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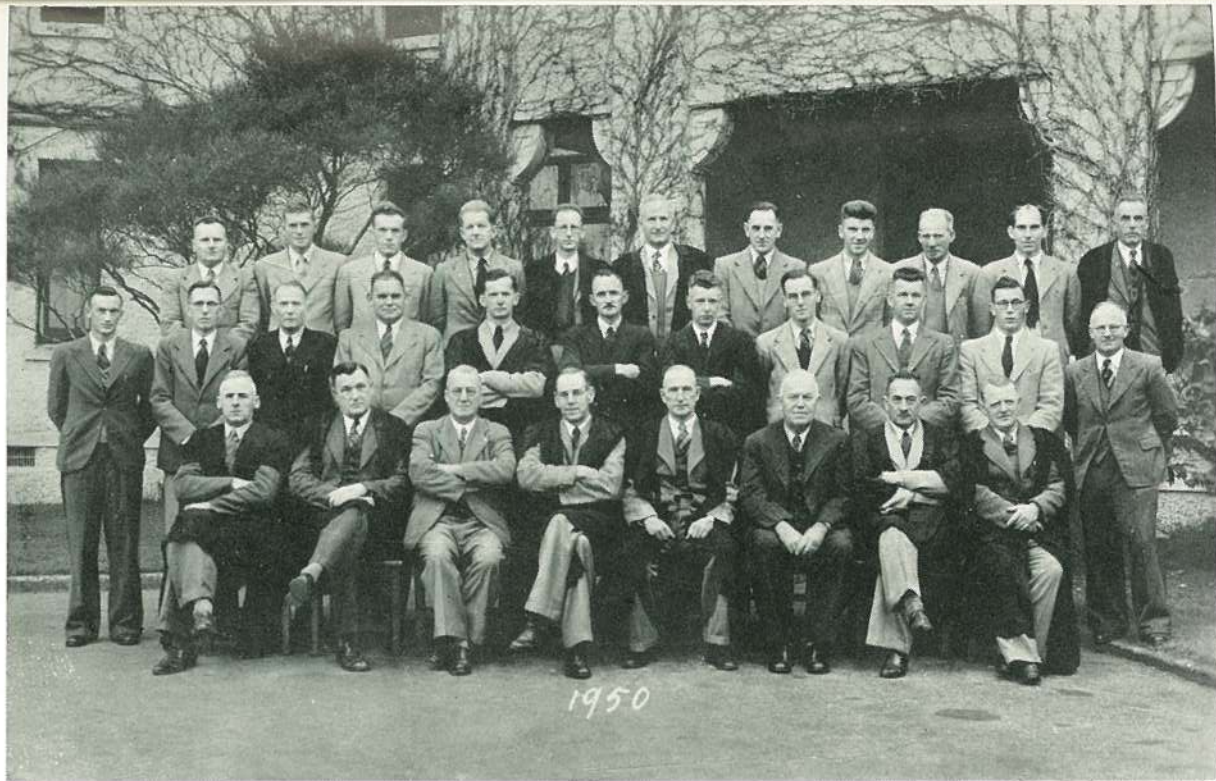
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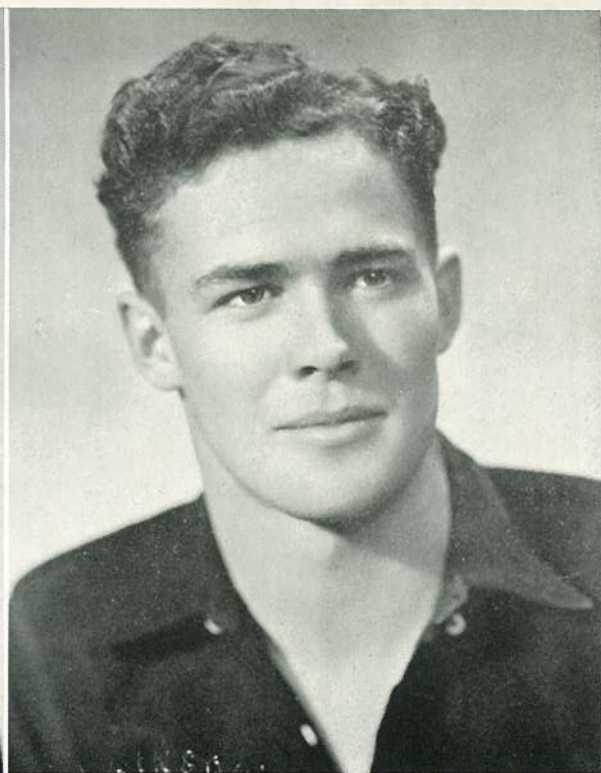
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SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

FOR nine months of the year and for three, four, or even five years the life of the adolescent is centred round his secondary school, and in the case of the boarder, round very little else. It is during his life at school that the final moulding of a boy's character takes place, and a satisfactory environment there can make all the difference between a happy, contented boy and one who, owing to some maladjustment, leaves school feeling even slightly rebellious towards society. It is obviously in the interests of the boy and of society that his environment is of such a quality as to develop his character to the full, but at the same time to ensure that his freedom of expression does not conflict with the rights of others, provided that these also are reasonable. Thus it is essential that the school, in its primary function, gives the boy the opportunity to become a free individual capable of living his own life, and not one of a crowd, unable to exist apart from numerous others.

Today the greatest need man has is tolerance for his fellows, and through tolerance a greater understanding of, and sympathy for, the motives influencing their behaviour. Throughout the world men are in conflict with each other, groups of men oppose the State, and States are at war with States. This condition exists because much of the world's population has known only a grim environment. Their primary concern has been a struggle for survival, and they have not had a chance to enjoy the luxury of considering other people's feelings. But today men must live in harmony or all may be involved in universal destruction—we have reached a level of civilisation where it is impossible for each man to live independent of his fellows. By this we do not mean to imply that vice or crime should be tolerated simply because by refraining from interference, peace will be maintained. It is the duty of all to uphold our standards, but it

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must be remembered that unwarranted interference can and does lead to dissension, and for this reason is undesirable.

But the only place where tolerance and sympathy can be imbued in a boy is the place where it is not—in the school.

When based on models from the English Public Schools, tradition is a misleading guide, because there the conditions and environment differ to a considerable degree from ours. Although we have inherited an English tradition it should be modified to suit our conditions and way of life. Tradition cannot be approved of when it involves the perpetuation of customs harmful in themselves or producing an attitude of mind in disharmony with the environment. Thus a tradition which is conservative and reactionary, even to the mildest degree, is wrong, for as we, more than ever, live in a changing world our school environment cannot be forced into an unnatural or rigid pattern.

Tradition, however, is, in our opinion, a very important element in the composition of an environment, more particularly in view of modern conditions. The world is, as we said, continually changing, but it is more advisable for the adolescent to grow up in an environment which has some fixed values against which he can measure his experience of the world until such time as he is old enough and wise enough to form his own judgments and standards. This set of values, however, should change with the times and should not necessarily be tied to uninformed and conservative public opinion.

A tradition which is dying hard in the older secondary schools is that which gives to senior boys a privileged position to which many have no claim other than their age and years of attendance at the school. This has led to a wrong attitude in many seniors towards the junior half of the school, an attitude which in extreme cases has led to persecution and bullying. This distinction cannot be inevitable, but rather surely arises from year to year, each group of senior boys being determined to enjoy their privileges and to regard the juniors as they themselves were regarded. Setting aside age differences and varied interests, surely there is no reason why a school cannot function as a community and in a spirit of friendship and equality. A senior boy should regard a younger boy, particularly one to whom a large school is strange, as someone requiring his help and protection. By the time he has reached the sixth form he should be old enough to accept some degree of responsibility, and by denying himself the opportunity, he is retarding his own development. An unfortunate result of the authority a boy gains as a senior at the school, is that he forgets the relative smallness of the world in which he is superior, and expects conditions to be the same when he leaves school. He soon finds, however, that he is relatively unimportant, a small fish in a very large pond, and the more confidence he has placed in his former authority, the harder will be the reconciliation to his new life.

The nature of the discipline at school is an essential part of its environment, and one on which it is most difficult to pronounce judgment. The ideal is, of course, the self discipline of a highly educated group, the individuals of which realise exactly what curb must be placed on their own actions in order that the community

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may live in complete harmony. This ideal state is particularly impossible with a group of adolescents. The other extreme is a discipline enforced by a multiplicity of rules supported by the fear of punishment. A desirable system lies somewhere between these two and might consist of continual training in the obligations of the members of the community to the community with a system of punishment which deprives offending individuals of the privileges of community life and holds in reserve for the particularly untractable and unintelligent members—fear punishment. Any system should allow for consultation from time to time with senior boys as representatives of the school, regarding the effectiveness of any individual rule and the justice and fairness of its incidence. Often lawlessness has been due to a feeling of injustice and harshness of the laws which are broken.

There is a tendency in schools, however, to pour all boys into the same mould, but although to a certain extent this is unavoidable, under conditions where pupils number as many as forty to a class, to attempt to force all boys to conform to a standard and permit little deviation from it is a mistake. While no sane person would advocate unlimited freedom for anyone, no thinker who acknowledges that freedom is our most valued possession would deny anyone the right to develop his personality as he chooses, provided that the effects of this are not anti-social.

An important factor in a consideration of environment, even if not consciously noticed by the boys themselves, is the buildings and grounds. The classroom atmosphere must be conducive to work. Classrooms therefore must be clean and well painted, pleasant to work in and brightly illuminated. In dingy and unpleasant surroundings all notions of school-work are unpleasant, and the pupils' one idea is to escape from such a depressing environment. Pupils who continually fidget learn little and have no interest in their work and so a reasonable standard of comfort must be secured. By far the most important consideration is the attitude of the teacher. Under an enthusiastic and personal approach, with varied methods of instruction, boys will take a much greater interest in their work.

The conditions in boarding houses are also important as they, the substitutes for boys' own homes, are their only surroundings for much of the year. Each boy needs space in which to keep his own belongings, and unless it is adequate it is well nigh impossible to keep the establishment tidy. Rooms must be clean, bright and airy, and a large amount of living space, lounges and common-rooms, provided. In fact the aim must be to make the environment as comfortable as is possible, consistent with economy and with due regard for the wear and tear furnishings will receive. Boys also need rooms in which they can pursue their hobbies, and it is a serious criticism of some schools that such space is not provided. Boys need some activity other than sport to occupy some of their leisure moments, but the unfortunate result of a lack of the chance to pursue those activities is that boys tend to lounge around doing nothing and acquiring lazy habits.

It is unfortunate, though largely unavoidable, that privacy is lacking to a considerable degree. This need for privacy can, however,

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be satisfied by the provision of large areas in the school grounds to which boys can wander when they want to be alone, or in more intimate groups. Thus freedom of movement must be the primary consideration in the provision and planning of grounds, as the larger and more spacious they are the more freedom will there be for the boys concerned. If such space is not available inside school bounds, boys should have easy access to the country so that they will not feel, even to the slightest degree, imprisoned. As well as the usual playing fields, tennis courts, swimming baths and gymnasium, extra sporting facilities and equipment are a necessary addition to the school environment, as athletic activities will occupy most of the boys' leisure time. Extra cultural facilities to enable boys, and especially the seniors, to have a greater appreciation of music and the arts than can be supplied in the school curriculum are also desirable and render possible a more balanced outlook.

This then is a balanced environment, placing emphasis on all those qualities which are needed in good citizens, freedom of the individual, a sense of responsibility, self-discipline, physical fitness and a rich leisure. Thus school environment consists of a great variety of rather intangible standards, attitudes and influences, which the boys absorb unconsciously for the most part but which remain with them for the rest of their lives just as surely as does the ability to manipulate figures, and have a far greater influence on their individual character than any other portion of their school experience.

D. G. Howell.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

The ceremony was held on the evening of December 8th. On the platform were Mr. A. R. Cutler, V.C., Trade Commissioner for Australia, guest speaker, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. C. Gilmour, Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P. and Mrs. Aderman and members of the Board of Governors.

The Headmaster began the 69th Annual Report by expressing the School's great sorrow and regret at the death of Mr. Moyes during the Christmas holidays. His life had been well spent in the service of the School and of this community and his fine work had not been lost—the School itself stands as a worthy memorial to him.

Employers, the Headmaster continued, would find in 1949 fewer boys looking for employment than in previous years and the position would deteriorate till 1952. In 1946, 264 boys left during or at the end of the year, in 1948 the number was 233. More than 200 boys leave the School each year. Of the 233 who left last year we know where 216 went. Seventeen went to University Colleges, six to Training College, 15 to Government or local body clerical staffs, 22 to various offices and shops in other clerical positions (banks, insurance, etc.), 37 as shop and warehouse assistants, 68 to farming, 38 to Trades (of which motor engineering took 12, building 7, printing 5), 2 as factory operatives, 8 to other occupations and 3 to other schools. Of these 216 about 120 went into employment in or around New Plymouth. The big proportion which goes farming is accounted for by the fact that about half of the boarders come

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from farms. This year 38 boys left between February and September of whom 30 went to work. Of this 30, 10 went to farms; last year 45 left in the same period, of whom 41 went to work. Of this 41, 11 went to farms. It could be seen, he added, that the position for employers has not been a happy one—a big percentage decrease, 30 to 41. There was no hope of improvement for another two years because there were fewer boys in the Fifth and Sixth Forms this year compared with last, and there would be fewer still in 1951. New entrants would be fewer in 1950, but from 1951 the numbers would increase steadily for a few years.

The School opened with a roll of 704 of whom 29 were in the Preparatory Department. There was a noticeable drop in the figures for Fifth and Sixth Forms as compared with last year. Sixth—90 as against 100, Fifth—148 as against 168. The boarding roll remained at 270, and there were still considerable waiting lists. About 50 applications for boarding in 1950 had had to be declined.

The Day School was now catering for the daytime training of motor and plumbing apprentices. Next year classes would begin for electrical (wiring branch) and furniture making apprentices. Other classes were scheduled to begin in 1951—all classes being for four hours a week.

Evening classes had continued to expand and would become stronger still when more accommodation was obtained. This year there were 58 classes.

The Headmaster continued that there had been no changes on the staff, and that Mr. Hatherly, who had been on leave of absence to South Africa, would return next year. He expressed his opinion that post-primary teaching was more difficult than it used to be because many boys would not have come to the School some years ago. He thanked the masters for their untiring efforts. Grateful thanks were extended to the matron, her staff and Miss Pottinger, for their good work and co-operation.

The examination results in Scholarship, Accountancy, University Entrance and School Certificate were very satisfactory: Taranaki Scholarships, 4 (five sat); Bachelor of Commerce, 7 (1 in 5 subjects, 3 in 4 and 3 in 3); University Entrance, 58; School Certificate, 76; University Bursaries, 23; Special Bursaries, 2.

The Art and Craft room and three additional class rooms, all centrally heated, would be available next year. Additions to the Technical and workshop block were urgently needed for the evening classes. Better provision for staff accommodation was also under way.

Much additional equipment had been provided by the Department for Engineering and Woodwork shops, Science, Social Studies, Music, and for the grounds: grants totalling £2369 had been made available. An electric welding set from Messrs. G. R. Young and Co., Auckland, had been added to the equipment.

Reviewing the activities of the School during the year the headmaster, reported that there were ten flourishing branches of the Old Boys' Association throughout New Zealand and £1150 had been collected for the Moyes Memorial Fund and £6500 for the War Memorial Fund.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

As a result of the introduction of compulsory military training, more N.C.O.'s were taking an interest in the courses available at Linton Military Camp. An Intelligence Platoon had been formed during the year and had done good work. M. R. B. McKenzie had proved an outstanding shot by winning all the senior competitions.

A very keen interest was being taken in the choir which consisted of 55 voices.

With the assistance of the Girls' School, Shaw's "Major Barbara" was successfully produced in the Opera House at the end of the second term.

The School library was being very fully used and the standard of reading in the School was improving, particularly by the addition of many new books. A 1948 Encyclopedia Britannica had been purchased by means of the Douglas Bequest.

An advanced gymnasium class for all boys above form three had been well attended and had helped to raise the standard.

C. J. Ross at the annual swimming sports had equalled the 50 yards record and broken his own 220 yards record.

In athletics there had been renewed interest in field events and A. B. Hooper had established new records for the discuss and the shot putt and W. G. Thomson had broken the hop, step and jump record.

The First XV had won the Taranaki Junior Championship and for the fourth season in succession had been undefeated in its college games. Seventeen teams competed in Saturday competitions and arrangements had been made for additional grounds to be provided on the racecourse. These would include additional facilities for Soccer and hockey and provide space for further cricket wickets.

Cricket matches had been arranged for the 2nd and 4th elevens with Stratford High School and Waitara District High School. We hope that they will become annual games.

The headmaster thanked the ministers of religion who had looked after the spiritual welfare of the boarders. He also paid a tribute to the unselfish devotion of Archdeacon Gavin and welcomed his successor the Rev. J. T. Holland.

He concluded his report with a reference to the splendid work done by the 130 boys who had voluntarily assisted in formation work in Pukekura Park. He said it was a fine example of community spirit.

Prizes:—

General Excellence Cup (Dr. E. F. Fookes Cup): A. B. Hooper.

Dux Prize (Buick Cup and prizes presented by Mr. C. Johnson and Ian McLeod Memorial): B. A. Walker, N. B. Beach.

Head Boy's Prize: A. B. Hooper.

Syme Prize (Latin): B. A. Walker.

White Memorial Prize (Literature): B. A. Walker.

Heurtley Memorial Prize (Original Verse): B. A. Walker.

Reading Prizes: Senior, D. H. Brown; Junior, M. J. Broome; Chapel, B. A. Walker; Assembly, A. B. Hooper.

Tabor Scholarship: English: A. D. Brownlie.

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Science: R. K. Pearce. **Engineering**: J. K. Bargh.

Bendall Memorial Prize (Senior Essay): B. J. Crowley.

Rex Dowding Memorial Prize (Junior Essay): E. L. Johnston.

Junior Oratory (Moss Cup and prize presented by L. M. Moss): R. S. Croxson.

Senior Debate (Cup presented by Wellington Old Boys' Association): B. J. Crowley, M. St. L. Reeves.

Music Prizes (Mr. Collier's Prize—Piano): V. H. Bedford. (Mr. Webb's Prize—Orchestra): W. G. Thomson.

Drawing (Mr. Tett's Prize): B. S. Brown.

CLASS PRIZES—

VI B.1: D. Duff and A. D. Brownlie. **VI B.2**: J. K. Bargh. **V Cl.**: D. G. Howell. **V G.1**: A. F. Ayson. **V G.2**: K. G. Slocombe. **V Sc.**: J. Rawcliffe. **V E.**: F. J. Crawford. **IV Cl.**: M. J. Simcock. **IV G.1**: S. R. Hill. **IV G.2**: K. R. Pentecost. **IV G.3**: R. W. Wood. **IV E.1**: N. B. Quicke. **IV E.2**: I. G. Whittaker. **IV Bldg.**: F. S. Whitehead. **IV Ag.**: T. J. McEwen. **III Cl.**: R. S. Croxson. **III G.1**: R. S. Watts. **III G.2**: R. T. Grey. **III G.3**: G. A. Brewster. **III Ag.**: W. B. Messenger. **III E.1**: G. M. Cassidy. **III E.2**: I. G. Turner. **III Bldg.**: B. E. Rook.

ATHLETICS—

Old Boys' Challenge Cup, Senior Athletic Champ.: C. E. Croad.

Challenge Trophy, Junior Athletic Champ.: P. G. Dickson.

Bennett Cup, Under 14 Athletic Champ.: M. R. Patten.

1911 Cup, Senior Steeplechase: A. C. Townsend.

Bryce Cup, Fastest Time Senior Steeplechase: G. G. Caveney.

Challenge Cup, Junior Steeplechase: T. J. McEwen.

Easton Memorial Cup (Junior Steeplechase Fastest Time): T. J. McEwen.

Fookes Cup (Mile Senior): G. G. Boon.

Mason Memorial Cup, 880yds. Championship: G. G. Boon.

Old Boys' Challenge Cup, 440yds. Championship: C. E. Croad.

Pridham Cup (Old Boys' Race): A. F. Atkinson.

Hansard Cup (Inter-House): Moyes.

SWIMMING—

Sykes Memorial Cup (Senior Championship): C. J. Ross.

Challenge Trophy (Junior Championship): P. B. Powell.

Fox Cup (Under 14 Championship): G. K. Innes.

BOXING—

Lepper Memorial Cup (Senior Championship): W. D. Gardner.

Kidd Cup (Under 11 Stone Championship): R. B. Tait.

Chivers Cup (Middleweight): P. G. Dickson.

Wallace Shield (Inter-House): Moyes.

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SHOOTING—

McDiarmid Belt (Senior Championship): M. R. B. McKenzie.

Kelly Cup (Long Range Championship): M. R. B. McKenzie.

TENNIS—

Candy Cup (Senior Championship): B. R. Boon.

FOOTBALL—

Pease Cup (Day Boys v. Boarders): Boarders.

Kerr Cup (Inter-House): Pridham.

CADETS—

Sole Cup (Best N.C.O.): B. J. Crowley.

CRICKET—

Birch Memorial Cup (Day Boys v. Boarders): Day Boys.

Bates Cup (Inter-House): West.

SOCCER—

Taranaki Junior Champ: F. H. Albrechtsen.

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School opened this year on February 1st with a total roll of 666. A fall of 38 from the previous year is accounted for by the opening of another District High School, this time at Okato. This factor, together with the completion of the new extension to the "Morgue" building, has helped considerably to relieve the congestion experienced at the school for many years. 271 pupils, of whom 29 were in the Preparatory Department, were boarders at the beginning of the year. There were 394 day boys, of whom one was in the Preparatory Department. The number of Preparatory pupils later rose to 35.

In April the Traffic Inspectors came to School to conduct a bicycle check. Before proceeding with the check, they gave a short talk on traffic safety. A series of stickers was used to indicate the approximate condition of the cycle. A green sticker was applied for completely safe machines, yellow for machines which needed attention, and red for danger. Some small boys had a busy morning fixing red stickers on the windscreens of masters' cars. A very small number of red stickers were used, the first to be used being applied to a wreck owned by a certain master's son.

Near the beginning of the year, the Hon. Mr. Webb, Minister of Justice, visited the School and gave a short and very amusing speech.

Our head boy, John Davies, has gained yet another honour. At a N.C.O. course held at Linton in the Christmas holidays, he won the prize for the best N.C.O. in Area 8. This performance was full of merit.

Pandemonium (to use the ultra-hackneyed phrase) reigned at Linton Camp when a rifle was found to have disappeared. Gangs of boys scoured the camp (casually, we must admit), prodding buildings



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Back Row: S. P. Lay, D. W. Diprose, I. C. A. Flavell, L. Myers.

Middle Row: J. T. Gould, G. J. Saunders, J. B. Montgomerie, F. H. Albrechtsen, A. T. Hughson,
M. Tala.

Front Row: D. Duff, B. C. Wisneski, R. T. V. Taylor, L. J. S. Davies (Head Boy), J. C. Barrett,
B. R. Boon, J. K. Bargh.

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which might have stolen the gun. The weapon was finally discovered in the camp commandant's office, the desk being the guilty party. The thief was severely admonished, and as a punishment had to run around the parade ground three times with a rifle in each drawer.

An announcement by a small boy that he had found a bomb near the camp sent the machinery of the bomb disposal squad into action. After pedalling with great difficulty through a tense atmosphere, an artillery expert finally proved that it was a harmless flare. He pedalled home far more easily.

Many enthusiastic letters were sent home by boarders praising the food of Linton Camp, and expressing the vain hope that the School would take a few lessons in cooking. A suggestion that the good food was merely part of the army's recruiting policy has been pooh-poohed.

We are surprised to find the boy who sounded reveille during our Linton sojourn as popular as before the camp. Human nature is unpredictable.

Communion services, formerly held in the Library, have been transferred to the School Service at 9.30 a.m. on the last Sunday of every month. This arrangement has proved to be more satisfactory.

The day boys of the School were delighted to learn that, owing to a shortage of staff, the boarders would have to clean out their own houses. After a very disgruntled week, a great sigh of relief, heard all over the town, and thought to be an approaching locust plague, rose from the ranks of the boarders, when a contractor was found for the job.

Extra gym. classes for boys from all forms were held this year on Friday afternoons. Progress was made by the seniors on the horizontal bar, which has only been restored to use in the last eighteen months. The juniors were given instruction in horse, parallel bar and mat work. Two items were given by the Gymnasium Squad in the School Concert, one a short sketch and the other a horizontal bar display. They were both greatly appreciated.

After a long period of being thought of as the inferior of the two lower sixth forms, VI B.2 (that were) have now risen above their environment and styled themselves as VI Science, disavowing all connection with VI B. Despite the new title, VI B scholars continue to assert the superiority of the classical over the scientific.

A new event at the School Swimming Sports this year was the 33 1-3 yards butterfly stroke race. This event went down well, as did quite a lot of water.

Additions to the "Morgue" were completed during the first term and, after a very uncomfortable period of partial occupation while the workmen were still in possession and creating many and various weird noises, the building was fully occupied at the beginning of the second term. The additions include a large, well furnished and equipped art room with auxiliary craft and modelling rooms and three new classrooms. The whole of the building which now joins the laboratory block has been lime-washed in a soft cream. An efficient

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steam heating plant has been installed and those who occupy the block enjoy the comfort of even warm temperatures in summer and winter and the envy of those who shiver around the gas fires of the Main School. Chairs and table replace the prehistoric desks and after an initial blow to the pride of the occupants who were asked to sit on chairs designed for primary school children, light but comfortable chairs have now been provided. A vigorous campaign to change the name of the building to the "South Block" has met with little success with the boys for whom tradition dies hard.

The associations of the old name were further strengthened by the appearance one day of a corpse, a murder victim, in the modelling room in clear view of the glass door on the landing. On closer investigation the "corpse" was found to be a plaster model draped in a black shroud and transfixed with a modelling knife. A master, after viewing the "corpse," struck no doubt by its resemblance to a noble character of Roman History, was heard to murmur as he turned away: "Even at the base of Pompey's Statue, which all the while ran blood."

The amenities of the School have been further improved by the building of a concrete wall along the Avenue Road frontage of the South Block. Erected behind it is an up-to-date bicycle shed to hold 192 bicycles.

Once again we were entertained in an afternoon concert by the National Orchestra. The members of the Orchestra are becoming familiar and welcome visitors to the province.

High hopes were roused among Pridham House boys when word was passed around that their house was on fire. Visions of total demolition and a consequent gay time boarding in the gymnasium shimmered entrancingly in their minds. Much to their disappointment, however, the fire turned out to be a minor smouldering in the ceiling, which died before the fire brigade could arrive.

During the second term senior N.C.O.'s were shown a film concerning life in Duntroon Military College. The film and subsequent talk were very interesting, and were of great value to anyone thinking of making the army his career.

With further additions to the area sown and levelled, the total area of the inner enclosure of the Racecourse Grounds available for sports has been increased to 25 acres. The grounds when completed will consist of eight grounds for Rugby or Soccer and three hockey grounds. Over £800 has been spent by various sports bodies, which have appointed delegates to a committee to control the area. We are very grateful to the Taranaki Jockey Club for making the area available to us, and to Mr. Bertrand, who has been the chairman of the committee which has carried out the work.

Following suggestions in several recent "Taranakians," a masters' photograph was taken this year. The background of Carrington house with its creeper covered walls makes it difficult to tell where the facial adornments of several masters begin and end. Although many masters were forced into the picture under protest, we were treated to the sight of all our masters wearing (almost) Savile Row suits, and with their hair groomed into glorious coiffures.

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A welcome entertainment was provided during the second term when the whole School attended a matinee performance of "Twelfth Night" by a touring company under the auspices of the Arts Council. The emphasis on the comic scenes allowed the School to appreciate the fun that there is in Shakespeare's comedies. We rocked with laughter at the antics of a rotund but vigorous Sir Toby in search of distraction and at the appearance of the haughty Malvolio in his night shirt. Even the third formers (mirabile dictu!) did not fidget.

Only one film was seen by the whole School this year. It was the "1950 British Empire Games." With the added interest of a familiar setting, it provided a topic of conversation for some days. Many senior boys also saw "The Third Man" in their own time. They had been attracted by its reputation as an artistic production, and were not disappointed. It has provoked much discussion, and has increased our conception of the film as an art.

We are interested to note that in the recent 6A examinations, a boy received eight marks out of a possible seven in a science question. Needless to say, this did not occur in the Latin papers, where the average mark was about two.

The School put on several dances this year besides the usual "Long Night" in the third term. There was a Prefects' Dance in the first term and a 1st. XV. Dance at the end of the second term. All were very successful. Classrooms were again available for additional floor space.

A new drink was served by our almost professional barmen at the Girls' High School Prefects' Dance held recently. When the lemonade ran out they began serving (unintentionally, we hope) dishwater. Only a few customers complained of a bitter taste. We are wondering if they accidentally discovered a new use for soapsuds, because the dance went with a great swing, and everybody seemed rather bright. Shades of Colonel Chinstrap!

At prayers during the second term, many boys learned for the first time of the supernatural element in the School. Our sorcerers were severely admonished by the headmaster for "riding down town at night without bicycles!" It seems that broomsticks are illegal.

During the year the School has farewelled several masters. First to leave was Mr. Tetley, who moved to Auckland early in the second term. Before he left, Mr. Tetley was presented with an attache case and a leather writing compendium. This departure caused consternation in the mathematical department as the School was now without a senior maths master. However, some reshuffling of the timetable and the co-operation of other masters soon made for a satisfactory arrangement. Once again Mr. Roulston has been relieving to ease the pressure.

The School's music feels deeply the loss of Mr. Webb, one of our two music masters, who also retired during the year. Perhaps our greatest loss is in the departure into retirement of two masters who have been at the School for many years—Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Bertrand—both of whom, we are told, have been on the staff since the early days, when it was common for the School to be raided by Maori war parties. We shall miss them both.

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In the next year there will be several changes in boarding house masters. Mr. Bottrill will be succeeded in Carrington House by Mr. Watt. Mr. Brenstrum is to become a day master, and the new master of Pridham House will be Mr. Lucas who is returning to the School after completing a science degree at Otago. We are looking forward to the return of Mr. Hatherly from a health trip to South Africa.

There have been several changes also in the organisation of outdoor activities. Mr. Stewart has taken over the coaching of the first football group from Mr. Kerr, who has been responsible for it since 1935. During his term as coach the School has won more than its share of college games, produced exceptional teams in 1938 and 1949 and three All Blacks, R. Roper, G. Beatty and A. R. Reid, who were selected for the 1950 tests against the English side. Mr. Alexander, who has been in charge of football since 1946, is now assisting with the first group and Mr. Slyfield has taken over the organisation of football.

Mr. Brenstrum has handed over the organisation of cricket to Mr. Baunton, who was the opening bat for the School First Eleven from 1937 to 1939. Mr. Brenstrum looks back on a period of steady improvement in the conditions for playing the game, increased opportunities for practice and coaching and a greater variety of talent available to the First Eleven.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. G. H. Pope, a former master at the School. He was a primary school teacher who, after many years at Inglewood and Urenui, where he was head teacher, became head of the Preparatory Department here in 1920. He taught here for seven years before retiring in 1937. The School lined both sides of the drive to the cemetery when the funeral procession passed through as a mark of respect.

The new track through Pukekura Park has nearly been completed. As everyone who has worked on the project will agree, the experience has been interesting and enjoyable. Tree felling in particular was appreciated to the full, and whenever a small sapling was being felled, loud cries of "Timber" filled the air, so that an onlooker could have been excused for thinking that a 200-foot giant was about to bite the dust. Perhaps not the least of attractions for the boys who worked there was the soft drink supplied by the Park Committee each Saturday.

A matter which becomes more serious each year is the lack of space on the walls of the assembly hall for the hanging of photographs of Head Boys, 1st. XI's and 1st. XV's. The Head Boys have started ascending the stairs, the 1st. XV's are just about out the front door, and the 1st. XI's are well on their way to the masters' common room. One rather facetious solution suggested is that, in order that the numbers might remain constant with each photograph added, one from the other end should be removed and stowed.

We believe that one of our well known cricket coaches, conjuring up a vision of practice wickets injured by rain, suggested that they should be rolled up and put away.

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Near the beginning of the third term, Bishop Barry, of Canada, gave the School a travel talk on a trip from Vancouver to California. This most interesting speech was thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

A fourth form was roused from the dullness and lethargy of a geometry period with a start when the master carefully explain that, by extending a certain line they could produce B.O. We have not inquired whether or not he gets a special concession from the soap company.

The most exciting finish on Sports Day was that of the mile. The winner, one of the scratch men, was hard put to it to keep his feet over the last twenty yards, and collapsed after crossing the line. Close and determined finishes such as this make all the effort put into the organisation of Sports Day worthwhile.

During the third term Mr. Lachie MacDonald, an Old Boy, who is Pacific correspondent of the London Daily Mail, gave us an interesting talk on the fighting, and the nature of the country and people in Korea. Mr. MacDonald had been invalided from Korea only a short time before.

There certainly are some "clueless" types attending School. A story has been going the rounds about a boy (a boarder of course) who, being informed in the present popular vernacular of the School that he had "no clues," asked where he could get some. His delighted associates were kind enough to let him know that he had been absent when the "clues" were given out, and to send him off to his house-master to ask for a "few clues." Probably the master gave him more than a few "clues"—about schoolboy slang and jargon.

The School baths have received a facelift. The high gum trees at the southern end have been cut down and replaced with flowering shrubs. We were sorry to see the gum trees go, but their leaves formed an almost solid causeway across the baths after a southerly gale.

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Taranaki Scholarships.—N. B. Beach, B. A. Walker.

Higher School Certificate.—B. H. Adams, V. H. Andrews, E. F. Baigent, N. B. Beach, J. W. Brown, H. W. Cooke, B. J. Crowley, N. V. Davies, W. D. Gardiner, J. B. Glasgow, A. B. Hooper, J. N. Gadd, C. M. Julian, C. G. Luxton, B. J. Novak, O. J. Oats, J. D. Saunders, M. A. Shearer, A. B. Shewry, W. G. Thomson, A. E. Turner, B. A. Walker, D. M. Waters, R. L. C. Wilkinson, M. G. A. Wilson.

B Com. Degree (Section).—W. D. Gardiner, J. B. Glasgow, B. J. Novak, M. A. Shearer.

Accountancy Professional.—N. V. Davies, C. G. Luxton, D. M. Waters.

Matriculation (By Accrediting).—B. G. Adams, D. G. Baird, J. K. Bargh, J. C. Barrett, B. R. Boon, A. D. Brownlie, R. R. Burtenshaw, R. H. Calder, C. E. Croad, J. H. Crocker, L. J. S. Davies, G. I. Deakin, D. W. Diprose, D. Duff, R. S. Fairey, R. S. Ford,

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J. T. Gould, O. A. M. Greensill, M. J. Harkness, S. W. Hounge Lee, A. T. Hughson, J. B. Johnston, B. V. Kerr, S. P. Lay, C. K. Lee, T. Lloyd, J. C. Lovell, P. G. Lovell, J. K. Lush, I. M. MacKenzie, J. B. McGeachen, J. A. Miller, D. R. Morton, J. B. Moss, K. McD. Okey, R. K. Pearce, D. N. Quickfall, C. N. Robinson, C. J. Ross, G. J. Saunders, R. P. Stephenson, R. T. V. Taylor, I. W. Telfer, F. P. Webster, B. C. Wisneski. (By Exam.)—F. J. Crowley, T. P. Lealand, R. D. Tate.

School Certificate.—I. Ailao, B. C. Arthur, A. F. Ayson, B. S. E. Bellringer, D. R. Black, R. E. Brine, W. A. Broughton, D. H. Brown, J. G. Burrowes, G. G. Cavaney, S. A. Comber, A. P. Coster, C. L. Crawford, F. J. Crawford, G. C. Derby, J. L. Diprose, J. W. Eddowes, B. R. J. Evans, A. J. Goudie, P. R. Hancock, D. C. Hayes, W. N. Hebden, B. Hill, J. J. Hine, M. C. Hoskin, D. G. Howell, H. F. Jackson, R. A. Julian, B. J. Law, K. E. Luxton, I. W. MacLeod, R. K. McClellan, C. F. McDonald, A. R. McGiven, M. R. B. McKenzie, I. G. McPherson, T. J. Maingay, R. D. Mander, J. B. Montgomerie, T. C. Morgan, L. Myers, I. H. Oliver, M. L. B. Palmer, A. D. M. Powell, J. Rawcliffe, E. P. Roberts, B. J. Rountree, A. H. Scarrow, A. G. Shaw, K. G. Slocombe, D. Smith, R. J. Stevenson, D. G. R. Sutcliffe, W. L. Tetley, D. A. Venables, B. A. Waite, M. Walter, J. K. Wilton, J. J. M. Wiltshire, A. R. Wyllie.

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The 1950 season in retrospect was remarkable perhaps for the weather conditions and for the general improvement in the standard of football in all the lower grades in North Taranaki.

The weather was remarkable. During the whole of the season including the College Games the First Fifteen experienced only one wet ball.

The standard of football over the whole of the Junior grades was very high owing to, we would like to believe, the establishment of the seventh and eighth grades. Most of the teams against which School competed tried to play a constructive type of game instead of the spoiling tactics that we have been used to for so many years from some teams. As a consequence, we are sure, the football was more enjoyable for all. It certainly was for members of the School teams.

1949 saw the vast majority of First Group players leave the School, and as a consequence this year's group was made up of players relatively inexperienced. Only three of last year's First Fifteen were again available so the somewhat uncertain start to the season was not altogether unexpected. Again it must be admitted that it was a good deal easier for one to gain one's "cap" this year than has been the case for some years past. As the season progressed, however, it became obvious that there was some good material in the group, and some not in the group. Two boys who started the season in the First Grade eventually played for the First Fifteen in college games. Following two draws and a defeat in the first four games of the season, the First Fifteen developed so well that they did not

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lose another competition game, and won the Northern Taranaki First Junior Competition. This was a very fine performance considered in the light of the youth and general inexperience of the boys and they deserve full credit. Injuries and illness upset the group from time to time but never really seriously. A good deal of the success of the team can be attributed to the leadership of the captain, I. Flavell, and his play and captaincy was often commented upon by people outside the School. The First Fifteen was unable to continue its success against local teams to its games against other schools, and only one of the four played was won by us, and it can truthfully be said that we were beaten by better teams.

The Second Fifteen, of necessity, constantly robbed of its players by the firsts, did not fare very well in the local competition. They were successful, however, in winning the Gordon Roper Memorial Shield from the Old Boys' Third Grade team. This Shield has been presented by the Old Boys' Club, for annual competition between the Third Grade teams from the School and the Club in memory of Gordon Roper, who was an old boy of the School and coach of the Old Boys' Club Third Grade team until his tragic death in a motor accident early this year.

So all in all it was a season of mixed success for the First Group. They were most successful locally, but could not maintain the inter-college game record of previous years. But no doubt even this is not a bad thing, for the elements of competition are win and lose, and if you win all the time competition is virtually gone.

The group next year should be more experienced as present indications are that a fair percentage of this year's group will be returning, and there is some good material in the lower grades too. And so—on to 1951.

The Second Group was again divided into two teams for the purpose of local competition. One team was entered in the Fourth Grade and one in the Fifth Grade. Neither team did very well in its competition but each during the season developed a worth-while combination and team spirit. Generally there was perhaps a lack of outstanding talent and lack of success, changes within the group and other factors lead to a falling off in enthusiasm and fitness. The congratulations of the group go to Peter Walker, who made the First Fifteen and Gerald Barrack, who kicked well throughout the season and was selected as a reserve for the North Taranaki Fourth Grade side.

The Third Group again fielded two teams in the fifth grade competition. The teams were theoretically of equal strength, but one team combined far better than the other and developed into a formidable side in the second round of the competition. Neither team had an opportunity of winning the Championship, as they had to default during the May vacation. The forwards generally played good football and were a reliable strength, but the backs seldom played the football of which they were capable, and were often disappointing, especially against weaker opposition.

The group's congratulations go to Terry Maingay and John Graham who both graduated to the First Fifteen during the season.

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This was a very creditable effort, especially on the part of Maingay, who was having his first season as a half-back.

When will we ever experience the joy of a football season free from epidemic. Last year it was measles, this year chicken-pox. Such epidemics play havoc with the school's junior football teams, as the small boys who comprise these teams have been fortunate or unfortunate enough to have avoided the attention of these diseases before coming to the school. Parents really should oblige by seeing to it that their sons have had chicken-pox, mumps, measles and whooping cough before entering them.

Despite the sad inroads of chicken-pox on their numbers the teams in the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades had a good season. The introduction of the Eight Grade means that our smaller boys are now playing in their proper weight groups. We again entered our teams in the local competitions on a House system, and although some Houses had to combine to make a team in some grades the system worked well. Division by Houses is a much more satisfactory way of dividing our strength than an A B C D system.

Some very fine young footballers were seen in all three grades and it will not be very long before a number of them are playing in the First Fifteen.

Moyes House Seventh Grade won the Taranaki Championship for the Grade (under 9st.) and were undefeated throughout the season. This was a very fine performance, as injuries and sickness affected them quite a lot. This is the second year Moyes have won this competition.

It must not be imagined that football in this grade is merely a small boys' scramble. On the contrary, some very enterprising and constructive Rugby was seen right throughout the season, and the boys playing in these grades often reveal skill not shown by players in higher grades.

COLLEGE GAMES.

v. ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE (Silverstream).

(Played at Hawera, June 24th.). Won, 12—3.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's.—R. Morrison, C. Staszuk, P. O'Rourke, E. O'Donnell, R. Leamy, E. Lulu, P. Finau, P. Hundleby, P. Mohi, R. Leary, J. Balmer, W. Hansell, V. Curtain, M. Georg, K. Stockman.

School.—J. Eddowes, R. Taylor, P. Dickson, L. Myers, P. Powell, H. Jackson, B. Boon, B. Tait, P. Walker, I. Ailoa, I. Oliver, D. Hayes, M. Teariki, J. Mainland, I. Flavell (Capt.).

Conditions were good for open football. Both sets of backs tried to open up play. When one back line made an error, the opposition were ready to take advantage of it immediately, which resulted in a continual drive of back rushes. The School forwards may have been slightly lighter, but they enjoyed a very marked superiority in all departments, especially in the rucks. Playing with drive and tenacity they always had the ball under control. School's backs were quickly in position but early uncertain handling and good tackling by St. Pat's kept the score down. In the dying stages School's defence was well tried and did not break.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1950.

Back Row: I. Aillao, G. A. Cassidy, T. P. Maurangi, R. B. Tait, B. R. Boon.

Middle Row: T. J. Maingay, D. C. Hayes, D. C. Stewart, I. H. Oliver, A. F. Cassie, D. J. Graham, P. D. Walker, J. R. Mainland.

Front Row: H. F. Jackson, P. G. Dickson, J. W. Eddowes, L. Myers (Vice-Capt.), I. C. A. Flavell (Capt.), R. T. V. Taylor, L. J. S. Davies, P. A. B. Powell, V. Mila.

FOOTBALL

THE PLAY.

From the outset the School forwards secured the ball but the backs repeatedly dropped passes. School attacked when Taylor broke through a tackle to go right to the St. Pat's line, but his pass infield went astray. From the resultant scrum Hayes dived into the scrum to score. Powell missed the kick. 3—0.

With short bursts, St. Pat's forced their way back and Morrison goaled from a penalty. 3—3.

School came back immediately and Myers, securing from a back move, raced round near the posts. The kick failed. (Score 6—3).

After St. Pat's came close to scoring, School forwards took the ball under control and went strongly downfield. Flavell secured and burst his way over. (Half-time score 9—3).

Early in the second half Flavell again scored after a strong run. 12—3.

The last 20 minutes saw both sets of backs play aggressive football, with School seeing more of the ball. However, solid tackling by the St. Pat's backs kept the score unchanged until full-time.

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

(Played at Wanganui, July 12th.). Lost 6—13.

The teams were:—

Wanganui.—R. G. Ashworth, B. W. Battell, B. W. McKenzie, R. N. Baker, D. G. Hamilton, B. G. Hamilton, D. M. K. Jones, J. E. Bellerby, G. W. Blathwayt, F. C. H. Smith, M. G. Glenn (Capt.), J. F. Tatham, M. W. Irwin, G. D. Cameron, G. L. Hare.

School.—P. Powell, R. Taylor, G. Cassidy, L. Myers, P. Dickson, H. Jackson, B. Boon, B. Tait, P. Walker, I. Ailao, I. Oliver, D. Hayes, I. Flavell (Capt.), J. Mainland, T. Maurangi.

The day was fine and the ground firm, with Wanganui's forwards and backs rising to splendid heights. Solid forwards, spectacular side-line dashes and good combined passing rushes were features of the game. Wanganui took the honours in the scrums and lineouts with School having the better of the rucks. School's backs lacked the speed to cope with the combination and pace of the Wanganui backs, especially in the second spell. The School forwards at times dominated play by taking the ball to Wanganui's line but when it was rucked back, the superior pace and deadly tackling of the Wanganui backs, broke up any of School's back movements.

THE PLAY.

Wanganui opened on a strong note. From a scrum about half-way, McKenzie cleverly drew the defence and gave the overlap to Battell who raced away from School's cover-defence to score by the posts. Hare converted. (Score 0—5).

Robust play by the School forwards took play to the Collegiate line but the Wanganui backs swung quickly to attack. Dickson was prominent for School, attempting to penetrate, but severe tackling kept him back. (Half-time score 0—5).

FOOTBALL

At the opening of the second spell, Collegiate were unlucky not to score, after an opening made by Battell. The School forwards took play to the Collegiate line, where Powell kicked a penalty. (Score 3—5).

School forwards, with Ailao prominent, began to dominate play, and took the lead when Powell kicked a penalty. (Score 6—5).

Play was exciting, and of changing fortunes, when Glenn kicked a penalty. (Score 6—8).

Wanganui put the issue beyond doubt in a brilliant forward movement which ended in Cameron scoring by the posts for Glenn to convert. (Score 6—13).

v. TE AUTE.

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, August 12th.) Lost 6—12.

The teams were:—

Te Aute.—J. Stewart, J. Morris, K. Karaka (captain), R. Cookson, H. Tibble, P. Robinson, C. Mahue, H. Ngatai, R. Habib, T. Rungarunga, H. Maniapoto, H. Callaghan, J. Ormsby, R. Morete, R. Bristowe.

School.—J. Eddowes, R. Taylor, P. Powell, J. Davies, P. Dickson, H. Jackson, T. Maingay, B. Tait, P. Walker, I. Ailao, I. Oliver, M. Tala, I. Flavell (captain), D. Hayes, D. Stewart.

The day was brilliantly fine and the ground dry. The teams were evenly matched but the Te Aute backs, big and experienced, played with great determination and the team's defence throughout was deadly. School forwards played very well both in the tight and loose; the backs too played well and it was a tribute to them, that they kept the heavy Te Aute backs out as long as they did. School played the better team game, combining well and repeatedly attacking but solid tackling and the superior pace and experience of the Te Aute backs kept School out.

THE PLAY.

The opening part of the spell saw School win all scrums and rucks, with Maingay playing very well. Te Aute broke through, a forward dived for the line but a solid tackle by Dickson knocked the ball from his hands. Soon after Cookson dived over after a combined rush. (Score 0—3).

Just before the end of the first spell, Karaka kicked a magnificent penalty from three yards inside half-way. (Half-time score 0—6).

School's constant attacks were rewarded when early in the second spell, the backs swung into action. Taylor raced for the line, judiciously kicked infield for Ailao to snap up and score. (Score 3—6).

School kept to the attack but a fumbled pass let Morris through. He weaved his way past Powell and from his own twenty-five line began his run. Jackson gave chase and finally dived to tackle him almost on School's line.

Shortly after Cookson scored his second try to make the score 3—9, Karaka kicked a long field-goal. School returned to the attack and Flavell scored a try to make the final score 6—12.

FOOTBALL

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR.

(Played at Eden Park, August 19th.) Lost 14—18.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar.—R. Harris, R. Fraser, A. Dalton, R. West, S. Matthews, N. Perrett, W. Whineray, N. Atkins, D. Cavers, J. Brown, E. Taylor, P. Diamond, P. White, G. Brown (captain), I. Smeaton.

School.—P. Powell, V. Mila, R. Taylor, H. Jackson, P. Dickson, J. Graham, T. Maingay, B. Tait, P. Walker, A. Cassie, I. Oliver, I. Ailao, I. Flavell (captain), D. Hayes, D. Stewart.

School had slightly the better of the game in the first spell and were leading at half-time. Grammar forwards held the weight advantage and dominated the set scrums. School forwards won many of the rucks but even so, the backs had only limited opportunities. In the second spell, however, School's form fell away considerably, and poor tackling and weak cover defence enabled Grammar to drive home attacks. A feature of the game was the manner in which the scores fluctuated.

THE PLAY.

Play was patchy for the first twenty minutes until Taylor broke through a tackle and almost scored. Grammar rallied and after an attacking kick by Harris, Atkins scored for Harris to convert. (Score 0—5).

School came back to the attack and Jackson picked up a dropped pass and with a fast swerving run, scored. (Score 3—5).

Just before the interval Dickson raced through the Grammar line to score. Powell converted. (Half-time score 8—5).

Almost immediately after the resumption Whineray scored and Harris converted. (Score 8—10).

School regained the lead soon after when Powell kicked a good penalty. (Score 11—10).

Harris had an attempt at a penalty but the ball bounced back from the bar, and the forwards formed a ruck, Grammar gained possession, and Harris came into the backline, for Perrett to score in the corner. (Score 11—13). Grammar went further ahead when Brown burst from a line-out to pass to Diamond who scored. Dalton converted. (Score 11—18).

School rallied with Taylor making a side-line run. Powell soon after kicked a penalty to make the final score 14—18.

COMPETITION GAMES (FIRST JUNIOR).

First Round:

April 22.—v. Uruti. Won 21—3. Tries: Taylor (4), Eddowes, Powell. Powell one penalty.

April 29.—v. Marist. Drew 9—9. Tries: Myers, Flavell. Myers one penalty.

May 7.—v. Old Boys. Lost 3—6. Tries: Myers.

May 27.—v. Clifton. Drew 0—0.

June 3.—v. Star. Won 14—6. Tries: Taylor (2), Tait. Conversion by Powell. Penalty by Taylor.

FOOTBALL

Second Round:

- June 5.—v. Old Boys. Won 3—0. Penalty by Powell.
June 10.—v. Uruti. Won 45—11. Tries: Powell (2), Dickson (2), Ailao (2), Tala (2), Flavell, Taylor. Taylor two conversions. Powell four conversions and one penalty.
June 17.—v. Marist. Won 8—6. Tries: Dickson, Myers. Powell, one conversion.
June 24.—v. Urenui. Won 14—8.
July 15.—v. Tukapa. Won 3—0. Penalty by Powell.
July 22.—v. Clifton. Won 14—8. Tries: Stewart, Mila, Flavell. One conversion and one penalty by Powell.
July 29.—v. Star. Won 12—6. Tries: Taylor (2), Mila, Ailao.
August 5.—v. Tukapa. Won 14—9. Tries: Ailao, Davies, Flavell. One penalty and one conversion by Taylor.

Summary:

Games played 13. Won 10, lost 1, drew 2.
Points for 160. Points against 72.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS (PEASE CUP).

(Played on Rugby Park).

The teams were:—

Day Boys.—Lay, Davies, Powell, Barrett, Eddowes, Jackson, Boon, Stewart, Barclay, Jensen, Derby, Finnigan, Drumm, Mainland, Tate.

Boarders.—Brownlie, Taylor, Mila, Cassidy, Dickson, Graham, Maingay, Flavell, Walker, Tait, Hayes, Maurangi, McKenzie, Oliver, Ailao.

The game was very fast and open, particularly in the second spell when the Boarders tried every move to reach the Day Boys' lead. The feature of the game was the kicking of the Day Boys' centre, Powell, who kicked six penalties and one conversion to score 20 points.

THE PLAY.

After a short period of indeterminate play Powell kicked a penalty. Day Boys were penalised and Taylor equalled the score 3—3. Day Boys penetrated with Jackson making a blind-side run. Powell kicked a penalty from well out. Score 6—3.

Boarders came back with Cassidy making a side-line run to score. Score 6—6. Taylor followed this by crossing in the other corner. (Score 6—9).

Powell added to the Day Boys' total by another penalty, but Boarders attacked and Walker scored after a good run. Taylor converted to make the half-time score 9—14.

Early in the second spell Powell soon had the Day Boys in the lead by kicking two penalties. Score 15—14.

Davies made a good run to cross in the corner and Powell converted with a long kick. Soon after he kicked another penalty to put the Day Boys further in the lead. (Score 23—14).

CRICKET

Boarder forwards were securing much of the ball from the rucks and the backs were throwing it around and trying every move, until Taylor dashed through the Day Boys to score. Flavell converted. (Score 23—19).

Cassidy raced down the sideline after a back move to cross and score, but Flavell missed the kick. (Score 23—22).

Boarders continued to attack but full-time sounded with the score unchanged.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

The inter-house competitions were held at the beginning of the third term. In the final Pridham defeated East in a fast open game. Pridham this year held a supremacy in all departments, enabling them to go through the competition without having their line crossed. The three points registered against them was from a penalty in the Pridham-Moyes game.

Results:—

First Round.—Pridham 58 v. Central 0; Moyes 12 v. West 9; East 11 v. Carrington 3.

Second Round.—Pridham 29 v. Moyes 3. East a bye.

Final.—Pridham 43 v. East 0.

Pridham XV.—Brownlie, R. Taylor, Mila, Greig, Dickson, Graham, Maingay, Ailao, Oliver, Teariki, Tere, Hayes, Wyllie, McClellan, I. Flavell.

R. Taylor and I. Flavell.

CRICKET

Up to Christmas the First XI. this season was a good side. Two of its members, J. H. Crocker and B. V. Kerr, gained places in the Taranaki Representative team. After Christmas, however, the task of building up a new team around the five remaining caps was undertaken with satisfactory results. Although very young the team gradually developed into a good combination worthy of comparison with previous sides.

Two College matches were played at School. Against Nelson we had a convincing win, thanks mainly to the bowling of J. H. Crocker who took 7 for 7 in the second innings. The game against Wanganui was drawn, the main feature being a fine century by L. Barclay.

Of the club matches played this year School had its share of wins and losses but was never an easy team to beat.

SCHOOL v. NELSON.

(Played at School, 8th and 9th December, 1949. Result: Win for School by 151 runs.)

School won the toss but on a wicket suitable for bright batting could only make 136 runs. Scoring was slow up to lunch time but later on the tail-enders hit out freely. Top score for School was Lay with 27. The Nelson bowling was at all times accurate, especially the bowling of Dennis, the Nelson captain.

CRICKET

At the end of the first day's play Nelson were eight for 129, with Dennis 53 not out. On the second day Nelson went on to make 163 of which Dennis made 71.

School then went in for the second innings with one thought in mind—to make runs quickly. Crowley was out early with the score only 5 but then a sparkling stand by Davies and Barclay added 74 in quick time and the lunch score was 3 for 98. Davies (50) and Barclay (32) were the main contributors. After lunch School continued to hurry things along and were out for 210. This left Nelson with 185 runs to get in 150 minutes. At this stage a decision seemed unlikely but Crocker, the School captain, by a spell of very effective bowling dismissed Nelson for 32. His phenomenal figures were 12.4 overs, 7 wickets for 7 runs. In this bowling performance was included a hat trick, a feat rarely performed in inter-school cricket.

The weather was good throughout, although rain had fallen prior to the commencement of the second day's play. The standard of play was high and the fielding of both sides was of high standard all the way through.

SCHOOL.

First Innings—				Second Innings—			
F. Crowley, b. Baldwin	..	..	8	b. Aitken	..	..	4
J. Davies, b. Baldwin	..	..	10	c. Aitken, b. Edwards	..	..	50
L. Barclay, c. Pettman, b. Baldwin	..	..	1	b. Aitken	..	..	32
P. Lay, l.b.w., b. Dennis	..	..	27	b. Baldwin	..	..	7
F. Albrechtsen, b. Dennis	..	..	0	c. Edwards, b. Aitken	..	..	1
J. Crocker, c. Haughton, b. Edwards	..	..	20	c. Haughton, b. Aitken	..	..	37
H. Jackson, c. Baldwin, b. Aitken	..	..	2	not out	..	..	4
E. Baigent, c. Haughton, b. Bowers	..	..	15	c. Mace, b. Baldwin	..	..	29
R. Fairey, c. Bowers, b. Dennis	..	..	5	b. Dennis	..	..	5
M. Wilson, c. Parker, b. Dennis	..	..	22	b. Dennis	..	..	22
B. Kerr, not out	..	..	15	b. Aitken	..	..	4
Extras	..	..	11	Extras	..	..	14
Total	..	..	136	Total	..	..	210

Bowling Analysis.

Bowling for Nelson College—

First Innings—					Second Innings—					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Dennis	29	11	62	4	17	1	63	2
Aitken	17	4	26	1	21	4	53	5
Baldwin	11	4	18	3	10	2	26	2
Edwards	6	2	10	1	3	—	23	1
Bowers	3	1	9	1	3	—	17	—
Haughton	1	—	12	—
Parker	2	—	2	—

CRICKET

NELSON COLLEGE.

First Innings—				Second Innings—			
Parker, J. I., b. Fairey	..	..	0	st. Kerr, b. Crocker	..	..	11
Croucher, J., l.b.w., b. Crocker	..	..	5	run out	..	..	0
Haughton, J. P., c. Crocker, b. Lay	..	..	40	st. Kerr, b. Crocker	..	..	17
Dennis, A., c. Crowley, b. Crocker	..	..	71	c. Baigent, b. Crocker	..	..	0
Bowers, R. G., b. Wilson	..	..	11	c. Baigent, b. Crocker	..	..	0
Leggat, G., c. and b. Wilson	..	..	2	c. Lay, b. Crocker	..	..	1
Mace, J., st. Kerr, b. Crocker	..	..	6	b. Wilson	..	..	1
Baldwin, F., b. Lay	..	..	8	l.b.w., b. Crocker	..	..	1
Aitken, J. M., c. Kerr, b. Lay	..	..	0	not out	..	..	0
Pettman, M. C., c. and b. Crocker	..	..	10	run out	..	..	0
Edwards, A., not out	..	..	6	b. Crocker	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	4	Extras	..	..	0
Total	..	..	163	Total	..	..	32

Bowling Analysis.

Bowling for School—

First Innings—					Second Innings—					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
R. Fairey	11	3	20	1	8	2	16	—
P. Lay	12	3	16	3	10	5	7	—
J. Crocker	30	7	65	4	12.4	9	7	7
M. Wilson	11	1	36	2	6	4	2	1
L. Barclay	2	—	5	—	1	1	—	—

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

(Played at School on 22nd and 23rd March, 1950. Result: Drawn).

Wanganui won the toss and elected to bat first on a wicket which was playing easily. The scoring, however, was not very fast and at luncheon Wanganui had scored only 79 runs for 3 wickets. After lunch only eleven runs were added when Barrett, who at that time had taken two wickets, captured four more in quick succession, three of which were caught at short leg by Davies. Barrett, who bowled exceptionally well, returned the good figures of 6 for 32. Wanganui were all out just before the tea break for 128. At stumps School had scored 134 for 4, of which Barclay had made an undefeated 84, including some of the most powerful drives seen on the School ground. Play started slowly the next morning with Barclay looking for his hundred. After 71 minutes of scrappy batting Barclay returned to form to hit a perfect four to bring up his century. After this the scoring rate rose with a bump and School were finally all out for 259. Barclay 130 and Eddowes 31 were the principal scorers. Of the Wanganui bowlers Beattie, a slow left-hander, won most respect. He was at all times accurate and very difficult to score off. Wanganui were left with 142 to make to avoid an innings defeat. Thanks to a hard hitting 91 by Geisen Wanganui reached the good total of 253.

We must congratulate Wanganui on the splendid way they fought back in the second innings. On the other hand, School failed to push home their advantage when it seemed that everything was in their favour.

CRICKET

SCHOOL.

J. Davies, c. and b Beattie	17
C. Crawford, c. Young, b. Beattie	9
L. Barclay, l.b.w., b. Young	130
P. Lay, l.b.w., b. Hamilton	5
H. Jackson, b. Geisen	5
F. Albrechtsen, l.b.w., b. Beattie	3
J. Eddowes, b. Young	31
J. Graham, run out	1
R. Bramwell, st. Cameron, b. Geisen	15
B. Darney, not out	9
C. Barrett, b. Hamilton	9
Extras	24
Total	259

Bowling for Wanganui Collegiate—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tideswell	14	1	50	—
Young	19	8	18	2
Beattie	30	11	55	3
Geisen	30	11	70	2
Hamilton, D.	13	3	42	2

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

First Innings—

Hamilton, B. G., c. Davies, b. Barrett	40
Russell, run out	0
Geisen, c. Lay, b. Barrett	10
Hamilton, D. G., c. Graham, b. Barrett	7
Hare, c. Davies, b. Barrett	29
Glenn, c. Davies, b. Barrett	3
Young, c. Davies, b. Barrett	0
Ashworth, l.b.w., b. Lay	10
Beattie, not out	7
Tidswell, c. Jackson, b. Lay	0
Cameron, c. Lay, b. Bramwell	14
Extras	8
Total	128

Second Innings—

l.b.w., b. Bramwell	46
st. Graham, b. Darney	3
c. Graham, b. Barclay	91
c. Crawford, b. Bramwell	19
b. Darney	0
l.b.w., b. Bramwell	4
l.b.w., b. Davies	39
b. Barclay	5
c. Jackson, b. Barrett	6
b. Barclay	30
not out	0
Extras	10
Total	253

Bowling Analysis.

Bowling for School—

First Innings—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
P. Lay	15	4	22	2
C. Barrett	18	5	32	6
L. Barclay	15	2	29	—
B. Darney	7	1	15	—
R. Bramwell	9	4	14	1
J. Davies	1	—	9	—

Second Innings—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
	9	2	24	—
	9	2	15	1
	17	1	69	3
	24	—	110	2
	11	1	25	3
	2	2	0	1



FIRST ELEVEN, 1949.

Back Row: L. J. S. Davies, D. G. Baird, L. A. Barclay, F. H. Albrechtsen, F. J. Crowley, B. V. Kerr,
E. F. Baigent.

Front Row: M. G. A. Wilson, R. S. Fairey, J. H. Crocker (Capt.), S. P. Lay, H. F. Jackson.

CRICKET

JUNIOR CRICKET.

Second XI.

The Second Eleven were a younger team than in former years but put up some creditable performances, although they had no real success against more experienced teams.

During the season, two matches were played against Waitara District High School and one against Stratford Technical High School. Waitara won the first match comfortably, the second going to School in a very close game. Against Stratford, School was beaten in a very close and exciting game. The best performance for School was 53 by J. Eddowes.

Consistently good performances in club games earned M. Walter a place in the North Taranaki Senior B team. During the season J. Radford and S. Comber were always consistent and returned some very good bowling figures. The improvement of several younger players showed that the team should be a hard one to beat next season.

Third XI.

We have some promising young players in the group this year and although we did not get good results in the competition we showed that we could perform well when we settled down.

Our Inter-College game was played against W.D.H.S. in the first term. This was the beginning of what we hope will be an annual fixture. The game was played in a good spirit, Waitara being defeated owing mainly to a pleasant returning to form of the majority of our team for that match. Early in the year we lost our wicketkeeper to the Second XI and we would like to congratulate him on his promotion. Fielding was one of the weak points of the team but this improved as the season progressed owing to the keenness boys showed, in turning up to practices.

Fourth XI.

The Fourth Eleven has enjoyed a most successful season, winning a good percentage of their games. This eleven still approaches the game with dash and are ever enthusiastic.

The season's outstanding achievement however from the point of view of the eleven, was the success of two of its members in passing directly from the Fourth to the First Eleven. They are John Graham and Campbell Barrett. In addition, Ross Bramwell, a "Fourth Eleven old boy," gained his cricket cap. Whether any member of the present Fourth XI will attain this distinction remains to be seen.

Third Form XI.

Nearly a hundred boys were tried out to pick a Third Form coaching group of 24 players. In the first term, coaching followed the usual pattern—nets two nights a week and combined batting drill one night. The two most promising players, Barclay and Fagin, were promoted to the Second XI and Third XI respectively. For the third term, two matches have been arranged, one against the Eltham Primary School in addition to the annual fixture against the North Taranaki Primary School Representatives.

HOUSE CRICKET.

A Grade.

The Bates Cup this year was played between West the holders and Central who were considered to be the strongest challengers. Central won on the first innings by 9 runs.

BLAZER AWARDS.

Results: Central, 57—Moorhead 15, L. Barclay 4 for 19, Comber 4 for 11. West, 48—Comber 13, Lay 6 for 30, Barrett 4 for 16. Central in the second innings played out time, at stumps being 159 for 9—Lay 93.

- B Grade—Moyes.
- C Grade—Pridham.
- D Grade—Prep.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS.

The annual match between the Day Boys and Boarders this season resulted in a win for the Day Boys by 59 runs on the first innings.

Boarders 76—Myers 22, Kruse 12, Crocker 5 for 30. Day Boys 133—Davies 29, Albrechtsen 21, Lay 18, Reid 3 for 11.

At stumps the Boarders were 2 for 61—Wilson 32 not out.

L. J. Davies. S. P. Lay.

BLAZER AWARDS

The following have qualified during the year for School Blazers—

- L. J. S. Davies, Head Boy, First XV., First XI.
- F. Albrechtsen, Prefect, First XI., Soccer XI., Boxing, Swimming.
- B. R. Boon, Prefect, First XV., Tennis.
- R. T. V. Taylor, Prefect, First XV.
- I. C. A. Flavell, Prefect, First XV.
- M. Tala, Prefect, First XV.
- L. Myers, Prefect, First XI.
- S. P. Lay, Prefect, First XI.
- J. C. Barrett, Prefect, First XI.
- J. W. Eddowes, First XV., First XI.
- J. Graham, First XV., First XI.
- H. F. Jackson, First XV, First XI.
- L. A. Barclay, First XI., Soccer XI.
- B. Darney, First XI., Soccer XI.

Prefects—

- J. K. Bargh
- J. T. Gould
- J. B. Montgomery
- D. W. Diprose
- M. J. Harkness
- G. J. Saunders
- D. Duff
- A. T. Hughson
- B. C. Wisneski

Athletics—

G. G. Cavancy

Soccer XI.—

- J. Hook
- R. F. Gadd

Hockey XI.—

R. K. Pearce

First XI.—

- R. Bramwell
- C. L. Crawford

First XV.—

- I. Aillao
- G. Cassidy
- A. Cassie
- P. Dickson
- D. Hayes
- T. Maingay
- J. Mainland
- T. Maurangi
- V. Mila
- I. Oliver
- P. Powell
- D. Stewart
- R. B. Tait
- P. D. Walker

MEIN KAMPF

THE MEMOIRS OF ANOTHER "LITTLE CORPORAL" DURING A WEEK AT LINTON.

Mein Kampf, it was an army von—in my langvich der place was call Linton. Nein! nein! Tansend Teufel! I did not say Unter den Linden. Mit der school I vent dere, und remained for schust von veek. Down at der station early in der morgen ve met—ve, der members of der Luftwaffe Teaching Unit und some udders, vere to go by an earlier train—der eggzpress. Ach! der trip it was . . . Tansend Teufel! (I suppose I'd better add . . .) Donner und Blitzen . . . (At this stage the author, having exhausted the superlatives of "Tansend Teufel" etc., and being at a loss for words, lapses into his native dialect).

The first mass migration of the school cadet battalion for training at Linton Military Camp took place late in April. It would be an understatement to say that most of us enjoyed ourselves. In fact, it is likely that more people enjoyed the camp than the number who went to Linton, the surplus of revellers being the relieved parents of the day boys.

As our friend Adolf tells us, the A.T.C. and Signals, two separate units forming A Company, left earlier than the rest of the School who travelled by express train. A few incidents livened up an otherwise dull trip. Maori linesmen squirted oil on the grinning faces of boys who addressed them in Maori, and a small fire in one carriage aroused the boys from their haze of boredom for a brief interval.

We were transported from Palmerston North to Linton by army trucks, and soon settled into our tents. Our first meal endeared the army to all of us immediately. Roast pork, followed by fruit salad and ice cream provided a truly magnificent introduction to army life. Throughout the camp the food was good although most day boys noticed a deterioration in quality as the week progressed. The boarders, of course, who have to put up with School food seemed to think that the camp cooks could do no wrong.

My first conscious experience on the first morning was, no doubt, typical of many. Just as I was going down for the third time, I heard a distant trumpeting—distant, yet too close. With a desperate effort (stimulated by the trumpeting), I caught a branch above my head and hauled myself out of the bog. When I had looked down and found that the mire consisted of a heap of blankets, gazed around for the musician, and felt for the lucky branch, I realised that I had hauled myself out of bed by the tentpole right on the tick of 6.30 a.m. and reveille. I know one master who will not believe that. I did not realise at the time that this same brass instrument was to howl at the same time for the next eight mornings.

Half an hour later a more attractive call sounded, and we all trooped off to breakfast. As friend Adolf would say, "It was good!" This expresses our opinions admirably.

The first day was spent in becoming accustomed to army routine. Strangely enough we did a little training as well. The tough sergeant-major of fifty years ago would be shocked to learn that we had morning and afternoon tea. We were issued with denims, boots

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and hats. Those hats! They were of the so-called jungle hat type, and ended up in the most interesting and often startling shapes. It is much to the credit of the quartermaster that he managed to get more than 50 per cent. of them back at the close of the camp.

We were entertained in the evenings by picture shows of various types—a few documentaries and some decidedly un-documentaries. A concert was given by the boys one evening in the Y.M.C.A. hall. We noticed a decided emphasis on the word "major" in all vocal and elocutionary items.

On three successive days parties of boys were shown over Massey Agricultural College. The tour of the college was very interesting, and gave us some idea of the potentialities of scientific farming, and how it is taught. We were not surprised to see a certain master hanging longingly over the side of a fowlpen, murmuring softly "Cluck! Cluck!" Another was heard to remark on the glorious physique of this and that cow.

The very day after we arrived, in anticipation of a visit by certain army big-wigs, our little-wigs had us practising ceremonial parade. When the big day came the A.T.C. was absent on a visit to Ohakea R.N.Z.A.F. station. We had an interesting tour of the whole station. What impressed most boys was the size and apparent permanency of most of the buildings. We were given a special display by a Mosquito fighter-bomber, and had the opportunity of examining aircraft of several types.

Specialised units received specialised instruction. Two instructors from Ohakea gave the A.T.C. several interesting lectures on a wide range of subjects. A parachute provided half a morning's entertainment. Boys found that by running into the wind with as much speed as the parachute would allow, they could almost take off. When it was found that several boys could pull it more quickly than one, we were treated to the sight of a multi-bodied pseudo-bird vainly attempting to take off.

All units carried out a night exercise. The most detailed was a skirmish between the A.T.C. and Signals Units. Runners, lamps, and radio communications were used by the defenders. The exercise was a great success, and was a fitting culmination to their week's training, as it was their last night but one. Upon investigation of a report that two high-ranking defending officers had been despatched, it was found that the headmaster and an army officer who had been watching the exercise had been "shot." The battle was fought with great ferocity, and quarter was given by no-one. One boy, trying desperately to evade capture decided to wade an apparently shallow pond. He stepped in up to his neck. Undaunted he swam the pond and escaped.

The last day was spent in packing and in the returning of gear. Jungle-hats were the most difficult to secure. By this stage most of the denims were in a state which made it a pleasure to return them.

On the morning of our trip home reveille was sounded at 5.30 a.m. Tents were laid low in all directions, beds were pulled to pieces, and blankets folded (after a demonstration in how they should be

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correctly folded). We marched to the station at the Linton siding, and were soon on our way.

The trip home was marked only by lack of incident. Discipline was good, and no damage was done to railway property. A number of boarders left the train on the way to spend Easter at home. When the train puffed into New Plymouth headlights glowing with exertion, stopped, and disgorged a crowd of boys, it saw the last of the most cheerful crowd, perhaps, that it had ever carried. Parents met their offspring with feelings of mixed relief and resignation. The offspring met their parents with resignation.

Ach! Mein Kampf, it is finish! Nein! nein! I am not dead! Vat! Vy do you say "No such luck?" Goot bye, mein freunds! goot bye, Mein Kampf!

Cpl. G. J. Saunders.

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PRESENTATION CUPS.

Sir,—

I wish to draw your attention to the poor treatment of the cup winners of the School. Immediately after the presentation ceremony, the recipients who, in many cases, have not even had time to show the trophies to their parents, have to return them to the headmaster's office. If they could keep their cups just over the summer holidays, this difficulty would be overcome.

I think that a certificate or miniature should be presented with each cup. This would not incur much cost and it would give the winner something to remind him of his schoolday success in future years.

I am sure something of this sort could be done to improve this matter.

I am etc.,
"Recipient."

PREFECTS.

Sir,—

Might I inquire of the headmaster why school prefects do not receive some token of recognition to be worn during school hours?

Most other secondary schools present to their prefects an electroplated button, badge or the like, suitably engraved, which serves the purpose of identifying third formers or new boys with their officials, and is a lasting memento to the boys so honoured.

I am etc.,
"Sixth-Former."

BOTTOM GROUND.

Sir,—

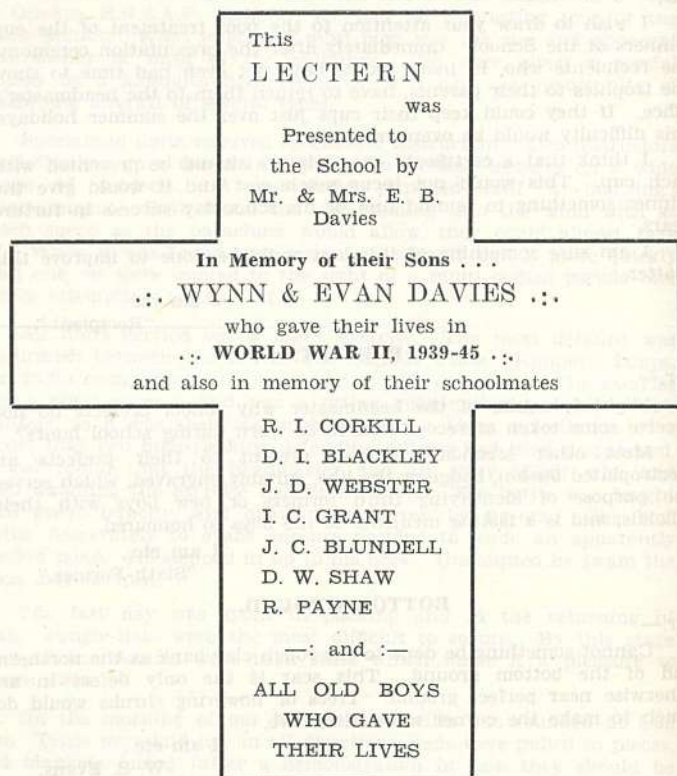
Cannot something be done to the rough clay bank at the northern end of the bottom ground. This scar is the only defect in an otherwise near perfect ground. Trees or flowering shrubs would do much to make the corner more attractive.

I am etc.,
W. S. Evans.

MEMORIAL LECTERN.

On the morning of the 20th of April a service was held at morning assembly when a lectern was presented to the school by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davies in memory of their sons, Wynn and Evan, and their friends who were killed in the Second World War. On the stage were Mrs. Davies, relatives of other boys whose names appear on the inscription, members of the Board of Governors, the Headmaster and members of the staff. The memorial lectern was presented by John Davies on behalf of his grandparents and received by Mr. H. R. Billing, on behalf of the Board, and by the Headmaster, on behalf of the School. Mr. Papps then recited the histories of all the boys whose names appear on the inscription. A lesson was then read from the lectern by John Davies and the ceremony closed with a prayer.

The lectern, which was designed and executed by Mr. R. J. Horrill, is in oak and its design echoes the construction of the Assembly Hall and Honours' Board. The inscription is carried on a plain silver cross and reads as follows:



In Memoriam

MR. W. H. JONES.

Education in Taranaki sustained a great loss in the death of Mr. William Henry Jones, a former Chairman of the Taranaki Education Board and member of the High Schools' Board for 14 years. He had been in failing health for some months.

Mr. Jones was born at Christchurch in 1885. He became apprenticed to the building trade in 1900 and took up a partnership with his father in 1905. In 1912 he took up sheep farming in Taranaki, but returned to building in 1919 as a partner of Mr. A. F. Sandford. The firm of Jones & Sandford became well known in New Plymouth business circles.

Education was Mr. Jones' main interest. He began his long career of committee and board membership as an early member of the West End School Committee, of which he became chairman. In 1929 he was elected to the Taranaki Education Board, which he served for 20 years, for four of which he was chairman. For fourteen of his years on the board, Mr. Jones was the Education Board's representative on the New Plymouth High Schools' Board. He gave outstanding service to education.

During his term of office Mr. Jones was chairman of the Buildings Committee and a member of the Staff and Supplies Committee.

Mr. Jones' wide outlook is indicated by his interest in the Crippled Children's Society, the committee of which he was a member for many years, his record as a member of the Rotary Club, of which he was president in 1934. He was president of the Master Builders' Association and the Taranaki Timber Merchants' Association at various times.

Mr. Jones' long and specialised service both to the School and to education in Taranaki has been very much appreciated. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his family in the loss they have sustained.

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SPORTS FUND.

Sir,—

In regard to the distribution of the yearly sports subscription, I would be interested to know if, after the deduction of the Magazine charge, the various sporting interests are allotted a specific sum or if one interest has a monopoly of the fund, and the other interests share up the remaining funds.

It does not seem fair that the money spent on cricket gear (a big yearly item) should be paid out of the subscriptions of the whole School. An alternative would be to levy a subsidiary subscription on all players of the first four groups.

I am, etc., "Interested."

STAFF RETIREMENTS

1950 will bring to a close a long association between the School and two members of the staff, C. G. Bottrill, M.A., Dip. Soc. Sci., and G. F. Bertrand, O.B.E., E.D. Together they have served the School for sixty-six years.

MR. C. G. BOTTRILL.

Mr. Bottrill's connection with the School goes back to 1914. In fact, he is our oldest inhabitant.

When he came to the School, the late Mr. Moyes had been headmaster for two years and the total roll was 160, of whom 40 were boarders. There were seven masters on the staff and school was held in the wooden building which was burned down in 1916. Mr. Bottrill was for two years in charge of the Preparatory School which then had a roll of 70, but he also taught in the Upper School and, together with Mr. Ryder and Mr. Rockel, was closely associated with the headmaster in the days of rapid growth between 1912 and 1920, when the foundations of the present greatness of the School were first laid.

Mr. Bottrill has taught almost every subject except science and maths. In later years he has tended to specialise in history and geography, which he has taught to sixth forms, and history, economics, constitutional history and jurisprudence to boys taking University degrees at a time when such instruction was an important function of the School. He has held the position of head of the Social Studies Department and was appointed First Assistant in 1947.

His qualities as a teacher have been his vast store of authoritative knowledge not only in his special subjects and an ability to expound in a clear and decisive manner. He has also been a teacher who possessed very definite opinions and has not only impressed these upon the hundreds of boys who have passed through his hands but has also impressed them with the need for thinking for themselves and for having definite opinions of their own.

For all but ten years of his service Mr. Bottrill has been a housemaster. From 1916 to 1919 he was in charge of Moyes House as a single man. He returned in 1931 as housemaster of Carrington House. Here his influence upon boys has been more personal and intimate. He has always insisted that the adolescent could conduct himself with dignity and modesty and, setting an example himself in this respect, has made persistent war on all forms of rowdiness, lack of self-control and ungentlemanly behaviour.

Out of school Mr. Bottrill's interests have been varied, but his great enthusiasm through the years has been for cricket. He took over the School cricket in 1916 when half of the top ground had not even been levelled and sown. In the next few years turf wickets for games and practice were established, using papa obtained from a cliff in the Waitara River valley. In 1918 the first college game was arranged with Wanganui, but in the first two years Wanganui were too strong. School's first win was recorded in 1922 by a team which contained I. Palmer, Cyril Lash and "Rangi" Mahraj. Very soon School cricket reached the stage of equality with good cricket schools like Wanganui and Nelson and, as a climax to Mr. Bottrill's period of control, produced a Martin Donnelly.



MR. G. F. BERTRAND, 1920-1950.



MR. C. G. BOTTRILL, 1914-1950.

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Mr. Bottrill's own record in the game both as a player and an administrator is an imposing one. He represented Taranaki on many occasions during the period 1914 to 1928 and performed outstandingly both as a batsman and a bowler. Control of School cricket, too, brought with it obligations to local cricket. Mr. Bottrill was a member for many years of the executives of both the Northern Division of the Taranaki Cricket Association and of the Taranaki Association, and was chairman of both.

In his early days at School Mr. Bottrill was in charge of the School shooting for two years and until recently had been in charge of the School Library. For many years he expended much painstaking effort building up with discrimination and care an imposing stock of books.

He has also taken an interest in many public institutions in the town. He has been a member of the New Plymouth Public Library Committee, of the Council of the Astronomical Society, and the Acclimatisation Society. As a member of the Sanders Park Committee he was one of those responsible for the preservation of that area for games and for its preparation as a ground suitable for cricket. He served on the New Plymouth Centennial Committee and is Circuit Steward of the Whiteley Church.

Mrs. Bottrill will also be greatly missed for her cheerful disposition and the kindly personal interest she has taken in the boys of Carrington House. Mr. and Mrs. Bottrill intend on their retirement to live at Leigh, a quiet spot on the East Coast of the Auckland peninsula.

To both we extend our best wishes for a long and peaceful leisure.

MR. G. F. BERTRAND.

Mr. Bertrand came to the School in 1920 with a reputation as a soldier and a disciplinarian. He taught mainly Latin, history, geography and mathematics to all forms up to Matriculation standard and was a housemaster in what is now Moyes House. In the classroom he was brisk and incisive and the boys soon learned that his reputation for discipline was no myth. These qualities were combined with a skill in exposition which made him a teacher capable of ensuring that even the dullest pupils made some progress. In spite of the apparent terror he inspired in his classes, few masters have so many friends amongst the Old Boys.

Out of school he was a great help and strength. He enjoyed his greatest triumphs while he was in charge of the School shooting from 1922 to 1928 and brought it back to the condition it was in when the Imperial Challenge Shields were won in 1916. Besides competing with distinction in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition in 1923, the School won the Jellicoe Cup for competition in New Zealand. In the Weekly Press Shield for competition among New Zealand schools at 25 yards, using open sights, the School was five times first and four times second in nine years. In 1927 the whole School team scored a possible 680 out of 680. By 1928, however, the demands made upon the time and equipment of the School in

STEEPLECHASE.

JUNIOR.

C. E. Hinz (70sec.), 13min. 46sec.	..	..	..	..	1
K. V. Westbury (40sec.), 13min. 16sec.	..	..	..	..	2
C. E. Macinder (60sec.), 13min. 51sec.	..	..	..	..	3
M. S. Lovegrove (20sec.), 13min. 12sec.	..	..	..	..	4
D. L. Herbert (60sec.), 13min. 59sec.	..	..	..	..	5
G. S. Collier (40sec.), 13min. 42sec.	..	..	..	..	6
M. K. Raynor (20sec.), 13min. 26sec.	..	..	..	..	7
J. McCrone (50sec.), 14min. 4sec.	..	..	..	..	8
D. H. Zimmerman (40sec.), 13min. 54sec.	..	..	..	..	9
R. R. Reid (20sec.), 13min. 38sec.	..	..	..	..	10

Then followed: J. K. Vickers, P. R. Erskine, D. M. Foggin, C. L. Moulden, C. D. Putt, P. L. Wood, P. G. Maxwell, M. C. Saxton, R. A. Farquhar, G. A. Brackebush.

Fastest Times:

M. S. Lovegrove, 13min. 12sec.	..	..	..	..	1
K. V. Westbury, 13min. 16sec.	..	..	..	..	2
M. K. Raynor, 13min. 26sec.	..	..	..	..	3
R. R. Reid, 13min. 38sec.	..	..	..	..	4*
J. K. Vickers, 13min. 38sec.	..	..	..	..	4*
D. M. Foggin, 13min. 41sec.	..	..	..	..	6
G. S. Collier, 13min. 42sec.	..	..	..	..	7
C. E. Hinz, 13min. 46sec.	..	..	..	..	8
C. E. Macinder, 13min. 51sec.	..	..	..	..	9
D. H. Zimmerman, 13min. 54sec.	..	..	..	..	10

* Equal.

UNDER 14.

J. W. Perham (200sec.), 12min. 37sec.	..	..	..	..	1
T. Hinz (50sec.), 10min. 13sec.	..	..	..	..	2
G. A. Pearson (200sec.), 12min. 48sec.	..	..	..	..	3
D. J. Prentice (50sec.), 10min. 26sec.	..	..	..	..	4
A. E. Johnston (80sec.), 10min. 59sec.	..	..	..	..	5
K. Willcox (30sec.), 10min. 11sec.	..	..	..	..	6
P. S. Mayhead (40sec.), 10min. 24sec.	..	..	..	..	7
N. E. Skinner (80sec.), 11min. 9sec.	..	..	..	..	8
R. W. Leversha (60sec.), 10min. 50sec.	..	..	..	..	9
J. H. Bregman (30sec.), 10min. 32sec.	..	..	..	..	10

Then followed: J. E. Rumball, R. S. Croxson, R. V. Brown, I. A. Brackebush, J. M. Scott, K. B. Gudopp, C. R. Moorby, N. Burdes, I. M. Bond, R. A. Lewis.

Fastest Times:

R. S. Croxson, 10min. 10sec.	..	..	..	..	1
K. Willcox, 10min. 11sec.	..	..	..	..	2
T. Hinz, 10min. 13sec.	..	..	..	..	3
P. S. Mayhead, 10min. 24sec.	..	..	..	..	4
C. R. Moorby, 10min. 25sec.	..	..	..	..	5
D. J. Prentice, 10min. 26sec.	..	..	..	..	6
I. M. Bond, 10min. 28sec.	..	..	..	..	7
J. H. Bregman, 10min. 32sec.	..	..	..	..	8
M. J. Morton, 10min. 34sec.	..	..	..	..	9
J. M. Scott, 10min. 42sec.	..	..	..	..	10

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1950.

EVENT.	FIRST.	SECOND.	THIRD.	TIME, HEIGHT, DISTANCE.	SCHOOL RECORD OR BEST PERFORMANCE.
(a) 100 Yards Junior Champ.	Osborn, C. J.	Francis, M.	Patten, M. R.	11.0sec.	10 3-5sec., { C. C. Kjestrup, 1937. W. J. P. Mitchell, 1946
100 Yards Junior Hdcp.	Graham, D. J.	Watts, M. W.	Westmoreland, R.	11.1sec.	
100 Yards Senior Champ.	Davies, L. J. S.	Cavaney, G. G.	Greig, G. A.	10.9sec.	10 2-5sec., { R. Watson, 1927. W. P. Revell, 1943.
100 Yards Senior Hdcp.	Bathgate, J.	Montgomerie, J. B.			
100 Yards Under 15.	Henderson, I. R.	Westmoreland, R.	Sigley, G. K.	12.0sec.	
100 Yards Under 14 Champ.	Lloyd, D. G.	Morton, M. J.	Maillel, F.	12.2sec.	
100 Yards Under 14 Hdcp.	Rumble, E.	Webb, P. N.	Willcox, K.	12.2sec.	
880 Yards Senior Hdcp.	Crawford, C. L.	Campbell, I.	Gould, J.	2min. 10 4-5sec.	11 3-5sec., A. R. Bothamley, 1916.
880 Yards Junior Hdcp.	Thomas, W. N.	Lennox, E. R.	Brackebush, G. A.	2min. 15.5sec.	
(c) 880 Yards Senior Champ.	Cavaney, G. G.	Flavell, I. C. A.	Venables, D.	2min. 11 4-5sec.	2min. 3 4-5sec., C. Keig, 1948.
(b) 880 Yards Junior Champ.	Francis, M. B.	Foggin, D. M.		2min. 22 3-5sec.	2min. 17sec., M. Alsweller, 1948.
75 Yards Under 13.	Wood, D. R.	Carr, M. O.	Derby, D. K.	9.9sec.	
75 Yards Under 14 Hdcp.	Rumball, I. E.	Webb, P. N.	Hinz, T.	9.8sec.	
75 Yards Under 14 Champ.	Lloyd, D. G.	Maillel, F.	Morton, M. J.	9.4sec.	8 1-5sec., N. H. Street, 1941.
Hop, Step and Jump.	Croxson, L. J.	Taylor, R. T. V.	Tala, M.	39ft. 1½in.	42ft. 7in., W. G. Thomson, 1949.
(d) 220 Yards Senior Champ.	Greig, G.	Dickson, P.	Cavaney, G. G.	24 4-5sec.	24sec., L. B. Shrimpton, 1948.
220 Yards Senior Hdcp.	Montgomerie, J.	Candy, W. A.	Black, R. E.	25.4sec.	
220 Yards Junior Champ.	Osborn, C. J.	Bannister, E. H.	Patten, M. R.	25 2-5sec.	24 1-5sec., O. A. M. Greensill, 1948.
220 Yards Junior Hdcp.	Graham, D. J.	Brackebush, G. A.	McGrath, B. A.	26.8sec.	
220 Yards Under 14 Champ.	Lloyd, D. G.	Maillel, F.	Morton, M. J.	27 4-5sec.	26 2-5sec., M. P. Tamati, 1934.
220 Yards Under 14 Hdcp.	Rumball, I.	Wilcox, K.	Webb, P. N.	28.5sec.	
Throwing Discus.	Lay, S. P.	Myers, L.	Oliver, I.	107ft.	128ft. 8in., A. B. Hooper, 1949.
100 Yards Under 12.	Harford, M. N.	May, I. A.	Perham, J. W.	13.7sec.	
440 Yards Senior Hdcp.	Brownlie, A. D.	Campbell, J.	Walter, M.	56.6sec.	
(e) 440 Yards Junior Hdcp.	Lennox, E. R.	Maxwell, P. G.	Watts, M. W.	59.6sec.	52 3-5sec., J. A. Ross, 1948.
(f) 440 Yards Senior Champ.	Cavaney, G. G.	Taylor, R. T. V.	Dickson, P.	55.0sec.	56 3-5sec., N. H. Street, 1943.
(g) 440 Yards Junior Champ.	Francis, M. B.	Osborn, C. J.	Cassidy, G. M.	57.7sec.	43ft., A. B. Hooper, 1949.
Putting the Shot.	Tala, M.	Powell, P.	Brownlie, A. D.	37ft. 1½in.	5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932.
(h) High Jump, Junior.	Francis, M. B.	Crawford, J.	Davidson	5ft. 1in.	5ft. 6¾in., J. C. Gordon, 1929.
High Jump, Senior.	Croxson, L. J.	Dickson, P.	Mila, V.	4ft. 10in.	
75 Yards Under 12.	Harford, M. N.	May, I. A.	Perham, J. W.	10.6sec.	
Old Boys Race, 100 Yards.	Shaw, B.	Michell, M.	Novak, B.	10.7sec.	
(i) 120 Hurdles, Junior Champ.	Francis, M.	Cassidy, G. A.	Patten, M. R.	18.0sec.	17sec., R. I. Brown, 1940.
120 Hurdles, Junior Hdcp.	Magrath, B. A.	Oliver, G. A.	Smith, G. M.	18.7sec.	
(j) 120 Hurdles, Senior Champ.	McKenzie, M.	Mila, V.		17.8sec.	15 3-5sec., M. O. Ekdah, 1935.
120 Hurdles, Senior Hdcp.	Waite, B. A.	McPherson, I. G.	Flight, B. C.		
(k) Long Jump, Junior.	Francis, M. B.	Osborn, C.	Simcock, M.	19ft. 4in.	20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937.
Long Jump, Senior.	Flavell, I. C. A.	Croxson, L. J.	Cavaney, G.	19ft. 9in.	21ft. 8in., A. G. McIntyre, 1937.
(l) Mile Junior Hdcp.	Raynor, M. K.	Foggin, D. M.	Alsweller, J. T.	5min. 9 2-5sec.	5min. 8sec., M. F. Craig, 1945.
(m) Mile Senior Hdcp.	Flavell, I. C. A.	Cavaney, G. G.	Hook, J. P.	4min. 59.3sec.	4min. 42 3-5sec., C. Keig, 1948.
Inter-House Relay.	Pridham House Greig, G. A. Taylor, R. T. V. Dickson, P. G. Francis, M. B.	Moyes House	Carrington House	1min. 27.7sec.	

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS—

Senior:	Cavaney, G. G., 21pts.	..	1
	Flavell, I. C. A., 18pts.	..	2
	Croxson, L. J., 13pts.	..	3
Junior:	Francis, M. B., 28pts.	..	1
	Osborn, C. J., 16pts.	..	2
	Cassidy, G. M., 7pts.	..	3
Under 14:	Lloyd, D. G., 15pts.	..	1
	Maillel, F., 7pts.	..	2
	Morton, M. J., 5pts.	..	3

TROPHIES INDEX—

(a) Mr. E. Beckbessinger's Cup.	(i) Mr. J. J. Marsh's Cup.
(b) Mr. Gilmour's Cup.	(j) Mr. Noakes' Cup.
(c) Mason Memorial Cup.	(k) Mr. W. A. Cartwright's Cup.
(d) Herbert Smith Cup.	(l) Mr. B. W. Grieves' Cup.
(e) Mr. Harman's Cup.	(m) Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup.
(f) Old Boys' Shield.	
(g) Mrs. Bothamley's Cup.	
(h) Mr. P. M. Moran's Cup.	

PREPARATORY NOTES.

We opened the year with a roll number of 31 boys, 29 of whom were boarders and two day boys and ended with 36 boys, 31 of whom were boarders and five day boys.

During the first term standards five and six with the upper School went to Linton Military Camp for one week. We all had a most enjoyable time there and it was a new experience for all of us. We did the preparing of the vegetables and helping with the meals..

Also during the first term the groundsmen levelled out the lawn at the side of Niger House and during the second term they made a stone wall and some concrete steps leading up to the back yard.

We would very much like to congratulate these boys for their fine efforts in sport. M. Rangitukua, for winning the Wilson Shield for the Preparatory Championship in swimming. P. Robertson for winning the Cunningham Cup for the lightweight boxing. M. Morton for winning the Osborne Cup for the fastest time in the Preparatory in the under 14 steeplechase. We also won the Wallace Shield for the most points in the boxing.

During the second term after some practices we played Pridham House at football and we won 19 points to 9.

When Labour Week-end arrived some boys went away, but many stayed at Niger House and some of those who stayed went eeling. The first day they caught two eels and next day they caught one eel.

On November the 4th. a fireworks display was held at Pukekura Park. For about an hour it was free-for-all and some of our boys had fireworks and we had a most exciting and enjoyable time letting them off. After that din we had a proper display for an hour and everybody was thrilled with beautiful colours and the different types of fireworks that did numerous wonderful things.

During the first term we played four cricket matches, won three and lost one. We won the D grade cricket competition with 16 points. We have played one match in cricket this term and it was against Carrington House and we won 93 to 25.

We would like to wish all those who are leaving good luck wherever they go, those going into the upper school a good start, and those who are coming back to the Preparatory next year we hope they will carry on with their work well. The Preparatory wish all readers and boys a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

DRYING ROOM.

Sir,—

In the 1947 issue of the "Taranakian" there was a complaint about the absence of a drying room in Moyes House. Beneath it the Editor stated that the Board of Governors had approved of the building of one in the near future. It is now 1950 and, after three years, there is still no drying room. Coats still hang in the locker room and make large pools of water, while togs and towels have to be dried on the pipes in the bathroom. Could you inform the boarders of Moyes House whether any attempt has been made to draw up plans, or is the matter still to remain merely the complaint of just another boarder.

I am etc.,
"A Well-wisher."

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CHAPEL NOTES

Once again this year the 9.30 School Services have been held in St. Mary's Church. They have been conducted with very few exceptions by the Rev. J. T. Holland, who is now well settled in to his new position as vicar of St. Mary's. At the beginning of the year we were new to the Rev. Holland and he was new to us but now with the year nearly over we are old friends and he has made many lasting personal friends among the boys.

There has been one major change in connection with the School services this year. The 7.30 Communion Services which used to be held in the Library have been replaced by a Celebration of Communion at the 9.30 service on the fourth Sunday of every month. This is much more convenient and it makes it easier for the day boys to take their Communion with their School friends. It also enables those boys who are not confirmed to become acquainted with the service.

Again this year the Girls' Bible Class have been attending our services, about once a month, and this with the other visitors who are always welcome, swells the congregation to an impressive size.

The Confirmation Service this year was held on August 7th. The church as usual was packed to the doors by parents and friends of the candidates. We were sorry to hear that the Bishop of Waikato could not officiate at the service because of an illness, but the Bishop of Auckland kindly agreed to officiate in his place. The following boys, who were prepared by the Rev. Holland during the second term, were confirmed by the Bishop: D. Aldworth, E. Askew, A. Baker, F. Barrett, E. Bannister, M. Broome, B. Browne, W. Bryce, W. Candy, H. Carter, J. Clarke, T. Crean, R. Croxson, G. Davidson, T. Dillon, P. Elliot, J. Fendal, D. Foggin, R. Ford, H. Gill, H. Gower, R. Greensill, G. Heatley, A. Howell, T. Huggard, D. Hughson, W. Jones, G. Knapman, G. Lawson, D. Lee, R. Leversha, F. Lys, R. Mackey, C. Mackinder, P. Maxwell, D. McConachie, G. Nasmith, B. Newcomb, J. Newman, S. Nicholls, G. Oliver, R. Oliver, C. Osborn, P. O'Shaughnessy, B. Palmer, N. Phillips, G. Pierce, G. Richards, P. Robertson, B. Robinson, R. Routley, N. Sanger, M. Saxton, W. Shortt, M. Simcock, M. Smith, P. Steffensen, B. Train, G. Turner, M. Watts, M. Wells, T. Welsh.

The following Sunday the newly confirmed boys took their first Communion at the 9.30 service.

It was not long after the Confirmation Service that we heard with regret of the death of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cherrington, Bishop of Waikato. Bishop Cherrington has been associated with the School for a long time and has confirmed many hundreds of our boys. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

There have been two minor changes in the appearance of the church this year. The first, although still waiting for carpet, is the completion of the Memorial Baptistry. The main features of this are a stained glass window below which there is a flat stone on which are carved the names of all the members of the Parish who were killed during the Second World War. Set in a trough at the base of this stone is a light which shines upwards, throwing the names into relief. The other change, much appreciated by those who feel this cold, is the installation of gas heaters.

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This year's choir is slightly bigger than last year's but there is still room for boys who are interested in choral work. The choir meets on Mondays and Wednesdays under the control of Mr. Forrest who took over from Mr. Webb on the latter's retirement from the School. We are pleased that we have not lost touch with Mr. Webb, however, as he still plays the organ.

On the 17th. September the Ven. Archdeacon E. J. Rich from Wellington preached at our service. He was in New Plymouth for the Patronal Festival of St. Mary's and expressed a wish that he would like to speak at the High School's Service.

Practices for the Carol Service are well under way and the carols to be sung this year will probably be: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen, The First Nowell, King Wenceslas, What Child Is This, Jerusalem.

L. J. S. Davies.

MUSIC NOTES.

The School Orchestra—1950.

1st Violins: G. J. Saunders, J. L. Diprose.

2nd Violins: R. E. Brine, G. C. Derby, R. Gadd, B. D. Webby, R. B. Hosking.

Cello: D. W. Diprose, S. R. Hill.

Flute: P. R. Hancock.

Clarinet: D. A. Walker.

Tenor Horn: S. B. McMillan.

Cornet: J. C. Miles.

Euphonium: E. R. McGiven.

Percussion: D. Venables.

Piano: V. H. Bedford.

Although there were only 16 players in the School Orchestra this year much interesting work has been accomplished. The introduction of a small brass section has compensated for the lack of Double Bass players as well as adding to the depth of tone of this small group.

It is pleasing to note that the Friday morning practices have been so well maintained.

Our activities this year have been limited, but very creditable performances were given at the Annual School Concert and the "Break-up" ceremony.

We extend our appreciation to Miss Evelyn Dowling for her interest in the Junior Orchestra.

Mr. A. C. Webb who has been taking the orchestra since 1942 retired at the end of the first term. We do extend to him our sincere appreciation for his untiring efforts in the musical activities of the school.

V. H. Bedford.

The School Choir.

Once again Tuesday and Thursday evenings have been our practise times, but it has been found that this is unsuitable as boys cannot sing well immediately after a meal, and it is inconvenient

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for those day boys who have to travel any distance. Our numbers are less than 50. The majority of these are boarders. It seems that in a school the size of ours this number could easily be doubled. However, we have had several new recruits during the year, including a number of tenors and basses, a sign that more seniors are becoming interested in choral work. The singing is of an extremely high quality again, and if there were more time for voice training the choir would be really excellent. As it is some of the soprano voices, though true, could be developed.

D. G. Howell.

The School Concert.

The Annual Concert was very successful, and many said that the Choir was as good as they had ever heard it. The large audience of parents and friends was extremely enthusiastic. Eight numbers, five by the full choir and three by the Seniors were sung. A duet, two quartettes and a quintette received well earned applause for their high quality of singing.

Altogether the performance was of a very high standard, and it is to be hoped that the level will be maintained.

The programme was as follows:—

School Orchestra:

Air from "The Water Music" Suite

Handel
arr. Adam Carse

Elocution:

"On Babies"

K. Jerome

"The Story of a Tack"

Rodney Bennett

R. Westmoreland

School Choir:

"The Bailiff's Daughter"

Traditional

"Rio Grande"

Edward German

"Tap of the Drum"

arr. Gratton

Instrumental Quartet:

"Remembrance"

Round

J. C. Miles, J. L. Diprose, S. B. McMillan, E. R. McGiven.

Elocution:

"Of Bills"

Eden Phillpotts

"The Little Hand"

R. S. Croxson

Vocal Duets:

"Come to the Fields"

Arthur Richards

"Too Many Cooks"

Seymour Smith

D. H. Brown, A. T. Hughson

Violin Solo:

"Praeludium and Allegro"

Pugnani-Kreisler

G. J. Saunders

Gymnasium Squad:

The Circus Comes to Town

School Orchestra:

"The Heavens are Telling"

Haydn

(From "The Creation")

arr. Zamecnik



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Back Row: S. R. Hill, R. E. Brine, J. L. Diprose, G. J. Saunders, G. C. Derby, D. W. Diprose.

Middle Row: S. B. McMillan, J. C. Miles, R. B. Hosking, V. H. Bedford, A. R. McGiven.

Front Row: D. A. Walker, B. D. Webby, D. A. Venables, R. F. Gadd, P. R. Hancock.



C GRADE TABLE TENNIS TEAM— Winners of Taranaki Competition.

J. B. McGeachen, R. M. Montgomerie, C. F. McDonald, R. J. Stevenson.

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School Choir:

- (1) "The Camptown Races" Stephen Foster
arr. Vernon Griffiths
(2) "O Lovely Peace" Handel
arr. Cyril Jenkins

Instrumental Trio:

- "Allegro" from "Trio Sonata" by Jean M. Ledaire
J. L. Diprose and G. J. Saunders (violins), D. W. Diprose ('cello)

Vocal Quartet:

- (1) "How Much Wood Would a Wood-Chuck Chuck"
Karl Linders
(2) "Who Killed Cock Robin" arr. A. Dare
(3) "Peter Go Ring Them Bells" arr. Bantock
G. S. Collier, A. T. Hughson, D. H. Brown,
A. D. M. Powell, L. J. Croxson.

Flute Solo:

- "The Gift" J. Harrington Young
P. R. Hancock

Gymnasium Squad: Display on horizontal bars

Senior Choir:

- "Old King Cole" arr. Cyril Jenkins
"Humpty Dumpty" Alfred Wheeler
"The Little French Clock" Richard Kountz

School Orchestra:

- Dance from "Comus" Thomas Arne
arr. Adam Carse
J. L. Diprose

DEBATING NOTES.

The activities of the club for 1950 began in the third week of October when the preliminaries of the Senior inter-house debating were held. The teams were:—Central: D. Duff, R. H. Calder. East: D. W. Diprose, J. L. Diprose. West: M. St. L. Reeves, D. L. Kitchingman Country: W. C. Massey, I. L. Manby. Moyes: D. G. Howell, D. H. Brown. Carrington: R. C. Schroder, I. G. McPherson. Pridham: R. T. Taylor, A. D. Brownlie.

The subject for the first two rounds was—"That Printing has done more for the benefit of the World than Electricity." In the first round East, Pridham and West were successful against Central, Country and Moyes respectively, after a keenly contested struggle. Carrington had a bye.

In the second round East and West were again successful against Carrington and Pridham. During this period also the preliminaries for the Junior Oratory were held among the Third and Fourth Forms.

The finals of the Junior Oratory and Senior Interhouse debate were held in the School Gymnasium on Thursday 18th of November and were judged by Mr. Moss. The finalists in the Junior Oratory and their subjects were as follows:—J. Broome—Franklin D. Roosevelt. R. Croxson—Sir Ronald Ross. F. Reeves—Madame and Pierre Curie. R. Westmoreland—Lord Rutherford.

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Mr. Moss said that the standard of speaking was good and in awarding the Moss Cup to Croxson and Broome equally, he said that although Broome displayed better presentation Croxson produced an excellent conclusion.

The final of the Interhouse Debate was held between East and West Houses. The subject was:—"That the written word has made more impression on the world than the spoken word."

In awarding the Old Boys' Cup to West House Mr. Moss said that the subject matter on both sides was good but that West House displayed a better presentation of the subject.

The Club wishes to thank Mr. Moss for his valuable assistance in judging the competitions.

R. C. Schroder.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The library has remained open for borrowing books during the year and the issuing system, which was adopted last year, has been continued, with some modifications. To borrow books boys must have their names entered on their cards by one of the librarians. It is obvious that the co-operation of all boys is required if this system is to work smoothly. Fortunately, the system appears to be working satisfactorily, although the wear and tear on books has become a serious problem and much work has been necessary in repairing and binding.

Largely because of the major changes in the syllabus of the School over the last few years, restocking of many of the sections of the library has been necessary. Particularly is this so in the Social History, Geography and Modern Literature sections, and during the year many new books have been procured for the library on these subjects. About four-hundred books in all have been added.

We received a very generous donation of some sixty books from Mrs. Webster. We have also received books from the British Council. These donations are very much appreciated and they have made the library more useful for the boys.

The School recently obtained some books through the National Library Service. This is an excellent system by which books are lent, free of charge. It is hoped to make use of this system much more in the future. The first books were a collection of foreign translations, and were particularly useful for the senior forms.

The Assistant Librarians for 1950 were:—D. Duff, N. V. Beach, M. J. Barkman, B. D. Utting, W. Massey, G. Derby, D. Hughson, R. Lowrie, D. Venables, R. Thompson, D. Meiklejohn, A. F. Ayson, P. Hancock and A. Coster.

D. Duff.

CADET NOTES.

In April of this year, 600 of the School Battalion spent their annual Barracks Week at Linton Training Camp. Usually this training period is held at School, during the first week of the year, but under a new system, Secondary School Barracks have been organised at Linton.

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This year the Cadet Battalion was reorganised and as a consequence there is one more company than there was last year. Headquarters Company became A Company this year, and consisted of two signals platoons and two A.T.C. Flights. The personnel of B Company were mainly Fifth formers together with the Intelligence Platoon. C Company consists of the N.C.O. Platoon (the largest platoon in the Battalion) and two platoons of Fourth formers. The Third forms make up D Company, which is subdivided into two Companies—D, left wing and D. right wing.

Signals Platoon.—As usual Signals this year consisted of two platoons, advanced and primary, the roll numbering 54. The work undertaken during the year was interesting and varied, including instruction in morse, telephone and wireless communication. We are again indebted to Staff-Sergeant Mills for his help and instruction throughout the year.

During the second term we spent a morning on a field exercise embracing the use of all our equipment. A wireless and visual link was maintained from Marsland Hill and also another wireless link from Upper Avenue Road.

The Linton Signals course, which was to have been held in the second term holidays was cancelled owing to the formation of "K" force.

We had a busy and varied week at the School Camp held at Linton in April. While not covering all the signals work we would have liked, the time was well spent and culminated in a successful night exercise in which the A.T.C. acted as the "enemy." (We understand several members of the A.T.C. happened to get rather damp on the night—rather than surrender, they plunged into the nearby swamp!)

We successfully covered the steeplechase and Sports Day this year, broadcasting commentaries and results.

Intelligence Platoon.—The Intelligence Platoon started this year with a roll of 28. While their marching has not been of the standard set by last year's I Platoon, their map work and practical work has been of a high standard. Members of the platoon have helped to lay out the new football fields on the racecourse, and it is hoped that by the end of the year a plane-table survey of this area will be completed.

A.T.C.—The primary object of A.T.C. training is to stimulate air-mindedness amongst the youth of the country. The Government's expanded flying training scheme should do much to achieve this end. Under the new scheme we hope to have four cadets piloting aircraft before the end of the year. It is gratifying to record that all six boys nominated by the School for flying training were accepted by the selection committee. Our sympathy is extended to the two who were rejected owing to defective vision. We wish the successful candidates, D. Smith, R. S. Ford, F. J. Crawford and P. Hancock, happy landings. Most of the boys of the unit have had the opportunity of visiting a R.N.Z.A.F. station. The visit to Ohakea by the entire unit was one of the highlights of the barracks week at Linton. Other visits to Ohakea during the year were made by a shooting team and by boys attending a training course for N.C.O.'s.

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The Band.—The School Band improved with the daily practice during Barrack's Week at Linton. Thanks are due to Mr. R. L. Lowe for his continued interest in the band, and to the Municipal Band for the use of their instruments and music. Besides playing at the School Battalion parades, the band played at Rugby Park when the First XV. played Te Aute and also at the West End School on the occasion of their gala day. On Anzac Day the band, in conjunction with the Municipal Band provided music for the Anzac Parade and the Service at Pukekura Park. The band also played at the School commemoration service and at an early morning service at the cemetery.

The band members for 1950 were:—

Drum-Major: R. K. Pearce.

Bass Drum: J. Todd.

Side Drum: D. A. Venables, P. J. Wahlstrom.

Cornets: J. Miles, R. Hunt, P. Henderson, J. Diprose, P. Steffen-son, A. Smith, B. Martin.

Tenor Horns: S. B. McMillan, B. W. Raynor.

Trombones: D. W. Diprose, K. L. McRae.

Baritone: D. C. Bird.

Euphonium: E. R. McGiven.

Bass: A. T. Hughson, R. Greensill, B. Newcomb.

The School Battalion again marched in the Anzac Day Parade after a short service held at the Memorial Gates, where wreaths were laid by Mr. L. E. Petty (Old Boys), C.S.M. L. J. S. Davies, Sgt. R. T. V. Taylor, and R.S.M. J. T. Gould.

The Linton courses were again held in January and the School was well represented by 13 N.C.O.'s. Owing to a misunderstanding, R.S.M. J. T. Gould attended this course instead of the one for senior N.C.O.'s which was held at Waiouru. C.S.M. L. J. S. Davies was awarded the cup for the best N.C.O. from Area 8 (Taranaki-Taumaranui).

Junior N.C.O. examinations were conducted in the third term. The standard was uniformly fair. The Sole Cup, awarded to the best N.C.O., was won by Staff-Sergeant L. J. Croxson.

J. T. Gould.

MOUNTAIN CLUB NOTES.

Executives were elected at the annual meeting held on 16th February, 1950. Last year's activities were summarised and 1950's policy was outlined. Unfortunately the Mountain trips that were arranged had to be cancelled owing to various occurrences, but three camping sites were organised. The camping equipment that was procured last year proved highly successful and all trips were enjoyed by the boys.

Ten of the tents housed the campers, one the committee members of the trip and one the cooking apparatus—an excellent system. Owing to the large numbers of applicants, members of the trips were selected by drawing lots; trips were organised on a house system.

Contrary to expectations, the cooking was excellent and, thanks to this and the weather, a contented, healthy body of boys returned to School.

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During the winter term, parties were organised to clear a permanent camping ground beside the Te Henui River. We wish to thank these boys for their energetic co-operation.

It is hoped that more trips will be organised next year when the ground prepared is ready for use.

The committee wishes to thank the people who gave us the use of their grounds, for their kind generosity, the members who made the trips for their co-operation, and the Sports Fund for making available the money with which to buy the necessary equipment.

D. H. Brown.

BOXING.

The School championships were held at the end of the second term. The standard of previous years was maintained for which we are grateful to Mr. I. Wallace for his continued attention to intensive coaching. We also wish to thank Mr. V. Barnes for acting as referee and to Messrs. E. D. Ansford and J. Hopkinson who judged.

Mr. Bottrill when presenting the trophy for the most scientific boxer said that the standard this year was as good as any year he could remember.

The results of the championship finals were:—

Prep. Heavyweight.—After a good bout Fa'aitu defeated M. Rangi on points. Although Rangi had the longer reach, Fa'aitu attacked aggressively with crisp punches to the body and head.

Prep. Lightweight.—Robertson, the more scientific boxer, defeated Tewartell, although the latter defended well.

Under 6st. 7lb.—Brimblecombe with straight punches and good defence, held off the more aggressive Wood and won comfortably.

Prep. Middleweight.—Takai, a stylish fighter, used both hands speedily to take the decision from Goss who defended well.

Under 7st.—Two essential left hand fighters met when O'Halloran beat Simcock on points. The latter conceded height and reach but retaliated gamely to make the fight an interesting one.

Prep. Midgetweight.—A fast fight was seen between Perham and Ibbotson, the latter taking the decision although Perham fought well.

Under 7st. 7lb.—Patterson took the decision from Phillips although the latter punched well. The winner, a solid fighter, kept his opponent on the defensive for a great part of the bout.

Under 8st.—B. Martin, although shorter than G. Julian, boxed well and defended cleverly to take the decision from his opponent. Julian moved speedily but could not score with solid punches. B. Martin won the Scientific Cup for the second time.

Under 8st. 7lb.—Grantham, a stylish boxer, punched cleverly using both body and head punches from either hand to take the decision from G. Smith who punched smartly with both hands to make an exciting contest.

Under 9st.—Sattler and Quigley were two evenly matched fighters. Sattler started fast and tried to force the issue but tired early giving the decision to the steady Quigley.

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Under 9st. 7lb.—M. Bryce, a more experienced fighter than G. Sigley, obtained the decision on his more polished punching although Sigley is a solid puncher who is showing promise.

Prep. Featherweight.—M. Carr, a hard hitter with either hand, beat D. Jennings on points. Jennings covered himself well but Carr was quick to find the openings.

Under 10st.—G. Greig, a fast mover and speedy hitter to the head with both hands, took the decision from I. Oliver only because the latter was slightly slower.

Under 6st.—Two small, evenly matched but experienced boxers met when Kenny just obtained the decision on points from Ellis. Ellis started fast with good punches to the head and body but did not follow up as his opponent did. Kenny followed all his punches, often forcing Ellis to cover up against the ropes.

Heavyweight.—Albrechtsen started well with fast punches to the head and body, and seemed to have the better of his opponent. In the second round however Axbey connected with a straight left which had Albrechtsen groggy but he could not muster sufficient strength to follow up his advantage. In the third and final round, although both boys were tiring, Albrechtsen managed to take charge, giving him the decision on points.

R. B. Tait.

TENNIS NOTES.

A successful season was enjoyed by all players despite the continued congestion on the courts. In conjunction with the Girls' High School the School entered four teams in the North Taranaki inter-club competitions. All teams played with considerable success, the A team in particular as they won the B grade competition. We congratulate these players on the high standard of play they reached and the team spirit which they developed.

School players have had a successful season in outside championships. Boon, Powell, Stewart and Mainland were in the North Taranaki team which played in the Auckland and New Zealand Junior Championships. Boon played impressively to be runner up in both championships. In addition he won the Taranaki Junior title.

The standard of play in the 1949 School Championships was the highest it has been for many years. In all grades excellent matches and keenly competed games were frequent.

Results were as follows:—

Senior Singles.—Semi-finals: B. Boon defeated M. Shearer 9-2, A. Townsend defeated J. Glasgow 9-2.

Final.—B. Boon defeated A. Townsend 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

An excellent exhibition was witnessed in this match. Boon's greater accuracy in placement and his smashing power when at the net were the deciding factors.

Senior Doubles.—Boon and Townsend defeated Glasgow and Shearer 5-7, 6-3, 9-7.

Intermediate Singles.—Cameron defeated Barrett 6-2, 6-4.

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Intermediate Doubles.—Croxxson and Powell defeated Reeves and Barrett 6-3, 8-6.

Junior Singles.—Foggin defeated Kerr 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Junior Doubles.—Foggin and Croxxson defeated Kerr and Julian 2-6, 6-3, 6-0.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

First Round.—Pridham defeated West 6 sets to 0; East defeated Moyes 5 sets to 1.

Second Round.—Pridham defeated Carrington 4 sets to 2; Central defeated East on games, sets equal.

Final.—Pridham players mentioned first: Townsend v. Boon 7-9, Brownlie v. Croxxson 9-6, Stevenson v. Besley 9-0, Taylor v. Croxxson 8-9; Townsend and Brownlie v. Boon and Croxxson 5-9, Stevenson and Taylor v. Besley and Croxxson 9-2. Three sets each, Pridham 47 games, Central 35.

Last season School teams played two matches against other schools. Late in November the top six defeated Stratford District High School 13-2, and in February this year the C team defeated Waitara District High School.

At the end of the first term the ladder was as follows: A. Townsend, 1; P. Powell, 2; M. Harkness, 3; D. Stewart, 4; A. Brownlie, 5; J. Mainland, 6; L. Croxxson, 7; M. Reeves, 8; R. J. Stevenson, 9; D. Foggin, 10; I. George, 11; R. Taylor, 12; A. T. Hughson, 13; D. Bissett, 14; R. Montgomerie, 15; T. Crean, 16.

A. D. Brownlie.

TABLE TENNIS NOTES.

With a total number of nine tables and a club membership of 102 the school club enjoyed its most successful season to date. There was keen competition for all positions on the ladder, resulting in an all round improvement in play, a particularly high standard being reached by the top twelve players. This year, as usual, teams were entered in the A, B and C grades of the North Taranaki club competitions and with the large amount of talent to choose from they were strong teams. At the start of the season an entry of two teams in the C grade was considered possible but this did not eventuate. However it is hoped that this will be made possible next season as it gives a greater number of players match experience.

At the close of the season the school ladder was as follows:—

A team: B. R. Boon 1, A. D. Brownlie 2, K. Grant 3.

B team: T. C. Crean 1, P. Hardie 2, B. Pattie 3, M. Walter 4.

C team: R. J. Stevenson 1, C. F. McDonald 2, R. Montgomerie 3, J. B. McGeachen 4.

For the second successive year the A grade were runners-up in their competition, a very small margin separating them from the winners. The B grade did not do as well as might have been expected. However they finished fourth in their divisional competition. For the second time in the club's existence of four years the C grade team were successful in winning the Taranaki C grade competition. We congratulate these boys on their fine effort and commend them in particular for their keenness and constant practice.

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The club's annual championships attracted many players, outsiders as well as club members. The play was of an exceptionally high standard throughout all grades. Results were as follows:—

Senior Singles.—B. R. Boon d. A. D. Brownlie 19-21, 21-15, 19-21, 21-19, 21-17.

This match was particularly exciting and attractive to watch. Both players gave an excellent exhibition of table tennis, Boon's constant attack being steadily parried by Brownlie's solid defence. In the concluding set, Boon's greater match experience enabled him to win through, but only after being hard pressed all the way.

Senior Doubles.—B. R. Boon and A. D. Brownlie d. K. Grant and P. Hardie 22-20, 21-19, 24-26, 21-13.

Two evenly matched opponents fought out a good game, the superiority of Boon and Brownlie on attack being the deciding factor.

Junior Singles.—T. Crean d. T. Mana 21-17, 21-14.

Showing more experience and a better combination of attack and defence, Crean gave a good display of table tennis against a much younger opponent.

Junior Doubles.—T. Crean and Raines d. R. Montgomerie and R. Schroder 14-21, 21-17, 21-12.

Crean's attack combined well with Raines' defence to give them victory in a close match.

Under 14 Singles.—R. Graham d. E. Bland 14-21, 21-15, 21-18.

Nervous to begin with but slowly gaining confidence, Graham proved superior to the steadier Bland.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

Though introduced for the first time this year it proved a successful and welcome innovation. The final was an exciting duel, for the result was not apparent until the last game had been completed. Results were as follows:—

First Round.—Pridham d. West. Carrington d. Moyes. Central d. East.

Semi-final.—Carrington d. Central.

Final.—Pridham d. Carrington 15 sets to 12.

The Pridham House team was A. Brownlie, R. Stevenson, C. McDonald and A. Wyllie.

We must congratulate the School players who competed in the Taranaki Championships. Boon won the Junior title and was runner-up with Mr. Sweeney in the Senior Doubles. R. Stevenson won both the B and C grade Men's Plates. C. McDonald won the C Grade Combines and with Stevenson won the C Grade Doubles.

Table tennis is increasing in popularity in the School and this factor together with the high standard of play makes prospects for next season bright.

A. D. Brownlie.



FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1950.

Back Row: D. Smith, M. R. Beach, A. J. Sterritt, E. N. Howcroft, G. J. Saunders, R. S. Ford, P. J. Wahlstrom.
Front Row: D. W. Burton, D. Duff, A. J. S. Lester, R. K. Pearce (Capt.), J. C. Lovell, I. M. Turner, T. L. Lees.



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN, 1950.

Back Row: B. Magrath, B. I. Darney, C. D. Saxton, L. A. Barclay, J. P. Hook, C. W. Barclay, M. W. Bamfield.
Front Row: R. F. Gadd, T. Hughes, L. D. Manu, F. H. Albrechtsen (Capt.), J. L. Diprose, G. R. Rattenbury, E. P. Roberts.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

BADMINTON NOTES.

A successful season was enjoyed by a total number of 32 club members. The standard of play was relatively low to begin with but constant practice produced a marked improvement. The championships were held late in the second term. There were a large number of entries and competition for both championships was keen.

Results were as follows:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (COOK & LISTER CUP).

Semi-finals.—M. Walter defeated J. B. McGeachen 21-17; A. D. Brownlie defeated R. J. Stevenson 21-6.

Final.—A. D. Brownlie defeated M. Walter 15-3, 15-7.

A good game dominated by Brownlie's superior placement of shots.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (ISAACS CUP).

Final.—D. Foggin defeated G. G. Julian 15-3, 15-7.

This was a closer game than the score suggests. Foggin's defensive tactics forced Julian into many errors thus giving Foggin several easy points.

A. R. Wyllie.

HOCKEY NOTES.

This year's hockey team though not very strong at the beginning of the season, showed great improvement owing to the large number of new players in the team. Unfortunately we were able to enter only one team in the Northern Division competition.

A new ground was marked out on the racecourse this year which gave the Old Boys' Club a separate ground. Next year when the new grass is properly established there will be more hockey grounds on the racecourse.

The matches against Hawera and Stratford were played towards the end of the season. The Stratford match played on the racecourse was won by Stratford 3-0. The Hawera match played at Hawera resulted in a two-all draw.

The Games.

v. Stratford Technical High School.

The game was played at a fast pace. The play was even but the Stratford forwards took better advantage of their opportunities in the circle. Stratford scored early in the first half.

The score remained unchanged until halfway through the second half when the Stratford centre-forward, Bell, scored. Bell scored again from a penalty corner, bringing the score to three to nil.

v. Hawera Technical High School.

The match was played in ideal conditions. School appeared to have better forwards, but Hawera had a slightly superior defence.

Hawera scored after some even play early in the second half. After a fine run by the School wing Beach, Sterrit scored, bringing the score to 1-1. Pearce scored for School from a penalty corner, but near the end of the game Hawera scored to draw the match—2-2.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

SOCCER NOTES.

The Soccer players have enjoyed a comparatively successful season. We are pleased that Mr. Archibald became available to coach our junior teams and to assist with the A team. We entered three teams in the Junior Championship. The A team was an easy winner of the Plum Cup, scoring 62 goals and having only 4 scored against them.

In the six-a-side tournament the B team lost 1-2 to City A in the final, after a fine game. Our A team won the Slatgard Shield again, by defeating City in a knockout competition.

During the season, Mr. and Mrs. Holder presented the Holder Cup (for inter-house competition) in memory of their son, Don Holder, who was killed overseas, during the war. In the final of this competition West House defeated Pridham, 4-1.

Congratulations are extended to Frank Albrechtsen, who has won provincial honours, playing centre forward for Taranaki A against Wanganui A. We congratulate Magrath, Gadd, Hughes, Albrechtsen, Darney, L. Barclay, Hook and Rattenbury on playing in the Taranaki National Cup team. The following boys were in the Taranaki Junior Representatives which played in the North Island Secondary Schools' tournament at Auckland: Hook (captain), Gadd, Magrath, Roberts, Manu, Darney, Cardiff, C. Barclay, Rattenbury, J. Diprose, Saxton and Bamfield. Hook and Gadd deserved the honour of being selected for the North Island Secondary School Reps.

We played our annual college game and were beaten 5-1 by Mt. Albert. L. Barclay scored for us in the first fifteen minutes. The half-time score was 2-1. Albrechtsen, Gadd, Roberts and Magrath were outstanding for us. While in Auckland we also played Auckland Grammar and lost 3-2. The team was: Magrath, Roberts, Gadd, Manu, Albrechtsen (capt.), Darney, L. Barclay, C. Barclay, Hook (vice-capt.), Rattenbury, J. Diprose.

J. L. Diprose.

SWIMMING, 1950.

Although no records were broken this year, all events were keenly contested and there were many exciting finishes at the Annual Sports held on March 10th.

The number of entries was the greatest for at least four years, and the increasing interest of parents and friends was shown by the number of spectators present.

By winning all four events in the senior championship, F. Albrechtsen gained a clear margin from the runner-up, V. Mila. The junior championship was hard-fought, only two points separating R. Murtagh and M. Francis, winner and runner-up.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS.

Senior.—F. Albrechtsen (20 points), 1; V. Mila (9), 2; P. Powell (6), 3.

Junior.—R. Murtagh (11), 1; M. Francis (9) 2; C. Osborn (6) 3.

Under 14.—J. Jensen (15), 1; H. Macky (9), 2; J. Raines (2), 3.

Preparatory.—M. Rangitukua (10), 1; T. Takai (5), 2; A. Smith (3), 3.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Senior—

33 1-3 Yards.—F. Albrechtsen 1, V. Mila 2, P. Powell 3. Time, 17 4-5sec.

50 Yards.—F. Albrechtsen 1, V. Mila 2, P. Powell 3. Time, 29 1-5sec.

100 Yards.—F. Albrechtsen 1, V. Mila 2, P. Powell 3. Time, 1min. 10sec.

220 Yards.—F. Albrechtsen 1, P. Powell 2, W. Coppell 3. Time, 3min. 9sec.

Junior Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—C. Osborn 1, R. Murtagh 2, M. Francis 3. Time, 18 4-5sec.

50 Yards.—R. Murtagh 1, M. Francis 2, C. Osborn 3. Time, 30 1-5sec.

100 Yards.—M. Francis 1, R. Murtagh 2, L. Fitzpatrick 3. Time, 1min. 11 2-5sec.

Under 14 Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—J. Jensen 1, H. Macky 2, D. Lloyd 3. Time, 22sec.

50 Yards.—J. Jensen 1, H. Macky 2, J. Raines 3. Time, 35 1-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—J. Jensen 1, H. Macky 2, J. Raines 3. Time, 52sec.

Preparatory Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—M. Rangitukua 1, T. Takai and A. Smith equal 2. Time, 23 1-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—M. Rangitukua 1, T. Takai 2, A. Smith 3. Time, 53 4-5sec.

Diving Championships.—

Senior.—G. Falwasser 1, J. McGeachen 2, C. McDonald 3.

Junior.—D. Henderson 1, R. Watson 2, A. Foden 3.

Under 14.—M. Healey 1, J. Raines 2, A. Smith and P. Brennan equal 3.

Open Events—

33 1-3 Yards Open.—L. Fitzpatrick 1, R. Cardiff 2, E. Bannister 3. Time, 21 3-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards Butterfly.—J. McGeachen 1, I. McPherson 2, E. Bannister 3. Time, 22 4-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards.—Country House: P. McDavitt 1, D. Meiklejohn 2, R. Tate 3. Time, 26sec.

33 1-3 Yards.—New Boys' Race: R. Cardiff 1, P. Grantham 2, M. Healy and W. Poulton equal 3. Time, 22 2-5sec.

50 Yards Open.—L. Fitzpatrick 1, R. Tate 2, T. Maingay 3. Time, 33sec.

50 Yards.—Country House: A. Greenbank 1, P. McDavitt 2, D. Meiklejohn 3. Time, 37 1-5sec.

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50 Yards Breaststroke.—R. Smith 1, I. McPherson 2, J. McGeachen 3. Time, 40 3-5sec.

50 Yards Backstroke.—I. Henderson 1, G. Collier 2, R. Watson 3. Time, 41 3-5sec.

25 Yards Learners' Race.—H. Macky 1, G. Heatly 2, M. Black 3. Time, 17sec.

Relays—

Inter-House.—Pridham 1, West 2, Moyes and Central equal 3. Time, 1min. 15 1-5sec.

Inter-Form.—4Cl. 1, 3EB1. 2, 3Cl. 3. Time, 1 min. 33 2-5sec.

Dayboys v. Boarders.—Boarders 1.

LIFE SAVING.

The examinations for the Royal Life-Saving Society's awards were held in the first term of this year and there has been a noticeable increase in awards.

The awards were as follows:—Total awards—70, Bronze Cross—9, Bars to Bronze Medallions—10, Bronze Medallions—15 and Unigrip Certificates—36.

All classes, which were held each afternoon after school, have received instruction in resuscitation and the unigrip method of rescue.

SHOOTING NOTES, 1950.

Although the standard of shooting at the School was not up to last year's, some quite good scores were recorded when competitions for the School Cups were held.

The School Championship and McDiarmid Belt was won by R. S. Ford, who, although not registering any exceptional scores, has been a consistently good shot.

Results:—

.303 CUPS.

Searle Cup (25yds.), Total 100: Peterson, W.R., 82, 1; Wyllie, A. R., 78, 2; Ford, R. S., 73, 3.

Kelly Cup (200yds.), Total 65: Ford, R. S., 55, 1; Maingay, T., 53, 2; Smith, D., 50, 3.

McDiarmid Belt, School Championship (aggregate of Searle and Kelly Cups): R. S. Ford 1; W. R. Peterson 2; T. Maingay 3.

.22 CUPS.

(Seven rounds application, 10 rounds rapid in 90sec. Possible 85).

McLeod and Slade Cup (under 14): A. W. Smith 68, 1; J. P. Simcock 65, 2; A. H. Watkins 61, 3.

Loveday Cup (under 15): J. D. Wellington 79, 1; P. A. Boon 74, 2; K. B. Aiken and D. M. Foggin 73, 3 equal.

Hamblyn Cup (under 17): A. F. Cassie 68, 1; R. J. Watson 65, 2; H. A. Boardman 61, 3.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

TO MARY (WITH APOLOGIES TO THE SUBJECT).

Mary! Can it be you?
Ah! no! 'twas but a fleeting dream.
Sweet damsel! deny 'tis true
When you pretend that love
Is but a worthless bauble.
Surely you do not refer
To love, and all its precious joys,
When carelessly you sing:
"You can put 'em in a box,
Tie 'em with a ribbon,
And throw 'em in the deep blue sea!"

Alas! no! I cannot for a moment
Accept the thought that you
Yielded assent,
When a stranger crooned
In your ear . . .
"All I want is kissing you, and
Music! Music! Music!"

Fair one! Each time
I see your lovely form,
Reawakes the longing to draw near.
O heartless girl! Why do you always
"Kiss, and run away?
I dream you're mine, and then
As quick as quicksilver,
All my dreams are led
Astray."

Come! O entrancing creature!
Look not in that direction
Where he stands.
Most glorious of mortals! Come!
"Powder your face with sunshine,
Put on a great big smile!"
"We'll go cruising on the harbour
On a Sunday afternoon."
"Put the stranger in a box!
Tie him with a ribbon!"
And throw all memory of him
Overboard.

Mary! It is you!
Ah! most divine and fair
You advance towards me!
No dream this, as,
Sweet girl, you turn your back on him,
Smiling on me as you come, and
"Leave all these lovers
Weeping, on a faraway shore"—
Except me!

G. J. Saunders, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A SUMMER'S DAY.

The sun shines bright on a mid-summer's day,
And a soft wind rustles the leaves.
The sheep dog sleeps in the dappled shade
Where the garden is bright with colours gay,
And the flowers bend with bees.
The dry brown grass waves before the breeze,
The skylark's song sounds sweet and gay,
And a soft wind rustles the leaves.

J. R. Sullivan, 3Ag.

PREFECTS.

Prefects are such tiresome chaps.
They stop your fun, and give you 'ups'
And always moan at any noise—
They all are such officious boys.

They wouldn't dream of giving 'downs'
But give you 'ups' on any grounds;
And then you have to weed a bank
Or mow some lawns, or move the rank
And smelling slush from some old tank.

At morning prayers about eight-thirty,
For talking you are sent to 'Bertie',
With whom you have a session later,
And wish your prudence had been greater.

So once again with all my might
I hate these boys with whom I fight,
Who rule my life from morn to night.
But still I find it does not pay
To show my hate in any way.

A. C. Howell, 3Cl.

TIME.

Time the formless: time the ageless;
Infinite and inevitable it passes,
Beyond the vain clutchings of the mind,
Time with the sickle, time as the road.

Humanity enslaved time; the years, the hours
Were formed for worldly ease.
Yet time is eternal, and man can stop
Only its registration.

Thus time steals past, leaving its mark on life;
Its brand is age, its trademark, death.
But only in future time, in age, we recollect,
And only in terms of time do we recall.

D. H. Brown, 6B.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

NOTHING NEW.

In Neolithic times a boy,
So one would think, might well enjoy
His tasks at school. And yet they say
He grumbled—as he does today.

No doubt at times he found a part
Distasteful—say to learn by heart
A hundred verses of tradition—
The Druid's favourite imposition.

Or when his homework (catching fish)
Was shown up short, he'd often wish,
While making axeheads in detention,
He'd payed a little more attention.

If Alexander did complain
That no more worlds were left to gain,
Geography, he had been warned
At school, ought never to be scorned.

Did Julius Caesar's father say:
"My boy, you'll wish you'd learnt, one day,
More British history. You will be,
Without it, very much at sea!"

And yet, although we do not know
For certain that these things were so,
'Tis likely—for 'tis hard to find
A boy with a contented mind,

Who never asks the reason why
At certain tasks he ought to try.
We see, as through the years we range,
That human nature doesn't change.

M. I. Broome, 4Cl.

NATIVE BEAUTY.

Don't buy those English posies
Or that gaudy melon flower
Or the precious orchids bloom
Raised to grace a lady's bower.

But buy the golden kowhai's spray
Trailing where deep waters sleep.
Buy the white-eyed clematis
Starry-bright on tree-top steep.
Or the flame-red rata's brush
Splashed against the deeper flush;
Buy your country's native joy
And you'll be more than rich my boy!

R. D. Alexander, 4Cl.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

AFTER LONG NIGHT IS OVER.

Rest alone; induce serenity,
A dim peace, so far remote from glee;
Peace sublime, where memory, as a potion,
Recalls the scene and reinstates emotion.

The thoughts revolve, the pleasure is recaptured,
The breast is tightened, the soul enraptured,
The eyes dilate, the heart is twisted tight,
As I live again, the moments of that night.

D. H. Brown, 6B.

JOHNNY AND THE SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT.

Johnny, a very naughty boy,
Thought that he would like to toy
With the jars of HNO_3
Stored in the laboratory.

Alas! Alack! he little knew
Just what HNO_3 could do,
He added things and mixed them well,
Some glycerine and HCL ,

He thought of smells and things corrosive,
But never thought of high explosive.
He heated all with reckless glee
And threw in last HNO_3 .

O wicked boy! O doleful last
Upon the red hot bowl to cast.
Explosions then reverberated—
How poor John was elevated!

There he hangs, eternally suspended
With his little seat upended.
And so, you children who would toy
Like this naughty little boy,

Think of him up in the sky,
Left alone, alas, to sigh
Upon his life when he was good,
And played with things he understood.

J. J. Fendall, 4Cl.

THE HOUR.

I purge my mind and cast aside
The choking sedge that blocks
The crystal stream of purest thought,
And while in blessed rest I lie beneath this tree
And idly watch the dappling pattern in the lawn,
Remembrance with a sweet melody
Softly flows from half forgotten yesterday,
And the low, distant drumming of the traffic as it passes,
Falls not upon my wearied ear . . .

R. Rouse, 5Cl.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1950.

Back Row: R. S. Ford, B. C. Arthur, A. D. Brownlie, D. C. Hayes.
Middle Row: M. A. McKenzie, R. K. Pearce, M. Walter, A. R. Wyllie,
C. L. Crawford.
Front Row: G. G. Cavaney, W. N. Hebden, I. G. McPherson, A. H.
Scarrow, J. B. McGeachen, R. C. Shroder.



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1950.

Back Row: J. W. Eddowes, R. D. Tate, A. G. Shaw, A. D. M. Powell.
Middle Row: B. Henderson, L. A. Barclay, I. M. Mackenzie, R. H. Calder,
T. P. Lealand, H. C. Seamark.
Front Row: D. A. Venables, R. P. Stephenson, J. C. Lovell, I. W. McLeod,
H. F. Jackson, I. W. Telfer.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A SIDELIGHT ON HISTORY.

Macaulay's lay of brave Horatius,
And of the bridge which saved the town,
Did not include a word about
The man who hewed it down.

Now this man was a soldier bold,
Let us call him Tex—
Afraid of no-one but his wife,
Who led the weaker sex.

His income came from guarding gate,
All day he sentry stood,
On coming home to tea too late,
Was put to chopping wood.

While working at this task one night,
(His duty was by day),
He heard the tramp of marching feet,
Scarce half a mile away.

Now Tex disliked this chopping game,
It ill became a male,
So up he took his trusty axe,
At war it would not fail.

Horatius had just tossed a coin,
To see if he should go
Out on to the three-man bridge,
To help to stop the foe.

Horatius, Herminius and Lartius,
Ran out with bow and quiver,
As the summons came for unskilled hand
To fell bridge into river.

Comrade Tex now spied his chance
To prove his real worth,
But shuddered at the size of pile—
'Twas fully six feet girth.

He spat upon his hands but twice,
Then quickly set to work,
But paused as brave Horatius
Stabbed Sextus with his dirk.

He hacked at pile it seemed for hours,
With vigour and with vim,
Until the bridge fell down
And left the three to swim.

He was welcomed back by multitude
With shouts and joy sublime,
But his union sacked him on the spot
For working overtime.

P. McDavitt, 6Sc.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SOME DAY.

Have you met a winning fellow
Often coming in your way,
Coaxing creature, gay deceiver,
And they call his name "Some Day?"

"Ah!" he says (his voice is silver),
"Do not vex yourself, I pray;
Give yourself an hour of pleasure,
You can do that task 'Some Day.'"

"Are your studies lightly broken?
O'er your books you seldom stay;
Never mind, you will be graver . . .
Will work harder—yes, 'Some Day.'"

If a task is hard this moment,
"Twill grow harder by delay;
'Twill be never more accomplished,
If 'tis left to that "Some Day."

Mark my words, O youth and maiden,
Many who are growing grey,
Bitterly regret they listened
To the whispers of "Some Day."

Up and doing—now, directly,
'Tis the only way;
Grasp the present, leave no project
To the merciless "Some Day."

I. L. Manby, 5C1.

THE MODEL OF 4 CL.

There's a swotty little fellow,
He's the model of 4 Cl.;
And the way the masters love him
Is beautiful to tell.
He's the chappie that you read of
But he's never to be met
For the very simple reason
That he's not born yet.

When in class he's all attention
And sits up very straight,
And he never, never wags it,
And he'd die if he were late.
Then he answers all the questions
That the master likes to set;
He's an awfully clever fellow,
But he's not born yet.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

When he plays the game of footy
Like a gentleman he speaks,
And he always says, "Excuse me,"
Before he tears your 'breeks.'
Whene'er he meets a master
His cap he can't forget;
He's the masters' ideal scholar,
But he's not born yet.

When round the track he's running
He always does his best;
He never, never dawdles
Or fools round with the rest.
He's the idol of the rector
And his master's darling pet.
But you'll have to wait to see him,
For he's not born yet.

R. M. Westmoreland, 4 Cl.

WILDERNESS.

His partner was dead. The stranded and starving explorer looked weakly and unbelievably at the man with whom he had slept, eaten and endured many hardships throughout those months. Now he had gone. The dead man lay on his back, his unseeing eyes staring blankly at the smoke-blackened rafters of the hut, mouth sagged open, skin stretched taut across an emaciated face. Cholera!

The howl of a wild animal floated through the evening air. The man began to perspire. He felt dizzy and hot. Again the beast's cry sounded on a more urgent note. The man rose; he staggered and his eyes burned.

When they came to look for the two men they found the door swinging and one dead body.

G. Greig, 5 G3.

LOST IN THE BUSH.

A vivid sunset hovered on the western horizon. Then its colourful array seemed to melt and be draped by the grey dusk. Lost and disgusted, the trampers felt their way to a lonely ridge top while night was already descending on the isolated wastes. Exhausted from the day's exertions the solitary party lay down to rest, neither talking nor thinking, but listening. No sounds echoed but the pounding of a waterfall, miles from anywhere bounding from plateau to a gutted gorge below. Occasionally an owl sent its weird hoot across a wooded gully, to a mate on the farther side, while a pig, sensing danger, went crashing through the undergrowth to become lost from hearing. Every nerve and muscle of the bushied party was tense with the instinct of danger lurking in the surrounding darkness, while the rattle of dry leaves sent the tell-tale nerves vibrating. A distant gun report sounded from a nearby hill-top, and all became alert to their rescuers. With a coo-ee, resembling a howling dog, they summoned their link with civilisation to the scene. The nightmare of an hour in the wilderness was described in a romanced story.

R. J. Grey, 4G2.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A SMALL TOWNSHIP.

Kingston is not really a township at all, but merely an administrative centre for Norfolk Island. There are no shops. It is surrounded on three sides by gently rising hills, on which sheep and cattle graze. On the fourth side is sea, with still water inside the coral reef, which encircles the bay. All the buildings are remnants of the convict days, built from the sandstone slabs, which come from the small island offshore. To the left are the men's and women's compounds, and wardens' quarters, now rapidly falling beyond repair. The church is a high rectangular building, which from the outside, does not give the appearance of a place of worship. Next door to it is the Bond Store, Post Office and Library, of similar construction, and both these buildings have high walls, built for protection against convicts. Opposite these buildings is Government House, built in early Colonial style, and sheltered by a large belt of Norfolk pines from the prevailing wind, the southerly. There are a few houses, built in early colonial days, which have been renovated for use to-day. There is one main street, a clay road with many ruts, which is called by the inhabitants "Quality Row," because in the convict days, the officers of the garrison used to live there.

B. S. E. Bellringer, 6B.

ON THE BEAT.

We plod down the hill with the cold water dripping from our helmets down our coats inside and out to join the film on a pavement shiny with the light coming dimly from a street lamp down the block. Somewhere across the street a baby howls. Who'd be a father having to get up to the kid; then again who'd be a cop. Further down the buildings grow three or four floors and become factories and their tops lost in the black rain. To the left a red beacon flashes, the only sign of the presence of the harbour. A car comes screaming up the street; Hogan flashes him. A good guy. Hogan; not ambitious, like most young cops, but quite content to let things slide, which is sometimes the best policy. The guy in the car stopped like a good boy and we went over to him. Away from the building the drizzle came on again so we cut it short and let him go. The cold at three a.m. gets into you, so we turn into Joe's for a cup of coffee. Joe's is the regular stop for all the cops on Short Street, for everyone on Short Street I guess. It's a little cream joint like you'd see anywhere—just a small counter with a few chrome and leather stools, a clutter of glasses and cups, a radio, and Joe. The radio goes all day and all night and Joe always seems to listen. The horses, a swing session maybe—anything—as long as it's noise. We push the door open and shake ourselves over the floor. "Two coffees, Joe," I say. It's the standard phrase whenever you drop in at three o'clock in the morning. Joe shuffles round behind the counter moaning loudly at the weather, at us, at the coffee and presently we get two big steaming cups to sip and warm our hands on. But soon we finish, and, yelling goodbye to Joe, I lead the way out and we move down the street. At a street lamp I dig for my watch; its nearly four so we turn for the station.

A. F. Cassie, 5G3.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FINIS.

Toiling up the jungle path he came, gaunt, dust-caked and very weak. His clothes had been lashed into ribbons by elephant grass and tropical brambles. Well worn boots squelched mud at every step, a grim reminder of many swamps. One leg was plastered with rust coloured mud and the blood oozed out and trickled down into his boot. Light-headed he reeled on into the darkness.

The snarl of a jungle-cat brought beads of perspiration to his brow and they ran down the furrowed face into the dirty stubble on his chin. Tightening his grip on the pistol he listened. All was quiet and sinister except for the monotonous droning of insects. He had to keep going; it didn't matter where—his heart slogged out the pace. On and on, on and on; nothing but a pistol and one cartridge for company. He staggered on, each step agony as he dragged his badly mauled leg.

In a clearing he stopped to stare at the blacks, browns and purples of the tangled mass as it reared around him, he looked back and saw what he feared most—two burning eyes. They hypnotised him, he couldn't move. No cry of fear parted his cracked lips, but his spine was icy, his knees jelly and a red haze settled over his strained eyes.

Slowly, inch by inch he raised the Luger, his hand was steady as he pointed it between those hungry eyes, flaming death. With cool deliberation his finger tightened on the trigger. Click! As it sprang, darkness burst upon his brain.

Once more the jungle was hushed, the elephant grass still swayed to a slight breeze and the insects sang on.

E. Roberts, 6B.

NEW BORN.

The ewe lay exhausted on her side. Beside her was her newborn lamb coughing and squirming as it came to life. Its sides heaved spasmodically as it gasped in its first few breaths. The ewe turned her head and gazed at the bundle. Was it hers. She stretched out her head and sniffed. Tenderly she began to lick the film covering its nostrils and mouth. The lamb gave a feeble bleat and raised its head. It looked dismal. Its ears hung down. Its eyes were not fully open. The ewe struggled to her feet and moved unsteadily round the lamb sniffing and licking. Kicking and squirming the lamb attempted to rise. It was too weak. He tried again and succeeded in getting half-way up before its front legs collapsed. Undiscouraged it tried again. Finally it stood swaying on its feet. The ewe ma-a-a-ed triumphantly and the lamb shook itself. It was alive and therefore hungry. Instinctively it nudged at the ewe in search of milk.

R. Wellwood, 5G3.

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TSING NG.

Tsing Ng is a little Chinese boy of nine. He lives at the corner of Stolen Goods Street and Much Rice Lane. He reminds me of a little yellow monkey with a long fringe which gets in the way of his almond shaped eyes. One of his ears is rather lopsided, while the other ear has a piece taken out. He is fond of bright colours and wears a pair of bright red pants which look as if they have been passed down from the last generation. A jacket of calico, dyed green, covers his unwashed under-jacket. He always wears a pair of ear-caps even if it is hot. He has a habit of shuffling wherever he goes, and usually sucks his left thumb when meditating. Tsing can never resist acquiring a few apples from a wayside shop if there is a possible chance. He always greets you with a sunny smile but this is usually a blind because there is always something missing from your pockets whenever he leaves you.

T. Gardiner, 3G3.

A STORM AT SEA.

The becalmed prison ship rolled relentlessly on the oily swell. The planking on the deck was warped into large gaping cracks. The rigging creaked and the limp sails flapped idly against the masts. Some of the prisoners were "airing" in their cramped pen 'tween decks. The soldiers up in the fo'c'sle lazily played cards, talked, or sang snatches of sea ditties. Jacobs, the mate, came down the deck and spat idly into the flat brassy water below him. Then, leaning his brawny elbow on the rail he scanned the horizon with a glass. Suddenly straightening up, he again looked at the horizon. "By Jove!" he exclaimed, "it looks like a reg'ler blasted storm blowin' up!" At this he muttered a curse under his breath, and, turning on his heel, went off in search of the captain.

This change in events caused a stir amongst the prisoners in their pen and the soldiers on deck. They started to awake to their environment and suddenly became interested in searching the sky. Sure enough, black clouds were gathering fast, and, billowing up, were coming towards the ship with terrifying rapidity. Soon the sails began to puff out and the water became disturbed. The sky darkened, the waves rushed at the ship like a charge of white horses, and the boat began to lurch forward, now staggering up a foamy crest, now plunging down, down, down into a seemingly bottomless chasm.

The scene on deck was now pandemonium. Sailors rushed aloft to furl the sails, prisoners were pushed below into the hold, and soldiers were sent aft to lash the arms rack. The wind howled and shrieked through the bare rigging with the full force of a hurricane. Orders were screamed out to the men, but many never reached their destination. Men had to crawl along the slippery deck holding on to the railings to avoid being blown or washed off. Every available piece of rope was used to lash down moveable gear and equipment. Even the hatchways under which the convicts shivered and cringed had to be doubly secure. The deck was littered with bits of broken

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wood, torn canvas and rope. The rain beat down unceasingly and found its way down the cracks in the decking to the cabins beneath.

Then, almost as suddenly as it had appeared, the hurricane abated and went wheeling away off the port bow. As it passed on, the troubled and white-capped billows clearly marked its position and, once more under full sail, the ship followed in its disturbed wake under a light easterly breeze.

S. B. McMillan, 4G1.

ON THE SHORE.

The beach was practically deserted. Into the harbour the fishing boats were returning with the day's catch. The clank and whine of a busy harbour was gradually subsiding as the day's work came to an end. Only the gulls were left to wheel and dive, ever circling over the waves streaked by the setting sun. Their hoarse cries seemed strangely contrasted with the gentle slap of the waves as they washed against sand and rock.

Slowly the sun sank beneath the horizon; for a moment a yacht stood stark against a saffron sky. Gradually the light faded, first to a dull green and then to purple.

The wind dropped, a calm, peaceful stillness settled over land and sea, and only the stars seemed to retain any life as they winked in the great vault of heaven.

J. A. Leach, 3CL.

SKI-SOLO.

The climb to the crest is steep and the snow hard. At each kick hundreds of tiny frost crystals tinkle down the slope. I am on the ridge and a broad path slopes up to the ice-plastered dome from which avalanches are peeling continually. After a light lunch, I bind on my skis and survey the beautiful slope which I have just ascended. Tiny ant-like figures clustered around the shelter hut far below remind me of the enormous run down I will experience. Before leaving, I take a last look at the view. A needle sharp peak rearing its summit to the azure sky, sends a tremendous ice and snow slide crashing down. The sheets of snow pour down over every overhang and precipice, until with a deafening roar the whole writhing mass sweeps over a last drop and is spewed out over the valley floor a thousand feet below.

At last I am off. The speed is intoxicating. My skis make a broad traverse at a steep angle. My muscles are water. How will I avoid the icy couloir that appears ahead? Somehow my weight changes and I make a wide swing around. The skis hiss through the snow. Powdered snow smokes up behind me. The wind made by my plummeting body sears through my windproof. I can barely see. My eyes are swimming in tears. The floor of the valley leaps up towards me. Suddenly my knees buckle and I race across the flat. The crowded nursery slopes rush towards me. I must stop. Without noticing any change in my tense body I find myself in a speeding sideslip. The hissing of the skis ceases. I am out of breath. I lean weakly on my sticks.

R. S. Watts, 4 G.1.

CONTEMPORARIES.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines which have been placed in the School Library:—

New Zealand: "The Wellingtonian," "The Knox Collegian," "King's Collegian," "The Christ's College Register," "The Patrician," "Christchurch Boys' High School Magazine," "Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine," "The Wanganui Collegian," "The Marlburian," "The Wellington Technical College Review," "The Waitakian," "The Hamiltonian," "The Fideliter," "The Hutt Valley High School Magazine," "Farrago," "Gisborne High School Magazine," "N.G.C.," "Hokioi," "Waimate High School Magazine," "Nelsonian," "The Palmerstonian," "The Southlandian," "Otago Boys' High School Magazine," "Westonian," "Te Karere," "The Auckland Grammar Chronicle," "The Index," "The Wanganui Technical College Review," "The Spectrum," "Taniwharau," "The Hereworth Magazine," "Criovara Na Iona."

Australia: "The Jargon," "The Melburnian," "The Unicorn," "The Record."

England: "The Ousel," "Felstedian," "The Reptonian," "The Meteor," "The Cromwellian," "Mill Hill Magazine," "The Patesian."

Scotland: "The Watsonian," "The Aberdeen Grammar School Magazine," "The Feltesian."

Wales: "The Swansea Grammar School Magazine."

South Africa: "The Johanian," "The Jeppe High School Magazine," "The Graemian," "The Primitian," "St. Michael's Chronicle," "The Plumtree School Magazine."

Canada: "College Times," "Vantech," "The Tech Tatler."



MOYES HOUSE SEVENTH GRADE.—Winner of Taranaki Competition.

Back Row: N. McLeod, P. Maxwell, J. Elmes, R. Kruse, C. Harris, B. Browne, E. Johnston,
B. Kerr, P. Grantham.

Middle Row: M. Dudding, A. Fleming, G. Collier, G. Julian (Capt.), D. Brown, R. Black,
I. Smith.

Front Row: D. Paterson, R. Whytcross, B. Webby, F. Lys, P. O'Shaughnessy, P. Stevenson.

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[The Editor wishes to express gratitude for the assistance given by many Old Boys and in particular by the Branch Secretaries, in the compilation of these notes. The editor would be pleased to receive items of news at any time from any source.]

GENERAL NOTES.

MOYES MEMORIAL FUND.

Old Boys and friends of the School will be interested to know what progress has been made with the Moyes Memorial Fund. As the magazine goes to press the total subscriptions received by the committee amount to £1500.

The architect has been instructed to prepare full plans and specifications. These will soon be ready for submission to the Board of Governors and it is hoped that the building will be in use during the cricket season of 1951.

The response to the appeal has been gratifying but money is still required to ensure the completion of a fully worthy memorial. The committee has decided that the subscription list will remain open and that those who still wish to contribute should do so without delay. Remittances should be sent to: The Treasurer, Moyes Memorial Fund, Boys' High School, New Plymouth. All donations will be acknowledged.

RETIREMENT OF MASTERS.

All Old Boys we are sure would like to be present when the School officially says farewell at the end of this year to Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Bertrand. Mr. Bottrill has been on the staff for thirty-six years and Mr. Bertrand for thirty. Many Old Boys, we know have already written to them expressing their best wishes and several Branches have asked them to be present at their reunions in order to pay a tribute to their long and faithful service. May we, in this section of the Old Boys News, wish them both a very happy and long retirement, on behalf of all those Old Boys who will not have the chance to do so personally. We know that they will not lose touch with the School, nor cease attending reunions where we know they will always be welcome.

MEMORIAL FUND.

Activities in respect to the War Memorial Fund have been largely suspended while a special appeal has been made for the Moyes Memorial. The fund, however, has grown steadily and now stands at £6668. This total does not represent the whole of the money in hand. Interest and the value of bonds has not been added. The Headmaster is treasurer of the Fund and will be pleased to receive donations at any time.

BRANCHES.

As will be seen from the Branch notes in this issue there has been increased activity this year. Members of the staff have visited during the year branch reunions at Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington and Hawera. All functions were most enjoyable

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and although attendances had fallen off they were more enthusiastic than usual. It is pleasing to report that the Waikato and Manawatu Branches are well on their feet again after the war and that Auckland and Wellington remain as strong as ever. Wanganui expect to hold a reunion before the end of the year.

The secretaries of the various branches of the association are at present as follows:—

New Plymouth: B. Judd, c/o J. B. McEwan, Ltd., King Street, New Plymouth.

Otago: A. Reeves, 82 Russell Street, Dunedin.

Manawatu: H. Short, Box 405, Palmerston North.

Hawke's Bay: C. L. Campbell, Box 389, Hastings.

King Country: W. E. Stevenson, Miriama Street, Taumararui.

Auckland: P. Badly, c/o M.K. Manufacturing Coy., Great South Road, S.E. 2, Auckland.

Waikato: E. Grant, Box 206, Hamilton.

South Taranaki: L. V. Lloyd, Box 162, Hawera.

Wellington: J. L. Fairey, P.O. Box 1168, Wellington.

Christchurch: P. Fraser, Canterbury College, Christchurch.

Wanganui: D. M. Brown, c/o Brown's Cake Shop, Wanganui.

MRS. W. H. MOYES.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. W. H. Moyes which occurred at the Rotorua Hospital in April of this year.

Mrs. Moyes before her marriage was Miss Margaret Lucy Cook. She was born in Christchurch where her father was the founder of the well-known Warwick School and she and Mr. Moyes were married in Christchurch.

When Mr. Moyes was appointed headmaster of our School Mrs. Moyes took over the duties of matron, duties which she performed with a patience and understanding which earned for her the love and respect of the boarders and their parents. The following tribute was written by an old boy of the School:

"To-day many old boys of the New Plymouth Boys' High School learned with deep regret of the passing of Mrs. Moyes, the widow of our late revered headmaster. To all of us who had the privilege of being pupils of the School during 'Bill's' day, Mrs. Moyes is held in affectionate remembrance. There are many men, in all walks of life in the Dominion, who to-day can look back to the time, when as small boys at the School they carried their troubles to her, and without exception unflinching received from her help, sympathy and encouragement.

"As the headmaster's wife she always maintained a happy home life, and many a 'homesick' new boy was taken into the family and mothered by her in her kindly and sympathetic way. She acted as confidante and counsellor to many. Always of a quiet and unassuming nature, she acted as school matron for many years, and carried out her many duties quietly and efficiently. She will be greatly missed by us all."

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the members of Mrs. Moyes's family in their loss.

Pro Patria



ARTHUR JOHN WALLER MARTIN.

Lieutenant Arthur John Waller (Peter) Martin came to School from Moturoa in 1928 and remained until 1930. At School he showed interest in many things and was particularly good at games, taking a great interest in athletics.

In April, 1940, he was granted a commission in the N.Z.R.N.V.R. with the rank of Temporary Lieutenant and left for Singapore in the same month to take up duties there. After extensive training around Malaya he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1941. In January of 1942 he was given command of a small reconditioned naval ship "Paula Soezi" with a crew of three officers and thirty Malaysians. His ship left Singapore on the night of February 13th and as far as details can be ascertained the ship was blown up by a Japanese warship on the 16th of February, 1942.

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A tragic accident on the main highway at Bell Block caused the death of two Old Boys, G. A. Roper and C. H. Leighton. Both the School and the Old Boys' Association were represented at their funerals. We extend our deepest sympathy to their relatives.

We also record with regret the death of Mr. D. P. Evans (1890) well-known throughout Taranaki as a great headmaster. He took up teaching at an early age and was headmaster of the Inglewood, West End and Central School. He retired from teaching in 1938.

David Sheat has completed his M.Sc. degree with second class honours. He has been awarded a Federated Farmers' scholarship tenable for two years at Massey College where he intends to undertake research into bio chemical aspects of the chemical control of plants and hopes to take a Ph.D.

W. N. Perry (1901) of Brentwood was awarded the C.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours List. Mr. Perry after he left School went into his father's saddlery business in New Plymouth. He then moved to Brentwood and took up a farm. He became chairman of directors of the local dairy company and prominent in the Federated Farmers. He became the Dominion president of that organisation and made several trips to the United Kingdom as a consultant in price negotiations.

Peter McKay, Inglewood, has left home on a protracted world tour which is to last three years. He intends to work his passage.

Denis Matthews completed his degree last year and is now a house surgeon in the Wanganui Hospital.

Grey Sutherland who is in the Bank of New Zealand in Rangiora visited the School. He often sees **M. Osborn**, who is in a legal firm in Christchurch, and has a son playing wing three-quarter for Christ's College.

S. F. Fookes has been admitted to the bar as a barrister and solicitor.

J. F. (Lachie) McDonald is at present in New Plymouth after a bout of activity reporting the Korean War from close quarters. He visited the School during the third term and gave a most interesting account of his experiences which included personal experience of North Korean methods. Lachie is the Pacific Editor of the "Daily Mail" and has his headquarters at Singapore.

Larry Pruden has again distinguished himself by a further musical composition. The following cutting is taken from a Wellington paper:

"An interesting composition by a New Zealand musician was played last night by the Alex Lindsay String Orchestra at the ball and fashion festival held in the Majestic Cabaret.

By **Larry Pruden**, of New Plymouth, it is called 'Evening Music,' and was inspired by the strains of various types of music and the medley of instruments heard at the Cambridge Music School, which the composer attended during the summer season.

"A little jazz, more than a suggestion of Latin-American rhythm, a hint of Bach, a few scales—all make up a rhapsody of satisfying

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sound in this composition. For the number the orchestra was augmented by part of the cabaret orchestra."

Larry has also been granted a scholarship in music the details of which are not available at the time of going to press.

The death has occurred of **W. C. Bridger** (1906) who was manager of the produce department of Newton King's, Ltd. He was secretary of the New Zealand Fertilizer Merchants Distributors' Federation, and an executive member of the N.Z. Grain, Seed and Produce Merchants' Association. He is also remembered as an active footballer and Rugby referee.

High tribute was paid to **T. H. ("Shorty") Booth** at the annual dinner of the Old Boys' Football Club. "Shorty" had been jersey man, bagman, masseur and enthusiastic supporter of the senior team for 27 years. Members of the Moascar Cup teams at School will remember with gratitude more than one "Shorty" rub-down before a big match exactly 27 years ago.

Old Boys will be pleased to know that **H. R. Billing** is up and about after a long period in the New Plymouth Hospital. He has been a member of the Board of Governors for 28 years and chairman for 27.

Two Old Boys who visited the School in May of this year were **C. H. J. Samson** (1939-44) who is with the Housing Department at Palmerston North, and **B. C. Linn** (1920-23) who is now at Paeroa. When at School he lived at Frankleigh Park.

Bill Noakes also visited the School in November. He is with the Guardian Trust in Hamilton.

Sid Hayden has written to the School from Maryland, U.S.A. He left New Zealand about thirty years ago to study broadcasting and has been employed in it ever since.

Brian Horner will be in New Zealand on furlough next year and hopes to be in New Plymouth at Easter.

Martin Donnelly arrived in Sydney on October 13th to join the staff of Courtaulds (Australia) Ltd., but expects to spend part of his time in Melbourne. During the last season Martin captained Warwickshire against Yorkshire in the English counties championship and top-scored with a fine 120. He has been asked to play for Paddington District (Sydney), but we do not know whether he intends to play much cricket or not. If he should there is nothing to prevent him from qualifying eventually for New South Wales. We hope to see Martin next year, when, if possible, he intends to make a visit to New Zealand.

D. Stafford is a member of the orchestra of the Kiwi Concert party which he joined in the Middle East as an original member after he went overseas with the First Echelon. His travels have taken him all over the Middle East, Australia and New Zealand and he has performed under all sorts of conditions from the tray of an army truck to luxurious theatres.

J. T. Graham (1943-44) was back in Taranaki in August when he played for the Waikato Representatives against Taranaki at Stratford. He played for the First Fifteen in 1944.

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John Shanahan swam in the breaststroke events in the Empire Games.

Lt. Col. F. Davies visited the School during the year in the course of his duties as Director of High School Cadets.

It is with pleasure that we note the inclusion of two Old Boys, **L. Millar** and **E. M. Meuli** in the Minor Associations' cricket team to compete as a fifth area in the Plunket Shield competition.

L. Millar played for the First Eleven in 1938-9. In both years he topped the batting averages with 32.9 and 24.8. He is also a useful left arm swing bowler and at School averaged 13.7 and 21.1. Since the war he has undoubtedly been Taranaki's No. 1 bat and he is one of the finest left-handers the School has produced since Martin Donnelly. In the 1950 season he finished with two remarkable scores—158 against Old Boys and 158 against Stratford. In making the second score he made 99 out of the 101 scored by the last wicket.

E. M. Meuli played for the First Eleven in 1941-2-3-4. He captained the team in 1943-4 and in his last season scored 129 run out against Wanganui College. Ted is also a good slow bowler and can manage a successful googly. He has already played Plunket Shield cricket for Auckland when he performed creditably as opening bat in 1946-7. He has played regularly for Taranaki in the past two seasons, although not quite with the success of which he is capable. His batting is a pleasure to watch as he is strong all round the wicket. Those who saw him against Wanganui last year will remember one delightful over when, in a punishing mood, he late cut, twice cover drove, and twice hooked Cave.

Many Old Boys have visited the School during the year. Among those who have we recall: **Professor Ronald Syme, J. L. McDonald, Ron Blundell, Bill Noakes, Walter Matthews, Chas. Samson, B. C. Linn, Ron Taylor, Peter McKay, Peter and John Macmillan, Eddie Okey, Don and Rod McCallum, Jack Gulliver, Bruce McMurray, Max and Bruce Jonas, Arthur Atkinson, Colin Julian, Andrew McWhannell, Graeme Reid, Rex White, Alister Brittain, Jack Henderson, Harley Cook, Sinclair McKenzie, Geoff. Jeffs, Des Lysnar, Tom McEwen, Crawley Weston, Grey Sutherland.**

Tom McEwen is on his way to the United Kingdom where he is going to study the electrification of railways.

D. G. (Don) Grant (1920-5) has been appointed Headmaster of the Southland Boys' High School. Don is well-known in Southland where he taught at Gore High School and captained the Southland Reps. when they held the Ranfurly Shield.

We have had recent news from **George (Nigger) Easton**. He wrote to the School from England.

E. F. Adlam is farming on the Mangorei Road, New Plymouth.

R. J. Neal is working in his father's building business.

C. R. Barham has joined the staff of the Taranaki Daily News.

E. M. Meuli has completed his B.A. degree at Victoria College.

B. M. (Brian) Johns is returning to New Zealand from Singapore next April and intends to set up practice in Auckland as a specialist.

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Mr. J. Leggat has been appointed Headmaster of the Christchurch Boys' High School. Mr. Leggat was a master here from 1924 to 1935 when he left to go to Hastings. Soon after he returned from military service he was appointed Headmaster of the Gisborne High School where he has been ever since. We extend our congratulations to him.

Ronald Syme, now Camden Professor of Ancient History at Oxford, and probably New Zealand's outstanding classical scholar, visited the School in April. He addressed the boys and in a very able and amusing talk recalled his own School days. He was in New Zealand on a brief visit during which he addressed audiences in the University Colleges on the value of teaching Greek and Roman history. He is considered to be one of the leading modern authorities on this subject. While he was in New Plymouth an informal gathering was arranged so that Ronald could meet some of his contemporaries at School. An hour and a half of reminiscence passed pleasantly. Among those present were: Mr. C. G. Bottrill, W. G. Wilkie, J. H. Boon, Handley and Henry Brown, A. C. Fookes, K. Fookes, S. Fookes, P. Atkinson, L. Hoffman, Lex Brodie, G. Calder, R. Greiner, C. Smart, G. Chong, L. Christie and W. E. Alexander.

Bernie Hopkins has gone to Auckland to join the "K" Force as a wireless operator.

George Hodgson has gone into partnership with Bowen, another Old Boy, as a public accountant in New Plymouth.

Alan Turner is at College House, Christchurch University, and from all accounts is having a successful year, scholastically and otherwise.

Roger Wilkinson is attending Canterbury College.

Tony Hooper, Peter Lovell and Murray Wilson, among others, are attending Auckland University.

Andrew (Fat) Miller is in the employ of a public accountant in Auckland.

Tony (Skin) Miller is working in a bank in Thames.

Jock Gernhoeffer is working at the Farmers' Co-op., Inglewood, and with Doug. Paterson, who is working in the one and only Inglewood bank, plays tennis in the local B grade team.

Bob Heale is attending Ardmore Training College and is making a name for himself, both in football and cricket.

Monty Shearer is attending part-time at University while working at a public accountant's in Wellington.

Ash Shewry is working in the New Plymouth Social Security Department, and occasionally pokes his nose inside the Moyes House common-room.

Dave Hebden is working in Auckland.

Old Boys of Moyes House who are farming:—Dave Baker, on the slopes of Mount Egmont; A. J. Bower, in North Taranaki; Victor Burt, who left this year, in Te Anga; Ben Candy, another who left during the year, in Te Awamutu; Forbes Day, in Feilding; Basil and Ross Law, on the Hauraki Plains; Graeme Myers, at Stratford; Doug. Simpson, at Ongaonga, Hawke's Bay; Fred Webster, out of Hamilton; Selwyn Pope, on his father's farm near Paeroa.

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Arthur (Baldy) Ayers is working at a broom factory in Auckland.

Sandy Brice is working at the Farmers' Co-op., in Hawera.

Rex Cole and (Chic) Worker are now studying at Massey College.

(Ginna) Gardner is a Massey College "Blue."

Both Henry and Arthur Collier are working on the Collier Estate at Taihape.

Colin Croad is working at Newton King Ltd., in New Plymouth, and is still doing well on the running track.

Colin Lee is working in an accountant's office in Auckland, while Stan Hough Lee is attending Auckland University.

John McLeod is working in a bank at Marton, while his brother Neil, who left during this year, is working on his father's farm.

Arthur Mune works in the office of Ford Motors, New Plymouth.

Harley Cook sailed for England last year to join the R.A.F.

Dave (Ape) Gardiner is a bank clerk in Auckland.

Two "farmers" in the Waikato are Les Wild, at Te Kauwhata, and Mike Harkness, in the Huntly district.

Tony Smith is doing well in a drapery store at Rotorua.

Some Old Boys at the Palmerston North Reunion were Ernie Ferry, who is undertaking secretarial work for Flock House; Bill Squire, who is working in the Railways; Bill Broughton, who is in the electrical branch of a motor garage; Ron Looney, an old Prep. student of the late Mr. Pope's time; Dick Harper, who was looking well but not feeling it; Jock Campbell, Don Fitzpatrick and Bill Cook.

Three Old Boys have distinguished themselves during the 1950 Rugby season. Roy Roper, after being described as the find of the 1949 season, played in all the tests against the visiting English side and acted as vice-captain. He performed well in all the games and it was generally considered that he was the only New Zealand back who could match the visitors' star backs for speed and quickness. We are sorry to hear that this season is Roy's last because of the pleasure that his finished performances have given so many keen footballers.

G. Beatty, after consistent club and representative performances, was selected for the North Island team in 1949 and on the strength of his game was chosen as first five-eighths for the first English test. This was his only game, but from what Taranaki has seen of his football he was a very worthy wearer of the Silver Fern. George has since accepted an offer to play League in England and is already there and has played his first game. He played for School in 1942.

A. R. (Pont) Reid also came into the picture for the last test. Early in the season he was selected for the Waikato representatives and after a gallant performance against the British team and some remarkable games in representative Rugby he was selected as emergency half-back for the last test. Pont played half-back for School in 1944-47 and is now teaching at Raglan.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. J. C. Morey. Mr. Morey was one of the oldest Old Boys of the School, having attended in 1882. Mr. Morey went into his father's drapery business in 1891

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and retired in 1934. Mr. Morey has three sons who have also passed through the School. They are **C. W. Morey**, who is now farming at Matamata; **G. C. Morey**, who has a general store in Tauwhare; and **H. R. Morey**, who is on the staff of Milne and Choyce in Auckland. We shall sadly miss Mr. Morey's presence at Old Boys' functions, which he consistently attended and to which he contributed a great deal. We extend our sympathy to his family.

P. W. Robertshaw has been appointed second in command of the 1st Battalion of the Hawke's Bay Regiment.

J. Edwards is at present on final leave prior to proceeding overseas with K-force.

We congratulate **Ken Hotter** and **Don Julian** on their marriages.

We regret to record that **Norman Law Cleland** and **Colin Stuart Cleland** died as the result of an accident on December 20, 1949.

As a result of an accident at Inglewood, **Percy Richard Dobson** died on January 5, 1950.

The death occurred, as a result of an accident, of **Geoffrey Pybus**, New Plymouth, on December 20, 1949.

Many Old Boys will regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. W. Ward, suddenly, on the 29th December, 1949. He was groundsman at the School from 1913 to 1940 and was principally responsible for carrying out the plans of our late Headmaster for the improvement of the grounds. We remember him as an extremely hard and cheerful worker and we extend our sincerest sympathy to his family.

J. S. Hatherly visited the School recently on his return from spending two years' sick leave in South Africa. He had met some Old Boys overseas, among whom were **L. Geden** and **R. Whitfield**, both at present working in Sydney. Early last year he was present at his brother Mark's wedding in Durban. **Ian Ayling**, he said, was still in the South British Insurance Company in Durban. He had returned to New Zealand on the "Dominion Monarch" and had met on board, **Bruce Crowley** (Pridham House 1939-40), who was seeing the world by stewarding on passenger ships. **J. D. Irving** was another old boy on the "Dominion Monarch." He was returning from a six months' tour of Britain.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Owing to an unprecedented lack of interest in the affairs of the Association, its activities this year have been limited. At the Annual General Meeting a Committee was at length elected, and an able President, Mr. B. C. Simpson, took office.

ANNUAL BALL.

The Annual Ball was the first undertaking of this body, and due to the much appreciated help of the New Plymouth Horticultural Society, the preliminary decorating of the School Hall provided no difficulties. The catering was undertaken by a city firm and several

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High School prefects did a good job as doorkeepers. Although small in numbers, the committee handled the organisation of the presentation of debutantes without embarrassing anyone, or causing the presentation to His Worship the Mayor to be an ordeal. As the Annual Football Match between the Old Boys of New Plymouth and Auckland Grammar was held in Auckland, the attendance was less than last year, but nevertheless a sizeable cheque was forwarded to the Headmaster to be included in the Memorial Auditorium Fund.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

On 26th July a Special General Meeting was called and after two attempts, a quorum was obtained. The business included the alteration of the rules of the Association so that each of the Old Boys' sporting bodies could appoint two delegates to the committee of the Association. By this means it is hoped that there will be a sufficient number of active members on the committee.

MOYES MEMORIAL FUND.

It was reported at the meeting that the sum of £1500 stood to the credit of the Moyes Memorial Fund.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (Inc.).

At the Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected for the 1950 season:—Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught. President: Mr. H. W. Brown. Vice-Presidents: S. Elliott, B. Boon, W. Milne, S. Florence, E. Luxton, G. Richardson. Hon. Secretary: F. Middleton. Hon. Treasurer: R. Roper. Hon. Auditor: F. V. Morine. Club Captain: R. Bradley. Junior Coaches: R. Grace, N. Leighton, J. Gillespie, R. Riley, J. Bennett, R. Christianson. Delegate to T.R.U.: S. Florence. Delegates to Annual Meeting T.R.U.: D. Marfurt, G. Cleverly. Committee: N. Leighton, F. Novak, N. Bowden, G. Beatty, R. Grace. Press Officer: J. Bennett (Club Captain).

The Club's activities resulted in a profit of £87 over the year, a very good effort.

In order to perpetuate the memory of the late Gordon Roper, it was decided that a subscription fund be opened for the purpose of procuring a suitable trophy to be played for between the Third Grade teams of this Club and the School.

Although championship honours were not gained, we can look back on the 1950 season with a certain amount of satisfaction. The standard of football produced by all grades was relatively good, and our pattern of play was widely appreciated. Furthermore the Club enjoyed the distinction of having two of its members represent New Zealand. Our congratulations go to Roy Roper and George Beatty for securing such distinguished honours for themselves and our Club.

Active Club membership has not shown any marked increase; in fact at the beginning of the season it appeared doubtful whether we would be able to field a third grade team. However, we were successful in our efforts to build up a team within a few days of the start of the competition. We feel that such a shortage of players could have been avoided if members had contacted possible players at an earlier date.

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Many social functions were held throughout the year, mainly due to the excellent work done by our Ladies' Committee. Unfortunately a large number of members failed to attend. We hope that next year the ladies' endeavours will be more appreciated.

The playing season opened early with the annual fixture against Auckland Grammar Old Boys held at Auckland, where we avenged our defeat of 1949. We were also successful in annexing the Black and White Shield Cup from Clifton at a later date. A new feature which is likely to become an annual fixture, is the field day between our first three teams and Stratford Old Boys.

Thanks to their keenness and enthusiasm, and the coaching of Mr. M. Moorhead, the Third Grade team were runners up in the Northern Division Taranaki Championship, winning eight out of twelve games. D. Wheeler was a Taranaki representative and M. Gow, J. Lewis and A. Shewry received prizes for good play during the season.

A pleasing feature of the season was the continued progress made with our Seventh Grade, and the formation of an Eighth Grade team. We have to thank Mr. J. Gillespie and Mr. R. Christianson for the management of these two grades. In these two grades we had representatives in both the North Taranaki Primary Schools' team, and the Taranaki Representative team.

The season was fittingly brought to a close with a wind-up dinner which was extremely successful and well attended. To all members and helpers who made the season the pleasant and successful one that it was, we are very grateful.

NEW PLYMOUTH OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB (Inc.).

Officers of the club for the season 1950-51 are:—Patron: Mr. G. J. McNaught. President: Mr. J. S. Medley. Vice-Presidents, Messrs. G. L. Ewart, V. S. Pruden, R. T. Harris, A. C. Fookes, Dr. E. P. Allen, J. W. Moorhead. Club Captain: Mr. G. Bartlett. Hon. Secretary: Mr. K. N. Martin. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. N. R. Moller. Hon. Auditor: Mr. S. Florence. Executive: Messrs. D. Burgess, L. Edwards, N. Grundy, D. Howlett, N. Leighton, G. F. Wells, G. Bartlett, K. Martin, N. Moller.

The 1949-50 season proved to be moderately successful. Although the teams did not enjoy a great deal of success, on the whole they enjoyed their cricket. The Senior B team, playing good cricket, finished third, and the Junior with some good performances were runners-up in their competition.

We congratulate the following for gaining representative honours: Senior A: N. Leighton, E. Meuli, T. Sweeney, E. Christiansen. Senior B: C. Wells, D. Howlett, L. Howlett. Junior: M. Skipper, G. Cormack, R. Henderson, D. Fitzpatrick, D. Julian.

It is with pride that the executive can state that the finances of the club are the soundest they have been for many years. We are again indebted to the Taranaki A. and P. Society for their generosity in allowing us the use of their hall for an evening, which resulted in us receiving a cheque for £18. The club was successful in raising the sum of £68 as its contribution towards the Moyes Memorial Fund.

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Three gear bags, articles which have been needed for a long time, were purchased this year. It is hoped that this will help to keep the club gear in a better condition.

This year a coaching scheme was introduced and it is felt that it was fully justified and filled a gap that was missing in the function of the club. It is hoped that a similar scheme will be organised in the future.

The club would like to record its regret of the loss of two keen supporters in the late Messrs. G. Roper and C. Leighton, and also the loss of Mrs. Cormack. To the families we offer our sincere condolences.

The thanks of the club are due to Mrs. R. T. Harris for her sterling and unselfish work in providing afternoon teas for the seniors; Mr. Dinnis, the official club scorer; Mr. S. Florence, the Hon. Auditor; the Umpires' Association; the Press and Station 2XP for the valuable work they have done in the interests of cricket, and all friends and supporters.

It is with regret that we have to record the departure of Mr. L. Howlett and Mr. N. Kitchingham, the club's treasurer and secretary respectively. We wish them well in their new spheres.

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O'RORKE HALL NOTES.

S. N. Hetherington, Committee member of O'Rorke Hall Residents' Association, is taking Arts.

R. D. Stanley, also an Arts student, is Editor of 1951 Capping Book for Auckland University College.

E. S. Brown and J. D. Saunders, who both attend Art School, have been made the committee for the illustration of the 1951 Capping Book.

N.P.B.H.S. has the greatest number of representatives in the House; Whangarei second. Others in the House are:—

Taking Science Degrees:—J. Pybus, A. B. (Tony) Hooper, M. J. Poletti, T. N. Waters, S. Houg Lee. Taking Architecture:—R. Archer. Taking Accountancy:—E. O. Moen, J. A. Miller, P. G. Lovell.

WAIKATO BRANCH.

At the Re-union, held during May this year, there were about 50 in attendance, including Mr. McNaught and Mr. Brenstrum. The evening began with the Election of Officers, followed by a discussion of the organisation of the Branch. The feeling was to make the reunion an annual event instead of a bi-annual one. Mr. McNaught addressed the gathering and brought them up-to-date on news of the School, while Mr. Brenstrum told them of the School's sporting achievements and gave them all the staff gossip. A very enjoyable get-together was brought to a close after several items and supper.

The officers elected were: Waikato Branch Committee: President, W. T. Luxton, 1912; Senior Vice, N. C. Fookes, 1912; Junior Vice, B. Noakes, 1917-21; Secretary, E. W. Grant, 1940-41; Committee: D. Clemow 1926-30, J. H. Dudley 1940-42, D. Grant 1911-15, A. L. Lomas 1929-32, A. B. Matthews 1906-10. District Representatives: Te Awamutu: J. V. Bryant 1929-31, A. Betts 1921; Cambridge:

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D. Clemow 1926-30; Tirau, S. Pemberton, 1943; Walton, B. and I. Wills, 1939-44; Matamata, C. W. Morey, 1918; Te Kuiti, D. K. McLennan, 1944; North Waikato, K. A. Murray, 1912-16; Te Aroha, R. S. Bryant; Paeroa, B. C. Linn.

PERSONALS.

L. V. Watkins (1939-42) has placed a manager on his farm at Okoroire and has moved with his wife and family to Auckland, where he is going for his degrees, preparatory to entering the Ministry.

R. S. Carmichael (1944-47) is sheep farming on his father's place at Okoroire.

S. Pemberton (1940-43) is sharemilking on his father's farm at Tirau.

Harley Cook (1945-49) is a student at Massey College.

Clyne Bell (1945-48) is training in the R.N.Z.A.F.

Bruce Candy (1943-47) is with an accountant in Matamata, and is, presumably, still going strong with his tennis.

Gus Guys (1939-42) is practising Dentistry in Morrinsville.

Jock Seales (1945-46) has just returned from a seven months' trip to Great Britain and the Continent.

Tom Hayward, who recently became engaged, is farming at Ngarua.

J. B. Sturtevant (1944-47) sat the final of his Opticians Exams this year, and is working in Hamilton.

A. R. Reid (1943-47) was selected as reserve for the last test against the British Isles, and thus gained his All Black "colours." The Branch congratulates him.

Dr. A. L. Lomas (1929-32) is a Medical Practitioner in Hamilton.

The following are on farms in the Walton-Kiwitahi district: Terry Barker, 1943-44; George Fromm, 1942-45; Don Fromm, 1945-48; Hugh Stringfield, 1937-38; Michael Stringfield, 1937-38; Brian Houston, 1942-44; Pat Milliken, 1942-44; Derek Wills, 1945-48; Ian Wills, 1942-44; Brian Wills, 1939-42.

Arthur Betts, Don Luss and **Jack Bryant** are all farming at Orakau, Te Awamutu.

Russell Todd is a trainee on Arthur Betts' farm.

L. H. Wanklyn is manager of Bond and Bond in Te Awamutu.

Edgar Coleman is teaching at Korakonui and is a promising football referee.

Andrew Geoffrey and **Bryce Kay** are farming at Parawera.

B. R. Dill, who is with Dalgety and Co., Te Awamutu, was recently married.

J. H. Dudley (1940-47) is on his father's farm at Mangapiko, Te Awamutu.

R. P. Manders and **H. L. Peake** are farming at Kairini, Te Awamutu.

Barry Wilson is employed by Ahiers, a Te Awamutu drapery.

Clifford Peake is a keen pedigree Jersey breeder.

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Edwin and **Tony Kay** are sheep farming at Korakonui, Te Awamutu.

Jim Earwaker and **Stan Clark** are both farming in the Te Awamutu district.

J. D. Snelling (1938-40) is in business in Hamilton.

Keith Ryburn is farming at Ngahinepouri.

David Thompson is in the stationery business in Hamilton.

Brian Houston is working on his father's farm at Kereone, Morrinsville. **Dick Bree** is farming at Kiwitahi, Morrinsville. **Gavin Gifford** is a chemist in Morrinsville. **G. L. Caldwell** is teaching at Morrinsville College. **Arthur Rushton** is on his father's farm at Kiwitahi.

TAUMARUNUI BRANCH.

The Taumarunui Branch has not held any meetings this year as there are not enough Old Boys to warrant it.

PERSONALS.

Basil Joyes and his younger brother have taken over their father's mercery business.

Rex Harrigan owns a hardware shop in Te Kuiti. Rex visits Taumarunui quite often and seems to be doing well in his business.

Jack Bedingfield, now in the main branch of the Bank of New Zealand at Auckland, also visits Taumarunui and calls in to see the local Old Boys.

Bob Wynyard was seen in town not long ago.

Norm Hill is now on the P. & T. staff.

SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH.

This year's Annual Reunion of the South Taranaki Branch was held at Hawera in the Carlton Tea Rooms on Saturday, 24th June, following the match versus St. Patrick's College. The dinner, which was attended by numerous Old Boys and was a great success, was presided over by Mr. L. Herdman.

Following the toast to "The King" (Mr. L. Herdman) all present stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Moyes. The toast to "The School" (Mr. L. Herdman—Mr. G. J. McNaught) was followed by the singing of "Forty Years On." After toasts to "The Coaches" (Mr. G. H. Gibson—Mr. J. J. Stewart) and "The Parent Body of the Association" (Mr. E. W. McCallum—Mr. B. Judd), Mr. Bertrand's health was proposed by Mr. J. Paterson. Further toasts were: "St. Patrick's College" (Mr. F. E. Clarke—Fathers A. MacDonald and M. Dunning), "The Taranaki Rugby Union" (Mr. A. J. Christie—Mr. H. Butchart), "The Hostess" (Mr. N. Rennie—Mrs. Gray).

A dance was then held to which both teams were invited, much of the credit for the organisation being due to Mr. L. Herdman, and everyone appeared to be enjoying it. The hope was expressed that a similar function be arranged next year.

On the Sunday both teams spent a happy day on a trip to Dawson Falls.

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ANNUAL BALL.

On Friday, 4th August, the Annual Ball was held at the Costa Rica, Hawera. This event attracted many Old Boys and Old Girls, who enjoyed a very happy evening. Mr. and Mrs. G. J. McNaught attended.

At the Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected:—Patron, G. J. McNaught; President, A. L. Herdman; Vice-President, C. S. Robb; Secretary, L. V. Lloyd; Committee, E. W. McCallum, M. S. Linn, N. Rennie, H. A. Snowden, A. C. Jensen.

The Committee suggested that a book be written, containing, not a history of the School, but a collection of amusing impressions and recollections of masters and Old Boys. If this book is to be written, it will have to be in the near future, as the older masters are now leaving and the early impressions will be lost.

PERSONALS.

Mr. A. C. (Bill) Jensen, with the Automobile Association at Hawera, is now settling down in his new life as a married man.

Mr. A. L. (Laurie) Herdman is teaching at the Hawera Technical High School, where he also acts as Vocational Guidance Officer.

Mr. C. S. (Charlie) Robb is in the firm of J. L. Robb, at Hawera.

Mr. J. D. (Dave) Ekdahl is with J. L. Ekdahl and Sons, a printing firm at Hawera.

Mr. H. A. (Harold) Snowden is farming at Inaha.

Mr. E. W. (Eric) McCallum is farming at Inaha. Eric, well known in the dairy industry, has been in the news recently, in connection with the price of dairy produce for the United Kingdom.

Mr. C. J. (Cliff) Nodder is now a proud man, because his third child has turned out the family heir. It's his first son.

Mr. L. V. (Len) Lloyd is with the National Dairy Association at Hawera. Len became engaged last February.

HAWKE'S BAY NOTES.

In keeping with our usual practice, no general meeting was called this year, this being done only when a New Plymouth team plays Te Aute College in Hawke's Bay. The reason for this is that as Old Boys in Hawke's Bay are widely spread, it is not until the attraction of a good game of football is in the offing that it is possible to raise anywhere near sufficient Old Boys to warrant a meeting.

PERSONALS.

Brian Campbell left for Australia six months ago, this being the first step to working his way to England and the Continent. At the moment he is on a ship running between Perth and the Christmas Islands.

Alister Condon is now residing in Timaru, where he is employed by Dalgety's Ltd.

L. O. Grant is sitting his final in the Pharmaceutical Chemistry, and, through no fault of his own, is still single.

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Doug. Grant is now married to Barbara Grant of Tauranga and has to thank his wife for having only two papers remaining to sit in the final Pharmaceutical Chemistry examinations.

Jack Grant is now practising as a Public Accountant.

Louis Greer intends to leave for England after his marriage to further his training in the Nuffield Organisation.

Callum Kirkpatrick is sitting his final accountancy examination.

Dick Logan has been in hospital for the last six months and we all wish him a very speedy recovery.

Maurice Munro has joined the "K" Force as an officer-cadet.

WANGANUI BRANCH.

At the Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected for 1950:—Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; Vice-Patron, C. P. Bates; President, E. G. Harman; Vice-Presidents: T. Crone, E. Walpole; Secretary-Treasurer, D. M. Brown; Committee: Messrs. J. Thomas, R. L. Hains, F. L. Read; Hon. Auditor, Mr. T. McBeth.

PERSONALS.

D. L. Burton has been playing a good game of golf during the winter, with some success in Wanganui championships.

G. Saunders is still with the Bank of New Zealand.

F. L. Read still plays with cars and enquires how they came to have smashes.—N.I.M.U. assessor.

S. McKenzie, doing well in athletics, has broken the Wanganui 880 yards record, and is representing the West Coast in the New Zealand Championships.

K. D. Morrison (George) is now a married man.

J. Quinn has taken on harrier running and is showing a fair amount of success in the club events.

H. S. Dykes is number one salesman with the "cockies" in this district. He's with the Farmers' Co-op.

C. P. Bates has retired from the position of headmaster of Gonville School, with which he has long been associated.

B. H. Galpin. His speedboat "Jaguar" has experienced success and disaster. Three times it has been "head of river" champ., but at its last attempt the bottom was ripped out.

E. Hambling has received the distinction of being awarded the highest honour of the St. John's Ambulance. He and one other person are the only two in New Zealand to hold the award.

A. Julian is now a driver with the new Greyhound Bus Line which is operating in Wanganui.

P. Scott is a clerk with the N.Z. Refrigerating Co-op. in Wanganui.

V. Caseley is working on his father's farm at Mikirikiri and plays football for Kaierau.

B. Cook has been playing badminton with success and won his club's handicap singles and combined doubles last season.

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D. Brown is in his father's business in Wanganui. He won the Wanganui Residential B Grade Tennis Championship, while in the winter he spends a lot of time up at the mountains where he meets a lot of Old Boys doing the same thing.

S. Kinder is a guide at Mt. Ruapehu. A prefect at school, he's still "checking up" on people, and making sure that they have their ski-tow tickets and are not getting free rides.

H. V. Graves ("45-48") left for England early this year to enlist in the R.A.F., subsequently passing the Entrance Examination at Hornchurch, where he was selected for Aircrew Training as a Cadet Pilot. He is at present stationed at R.A.F. St. Athan, South Wales, where he has so far successfully completed two of the three term's work of his Aircrew Educational Course, after which he expects to commence his Flying Training about the end of this year.

MANAWATU BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Manawatu Branch was held in the National Party Rooms, Palmerston North, on Saturday, 14th October, 1950. The Reunion was very well attended. Proceedings opened with the Loyal Toast, after which general business was taken, followed by the Reunion itself. We were very pleased to have the Headmaster present, and old acquaintances were renewed with Mr. McKeon and Mr. Baunton. The toast list was as follows: "School and Masters" (S. Hartnell—the Headmaster and Mr. McKeon); "Parent Association" (K. Hoben—R. Baunton); "Absent Friends" (O. Adam). Members stood in silence for a moment as a mark of respect to Mrs. Moyes, who had passed away since the previous Reunion.

Items were provided by Mr. Colin Thompson (a local entertainer) and by Mr. B. V. Jones, who entertained members with his powers of hypnotism. Supper was served and the balance of the evening was spent informally, concluding with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Mr. S. G. Hartnell, in proposing a toast to the School and Masters, made a particularly fine speech. He welcomed the privilege of proposing the toast which, he said, was enhanced by the presence of Messrs. McNaught, McKeon and Baunton.

He said that when we remember our school days, foremost in our memories is gratitude to our parents, who went without so much in order that we might attend our school. Even though distance and time may separate us from our School, our thoughts often go back to those days. Even after twenty or thirty years old school friends can still meet with outstretched hands and say "Hello Bob," "Hello Jack," and though they be labourer and business executive they are joined by a common bond.

He went on to discuss the lasting friendship of our masters, who had, he said, added a great deal to the memories of our school days—memories of "sweated" labour in the gully, the digging out and tying in neat bundles, of rat-tails in the cricket ground, the heavy footsteps that carried them to that hated patch of bamboo. He remembered the steely eyes of George Bertrand, the ear-twisting of "Bott" and many other things connected with school life.

Looking back, he observed, we realise that, together with our home life, our School paved for us a grounding in the essentials of

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citizenship and our British way of life. We can appreciate the example set to us by our masters—good citizens respected in their community.

In conclusion, he assured Mr. McNaught that to Old Boys, the School is more than a mass of stone and concrete. It is something that lives and breathes and dwells in their hearts forever. They believed that this precious thing is safe in the hands that hold it.

Present at the Annual Reunion were:—R. M. Dolby, 1919-24; T. York, 1920-25; R. Looney, 1923-25; S. G. Hartnell, 1925; P. C. Miles, 1924-29; K. Matthews, 1926-27; A. Wylde Brown, 1927-30; P. H. Kendall, 1928-30; R. G. Harper, 1928-31; A. Gracie, 1929; J. D. Cochrane, 1929-31; D. J. Millar, 1929-32; E. H. Ferry, 1931-34; W. Squire, 1931-35; D. V. Fitzpatrick, 1932-35; W. R. Cook, 1932-37; Ken Daisley, 1934-36; L. G. Ward, 1935-38; E. B. Anderson, 1935-39; H. D. Short, 1935-39; K. Hoben, 1935-39; O. W. Adam, 1936-39; P. Batchelor, 1938-40; W. J. Millman, 1939-40; D. A. Millman, 1939-40; F. P. Davis, 1940-41; I. M. Ray, 1940-43; M. M. Jamieson, 1945-48; W. Broughton, 1945-49; R. H. Jenkinson, 1946-47; B. V. Jones, 1940-44; J. Luxford, 1941-43; T. K. Short, 1942-43; E. H. P. Richardson, 1942-46; A. Britton, 1943-44; R. Jones, 1944-47.

PERSONAL

Jack Ford, who was working in the Bank of New Zealand, Feilding, has been transferred to their Thames Branch.

Don Fitzpatrick is now residing in Palmerston North, having been transferred from the Christchurch branch to the local branch of R. and W. H. Symington and Co. (N.Z.) Ltd.

WELLINGTON BRANCH.

This year has been a successful one for the Wellington branch, and there are at present about 85 members. During the year a sub-committee compiled a new roll containing the names of about 200 Old Boys.

In December of 1949 we held a Smoko at the Star Boating Club's Rooms and early in the year we had another at the same place to welcome those Old Boys who had arrived in Wellington. These were very successful functions and gave everyone the opportunity of talking over old school days.

The Annual General Meeting was held on August 9th, the following officers being elected:—President, G. W. Buthanan; Vice-Presidents, W. E. Monk, W. H. Nicholson, L. M. Papps, L. F. Eggleton; Hon.-Secretary, J. L. Fairey; Hon.-Treasurer, S. F. Smith; Hon.-Auditor, P. A. Taylor; Committeemen, W. Groombridge, D. R. Carter, A. B. McDougall, P. M. McCaw, B. J. O'Meagher.

There were two amendments to the constitution, it being resolved that the end of the financial year be changed to February 28, and that at any general meeting any member may be elected to life membership.

This year's Annual Dinner was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, when we had the opportunity of farewelling the two masters who are leaving this year, Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Bertrand. They gave us a

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vivid description of their experiences at School over the past thirty years and before Mr. Bertrand was through he had organised a scrum-down in the middle of the lounge.

Representatives from Nelson College and from St. Patrick's College were present and they gave interesting tales of their experiences at their own schools, and also in competition with our own School. Hope was expressed by the Nelson College Secretary that the two schools would be able to see their way clear to play a Rugby match in Wellington during the 1951 season. It was also hoped that the inter-Old Boys game which had lapsed during the war would be resumed next year.

Tribute was paid to the work of Mr. R. E. Pope who has played a most important part in the affairs of the Wellington Branch and on the motion of Mr. R. S. V. Simpson he was elected to life membership.

Those present included.—G. J. Hawkins, W. E. Monk, R. E. Pope, F. J. Eggleton, G. L. O'Halloran, G. W. Buchanan, R. S. V. Simpson, P. J. Power, L. M. Papps, M. K. Twomey, H. M. Titter, L. Gibbs, R. Bate, P. M. McCaw, S. F. Smith, J. L. Fairey, D. Snelling, N. Bullard, D. R. Carter, L. F. Eggleton, B. A. Ellis, S. Fields, J. G. Jamieson, J. C. Carlson, D. D. Hooker, R. J. Urry, P. A. Taylor, B. Kerr, A. S. McLeod, G. G. Monaghan, A. B. McDougall, T. P. McEwan, B. J. O'Meagher, T. D. Phillips, J. M. Sutherland, R. Taylor, A. N. Wilson, B. Walker, M. Holden, R. C. Bradshaw, W. N. Sheat, D. G. Baird, M. Shearer, D. Hookham, R. Hookham, A. Grant, K. Roulston, D. Liardet, C. Anderson.

PERSONALS.

"Snow" Rawson has transferred from Auckland and is now with Tasman Empire Airways Ltd., at Wellington.

"Podge" Grant is now in Wellington and is with the firm of Morrison and Gilberd, Opticians.

Roger Torrens who arrived in New Zealand near the end of last year, is working at the Bank of New Zealand.

Bill Monk has just retired from the staff of the National Bank of New Zealand Ltd., and has taken up a position with the Government of Samoa.

Ian Jackson, Don Hooker, Alan Grant, Roger Torrens and John Jamieson are all boarding at the same place this year, and next door to them Jack Carlson has a flat.

R. C. Carnaby is working at Wright Stevenson Ltd.

Alister McLeod has been playing for the Varsity First Fifteen and this year also played for the Centurions.

Stewart Smith was in the Varsity Junior 3rd grade team which won the competition in that grade.

Harold Titter, Malcolm McCaw, Gerry Monaghan and Barry O'Meagher were all playing in the team which won the 3rd grade 2nd Division Competition.

Tom Larkin and Malcolm McCaw were both playing cricket for the Varsity Firsts.

Des Snelling is now with Lever Bros. (N.Z.) Ltd.

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Alan Andrews is due back in New Zealand near the end of this year.

Tom McEwan who is with the N.Z. Railways has recently gone to England to study the English railways system.

George Sullivan completed his B.Sc. last year and is at present preparing his thesis on stick insects.

"Nipper" Brown who is with 20th Century Fox Films is at present on location in Port Augusta.

"Buck" Buchanan has left Dunlop (N.Z.) Ltd., and is now with the Southward Engineering Co. Ltd.

John Brown, who lives in Hataitai, is taking a law course at Victoria College.

Denzil Baird, Bruce Kerr and Barry Metcalfe attend the Training College.

Monty Shearer, commercial student, and Colin Julian, both attend Varsity.

Bill Sheat, who now lives in Wellington and Paul Treadwell are prominent in the Varsity Drama Club.

"Ginger" Hutchinson and Gary Ingram both work in Wellington.

WEIR HOUSE NOTES.

This year there were eleven Old Boys in the House, about the same number as last year.

Bryan Walker, who is taking an Arts course, is spending his first year at Varsity.

Malcolm McCaw, taking a Commercial Course while working in an accountant's office, has been prominent in cricket. He played for the Varsity Seniors and captained the Brabin Shield team, his best score being 125 not out.

Leo Gibbs, another Commercial student, has passed all his exams. with first class honours.

Roger Bate is in his second year of a Law Course.

The Commercial Course claims the majority of the students, who, apart from those already mentioned are Harold Titter, Stewart Smith, who is well on the way to completing his B.Com., and John Fairey, who qualified as a registered accountant last year.

Both George Sullivan, who was capped B.A. early in May, and Ted Collings are taking a Science Course.

Jim Ross, an Arts Student, and Bruce Brown, who shifted out during the year, are both said to have been working hard.

John Fairey and Stewart Smith are secretary and treasurer respectively of both the Wellington Old Boys' Association and Weir House Committee, while Malcolm McCaw, Leo Gibbs and Harold Titter have been doing a big job in running the house canteen.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH.

Two functions have been held this year by the Christchurch Branch. The annual general meeting was held as usual early in the first term of the University and a party was held on the night

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of 13th September. About 30 old boys were present. We were pleased to meet Mr. Shrimpton, a former master of the School who is now an inspector located in Christchurch.

Old Boys have been monopolizing the Students' Association Executive recently.

Bert Mills (doing M.A. in his spare time) has just completed his term of office as president. His successor is **Tom Logan**, who still finds time to play football.

Mike Conway has earned himself a "notorious" reputation as editor of "Canta" and gets in practice as a reporter on the "Press."

Other "Taranakians" prominent in various "activities" especially during capping week are "**Rangi**" **Richardson**, still in good form, **Herb Lowe**, **Dave Cristoffel**, **Tom Williams**, minus beard, recuperating at Training College, **Wynn Croll** and **Bill Fyson** at College House, "**Roly**" **Frean**, **Maurie McDonald**, **Lloyd Beach**, **Ted Baigent**, and **Peter Dent**, a member of the "old brigade."

This year's secretary of the Association, **Peter Fraser** (not to be confused with the Leader of the Opposition), is now a lecturer in the Engineering Department.

LINCOLN COLLEGE NOTES.

Old Boys have contributed only one per cent. of the student residential population this year. The two students are **J. D. (John) McNaught**, 1942-43, and **I. McM. (Ian) Eva**, 1941-44, who are both taking the Valuation Farm Management Course. Although at the college for only a very short period of the cricket season, John was a member of the XI for the inter-college matches in March.

I. W. (Ivan) Weston, 1910-12, is Lecturer in Economics and Book-keeping, and **J. D. (Doug.) Mackay**, 1917-24, is Warden of the College. Both are active in local body affairs, and this year the former has been a most enthusiastic President of the flourishing local Golf Club; the latter is Chairman of the Lincoln District High School Committee.

A. F. (Tony) Hutchings, 1942-46, who completed his Diploma of Agriculture last year, was also awarded the trophy for the student who had contributed most to the life of the College. Since then he has married and settled down on his own farm at Ngakura, Rotorua.

OTAGO.

The Annual Dinner was held on Monday, May 1st., in the Bowling Green Hotel, Dunedin. Seventeen members attended the fete, and an extremely enjoyable time was had by all. Interest in the School was shown when several "freshmen" were asked to give a short address on last year's school activities. **Bernard Crowley's** resume, in particular, was very full and enlightening. The function was carried on to the late hours. Among those present were three old hands, **Cliff Gordon** 29-30, **Jack Kerr** 30-32, **Andy Treloar** 25-27. Also present were **T. Logan** (President), **A. Reeves** (Secretary), **R. Church**, **J. Thomson**, **B. Hoskin** (committee), **A. Lucas**, **R. Grant**, **H. Eunt**, **Bill Scott**, **G. Crowley**, **B. Crowley**, **D. Dow**, **M. Craig**, **N. Gadd**, **G. Fairbottom**.

The new committee elected is **Bernie Hoskin** (President), **A. Reeves** (Secretary), committee: **R. Church**, **J. Thomson**, **G. Crowley**, **A. Treloar**.

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PERSONALS.

Tom Logan has been swimming well, and should complete his dentistry next year. He applied for **K Force** but as he was a student he was not accepted.

Roger Church has been playing bright football and tennis.

Paddy Webster, now married, is living in Dunedin where he is going to Training College and attending University.

Gav. Crowley is doing Honours in Biochemistry and playing cricket in the University 1st. XI.

Arthur Lucas completed his B.Sc.—he hopes—in Physiology III and is going back to teach at School.

A. Reeves completed Zoology III this year and was a member of the Science Faculty Executive.

B. Hoskin, late Wing Commander, is now doing dentistry and has a further increase in his family.

Newcomers to the University are **N. Gadd**, **B. Crowley**, **S. Oates**.

D. Fairbrother is doing extremely well as house surgeon of the Dunedin Public Hospital.

Murray Craig is still attempting Dental Intermediate.

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Old Boys' Assn.	95	17	7	C. D. Williams (5)	1	10	0
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- KIBBY—WINCHCOMBE.—Melva Alberta, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Winchcombe, Ohacawai, Bay of Islands, to Kenneth James, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kibby, New Plymouth.
- JACKSON—RUSSELL.—Marie, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Russell, New Plymouth, to Donald, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, New Plymouth.
- McGONNELL—ROBINSON.—Gwen Louisa, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Robinson, New Plymouth, to Noel William, son of Mrs. W. McGonnell and the late Mr. C. McGonnell, New Plymouth.

MARRIAGES.

- McDOUGALL—WHITE.—On August 20th., 1949, at St. Peter's Church, Wellington, Avis Doreen White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. White, to Angus Bruce McDougall, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McDougall, Wellington.
- STEVENSON—FISHWICK.—On May 27th., 1950, at Taumarunui, Elaine, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fishwick, Taumarunui, to William Ellison, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stevenson, Auckland.
- HORROCKS—CRUTHERS.—Helen Cruthers, Makirikiri, to L. Horrocks, Wanganui.
- DONNELLY—CORY-JAMES.—On January 17th., 1950, at St. Michael's Church, London, Elizabeth, daughter of Wing-Commander and Mrs. D. Cory-James, to Martin, son of Mrs. J. Donnelly.
- LEIGHTON—BYARS.—On November 4th., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Betty Byars, to Norman Leighton.
- JACKSON—COLE.—At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Olive Colleen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cole, to Kenneth Maxwell, son of Mrs. E. Anderson, New Plymouth.
- DRAPER—JOLE.—At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, Jocelyn Treliving, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jole, to Alec Bratton, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. R. Draper.
- WEBSTER—PARATA.—On January 21st., 1950, at St. John's Church, Dunedin, Margaret Huiarei Parata, elder daughter of Mrs. M. Parata and the late Canon H. Parata, to Hugh Pattern Webster, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Webster, New Plymouth.
- HENDERSON—HAIR.—Janet Hair, to Maurice Henderson.
- PERROTT—OLSEN.—On October 14th., 1950, at the Methodist Church, Futaruru, Sylvia Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Olsen, to Ewen Perrott.

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BIRTHS.

- ADLAM.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Adlam; a daughter.
- AISH.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Aish; a daughter.
- ARCHIBALD.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Archibald; a son.
- BURSING.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Bursing; a daughter.
- CARSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Carson; a daughter.
- CHAPMAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Chapman; a son.
- DEARE.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Deare; a son.
- DONALD.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald; a son.
- DUTTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Dutton; a son.
- EASTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Easton; a son.
- EGGLETON.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Eggleton; a son.
- GARCIA.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Garcia; a daughter.
- GATLAND.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Gatland; a son.
- GOLDSWORTHY.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Goldsworthy; a daughter.
- GRANT.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant; a son.
- HANNAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. Hannan; a daughter.
- HARPER.—To Flt.-Sgt. and Mrs. Harper; a son.
- HARRIS.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Harris; a son.
- HENNAH.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Hennah; a daughter.
- KING.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. King; a daughter.
- KNAPMAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Knapman; a son.
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- WEBSTER.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Webster; a daughter.
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- WILLIAMS.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams; a son.
- WILSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wilson; a son.
- WINSTANLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Winstanley; a daughter.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

[ESTABLISHED 1882.]

FEES (per term)—

Board: £35, reducible to £34/10/- if paid within 30 days.

Preparatory: £6, reducible to £5/10/-.

Dinner for Day Boys: £3.

Music: £4/4/-.

Boxing: Two terms, 15/-.

Dancing (Winter Term only): 12/6.

N.B.—In the case of boarders, six weeks' notice must be given to the Secretary, otherwise parents are liable for half a term's fee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (per term)—

Boarders		Day Boys	
Games—Upper School	9/6	Upper School	7/-
Lower School	3/6	Lower School	5/-
Library	1/6		

SCHOOL TERMS—

The School year is divided into three Terms of approximately thirteen weeks each. The terms for 1951 are as follows:—

First Term .. February 6th. to May 4th.

Second Term .. May 22nd. to August 17th.

Third Term .. September 11th. to December 19th.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

(ESTABLISHED 1862)

FEES (per term) —

Board (for residence in boarding house) within 10 miles

Transportation (if necessary) 25.00

Library for Day Boys 25

Music 10.00

Books (per term) 15.00

Traveling (Winter Term only) 10.00

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SUBSCRIPTIONS (per term) —

Boarders

Day Boys

Upper School 2.00

Upper School 75c

Lower School 1.50

Lower School 50c

SCHOOL TERMS —

The school year is divided into three terms of approximately sixteen weeks each. The terms for 1900 are as follows:

First Term September 20 — May 20

Second Term May 22 — August 25

Third Term September 15 — December 15

