6 this year, following a 20-12 win in 1979.

EIGHTH GRADE WHITE

The members of this team had an enjoyable season with the highlight being the victory over Rahotu. Although only a middling position was gained in the competition, it was evident by the end of the season that the boys learnt the value of this team game.

Thanks must go to Mr Bayly for his coaching.

Team: P. Ainger, T. Cresswell, G. Daniels, B. Goodin, J. Gray, M. Herbert, N. Hoult, K. McKoy, T. Rawlinson, S. Robbins, M. Roberts, R. Robinson, P. Rowe, S. Scott, B. Wall (Captain), D. Watson, K. Williams.

N.Z. UNDER 15 TOURNAMENT

Taking part in the national invitation Under 15 Rugby tournament in Napier-Hastings during the last week of Term Two proved a rigorous experience for the 21 boys selected — G. Barrack, A. Boon, V. Borok, C. Brown, M. Cox, T. Crossman, G. Hall, P. Hamilton, S. Hill, K. Larsen, K. Le Bas, D. Merritt, S. Miln, R. Morton, G. Ngatoa, M. Reid, R. Reid, G. Sklenars, R. Thompson, S. Urbahn, S. Webber — and for Mr Wilson and Mr Urbahn who accompanied them and drove the mini vans. The team was much smaller and lighter than most in the tournament, but played well in losing narrowly to Christchurch B.H.S. on Monday morning then was taken to pieces in the first half of their game against

Hastings B.H.S. A win over the host school, Karamu H.S., restored morale on the second day, but the toughest encounter was with the 'giants' of Rongotai College in an inter-pool play-off on day three. Half an hour after losing that exhausting game, the team was on the field again, this time to play Taradale H.S. A last minute try to easily the best player in the team, Le Bas, always following up, always tackling, gave us eleventh place overall. The captain, Crossman, also gave of his best throughout the tournament.

FIFTEEN FIRST FIFTEENS

This year Mr Carroll handed over the reins of the First Fifteen to Mr D. C. Moore. This winter was the first for fifteen years that Mr Carroll was not coaching rugby regularly, so he was asked to reflect on those fifteen years.

When I took over the firsts in 1965, never for a moment did I dream that like Mr "Podgy" Papps, Mr "Yank" Kerr and Mr "Jay Jay" Stewart, I too would coach the team for fifteen years. Now fifteen seasons, eighty-three college games and three overseas tours later, it seems so little time ago that I watched Ian Frame lead my first College side onto the paddock at Hick's Park, Hawera, and eighty minutes later bring them off again after a fourteen points to three victory over Silverstream.

From the outset I was deeply conscious of the legacy which had been passed on to me by my predecessors. A legacy of success and of pride, but also a legacy of intense team spirit, dedication to the game and to physical fitness, and, perhaps more importantly, a feeling of responsibility and loyalty to one's team mates. If I have done anything to maintain those values, then I will feel that my time as coach has not been wasted.

At New Plymouth Boys' High School, as in all of New Zealand's "traditional" schools, the 1st XV holds an important and prestigious position. It would be wrong to say that such schools are judged by the success of their 1st XV's. However, it is probably true to say that the 1st XV's of these schools have done much to enhance the reputations of their respective schools and to spread their renown. Our 1st XV is certainly no exception.

I have often been asked which is the best team I have coached. A difficult question to answer because standards of opposition vary from year to year. Many consider that Bruce Newton's 1972 team was the best, but I think that I would lean towards Bruce

Middleton's team of 1973. Of this team five boys played representative rugby the very year after leaving school and by now ten of the team have played first class rugby.

Who is the best player I have coached? An impossible question to answer. What constitutes best? The All Black selection of Graham Mourie, Mark Donaldson, Geoff Old and Bruce Middleton, the dedication of a Malcolm Greig, the selection of a Murray Kidd while still at school to play against the Lions, the cheerfulness of a Mark Van Praagh, the selflessness of a Graeme Harkness, the unswerving tackling of a Jeremy Harland? Who is to judge?

To answer "which is the best game?" is a little easier. All College games have drama and all College games are vitally important at the time; but if the scores are close the drama and the excitement will be heightened accordingly. However, some games stand out in memory for various reasons. To me the game which probably had everything of drama, crowd, weather, uncertainty of result, excellence of play by both sides, was a Moascar Cup challenge played as a curtain raiser to a Ranfurly Shield game in 1976 when at Eden Park we lost 3-6 to Auckland Grammar. Perhaps the most exciting game was a 15-12 victory over Fijian Secondary Schools at Buckerhurst Park, Suva. The lead alternated throughout the game, the play was scintillating, the tackling devastating, and the humour and enthusiasm of the huge crowd, all made for a memorable occasion. For the most polished display of rugby I would give pride of place to the 1973 XV when it defeated Palmerston North B.H.S. by 27 points to 3. In 83 College games there will, of course, have been a number of lucky wins and equally unlucky losses. Perhaps our luckiest win occurred in 1971 when Des Whiteside landed a 50 yard field goal to give us the lead over Napier B.H.S. while playing as a curtain raiser to the Hawkes Bay-Lions game, and our unluckiest loss when an



The Moascar Cup returns to N.P.B.H.S., 1972. Victory during the quadrangular tournament to mark the centenary of Napier B.H.S. with wins over Gisborne B.H.S. 37-6 and Palmerston North B.H.S. 12-3.

alleged knock-on under our own posts cost us the game against Palmerston North B.H.S. on the Gully in 1976.

The Moascar Cup? Of course this celebrated trophy adds lustre to an inter-college fixture. It was our 1972 team which brought the Cup back into national prominence. After winning the Cup from Palmerston North B.H.S. during Napier B.H.S.'s Centenary celebrations our school made recommendations to the N.Z.R.F.U. concerning the future conditions of play for the Cup. These were accepted. We later lost the Cup to Collegiate, regained it from St. Pat's in 1974, held it throughout that season and then lost it to Palmerston North B.H.S. in 1975. The Moascar Cup means a great deal to many of our Old Boys and I should imagine that no school has withstood so many challenges for the Cup as New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Any regrets? Not really. I feel privileged to have been associated with the 1st XV of New Plymouth Boys' High School. I derive considerable satisfaction from seeing so many ex-1st XVers continuing to get enjoyment from the game and for at least

forty of them the added pleasure of having gained representative honours.

The future of rugby? I have no fears for the future of rugby at N.P.B.H.S. The school has a number of very promising lower grade players, we have many fine coaches, and we have a healthy approach to our rugby. I take this opportunity to thank my many fellow coaches for their help and their support. Without such backing a 1st XV coach could barely exist. I thank too the fifteen second fifteens which shared the Gully practices and which played such an important part in preparing the "firsts" for each College season. Four Headmasters each helped me in their various ways but perhaps my greatest debt of gratitude goes to my wife and children, all of whom had to make many sacrifices so that I could be fully involved with the team and the game of rugby.

I wish Mr Moore and his teams every success for the future.

The College match record during my fifteen years? Played 83, won 57, lost 22, drawn 4.

M. C. Carroll

THE FIRST FIFTEEN IN NORTH AMERICA: JANUARY, 1980

The 1st XV's North American tour was undertaken to coincide with the retirement of Mr Carroll, coach of the 1st XV for fifteen years. Training, tour organisation and fund-raising were well underway during 1979 as the boys undertook such activities as painting scaffolding, wood chopping, combined with numerous other schemes to raise the finance necessary for such a trip.

The tour began with eagerness and anticipation, as some boys arrived

hours before our intended departure. The plane trip was used to shed formalities and familiarise ourselves with those unknown to us in the tour party. We arrived in Los Angeles a tired and ragged bunch, fifteen hours after leaving Auckland. Our first impressions of U.S.A. were of the immense size, wealth and continual speed. We were accommodated in Anaheim, 60 miles from the city centre. This only contributed to reinforce our first impressions of Los Angeles' overwhelming

vastness. The next few days were spent visiting such attractions as the Universal Studios, Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm. This last was especially enjoyable with its selection of 'corkscrew' and 'loop-the-loop' roller-coasters. An enjoyable evening was spent celebrating New Year's Eve — New Zealand style — in an especially entertaining and festive spirit. We then travelled to Long Beach where we experienced American University life first hand. We were espe-

cially impressed with the academic and sporting facilities the University provided for its students. After narrowly losing 6-4 to the top University team, we then proceeded down the coast to picturesque San Diego, for many the highlight of the tour. Although not as large as Los Angeles, San Diego offered its share of tourist attractions in Sea World and San Diego Zoo. Both of these had reputations of being amongst the best marine displays and zoo collections in the world. During our stay we sampled a pinch of Mexican life in the border town of Tijuana. We soon became accustomed to the system of bickering and bartering and we left well endowed with valuable jewellery, clothing, leather goods and, of course, SOMBREROS. We were, however, shocked by the squalid atmosphere the town imposed.

The game played in San Diego against the State under 23 side was a gruelling, hard-fought game, which we finally emerged from the victors 13-6. The San Diego team, although dominant in size and strength, lacked the experience and the knowledge of the finer points of the game which we possessed. It was here in San Diego that we encountered, for the first time, women rugby players. We found their hospitality excellent in numerous respects. . . . certainly the boys voiced no complaints, although the women surprised many with their repertoire of rugby songs.

Our next 'port of call', San Francisco, was held in high regard for its numerous structural attractions, e.g. Golden Gate bridge, historical architecture, narrow winding streets and China Town. Only one day was spent in San Francisco before the team departed to Stanford University to be billeted on the campus. The University offered to some of the team the chance to enact their wildest, Utopian dreams. We adapted extremely well to food fights, co-educational boarding and 'animal house' antics. We came back to reality in an exhilarating game, considering the cold wet conditions. We won it 30-6. Unfortunately it was during this game Kevin Harrison suffered a ruptured spleen; immediate hospitalization meant he missed the Canadian sector of the tour, but later joined us in Hawaii. From the warmth of the south, we were greeted in Vancouver by snow, ice and bitterly cold conditions. Although the conditions hindered our organised activities, it never daunted our spirits, as we often burst into furious snowball battles, whenever the opportunity arose. We responded well to Canadian hospitality for it was similar to our lifestyle at home. Our first billeting in a home atmosphere was met with



The haka party up in the air at San Diego.

favourable support for it meant a temporary escape from fast foods and a chance to feel the comforts of home. When we arrived in Victoria, because of thick snow, the game was in doubt. The night before we were meant to have played, the snow melted as quickly as it had fallen. We found Crimson Tide to be well drilled in the basics and well aware of the finer points of the game. We were, therefore, in no way disgraced losing 19-12 to this classy side.

The following day we travelled up the Vancouver Island's coast to Brentwood College, set overlooking the shores of a picturesque lake. It was at Brentwood that we played against the only school team on tour, defeating them 16-9 in an often uninspiring, lack-lustre performance.

By ferry, we returned to mainland Vancouver to play our second to last match. This game was played in bitterly cold conditions and it snowed during the game. Once again we encountered a rep side and were defeated 21-3. Only by a great display from our forwards, were we able to salvage any semblance of respectability.

Finally, the much-awaited 'tour finale' was upon us. We arrived in Hawaii with great expectations of sun, surf and Hawaiian girls and in no way were we disappointed. Our stay in Hawaii was placed upon a grand foot-

ing, when a beautiful Hawaiian girl welcomed us at the airport, with traditional lei and a kiss. So much was the team impressed by this that A. Chilcott decided one helping wasn't enough and so went back for seconds. In Hawaii we encountered a Harlequins team of considerable experience, containing players of the calibre of the Cox brothers, who previously in the season had played for Sydney. It was not surprising that we were beaten convincingly. However, once again we were in no way disgraced and finished the tour with an extremely admirable performance. With the Rugby activities finished on tour and with five days left, we were let loose upon Waikiki to experience the fruits of Hawaiian life, frequenting the beach, tourist attractions and local night spots.

In the last few days, with our money running low (one team member lived on Weetbix) and the desire for home cooking and a decent sleep, we were looking forward to our return to New Zealand, that is, all those who weren't returning to school, one day after our return!

Thanks must go to Mr Carroll for his organisation of the tour and also to the tour parents and supporters who contributed to make the tour such a success.

J. Harland, T. Tukoroa



The ball proves elusive on San Diego's hard pitch.

SCHOOL BUS

*Metal Monster squats silently
on gravel,
Watching.
Large frosty frozen eyes
Waiting!
Blind and innocent victims,
Unknowingly entering that carnivorous
Death-Trap,
Consumed by a multitude of seats
and numbers.
Behind the controls, hunched
sluggishly forward,
fat and awkward,
The Controller!
Face of a rat, smile of a crocodile
The gargantuan stomach rumbles,
Mouth snaps shut!
Mobile digestive unit grinds
slowly forward
Destination?
Regurgitation Unit - SCHOOL!
M. Holland, 6G5*

ESCAPE

Cream coloured walls, stretching beyond perception; gentle light, illuminating passages interlocking within the maze. A trap door, leading on to a room with four passages, led away into a hopelessly confused configuration of non-symmetrical tunnels with only four exits.

The technicians in charge of monitoring the maze never ventured within it themselves; that was a task to be undertaken by underlings and, finally, the maze's victim, the guinea pig.

Although the name suggests a small, furry animal, the guinea pig was actually a seven foot mountain gorilla. The research centre had obtained the gorilla to be used in an experiment into the effects of total confusion on an inferior intelligence. That was the reason for the maze; it was the testing ground for the experiment. The researchers wanted to see if, after wandering around a while in the maze, the gorilla would overcome fear and confusion and make it, by good luck or good planning, to one of the four exits.

The huge creature fell sprawling to the floor and did not move until it was certain it was alone and its captors were not coming back for it. Then it rose and explored the surroundings it had rudely been thrust into. At first it kept to the room it was in; avoiding the openings into the maze proper. At last it approached one of the openings and, tentatively, stepped through. At once, one of the technicians monitoring its progress stabbed a button and steel shutters rattled down to trap the animal. The sudden noise in the thick

quiet of the maze startled the gorilla and, in panic, it fled deeper into the maze. Over the next few hours the technicians and researchers watched as the gorilla passed from confusion to panic, and then to a terrified frenzy. It raced down corridors, screaming its terror to the unreceptive walls. Finally it sank down in a corner and lay still. The maze had been designed with four ways out, but the gorilla had found a fifth way.

S. Watts, 4W4

HITCHING A RIDE

*The hot black tarmac,
White lines supporting,
Heavy weight shoulders, a tiring arm,
Stretched wide, fingers clenched,
thumb alone.
Slouched silhouette against the empty
backdrop of sky.
Sleek limousines whizz past
No stopping -
He trudges alone.*

M. Schofield, 6W1

LIFE

*Life,
A soul, a mind, a body,
An eternal thought -
There is no end to life,
Death is life.*

A. Johns, 4G4

OLD AGE

*I am a ghost:
An image of a person
That is.
I haunt what is,
And control what will be,
And live in yesterday.*

A. Sangster, 6W4

TRY

"You're useless," said Paul. "All you need to do is hang half way up the wall and crouch right down into a little ball."

Still I suppose it takes practice to get a tube ride and I hadn't tried all that much. So the next set came and I went for it, I crouched down and leant into the long sucking wall. My board pulled hard but I stayed with it and the lip threw out over my head. Out the end of the long barrel I could see the black beach stretch away and a dark green wall with the sun shining on the crisp white lip. As the wave flattened out I got spat out the little hole at the end and turned to the lip, rolled my board and then came down with it and kicked out. I paddled back out utterly stoked by my ride, my adrenalin was pumping and I couldn't wait for the next set. It came pretty soon and I was ready. The wind had picked up and as I

INNOVATION

The first term saw the introduction of a most successful new activity — lunchtime forums. The retiring Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr D. V. Sutherland after addressing the morning assembly was the first guest. He faced a barrage of prepared questions on many aspects of local government. He deftly fielded them all and his answers assisted all present, boys from all levels, staff and pupils from Girls' High School, in becoming better acquainted with many aspects of City Council affairs.



Mr D. V. Sutherland, himself an Old Boy, speaks at a lunchtime forum.

The second forum followed a similar pattern. The guest was another Old Boy, Mr Rash Avery, Editor of the Daily News and former Editor of the Taranaki Herald, who answered questions on topics ranging from Editorial freedoms, and the role of the press, to local body affairs.

In the week prior to the local body elections, both Mayoral candidates, Mr J. Armstrong and Mr D. Lean (an Old Boy), addressed the school assembly separately and then took part in a joint question-and-answer session during a lunch hour.

The forums will continue.

paddled my face became attacked by small bullets of water which splashed from beneath my board.

The take-off was steep and fast and I only just made it. I jammed a hard bottom turn and shot to the lip, the wind blew at me, trying to force me out of the wave. I put my foot forward and my board fell freely the height of the sucking wave. I landed on my board at the bottom and kept in trim while I gained control. A cut back into the curl was all that was needed to bury me in the sucking vortex again.

All you need to do is try (and keep your feet on the board).

P. Hudson, 4G2

OLD BOYS' NEWS

BOARD ELECTIONS

The second triennial election for members of the New Plymouth Boys' High School Board was held in July. Mr Jack West and Mr Terry Boon, Old Boys' representatives on the Board, did not seek re-election. The Executive of the Old Boys' Association called for nominations and consequently appointed Mr John McIntyre and Mr Derek Quickfall to the new Board.

Wing Commander (retired) **David Prichard, D.S.O.** visited the school during March. He had come over from England to take part in the 75th Squadron's biennial reunion in Palmerston North. The squadron, which is now based at Ohakea, operated from England during World War II and was comprised mainly of New Zealanders. Wing Commander Prichard attended N.P.B.H.S. 1930-1934.

David Rawson has now written a book on his favourite subject entitled "Search".

Cliff Broad — Mr Broad retired from his position of Branch Manager of the Livestock Association in Taranaki after 44 years. He had been manager since 1948.

Ian G. Lander of Winton — Ian has been awarded a Woolf Fisher Trust 1980 travel fellowship and plans to go to Australia to advance his studies.

Harold Titter — Harold has been appointed General Manager of Feltex Limited. He has also agreed to be one of the three initial Trustees for the Centennial Endowment Trust.

P. E. Aldous — Mr Aldous was awarded the OBE in the British New Year Honours. He is Government Secretary on St Helena Island. After leaving N.P.B.H.S. he joined the Reserve Bank and at the outbreak of War enlisted with the artillery and served overseas. Mr Aldous returned to the Reserve Bank after the war and completed a degree at Victoria University. He then served a 20-year term with the Colonial Service in Northern Rhodesia.

D. H. Blanchett — The Taranaki Savings Bank's longest-serving employee, Mr Blanchett retired earlier this year. He began his career in May 1930 and rose through the ranks finally becoming General Manager in 1973.

P. M. Trehey — Mr Trehey has been appointed a Magistrate in Hong Kong. He sold his practice to Middleton Young and Co and most of his staff have transferred to that company.

Stuart Gunn — at School 1968-73. After completing a B.A. degree in computer science and economics at

Massey University, he was employed by Seismographic Services Limited, an international firm and worked in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. Stuart's work involves surveying related to oil exploration along the Shallows of the Persian Gulf, often conducted in a hovercraft. Stuart addressed the school assembly in October.

NEWS FROM OTAGO UNIVERSITY

Donald Turner from Eltham is now studying surveying at Otago University along with **Richard Bromley**.

Chris Molloy also from Eltham has a Research position in the Department of Biochemistry. He graduated in 1979 with double honours in Biochemistry and Physiology.

Steven Harrop is currently studying law along with **David Lethbridge**.

Steven Winter is completing an M.A. while **Baharrat Lala** is doing the N.Z.C.E. course.

Graham Leathley is now studying dentistry (fourth year) at Otago University.

John Muir left N.P.B.H.S. in 1966 and graduated from the Otago University School of Dentistry in 1971. He recently returned to Otago University as

a lecturer in Orthodontics after a period of five years living and doing post-graduate study in England during which time he obtained the Diploma of Orthodontics and the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

OBITUARIES

Arnold (Tommy) Atkins (73) in April 1980. Mr Atkins began his teaching career at Gore High School in 1929 and taught there until 1944 when he joined the staff at N.P.B.H.S. and taught here until his retirement in 1963. He was Head of Social Studies Department and taught senior geography for 19 years. He also initiated the free text book scheme and was involved in coaching junior sports teams.

Arthur Harold Blennerhasset (81) in December 1979.

Raymond William Bull as the result of an air accident at Napier.

Harry Rawe Dingle in Wellington in October 1979.

George London (Peter) Ewart (70). Peter Ewart was a student at N.P.B.H.S. during the late 1920s. He was a member of the 1st XI Cricket and later represented Taranaki at this sport. He

GARY ROBERTSON attended N.P.B.H.S. for the five years, 1974-1978. While at Boys' High, he played for the 1st XI for four years and the 1st XV for two. In 1978, he was selected as a member of the N.Z. Secondary Schools' Cricket team, the Taranaki Senior Squad and the Central Districts Brabin Cup (Under 19) team.

Since leaving school, the fast medium pace bowler has continued with cricket in preference to rugby. Gary has played in both Brabin and Rothmans (Under 23) tournaments since 1978, and indeed won selection for the New Zealand Brabin Cup Team in '78 and '79 and the New Zealand Rothmans squad last year. The 1979-80 season saw him win a place in the Central Districts team playing four Shell Shield games and being twelfth man against the touring West Indians, a match played at Pukekura Park. Garry capped off an eventful season by being chosen for the Young New Zealand team (Under 24) which went on a short internal tour of New Zealand with a final game against Young England in Auckland. It was during this tour that he was selected as the New Zealand Young Cricketer of the Year.



For winning this award, Gary has been at Lords for the English summer, playing or practising cricket virtually every day. He played also in Belfast against Ireland, and at Arundel Castle, reputed to be the most scenic ground in the world.

Since returning to New Plymouth in mid-September, he has been looking forward to the new season with Taranaki and Central Districts, but has plans to return to England during the next northern cricket season.

won a University scholarship and graduated from Otago in 1935.

Donald "Bruce" Hine (21) drowned at Whangamata, November 1979.

Edwin Alfred Hurley in April 1980. Ted trained as an electrician before joining the RNZAF in 1940. After the war he set up his own business in the city. He joined General Foods in 1969 and was later appointed area manager of the poultry division, a position he held at the time of his death.

James Charles (Jim) Lewis (27) died in the Mt Erebus disaster. At the time of his death he was a steward with Air New Zealand.

Rex Harold Managh (62) at Motunui, March 1980.

Mrs Dora Reid (nee Bedford) April 1980. Mrs Reid, aged 94, was the oldest ex-pupil of the school. As Miss Bedford, she took dancing classes at the school for many years.

James Harold Sampson (68) in March 1980. Mr Sampson was at one time a farmer but retired because of ill health. He became a director of a dairy company in 1956 and chairman in 1965. He was New Zealand commandant of the Legion of Frontiersmen of the Commonwealth, with which Legion he had a 40-year association.

Leslie John Slyfield (74) in November 1979. Mr Slyfield taught at N.P.B.H.S. from 1938-1965. He was also switch-board operator at the city's Opera House and saw almost every show over a 30-year period. An executive member of the New Plymouth City Band and, although he did not play, attended national band contests throughout the country.

Fraser Maxwell Stevenson (44) in March 1980. Mr Stevenson was Public Relations Officer in 1963 and 1964 for New Plymouth and later joined his wife, Pat, to manage the Omahanui Geriatric Home in Mangorei Road.

Horace James Coates (Dick) Whittington in Wellington, January 1980.

Association members and the School extend sympathy to the relatives of these Old Boys and all Old Boys who died during the year.

FOUR OLD BOYS SELECTED AS 1980 ALL BLACKS



In Auckland about to leave for Wales are (from left): Geoff Old, Mark Donaldson, Graham Mourie.

What were they like at school? From their early days all four displayed a high degree of skill and each in his own way had something special. In common they all possessed the application to become superbly fit and to improve their personal skills. They all were loyal team members and they all liked to win. All four were boarders — Geoff, Mark and Bruce were together in Carrington House and Graham was in Moyes two years before them. All gained University Entrance at least but Graham was the only one to go on to University. Today Geoff is a policeman in Palmerston North, Mark in a partnership in a sports store in that same city, Bruce farms at Waverley and Graham at Opunake. Did I see them as future All Blacks while still at school? No. But that is because in New Zealand there are so many pitfalls between schoolboy and All Black honours — so many club games, so many representative games, the pressure of outside influences such as work, marriage, travel, and always the possibility of injury, the vagaries of selection and always too strong an element of luck.

However, I did, of course realise, that of all of the boys I have coached, these four plus one or two others had the potential to become All Blacks. They certainly stood out as exceptional footballers while at School and I am thrilled that they have made it to the top.

What was this 'special' attribute possessed by each of them? Difficult, but here goes.

GEOFF OLD — Tall, excellent line-out jumper, sure hands and an untiring cover-defender from number eight in the scrum.

GRAHAM MOURIE — Fast, skilful and excellent anticipation kept him close to the ball, and at school a try scorer.

BRUCE MIDDLETON — Totally involved and unflinching, ruthless on the tackle or in the ruck, and an excellent captain.

MARK DONALDSON — A competitor — skilled and dedicated to his side and to the game, and one who demanded high standards from himself and those around him.

— M. C. Carroll

1980 OLD BOY GRADUATES from New Zealand Universities

University of Auckland: Neil L. Andrew, B.Sc.; Bruce R. Baker, B.A.; Phillip R. Coleman, B.A.; Stephen G. Colson, B.T.P.; Keith A. Denne, M.A.; Chris M. Hartley, B.A.; Turepu J. Keenan, B.A.; Kevin A. Morris, Dip. Obst.; Robert W. Prince, B.Sc.

University of Waikato: Hugh R. Barr, M.A. (Hons.); Barrie D. Smith, M.Sc.
Massey University: Ross W. Baker, B.Ed.; Andrew T. Brewster, B.B.S.; Colin T. Campbell, M.A.; Allan G. Dick, M.Sc. (Hons.); Brian G. Dixon, Dip.Sc. (Distinction); Kenneth B. Marsh, Dip.Agr.Sc.; Peter J. Patten, Dip.Ed.; Sidney H. Phillips, M.A.; Nicholas B. Pyke, Dip.Plant Science; David C. Sharp, Dip.Ed.; Rangi C. Tuavera, B.A.; Paul E. Williams, B.Agr.Sc.; Thomas H. Wilson, B.B.S.

Victoria University of Wellington: Anthony M. Hewitt, B.C.A.; Marc A. Heymann, B.A.; Ian F. MacKenzie, B.Sc. (Hons.).
University of Canterbury: Stephen K. Bruce, B.Comm.; Christopher R. Power, B.Sc.; Paul R. Struthers, B.E. (Hons.).

University of Otago: John G. Konijn, LL.B.; Grant B. Langley, B.Sc.; Christopher Molloy, B.Sc. (Hons.); Rodney J. Newland, B.Surv.; Robert M. T. Nicholas, M.B., Ch.B.; Owen S. Winter, B.A.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Preparations for the Centenary, Easter 1982, are progressing well. The response to two circulars posted to Old Boys whose addresses are known has resulted in 600 pre-enrolling for the Easter Celebrations. Tentatively these will include:

- Friday April 9 1982:**
Official opening and cocktail party.
- Saturday April 10 1982:**
Batallion parade
Roll call
Decade photos
Lunch
- Sports features at school involving Basketball, Hockey, Rugby and Soccer
- Evening: Grand Ball
- Sunday April 11 1982:**
Special Church service
Golf match
- Bus tours to places of interest
- Evening: Theatrical and/or Centennial feature to be decided
- Monday April 12 1982:**
Lunch at school
Hansard Athletic Sports (morning)
Special Rugby feature at Rugby Park (afternoon).

The trap was set. Six innocent-looking decoys sat motionless on the pond. I had put them there the day before so the ducks wouldn't notice anything strange. I heard the tyres of a car running over loose metal before I heard the engine. When I stuck my head out the door I saw the old Chevy that I was expecting. It pulled up outside the front lawn and Norman presented himself. Norman was from a small town out by Taihape and he came down each season to help me massacre the numerous ducks in my area. He was a funny-looking chap, having hardly anything to call a nose. He was mad on Chevys and also shooting of any kind.

I greeted him as he began walking up the drive.

"Ready to go for tomorrow?" I asked inquisitively.

"Yep," was the reply.

The pond was set at the end of a long valley, with steep, surrounding hills. We had it planned so that there would be no escape for ducks. Norman would creep up to the pond, while I hung back to catch the ducks as they flew overhead. Norman proceeded to move towards the pond while I crouched down to wait. I slid eight cartridges into my semi-automatic shotgun, while I placed myself strategically in the middle of the valley. We both had semi-autos, which we knew were illegal for duck shooting. But the nearest lawman I knew of was about 60

miles away, so we weren't worried in the slightest.

A sharp report woke me from my day-dreaming. It echoed around the valley walls, sounding like three. A volley of shots followed on, and a mob of about twenty ducks arose from the pond.

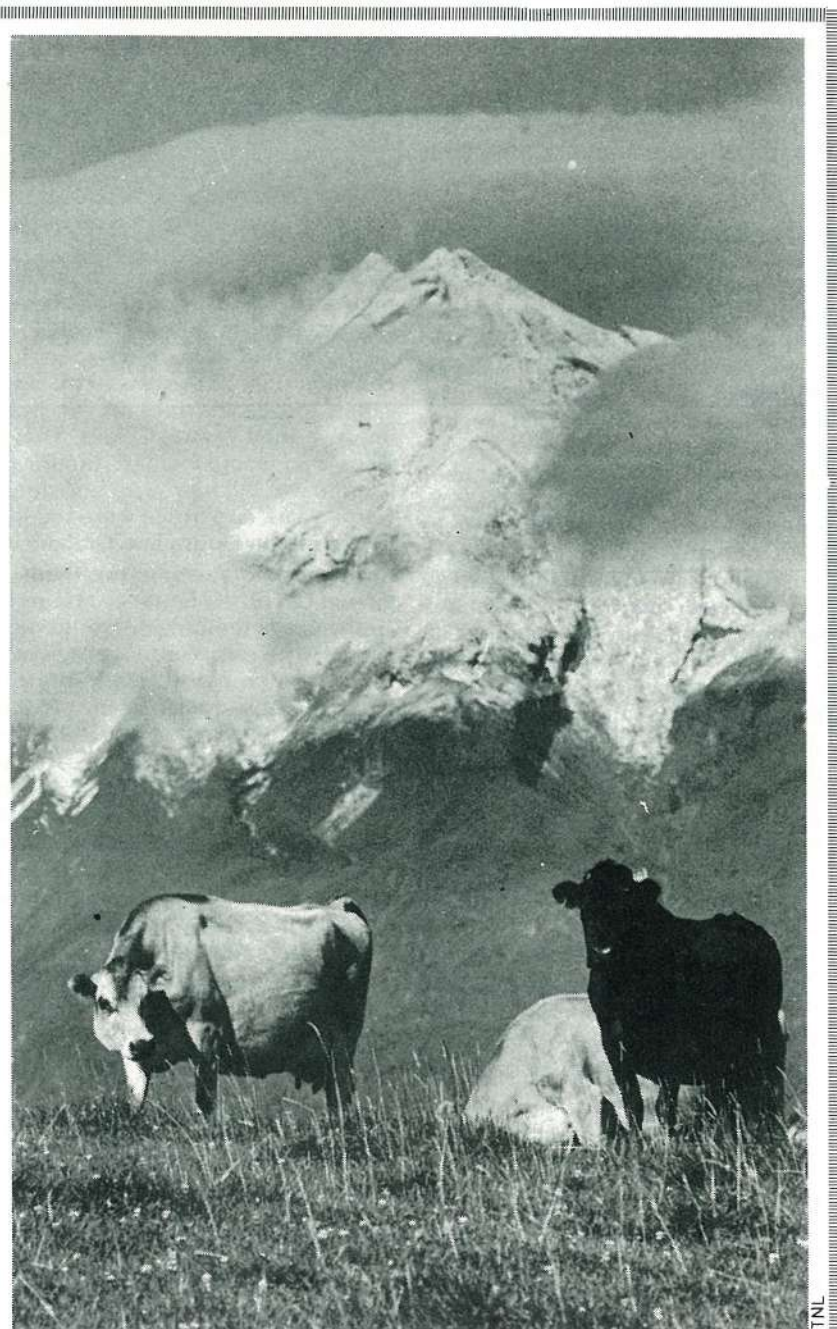
It was a massacre all right. The ducks headed for the end of the valley, only having to fly back over Norman again. Ducks were falling all around him, until his magazine was empty. Then it was my turn. As they neared me, I swung my barrel towards them and

picked out individuals. The repeated kicking of the gun made me envious of Norman's 2 inch recoil pad, of which I had none. When my gun finally gave a click, I looked around me. Not bad. When Norman arrived with his six ducks, we carried them all, including my seven, on a rope between us.

As we headed back towards the mouth of the valley, Norman said, "We'll have to do this again some time."

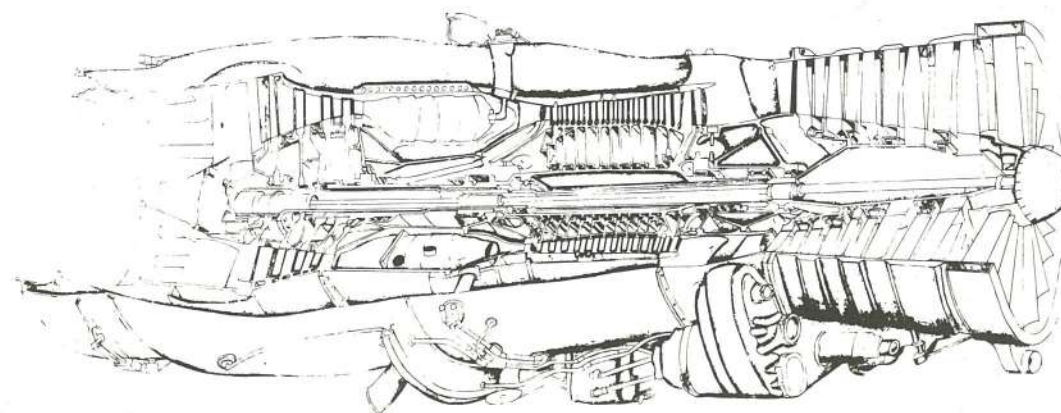
"Yep," was my reply.

K. Pratt, 4M5



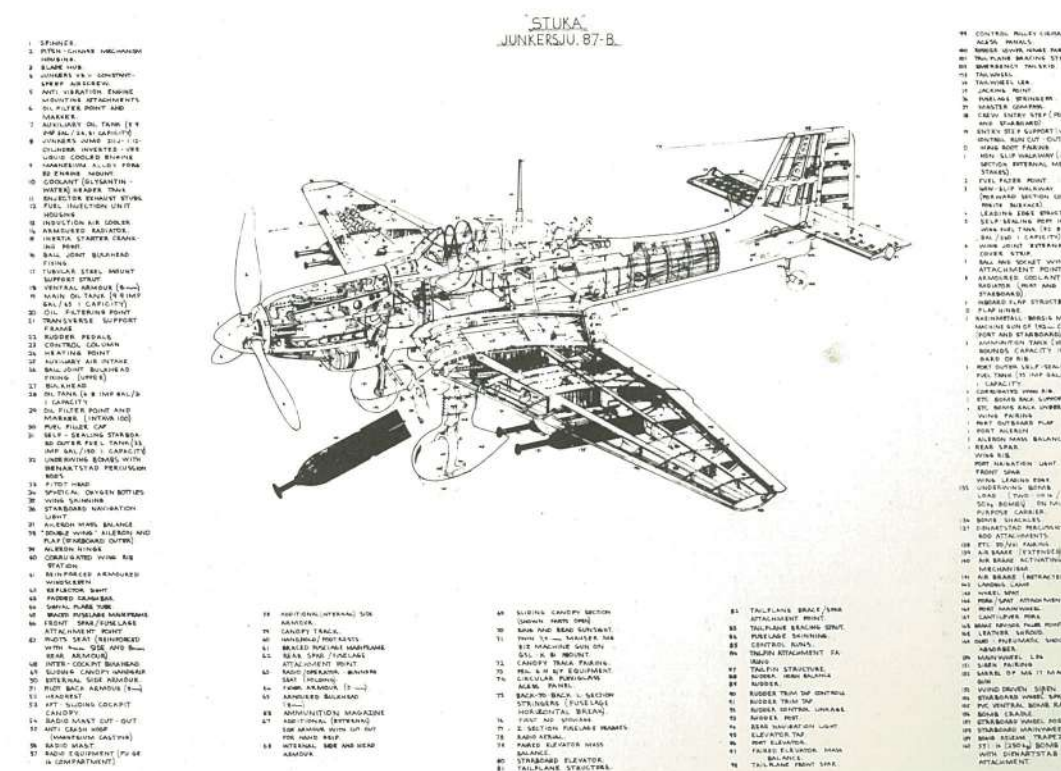
The wealth of Taranaki over the School's first century has come from the dairy cow. But what of the second century? A number of geological structures underlying parts of Taranaki have been found to contain natural gas. Extraction of natural gas also produces a small quantity of condensate (petroleum), often of a very high quality. Exploration on- and off-shore continues.

SOME SIXTH FORM TECHNICAL DRAWING PROJECTS



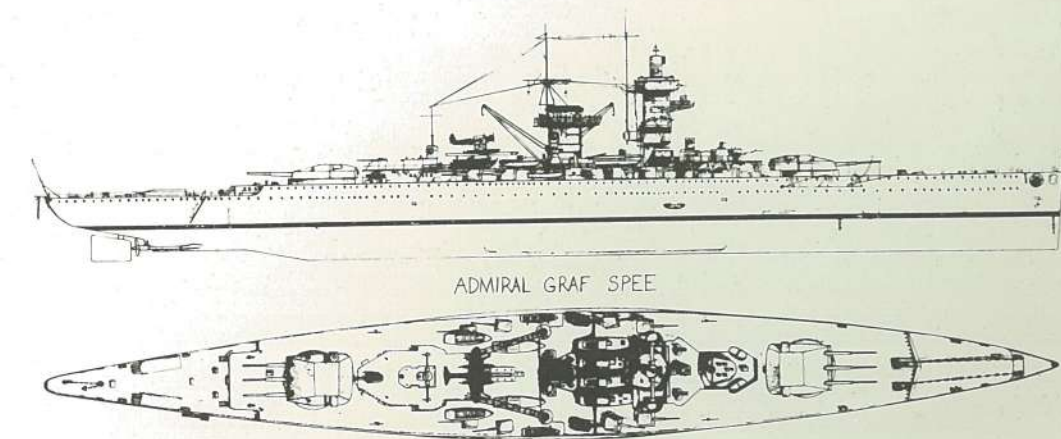
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