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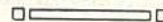
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RADIO AND US.

THE influence which the radio has on boys and girls of secondary school age must necessarily be proportional to the opportunities for listening. These opportunities are few. For approximately ninety per cent. of the boarders there are no facilities whatsoever, and for the other ten per cent. the determinant is the time-factor. Owing to the generous provision of opportunities for organised games and the necessity for homework, there is little time available each day for radio-listening. Although in the case of day boys the facilities are available for all, time is still the important factor, though perhaps to a lesser degree. Under these conditions the influence cannot be very great.

Organisation of school life, restricting as it does the opportunities for listening, promotes a regularity which in turn could facilitate methodical listening but method is seldom applied except by those who listen regularly to serials. To take full advantage of the best which radio has to offer methodical listening seems to be essential.

But boys and girls do listen to radio programmes. Let us examine their favourite programmes and estimate, if we can, the influence they have on them. As a result of our experiences, observations and discussions, it is fairly clear that the average boy listens most frequently to the YA and ZB stations with their popular music, advertisements, serials and other forms of entertainment. Entertainment is what they are seeking perhaps in the first place, the entertainment provided by the popular song. This is one of the ways which the American influence on the teenager is rapidly increasing. We want rhythm, we want noise, we want "life" and in the pursuit of these things our conception of life is gradually becoming Americanised. Like the average products of Hollywood the popular song glamourizes life and between them they supply a very large portion of the average boy's entertainment. It cannot

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be the whole picture of American life that we see, but it is the portion most consistently presented to us, and because it can occupy so much radio-listening time and consequently of the habitual listeners conscious thoughts we must recognise its influence. Popular songs are generally over-sweet, or sophisticated or fatuous or sentimental about things of little value. The rhythms of many of them have their origins in the ritual dances of Central Africa or the crowded dance halls of Harlem. Their legitimate function is to provide dance music but when they become a listener's sole diet, they tend to produce a very false picture of how responsible adults really behave.

Another form of entertainment which is at present providing one of the most popular programmes is the variety programme—such as the popular "Take It From Here" and "Much Binding." They depend on the wisecrack; they make us laugh and they are healthy except when some word-play becomes risqué. These provide good entertainment and relaxation and as such, are worthwhile programmes. These two shows represent the peak of this type of entertainment with their careful sequences, well-planned jokes and comments on topical subjects. They are not debased and set a high standard for any other programmes of this type. It would be pleasing to see in the near future a similar group of New Zealand entertainers of a similar standard dealing with local and topical material and giving a performance comparable with the B.B.C. productions.

It is unfortunate that our listening to popular music, which is no doubt enjoyed by everyone, must be accompanied by the inevitable advertising prose. Surely no one can fail to evaluate its insincerity or shallowness or can be impressed by such a debased use of English. We are lifted up to the fresh clean air of the slopes of a pine forest and dropped suddenly by mundane associations with Jeyes' disinfectant. If advertising is to achieve its purpose surely it should reach its climax in the quality of the article it is proclaiming. Such exaggerated prose is debasing our language by insincere over-use of the superlative and our finest adjectives. Nothing can be said in its defence. Its influence must be in the direction of flamboyance, exaggeration and insincerity in word and deed.

Perhaps sixty per cent. of secondary school pupils who do have the opportunity listen to serials—programmes which vary from overdone sentimentality to terrifying impossibility and are consistently unreal. They present an imaginary picture of life, the extremes, and the tendency is that they will be accepted as the normal and as a standard on which we might base our conduct. This must inevitably create a false sense of values for the adolescent. They can be compared with the comic and the third-rate novel and because they occupy so many hours of radio time, it is difficult to imagine that their influence on behaviour is not a strong one.

The programmes provided by the YA and ZB stations can only be described as popular. Those who want serious listening must turn to the YC's where an attempt is being made to provide something other than popular and to educate and improve listening tastes. This training is undertaken in part by critical appreciations of various works and composers, art reviews and repetitions to stress

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certain features, and in part by the concentrated and receptive listening of the public. Undeniably the extent of training depends on the individual and his ability to respond emotionally, but the influence that these programmes are having is already great and widespread. It is, however, unfortunate that the opportunities for cultural development in this way are so small among adolescents owing to the many other claims on their time.

The effects of training shows clearly the need for organised and methodical presentation and listening, and it is in this respect both the YA and ZB stations are lacking. Neither appears to have any method or purpose behind its programme organisation and neither appears to have any aim beyond popular appeal. A noticeable feature is the lack of unity and cohesion in the presentation of popular music. Such programmes are seldom arranged either by subject or composer, orchestra or singer, but are used solely to fill in time—stop-gap sessions between news and sporting announcements. If they would present popular music in organised programmes, perhaps we would gain something from it, apart from a mere awareness of noise and rhythm. It is conceivable that one of the functions of the YA and ZB stations might be to elevate public taste to the standard of the YC stations, but they are neither doing this nor attempting to do it. This is due mainly to the lack of unity and organisation, and poor selection of programmes.

Now we are in a position to see which programmes have a good, which a bad influence on the listener. We must consider on the one hand radio shows as a form of entertainment, the YC stations in general, and to a certain extent, organised popular music as a good influence, and on the other serials, the form which radio-advertisement takes and the potential influence of the popular song as a bad influence. The secondary school boy then with his limited opportunity for listening, can turn to the popular programme for leisure and relaxation, and, providing he is aware of their faults and limitations, he will come to no harm, but if he wishes to cultivate a habit of organised serious listening, then he must tune in to the YC stations.

D. H. Brown.

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The ceremony was held on the afternoon of December 12th. On the platform were 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 annual report by expressing the School's sorrow and regret at the deaths of Mrs. Moyes and Mr. W. H. Jones. The splendid work Mrs. Moyes did during Mr. Moyes's headmastership was appreciated by Old Boys and people of New Plymouth. Mr. Jones, for fourteen years a member of the Board of Governors, had worked untiringly in the interests of both Schools. Both Schools and community were poorer for the death of this fine citizen.

A matter more pleasant to record was the recovery from a serious illness of the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Billing. Mr. Billing had been chairman, he said, for 27 years—a wonderful record and

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the Headmaster expressed the hope that his return to health would enable him to continue a work near and dear to his heart and for which we gave grateful thanks.

The Headmaster then referred to two matters of interest and importance to post-primary schools. One, the University senate's report on accrediting, and two, certain developments within the University which would affect our schools. The conclusion and recommendations of the Accrediting Committee published in the press said: "There is no evidence to show that accrediting has lowered the standard of entrance to the University" and also that the Committee "is satisfied that the accrediting system has not contributed to the increase in the number of students at the University." These findings flatly contradicted the unfounded criticisms of some University professors and teachers reported in the press during the last two years. The report even said, and gave suitable figures as proof that "so far from increasing enrolments at University the introduction of accrediting has been accompanied by a decrease in the total number of candidates eligible to enter on University education." The disgust expressed by these gentlemen at the number of failures of first year students has been flatly contradicted by figures.

Though the Committee favours the continuation of the present system of accrediting, it was not however devoid of difficulties and the Headmaster said he felt that some of the alternative methods suggested by the committee might be desirable.

The second matter had two aspects. First the University had given notice that students for University scholarships (and hence Taranaki scholarships) must take five subjects from a revised list. Such requirements would determine 6th form syllabuses and though high schools were free from the requirements of the University Entrance, the University still has some dominance over them. Secondly, the greater freedom given University Colleges in the subjects and courses required for a degree had brought about a situation in which some colleges required a foreign language unit for a degree while others did not. Thus a difficult problem has been posed for many students.

The evening classes continued to expand and the daytime training for apprentices had kept the School busy.

The additional five rooms provided by the Department were occupied this year. Plans had been submitted for more buildings on the technical site, and an additional drawing room attached to our woodwork block.

Examination results compared favourably to other years. Four boys gained sections of the B. Com. degree; 3 sections of the Accountancy Professional examination; 2 Taranaki Scholarships; 25 Higher School Certificates; 49 University Entrance; 2 Fine Arts preliminary; 61 endorsed School Certificates and 60 School Certificates.

The School roll on March 1st was 666 of whom 30 were in the Preparatory Department. There were 272 boarders of whom 80 were new boys. As in former years they had been unable to take many who applied to enter as boarders and for next year (1951) would be able to take only 80 out of the 160 who applied. In the Upper

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School, Forms 3 to VI., the distribution of boys according to courses was as follows: Academic (with a foreign language) 195; General (no foreign language) 159; Engineering 108; Agriculture 67; Building 54; VI.th Form Science 51. The total number of Sixth Form pupils was 86. The figures showed that the roll had dropped about 30 from the previous year and that the Engineering course had fallen off in numbers while the Agriculture course had increased.

The School had 28 full time assistant teachers. Mr. Tetley had left early in the year on promotion and Mr. Roulston had come to our aid in a relieving capacity for several months. Mr. Lucas had returned to the staff after three years leave in Otago and Mr. Hatherly from his two years absence in South Africa. Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Bertrand had retired after 36 and 30 years respectively. Both had had a big hand in the development of the School and its traditions.

Of the gifts presented to the School three were memorials to Old Boys who fell in the war. The Donald F. Holder Memorial Cup for Soccer given by Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Holder; the Memorial Lectern given by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davies in memory of their two sons and seven of their friends; the Memorial Table given by Mr. G. Bell in memory of his two sons who were boarders here. The School was grateful for these gifts and would cherish them for the memories they enshrine.

The Headmaster expressed his thanks to the staff, the matron and nurse, the Board of Governors, and the secretary of the Board, Mr. Burford, for their splendid work, and finally to the ministers of religion who had looked after the spiritual welfare of the boarders. To the Rev. Mr. T. Olds a warm welcome was extended with the hope that he would find pleasure in his association with us.

Cadet training continued as usual, the highlight being the Linton Camp at the end of March. Sergeant L. J. Croxon was judged the best N.C.O. for the year while J. L. Davies won the Officers' Club Cup for the best N.C.O. at the Linton course for N.C.O.'s.

The Air Training Corps had four boys actually receiving flying instruction.

During the first term athletic meetings were held each Monday and proved very popular.

The Gymnastic Championships revealed that a number of boys had attained a very high standard.

Instruction was given in swimming during the first and third terms and 70 lifesaving awards were gained.

The choir, orchestra and band had maintained a high standard of singing and playing.

In all branches of sport much interest was taken and the Headmaster concluded by congratulating those boys and teams who had distinguished themselves.

Prizes:—

General Excellence Cup (Dr. E. F. Fookes Cup): L. J. S. Davies.

Dux Prize (Buick Cup and books presented by Mr. C. N. Johnson):
D. Duff.

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Head Boy's Prize: L. J. S. Davies.

Syme Prize (Latin): B. R. Boon.

White Memorial Prize (Literature): D. Duff.

Heurtley Memorial Prize (Original Verse): D. Brown.

Reading Prizes: In Assembly; M. Tala.

In Chapel: R. T. V. Taylor; Senior (presented by Mr. H. Hewson): J. C. Lovell; Junior: R. S. Croxson.

Tabor Scholarships: Science: A. R. McGiven. Engineering: F. J. Crawford. English: D. G. Howell.

Bendall Memorial Prize (Senior Essay): D. Duff.

Rex Dowding Memorial Prize (Junior Essay): R. G. Packer.

Junior Oratory Prize (Cup and books presented by Mr. L. M. Moss): R. S. Croxson and M. Broome equal.

Senior Debate (Cup presented by Wellington Old Boys' Association): M. St. L. Reeves, D. L. Kitchingman.

Music Prize (presented by Mr. H. C. Collier): R. Brown.

Drawing Prize (Mr. Tett's Prize): F. Albrechtsen.

CLASS PRIZES—

VI B: D. G. Howell. **VI Sc.:** A. R. McGiven. **V Cl.:** D. L. Kitchingman and M. J. Simcock. **V G.1:** S. R. Hill and G. A. Wright. **V G.2:** R. E. Still. **V G.3:** G. A. Greig and A. F. Cassie. **V E.:** N. B. Quicke. **IV Cl.:** (Presented by late Mr R. H. George), R. S. Croxson. **IV G.1:** R. S. Watts. **IV G.2:** B. J. Grey. **IV E.:** I. G. Turner. **IV E.B.:** J. R. Walker. **IV Ag.:** J. McCrone. **III Cl.:** (Presented by Mr. C. Fraser), J. R. Brimblecombe, D. G. Lloyd. **III G.1:** R. F. Elliott. **III G.2:** D. W. Marsden. **III G.3:** C. R. Potter. **III E.B.1:** R. A. Cardiff. **III E.B.2:** B. K. Lynch. **III Ag.:** W. E. Jonas.

ATHLETICS—

Old Boys' Challenge Cup, Senior Athletic Champ.: G. G. Cavaney.

Challenge Trophy, Junior Athletic Champ.: M. B. Francis.

Bennett Cup, Under 14 Athletic Champ.: D. G. Lloyd.

1911 Cup, Senior Steeplechase: H. C. Seamark.

Bryce Cup, Fastest Time Senior Steeplechase: I. C. A. Flavell.

H. Smith Cup, Junior Steeplechase: C. E. Hinz.

Easton Memorial Cup, Fastest Time Junior Steeplechase: M. S. Lovegrove.

Fookes Cup (Mile Senior): I. C. A. Flavell.

Mason Memorial Cup, 380yds. Senior Champ.: G. G. Cavaney.

Old Boys' Challenge Shield, 440yds. Senior Champ: G. G. Cavaney.

Pridham Cup (Old Boys' Race): Mr. R. W. Shaw.

Hansard Cup (Inter-House): Pridham.

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SWIMMING—

Sykes Memorial Cup (Senior Championship): F. Albrechtsen.

Challenge Cup (Junior Championship): R. J. Murtagh.

Fox Cup (Under 14 Championship): J. S. Jensen.

BOXING—

Lepper Memorial Cup (Senior Championship): F. Albrechtsen.

Kidd Cup (Under 11 Stone Championship): G. A. Greig.

Chivers Cup (Middleweight Championship): D. M. Brice.

Wallace Shield (Inter-House): Moyes.

SHOOTING—

McDiarmid Belt (Senior Championship): R. S. Ford.

Kelly Cup (Long Range Championship): R. S. Ford.

TENNIS—

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

FOOTBALL—

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

Kerr Cup (Inter-House): Pridham.

CADETS—

Sole Cup (Best N.C.O.): L. J. Croxson.

CRICKET—

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

Bates Cup (Inter-House): Central.

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The School opened this year with a roll of 658 of whom 36 boys were in the Preparatory department. There are 280 boys in the boarding establishment.

During the year improvements were made at the Technical Block. The mechanics room is now a drawing room and the old drawing room has been divided into a mechanics room and a sewing room for night classes. The "Tech" has also received paint inside and out.

The highlight of the 1950-51 cricket season for the First XI. was the trip to Nelson at the beginning of the Christmas holidays. The team, besides playing cricket, were given a very enjoyable time off the field by their hosts, who arranged several functions for them. These included a magnificent supper given by the Headmaster, Mr. Searle, and a beach picnic trip (all we can hear of this is that tremendous amounts of raspberries and cream were consumed). In Wellington the team were the guests of the New Zealand Shipping Company at lunch on board the liner Rangitoto. They then went on a tour of the Wellington wharves, stores, control tower, and floating dock, and enjoyed a launch trip around the harbour. Of the Straits' crossing we have not heard much; it seems to be a

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painful subject. This year the Nelson College XI. will be our guests, so we will have an opportunity of repaying their kindness and hospitality.

Intense regret was felt by the boarders when they were not called on to work on the wharves during the dock strike. The motives for this patriotic fervour were varied, ranging from smuggling to just missing school. The strikes were also interesting scientifically. They proved that the human body can function on even less than the normal boarding fare. This is probably the reason for the unexpected victory of the Day Boys in football.

The strike also provided the inspiration for the production of a bright and original revue, "All Children Must Be Paid For," put on in the first term by Moyes House. It was a farce based on a railway strike and was completely original in dialogue and libretto, but the tunes had probably been heard once or twice before. The presentation was very successful, partly because of the high quality and partly because of the strategic season of two nights on Sport's Weekend. The cast were all enthusiastic in their parts and the singing was good enough even to please our music master who went round happily murmuring that we had introduced "dominant sevenths" or "flatted fifths" or something.

It was not without misgivings that the annual Sport's Day, traditionally held in November, was changed to March. The reasons for the change are several—the athletics season closes in March and as a consequence the boys are fitter than in November, the March weather is usually more reliable and a March sports day does not interfere with the examinations which are usually held in November. Despite the change parents and visitors turned up in full force and the Sports Day was as great a success as usual.

Life in the boarding establishment is becoming quite dangerous as a result of the large fleet of tricycles operated within the grounds by some of the very young members of the staff. At any corner you must be ready to dodge a flash of red emitting sounds which vary from those made by motor-cycles to fire-engines. At the end of the second term the boarders were very interested in a new model and driver who arrived in Pridham House.

The School heard with regret of the death of Mr. Diprose who taught senior maths at School from 1914 to 1947 and was interested in many of the outside activities of the School. At the time of his retirement he was first assistant. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

One of the permanent improvements of the year is the new sewing room which has been added to the back of the laundry. To do this it was necessary to move the tuck-shop further away. However, this doesn't seem to have reduced the profits.

During the year form collections were taken to provide parcels for our old boys serving in Korea. The collection was very successful and the parcels were sent towards the middle of the year. We were glad to receive an acknowledgment and to know that our gifts had reached their destination.



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Back Row: R. Brine, M. A. McKenzie, D. G. Sutcliffe, D. Smith, P. F. McDavitt, L. Barclay, L. J. Croxson,
A. R. McGiven.

Front Row: H. F. Jackson, C. F. McDonald, B. C. Arthur, B. R. Boon (Head Boy), J. W. Eddowes, D. J.
Graham, I. Aillao.

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Father Donoghue left New Plymouth this year after eight years of connection with the School to take over a parish in Palmerston North. He has been very closely connected with the Roman Catholic boys, always coming to School twice a week and was liked very much by all who met him. We offer him our thanks and best wishes and welcome Father Nolan who has taken over his duties.

The Friday night Bible Classes for Boarders were continued this year. We now have two Anglican, two Presbyterian, a Methodist and a Roman Catholic class.

At the end of the first term the School was presented with a table in memory of Ronald and Peter Bell, boarders at the School from 1936-40, who gave their lives in the Second World War. The table was made by Mr. Horrill to match the lectern, and the architectural features of the honours board and assembly hall, and was presented in morning prayers by Mr. and Mrs. Bell, who came from Matamata, together with their daughter and niece.

We were also visited in the first term by Mr. Algie on a tour of our centres of learning. He gave a short address in prayers which was very well received. He finished with a phrase that stayed in our minds very vividly, "Platitudes of a perambulatory politician" and a flurry of alliteration which left us gasping.

The appeals for our assistance in various local causes which have become quite numerous in the last few years have now been limited to one a term. We are actually rather glad as they were taxing the brain of even our most inventive scroungers.

Although hardly as accurate as a Gallup Poll, we were given an excellent opportunity to study the superstitions of humans, or rather schoolmasters, when a ladder was left set up on their route to the stage during prayers. The reactions were varied, the scientific section passed under whistling and talking "in all seriousness" but the classical section showed some nervousness and hurried under quickly. There was only one exception, a senior English master for whom the ladder seemed to convey too "apt an image." He went round.

The painting of the Main Block is nearing completion after months of our dodging ladders and wet varnish. The building now is a more obvious landmark in the town than before. The dingy grey of twenty years has been replaced with a light cream which matches the South Block (Morgue) and Carrington House. The interior has also been renovated in cream and light brown and is now much brighter, especially the Hall. Here we were surprised at the beauty of the ceiling which has become well worth studying in prayers. This was painted and varnished in the August holidays.

We understand that the cream face-lift is to be applied to all buildings. As further evidence of the intention to achieve a long-awaited uniformity a start has been made on Moyes House. We hope the paint will not eliminate the delightful aroma of Knight's Castile one gets passing the back door.

The painters have been a great source of interest and many a long period has been whiled away in a rapt contemplation of brushwork of the painter's outside the window. Their proximity has been a little demoralising for the masters, however, especially in

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certain ticklish situations. We hear it whispered that a certain form arranged for their presence at a period where punishment was expected.

Mr. Papps has taken Mr. Bottrill's position as first assistant. We congratulate him and we are glad that he has received this recognition of his long service and interest in us both in and out of the classroom.

There have been two additions to our staff this year. Mr. French arrived at the beginning of the year from Christchurch Boys' High School to take a mathematics position. He has been duly issued with his form, locker and nickname.

The other change of staff was the arrival of Mr. Komlos in the second term. Mr. Komlos came from Djakarta, Indonesia, to become conductor of the New Plymouth Choral Society and has joined the music staff. He is a Hungarian and qualified at the Royal College of Music, Budapest.

Mr. (Larry) Pruden left early this year for England where he will advance his study of music. Mr. Pruden, who was on our music staff for several years, won a Music Scholarship and is now at the Royal Conservatorium, London. We congratulate him on his success and wish him luck in England.

Pridham House were very sorry to lose Mr. Brenstrum who has left the house to become a "day bug" after thirteen years. His place has been taken by Mr. Lucas.

One of the highlights of the football season was the mid-week game between Taranaki and Canterbury for which were were allowed off school early. Although the result did not please the School, strong Taranaki supporters, we were thrilled by the fine open display turned on by the Canterbury team.

Our congratulations are due to Mr. Bowden who captained Taranaki during the season. According to the staff historian, who should know, Mr. Bowden is the first member of our staff to captain the side while still at the School.

The drab routine of the second term was brightened by a matinee performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "The Gondoliers." The Duke of Plazatoro was undoubtedly the favourite character and someone has maintained that "he stole the show by stealing it from others." Indicative of the Opera's popularity was the fact that for many days afterwards the School echoed with the whistled versions of the better known songs.

Another second term break but of a more sombre nature was provided by the film "The Bicycle Thieves." The acting in this was superb and the tale so sincerely and passionately portrayed that the general feeling was that a true "slice of life" had been witnessed and this was a pleasing antithesis to the idyllic portrayal of life so beloved by Hollywood.

The School, as usual, emigrated to Hawera for the St. Pat's game on July 7th. The journey was a little different from other years in that the immemorial special train was not available. Instead 208 boys travelled in seven buses, leaving at mid-day. This method, though less exciting, is an improvement as the boys can play their football games in the morning before they go.

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Esperanto was the subject of a talk in the second term by Mr. Sinclair, of Te Awamutu, who gave an interesting talk with the aid of printed leaflets which were distributed. Mr. Sinclair's presentation of the "pros" would undoubtedly have drawn quite a following if our English masters had not presented the "cons" in the period afterwards.

The highlight of our "morning talks" was presented in the second term by Lieutenant-Commander Hoare, R.N., who was touring New Zealand secondary schools. He delivered a most interesting and entertaining talk on the conditions in Korea at that time, the geographical structure and importance of the peninsula and the conditions leading to the present conflict. The hardness of the floor was forgotten as the whole school was amused and interested by his witty vivid descriptions and astounded by the skill with which he wormed his tongue around the Korean place-names.

Another visitor in the second term was Colonel J. Brooke of the Army Department who explained the possibilities of a commissioned life in the army. In his talk, he told us of the life at Duntroon and gave us details of the course and of the general conditions of army service.

Inspector Rennie of the Transport Department visited the School again this year. He spoke to the third and fourth forms about road safety rules and upkeep of their bicycles making it more interesting by practical demonstrations in Eliot Street. No masters' bicycles received stickers this year.

The matinee performance of G. B. Shaw's play "Pygmalion" on July 2nd by the same company which produced brilliantly, we thought, Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," though pleasant, did not anywhere near approach the high standard set the previous year.

The School attended in full force the High School's annual play "The Importance of Being Ernest," by O. Wilde. It was generally agreed that they handled the sophisticated and brilliantly witty play with ease and confidence and we congratulate both players and producers.

The Dramatic Club appears to have reached the ultimate in stage design. Their scenery for "The Importance of Being Ernest" was, with very little alteration that used as far back as "Twelfth Night" in 1945, yet it still looks authentic whether it is drawing room or palace. It makes Gordon Craig look an amateur.

The boarders were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Negus who has been living at the School for many years. As a result Mr. Negus left the School after very long service as caretaker. We were very sorry to see him go and he will be remembered affectionately by everyone as well as a very great number of old boys.

It was pleasant to see some of our Old Boys at the First Group practices in preparation for the Trojan's game. It is always interesting to see old stars perform, especially those closely connected with the administration of the game. It is also amusing, and a little embarrassing, to hear them declaring that they had not put on an ounce since they stopped playing regularly.

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During the third term four work days were held for the Memorial Fund which is closing this year. The response from the boys was very good and there was a great deal of competition between the Houses to reach their quota first. The set goal was well exceeded, the final total being £110/4/9.

Another dramatic presentation this year was "The House With Twisty Windows," by some members of Carrington House in aid of the Memorial Fund. This was notable for the amount of work done by those responsible for the arrangement and production and for their enthusiasm.

During the third term the fifth and sixth forms went on conducted tours of various business establishments in the town. These tours were undoubtedly valuable and gave an impression of the background machinery of our industry and commerce, besides helping boys who were uncertain in their careers.

Mr. U. Kwaw Min, a Burmese educational authority, recently paid a visit to the School in the course of a New Zealand tour organised by the Department of Education.

Several of the staff have won repute for themselves in the field of literature. Mr. Sweeney's English book "Plain Sailing," and the "General Science for School Certificate," written by various science masters and edited by Mr. Wilson, are being used by some other schools and though we find it difficult to congratulate these gentlemen for writing school text books we feel in all fairness that we must extend to them our praise and congratulations.

For many years now the sixth form rendezvous for morning assembly has been under the balcony at the rear of the hall where they lived as a secluded microcosm oblivious to the affairs of the outside world. Twice lately, however, they have been invited to transfer their august personages to the front in the place usually occupied by the prep. Though causing acute embarrassment it has its compensations for at last they can read the names on the honour's board and study the expressions on the masters' faces during prayers and get to know them better.

A visit to the U.N.E.S.C.O. exhibition of modern art in the Public Library was enjoyed by 6A. who were the only sixth form without exams at the time. The effect of it was shown by the outburst of surrealist art on the School's blackboards. We suggest too, that it may have had some influence on the production of certain historical maps.

Another film we saw this year was "They Were Not Divided." Although the theme of comradeship was noble the treatment and acting did not, we felt, do it full justice.

United Nations' Day was observed by a talk from the Headmaster in prayers. In a short talk he told us briefly of the purpose of having a United Nations Day and various aspects of the U.N.O.

A. F. Cassie and R. A. Rouse.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS

Junior National Scholarship.—D. W. Diprose.

Taranaki Scholarship.—J. K. Bargh.

Higher School Certificate.—J. K. Bargh, J. C. Barrett, B. R. Boon, A. D. Brownlie, R. H. Calder, L. J. S. Davies, D. W. Diprose, R. S. Ford, J. T. Gould, A. T. Hughson, S. P. Lay, J. C. Lovell, T. P. Lealand, I. M. MacKenzie, J. B. McGeachen, R. K. Pearce, G. J. Saunders, R. C. Schroder, R. P. Stephenson, R. D. Tate, R. T. V. Taylor, I. W. Telfer, B. C. Wisneski.

B. Com. Degree (Section).—A. D. Brownlie, A. T. Hughson, I. W. Telfer.

Fine Arts Diploma Prelim. (Section).—A. G. Shaw.

Matriculation (By Accrediting).—I. Ailao, F. H. Albrechtsen, B. C. Arthur, A. F. Ayson, M. J. Barkman, M. R. Beach, B. S. E. Bellringer, R. E. Brine, D. H. Brown, S. A. Comber, C. L. Crawford, F. J. Crawford, G. C. Derby, J. L. Diprose, J. W. Eddowes, B. R. Evans, A. J. Goudie, D. C. Hayes, W. N. Hebden, B. Henderson, J. J. Hine, E. N. Howcroft, D. G. Howel, H. F. Jackson, P. F. McDavitt, C. F. McDonald, A. R. McGiven, I. W. McLeod, I. G. McPherson, J. F. Mainland, R. D. Mander, W. E. Massey, P. D. Meiklejohn, J. B. Montgomerie, T. C. Morgan, I. H. Oliver, A. D. M. Powell, J. Rawcliffe, E. P. Roberts, R. C. Schroder, D. Smith, R. J. Stevenson, Tala Mailei, B. D. Utting, B. A. Waite, M. Walter, J. J. M. Wiltshire, A. R. Wyllie.

School Certificate.—J. A. Axbey, K. W. Baigent, L. A. Barclay, G. S. W. Barrack, H. F. Barrett, J. D. Bathgate, I. A. E. Bayly, V. H. Bedford, G. A. Bendall, I. D. Besley, D. I. Bissett, I. R. Campbell, A. F. Cassie, H. N. Chapman, C. J. Cole, G. S. Collier, L. J. Croxson, D. A. K. Dickson, I. D. Elliott, P. R. Erskine, A. J. Fleming, M. B. Francis, D. J. Graham, K. L. Grant, J. P. Greene, G. A. Greig, S. R. Hill, J. P. Hook, I. J. Hopkins, E. Howcroft, E. L. Johnston, D. L. Kitchingman, R. H. Kruse, G. J. Lawson, T. J. McEwen, P. I. McKegney, M. A. McKenzie, J. F. Mainland, G. A. Mason, J. H. Nash, J. S. Nicholls, C. J. Osborn, H. S. Paterson, B. R. Pattie, T. Mc.N. Peek, T. Pickford, P. A. B. Powell, N. B. Quicke, St.L. M. Reeves, R. A. Rouse, D. T. Schultz, J. B. Scott, M. J. Simcock, R. G. M. Smith, R. M. Spencer, R. E. Still, R. B. Tait, W. N. Thomas, D. J. Underwood, P. J. Wahlstrom, D. A. Walker, B. D. Webby, R. A. Wellwood, F. S. Whitehead, G. A. Wright.

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A record number of eighteen teams was entered by the School in the Taranaki competition during the 1951 season. This large number of boys practising during the week and playing a competition fixture each Saturday, truly reflects the popularity and strength of Rugby in the School. The smallest team in the School was the ninth Grade, a team of Boarders under seven stone.

With the increased competition facilities now offered by the Taranaki Rugby Union through their extension of Junior Grades,

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all our boys are now able to play in a team, which plays teams of other boys of similar age, weight and experience. Our teams play teams from New Plymouth city and districts outlying as far as Okato and Uruti. The taking over of travelling arrangements and the payment of travelling by the Rugby Union for Grades from fifth to ninth has resulted in a considerable saving of money for both the School and the boys' parents.

Our Junior football continues to be of a high standard, and we had players in all Grades who achieved representative honours. Pridham House Eighth Grade team succeeded in winning the Taranaki championship for its Grade. This team was a very good one, and although playing several close games, went through the season undefeated.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade players are still being divided into their various teams on a house basis. This system is working satisfactorily, and some of the keenest games throughout the season are the inter-house encounters. With the appearance of Pridham House teams this year in green and white colours, the three Boarding Houses have now a distinctive uniform each.

Our Junior Grades are usually sadly weakened as the season progresses by an epidemic of one type or another. This year, however, the School escaped the attention of measles, mumps and chicken pox but did not get off scott free. An amazingly large number of boys suffered broken bones. This complaint prevailed from the First Fifteen to the Ninth Grade. At one stage eight boys from Moyes House were in plaster. Whether this was mere coincidence, or to some extent caused by the unusually cold winter we cannot judge.

A good nucleus of last years' First Fifteen returned, about which the 1951 side was built. This year's team was generally considered to be stronger than last year's, and on the whole performed well. The team lost two College matches, and two local games. Unfortunately injuries affecting the key players were frequent towards the end of the season. This was especially noticeable in the threequarters.

P. Dickson, School second five-eight, had the distinction of playing for a Taranaki team late in the season. Only seventeen years of age, Dickson's career will be followed with interest. The First Fifteen was fortunate in possessing such a fine captain as was J. Graham. His leadership was of the very highest order, and fortunately for the School, he is returning next year. In addition to Graham, several of this year's side will be back next year, so we can look forward to 1952 with quiet confidence.

The Second Fifteen as always, constantly weakened by the demands of the Firsts, did not win many games. They were successful in retaining the Gordon Roper Memorial Shield in the annual match with Old Boys' Thirds, and several promising players who will doubtless make the Firsts next year, were in the team.

The Second Group teams had rather an erratic and disappointing season. As usual two teams were entered in the local competition, one in the Fourth Grade, and one in the Fifth Grade. The Fourth Grade side played rather inconsistent football, at one time rising to great heights in defeating the leading team in the competition,

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and at other times playing disappointing football. They were beaten by Opunake in the annual game, after a well fought match. The Fifth Grade team played better football, to finish third in their competition, the notable feature of their play being the outstanding displays given by their forwards.

The Third Group fielded two teams in the Fifth Grade competition. These two teams were regrettably weak, and very rarely showed any teamwork, with the result that they won very few games. This is perhaps a pity, because it is generally in the Fifth Grade teams that the material for the First Fifteen is developed.

Apart from the very cold conditions prevailing and high winds for a number of games, most matches in all grades were played under good football conditions. There was little rain, and the grounds did not cut up.

COLLEGE GAMES.

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

(Played at Hawera, July 7th.). Won, 13-6.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's.—P. Derig, C. Staszczuk, P. O'Rourke, R. Sierpinksi, R. Leamy, G. Hourigan, P. Finau, M. Thompson, A. Keating, W. Hansell, W. Sumicz, S. Gregory, G. Bidois, V. Curtain (Capt.), F. Redwood.

School.—J. Eddowes, V. Mila, G. Cassidy, C. Osborn, P. Dickson, G. Julian, B. Lake, J. Graham (Capt.), R. Still, I. Oliver, A. Cassie, I. Ailao, P. Wahlstrom, P. Walker, B. Tait.

Heavy rain on the Friday made the conditions rather greasy underfoot, although no rain fell on the day of the match. A high wind blew straight up and down the field throughout the game. Nevertheless a grand game resulted. Territorially the game was even, and it was School's ability to finish off movements which won them the match. If St. Pat's had been more fortunate with penalties, the score might have been closer. The School backs started shakily, but later on their straight brisk running and sound handling was a pleasure to see. The two forward packs were very even, and the defence of both teams was very good.

THE PLAY.

St. Pat's attacked from the start, and School had some anxious moments defending. Lack of decision by the St. Pat's inside backs at this stage cost them points. School were playing with the wind, and were put on the attack by a magnificent line kick by Eddowes which was carried with the wind for seventy-five yards.

Then after twenty-five minutes Dickson cut through from loose play to in-pass to the forwards for Oliver to score. Dickson converted. School 5, St. Pat's 0.

Five minutes later Dickson again went through in a grand run, after securing in his own half. Short of the line, the forwards again took over and Oliver scored his second try. Dickson missed from wide out. School 8, St. Pat's 0. Half-time came with the score unchanged.

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St. Pat's attacked in the second half, and with the wind behind them, looked dangerous on many occasions. School worked back to the attack, and Lake, running from a lineout scored a good try, which Dickson converted, to make the score: School 13, St. Pat's 0.

St. Pat's returned to the attack, and School defended strenuously for the remainder of the game. Several penalties were awarded St. Pat's, and late in the game, Leamy was successful with two. The game ended with the score: School 13, St. Pat's 6.

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

(Played at Rugby Park, July 18th). Won 16—11.

The teams were:—

Wanganui.—R. Young, C. Harris, A. White, P. Rathbone, D. Wallingford, D. Hamilton (capt.), M. Watson, G. Blathwaite, J. Tatham, M. Irwin, F. Smith, J. Christie, R. Boon, J. Hunter, G. Cameron.

School.—J. Eddowes, L. Croxson, C. Osborn, V. Mila, P. Dickson, G. Julian, B. Lake, J. Graham (capt.), J. Finnegan, I. Oliver, A. Cassie, P. Wahlstrom, B. Tait, P. Walker, B. Arthur.

Rain threatened for several days before the game, but did not fall until the evening of the match. However, the ground was dry, but again a high wind prevailed. Two very even teams played a grand game of football. Both sets of backs stood deep and attacked at every opportunity. Wanganui's effort in coming from eight points behind at one stage was a very good one. The issue was in doubt until the last minute, with Wanganui trying everything they knew to score again.

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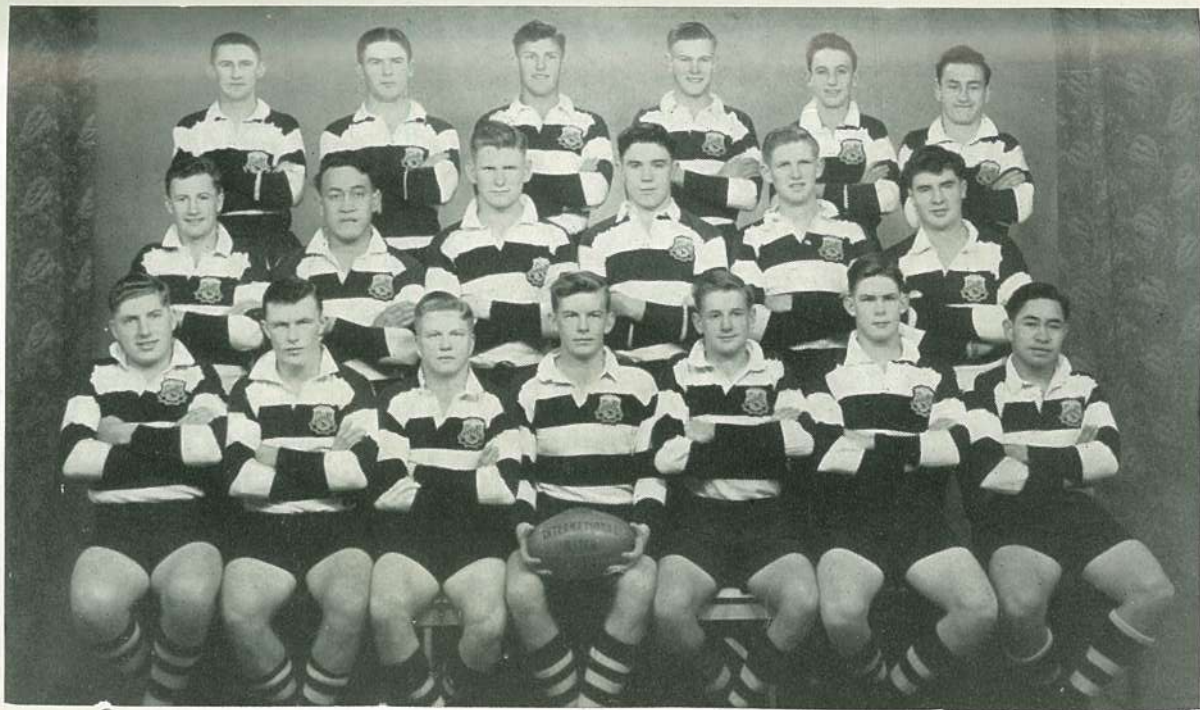
Wanganui attacked early with their backs looking dangerous. School were the first to score, however, when Dickson landed a good penalty. School 3, Wanganui 0.

School were on top now, and from a scrum on the twenty-five yard mark, Julian moved blind, drew all the defence, and sent Croxson in unopposed. Dickson converted. School 8, Wanganui 0.

Five minutes later Wanganui made a strong attack down the sideline and Blathwaite scored an unconverted try wide out. School 8, Wanganui 3. Half-time came a few minutes later with the score unchanged.

On resuming School attacked strongly and Lake running from a scrum scored a good solo try. Dickson failed to convert. School 11, Wanganui 3.

Back came Wanganui to the attack and in as many minutes, added eight points, to make the scores even. First Boon scored following a Wanganui forward rush, and White converted this try, and a few minutes later kicked a penalty. School 11, Wanganui 11.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1951.

Back Row: H. F. Jackson, J. W. Eddowes, R. E. Still, C. J. Osborn, G. G. Julian, B. Lake.

Middle Row: P. D. Walker, I. Ailao, J. Finnigan, I. H. Oliver, A. F. Cassie, R. B. Tait.

Front Row: B. C. Arthur, G. M. Cassidy, P. G. Dickson (Vice-Capt.), D. J. Graham (Capt.), P. J. Wahlstrom,
L. J. Crosson, V. Mila.

FOOTBALL

Play now became tense and thrilling, with first one side and then the other staging attacks. Finally Graham secured possession following a loose ruck, and ran 25 yards to score between the posts. Dickson converted. School 16, Wanganui 11.

School withstood Wanganui's final challenge and the game ended School 16, Wanganui 11.

v. TE AUTE COLLEGE

(Played at Hastings, July 28th). Lost 6—8.

The teams were:—

Te Aute.—W. Karaka, D. Collier, H. Callaghan, R. Kora, N. Stainton, T. Pepere, A. Tukarua, T. Henare, R. Hemapo (Capt.), B. Nepia, H. Maniapoto, S. Rungarunga, S. Pohe, H. Taumaunu, H. Keelan.

School.—J. Eddowes, V. Mila, C. Osborn, H. Jackson, P. Dickson, G. Julian, B. Lake, J. Graham (Capt.), J. Finnegan, I. Olliver, A. Cassie, I. Ailao, P. Wahlstrom, P. Walker, B. Arthur.

The day was fine, but conditions were very heavy underfoot for the game, which nevertheless was a thrilling encounter. School played a very good game and did well to come back after being eight points behind at the interval. Several times in the second half School came close to scoring the winning try, but the Te Aute tackling kept us out. A feature of the game was the enthusiastic support of our Old Boys in Hawke's Bay.

THE PLAY

School attacked from the start, winning all the ball, and first Dickson and Graham and then Julian were nearly over. However it was Te Aute who scored first as a result of a good run by Collier down the touchline. The conversion failed. School 0, Te Aute 3.

Three minutes later a Te Aute forward rush was successful and Pohe picked up near the line and scored in a handy position for Pepere to convert. Half-time was called a few minutes later, with the score School 0, Te Aute 8.

School attacked continuously throughout the second half, but were not successful in scoring until fairly late in the spell, when Osborn made an opening, for Mila to score in the corner. The conversion failed. School 3, Te Aute 8.

With School still doing all the attacking their efforts were rewarded, when Lake moved on the short side of the scrum to score an unconverted try. School 6, Te Aute 8.

This marked the end of the scoring and despite School's continued attack, the game ended with Te Aute winning 8—6.

FOOTBALL

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR

(Played at New Plymouth, August 18th). Lost 6—11.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar.—D. Carter, J. Farrell, R. Fraser, N. Cantwell, A. Dalton (Capt.), L. Keene, J. Baxter, R. Hunton, D. Cavers, P. Bassett, B. Sweetman, G. Tremain, W. Whineray, P. MacPherson, R. Mills.

School.—J. Eddowes, L. Croxson, G. Cassidy, C. Osborn, P. Dickson, G. Julian, B. Lake, J. Graham (Capt.), I. Ailao, I. Olliver, A. Cassie, J. Finnegan, B. Arthur, P. Walker, P. Wahlstrom.

The game was played on a firm dry ground, but again the teams had to contend with a high wind. The game was fast moving and interesting throughout, with Grammar gaining a deserved win.

THE PLAY

Playing with the wind, Grammar attacked from the start, but it was not until 20 minutes had passed that they scored. A blind side attack with the full-back as extra man was successful and Carter scored in the corner. Dalton missed the kick. School 0, Grammar 3.

Five minutes before the end of the spell, Graham received the ball on the end of a forward passing rush, and ran 50 yards to be tackled inches short of the line.

Right on half-time, Grammar scored again. Following a ruck Cantwell went blind and scored. Dalton again missed, and half-time came with the score School 0, Grammar 6.

With the wind behind them, School attacked early in the second half and Dickson opened their account with a good penalty. School 3, Grammar 6.

Shortly afterwards Osborn had to leave the field with a broken collarbone. H. Jackson replaced him.

School remained on the attack, Graham was nearly over again, and then Eddowes dropped a grand 45-yard goal, to even the score. School 6, Grammar 6.

Play became fast and even with both sides coming close to scoring. Four minutes before the final whistle, Dalton raced through to score a good try for Grammar which Keene converted. School 6, Grammar 11.

There was no further scoring, which left Grammar the winners by 11—6.

COMPETITION GAMES (FIRST JUNIOR)

First Round:

- v. Clifton. Won 17—3.
- v. Uruti. Won 9—6.
- v. Star. Won 20—9.

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v. Tukapa. Won 12—6.

v. Kaitake. Won 26—9.

Owing to the holidays, games against Marist and Old Boys were not played in the first round.

Second Round:

v. Clifton. Won 23—11.

v. Old Boys. Won 27—3.

v. Marist. Won 36—3.

v. Tukapa. Lost 5—22.

v. Kaitake. Won 15—9.

v. Star. Lost 3—11.

SUMMARY:

Games played 11. Won 9, lost 2, drew 0.

Points for 220. Points against 101.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS (PEASE CUP).

(Played on Rugby Park).

The teams were:—

Day Boys.—Moorhead, Croxson, Jackson (Capt.), Patton, Eddowes, J. Hancock, Lake, Robertson, Finnigan, Derby, McDavitt, McGiven, Drumm, Erskine, Darney.

Boarders.—Smith, Mila, Grantham, Bathgate, Cassidy, Julian, Webby, Graham (Capt.), Wahlstrom, Cassie, Ailao, McKenzie, Arthur, Still, Walker.

The game was fast and hard, but the brilliant moves of last year's game were missing. Both teams played tight rather unspectacular football, but the second half brightened up when the two teams threw the ball in all directions in an effort to gain the mastery.

THE PLAY.

The game started on a bright note, with first the Day Boys then the Boarders making promising attacks. At this stage the Day Boy pack led by Finnigan was going really well, securing the ball from most of the rucks and lineouts, but the tackling of the Boarders' backs was sound.

The first points came, when Robertson intercepted a pass, and dribbled the ball over the line for Derby to score a good try. Darney failed to convert. Score 3—0.

The Boarders' forwards took play back, and from a quick heel, Grantham scored in the corner. Smith missed the conversion. Score 3—3.

The play became ragged, with the Day Boys doing most of the attacking. They were awarded a penalty in a handy position, and Darney goaled. Score 6—3.

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Then the Boarders' backs made a good run, for Mila to be caught short of the line. Cassie picked up from the ensuing ruck and forced his way over in the corner to make the half-time score 6-6.

For the first twenty minutes of the second spell, play was very even, but towards the end of the half, both teams threw the ball about in an effort to score the winning points.

Boarders appeared to be on top, but three minutes before the end of the game, Darney kicked an easy penalty, to put the Day Boys in the lead 9-6.

This marked the end of the scoring, and full time was called with the score unchanged.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

The inter-house competition was again held at the beginning of the third term. This year's games were particularly even, especially the final, which was again won by Pridham House, when they defeated Moyes by 8 points to 0.

This was a very fine effort, as the Pridham team was relatively young and inexperienced. This year East and Country Houses combined and thus enabled our bus boys to participate in one of the most popular annual fixtures of the year.

Results:—

First Round.—Moyes 15 v. Central 3, Pridham 16 v. West 5; East-Country 13 v. Carrington 0.

Second Round.—Moyes 22 v. East-Country 3; Pridham a bye.

Final.—Pridham 8 v. Moyes 0.

Pridham XV.—Thomas, Jonas, Mila, Francis, Bathgate, Bissett, McDonald, J. Graham (Capt.), Ailao, Cole, McClellan, Carrington, R. Graham, Scott, Tere.

D. J. Graham.

CRICKET

The First XI. has enjoyed a satisfactory season, performing reasonably well in the local club competition and drawing the two inter-collegiate games. Against Nelson, P. Lay (captain) was in dashing form with the bat. His type of batting was suited to the fast Nelson wicket so that in four innings played there he never failed to score well and quickly.

The side began the new year with a nucleus of five old caps. Of these, J. W. Eddowes (vice-captain) played many valuable innings when things were difficult and L. Barclay (captain) produced a sparkling 153 against Wanganui Collegiate after showing rather indifferent form in club matches. Barclay made an excellent captain, brimful of enthusiasm. His own personal example meant a great deal to the team and his general co-operation in cricket matters was much appreciated by the staff.

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The most promising new cap was D. Smith who soon became the mainstay of the bowling and who registered some commendable figures.

SCHOOL v. NELSON.

(Played at Nelson, December 11th and 12th, 1950. Result: Drawn.)

Play commenced in bright sunshine on an easy wicket. Nelson won the toss and batted. After the first hour School's prospects looked bright. Barrett captured three for 10 with the total at 19. At this stage Smith, one of the openers, was joined by Guy and the score rose to 90 at lunch. After lunch Smith and Guy carried the score to 165 when Smith was dismissed for 90, thus concluding a fourth wicket stand of 146. Guy soon followed for 80 and the scoring rate dropped until Nelson were finally out for 257.

For School Jackson and Davies opened with the objective of batting until stumps. However, four wickets fell in quick succession, leaving Lay and Eddowes batting at stumps with the total at four for 43. The second day commenced with Eddowes batting very soundly and Lay scoring freely all around the wicket. With the School total at 94 Lay was caught brilliantly at cover by Smith for 47. Eddowes (21) soon followed and three more wickets fell cheaply until Darney was joined by Barrett who batted very confidently, the pair adding 30 for the last wicket. The School innings then closed with the total at 135. Of the Nelson bowlers Leggat was the most successful taking five for 12, and Gillet was always hard to score off.

School were forced to follow on. Davies and Darney opened the innings and played out an over before lunch. Soon after lunch Davies was caught. Next followed Eddowes (29) and Barclay (48), the score rising to 106. Darney was caught after tea for 18 after an extremely patient innings. With no prospect of a decision the Nelson attack began to wilt and Lay set about the bowling to score 70 not out in rapid time, with Albrechsten 20 not out at the other end. Stumps were drawn early with the School total at four for 195, leaving the result a draw.

SCHOOL.

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
Davies, l.b.w., b. Gillet	.. .. 13	c. R. Bowers, b. Bacon	9
Jackson, l.b.w., b. Davies	.. .. 0	not out	.. .. 20
Albrechsten, c. Leggat, b. Davies	.. .. 6	b. R. Bowers	.. .. 29
Eddowes, c. Curtis, b. Leggat	.. .. 21	not out	.. .. 70
Brine, b. Gillet	.. .. 0	b. Gillet	.. .. 48
Lay, c. Smith, b. Leggat	.. .. 47	c. Edwards, b.	
Barclay, c. W. Bowers, b. Leggat	.. .. 5	W. Bowers	18
Graham, b. Gillet	.. .. 5	Extras	.. .. 9
Bramwell, b. Leggat	.. .. 0		
Darney, not out 5	Total (for 4 wkts.)	193
Barrett, l.b.w., b. Leggat 22		
Extras 11		
Total 135		

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Bowling for Nelson.

First Innings—					Second Innings—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
R. Bowers	13	2	27	—	7	3	42	1	
Davies	16	7	22	2	32	15	40	—	
Gillet	24	11	36	3	19	10	36	1	
Guy	4	1	14	—	2	1	8	—	
Leggat	10.5	5	12	5	9	2	16	—	
Bacon	2	1	1	—	5	3	3	1	
W. Bowers	3	—	13	—	10	4	33	1	
Smith	—	—	—	—	1	—	9	—	
Edwards	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	—	

NELSON.

First Innings—	
Smith, l.b.w., b. Barclay	90
Curtis, b. Barrett	0
R. Bowers, c. Albrechsten, b. Barrett	6
W. Bowers, b. Barrett	5
Guy, c. Bramwell, b. Brine	80
Edwards, c. Barclay, b. Davies	14
Leggat, l.b.w., b. Lay	12
Bacon, b. Lay	15
Croucher, not out	21
Gillet, run out	1
Davies, b. Barclay	4
Extras	9
Total	257

Bowling for School.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barclay	32.4	7	81	2
Barrett	25	8	55	3
Darney	7	1	28	—
Lay	21	5	54	2
Brine	10	4	19	1
Bramwell	3	1	8	—
Davies	4	2	2	1

v. WANGANUI.

(Played at Wanganui, 14th and 15th March, 1951. Result: Draw).

School won the toss and decided to bat on a perfect wicket, opening with Hopkins and Barclay. The first wicket fell at 26 when Hopkins was l.b.w. to Harris. The score increased steadily for the next hour. With the total at 69 Eddowes was bowled for 10, the morning period ending with the score at 2 for 75.

After lunch the scoring rate increased, the third wicket, that of Brine (24) falling with the score at 152. Graham then joined Barclay and the score rose rapidly to 236 when Graham was dismissed for 12. Shortly after, Beattie, the slow left hand bowler, with a spell of very effective bowling obtained the hat-trick dismissing first Barclay for 153, and then Wahlstrom and Darney. Barclay deserves congratulating for his second successive century against Wanganui. He

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was dropped before reaching double figures, but after that gradually took control of the bowling and scored with shots all round the wicket. The remaining batsmen, seeking quick runs, mustered only 18 and School's innings closed shortly after tea with a total of 257. Beattie's bowling commanded the most respect, his figures being 6 for 50 off 32 overs. Of the remaining bowlers Tidswell and Harris were at times hostile, but not accurate enough.

The Wanganui innings commenced with an hour and forty minutes left for play. The openers set about the bowling and the score rose at a tremendous rate, at stumps the total stood at 181 for 5, the result of carefree and most attractive batting. The main contributors being Rennie (48), D. Hamilton (34) and Hare (44).

On the second day Collegiate resumed their innings losing three wickets cheaply. It was then that Tidswell came to the wicket and after an uncertain start produced an aggressive burst taking 26 off one over. When Tidswell was dismissed for 52 the innings closed with the total at 278. Of the School bowlers Smith and Barclay were the most impressive taking 5 for 93 and 3 for 56 respectively.

School's second innings opened with Hopkins and Graham who played two overs before lunch. Following lunch School lost 5 quick wickets for 31 runs. It was then that Eddowes and Darney became associated in a dour fighting partnership which produced 114 runs. At 5.40 Darney was caught on the boundary for 43, Eddowes remaining until stumps with 66 not out.

SCHOOL.

First Innings—		Second Innings—	
Hopkins, l.b.w., b. Harris	11	b. Beattie	0
Barclay, c. Hamilton, b. Beattie	153	c. Nolan, b. Beattie	4
Eddowes, b. Hamilton	10	not out	66
Brine, c. Beattie, b. Anderson	24	not out	11
Graham, l.b.w., b. Beattie	12	l.b.w., b. Tidswell	4
Comber, b. Beattie	4	run out	0
Wahlstrom, c. Watson, b. Beattie	0	l.b.w., b. Harris	6
Darney, b. Beattie	0	c. Watson, b. Rennie	43
Dickson, b. Beattie	3	Extras	23
Smith, c. Cameron, b. Tidswell	0		
Sampson, not out	8		
Extras	32		
Total	257	Total for 6 wkts	157

Bowling for Wanganui.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tidswell	22	8	40	1	15	6	15	1
Hare	9	—	46	—	2	—	7	—
Beattie	31.1	14	50	6	32	14	34	2
Harris	8	4	15	1	12	4	13	1
Hamilton, D.	10	—	47	1	16	7	23	—
Anderson	5	—	27	1	8	2	12	—
Nolan	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	—
Hamilton, B.	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	—
Rennie	—	—	—	—	3	—	8	1
Watson	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	—

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WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

First Innings.

Hamilton, B. b. Smith	17
Rennie, l.b.w., b. Sampson	48
Nolan, run out	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Hamilton, D., l.b.w., b. Barclay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
Hare, c. Hopkins, b. Barclay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
Beattie, c. Dickson, b. Barclay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Watson, b. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Anderson, c. Sampson, b. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Cameron, b. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Tidswell, b. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
Harris, not out	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	278

Bowling for School.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	22.6	5	93	5
Barclay	17	4	56	3
Dickson	9	2	38	—
Darney	8	—	33	—
Sampson	7	—	40	1

JUNIOR CRICKET.

Second XI.

The Second XI. this year was a mixture of inexperienced and experienced players. Though not winning many club games they were successful in defeating Stratford Technical High School and Waitara District High School in annual games. The moderate success in club games was probably due to lack of confidence and lack of a real attitude to win games. However with more practice this should be remedied.

Undoubtedly the most outstanding performances were those of Murray Walter who scored two fine centuries and reached 80 on another occasion. Besides being a consistent batsman he was a good captain and average medium pace bowler. J. Radford was a very accurate bowler and returned some very fine bowling figures during the year.

In the game against Stratford, School won by 46 runs. D. Smith bowled very well in taking 5 wickets while Radford and Comber made good scores. The game against Waitara was won by an innings and 2 runs. The best performances were those of Jury and J. Hancock, who put on 84 runs for the seventh wicket, and Thomas and Jury, who bowled well for three wickets each.

The following players represented the Second XI 3rd Term, 1950: Walter (Capt.), Radford, Comber, Crawford, C. Barclay, Moorhead, Hopkins, Dickson, D. Smith, J. Hancock, P. Hancock.

First Term, 1951: Crawford (Capt.), Moorhead, J. Hancock, P. Hancock, Lys, Thomas, Barclay, Julian, Osborn, R. Graham, Barrett, Scott, Jury.



FIRST ELEVEN, 1950.

Back Row: H. F. Jackson, C. Barrett, C. L. Crawford, F. Albrechtsen, L. Barclay, B. Darney, J. Eddowes.
Front Row: R. Brine, L. J. S. Davies (Vice-Capt.), S. P. Lay (Capt.), R. Bramwell, D. J. Graham.

CRICKET

Third XI.

The past season has been enjoyable though it has not been a very successful one. The team did not win many of its club games but narrowly beat Waitara District High School in the annual match. It scored seven runs more than W.D.H.S. thereby gaining a first innings win. We would like to thank our hosts for an entertaining match.

Batting was the main weakness and several boys who had made good scores last year could not retain their form.

We congratulate Peter Wahlstrom, last year's captain who has been promoted to the First XI.

This year the members of the team were: B. Bellringer, W. F. Shortt, B. Waite, R. D. Alexander, J. P. Simcock, R. S. Croxson, D. B. Fookes, A. Johnston, D. Jensen, B. Sampson, G. Naismith, G. Lawson, C. Saxton.

Fourth XI.

Once again the Fourth XI. enjoyed an extremely successful season of cricket. There is no doubt that this team get more enjoyment out of the game than most cricket teams. They have wonderful team spirit, and as a result win more games than they lose.

This year the team played a game against Stratford High School, which they won after a very interesting game.

The Group's congratulations go to Gerald Barrack, for scoring a fine century in one of the club games. A fine all-rounder, Barrack should achieve higher honours this term.

The team: G. Barrack (Capt.), P. Erskine, K. Aiken, N. Phillips, I. Bayly, P. O'Shaughnessey, D. A. Kinsella, M. Wynyard, S. Belling, C. Burgess, T. E. Miller, J. Scott, J. D. Wellington, C. P. Cooney, E. C. Batten, R. Lewis.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS.

(Played 7/11/50. Result: First innings win for Day Boys.)

Day Boys batted first and declared with 7 for 104. Eddowes 15 and Brine 25 being the main contributors. Tala and Radford were the most successful bowlers, taking 2 for 29 and 1 for 9 respectively. The Boarders could compile only 75, Dickson 18 and Graham 17 not out, were the principal scorers. Bowling for Day Boys Darney took 6 for 33 and Davies 3 for 8.

HOUSE CRICKET.

The final of the Bates Cup this year was played between Moyes and West, these two being considered the strongest teams. The result was a win for Moyes after one of the most exciting games of the season.

The results of other House grades:—

B Grade—Carrington.

C Grade—Niger.

D Grade—Pridham.

L. Barclay and J. Eddowes.

BLAZER AWARDS

The following have qualified during the year for School Blazers—

B. R. Boon, Head Boy, Tennis.
B. C. Arthur, Head Boarder, First XV.
D. J. Graham, Prefect, First XV., First XI.
J. W. Eddowes, Prefect, First XV., First XI.
L. A. Barclay, Prefect, First XV., Soccer XI.
L. J. Croxson, Prefect, First XV.
I. Ailao, Prefect, First XV.
H. F. Jackson, Prefect, First XV.
R. E. Brine, Prefect, First XI.
D. Smith, Prefect, First XI.
P. G. Dickson, First XV., First XI.
I. B. Darney, First XI., Soccer XI.
P. J. Wahlstrom, First XV., First XI.
C. J. Osborn, First XV., Athletics.

Prefects—

D. G. Sutcliffe
A. R. McGiven
C. F. McDonald
M. A. McKenzie
P. F. McDavitt

First XV—

R. E. Still
G. Julian
B. Lake
V. Mila
P. D. Walker
J. Finnigan
I. H. Oliver
A. F. Cassie
R. B. Tait
G. M. Cassidy

First XI—

I. J. Hopkins
S. A. Comber
D. J. Sampson

Athletics—

G. G. Cavaney

Swimming—

M. B. Francis
R. G. M. Smith

Soccer XI—

J. L. Diprose
J. P. Hook
E. P. Roberts

Hockey XI—

A. J. Sterritt

Shooting—

F. J. Crawford

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

Sir,—

I would like to express some comment on the Schools' Musical Festival which was held at the end of the First Term. This combined effort to my mind, was highly successful, both from the pupils' point of view and from the parents. This I feel is supported by the enthusiasm of the participants and the packed houses which attended the two evenings in the Opera House.

A function of this nature enables a large number of pupils from both High Schools to take part with the result that their parents support the event with their attendance.

I sincerely hope that efforts will be made to ensure that the combined schools' festival is an annual event.

I cannot conclude without making reference to the splendid work of the teachers responsible for it being the success that it was.

R. Phillips, 5CL.

THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Perhaps contrary to common belief and no matter how much it may be denied in other quarters the idea of a musical festival originated at the Boys' High School. A hint was conveyed across the Waiwaka Terrace Bridge and an invitation extended—the idea caught interest, grew to enthusiasm and in no time boys and girls were practising.

After a little persuasion the boys' choir became so keen that they even gave up lunch hours for practising; meanwhile the Orchestra was meeting on Tuesday as well as Friday at 8 o'clock with similar zeal. After several weeks' hard work the goal came one step nearer with the practices being combined at the Girls' High School. Joined by sundry members of the staff (who had up till then been learning the pieces by themselves) the boy's section of the orchestra hurried over to the School on Tuesday afternoons, where after waiting patiently for the girls, who made full use of their feminine "delaying" instincts, practices were under way by something after 4 p.m. The combined choir met on Saturday mornings when, we have heard, not infrequently a practice or two was fitted in among social pleasantries.

Soon came the inevitable final rehearsal which contrary to tradition went off really well. All the orchestra members eventually managed to find their music, unlike one of the Brass Quartette players who apparently thought music a trivial adjunct to a rehearsal. An interesting feature of the festival was the name cards displayed to indicate the next item.

On the afternoon before the first performance we had another FINAL performance, this time at the Opera House.

Eventually the long-awaited evening arrived, even if certain performers did not until after the specified time. Then the orchestra had its tuning up about which many people went into raptures

apparently thinking it the first item. At ten past eight the solemn strains of the National Anthem brought the audience to their feet and introduced a two-hour period packed with song and music.

After the necessary retuning, the Orchestra led into a "Stately Dance" which was followed by a "Minuet and Trio." When the Girls' Fifth Form Choir had sung, a Boy's Brass Quartet played "Remembrance." This time no untoward incidents happened concerning the music. Next the combined choirs sang "Barbara Allen"—a tale of unrequited love and the resulting tragedy, which, judging by the expression on the audience's faces, showed that they had taken the lesson to heart. Patricia Haughton and Jennie Petrie then played two piano duets.

After the combined choirs had sung "High Barbary" and the "Bay of Biscay" with great vigour the girls concluded the first half with the unison song "Let All The World Sing."

The second half opened with the girls' string orchestra on its own playing three pieces with charm and enthusiasm. After this somewhat depleted orchestra had played, the combined choirs sang "My Bonnie" which aroused a minor controversy. It appears that the boys accused the girls of being slightly out of tune while the girls in their own defence pointed out that if they were, the boys were the only ones to notice it. Probably they were right. Following

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the lively song "Some Folks Like To Sigh," another Brass Quartette performed. We feel at this juncture that all who played in quartettes and duos deserve the highest praise, and though they may deprecate now the occasion has passed away, any suggestion of nervousness, a tremendous effort was required and all were at least outwardly calm.

The zest with which the boy's choir sang "Vive L'Amour" might have given the erroneous idea that they were all confirmed bachelors. Sasha McNickle and Margaret Wilson then played two piano duos including the popular "Jamaican Rumba." After singing "The Bailiff's Daughter" the combined choirs thrilled the audience with the old favourite "There is a Tavern in the Town." On both nights an enthusiastic audience insisted on an encore. The orchestra then played "Minuet and Trio" and the attractive "Clown's Dance" which opened with an attractive roll on the tympani which fascinated the audience. The combined choirs then sang "Turn Back, O Man," a song of quiet and moving beauty, after which Beethoven's "Creation Hymn" was sung really well by the girls.

The programme was concluded by the combined choir and orchestra and audience singing "God Defend New Zealand."

The festival was enjoyed by all and was highly successful. We shall ignore the comments of those exponents of school-boy colloquialism who described it as a howling success and, if we can, express the opinion in more elegant language.

The experience of taking part in such a combined effort, in which such large numbers earnestly concentrated on making music, was a fresh and lively one for all of us. The audience, we are sure, were pleasantly surprised at the standard reached and amazed that an evening spent thus could pass so pleasantly. They felt too, we hope, that they were contributing as much to our pleasure as we to theirs.

J. L. Diprose.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sir,—

I wish to draw your attention to the way in which the magazine contributions are obtained (although no doubt you know and condone it). All the boys in the School are forced (and in this democratic country too) to hand in contributions. This irks all the boys, causes bad language, and forces them to choose the crooked path and wrack their brains as they try to evade these uncalled for and horrible impositions. (The effect of this will be noticed in later life amongst the old boys of this School who try to evade their Income Tax returns).

I have studied and restudied the above problem and I have come to the conclusion that the masters should write them. After all, even if their attempts were dull (there is no doubt about this) they would at least be gramatically correct. I only hope that the masters will have the courage to take me up on this.

I am, etc.,
"Hopeful."

The Ronald and Peter Bell Memorial

Early in the first term the routine of the normal assembly was changed for the presentation in a simple ceremony, of a table in memory of Ronald and Peter Bell. Present at the ceremony were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bell, Matamata, their sister and their cousin, Miss Pollock, representatives of the Board of Governors, and Mr. J. H. Boon, representing the Old Boys' Association. The lesson was read by the Head Boy and Mr. Billing gave a short address. He was followed by Mr. Bell who presented the table, stressing in his speech the affection which Ronald and Peter had for the school where they had both been very happy. Mr. McNaught replied, accepting the table on behalf of the School and Mr. Papps gave an outline of the boy's careers from the time they entered the School in 1936 and 1937.

The memorial table described by the Headmaster as an example of fine workmanship and orderly beauty, was made by Mr. Horril in the School workshops. It is constructed in oak and designed to match the lectern and the architectural style of the hall and honours board. On the front is a small silver plate which bears the following inscription:

This Table was
Presented to the School by
MR. AND MRS. G. G. BELL, MATAMATA
IN MEMORY OF THEIR SONS
RONALD AND PETER BELL
— 1930 — 1940 —
Who gave their lives in World War II.

ATHLETIC NOTES

The Annual Sports this year were held in the first term on March 17, owing to the pressure of examinations and the number of school activities which take place in the third term.

No school records were broken although the track was in good condition, but many fast times were returned, and the standard on the whole was high. It was generally considered that the change-over to the first term for Sports Day was a success.

In the inter-house sports meeting for the Hansard Cup held in the first term, Pridham House was the winner with Moyes second and West third.

We should like to thank the New Plymouth Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club for providing special events in their Tuesday night sports for competitors from the School. We are also indebted to Dr. G. Thomson who acted as an official in our sports.

S. A. Comber and L. J. Croxson.

STEEPLECHASE

The annual steeplechase was held on the 19th of October and was again run over the School farm. For the first time the championship steeplechases were run as separate events because the alteration of the annual sports meeting to the first term made it necessary for the championship points to be known then. The course was changed slightly, the main difference being the exclusion of the racecourse from the senior run, as it was felt that crossing the main road was rather dangerous.

The under 14 course was about one and a half miles; the junior was two miles; and the senior course of three miles was twice round the junior course.

The race was run in very humid weather and the course over the farm was slippery due to a heavy fall of rain earlier in the day.

With a fine performance G. G. Cavaney showed his superiority in winning the senior event and gaining fastest time. Running off scratch, Cavaney took the lead at the end of the first lap, and was followed closely by J. Olson, off 40sec., who finished second. Two minutes later M. A. McKenzie, off 10sec. finished strongly in third place.

Our congratulations go also to J. H. Taylor who gained first place and fastest time in the under 14 steeplechase; and A. W. Messenger and D. M. Foggin, who took first and fastest time respectively in the junior steeplechase.

L. J. Croxson.

SENIOR.

G. G. Cavaney (scr.), 18min. 50sec.	..	..	..	1
J. Olson (40sec.), 19min. 31sec.	..	..	..	2
M. A. McKenzie (10sec.), 19min. 52sec.	..	..	..	3
W. J. Jones (30sec.), 20min. 32sec.	..	..	..	4
B. W. Lake (30sec.), 20min. 52sec.	..	..	..	5
R. J. Stevenson (scr.), 20min. 26sec.	..	..	..	6
J. H. Diprose (40sec.), 21min. 9sec.	..	..	..	7
A. F. Ayson (10sec.), 20min. 40sec.	8
P. J. Hook (10sec.), 20min. 42sec.	9
P. R. Erskine (10sec.), 20min. 42sec.	10

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Then followed: G. A. Wright, G. S. Collier, R. C. Schroder, B. J. Wood, A. H. Kirk, J. P. Green, J. McCrone, P. McKegney, R. McCartain, E. P. Roberts.

Fastest times:

G. G. Cavaney, 18min. 50sec.	..	..	..	..	1
J. Olson, 19min. 31sec.	..	..	..	..	2
M. A. McKenzie, 19min. 52sec.	..	..	..	..	3
R. J. Stevenson, 20min. 26sec.	..	..	..	..	4
W. J. Jones, 20min. 32sec.	..	..	..	..	5
A. F. Ayson, 20min. 40sec.	..	..	..	..	6
P. J. Hook, 20min. 42sec.	..	..	..	..	7*
P. R. Erskine, 20min. 42sec.	..	..	..	..	7*
B. W. Lake, 20min. 52sec.	..	..	..	..	9
G. A. Wright, 20min. 54sec.	..	..	..	..	10

* Equal.

JUNIOR.

A. W. Messenger (20sec.), 13min. 16sec.	..	..	..	..	1
T. A. Hine (70 sec), 14min. 9sec.	..	..	..	..	2
D. M. Foggin (scr.), 13min. 3sec.	..	..	..	..	3
W. Wood (10sec.), 13min. 22sec.	..	..	..	..	4
R. B. Palmer (50sec.), 14min. 9sec.	..	..	..	..	5
I. C. McCallum (50sec.), 14min. 11sec.	..	..	..	..	6
J. M. Scott (60sec.), 14min. 27sec.	..	..	..	..	7
G. H. Bregman (50sec.), 14min. 12sec.	..	..	..	..	8
D. Blair (70sec.), 14min. 53sec.	..	..	..	..	9
E. J. Askew (60sec.), 14min. 47sec.	..	..	..	..	10

Then followed: M. O'Carroll, R. A. Lewis, P. J. O'Shaughnessey, J. Alsweller, I. E. Rumball, G. McGlashen, A. N. Kemp, R. Buckley, R. Ross, T. Verney.

Fastest Times:

D. M. Foggin, 13min. 3sec.	..	..	..	..	1
A. W. Messenger, 13min. 16sec.	..	..	..	..	2
W. Wood, 13min. 22sec.	..	..	..	..	3
J. Alsweller, 14min. 7sec.	..	..	..	..	4
T. A. Hine, 14min. 9sec.	..	..	..	..	5*
R. B. Palmer, 14min. 9sec.	..	..	..	..	5*
I. C. McCallum, 14min. 11sec.	..	..	..	..	7
G. H. Bregman, 14min. 12sec.	..	..	..	..	8
M. O'Carroll, 14min. 20sec.	..	..	..	..	9
J. M. Scott, 14min. 27sec.	..	..	..	..	10

* Equal.

UNDER 14.

J. H. Taylor (40sec.), 9min. 47sec.	..	..	..	..	1
Don Taylor (60sec.), 10min. 15sec.	..	..	..	..	2
I. J. Honnor (20sec.), 10min. 16sec.	..	..	..	..	3
R. Smith (40sec.), 10min. 46sec.	..	..	..	..	4
J. Wood (60sec.), 11min. 7sec.	..	..	..	..	5
V. I. Knowles (60sec.), 11min. 14sec.	..	..	..	..	6
S. D. Ritchie (60sec.), 11min. 16sec.	..	..	..	..	7
B. Jacobs (scr.), 10min. 34sec.	8
D. Wheller (40sec.), 11min. 16sec.	9
J. R. Shepherd (20sec.), 11min. 3sec.	10

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Then followed: H. T. Spenser, R. N. Buckmaster, H. W. Russ, M. W. Hunt, M. Reid, J. W. Perham, D. Swan, D. G. Hutchen, B. Fenwick, J. Simmons.

Fastest Times:

J. H. Taylor, 9min. 47sec.	..	..	..	..	..	1
Don Taylor, 10min. 15sec.	..	..	..	..	..	2
I. J. Honnor, 10min. 16sec.	..	..	..	..	..	3
B. Jacobs, 10min. 34sec.	..	..	..	..	..	4
R. Smith, 10min. 46sec.	..	..	..	..	..	5
J. R. Shepherd, 11min. 3sec.	..	..	..	..	..	6
J. R. Wood, 11min. 7sec.	..	..	..	..	..	7
M. J. Morton, 11min. 9sec.	..	..	..	..	..	8
V. I. Knowles, 11min. 14sec.	..	..	..	..	..	9
C. Maingay, 11min. 16sec.	10*
S. D. Ritchie, 11min. 16sec.	10*
D. Wheller, 11min. 16sec.	10*

* Equal.

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The Roll.

The year opened with 35 boys five of whom were day boys and the rest boarders. The numbers later increased to 36 in the second term and 38 in the third term.

Sports.

The Prep. boys this year were very successful in sporting activities. T. Fa'asalafa and T. Kitona won the Wilson Shield for the championship finalists in the Prep., both breaking records.

The boxing titles for this year were won by T. Fa'asalafa in the heavyweight, M. Carr gained the middleweight, and W. Bygrave and G. Pearson the lightweight and midgetweight respectively.

Football.

Although the Prep. did not have a game against any of the other Houses we had several practices after school. Some of the boys played for the boarders' ninth grade team.

The Prep. did well in the C. grade cricket championship but the D grade team was not so successful.

J. Morton won the Osborne Cup for the fastest time in the under 14 steeplechase putting up a good effort. The juniors ran well which is more than can be said for some of the bigger boys.

Gardening.

We dug up a small section of land in which we planted potatoes and other vegetables.

Excursions.

Mr. Blundell took all of the remaining boarders for a trip to the Huatoki Domain where they cooked sausages and potatoes over open fires. Later in the day they went for walks in the bush where some of the boys lost. There were also two eeling excursions where the boys caught a total of fifteen eels.

All the boys going into the upper school next year will miss the Prep. school very much. We have had a good time and have been well looked after. The Prep. wish all readers and old boys a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

N. Harford. D. Hutchen.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS 1951

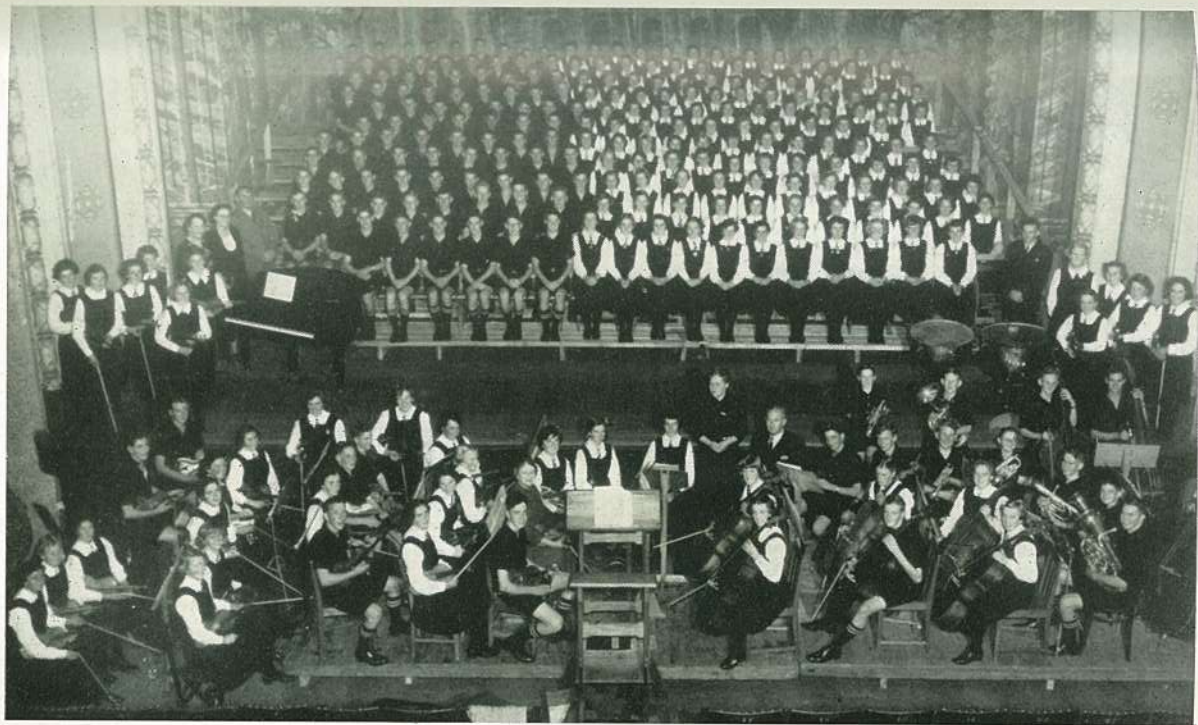
EVENT.	FIRST.	SECOND.	THIRD.	TIME, HEIGHT, DISTANCE.	SCHOOL RECORD OR BEST PERFORMANCE.	
(a) 100 Yards Junior Champ.	Bannister, E. H.	Patten, M. R.	Simcock, M. J.	11.1sec.	10 3-5sec. { C. C. Kjestrup, 1937. W. J. P. Mitchell, 1946.	
100 Yards Junior Handicap.	Smith, I. R.	Westmoreland, R.	Saxton, D. C.	11.3sec.		
100 Yards Senior Champ.	Osborn, C. J.	Cavaney, G. G.	Mila, V.	10.7sec.	10 2-5sec. { W. P. Revell, 1943. R. Watson, 1927.	
100 Yards Senior Handicap.	Graham, D. J.	Bissett, D. G.	Train, B.	11sec.		
100 Yards, Under 15.	Sigley, G. K.	Maillel, L.	Robertson, P. A.	11.7sec.	11 3-5sec., A. R. Bothamley, 1916.	
100 Yards, Under 14 Champ.	Lloyd, D. G.	Lloyd, P. J.	Morton, M. J.	12sec.		
100 Yards, Under 14 Hdcp.	Snell, D.	Hart, G. S.	Bryant, W. J.	12.7sec.		
880 Yards Senior Handicap.	Bayly, I. A.	Hook, J. P.	Cassidy, G. M.	2min. 15.6sec.		
880 Yards Junior Handicap.	Oliver, E. H.	Grantham, P.	Maxwell, P. G.	2min. 18.2sec.		
880 Yards Senior Champ.	Cavaney, G. G.	Tait, R. B.	Campbell, I. R.	2min. 5.6sec.		
(c) 880 Yards Junior Champ.	Foggin, D. M.	Thomas, W. N.	Patten, M. R.	2min. 19sec.		2min. 3 4-5sec., C. Keig, 1948. 2min. 17sec., M. Alsweller, 1948.
(b) 880 Yards Junior Champ.	Smith, B. D.	McCaw, E.	Jensen, G.	10.2sec.		
75 Yards, Under 13.	Snell, D.	Hart, G. S.	Lambert, A. R.	9.3sec.		8 1-5sec., N. H. Street, 1941. 42ft. 7in., W. G. Thomson, 1949. 24sec., L. B. Shrimpton, 1948.
75 Yards, Under 14 Hdcp.	Lloyd, D. G.	Lloyd, P. J.	Morton, M. J.	9sec.		
75 Yards, Under 14 Champ.	Croxson, L. J.	Francis, M. B.	Waite, B. A.	40ft. 11in.		
Hop, Step and Jump.	Osborn, C. J.	Cavaney, G. G.	Dickson, P. G.	24.4sec.		
(d) 220 Yards Senior Champ.	Jackson, H. F.	Bathgate, J. D.	Graham, D. J.	25.6sec.		
220 Yards Senior Handicap.	Bannister, E. H.	Patten, M. R.	Simcock, M. J.	25.4sec.		
220 Yards Junior Champ.	Calder, D. M.	Smith, I. R.	Henderson, I. R.	25.6sec.		
220 Yards Junior Handicap.	Lloyd, D. G.	Morton, M. J.	Lloyd, P. J.	26.5sec.		
220 Yards, Under 14 Champ.	Mayhead, P.	Bryant, W. J.	Goss, A. J.	29.2sec.		
220 Yards, Under 14 Hdcp.	Mayhead, P.	Bryant, W. J.	Oliver, I. H.	116ft. 11½in.		
Throwing the Discus.	Finnigan, J. S.	Graven, I.	Randall, L. T. R.	13.4sec.	52 3-5sec., J. A. Ross, 1948. 56 3-5sec., N. H. Street, 1943. 43ft., A. B. Hooper, 1949. 5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932. 5ft. 6¾in., J. C. Gordon, 1929.	
100 Yards, Under 12.	Bygrave, W. H.	Mackinder, A. W.	Waite, B. A.	57.7sec.		
(e) 440 Yards Senior Handicap.	Watts, M. W.	Cassidy, G. A.	O'Shaughnessey, P.	58.9sec.		
440 Yards Junior Handicap.	Grantham, P.	Scott, J. M.	Dickson, P. G.	55.4sec.		
(f) 440 Yards Senior Champ.	Cavaney, G. G.	Tait, R. B.	{ Bannister, E. H. Foggin, D. M.	59.5sec.		
(g) 440 Yards Junior Champ.	Thomas, W. N.	Patten, M. R.	{ Finnigan, J. S. Bannister, E. H.	35ft. 6¼in.		
Putting the Shot.	Craven, I.	Mila, V.	{ Bannister, E. H. McKenzie, M. A.	4ft. 10in.		
(h) High Jump, Junior.	Scott, D. E.	Adams, R. T.	{ Perham, J. W. Russell, I.	5ft. 3¼in.		
High Jump, Senior.	Francis, M. B.	Croxson, L. J.	{ Perham, J. W. Russell, I.	10.3sec.		
75 Yards, Under 12.	Bygrave, W. H.	Mackinder, A. W.	{ Perham, J. W. Russell, I.	10.2sec.		
(i) Old Boys' Race, 100 Yards.	Mitchell, M.	Kerr	{ Perham, J. W. Russell, I.	10.2sec.		
120 Yards Hurdles, Junior Champ.	Simcock, M. J.	Bannister, E. H.	Julian, G. G.	17.7sec.	17sec., R. I. Brown, 1940.	
120 Yards Hurdles, Junior Handicap.	Saxton, D. C.	Smith, C. M.	Bell, J.	19.2sec.		
120 Yards Hurdles, Senior Champ.	Francis, M. B.	Magrath, B. A.	Mila, V.	16.4sec.		
(j) 120 Yards Hurdles, Senior Handicap.	Waite, B. A.	Cole, C.	McPherson, I. G.	18.2sec.	15 3-5sec., M. O. Ekdahl, 1935.	
(k) Long Jump, Junior.	Simcock, M. J.	Bannister, E. H.	Foggin, D. M.	18ft.		
Long Jump, Senior.	Francis, M. B.	Croxson, L. J.	Mila, V.	19ft 9½in		
(l) Mile Junior Handicap.	Alsweller, J. T.	Foggin, D. M.	Batten, E. A.	5min. 18.4sec.		
(m) Mile Senior Handicap.	Stevenson, R. J.	Wright, G. A.	Bayly, I. A.	5min. 16.8sec.		
Mile Senior Champ.	Campbell, I. R.	Walker, P. D.	Crawford, C. L.	5min. 9.5sec.		
Steeplechase, Senior.	Cavaney, G. G.	Campbell, I. R.	Stevenson, R. J.	5min. 9.5sec.		
Steeplechase, Junior.	Foggin, D. M.	Julian, G. G.	{ Simcock, M. J. Patten, M. R. Thomas, W. N.			
Steeplechase, Under 14.	Morton, M. J.	Croxson, R. S.	Jacobs, B.	1min. 25.8sec.		
Inter-House Relay.	Moyes House Osborn, C. J. Bannister, E. H. Tait, R. B. Wahlstrom, P.	Pridham House	West House			

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS—

Senior:	Cavaney, G. G., 21pts.	..	1
	Francis, M. B., 18pts.	..	2
	Croxson, L. J., 11pts.	..	3
Junior:	Bannister, E. H., 17½pts.	..	1
	Simcock, M. J., 12 1-3pts.	..	2
	Foggin, D. M., 11½pts.	..	3
Under 14:	Lloyd, D. G., 15pts.	..	1
	Morton, M. J., 10pts.	..	2
	Lloyd, P. J., 7pts.	..	3

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



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IS IT LEISURE TIME?

Sir,—

It is apparent that the average schoolboy of to-day, if he participates in school activities, has little time to follow any particular interest of his own. The following could be taken as a reasonable timetable for out of school activities during the winter term; Monday chess, Tuesday football practice, Wednesday music lesson, Thursday football practice, Friday special Geometry coaching class, Saturday morning football match, Saturday night dancing class and Sunday morning church. Add to these Friday night Anglican Boys' Club and Saturday afternoon at Rugby Park where senior football is in progress. These in themselves are all social activities, yet one is tempted to wonder what time remains for the individual. Preparation of studies has not been listed and if done conscientiously it must take much of the little remaining time.

There is still the family life to be considered. A boy in his teens should be able to play his part in the home both by doing certain tasks and by participating in the family social life. Reading has not yet been mentioned, and the majority of educationalists agree that this is the core of all education. Therefore it requires time.

It is obvious from this too brief outline that a true balance in living has not been attained. Too much has been crowded in but there appears to be no chance of pruning any of the off-shoots.

I am, etc., B. Kerr, 5CL.

COUNTRY HOUSE.

Sir,—

There is in this School an institution called Country House. In relation to the other Houses, Country House has no chance whatever of competing in the sporting competitions of the School, with any hope of success. Transport to and from School plays havoc with practices and without practice it is impossible to develop team work. Numerically too, the other Houses are superior and without the number to draw from Country House has a difficult time in fielding full teams.

If, however, the existing Country House was amalgamated with the other day boy Houses perhaps these teams could give the "cock o' the roost" something to think about.

Sir, I wonder whether the suggestion of distributing the members of Country House among the other day boys' Houses will become a reality or shall Country House be left alone to struggle against the overwhelming superiority of the stronger Houses.

I am, etc., Country House.

BOARDERS' BEDTIME.

Sir,—

I think that boarders should be able to go to bed any time they like after tea on week-ends. There could be a rule that they were all in at say 8.30. In the winter term boys hang around the Houses shivering and with nothing to do, and complaining how tired they are and having to wait for the bell. There could also be a rule that if there is any excess noise the culprit should be sent out to wait for the bell. I think this would be an excellent idea.

I am, etc., Ray Brewerton, 4E.

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CHAPEL NOTES.

Our School Services have been held regularly during the year at 9.30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church. They have been conducted by the Revs. J. T. Holland, W. E. W. Hurst and E. O. E. Hill. From the beginning of the third term, the time was changed to 9.45 a.m. so that the Girls' High School would have more time for their Bible Class.

We were all very pleased to hear of the appointment of the Rev. J. T. Holland as Bishop of the Waikato Diocese, and we are sure that he will fill this high position with distinction. The whole diocese will benefit from his energetic administration. He started his duties in Hamilton in April, and his place as Vicar of St. Mary's was taken by the Rev. W. E. W. Hurst. The Bishop-elect visited the School before his departure and was presented with a cheque contributed by the boys with which he bought a filing cabinet. The School wishes him success and happiness in the heavy responsibilities which he has undertaken.

The Rev. Hurst, who came from Stratford and who "thrives on change," is trying to familiarise the boys with as much of the Morning Service as possible and is thus introducing some variation into our service. We were pleased to hear recently that Mr. Hurst had been made a Canon.

We were very sorry to lose the services of Mr. A. C. Webb in the second term. He had voluntarily played the organ for the School Service since 1942. Till 1949 he conducted the Church Choir practice and at all times he took a keen interest in the affairs of the School. His services were invaluable, and he did much to foster interest in the Church Choir. Mr. Golding relieved as organist until the arrival of the newly appointed organist from England.

The Friday Night Hymn Practice has been alternated this year with classes for the seniors and juniors, held by Mr. Hill and Mr. Hurst respectively. These talks are proving very interesting and combined with discussion are of great value.

The vicar has continued the Boys' Club which was formed last year for the Anglican day boys. In addition to this, the fifth and sixth formers of both Schools meet on every other Friday night for Square Dancing and other such recreations.

Mid-way through the second term we participated in a Youth Rally attended by groups from several parts of Taranaki. The service began at 2.30 p.m. and at the same time an identical one was held in St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton. Present at the service were representatives of the Stratford, Inglewood, Ohura, Okato, Vogelstown and Fitzroy Youth Organisations, in addition to those from St. Mary's parish. The Schools' Choir was assisted by some members of the Inglewood Choir, and the banners of the various parishes were presented at the altar. After the service there was an afternoon tea in the Parish Hall.

The Confirmation Service was held on Sunday, September 20th, and was followed immediately after by Holy Communion for the candidates. Many parents and friends were present at the Service, some coming from as far away as Rotorua. The candidates were able to make their first Communion with their parents. The Bishop of

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Waikato, Bishop Holland confirmed the following candidates:—G. A. Bendall, B. I. Belk, G. A. Brackebush, I. A. Brackebush, G. H. Bregmen, W. J. Bryant, A. J. Burrell, D. W. Burton, J. J. Butler, B. S. Coleman, S. B. Cottier, K. L. Davidson, D. F. W. Elliott, B. C. Flight, C. T. Flight, D. B. Fookes, P. F. Fookes, P. A. Foreman, P. L. Gibbons, M. J. Gibbons, B. K. Gudopp, C. T. Henderson, R. O. D. Henderson, S. T. King, V. L. Knowles, R. C. Lawn, J. K. Lay, R. A. Lewis, J. E. A. Lys, C. T. Maingay, R. D. Mander, R. D. J. McCaw, V. L. McCracken, C. G. L. McGlashan, J. R. McLean, D. M. McNickle, B. J. McPhee, W. D. Mooney, P. R. Mudford, G. M. O'Halloran, W. E. Phillips, C. R. Potter, N. B. Quicke, E. J. Rumball, R. L. Sanger, C. D. Saxton, J. P. Simcock, N. E. Skinner, D. F. Stewart, T. W. Verney, B. Walter, A. H. Watkins, D. H. Weston, R. R. Whytcross, M. C. Wynyard.

Many Old Boys will be sorry to learn that the Rev. Fordham Clark died suddenly in London last May. He was Anglican Chaplain of the School from 1931 to 1936. We also have to record the death of the Rev. A. N. Niblock at the beginning of the year. Mr. Niblock came to New Plymouth to retire in 1942 and often took the School service during the war years. He will be remembered with affection and respect by Old Boys who attended the School at that time.

Our Vicar has sent this message: "It has been a great joy getting to know you all through our High School Service, which is the most thrilling service of the week, and also through the classes at School and the Boys' Club. Probably those I know best are the members of this year's Confirmation Class who prepared so seriously and well. If I might say one word it is, 'Seek the truth, as found in Christ and live by it.'"

D. H. Brown.

THE CRUSADER MOVEMENT.

On the 29th June, 1950, we held our first Crusader meeting. Under the guidance of Mr. J. D. Roulston, who was assisted by Mr. Sears of the Taranaki Bible House, Crusaders have met weekly in the Music Room for Bible study and prayer. We have had an attendance of about 15.

During our existence we have had the privilege of hearing several outside speakers, including Jack Kyle, Dr. Martin (North Island Crusader secretary), Mr. Theobald (Missionary from Gold Coast), Mr. Beecroft (Dominion Crusader secretary), Mr. Hobern (South Seas Evangelical Mission) and Mr. Feist (Mission to Lepers).

Two boys have been awarded Crusader Badges and others have applied.

Two Crusader "Squashes" have been organised, at which we saw films of Crusader camps and enjoyed a grand social time. We hope to have another in the near future.

Four of our number attended the recent "Snow Camp" held in the Stratford Mountain House and enjoyed four days of ski-ing and other fun. The meetings were both helpful and interesting, the subjects considered all dealt with Biblical references to snow and mountains.

In conclusion we wish to thank Mr. Roulston and Mr. Sears for coming up each week and giving up their lunch hours to conduct our meetings.

S. B. McMillan.

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MUSIC NOTES.

The School Orchestra—1951.

1st Violins: J. L. Diprose, R. F. Gadd.
2nd Violins: R. E. Brine, G. C. Derby, R. B. Hosking, B. D. Webby.
'Cello: S. R. Hill.
Double Basses: H. C. Graham, E. L. Johnson.
Flutes: P. R. Hancock, R. S. Watts.
Clarinet: B. F. Newcomb.
Cornets: R. Hunt, J. G. McLeod, P. Wills.
Tenor Horns: S. B. McMillan, L. J. Taylor.
Euphonium: A. R. McGiven.
Percussion: I. H. Campbell.
Piano: V. H. Bedford.

The 20 players in the School Orchestra have had a very full and interesting year. The introduction of a Brass Section, which was a very noticeable improvement, has been retained this year and the Orchestra has been further expanded to include two double bass players.

The Friday morning practices, which were well maintained, were increased to twice a week in preparation for the public performances.

We played for the School after prayers one morning during the first term. Later, in conjunction with the Girls' High School Orchestra, creditable performances were given at the Combined High Schools Music Festival. In the second term, assisted by a string section from the Girls' High School Orchestra, we performed for the School play at the Opera House.

To conclude the year's activities we played at the Break-up ceremony.

We would like to congratulate David Venables and Norman Gadd, former members of the Orchestra, on their selection to perform in the percussion section of the National Orchestra.

V. H. Bedford.

The School Choir.

This year the Choir's activities have been mainly confined to the first term. Rehearsals for the Festival, in conjunction with the Girls' High School, began early in the term and were enthusiastically attended.

Practices for boarders were held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings while the day boys gave up three and sometimes four lunch hours per week to attend their rehearsals.

The male section of the Choir consisted of some 90 boys, who gave a very creditable exhibition of part singing.

It is to be hoped that this year's enthusiasm will be maintained in the future as choral work is certainly playing a more important part in our school life.

V. H. Bedford.

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The Music Festival.

This year, the High Schools combined to perform their first Music Festival. Although this was our first presentation of a musical programme of this type the Opera House was nearly full on both nights, May 2nd and 3rd.

With a choir of some 230 voices and an orchestra of 60 players, the musical items presented were of a very high standard.

The body of the programme has been outlined in the report on the Music Festival.

Those responsible for the organisation of the festival acknowledge a great debt to Dr. Vernon Griffiths, Professor of Music at Canterbury College, who has specialised in arranging part songs for voices of secondary school age.

J. L. Diprose.

BAND.

The Band Roll for 1951 is:—

Drum Major: I. A. Graven.
Bass Drum: I. B. Siffleet.
Side Drums: P. J. Wahlstrom, B. L. Francis, B. J. Gartner,
C. J. Hassall, C. R. Moorby, J. V. Parkinson.
Cornets, I.: J. L. Diprose, R. L. Hunt, J. G. McLeod, P. J. Willis.
II: J. S. Orams, P. M. Steffensen, M.A. Stevens.
Tenor Horns: S. B. McMillan, L. J. N. Taylor.
Baritone: D. C. Bird.
Basses: R. S. R. Greensill, B. F. Newcomb, B. C. Smeaton.
Euphoniums: A. R. McGiven, I. B. H. Pryke.

This year the band was very good although we missed J. N. Gadd and D. A. Venables, side-drummers of previous years, who have since leaving School filled first and second places in the N.Z. Brass Band Championships. Regular practices have been held on Wednesday mornings at 8 o'clock. For once there was no lack of recruits thanks to Mr. Lowe's work among primary school boys. We are grateful to the New Plymouth City Band for making available their Bandroom and music.

In addition to playing for Battalion parades during the year, the band has fulfilled several outside engagements. On Anzac Day, after playing at the early morning service at the cemetery and for the School parade at the Memorial Gates, we combined with the New Plymouth City Band for the public parade and service held at Pukekura Park despite torrential rain. We gave a programme at the final of the Brown Shield Soccer match—Taranaki v. Rotorua—and assisted the City Band when the French League team played. At the end of the second term the Band gave a concert after assembly one morning consisting of marches, hymns and the Zdenko Fibich 'Poem,' for which all showed their appreciation.

Unfortunately we are losing our conductor, Mr. R. L. Lowe, who is visiting England early next year. We take this opportunity of thanking him for the time and untiring patience which he has expended on us.

A. R. McGiven.

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DRAMATIC CLUB.

The School play was presented as usual in the Opera House on the 8th and 9th of August. The choice this year was Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." It was produced by Mr. Harris and was presented with the aid of members of the Girls' High School who filled the four female parts. There was much competition for places in the cast which was finally chosen as follows:

Algernon Moncrieff	R. E. Schroder
Jack Worthing	L. J. Croxson
Rev. Canon Clasuble, D.D.	A. F. Ayson
Merriman (Butler)	M. Reeves
Lane (Manservant)	B. A. Waite
Lady Bracknell	Heather Blair
Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax	Constance Kirk
Cecily Cardew	Rosemary Alexander
Miss Prism (Governess)	Janice Brighthouse

Our thanks are due to the many who helped us especially Mrs. Church and Mr. Blundell who attended to the costuming and make-up.

The play was the only activity of the club this year but the supporters have been many and there was a great enthusiasm among the members throughout rehearsals.

Criticism of School Play.

The 1951 play was Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" produced on the 8th and 9th of August in the Opera House to very good houses on both nights. The School attended on the first night so on the Thursday the cast, tempered by that experience, gave a performance of very high standard. The choice of play has been criticised as usual on the grounds that it is too difficult for a school cast. This is inevitable and is usually correct, but the choice of a play is the most difficult part of the production and many factors affect it. Out of fairness to the players the play should be one suitable to their age and experience and it needs to be simple to produce. Unfortunately this aim is never achieved. There are several reasons. A play suitable for production in secondary schools would not be good adult entertainment, and we rely on adult audiences. Material within the School sphere such as low comedy or farce would be of no dramatic value to either audience or cast. But the chief question is, where would you get a play for teen-age standards. So the choice is necessarily whether the play should be easy to act or of high dramatic quality. The choice must fall on a play of quality. Nevertheless it is certain that those in the audience who were dubious at coming to a High School presentation of an old favourite were agreeably surprised. Even the sternest critic would admit that Wilde's frivolous satirical dialogue lost very little in the presentation.

The individual performances were all very good. Richard Schroder played Algernon Moncrieff with great bounce and an assurance which some of the other members of the cast lacked. The muffin scene he handled especially well and gave a polished performance throughout although at times he was inclined to steal scenes.

Heather Blair gave an excellent performance as Lady Bracknell Algernon's society-conscious aunt. Her only fault was a tendency to over-emphasise some of her more witty lines.

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As Jack Worthing, Laurence Croxson did very well playing the long, less interesting role with a gravity and 'earnestness' which were very convincing.

His fiance, the sophisticated snob, Gwendolen, was played smoothly by Constance Kirk. Her voice on the first night did not carry well but on the second night she improved and gave a good performance.

Rosemary Alexander handled the part of Cecily Cardew, Jack's young and innocent ward, very capably. Her voice perhaps lacked variation but she spoke clearly and in her quarrel with Gwendolen was right at home.

Cecily's straight-laced governess Miss Prism was portrayed well by Janice Brighthouse who was very coy and handled a difficult character part well.

Alan Ayson played another smaller part, that of Dr. Chasuble, the local vicar, very convincingly and in a solemn manner which was perfect for the part. Algernon's manservant Lane was played with great dignity by Barry Waite while Jack's butler Merriman was ably played by Manning Reeves in spite of an anxiety, sometimes observable, about the tightness of a certain borrowed garment.

A. F. Cassie.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The library has remained open for the borrowing of books this year. The issuing system has been modified allowing fifth and sixth formers to borrow books without the attendance of a librarian. This system has proved both popular and efficient and will be continued next year.

Unfortunately, owing to a shortage of money, the acquisition of new books has been somewhat curtailed this year. Because of this, a large number of varied and interesting Penguin and other cheaper publications have been acquired. These books have been bound and strengthened and have been of great use to the boys.

The new books that have been bought have been chosen with the object of widening the boys reading interests from the usual narrow selections found in school libraries, so that they will have wide reading tastes on leaving School.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Diprose and others for their very generous gifts of books to the library. They will be of great use to the School.

Unfortunately the losses of books from the library are somewhat excessive this year. This regrettable feature seems to be common in school libraries all over New Zealand. We hope that these losses will be curtailed next year, as they are a reflection on the honesty of the School in general.

The library assistants this year have been as follows:—M. J. Barkman, R. M. Montgomerie, M. J. Simcock, D. J. Bissett, J. D. Bathgate, R. E. Still, and G. Collier.

R. C. Schroder.

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CADET NOTES, 1951.

This year the Cadet Battalion resumed its normal routine of six days Barracks held at the School. The roll was over 600 but there was the usual percentage of boys excused. Throughout the year we have held one half-day a month, cadet training. During barracks-week the mornings were set down for drill and weapon training and the afternoons for first aid, knots and lashings and field craft.

The smallest company was B Coy. with only two platoons—a sixth form platoon and an Intelligence Platoon. Here we must congratulate the I Platoon on setting a very high standard of marching and keeping it up during the year. C Coy. consisted of five Platoons of fourth form boys; two of these being N.C.O. Platoons, who covered a full syllabus of weapon training and fundamental drill. D Coy., the third formers, were again broken into a left and right wing and it is very pleasing to see how they have improved their general drill since barracks-week; especially the smaller boys who find the rifle exercises rather difficult. This year they have concentrated upon foot-drill and rifle exercises.

This year's Anzac day proved to be very wet, and in consequence the parade through the town was cancelled for the School. However, we were represented by the band, who braved the elements and joined the main parade. The usual service was held at the main gates, wreaths being laid by Mr. I. H. Kerr (Old Boys' Association), R.S.M. L. J. Croxson; Head Boy, B. R. Boon; Head Boarder, B. C. Arthur.

A course for senior N.C.O.'s was held at Waiouru in January and was attended by four sergeants. A Linton course was held in August for cadets, due for promotion to junior N.C.O.'s. This was a trial camp run entirely by the schools, as the Regular Army staff were unavailable owing to the compulsory military training scheme. The camp was under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Davis, who is an Old Boy of the School. Two officers, two senior N.C.O.'s as instructors, and twenty-six cadets attended the course from our School.

The N.C.O. examinations for promotion to sergeants have yet to be held. A new system is being used, the N.C.O.'s being given the schedule for examination, as it is generally considered that the exam. is not upon knowledge but upon method of instruction.

Sole Cup—Best N.C.O.: 1st, R.S.M. L. J. Croxson; 2nd, Sergeant G. J. Lawson; 3rd, Sergeant G. A. Wright.

This is the second successive year it has been won by L. J. Croxson. The examination was again conducted by the Army Staff who commented on the very high standard of all six competitors.

Intelligence Platoon.—The I. Platoon started drill with a roll smaller than usual. The reason seems to be that cadet work is becoming more specialised each year, and that, with the training of 18-year-olds established, more boys are anxious to join the N.C.O. Platoon. The usual I. syllabus was covered with practical work in the use of the compass, protractor, plane-table and map work of an elementary nature. Possibly, the most successful practical work



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Back Row: E. L. Johnston, S. R. Hill, J. L. Diprose, R. Brine, A. R. McGiven, H. C. Graham.
Middle Row: G. C. Derby, L. Taylor, B. Newcombe, B. D. Webby, V. H. Bedford, R. Hosking, P. R. Hancock, S. B. McMillan, R. Gadd.
Front Row: P. Wills, R. S. Watts.



SCHOOL BAND, 1951.

Back Row: Mr. Low, S. B. McMillan, D. C. Bird, J. Parkinson, B. F. Francis, B. J. Gartner, A. R. McGiven, J. Graven.
Middle Row: L. Taylor, J. Orams, I. Siffert, B. Newcombe, J. M. McCleod, I. Pryke.
Front Row: P. Wills, J. L. Diprose, B. Smeaton, R. Greensill, M. Stevens, P. Steffensen.

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carried out was a compass traverse undertaken by a patrol to find an enemy gun position, to plot the position and relay it back to our own gunners. Cold, wet weather hampered practical work in the middle term.

Signals.—A successful barracks-weeks, consisting of elementary drill and specialised training, ended with an all-day exercise on Barrett Road when all equipment was used. Corporal Hook's cable laying party was fastest on the exercise.

Instruction has been continued throughout the year in morse, telephone and wireless communication. An all-afternoon exercise was held during the 2nd term at Hobson Street, when Don V's and fullerphones were used. This time Cadet Erskine's cable laying party was first through. The 2nd term ended with an exercise on the School farm, again using Don V's and fullerphones.

Sports day and the steeplechase were successfully covered with "48" sets. Here we must thank Staff-Sergeant Mills for his valuable help and instruction.

A.T.C.—As usual the A.T.C. this year consisted of two flights. The programme was well varied over barracks-week, including morse signals, instruction in Z.C.I. field radio and a morning's parachute drill. During this year there were five successful applicants for flying training, these being: G. Derby, R. Spenser, I. Campbell, F. Whitehead, L. Barclay. One boy is still doubtful, B. A. Waite. Four boys attended a course at Ohakea where they received general instruction. Corporal B. A. Waite finished the course very successfully with a flight in a Mosquito. During the year lectures in flying instruments have been given. It is pleasing to see A.T.C. cadets figuring prominently in the School Shooting Championships, and we extend our congratulations to Sergeant F. J. Crawford on winning the School championship.

L. J. Croxson.

BOXING.

Although entries were fewer this year than last, many fine bouts were witnessed throughout both the preliminaries and finals.

The Taranaki Boxing Associations Cup for the most scientific boxer was won by J. R. Brimblecombe who proved himself worthy of the award.

The Wallace Shield for inter-House competition was won by Pridham with 21 points, followed by Moyes with 17 and Carrington with 16.

A special award for the gamest loser was presented by Mr. L. Petty and was won by J. R. Wood.

We wish to thank the doctors and judges who gave their valuable time to assist us, and also the Taranaki Boxing Association for the use of their equipment.

The results were:—

Preparatory School—

Midgetweight Class.—Although somewhat smaller than his opponent J. Perham fought well with both fists. Nevertheless height and weight won G. Pearson the points decision.

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Lightweight Class.—B. Bygraves showed considerable promise when he defeated E. Boon in a spirited bout. Bygraves used both fists effectively.

Middleweight Class.—In a toe to toe battle M. Carr narrowly defeated P. Smith. Both boys punched vigorously and only exhaustion separated them. Cleaner punching won Carr the points decision.

Heavyweight Class.—G. Fa'asalafa defeated P. Robertson on points. Robertson boxed well but could not cope with the cat and mouse tactics of his opponent.

Upper School—

Under 6st.—This bout was one of considerable interest as both boys adopted a defensive attitude. B. Kohn's footwork and straight punches won him the points decision from T. Smillie who was inclined to punch wildly.

Under 6st. 7lb.—B. Ellis had a considerable advantage in reach over his game opponent J. R. Wood, but what Wood lacked in reach he made up in courage and was as impressive in defeat as Ellis was in victory. Nevertheless Ellis showed an ability to box and well deserved his win.

J. R. Wood won the trophy for the gamest loser.

Under 7st.—Boxing cleverly V. Newell defeated D. Fookes on points. Newell showed a good knowledge of ringcraft and it was this factor that gave him the victory over his sound opponent.

Under 8st.—It was in this impressive bout that this year's winner of the Scientific Cup was found. J. R. Brimblecombe boxed with considerable promise, his punches were straight and often but lacked sting. Both his footwork and ringcraft was of a high standard but with all this Brimblecombe did not have it all his own way, for his capable opponent, D. Paterson showed that he was not at sea in the ring. Brimblecombe won on points.

Under 8st 7lb.—In a fast bout of clever boxing D. Wood outclassed W. Bell. Wood forced the fight and Bell replied with some good but unorthodox punches. Wood's cleaner and crisper punches gave him the points decision.

Under 9st.—D. Takai was perhaps the most impressive boxer to take the ring. He clearly outpointed his opponent W. Bryce who, although he boxed on, was well outclassed. Using both fists freely Takai dictated terms throughout.

Under 9st. 7lb.—This bout produced the most evenly matched pair throughout the series. G. Julian had the edge on J. Richards and it was his footwork that won the decision.

Under 10st.—A. Goss and M. Watts provided an interesting bout. Both boys punched hard and fast, delivering severe punishment to each others heads. Goss narrowly won the points decision.

Under 11st.—As all of the school's heavyweight boxers had been injured this was the heaviest bout of the night. It was characterised by occasional spells of torrid punching by both boys, D. Carrington and Luafa'aitu. Although Carrington punched straighter than his opponent it was Luafa'aitu's footwork and tactics that won him the points decision.

G. Julian.

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TENNIS NOTES.

We experienced an enjoyable season of tennis despite the fact that our teams were relatively unsuccessful in inter-club competition. This was partially due to all our teams moving up one grade, so that in conjunction with the Girls' High School the School entered five teams in the North Taranaki inter-club competitions, embracing A, B and C grades. The players must be commended for their achievements, as they were further handicapped by club games being played during the Christmas holidays.

School players enjoyed a successful competitive season, participating in several championships. The following players of the Taranaki Junior Team played in the New Zealand Junior Championships: B. Boon, P. Powell, L. Croxson, M. Reeves and, with the addition of K. Grant, R. Stevenson, D. Foggin, T. Crean, R. Montgomerie and J. Raines competed at the Auckland Junior Championships.

For the first time, separate Taranaki Junior Championships were played at the Rotokare courts. B. Boon won the singles title from P. Powell and with Townsend, who attended School up to Easter in 1950, was successful in the doubles final.

B. Boon was a semi-finalist in both the Auckland and New Zealand Junior singles titles; he was also successful in winning the New Zealand Junior mixed doubles title with Miss P. Hutcherson, of Wellington. In the final they defeated Townsend and Miss P. Nettleton.

Although the standard of the 1950 School Championships was not up to that of the previous season, some very interesting matches were witnessed. L. Croxson was surprisingly beaten by Bramwell, while Mainland was convincingly defeated by Crawford. Neither of these results could possibly have been foreseen.

Results were as follows:—

Senior Singles.—Semi-finals: B. Boon defeated A. Brownlie 6-1, 6-2; P. Powell defeated R. Stevenson 6-3, 6-4.

Final.—B. Boon defeated P. Powell 6-3, 6-2.

Powerful serving and smashing was displayed by both players, but Boon's steadier and more accurate driving forced Powell into many errors.

Senior Doubles.—B. Boon and P. Powell defeated J. Mainland and L. Croxson 8-6, 6-3.

Intermediate Singles.—D. Foggin defeated B. Beetham 6-5, 2-6, 6-3.

Intermediate Doubles.—M. Reeves and I. George defeated G. Julian and D. Foggin 6-2, 6-5.

Junior Singles.—R. Croxson defeated J. Raines 6-2, 6-0.

Junior Doubles.—J. Simcock and R. Croxson defeated R. D. Alexander and R. H. Graham 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Third Form Tournament.—G. Neve defeated G. Jensen 6-1, 6-2.

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INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

First Round.—Pridham defeated Moyes 4 sets to 2; Central defeated East 4 sets to 2; West defeated Carrington 4 sets to 2.

Second Round.—Central defeated West 4 sets to 2; Pridham a bye.

Final.—Central names mentioned first: Boon v. Stevenson 9-3, L. Croxson v. J. Graham 9-3, I. George v. D. Bissett 9-6, R. Croxson v. J. Scott 9-1, Boon and Croxson v. Stevenson and Bissett 9-6, George and R. Croxson v. Graham and Scott 9-0. Central defeated Pridham 6 sets to 0.

Last season the School played matches against Stratford District High School, winning 13 sets to 11 sets, and against Waitara District High School, winning 7 sets to 2 sets.

At the end of the first term the ladder was as follows: M. Reeves 1, K. Grant 2, L. Croxson 3, D. Foggin 4, R. Stevenson 5, I. George 6, T. Crean 7, D. Bissett 8, P. Grantham 9, J. Raines 10, R. Montgomerie 11, N. Hebden 12, R. Schroder 13, G. Collier 14, D. Brown 15, B. Kerr 16, C. McDonald 17, R. Brown 18, N. Reid 19, B. Arthur 20.

R. J. Stevenson.

TABLE TENNIS NOTES.

With an increased membership of 115 players the club has experienced another very successful season. The club has expanded considerably since it began in 1947 and there was strong competition for positions on the ladder, which has made for a vast improvement in standard, particularly among the top sixteen players.

As usual we entered teams in the A, B, and C grades of the North Taranaki club competitions. This year we entered a second team in the C grade with the object of giving more boys match experience. This has proved a satisfactory step in the club's activities and the boys of this team have justified the move and proved their worth by winning the North Taranaki C grade championship for the third time in the club's existence of five years.

There was only a slight difference between the teams due to much concentrated practice which made for a general rise in standard.

For the third successive year the A grade were runners-up in their competition, the winning team defeating them in both the first and second rounds.

The B grade showed considerable improvement on last year and won their division without a loss. In their final with Inglewood Combined they were narrowly beaten.

Our C1 team were top equal in their division of the C grade competition but were unsuccessful in their play-off. The C2 team, however, who were also top equal in their division, won their play-off. Of the three divisional winners our C2 team won the final very narrowly on points.

The numerous entries in the club's annual championships held in August made a very successful competition. The players were keen and the standard was good. The results were as follows:—

Senior Singles.—Final: Boon d. Grant 18-21, 14-21, 21-9, 21-18, 21-15.

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Senior Doubles.—Final: Grant and Crean d. McDonald and Stevenson 13-21, 21-12, 21-11, 21-12.

Intermediate Singles.—Final: Crean d. Foggin 19-21, 21-16, 21-14.

Intermediate Doubles.—Final: Foggin and Butler d. Reid and Raines 21-18, 22-20.

Junior Singles.—Final: Wood d. Maingay 21-15, 21-17.

Junior Doubles.—Final: Wood and Maingay d. Cooney and Lys 21-17, 14-21, 21-19.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

This was held at the end of the second term. The results were:—

First Round.—Pridham d. West 12-0. East d. Carrington 8-4.

Semi-final.—Pridham d. Moyes 10-2.

Final.—Pridham d. East 10-2.

We must congratulate all those School players who competed in the Taranaki championship. T. Crean meritoriously won the Junior title. In the A grade residential championships Boon and Mr. Sweeney were runners-up to the doubles title.

This season's table tennis has continued to prove that it is a very popular sport and a particularly high standard has been reached. The club will be sorry to see so many of its present team players leave at the end of the year but there is a considerable reserve of young talent in the School and the outlook for the future is bright.

C. F. McDonald.

BADMINTON NOTES.

This was a very enjoyable season for the club members, who totalled 46. Many of the players improved considerably in standard during the season. This was mainly due to the keenly contested friendly matches. There was a large number of entries and many interesting games were witnessed. Several of the younger players have shown considerable promise.

Results were as follows:—

Senior Championship (Cook and Lister Cup): Semi-finals.—R. Stevenson defeated R. Schroder 15-2, 15-3; I. Hopkins defeated R. Montgomerie 15-4, 5-15, 15-9. **Final:** I. Hopkins defeated R. Stevenson 11-15, 15-12, 15-6. Hopkins played astutely to defeat Stevenson. He employed a very clever tactical game—drop shots and a well placed backhand lob.

Junior Championship (Isaacs Cup): Final.—D. Foggin defeated G. Julian 15-11, 15-2.

D. Foggin's superior court-craft won him this match. His lobs were a source of trouble to Julian who nevertheless had Foggin worried with his drop-shots in the first set.

R. J. Stevenson.

SOCCER NOTES.

This season has been enjoyable if not very successful for our teams and we have maintained a reputation for good quality Soccer.

The First Eleven were reasonably successful in the Senior B competition and until the final game we were equal with the winners, Stratford. We congratulate Stratford on their win and promotion to Senior A.

In the senior six-a-side tournament we were unfortunate to meet in the first round, City A, who were finally runners-up, and we lost by two goals and a corner to two goals.

We congratulate Hook, Reeves, Comber and Gadd on being selected for the Senior B representatives and L. Barclay, Hook, Comber, Darney, Gadd, Reeves and Roberts who were selected for the Taranaki National Cup team. We were also pleased to see a large number of our players representing Taranaki in the Open Schoolboys' Tournament at Wellington; they were, L. Barclay (captain), Hook (vice-captain), Gadd, Roberts, Burgess, Comber, C. Barclay, Reeves, Diprose and Parkinson.

The Holden Memorial Cup for inter-House competition was retained by West, who defeated East by two goals to one in a hard-fought final.

The annual match against Mt. Albert Grammar was played on July 21st at Western Park. School was defeated nine to two by Grammar who turned on a brilliant display.

The School team was:—R. Lennox; C. Woodd, R. F. Gadd; E. P. Roberts, L. A. Barclay (Captain), I. B. Darney; S. Comber, C. Barclay, J. P. Hook, M. Reeves, J. L. Diprose.

J. L. Diprose.

HOCKEY.

This year the team consisted of mainly beginners and consequently was not as strong as previous years, but towards the end of the season they showed great signs of improvement.

A team was not entered in the Senior Northern Division Competition but several Saturday games were played with mixed results.

This year there were another two fields marked out for the benefit of outside clubs. The annual games played against Hawera and Stratford resulted in a comfortable win for these two teams. The score was 6-0 and 6-0 respectively.

The Games.

v. Hawera Technical High School.

The game was played at New Plymouth under very wet conditions; the ground was virtually a lake.

The game was played at a considerable pace. School appeared to have the superior defence, Wahlstrom and Smith playing sound games. The forwards however were the team's weak spot, lacking penetration and combination. The Hawera forwards had possession of the ball most of the time only to lose it to the School defence.

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v. Stratford Technical School.

This game was played at Stratford on a very sticky ground which slowed the game considerably. School's defence was again very good although it was weakened perhaps by the loss of Wahlstrom.

The forwards were again the weak spot of the team although Reeves, on the right wing, had several breaks from which goals could have been scored.

A. J. Sterritt.

SWIMMING.

The standard of swimming throughout the School has been raised considerably as can be seen by the number of records broken this year in all styles of swimming.

In the Taranaki championships, held a week before the School championships, swimmers from our School won several titles and broke records. R. G. M. Smith broke the records in both the 220 yards and 100 yards junior breaststroke events, H. Klenner the 50 yards 12-13 years breaststroke and R. Titcombe the 12-13 years 50 and 100 yards freestyle events. M. B. Francis won the 100 yards and 220 yards junior freestyle events as well as the senior men's 100 yards freestyle. G. Innes won the 440 yards junior freestyle championship while Titcombe won the 12-13 years 50 yards backstroke and the diving, in addition to his records.

In the school championships M. B. Francis won the senior championship with the possible of 20 points. I. Jensen won the junior championship with 11 points and W. J. Bryant the under 14 years championship with 11 points, three points ahead of J. P. Simcock. A tie resulted in the Preparatory championship with Kitiona and Fa'asalafa each having eight points.

The 100 yards senior freestyle record was broken by Francis who recorded a time of 1min. 3.6sec., while Smith lowered the 50 yards breaststroke record, recording 37sec., 2.4sec. faster than T. Logan's previous record. G. Barrack also broke Logan's record in a heat but he was beaten by Smith in the final. I. Graven lowered the 50 yards backstroke record to 37.5sec. The other records were in the Preparatory championship in which Kitiona equalled the 33 1-3 yards freestyle record in 20.4sec., and Fa'asalafa broke the 66 2-3 yards record in 47.8sec.

Before lunch we were entertained by a number of exhibition dives by the Taranaki champion, Neil Crozier. In the inter-form relay heats 6Acc. as usual treated the spectators to some burlesque, this time in clowns' costumes.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS.

Senior.—M. B. Francis (20 points), 1; R. G. M. Smith (7), 2; V. Mila (6), 3.

Junior.—I. Jensen (11), 1; R. Lester (6), 2; W. Poulton (5), 3.

Under 14.—W. J. Bryant (11), 1; J. Simcock (8), 2; G. May (6), 3.

Preparatory.—Kitiona (8) and Fa'asalafa (8), equal 1; Rangi (2), 3.

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CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Senior—

33 1-3 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, V. Mila 2, C. J. Osborn 3. Time, 17.7sec.

50 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, V. Mila 2, R. G. M. Smith 3. Time, 28.7sec.

100 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, R. G. M. Smith 2. Time, 1min. 3.6sec.

220 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, R. G. M. Smith 2, P. Elliot 3. Time, 2min. 44.8sec.

Junior Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—R. Lester 1, I. Jensen 2, R. Routley 3. Time, 19.7sec.

50 Yards.—I. Jensen 1, R. Routley 2, R. Lester 3. Time, 32.1sec.

100 Yards.—W. Poulton 1, I. Jensen 2, G. Innes 3. Time, 1min. 14sec.

Under 14 Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—W. J. Bryant 1, J. Simcock 2, J. Hill 3. Time, 21sec.

50 Yards.—J. Simcock 1, W. J. Bryant 2, G. May 3. Time, 34sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—G. May 1, W. J. Bryant 2, K. Willcox 3. Time, 51.8sec.

Preparatory Championship—

33 1-3 Yards.—Kitiona 1, Fa'asalafa 2, Rangi 3. Time, 24.4sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—Fa'asalafa 1, Kitiona 2, Rangi 3. Time, 47.8sec.

Diving Championships—

Senior.—W. Samson 1, D. Foggin 2, G. J. Richards 3.

Junior.—W. Samson 1, D. Henderson 2, D. Foggin and G. J. Richards equal 3.

Under 14.—G. May 1, J. Hill 2, B. Parkinson 3.

Open Events—

25 Yards.—Learners' Race: G. McGlashan 1, R. Henderson 2, G. Williams 3. Time, 20.6sec.

33 1-3 Yards Open.—N. Phillips 1, J. Raines 2, G. O'Halloran 3. Time, 22.1sec.

33 1-3 Yards Butterfly.—D. Henderson 1, I. McPherson 2, I. Henderson 3. Time, 24.1sec.

33 1-3 Yards.—Country House: I. Robertson 1, D. J. Underwood 2, P. McDavitt 3. Time, 22.5sec.

33 1-3 Yards.—New Boys' Race: I. Siffleet 1, B. Belk and J. Hill equal 2. Time, 23.8sec.

50 Yards Open.—H. MacKay 1, G. Brackebush 2, J. Raines 3. Time, 35.6sec.



FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1951.
Back Row: D. S. Brown, T. L. Lees, W. H. Bryce, G. E. Chapman,
J. W. Penman, J. Hill.
Front Row: D. W. Burton, D. Smith, A. J. Sterritt (Capt.), P. J.
Wahlstrom (Vice-Capt.), A. J. S. Lester.



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN, 1951.
Back Row: A. Ayson, C. Barclay, R. Lennox, J. L. Diprose, S. A. Comber.
Front Row: E. A. Roberts, St. L. M. Reeves, J. Hook (Vice-Capt.),
L. Barclay (Capt.), B. Darney, R. Gadd, C. Woodd.

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50 Yards Breaststroke.—R. G. M. Smith 1, G. Barrack 2, I. McPherson 3. Time, 37sec.

50 Yards Backstroke.—I. Graven 1, I. Henderson 2, I. McPherson 3. Time, 37.5sec.

Relays—

Inter-House.—Pridham 1, Moyes 2, West 3. Time, 1min. 14.7sec.

Inter-Form.—5G3 1, Prep. 2, 6B 3. Time, 1min. 25.2sec.

Boarders v. Dayboys.—Boarders.

M. B. Francis.

SHOOTING NOTES, 1951.

The general standard in the Senior Shooting was higher this year than last year but was not quite up to the standard of previous years. Competition for the Senior Championship and Kelly Cup resulted in some very close scores.

The standard in the other competitions was not so high, but some good individual scores were registered.

Results:—

.303 CUPS.

Searle Cup (25 yards).—Possible 100: Crawford, F. J., 88, 1; Foden, A. E., 84, 2; Howell, D. G., and Parkinson, B. H., 81, 3 equal.

Kelly Cup (200 yards).—Possible 65: Foden, A. E., 52 (Foden won from Gray on a count back), 1; Gray, B. P., 52, 2; Crawford, F. J., 49, 3.

McDiarmid Belt, School Championship (aggregate of Searle and Kelly Cups).—Possible 165: Crawford, F. J., 137, 1; Foden, A. E., 136, 2; Foreman, P. A., 124, 3; Gray, B. P., 123, 4.

Senior Lady Godley Cup and Shell Case.—Highest aggregate class firing: Possible 115: Parkinson, B. H., 107, 1; Foreman, P. A., 105, 2; McDonald, C. F., 105, 3.

.22 CUPS.

(Seven rounds application, 10 rounds rapid in 90sec. Possible 65.)

McLeod and Slade Cup (under 14): Nielson, H. R., 54, 1; Russ, N. W., 52, 2; Shepherd, J. R., 51, 3.

Loveday Cup (under 15): Skinner, N. E., 62, 1; Richards, A., 60, 2; Black, N. S., 54, 3.

Hamblyn Cup (under 17): Brewerton, R. C., 55, 1; Kerr B. W. and Alexander, R. D., 54, 2 equal; Bell, J. G., 53, 3.

The Junior Lady Godley Cup and Shell Case have not been competed for in time to include the results in the Taranakian.

G. C. Derby, 6A.

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DEBATING NOTES.

This year the debating activities at the School began unusually late, the first evening being held at the beginning of the third term in the School Lounge. All the boarders attended and Mr. Veale was in the chair. Impromptu speeches were given by a number of both seniors and juniors, at the end of each speech an open discussion being held as to the rights and wrongs of each subject. One or two boys gave interesting and convincing speeches, but on the whole the standard was low. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we hope that next year we may be able to have many more such evenings.

Almost immediately after the return to School in the third term the preliminaries of the Senior Inter-House Debates were held. The teams were:—

Carrington: R. C. Schroder, I. G. McPherson.

Moyes: R. E. Still, R. K. Lester.

Country: W. Massey, P. McDavitt.

Central: A. Ayson, B. R. Boon.

Pridham: J. D. Bathgate, M. B. Francis.

East: J. L. Diprose, B. A. Waite.

West: St. L. M. Reeves, D. L. Kitchingman.

The subject for the debate was "That a Benevolent Dictatorship is the Best Form of Government." In the first round Carrington defeated Moyes, Country defeated Central, Pridham beat East and West had the bye. In the semi-finals Country narrowly defeated Carrington, both teams speaking very well. In the other section West defeated Pridham after a hard struggle.

This year Mr. Moss, our usual judge, was unable to attend the final of the debate, and the Rev. Canon Hurst very kindly obliged at short notice. In this debate Country defeated West by a narrow margin after all speakers on both sides had given excellent speeches.

During the first weeks of the third term the Junior Oratory Competitions were being held in the individual forms and on November 12th Mr. Moss was again available to judge the finals. The finalists were:—

J. Leach: "Catherine of Russia."

M. Sampson: "Penicillin."

B. Webb: "Robert Clive."

T. Gardner: "Beethoven."

Hosking: "Smuts."

Cooney: "Admiral Nelson."

In awarding his decision to Hosking, the judge said that all the speeches were very good, but that Hosking's was slightly better than the two nearest to him, Leach and Cooney. The standard was as high as previous years.

St. L. M. Reeves.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE DARK MEANING.

Globules of light, light globules,
Settling, settling, floating, floating,
Hand has swept the pool,
Pellucid pool,
Globules swished, settle,
Settle, white light rounded . . .
Caterpillar swinging on a line of silver light,
Mirrored many by the globules,
See the depths below?
Globules dying, dying (why must you die
O globules?) into
Shimmering blue, O limpид
Blue, O clear the blue of pure water!
Oh you self-poised on swaying light, can you
Can you
See the depths below?
Transparent depths,
O depths opaque as night!
O stars you globules,
Globes of light, floating
Fiery, burning bright,
Settling, settling for the night,
O stars—
Bound by this silver chain of life,
Poised upon its silver length.
We dangle in the depths of life,
Deeply dangling, dangling deeply,
Its pulse is beating in our blood,
Its beauty beats an aching joy,
But globules, oh light globules,
Out I cry, O stars,
The night is clear,
the meaning dark.

R. A. Rouse, 6B.

SUNBATHING.

Surf
ponderously falling, roaring:
The distant thunder of breaking waves
Comes lightly to the ear.
Dunes
shimmering, black under a blazing sun
Wind rustling in the rough grass.
People murmuring in the distance.
Sun
Sinking, sweeping, soaking in the skin.
Warming
Smoothing.
And the fingers of wind in the hair.
And peace.

I. G. McPherson, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

NOCTURNE.

The shadows press inwards, close and tight,
Their tops focus, misty, slowly take shape
And grow to buildings, dim-massed in the night;
The street is cold and empty, the air the
dank drape,

Of the city at night;

The water slaps, slaps quietly,
Grey and oily, barely breaking
A soft hiss against a hull;
The tide is making.

A gull screams, the sound echoes, high, lonely
and is lost

A greasy paper lifts, rustles, drops to the gutter,
A breath sighs past, thin as a ghost
And leaves all quiet save for the mutter,
Of the city at night.

The water slaps, slaps quietly,
Rising limply, slowly slaking
The thirst of the grimy concrete;
The tide is making.

Heels click sharply on the black street,
Passing, urgent, hurry to some bright-lit place
The wharves creak plaintively, planks worn and
scarred by many feet,

They groan, engraining pain on the face
Of the city at night.

The water slaps, slaps quietly
In the ice of night, the paint is flaking
From "Fresh fish for sale";
The tide is making.

A. F. Cassie, 6B.

DISFIGUREMENT.

Quiet flows the stream past mossy stones and shadowed banks,
In silent peace by drooping boughs
That hinder wind from ruffling water smooth,
Flows on; peaceful, quiet through fertile pastures
Where dusty cattle graze; placid, undisturbed,
No needless noises here pervade
Serene flows the river untouched by man.
Enveloped now by cultivated plain,
No quietness here; no stream, but full-flushed river surging on;
Turgid waters roused by wind and rain,
The river swells past bridge and dirty railway track;
No trees dream here in silent peace to cast soft shade on waters still,
But only stares the bleak harsh backs of slinking slums
That blot out light.
Soured by man's wastage the river grows both dark and dim
Disfigured, and decayed.
Where man's cruel hand casts its shadows dark.

C. L. Crawford, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

INDIVIDUAL ALONE.

A drop, a sparkling sparklet set
In a lake of drops, sparklets.
A feeble light flickering, sometimes flashing
Against the sombre screen—
One of many visible, countless, never seen
By human eye.
But present, always present, forming
With other drops shapely patterns
Which our minds wondering, pondering.
Form into common shapes and images.

A drop, a grain of sand in the crowd;
His light of mind flickering feebly,
Sometimes flashing forth flames of fiery brilliance
Uttering his mind aloud,
But mostly unknown, unseen, undreamed of.
Spreading his mental poverty or plenty
Among his fellow unknowns, unseen, undreamed of,
But patterned and planned into that vast
Vision of life. Passed by
Alone, he in his place,
With others, forms a useful unity
A superb symmetry, a working worthfulness
Of service.

S. R. Hill, 6B.

IF MEMORY FAILS.

A fresh and cloudless image
Pauses in my mind,
But soon its charm and grace may fade
And die, and softly blend
With distant misty scenes,
To be lost forever
On the canvas of experience.
But if the years pass by and glide
Into memory's panorama,
And still in fiery light that impulse glows
I'll feel, as now, its inspiration.

D. L. Kitchingman, 6B.

ON MOUNT MESSENGER.

Forced path through dripping rock;
The road its slimy footing keeps
And clings to damp clay rampart.
The deep green wall dives down to streams unseen
And shades to black in sombre mystery,
And spreads below, its endless mottled cloth
Transfixed in mighty folds.

Perpetual stillness, testifying strength;
The forest fades to meet the broken sky;
And there the grey clouds hang forever low
And spread their mesh of misty solitude.

W. Massey, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

LIFE.

Life is a flame,
Feeble at first;
Steadily the same
Surges to power,
Blazes brightly,
Dances sprightly
Just for one hour.
Flickering rays
End all our days;
The embers gleam
Become a dream,
Sweet Remembrance.

Tony Flight, 4Cl.

DAWN.

It was just before the dawn;
The world was soft and gray;
And on each sword of faint green grass,
Dewy droplets lay.

But then away far in the East;
There arose the faintest light,
And all the smaller stars grew dim
As though they'd taken fright.

Then, bye and bye, reluctantly,
The larger stars went too.
The light advanced toward the West
And as steadily it grew.

Then the first dim, pearly light
Changed to a stronger hue;
And all the sky was covered
With a scintillating blue.

And from the treetops came a sound,
It seemed a thousand throats,
Were singing in the bright new day,
Their songs of joyful notes.

B. Smith, 3Cl.

THIRD FORM LAMENT.

(With apologies to T. S. Eliot.)

The incensed master plies the cane,
That falls on the de-shirted part,
Beneath the flying hand we feel
The sharp compression and the awful smart
Resolving the enigma of the rebel's heart.

The tyrant says our only hope
Is to obey the flying curse,
Whose constant care is but to bruise
And to remind us of our vice
And that for conduct to improve, the lashing
must grow worse.

Anonymous, 6Sc.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

TRADITION.

The week is o'er, all have gone their diff'ring ways.
Hushed are the busy tongues. The clatt'ring feet
Are stilled, and empty peace
The pillared hall enfolds.

Around the walls, in contemplation deep,
Meditating dear-loved memories, wait
Those passed without. Heroes
Of a bygone day.

These, as they see their sons and grandsons
Pass, and their triumphs acclaimed and then fade,
Rejoice that thought dimmed, their glory
Will never die.

For, in a world of haste and bustle
When the grime of forgetfulness darkens past brightness,
Occasionally comes that quiet moment
When Youth's ambition, in reverence, they fire.

And in these few moments of awe rejoicing;
Contented, their vigil eternal they keep
Their scions' endeavours,
Serene, they watch.

E. L. Johnston, 6B.

EASY THE PATH TO HELL!

And so Aeneas prayed, holding fast the altar,
When the fateful seer thus began to speak:
"O Trojan son of Anchises, descendant of the gods,
Easy is the downward path to Hell.
Night and day the door to gloomy Dis lies open;
But to retrace your steps, to regain the upperworld,
This the struggle, this the harder task.
Only a few, whom, children of the gods, kind Jove has loved
Or who by fiery courage borne again to upper air, the power possess.
For forests lie between, and dark Cocytus winds its twisted course.
But if such love, such deep desire still urges you
Twice to sail the Stygian flood, twice black Tartarus to see,
And it delights you to indulge in such mad enterprise,
Hear what first you must perform.
A bough lies hidden in a shady tree,
Golden in leaf with pliant twig, sacred to fair Proserpine;
This branch is by the grove concealed, and the shades,
With gloomy vales, entirely shut it in.
But earth's dark bowels no mortal man may enter,
Till first he plucks this golden-leaved branch."

Vergil: Aeneid VI. 124.

S. A. Comber, VI.A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TIMETABLE.

Awful Monday morning, period the first,
A little bit of Latin—O, subject much accursed.
Helvetii and Caesar, and Hannibal—O blow!
Who ever could do Latin prose "sine somnio!"

Dreary Monday morning, periods three and four,
Up to the laboratory—dammit! What a bore!
"Quiet dopy! Keep your paws off that apparatus!"
Its a dirty, Maori set-up! for the major "est iratus."

Thursday morning's woodwork is a period of joy—
"Attention, boys. Come round my bench and watch me make
this toy."

Or: "Here we have a little job for hanging neck-ties over,"
And so on goes our hero-man whose every word we savour.

A period on Friday morning—with our "ally," too,
For a test in social studies: "Waal, I wonder who of you
Have actually done your prep—no doubt we soon shall see
If friend Kinsella knows his work, at least primarily.

And finally Arithmetic on Friday afternoon
But by some mischance he sidetracks to the structure of the
moon.

Pupil, bored now turns his mind to lighter relaxation—
Peruses Westerns under desk with greater concentration.

A. C. Howell, 4CL.

WAIWAKA BRIDGE.

How doth the busy little bridge
Survive each schoolward hour,
That High School misses wheel their bikes
Under their own power?

Methinks it groans not with the weight
Of the glamorous girls its timbers take,
But rather in listening to the chatter
Of nonsensical things that do not matter.

J. Hanning, 4CL.

EXAMINATION DEJECTION.

Wotta lotta fuss an' bother,
Two quid gone and "oh Brother"
Hell at home (can parents nag!)
If I'd got it bet they'd brag;
Am I cheezed off?
Gosh not half!
Stuff I wrote
'Ud make yuh laugh.
Too much time at cricket spent,
Failed again by a per cent.

B. Waite, 6A.



SCHOOL PLAY. The cast of "The Importance of Being Earnest."

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ON LEAVING SCHOOL.

I am going to pack my bag, put on my ageing cap, and walk out of the old stone building for the last time. I will not look back at the bare slate roof, or at the tall inspiring windows, but will raise my cap in respect for those who were not afraid to die. Slowly I will pass the rusty green hedge—someone will bump into me at the corner—and I will move rapidly then to the bike sheds. Wheeling my bicycle over the rough gutter to the tried footpath, I will mount it surely, tactfully gliding past the hurrying master who catches the early bus, and then I will be out into the exciting world.

It will not be hard leaving school. Nor will it be easy. Emotions mingled with an uncontrollable, prejudice will engulf me in a way that I have never before known. I might not think of examinations or of disagreeable moments—instead past memories and faces of innumerable figures will flood my vision.

There will be the fatherly faces of the old masters—some already retired—and the respected energetic forms of the younger teachers. These are men of vision. Discipline. Work. So much toil for so little reward. But a material recompense is not their only aim. And the faces of many boys will flash before me, each representing individual character—a foreknowledge of types and variety of intellect in the world to which I am about to set out.

Yes, it will be hard packing for the last time the well-worn Latin books. But in they will go. Life without a Latin prose will seem strangely empty. But the experience will ensure the habit of well-ordered labour.

There are many things I might look at before I go. Last impressions, however, do not interest me—for lasting impressions of the important factors in school life are always with you. I am not going to say goodbye to anyone. That is conventional. Besides, I might meet them afterwards. So I will decide never to come back. This past is forever behind me. A short gust of fresh wind blows in my face as it always does when I round the corner. Reality! How can I ever forget the vague aspirations of my youth? Work does not overcome all things. For I might try and try but never get it—the knowledge of the higher intellect.

D. A. K. Dickson, 6B.

STORM AT SEA.

It was a peaceful night. Too peaceful, in fact, to last. The ship rose to the oily swell without a sound, save for the gentle rustle and swish of her sails. Thousands of stars, pasted to a velvet curtain, looked down upon the dreaming boat. A wind began to stir. Soon its whispered soliloquy rose to a frenzied screaming. Some clouds whisked across the sky. The stars disappeared, hidden behind a mass of banked-up clouds. Their floodgates opened. The ship was streaming with water. The rain stopped and the sea began to toss. Soon great sea monsters ridden by riders of fluffy foam charged after the boat. It reeled as a wave went crashing over its decks. A mast toppled over. Helpless it lay side-on to the waves. Time and time again it was covered with tons of water. The sea began to despair of subduing the boat. Frantically it increased its assault. And then, as though it tired of its sport, the sea calmed down. But with dozens of holes in her side the boat, as though weary also, languidly slipped into the encircling arms of the sea. The stars crept out and all they saw was an empty sea.

R. Elliot, 4G1.

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THE POOL

I walked down a sheep-track and stopped at the bottom in the shade of a giant white pine. I was in the middle of an area that had been cleared of gorse and blackberry and had been used as a week-end camping ground. The plot now supported a lush green grass which twinkled and formed millions of sparkling patterns as the rays of the rising sun struck the dew-drops. There were little piles of rocks everywhere and on them heaps of charred sticks and ashes told their own tale of fires lit to boil billies and fry sausages. It was while I was examining one of these that I noticed an overgrown track leading down to the river bank. I scrambled down with tenacious blackberries tearing at my legs and saw below me a stretch of calm deep water glinting in the sun.

The pool was about thirty yards long and fifteen yards wide, sloping down gradually from one side to a depth of perhaps fourteen feet and rising quickly to an almost sheer cliff. The pool was flanked on that side by over-hanging native bush and at the point where the river widened a clematis creeper, starry and unearthly white, festooned a dead tree. The other side rose softly from the water to a miniature golden beach and thence to a grassy bank. The water drifted down without a blemish on its surface except for an occasional small fish making a dart at some object floating on the water. But when the water reached the dam of rocks where I was standing it began to flow much more rapidly, shooting up tiny slivers of spray. I decided to cross the river, but when I moved two wild ducks which had been lurking in the shadows skimmed across the water with harsh cries and flew with a rush over the bush. A crowd of heifers which had been quietly drinking at the pool, startled by the ducks, looked at me with mild interest in their soft, dark eyes. As I approached nearer they turned and moved up a track.

The departure of the heifers left me alone with my exciting discovery which has since brought me many hours of pleasure both alone and with friends.

R. Alexander, 5CL.

THE RAIN.

A hush has fallen on the land and a silence that waiting, listens. The birds are strangely silent and the yelping curs subdued. The powdery dust drifts through windows opened wide. All is choked with its clogging red. Stifled the air gasps. The heat becomes unbearable. Even the cacti look limp. A few clouds are sleeping in the heavens. Stirring, they look upon the entreating earth. The wind pushes them on to a blackening cloud-bank, tinged with traces of the sun's blood. A sigh of anticipation rises from the thirsty earth. It reaches the clouds. Weary of their burden the clouds slowly release their tenuous hold. The drops begin to fall increasing until the sky grows black and the air turns to water. Undaunted by the ceaseless hiss of rain the birds begin to sing a thin song of triumph and thanksgiving.

R. Elliot, 4G1.

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LAKE TAUPO.

From the boat I could see into the beautiful bay where the Manuka was gay with flowers. I could hear the deep croaking of frogs in a nearby creek and the harsh quacking of ducks as they waddled along the shore in search of food. On my right hand side rocks jutted out of the water, and on the last and biggest of them, small boys dived off into the calm and clear lake, which was like glittering jewels. Beside the boat, trout were chasing flies like children playing chasing in the sun. Far along the beach stretched the hot, white, pumice sand. In the far distance I could see the shore of the other side which was like a ship on the horizon. Slowly the sun sank below the hills. I bent down and picked up my oars, and pulled for home.

M. D. Walker, 3CL.

MAY 13th.

The horses' hoofs crunched on the stones as we rode out of the stable and down the road gleaming white in the darkness. The moon had already sunk below the hills; the stars glowed against the inky background of the sky, the air was cold and a chill breeze began to blow as we left the road and climbed upwards into the hills. We rode quickly for it was several miles from the house to the lake where our boat and mai-mai lay in readiness for the opening of the duck shooting season.

We left our horses tethered in a small patch of native bush well below the lake, and shouldering our guns, trudged upwards to where the dark waters of the lake merged on the plateau and where the punt swung to the surge of the water. Equipment was quickly thrown aboard and we slipped quietly out onto the lake.

It was uncanny rowing over the lake through the uncertain pre-dawn light of a brittle May morning. Nothing, as yet, could be seen, but all the sounds were in the air to delight the ears of a duck shooter—the screech of the pukeko, the gwark-dabble-dack of duck and all the other water noises ever present on the wide lake before dawn. Eyes straining through the darkness, I picked up the blurr of rushes, and soon edged the punt into concealment. It was uncomfortable, sitting in a cramped position on logs in the mai-mai; the water moved restlessly underneath and a thin piercing wind made us huddle closer in our oil-skins. What a bewitching hour, when eyes see little but ears hear all and you listen expectantly to the lapping water, the hissing rushes and the sibilance of unseen wings passing overhead!

Thus we sat, waited and watched. A subtle glow in the east hinted at dawn. Then from across the hills and from the direction of Mount Ruapehu glowing softly in the north, there flew a flight of birds, as yet but tiny dots in the sky. As we watched tensely, they flew nearer. With a zip of braking wings, six greys smacked onto the water. I stood up, and as they rose, I swung the shotgun, felt it kick and saw the leading bird plummet downwards in a flurry of feathers. It needed only that to start things off and the echo of many hollow smacks rolled around the hills—another season was under way.

G. S. Collier, 6B.

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CREVASSE.

We approached the crevasse. There had been a new fall of snow and a doubtful snow bridge was the only possible route across. The leader, belayed, trod gently on to the arch and edged across stepping off on to solid ice. The second was belayed and he too crossed safely.

My turn came. I wondered if the others felt this way. My legs shook and I felt sick in the stomach. I took the first step uneasily, then the second. I dared not look anywhere but at the footprints in the razor edge of snow. I stretched for the firm ice. My rear leg sank. The arch dissolved!

Down! Down into the green-blue darkness. Flying! A wonderful lightheadedness—the rope bit into my falling body and the bridge disintegrated into heavy clouds as it swept into the abyss. The powdery snow cascaded over me in a thick coating and with a hiss came to rest far beneath.

I swung helpless in the transparent aquamarine of the ice cleft. The cold gripped my body and penetrated to the very marrow of my bones. My mind wandered . . . would they drag me up before I succumbed to the cold? I heard an encouraging cry from above and I began to move slowly upwards toward the slit of dazzling light. They lifted my already numbing body into the heavenly warmth of the sun.

R. S. Watts, 5G1.

A WICKED INFANT.

Joe was asleep. He was always asleep when everyone else was up and about. It was a pity to disturb him but it had to be done. A boot flew through the air and hit the head of the iron bedstead with a dull metallic clang.

The mass of blankets stirred and a foot was poked out the side. The toes wriggled slowly and the foot was withdrawn. The bed clothes were drawn down a foot or two and a head was brought into view. Suddenly a loud belch came from the head and Joe was awake. With one movement he pushed the bed-clothes down and pivoted round on one arm coming to rest in a sitting position on the side of the bed.

Joe always looks comical when he wakes up in the morning and today was no exception. His long straight hair hung down from his head like the leaves of a cabbage tree. His eyes were bleary after a long night's sleep and long pink scars ran down his freckly face where he had been sleeping with his head in a cramped position.

"I feel crook," he said.

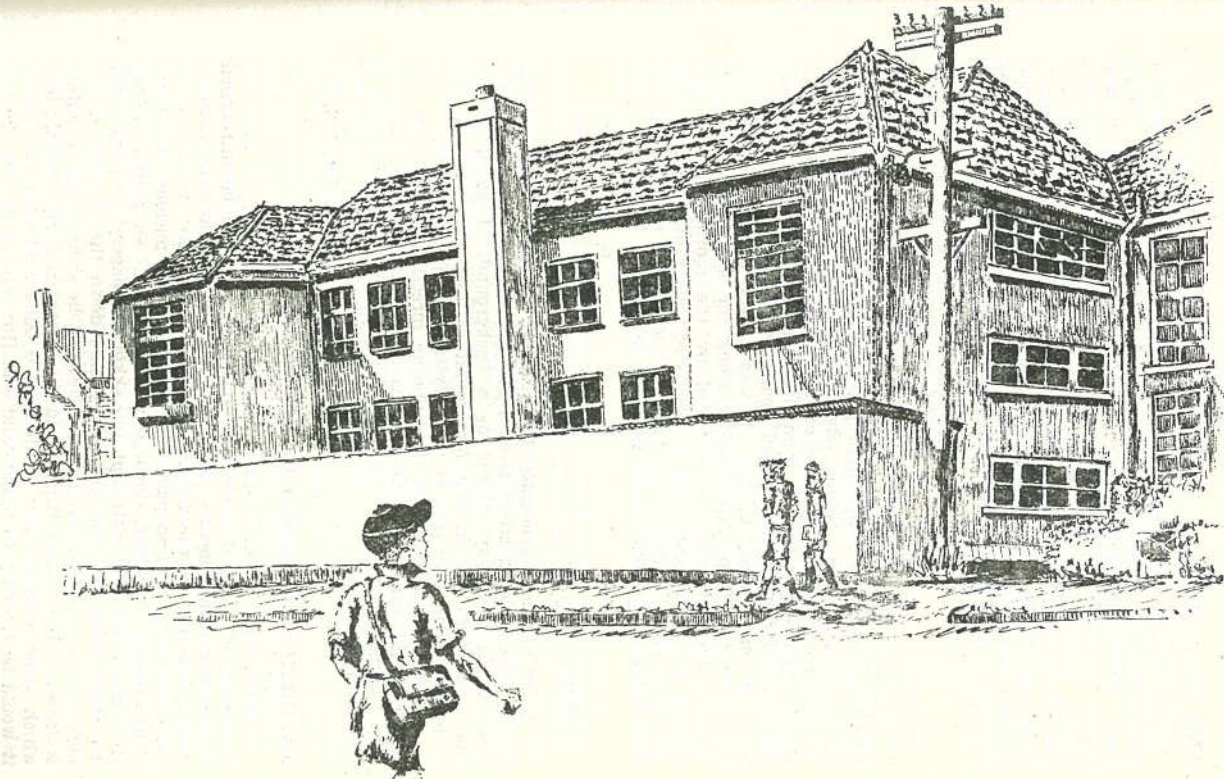
Nobody answered. They had heard the same words uttered every morning of the year.

"What's the day like? Feels cold!"

Still no one answered. Joe moved across to the window and spat viciously through the hole in the middle of it. "S'not a bad day after all, 'cept there's too much snow on the mountain for my liking."

He turned slowly and wrenched the towel off the end of his bed. "It's a pity I have to wash on such a lovely morning," he moaned, moving slowly out the door on his way to the bathroom.

P. D. Walker, V Cl.



THE EXTENDED MORGUE OR SOUTH BLOCK

—Drawn by J. P. Greene, 6B.

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FELLING A TREE.

At last the giant tree was ready to be felled. The axe-man swung his axe. The gleaming blade bit deep into the tree. Chips flew. With bulging muscles rippling, he commenced his second cut. Amid re-echoing blows, came the breathless gasp of the wood-cutter. At last, the top began to sway, gently, hardly noticeably, but in an ever increasing arc. Suddenly, the cry of "timber" re-echoed among the trees. A tremendous crack of splintering wood and the giant began to fall. Crash! Whoomp! Writhing, groaning and twisting, it lay on the ground.

J. A. Simmons, 3G1.

TO K.M.

The sun was high up in the sky now. It was shining down between the trees making giant patches of light upon the ground. Drops of water were rolling down the overhanging branches and falling from the tips of the leaves hitting the earth with soft thuds. Small fingers of steam rose from the dark soil as the sun began to warm it. To my right I could hear the river as it tumbled over and over on its rocky bottom. It was a deep green in colour and small flecks of foam raced swiftly along the surface moving from side to side as they were collected by the mother current and carried away. On the bank of the river tender orange and white toadstools lazed in the damp earth. I would have enjoyed camping here but I knew I had many miles to cover yet.

P. Walker, VCI.

A SCENE.

I can distinctly remember the beautiful scene. Standing at the waters edge I could see a stretch of golden sand beyond and flat scrub lands far away serving as a background. I gazed to one side and could see in the foreground a towering cliff and fish swimming about in a pool of cool, crystal, transparent water.

I turned and looked in the opposite direction and I could see as far as my eye would allow plains of rolling grassland. Beyond that I could distinguish in the far distance, the faint outline of a mountain range.

Sing He Joe, 3CI.

NAUGHTICAL MOMENTS OR 6A ALL AT SEA.

When the "supernumeraries" are callously slung out into the Assembly Hall they disperse with grudging hearts to be introduced to the "bold simple messes" of the Art room or the most enlightening "Maori set-ups" in the Labs.: where "I dare swear" everything is done according to "first principles" when no one purloins the book: if this occurs, of course, the lesson is adjourned. Or perhaps to fill one's heart and head with "apt and akkurate imagery" or puny puns. To Pound along the lines of song, falling down the "Enjambment," bursting for a breath and not a "Caesura" in sight. Their attention is drawn to the "Waste Paper" and the "Cocktail Party" (glug, hic!) which after studying they decide that if Eliot said what he meant, it would be too easy to understand and thus not in demand by the blotting-paper-type, local soakers of the written word. The mysteries

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of Surrealism having been explained, they are in agreement that, judging music by these standards, Spike Jones has reached heights never dreamt of by Bach. Letting one's mind run wild has appealed to many members and was greeted with exorbitant exuberance and cries of "wacko!"

The considered opinion of East Coker is that it shows distinct tendencies to musical composition—probably Tin Pan Alley, while judgment is reserved on "Sweeney-up-the-pole" by T. S. (Eliot). They undoubtedly remember the now famous words of "Dillon" Thomas about the psychological effect of "the writing on the wall" and remember the same when tempted.

Saved by the bell from Margaret Johnson and St. Legious, they trudge along the "purple passages" to be frozen while studying temperate climates or playing mental football in the map room. After being told in colloquial terms that their geography essays had much in common with the louse, they "Cotton" on to some Geomorphology, delving into gorges and flat out on penepains. They used to look forward to this period because lantern slides were shown, but an inopportune snore from the proletariat put a fullstop to that. The climate of the room defies any of Koppen's symbols and here perhaps their old friends T. S. Eliot and Ezra Pound (whose poetry indicates that he is only half that amount or has gone off the Gold Standard) may be able to drag in their red rocks, rat's feet and bones.

Next to the Calculus period where some bright individual tries to find the Graph of a "loop"—with about twenty-six in the form to choose from. The rest are quite content to listen in to the "Scaffolding Radio" of the "not yet band variety—undoubtedly a "boon" to the School. Although the majority wish the burbling bass "bon voyage" on his "Slow Boat to China" they also wish he would walk under one of his own ladders.

After such mental concentration a period of physical relaxation is necessary. Hence, after procuring gear from shelves and cases, seedy looking individuals remaining in the abode of dignity discuss, as is their wont, the latest scandal while the athletic types make for the Jerkasion where they are met by the "Dinkum-Oil-Zazzematay-Merry Makers" tuning up for the square dancing lesson. When he had asked the caller to "yodel his vocals" he insisted that the twang depended upon the country and "state of the caller." Thus set for a raucous time. So keen are they that in their spare time they practise hard. Nearly every day in the week you will hear the nasal chant "alamand left" (with the door knob), do-si-do (with the table) and swing (the lead) twice around; 3.20 arrives at last and they stagger back through growths from last year's milk bottles and festoons of football gear, suspended in positions most harmful to the entrants. Back in home sweet home amongst the dust of ages, the rolls of honour scrawled in chalk on the walls by illustrious and not so illustrious Old Boys; to sigh that another day of Hades is over and complain about the teaching profession in general. In their inner sanctum at last they pass censored remarks about the certain misguided individuals who have the power to wield a waddy.

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Laden down with books they stagger forth fervently swearing under their breath that it is a pity Hopkins didn't go down with the "Wreck of the Deutchland" or Graham Green take off his dark glasses and get eye-strain. And as the eminent diarist Samuel Keyhole, always closed—and so to bed, not forgetting the attractions of the local cinema of course.

After this exercise in surrealistic there is only one observation to make. It really is a pity the "Corn" Laws were repealed in 1846.

"Take it from Here," 6A.

RECIPE FOR ASSASSINATION—A QUIET, INEXPENSIVE EVENING GAME.

All the equipment required is a sharp knife and a large empty house. It may be difficult to obtain a sharp knife if so use a dig one. To prepare for this game go to the basement and dig a trench six feet in depth and length and two feet six inches in width. The game is begun by inviting an important official (preferably a politician, as important persons are busy) and transport him to the place of play. Take this second person of the first part, provided of course that the first person of the first part is the reader, but if the second party of the first part is the reader, then take the first person of the first part up to the bathroom when you begin the game. Take the sharp knife, if obtainable, or the school knife, in the right hand if right handed or in the left hand if left handed or in either hand if ambidextrous, if undecided ask a policeman. Next take the head of the second person of the first part or (censored Ed.) hold it over the bath and draw the sharp edge of the knife over the throat of the aforesaid second person of the first part (no comment Ed.) a little below the chin. In practice it will be found that if water is running in the bath during the operation (Doctors say it relieves the blood pressure M—Ed.) that the game is more easily cleaned up.

Take the body of the second person of the first part or (D—Ed.) and hurl it gently into the bottom of the six-foot trench. Drop large bricks carefully over the corpse in the manner that "Fragile" parcels are handled by our postal officials. Clean the bath, a solvent for blood is "Vampireen" half an inch on a dry brush stops (Even your best friend won't tell you). Go home and sleep peacefully until the police call on you and present their compliments and a home for LIFE.

(Extract taken from Rehabilitation Pamphlet available to the Old Boys of Sing Sing.)

"Cheeser's Nightmare," 6Ag.

N.P.B.H.S. BEDLAM.

Our language abounds in similes and metaphors for most of our needs in expressing ourselves. But we have not as yet coined one which expresses the noise created by a High School in full swing. This is a serious omission, for one has but to listen to the comments of masters to discover that this School at least is an example of the aptnes of a metaphor so couched.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1951.

Back Row: J. Hine, R. J. Stevensen, R. K. McClellan, R. C. Schroder.
Middle Row: E. Montgomerie, C. Crawford, M. B. Francis, V. H. Bedford, A. F. Cassie, C. J. Cole, I. McPherson.
Front Row: I. Hopkins, D. Howell, G. Cassidy, D. Brown, D. Bisset, N. Hebden.



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1951.

Back Row: G. Lawson, B. Waite, G. Wright, J. L. Diprose, I. A. Bayly, W. Massey, J. Hook.
Front Row: J. Wiltshire, E. A. Roberts, A. Ayson, G. Derby, S. A. Comber, D. J. Underwood, St. L. M. Reeves.

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School opens in the morning with the full-throated roar of the assembly hall. Over the surf-like boom rises the hoarse bellow of the Head Boy who endeavours, like King Canute, to stem the tide. He usually has more success than Canute, except for a group of die-hards at the back who mutter persistently even after the master has arrived.

After assembly, with the sound of an avalanche, the Hall empties. The silence of the grounds is now broken for about ten minutes by the clatter of boys dispersing for the first period. The Hall now becomes quiet except between periods, when the noise begins again and is accentuated by hooligans who will run across the hall despite the horrified cries of the masters in the main block.

Over in the Morgue things are different. Its accoustical qualities are excellent. All concert-hall designers should visit it and copy its design. Despite its size, a master has but to become annoyed by his form's lesson to be enjoyed by all its inhabitants. One boy's anguish is shared by all, for short, sharp cracks carry ever better than words, and, we are told, are more effective.

Perhaps the most annoying noise is that created by lost sheep outside the Science Block waiting for their shepherds to arrive and bleating loudly in their impatience for knowledge. This inevitably incenses the masters of the Morgue, for sundry bitter comments are usually made on the tendencies of certain masters to be late, followed by a head appearing out of a window to tell the sheep what a black future they may have.

As a whole, however, the School shows its love of learning by the fact that, once periods are well under way, there is little noise other than the studious hum of scholarly exertion.

S. Hill, 6B.

"SAM"

They called him Sam. With his ancient pipe clamped between his yellow tobacco-stained teeth he was the best known character in Riverton, and could always be found fishing from his favourite spot on the old jetty. The only means of support for his outsize trousers, was a frayed piece of cord knotted tightly around his middle. His greasy, tramway coat draped itself around the upper part of his sparse frame, while beneath it a patched shirt, seldom removed, literally stuck to him. He was never to be seen without the old flax kit in which he carried his bait, food, tackle and catch. People often wondered what he lived on, but perhaps they had not noticed the vegetables and fruit which periodically disappeared from their gardens. In spite of all this however, he was worshipped by the many small boys who appeared on the wharf in the weekend.

P. F. Fookes, 4G1.

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.," "Hokiolo," "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," "Hillsdene," "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."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

STEEPLECHASE.

Sir,—

The annual School Sports have been changed from the third term to the first because it conflicted with the School Certificate and Matriculation examinations. But the steeplechase is held very close to the examinations, and many boys have no time for serious training.

Why not have the steeplechase a few days before the August holidays? Boys should be still fit from the football season, and it would not clash with examinations.

"Napoleon."

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We are pleased to be able to record a marked revival of local interest in the Association. At the beginning of the year a strong executive was elected. The committee have met regularly and the Secretary has been in constant touch with all the branches. Considerable progress has been made with the plans for the Old Boys' War Memorial and the Moyes Memorial Pavilion. Altogether the year has been a successful one.

Old Boys in all parts of the world will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. A. W. Diprose. Throughout a long and distressing illness his thoughts were constantly with the School which he had served so faithfully for nearly thirty years. To his wife and his five children we extend our sympathy in their loss of such a devoted husband and father.

Many inquiries have been received about Old Boys' blazer badges and silver lapel badges. The supplies of both are irregular. We would advise those requiring a blazer to have one made in plain black material and order a badge direct from the "Economic," Devon Street, New Plymouth. The latest price of these badges is approximately 56/9. Silver lapel badges at seven shillings each may be obtained shortly from Mr. J. O. Bennett, Jeweller, Devon Street, New Plymouth.

Good wishes of Old Boys in New Zealand go to those who are at present serving in Korea. Letters have been received from several of them. The boys of the School have already sent them all food parcels and hope to post off another batch before Christmas.

The Editor of the Old Boys' Section (Mr. J. S. Hatherly, Boys' High School, New Plymouth), will be pleased to receive at any time news of Old Boys at home or abroad. It is the purpose of the Taranakian to record the activities of Old Boys as well as present boys and so keep alive the interest which each group should have in the other.

Old Boys who are passing through New Plymouth should make a point of visiting the School. The main School block has been painted in cream, the South Block or "Morgue" has been completed and a large new sewing room has been built. Moyes House is now being painted. Altogether the buildings and grounds are looking very well at present. It is hoped that a new aerial photograph will be taken at the end of the year, and will be obtainable through the Secretaries of the Association.

The present secretaries of the Association are as follows:—

New Plymouth (Parent Association): R. W. Baunton, Boys' High School, New Plymouth.

South Taranaki: A. C. Jensen, Box 118, Hawera.

Waikato: E. Grant, Box 206, Hamilton.

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Manawatu: H. Short, Box 405, Palmerston North.
Hawke's Bay: C. R. Campbell, Box 389, Hastings.
Wellington: P. M. McCaw, Weir House, Victoria College.
Wanganui: D. M. Brown, Brown's Home Cookery, Maria Place, Wanganui.
Auckland: P. Badley, M.K. Manufacturing Coy., Great South Road, Auckland, S.E.2.
Otago: S. P. Lay, Otago University College.
King Country: W. E. Stevenson, Miriama Street, Taumarunui.
Christchurch: D. M. Frank, Canterbury College.
Australia: N. W. S. Brookman, c/o Gilbert Lodge & Co., 126 Sussex Street, Sydney.

FAREWELL TO MR. C. G. BOTTRILL AND MR. G. F. BERTRAND.

On the evening of Saturday, December 16th, 1950, many Old Boys in New Plymouth, and some from other parts of New Zealand, met in the lounge of the White Hart Hotel to farewell Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Bertrand on the occasion of their retirement. Many of the Old Boys' Association's twelve branches were represented at the reception. On behalf of the Association, the president, Mr. L. E. Petty, presented a canteen of cutlery to each of the guests of honour. In doing so he thanked them for their long periods of service to the School and wished them good health and happiness in their retirement. Tributes were also paid by Mr. H. W. Brown, a former Head Boy, Mr. T. H. Logan, representing South Island Old Boys, Mr. C. H. Wynyard, a former member of the staff, and Mr. S. McMurray.

Mr. A. L. Herdman, for South Taranaki Old Boys, said he thought Mr. Bottrill's dominant characteristic was his refusal to have anything to do with sloppiness in work or play. Mr. Bertrand had always been admired for his manliness, and he himself had admired that quality in the boys he taught. Indeed, he had given them plenty of opportunity to show it. A firm disciplinarian, he always believed in the old maxim, "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

In acknowledging his presentation Mr. Bottrill spoke with deep feeling of his long association of thirty-seven years with the School. He loved the School and had therefore not left it to gain experience elsewhere. One of his greatest pleasures was to see the boys pass through his House. He emphasised the debt he owed to the late Mr. W. H. Moyes who had appointed him to the Staff and who had profoundly influenced his life.

Mr. Bertrand said his life at the School had been a very happy one. The atmosphere in the Common Room had always been friendly. The early formative years of the School were full of interest and variety. Now that the time had come for him to retire he was pleased to remain in New Plymouth where he had made so many friends.

The reception concluded with the singing of "For they are jolly good fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne."

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MR. BOTTRILL'S RETIREMENT.

An Old Boy has written the following account of his visit to Mr. Bottrill on the morning of January 6th.

Mr. Bottrill was in reminiscent mood that morning. Sitting in the spacious lounge of Carrington House and wandering through the shady grounds, strangely empty and silent, he walked back through the thirty-seven years he had been on the staff. The following morning, he would begin the 300-mile journey to his retirement at Leigh, North Auckland.

As he looked into the curling smoke from his pipe, the familiar deep voice known to thousands of schoolboys recalled the school as it was in 1914 when he arrived, 24 years old with four year's experience as a primary school teacher.

Many of the memories were dominated by his love of cricket and the 25 years for which he had coached the School cricket eleven. He smiled and some echo of his pride on that occasion came into his voice when he described the cricket eleven's first victory over Wanganui: "We started to play them in 1918, and were thrashed for the first four years. Then, in 1922, we beat them by 10 runs. I think all the school was down to meet the train.

"Then there was that other time. I can't remember when it was . . . it might have been the year of the drought; a good long time ago anyway. We needed eight runs in three minutes. Gibbs was the last bat—a bowler I think. Anyway, he hit two sixes over into the tennis court; a thrilling game."

And there was the 186 Donnelly scored against Wanganui in his last term—"a classic innings, almost perfect."

And then, because there were many others waiting to say farewell, members of the domestic and ground staffs, he rose and paid his final tribute: "Of course, my greatest memory will always be of Bill Moyes."

In Memoriam

ARCHIE WILLIAM DIPROSE—AN APPRECIATION.

Archie William Diprose was one of a family of seven children who were bereaved of their father when quite young. They were brought up by a devoted mother on a small dairy farm on the margin of the bush in the hills behind Papatoetoe. From the primary school he won a Junior Board Scholarship which gave him entrance to the Auckland Grammar School. For three years he walked daily, in all kinds of weather, to the railway station at Manurewa and returned home each evening. Those were the days before school transport systems. When he reached the VI. form he was able to board in town.

On leaving school he entered the Auckland Training College where he took part of his degree. Conditions and pay early in the century were not very attractive and so, during recess, he worked long hours on the farm.

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His first teaching appointment was to a small sole teacher school inland from Whangarei. Early in 1914 he accepted a position as assistant in our Preparatory School which then had a roll of over 70. In 1915 he transferred to the staff of Wellington College. While there he enlisted, serving in France for a long period before being wounded. On his return in 1918 he joined our Upper School staff where he remained, happy in his work, for the rest of his teaching career. At the time of his retirement, regrettably made compulsory by reason of severe illness, he was First Assistant.

As Senior Mathematics Master he was known very well to three decades of boys. They found that he believed in hard work, both for master and boy, with no easy cuts. His discipline was rigid and sometimes almost austere, but always friendly and completely just. Needless to say, every boy respected him and he made a host of friends.

He always assisted most willingly in outdoor activities. He will be long remembered for the meticulously accurate setting out and marking of the ground for Sports Day. It always looked a picture and his programmes were so completely analysed that they invariably ran without a hitch. Old Boys will remember, too, his control of the Stationery Room. Shrewd in business, he bought well and the Sports Fund never appealed in vain for a share of the profits.

He will be missed, both for the high efficiency of his work and for his sterling character. Brought up in a Puritan atmosphere, he retained to the end his complete faith in God. He was not content merely with external observances though he took a prominent part in church activities, but he carried his faith into the daily conduct of his life. His word was his bond and everyone admired his consistency of belief and behaviour. Those who were privileged to be among his intimate friends, as the writer was for nearly half a century, knew how deeply his sterling character influenced those who made contacts with him.

The School owes much to his energy and enthusiasm, for he was a master during its formative years and he was very proud of what it became. To his Old Boys he will be an enduring influence because he set, by precept and example, a pattern of conduct worthy of emulation. By very many friends he will be happily recalled for his "little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love." He lived a life of service and devotion to his family, to the School, to his Church and to the community. The School and thousands of Old Boys will deeply regret his passing.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

The President has reported as follows on the year's activities: So far the year has been a moderately active one. At the Annual Meeting some of the "Old Brigade" were joined by some younger members on the Parent Association Executive. The Committee has met regularly at the School and our thanks are due to the Headmaster for his permission to use one of its rooms.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Social activities have been confined to the usual two functions this year. The Executive has been approached by the local members for the institution of more frequent social gatherings. But after

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considering this we came to the conclusion that the local sporting bodies provide quite adequately in this direction, and as the local support we receive at our Reunions is somewhat lacking we have the impression that any other social activities would be redundant. However, the matter is always before us.

BIENNIAL REUNION

On Easter Saturday a Reunion Dinner was held in the School Dining Hall. All who attended this function had an enjoyable evening and many comments on the excellence of the meal were overheard afterwards. Approximately 60 Old Boys attended, from Auckland in the North to Christchurch in the South. This number, in itself, was a disappointment, in that we had catered for at least a hundred. Among those present were: Brian E. Sykes ('42-'44), Bruce A. Ellis ('41-'47), K. G. Russell ('41-'44), N. J. Quinn ('44-'49), A. D. ("Mick") Holden ('44-'47), D. S. Williamson ('45-'49), T. G. Simpson ('44-'45), Colin J. Moratti ('45-'46), B. C. Brown ('45-'47), G. T. Brown ('40-'44), M. R. Hooker ('40-'45), H. L. Roberts ('43-'48), J. M. Gardner ('40-'44), Tony Smith ('46-'48), R. H. Jenkinson ('46-'47), I. Russell ('44-'47), H. Shaw ('44-'46), Bruce Frank ('47-'48), Claude Green ('22-'24), Allan Cunningham ('31-'35), B. A. Norman ('13-'14), S. W. Green ('46-'49), B. Jack ('47-'48), J. Vickery ('38-'40), B. C. Simpson ('38-'39), W. E. Alexander ('19-'24), N. F. Gardiner ('24-'28), H. W. Brown ('19-'23), B. L. McGregor ('40-'43), Maurice Sykes ('35-'39), R. A. Penn ('35-'39), T. C. Fookes ('18-'24), M. K. Twomey ('39-'42), R. W. Bell ('32-'34), Peter N. Dent ('38-'42), D. E. Smith ('38-'39), D. C. Kirkpatrick ('43-'46), G. Bartlett ('42-'45), I. H. Kerr ('35-'40).

ANNUAL BALL

The night of Easter Monday was the occasion of the Annual Ball held in the School Assembly Hall. All present had a good evening's entertainment. The Executive limited the sale of tickets and this had the result of giving more comfort to the dancers. This year saw us without any debutantes being presented.

The Committee were most fortunate in that the supper arrangements were in the extremely capable hands of a group of young ladies who had been presented at the previous year's function. We extend our sincere thanks to these helpers who were responsible for such a delightful buffet.

Last, we must pay tribute to the willing work which was done by the Matron and domestic staff at the School at both the Reunion and the Ball. Without them, the Ladies' Committee and the Reunion and Ball Committee would have found the task of catering and preparation almost impossible.

As has been the practice in the past, profits from the Ball were given to the War Memorial Fund.

WAR MEMORIAL

The steps taken in this direction may be followed from extracts here given from the President's speech at a Special General Meeting held at the County Council Chambers last July.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

"The Executive Committee of this Association has in the course of the year, since election, come to the conclusion that since the original launching of the War Memorial Fund a sufficient time has elapsed to gain a full and representative body of subscriptions towards the Memorial Fund. It was suggested to the Executive that if the Fund was allowed to drag on too long it would begin to lose its significance and that as it was obviously impossible to reach the financial target set in the original proposal in anything but the distant future. It would be wisest to examine proposals more in keeping with the available finances and move for an early closing of the Fund with a view to operating upon it in the near future. The Executive agrees wholeheartedly with this proposal.

"The Fund was opened in July, 1943, by a School collection of £50 and a target of £20,000 was set as a basis for the building of an Auditorium Building which was to have been dedicated as the Memorial to those Old Boys who gave their lives in the Second World War. The money was to be raised by personal subscription of Old Boys, shilling donation schemes, and any other means available to the Committee. It should be stated here that the boys at the School were to be asked to help raise the money and they have co-operated in a most splendid manner.

"The methods stated above have been fully explored and so far approximately £7400 has been collected, £2000 to £3000 of this, according to reports, having been raised by the boys at the School. Money is coming in all the time and by the time the suggested closing date for the fund arrives, the money (plus accrued interest) should amount to approximately £8000. This compares very favourably with the funds collected by other comparable schools for a like purpose and shows that healthy interest still survives among the Old Boys of the School.

"With a view towards the closing of the Fund, this Committee has taken the following actions:—

"First of all suggestions were accepted from any interested parties and these were examined very fully. Some were obviously either out of reach or else of too little use for such a purpose. Another important matter having a bearing on the original discussions was that of avoiding going ahead with any facilities which we could normally expect the Education Department to provide in the normal course of developing the School.

"The Branches were circularised and the position stated to them. They were requested to forward any ideas that might have been omitted in the proposals submitted in the same circular. No other suggestions were received from Branches. At this point I might state that I have the full authority of the President of the South Taranaki Branch to announce that his Branch is wholeheartedly in favour of the proposal to be placed before this meeting to-night.

"Eventually the proposals were narrowed down to the three that seemed the most suitable. Next came the task of deciding upon a site at the School which would provide the best position for the Memorial Building. Accordingly the full Executive visited the School one day, and, in company with the Headmaster, toured the grounds. This brings me to the proposal which was finally decided upon and which we are placing before the meeting this evening. It is this.



MR. I. H. KERR
President Old Boys' Association.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

The building of a two-floored "Hall"—I use the word for want of a better one—on the south-eastern slope of the gully, between Carrington House and the Woodwork Rooms. At present this bank is planted in tall gum trees which will have to be cut down in the near future. I might state that this site was suggested by Mr. Bottrill writing from his home at Leigh, North Auckland.

"The building is to consist of two floors, the upper one to be used as a lounge and the lower one to be fitted as a proper projection room—a room not possessed in the School. We realise that the building envisaged is utilitarian in character but the proposal includes on the upper floor a small room set aside purely as a "Shrine of Remembrance" and always kept as such. A proposal put forward has been that a book inscribed with the names of those Old Boys who gave their lives in the Second World War be placed in this room. Mr. Horrill has been kind enough to make a model of the proposed building which is here for your inspection. We think that this building would supply a need at the School while retaining a dignity in keeping with the idea of a Memorial.

"Before closing I might state briefly that the Auditorium, the original idea, would cost about £40,000, an amount obviously beyond the scope of this Association except over a very long period, and the Executive feels that the Old Boys in general must now be becoming somewhat wearied by the constant quest of funds, no matter how laudable the intention for the use of such funds.

"It may have been noted that no suggestion of subsidising the monies available has been mentioned. We are quite unaware of that position but suggest that the Headmaster might be able to place some of these facts before us.

"The High School Board has been approached about the availability of the site, and naturally, while there are as yet no plans or specifications available, they cannot be definite in their answer. However, in their reply, they have assured us that no objection would be forthcoming to the use of this site."

The suggestion placed before the General Meeting, after a full and constructive discussion, was finally approved and adopted. Mr. Horrill was authorised to take steps to have plans prepared for this building, these plans then being presented to the appropriate Government Department. The preliminary plans, we understand, are now progressing and we should have more news of this in the near future.

MOYES MEMORIAL.

The Sub-committee established to collect funds for this building, in approximately twelve months, raised a sum of £1600 and had plans drawn up for a pavilion to be erected on the upper playing field at the School. Last June, the Sub-committee approached Mr. Burford, Secretary of the High Schools' Board, with these plans and requested him to approach the Government through the usual channels for a subsidy towards the cost of erecting the building. The plans and the request have been sent to the Department and there the matter rests, at the moment.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

The chairman of the Sub-committee had hoped to have the building in commission for this season but as yet, although no refusal to subsidise has come from the Government, no approval has been received.

CIRCULARS TO BRANCHES.

This year's Executive has set the precedent of sending periodic circulars to Branch Secretaries throughout the country. These "News Letters" have as far as possible been framed to encourage Branches to feel that we on the Home Executive are acting mainly in a liaison capacity. In this we have endeavoured to keep the branches up to date in our own activities as well as in other Branches' work. From comments we have received from Branches, in New Zealand and Overseas, we judge that this innovation has been well received. One circular has been sent out to local Branch Members and another is being considered.

Several proposals from Branches as to action they wish this Executive to take have been placed before the Executive. These are at present under discussion.

BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS.

Representatives of Masters at the School and this Association have attended Reunions at Hastings, Hawera, Palmerston North and Wellington during the course of the year.

GENERAL.

The Parent Association this year is managing to keep its head above water financially but this in itself is a difficult task, as without careful control of expenditure by our Treasurer, Mr. D. Schultz, demands on our rather slender resources would soon outstrip our income. May we here point out that our sole revenue is from members' subscriptions; any other income has been diverted to the Memorial Hall Fund. As a portion of each subscription goes towards the cost of this magazine Members of the Association can realise how narrow our margin of running costs sometimes becomes. Accordingly it was decided at the last Annual Meeting to increase the Association subscription from 5/- to 7/6. Boys who have just left school are still admitted to membership for 5/-.

The Rugby Match, New Plymouth Old Boys against Hawera Technical College Old Boys for the Ian Macleod Memorial Shield was not held this year. The only times acceptable to the Hawera body would have clashed badly with Northern fixtures. As a consequence it was thought best to forgo the fixture this year. However, the Hawera Association have assured us that they are just as keen as we are to see the fixture reintroduced in the coming season.

One hopeful sign in the affairs of the Parent Body has been the attendance at some recent meetings of delegates from affiliated sporting bodies. This we trust is a happy augury. One feature which is causing the more Senior Members of the Association some concern is the lack of support from the younger generation of Old Boys. We hope to see a change in this as we feel that these younger men could give a lot in the way of new ideas and approach to the Association as it is now constituted.

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BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

SOUTH TARANAKI.

A very successful dinner was held in the evening after the St. Pat's match. The following were present: R. J. McCallum, R. D. Cathie, W. R. Wood, J. D. Crawford, D. A. Nowell, D. W. Knuckey, Geo. Gibson, G. W. Sutton, W. J. Riddle, J. A. Stevenson, L. A. Pease, Nigel Macleod, D. Barclay, C. Hurleyman, Richard Mayhead, J. M. McCallum, D. A. McCallum, J. K. O'Dea, R. J. O'Dea, A. J. Christie, J. D. Ekdahl, C. S. Robb (President), J. A. Paterson, A. R. Maclean, D. P. Maclean, E. W. McCallum, E. W. M. Buist, F. E. Clarke, D. V. Hughson, A. J. R. Hastie, G. B. Murdoch, J. D. McCallum, N. S. MacDiarmid, J. J. Marsh, B. H. Pease, N. Rennie, M. R. B. McKenzie, A. G. Walker, D. A. Winks, D. J. Robertson, T. A. Henderson, C. Cassidy, W. G. Jacks, R. J. Alexander, S. Williams, C. E. Bottrill, E. D. Okey, R. M. McMurray, B. McMurray, W. E. Alexander, John J. Stewart, I. H. Kerr (President Parent Body), Mr. G. J. McNaught, J. B. Johnston, A. B. Hall, A. G. Knuckey, Don Latham, Harry Betts, Collin Miller, Jack Ulenberg, A. Stevenson, E. Snowdon, H. Snowdon, Max Strawbridge, B. F. Grey, G. F. Bertrand, Jim Clouston, J. D. Crawford, P. W. Gilbert, A. R. Lucas, M. B. Shaw, D. F. Besley, J. S. Willis, D. M. Waters, J. Davies, D. S. Williamson, J. D. Besley, D. Quickfall, R. A. Ferguson, N. E. Dingle.

GENERAL NOTES.

A. L. Herdman is now headmaster of the Okato District High School. **Len Lloyd** has moved to Featherston. **Frank Buckenham** is in England at present following the League team. **Harold Snowdon**, until recently a wise old bachelor, now has a charming wife.

Don Maclean is now in business on his own account in Hawera.

Peter Dixon is very welcome in the Hawera Rugby circle and is farming at Ohangai.

Congratulations to **Max Strawbridge** on his recent marriage.

Bill Jensen is once again our secretary.

The President, C. S. Robb, appeals for a complete roll of all South Taranaki Old Boys, and asks that the names of any new arrivals should be sent to him or to the Secretary.

WELLINGTON BRANCH.

This year has again been a successful one for the branch. The first function for the 1950-51 term was by way of a change from previous ones. In December, 1950, a Smoke Concert was held in the National Club-rooms from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and judging from the attendance and general enthusiasm shown, this type of reunion has come to stay. A buffet meal was provided amidst most pleasant surroundings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting was held on June 19th, the following officers being elected:—President, W. Groombridge; vice-presidents, G. W. Buchanan, A. B. McDougall, L. F. Eggleton, R. C.

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Bradshaw; hon. secretary, P. M. McCaw; hon. treasurer, D. D. Hooker; hon. auditor, P. A. Taylor; committeemen, B. Brown, D. R. Carter, B. Daisley, B. J. O'Meagher, S. F. Smith.

There was one amendment to the Constitution, the annual subscription being raised to 7/6 (including the price of the magazine).

ANNUAL DINNER.

This year's Annual Dinner was held at The Tavern Dining Hall on the night of the Wellington-Taranaki football match. The Headmaster, Mr. McNaught, was present and with him were Mr. Baunton and Mr. Bowden. Mr. McNaught brought us up to date with news of the School proving conclusively that the inclinations of the boys of the School to-day were the same as those of their predecessors. Mr. Baunton informed us of recent developments concerning the War Memorial and the Moyes Memorial.

Kindred associations were represented by Mr. Engel of St. Patrick's College, Mr. Hodson of Nelson College and Mr. Horsley of Wanganui Collegiate.

Some of 50 Old Boys present were: W. M. Bradshaw, B. M. Brown, John Brown, D. R. Carter, B. Daisley, I. Corkill, L. F. Eggleton, F. J. Eggleton, W. Groombridge, L. O. Grant, B. Goulding, D. D. Hooker, G. P. Monaghan, A. B. McDougall, P. M. McCaw, A. S. Macleod, W. A. Nicholson, B. J. O'Meagher, L. M. Papps, A. Roberts, M. A. Shearer, R. S. V. Simpson, S. F. Smith, H. M. Titter, G. Saunders, P. Stephenson, E. M. Fitzgibbon, B. J. Novak, D. Powell, N. J. Bowden, R. W. Baunton, Mr. G. J. McNaught.

The branch had the misfortune to lose **John Fairey**, our Secretary in recent years, just before the Annual General Meeting. John did a great deal for us and we wish him all the best in Hamilton, where he is now with a firm of Public Accountants.

PERSONALS.

Old Boys' circles here buzzed with envy when the news spread round that **Dick Simpson** and **Lyn Papps** had gained second prize of £2000 in an overseas lottery.

Des Beatty is with the State Hydro Department and spends his week-ends climbing mountains.

John Brown is with the Public Trust whom he helped to win the Ronaldson Cup for Inter-Departmental Rugby. Besides studying Law, part-time at 'Varsity, John is taking **Alistair Macleod's** place as the Branch's representative in the 'Varsity Senior Rugby team.

Noel Corbett is with the Union Steamship Company.

Ivor Corkill is at Weir House pursuing an Arts degree.

Ted Collings is on the last lap of a Science Course and has been devoting some time to square dancing.

Brian Daisley is with W. M. Sunley, Chemist.

John Dodd is at present touring England as a five-eighth with the New Zealand Rugby League Team.

Ian Duff is on his own as an accountant.

Bill Groombridge and **Emmett Fitzgibbon** are with the Lands and Survey Department.

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Barry Goulding is with a Dry Cleaning firm.

Don Hooker is now working for Munt, Cottrell & Co., Customs Agents.

Bruce Kerr is at Training College and was last seen commiserating with **Lloyd Jones** (of Shell Oil) at the Wellington-Taranaki disaster.

Tom Larkin still plays cricket for the 'Varsity Senior team.

Gerry Monaghan is with Messrs. Rothwell, Gibson, Page and Marshall, Solicitors. Gerry played Rugby for 'Varsity Junior B this year.

Malcolm McCaw, **Harold Titter**, **Leo Gibbs** and **Parry James** are all employed by Messrs. Wilberfoss Harden & Co., Public Accountants. Malcolm has been prominent in both Rugby and cricket, and recently was a partner in the team which won a National debate for accountancy students. Harold Titter played half-back for the 'Varsity 3rd "A" team and captained the Wellington representatives in that grade. Associated with Harold in the 'Varsity 3rd "A" team was **Barry O'Meagher**, who is finishing off a law degree.

Sinjhi Moral toured Australia with the New Zealand University basketball team. Sinjhi has been awarded a blue in this sport.

Barry Mitcalfe is at Training College and recently had one of his poems published in a New Zealand anthology.

Phil Power manages the Royal Oak Hotel.

Bill Sheat is now with Messrs. Macalister, Mazengarb & Co., Solicitors, and still retains his interest in the V.U.C. Drama Club.

Monty Shearer is studying accountancy, part-time, at 'Varsity.

Stewart Smith is secretary to the Wellington Retailers' Federation.

George Sullivan is lecturing part-time in the Zoology Department.

Paul Treadwell is one of the mainstays of the V.U.C. Drama Club and has also appeared in local repertory productions.

WEIR HOUSE NOTES.

Again this year Weir House has been well represented by Old Boys from the School. No opportunity is lost of reminding residents that such a school as N.P.B.H.S. exists.

Several Old Boys are taking a prominent part in House activities, Harold Titter being secretary and Malcolm McCaw treasurer of the House Committee. In addition **Leo Gibbs** administers the House Canteen with firm impartiality.

Both **George Sullivan** and **Ted Collings** hope to complete their M.Sc. degrees this year.

Ivor Corkill has achieved undying fame as leader of the Haka party.

New members of the House this year are **Alan Hughson**, who is taking a B.Com. course, **Gavin Saunders**, Mus.Bach., **Perry Stephenson** (L.L.B.).

Both **Harold Titter** and **Malcolm McCaw** have recently been admitted as members of the Society of Accountants.

Brian Walker is doing B.A. with a view to entering the Ministry.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

MANAWATU BRANCH.

The Annual Re-union was held in Palmerston North on Saturday, September 22nd, 1951, in the National Party Club Rooms. There were 25 Old Boys present, which was rather disappointing out of a membership of approximately 80. We were very pleased to have with us Mr. R. C. Wilson and Mr. T. N. S. Watt, who both interested us greatly with their talks concerning current school affairs, both serious and humorous.

After the toast to the King, the Annual Meeting was held resulting in the election of the following officers:—Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, G. Kear; Committee, R. D. Looney, A. Gorringer, C. R. Carson, O. W. Adam; Secretary, H. D. Short.

As there was no general business, no time was wasted in getting on with the actual Re-union, and between toasts, items were given. The toast list was as follows:—The King, The School and Masters, Parent Association, and Absent Friends. After supper had been served, the remainder of the evening was spent informally, and closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Old Boys present at the Re-union were: A. W. Wylde-Browne ('27-'30), C. R. Carson ('30-'32), J. G. Morgan ('38-'41), A. Gorringer ('27-'29), A. E. Gracie ('29), J. Lynch ('24-'26), R. G. Harper ('27-'31), Ron Looney ('23-'24), Jeff G. Beamish ('44-'47), Ian Gernhoefer ('44-'47), H. Bate ('32-'33), G. Weston ('44-'47), T. H. Short ('42-'43), P. A. Batchelar ('38-'40), I. M. Roy ('40-'43), D. A. Millman ('40), W. J. Millman ('39-'40), E. M. Ferry ('31-'35), J. C. Forward ('34-'35), V. J. Kurta ('37-'38), K. H. Hoben ('35-'37), J. W. Luxford ('41-'43), M. M. Jamieson ('45-'48), H. D. Short ('35-'39), G. Kear ('27-'30), Mr. R. C. Wilson and Mr. T. N. S. Watt ('25-'29).

Personals.

A recent arrival in Palmerston North is **Vic Kurta** ('37-'38), on transfer from the Napier branch of Smith and Smith.

Sgt. H. Bate ('32-'33), **Pte. J. G. Beamish** ('44-'47), **Pte. Des Fellows**, **Driver I. Cernhoefer** ('44-'47) are all on the Permanent Staff at Linton Military Camp.

Our immediate Past-President, **Sid Hartnell**, has been transferred to the Housing Department in Auckland.

E. H. (Ben) Ferry married in 1948 Miss Katherine Richards of Palmerston North. He has since been awarded the Military Medal as a result of his identification in a tank exploit at Galatos in Crete.

WAIKATO BRANCH.

There have been no Branch activities this year and the committee remains as recorded last year.

Personals.

Tom Lithgow has a son and is working on his father's farm in Morrinsville district.

Brian Wills, 1939-42, is engaged to Beryl Granville.

Clarry Wills has a share-milker on his farm and has an Electrician's business in Morrinsville.

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G. L. Caldwell is teaching at Morrinsville College.

Lionel Graham is with the Farmers' Auctioneering Company, Morrinsville.

Roy Bryant is farming in the Morrinsville district.

K. Iivil has his own shoe business in Te Awamutu.

A. Roberts is now the Town Clerk of Te Awamutu.

Noel Fulton on leaving school was employed in a hardware shop in Tauranga but has been in the same business in Hamilton for three years. This year he has left the Hardware business and is commercialising on his woodwork from his backyard workshop in Hamilton. He leaves for Australia next February for a working tour.

A. R. Reid again attained All Black honours and toured Australia this year. On his return he played as half-back for the successful Waikato Ranfurly Shield team. He is teaching at a primary school in Hamilton.

Harley Cooke has now left Massey College and is home on his father's farm at Walton.

Stewart Pemberton is engaged to Marie Carmichael, a sister of Ross, Alan and Bruce Carmichael, all Old Boys.

Jim Graham has been playing for the successful Waikato Ranfurly Shield team. He was an All Black trialist.

Jim Alexander, Hamilton, is engaged to Dawn Wilson.

O'RORKE HALL NOTES.

Tony Hooper, **Roy Taylor**, **John Lovell**, **S. L. Hetherington** and **R. D. Stanley** are taking B.A. courses.

M. J. Poletti, **J. Pybus** and **Murray Wilson** are taking B.Sc.

J. A. Miller and **P. G. Lovell** are doing Accountancy courses.

B. S. Brown and **J. D. Saunders** are at the Elam School of Arts.

For the last two sessions **Tank Hetherington** has done very good work as chairman of our O'Rorke Hall Residents' Committee.

Others at A.U.C. are **J. R. Michaels** (B.Com.), **T. N. Waters** (B.Sc.), **David Diprose**, **J. B. McGeachan**, **S. Hough-Lee** (all B.Sc.), **Colin Lee** and **A. D. Brownlie** (B.Com.), **D. Duff** and **Nigel Howeroff** (B.A.).

HAWKE'S BAY BRANCH.

The Biennial General Meeting of the Branch was held after the Te Aute match in the Pasadena Tea Rooms on Saturday, July 29th. Mr. R. Blundell was in the chair and there were nearly fifty Old Boys present. The following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, J. Grant; Vice-Presidents, R. V. Ayling, S. Henry; Auditor, S. Murley; Secretary-Treasurer, C. R. Campbell; Committee, C. Kirkpatrick, L. Grant, D. Murley, W. Duncan, C. Kyngdon.

Suggestions were made for the entertainment of the First XV. after the Te Aute match. It was decided that the Hastings High School be approached, asking whether a dance could be arranged in the School Assembly Hall.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

Personals.

Lewis Greer was married to Beverley Black, of Hastings, early this year. He and his wife are now in England and are working for the Nuffield Organisation.

Brian Campbell is in England and is returning in December.

R. C. Anderson recently became engaged to Lois Skinner, of Palmerston North.

OTAGO BRANCH.

The Otago Branch of the Association held its Dinner and Annual Meeting on April 30th in the Dining Room of the Captain Cook Hotel. Thirteen Old Boys were present. After a good meal had been enjoyed by all there was a short meeting with B. Hoskin in the chair. All the Committee resigned as they would not be in Dunedin next year. The officers elected were: President, A. J. Reeves; Secretary, S. P. Lay; Committee, R. H. Holder, J. Gould and J. C. Barrett.

S. P. Lay gave a short review of School affairs and then the meeting broke up into an informal gathering.

PERSONALS.

Dr. R. Tingey has been appointed Medical Registrar at the Dunedin Hospital.

B. Hoskin, A. Treloar, J. M. Thomson, R. Church, T. H. Logan all complete the Dentistry course at the end of the year.

G. Crowley is completing M.Sc. in Biochemistry and has been appointed to a junior lectureship at Otago for next year. He has also been playing good cricket for 'Varsity. B. Crowley is taking a B.Sc. course.

R. R. Heale is finishing a Training College course in Physical Education.

A. J. Reeves, completing B.Sc., is the new President of the O.B.A. branch.

Freshers at Otago University this year include M. Craig and J. Gould (B.Sc.), J. C. Barrett and S. P. Lay (medicine); R. H. Calder and T. P. Lealand (Dentistry).

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH.

As the local branch was late getting under way this year it was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting and a social evening at the same time, on Friday, September 23rd. It was unfortunate that this fixture co-incided with the annual dinner of the Engineering Society so that some Old Boys were unable to attend. However, we had an enjoyable evening thanks to Peter Fraser, last year's secretary, who organised the function, Bob Thompson, who as usual provided films, etc., Mr. Mackie, by whose courtesy we had the use of the Phillipstown School Hall, and B. V. Jones, who entertained us with some Black Magic.



PRIDHAM HOUSE EIGHTH GRADE—WINNERS TARANAKI COMPETITION.

Back Row: E. T. Ward, J. R. Brimblecombe, G. E. Oxenham, D. T. Lennox, R. McCaw, R. C. Brewerton, R. Snowdon.

Middle Row: G. Turner, D. R. Whitehead, A. V. Flight, W. F. Shortt, P. J. Lloyd, N. E. Skinner, D. R. Wood.

Front Row: C. T. Flight, A. Watkins, J. R. Wood, M. Gibbons, C. Maingay, G. W. Nash.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

R. L. Thompson was elected President of the Christchurch Branch for the forthcoming year, L. E. Fox, Vice-President, and R. K. Pearce, Secretary. Old Boys wishing to contact the local branch should do so through the secretary, who is to be found usually at Rolleston House.

Old Boys present at the meeting were: "Sugar" Candy ('12-'14), M. E. Hollings ('23-'24), Howard Mackie ('06-'09), L. E. Fox ('27-'28), T. Fitzgibbon ('42-'46), Wynne Croll ('43-'48), W. G. Thomson ('44-'49), Ted Baigent ('44-'49), P. E. Fraser ('40-'42), R. L. Thompson ('39-'43), R. K. Pearce ('46-'50), B. Rountree ('47-'50), J. K. Bargh ('47-'50), B. V. Jones ('40-'44) and D. M. Frank ('43-'47).

Other Old Boys seen round the University from time to time are: Rangi Richardson, D. Christoffel, Maurice McDonald, R. G. Freaan, M. P. Conway (still with the Christchurch "Press") and Bert Mills, who spends his spare time at the Lands and Survey Department. For the second year in succession, the Students' Association president has been an Old Boy. This year T. Fitzgibbon took over the office from M. A. Mills.

LINCOLN COLLEGE LETTER.

J. D. Mackay, the Warden of Lincoln College, writes that there is very little report as Taranaki is the only province not represented at the College. Dr. Weston and Ian Eva are still members of the staff. J. D. McNaught was Gold Medallist in the Farm Management and Valuation Course last year. This is one of the highest awards to be gained at the College.

GENERAL NEWS.

Many Old Boys have visited the School during the year. Among them were: D. G. Lysnar, J. H. Dudley, R. G. Pool, N. Blundell, S. Betts, M. J. Outred, I. H. Kerr, Dr. W. J. Watt, N. Clare, R. A. Soundy, M. Parrott, J. W. Wright, G. F. Bertrand, R. A. C. Pepperell, R. A. Lloyd, A. M. Moyes, D. Bathgate, J. G. Wynyard, G. Hughson, C. R. Campbell, W. Snell, J. H. Boon, H. W. Brown, I. S. Russell, K. G. Russell, B. V. Kerr, D. G. Baird, M. N. Alsweller, I. Telfer, T. N. Foden, K. G. Murray, B. A. Ellis, J. B. McGeachan, J. A. D. Holden, P. Dent, B. Simpson, A. F. Cunningham, M. W. Mellsop, J. F. Gernhoefer, H. P. Webster, R. Roper, C. Croad, G. Ingram, J. K. Bargh, R. K. Pierce, S. P. Lay, J. C. Barrett, P. G. Elley, W. S. Harbutt, A. F. Hutchings, Andrew Snowdon, Ted Foden, A. C. Fookes, D. Levene, M. Sutcliffe, Ross Law, Basil Law, L. W. Wyld, J. D. McNaught, Rex Harrigan, Bruce Wilson and Ivan Dunbar. Don Hutchings, David Binns and John Dudley all visited the School while on their honeymoons.

Douglas Ward and Ian Dalglish have both recently returned to New Plymouth after spending two years abroad.

John C. Matthews, after graduating in Civil Engineering, has taken a position at an oil refinery in the Persian Gulf.

Peter Moyes was recently married in Wellington.

Dr. Arthur Veale has been appointed Medical Registrar at the New Plymouth Hospital as from May, 1952.

Lieut.-Col. F. L. H. Davis, formerly director of cadets and rifle clubs at Army H.Q., is now Commandant of the Linton Military Camp.

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Ashley D. Roberts has been appointed Town Clerk at Te Awamutu.

Several letters have been received from **Mr. Bottrill**, at Leigh, North Auckland. He seems to be very fit and is busy making additions to his new home. **Noel Belcher, Lyn Hall, Brian Dickinson, D. Lysnar, K. O'Halloran, D. Jillett** and several other Old Boys have signed his visitors' book.

Ross Dallison hooked very successfully last August for the Wanganui Rep. team against the Fijians. The latter team gained the ball from scrums only twice in the whole game.

J. G. Jamieson has qualified in law and is now with a Solicitor's firm in Palmerston North.

Ralph L. Buckenham toured Australia recently, meeting **Martin Donnelly** in Sydney. He also spent some months on a business visit to Britain.

Many Old Boys will regret to hear of the death of a former Anglican chaplain of the School, the Rev. **R. Fordham Clark**. He was 49 years of age.

L. Christie recently returned from an extensive tour of Britain, Europe, and America. He studied Dentistry in England, Switzerland and Denmark.

B. Dickinson, now married, owns a business for the making of Plastic Fabrics.

Kevin O'Halloran and **Doug. Jillett** are both inspectors in the Auckland Education Board.

We believe several Old Boys held a reunion recently in Whangarei but no details have been received. Congratulations Whangarei! We hope to hear of the formation of a branch before long.

The death occurred suddenly in Stratford of **James William Arthur** who was at School 1923-25. Old Boys extend their sympathy to his three sons, two of whom have passed through the School.

S. F. Fookes has become a partner in the legal firm, Grant, Evans and Fookes, in Inglewood.

Congratulations to **Squadron-Leader G. G. Gotz** on his award of the O.B.E.

We regret to report the accidental drowning at Dunedin on March 4th of **Dr. Alfred William Tunbridge**. He was 25 years of age and on the threshold of what appeared to be very successful career.

T. McKeon represented N.Z. in the Ski Championships held in Australia last August. He has won the Taranaki Alpine Club title three times and is also excelling as a rower.

Dr. W. R. Geddes has returned from Borneo where he has been studying the economic life, customs and religion of the people on behalf of the British Colonial Office. He now holds a University post in Auckland.

The death occurred suddenly on June 23rd of **Wilfred Henry Francis (Harry) Mason** just after he had finished refereeing a Rugby match. He was 46 years of age. He was at School 1920-24 and a member of the First XV. He was one of the best-known Primary School teachers in New Plymouth and his early passing is deeply regretted.

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Larry Pruden continues his successful musical career. He is at present in Britain, having been granted a two years' musical scholarship.

Dr. A. C. Hayton has started a medical practice in New Plymouth as a partner of **Dr. Thorp**.

A. W. Moverley has been granted a scholarship to Edinburgh University. He continues to do outstanding work as Pitcairn Island's first education officer. One of the two new Pitcairn stamps shows the famous Bounty Bibie which he succeeded in getting returned to the Island and the other the School which he has built.

The death occurred recently of **Alfred Laurence Langridge**. He was killed instantly in a motor accident near Te Kuiti.

The Warwickshire Cricket XI are missing **M. P. Donnelly** who is now working in Sydney. The Glasgow Herald sporting writer has commented: "Much of the improvement in Warwickshire's position in recent years may be attributed to the success of this attractive left-hand batsman. In six seasons since 1945 Donnelly's batting record shows a total of 6899 runs scored, the highest innings 208 not out for the M.C.C. against Yorkshire in 1948 and a total of 20 separate centuries in first-class matches. His average per innings over that period was 53.06."

Several Old Boys have left New Zealand this year to work their way round the world. Among them are **G. Trevor Brown, Barry Shaw, Barry Fulton** and **Murray Hooker**. **Bill Bendall** ('42-'45), returned from a year's working holiday in Australia and is now working his passage to England.

Dr. M. Barak is now chief chemist for a firm of electrical manufacturers in England.

W. G. Hughson, senior chemist of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, represented New Zealand at the International Chemical Conclave at New York last September.

Bernard B. Miles was ordained as a priest at St. Joseph's Church, New Plymouth, on July 25th. **Father D. Monaghan**, another Old Boy, has a parish at Lower Hutt.

Squadron-Leader D. L. Pritchard, D.S.O., has been promoted to the rank of acting Wing-Commander and is now the officer commanding a R.A.F. youth training centre at Wiltshire, England.

Dr. H. A. Fleming ('36-'40) has been awarded a Nuffield Fellowship. He hopes to use a medical travelling scholarship, awarded in 1947, after he has taken advantage of his Fellowship. He has had a varied experience at the Otago Medical School as a demonstrator in Anatomy, research assistant in Medicine, assistant lecturer in medicine and assistant lecturer in Anatomy.

O. E. Middleton (O. E. Gordon, at School '39-'41) has had a very adventurous life in recent years. He has been giving some most interesting travel talks over the YA stations. He worked his way to America to find a doctor who might cure an obscure eye disease he had. After many strange experiences as a deportee he finally arrived back in New Zealand.

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Peter Gray has written an interesting account of his experiences at sea. His journey to a Russian port was full of adventure.

"After the ship had been thoroughly searched, we were ordered to our cabins. There we waited for half an hour. Then two armed guards strolled in and went through our personal gear and glanced through reading material to see that there were no anti-Communist books. Even letters were read, and then, with a last searching stare at us and quick look under the table, they sauntered out.

"The next day we awoke to find the gunboat still anchored 100 yards away. Some Russians came out and went through our holds and condemned them. We started scraping, chipping and sweeping, finishing it off at 3.30 a.m. next day. At 9 o'clock the pilot appeared again and we moved in to the harbour and the grain elevators.

"More Russians again condemned the holds, so we went to work again. We were half-finished when they started pouring maize in. I think that was the prime insult.

"Men and women worked together loading the grain, but the tension was most noticeable. They looked most unhappy, and they were suspected by their workmates as much as by the revolver-armed guards who paced the quay. Another sentry stood at the barrier forward of the ship's bows armed with a rifle and bayonet.

"The gunboat was tied up 50 yards away, and at night it constantly swung a searchlight over us. We were all denied passes to go ashore because of the influenza epidemic in Britain. The captain explained that the ship had not been to Britain for 12 months, but the Russians replied that we had had mail from there.

"One Russian girl asked a member of the crew for some bread. The sentry at the foot of the gangway caught her with the bread hidden in her jumper, and she was led off. The agents came aboard the next day and told us not to give anything away, as that girl had been put in prison. They wish above anything else to appear independent.

"When we finished loading we moved out to the harbour to wait for another search and our clearance. That night the temperature dropped to seven degrees Fahrenheit. Ice lay all over the decks. Water pipes burst and the pumps froze. Oil lines to the galley stoves froze, and we had boiled eggs for breakfast next morning. They were done in the galley sink by steam.

"Spray thrown up by high winds coming down off the hills landed on the gangway and rails, forming big icicles. In the morning we saw the ice-cold wind sweeping across the water and making steam. The air was colder than the water—seven degrees above zero.

"Last night the Russians came out and the search was on again, with exactly the same procedure. They like to make sure nobody enters the country, but, by heaven, they make certain nobody leaves it."

Dr. A. L. Rae ('36-'40) has been appointed to the newly instituted chair of Sheep Husbandry at Massey College. After spending two and a-half years doing post-graduate work in Iowa, U.S.A., he visited sheep stations in other parts of U.S.A. and Britain.

W. S. Ritchie, formerly on the staff of the Ruakura Animal Research Station is farming at Inglewood.

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A. F. Cunningham is sub-editor of bulletins for what is believed to be the only independent organisation in the world supplying Radio News, the Brisbane news service of the A.B.C.

A. A. Keller, formerly assistant Engineer on the Maraetai Hydro-Electric project, is now with Downer and Co., constructing the Hydro Works in the Waipori Gorge.

Miles Sutcliffe is Primary teaching in a suburb of Wanganui.

J. Galbraith is Headmaster of the Rawhiti School, south of Manakau Heads. **Cliff Nodder** has taken over the Sunhaven Holiday Camp at Orua Bay on the Manakau Heads.

Old Boys will receive with deep satisfaction the news that **R. G. W. ("Paddy") Webb**, assistant master at the Rotorua High School, has been appointed Headmaster of Te Aute College. He took up his new duties last April. He was at School 1920-25 and a member of the First XV. Later in Christchurch he was a Canterbury Rep. and then became an outstanding Rugby Referee. He served as a Major in World War II, being a prisoner of war in Italy, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland for three years. At the time of his capture he was O.C. 24th Btn. He was wounded in Tripolitania and mentioned in despatches. On his return to N.Z. he became vice-President of the R.S.A. in Rotorua. He graduated M.A. in 1929 and also has a Diploma in Education. We congratulate him on this appointment to a School which has for years been a friendly rival on the Rugby field and we look forward to a visit from him the next time Te Aute plays in New Plymouth.

Mr. G. F. Bertrand, apparently too active to retire, has taken up new work in New Plymouth. He has visited the School several times and his jovial presence has been a real tonic to the Staff.

G. M. Salt is President of the Secondary School Teachers' Association this year.

Ralph Boggust visited the School on July 8th. He was about to leave for Scotland where he intended to continue his Horticultural studies for three years.

C. W. Broad was badly injured in a motor accident last July but is steadily recovering.

M. N. Hewson has entered into partnership with **Baden Winchcombe**. They have the H.M.V. agency in New Plymouth.

T. K. Evans ('27-'30) is a partner of a legal firm in Marton

P. S. Cole is studying at the Veterinary School attached to Sydney University.

We congratulate **Mr. W. I. Shrimpton** on his recent appointment to the Headmastership of Wairarapa College. After graduating M.A. with honours in History he joined the Staff in 1926 and remained with us until 1944. He then went to Gore High School and was First Assistant and head of the Social Studies Department there until 1949. At the time of his appointment to Wairarapa College he was a Secondary School inspector. Mr. Shrimpton is held in high regard by the staff and Old Boys who were here in his time and we wish him all happiness and success in his new work.

W. E. (Monty) Parrott ('23-'26), Reuter correspondent in Hong Kong, called at the School in October and gave us the following account of his experiences:

Great things have happened in the Far East during the past four years, and have provided in full measure those factors which

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attract the interest and attention of correspondents. There have been two or three wars, a few political assassinations, a toppling government now and again, several assorted catastrophes involving thousands in flood, fire, famine and earthquake, and the occasional spice of a twentieth century piracy.

In fact, events have crowded upon each other in the crowded East. It has even been noted in some quarters that the world's most numerous race—the Chinese—has fallen under a ruthless Communist tyranny of enormous power, a fact which, with its implications, seems to be so slightly appreciated in Australia and New Zealand. As merely a front-seat spectator, I am horrified at the shape of things that may come—but that is a different story.

As a preliminary to the assignment I have just completed, I toured the East from India to Japan and Korea as a correspondent of the New Zealand Herald for 12 months in 1945-46. This included entering Singapore shortly after the Japanese surrender, reporting the Indian National Army trials in Delhi, meeting the first New Zealand occupation troops to land in Japan, and covering the opening of the War Crimes Trials in Tokyo. By good luck, I was able to interview the former Japanese Prime Minister, Tojo, a few minutes before he was called for trial. It was one of those "exclusives" correspondents like to get.

On the same tour, I covered the first post-war "democratic" elections in Siam and Japan, and returned to New Zealand just in time to assist in reporting the 1946 general election—all in about seven months. Later, in 1948, I had the doubtful pleasure of covering for AAP-Reuter the first "democratic" election in Southern Korea, a rather grisly show in which about 130 people were killed.

I went to Hong Kong for AAP-Reuter in 1947. The first story of any note was the world's largest post-war piracy. About 25 Chinese deck passengers on the Dutch steamer Van Heutz produced arms shortly after the ship left Hong Kong and took control. They escaped with enormous booty in junks which came alongside by a pre-arranged plan.

Early in 1948 the Chinese burned the British consulate and many other British buildings in Canton. I had been staying in one of the consulate houses only a few days before but fortunately had returned to Hong Kong where I met many of the British injured and other evacuees.

I spent from April to July, 1948, in Korea, covering the elections and the early disagreements between America and Russia who were occupying south and north of the 38th Parallel respectively. On returning to Hong Kong I was just in time to report what is believed to have been the world's first air piracy. Four Chinese allegedly attempted to hold up a Catalina amphibious aircraft with a gold cargo on the 20-minute hop from Portuguese Macao to Hong Kong. In the scuffle aloft, the aircraft became out of control and dived into the sea. The sole survivor was one of the alleged pirates who, as far as I know, still languishes in a Macao gaol.

Late in 1948, the Chinese Civil War intensified and I was assigned to Nanking, the then Nationalist capital, and, for a period, to the Hsuechow battlefield. It may be of note that at one brief stage the only two British war correspondents in Nanking were both old

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boys of New Plymouth Boys' High School—Lachie (John) McDonald the well-known and competent London Daily Mail correspondent, and myself.

The onrush of the Communists saw me at later periods in Shanghai, Hankow and Canton. I flew out of Shanghai just ahead of the advancing armies of Mao Tse-Tung and was on the Hong Kong border when they first raised their flag opposite British territory.

While I was in Shanghai, the British frigate Amethyst was trapped up the Yangtse River by the Communists. It was a dismal task meeting the British warships London, Black Swan and Consort which vainly sought to rescue her but which had to give up after suffering grievous casualties and damage. It was a happier duty later to accompany the cruiser Jamaica from Hong Kong to welcome Amethyst off the China coast after she had escaped.

Late in August last year I sailed from Hong Kong with the 1st Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment, for Korea. The Middlesex battalion, together with the 1st Battalion, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, also from Hong Kong, were the first British troops in the Korean struggle and entered when United Nations fortunes were at their lowest and when the frontline was on the Naktong River. My own experiences were much the same as many other correspondents, and I had the good luck to escape any real unpleasantness. About 20 war correspondents have been killed in Korea, and a similar number wounded or injured.

I returned to Hong Kong toward the end of the year. Except that the Communists have been tightening the screws on China's millions, have been executing thousands and driving tens of thousands into slave labour camps, things have since been rather dull journalistically in my region.

Early next year I expect to leave for Singapore where I will be based for several years. Things in Malaya are at present by no means dull."

J. M. Henderson wrote recently from the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, England. He graduated to the college with 86 per cent. average in 14 subjects, equalling the record. He will spend the next two and a half years training at Cranwell.

J. W. Wright visited the School in April while on furlough. He has had an interesting life since he left School in 1925. On leaving Oxford he joined the Colonial Education Service and went to Trinidad where he taught for 12 years. Early in 1947 he went as lecturer in English to Yaba Higher College in Nigeria. In January this college moved en bloc 100 miles to Ibadan and became the Ibadan University College. Ibadan, he explained, has a population of half a million and ranks as the largest purely Negro city in Africa. The European population is less than 500. Compared with New Zealand Ibadan is hot. From April till July is the rainy season, August is usually a dry month. Then there is another rainy season. From September to November there is usually no rain at all. During January and February the Harmattan, a dry wind from the Sahara, often blows for a week or so. There is no great violence to it but it brings a fine red dust which is not at all pleasant and the relative humidity drops alarmingly. The covers of books buckle and mahogany furniture cracks explosively.

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The students are all African and come from a variety of Nigerian tribes. Their pronunciation and usage of English differ considerably from standard English. Competition to enter the University is keen and the students are probably as intelligent as any in the world. They are also very industrious and would put to shame the average New Zealand University student.

The buildings are wooden sheds with bare concrete floors and corrugated iron roofs. The outer walls are painted black with creosote as a protection against termites. It is rather difficult to realise that these are the buildings of a University College.

In Nigeria, he concluded, the main ambition of the 30 million natives was to keep alive.

W. B. Johnson, who has been lecturer in Geography at Auckland University College for the past two years, has been appointed to a similar position at Nottingham University, England.

Wing-Commander C. A. Turner is now in charge of the Taieri Air Force training station.

We have heard recently from **R. N. (Rup) Mahraj** (1922-1926) who is teaching at the Tavua Indian School, Fiji. He is devoting a great deal of time to public service and is vice-president of the Fiji Soccer Association, President of the Tavua Association and chairman of the Ra branch of the Teachers' Union. He is also a co-selector of the Ra District Cricket Association and is coaching the eleven at the Tavua Indian School.

OLD BOYS IN KOREA.

The most recent list of Old Boys in Korea includes twelve names. Their addresses are as follows:—206085 Capt. R. E. Mason, D Troop, 162 Bty.; 31348 Capt. H. B. Honnor, E Troop, 163 Bty.; 206269 Lieut. T. Fenton, R.H.Q.; 203886 2nd Lieut. M. Munro, C Troop, 162 Bty.; 205238 W.O.2 J. Edwards, D Troop, 162 Bty.; 206247 Gnr. J. F. Kirkland, E Troop, 163 Bty.; 206282 Gnr. C. G. H. Mason, R.T.U.; 206261 Siglmn. B. Sisley, Force H.Q.; 206235 Dvr. P. Chamberlain, A.S.C.; 20623, Dvr. K. Boulter, A.S.C.; 206236 L.-Cpl. R. Carr, R.H.Q. In each case the address, 16 N.Z. Fd. Regt., N.Z.A.P.O. 444, Korea, must be added. Another Old Boy, Sgt. D. G. Lysnar, was in Korea for several months, but is now back in New Zealand doing an Officers' course at Waiouru.

Gunner J. F. Kirkland was one of the two New Zealanders in Korea recently chosen to represent his country at the official opening of the new United Nations H.Q. building in New York. He took part in a parade representative of all the United Nations units in Korea.

Letters have been received from several of those serving in Korea acknowledging food parcels sent by the School. **Captain H. B. Honnor** wrote:—

A food parcel from home is always a welcome addition to the daily menu, for, besides adding that little touch of variety to the diet it makes one realise in this case the value of "the old school tie." To my knowledge the N.P.B.H.S. is the only School that has so far sent food parcels to its ex-pupils in Korea. For the last two months I have been living in the relative luxury and comfort of a divisional headquarters, for on the forming of the 1st Commonwealth

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Division I was lucky enough to be posted to it as G.S.O.3 Operations. The Headquarters have had plenty of time to settle in gradually for on our front at the moment our biggest enemy is the rain. When it rains in Korea it really rains and in a night it can rain enough to cause all rivers to rise as much as 20ft. and by so doing wash out all bridges, fords and ferry sites. Under these conditions limited deployment and movement is the order of the day. Despite the heat and humidity, which both remain around the 90 mark, the most popular form of relaxation with the New Zealanders, who by the way are running up quite an impressive record, having been undefeated in all games so far, is still a game of Rugby. These games are played in the cool of the evening and always provide a large gathering of spectators with many strictly unorthodox and amusing incidents. Neither side wear football boots but instead turn out in sandshoes or issue Army boots and these, combined with a muddy and very greasy field, give unexpected results.

In another letter, received from **2nd Lieutenant M. Munro**, there are the following interesting passages:—

Up at Brigade H.Q. the Gooks (local Koreans who are used as a labour force) were set to work to carve out seating on the side of a hill above a largish flat area which is now the brigade theatre. We've had Jack Warner, Brian Reece and a few other overseas artists to entertain us as well as the Bands of the 1st U.S. Cavalry Division and K.S.L.I. (King's Shropshire Light Infantry). All very good too. The 29th British Brigade Group have their own concert party which goes around with the various artists to fill out the programmes, and they're a darned good show on their own. Shortly we are to have Gladys Moncrieff we hear, our last live show for the year probably. In addition there are pictures nearly every night within walking distance of each battery, so we are fairly well entertained.

You've probably read a whole lot in the local papers about Korea, its climate, geography and so on. Some of what I've seen hasn't been very pleasant really. Certainly in winter we had very cold weather. The lowest temperature we got was 3deg F.—quite nippy! For us though, I don't think the winter was as bad as many people made it out to be. We had eight-man tents, each one of which got equipped with some sort of stove, either home made from ammunition boxes or "acquired." Our clothing was fairly good, very experimental some of it, and this winter's clothing scale is very different as a result of the lessons learned. Working outside on the guns for long periods was not possible without hands, feet and face getting numb. The people who really felt the cold were the Infantry in their pup tents and one blanket.

Once into summer the story was the opposite with rather high temperatures, 95deg. F. is the highest we have had. The humidity with the high temperatures made everyone very lethargic. The average humidity in July was 94 per cent. plus, more than Auckland's. Temperatures and humidity are down now and we can move about without becoming a sticky mess of sweat.

The change that has come over this country from its terrible winter bleakness and lifelessness to the prolific growth of late spring and summer is really amazing. In spring once the trees started to bud a gradual change occurred until we suddenly realised that the

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hills were no longer bare but very green. There were hundreds of wild flowers about too but as summer came on so the greenery dulled somewhat as the ground dried out and dust from the roads and paddies coated everything. Now that we've been north of the Han for four months almost, most of the rice paddies have been put into crop and flooded but the roads are dust tracks with the fine weather and mud baths with the rain. Most of the rains are over now thank goodness, although the rainy season wasn't as bad as we expected it to be. Bad enough to give us a lot of work to do with vehicles getting stuck and so on, unless we could find alternative tracks around the worst patches.

I have attempted only a brief outline. In closing, I would ask you to remember me to the Masters please. I hope they are all enjoying good health; and I trust that the School prospers.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

TINGEY—CROCKETT.—Betty, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Crockett, Kilbirnie, Wellington, to Stanley Noel, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Tingey, New Plymouth.

STONNELL—NODDER.—Shirley May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Nodder, to Lou Bernard, second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. L. Stonnell, Sentry Hill.

HATHERLY—BRODERICK.—Elizabeth Angela, only daughter of Mrs. J. M. Broderick, Hamilton, to Frank Reginald, 5 Welhurst Court, Sutton, Surrey, England, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hatherly, Wanganui.

WILLIAMS—DAVIS.—Joy Wright, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Davis, Waitara, to Thomas John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Williams, New Plymouth.

BARR—MORGAN.—Myra Dawn, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morgan, New Plymouth, to John Peter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Barr, Vogeltown.

HAGEN—RICHARDS.—Fay Daphne, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Richards, Grey Lynn, Auckland, to Mervyn Hendrik, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hagen, New Plymouth.

BRADBURY—BAYLY.—Jill MacLaurin, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Bayly, Okato, to John Mace, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bradbury, New Plymouth.

LANKSHEAR—GRUNDY.—Frances, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lankshear, New Plymouth, to Lloyd, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Grundy, New Plymouth.

BOTTRILL—GALLOWAY.—Shirley Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Galloway, Normanby, to Christopher Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bottrill, Leigh, North Auckland.

HUGHSON—LECHER.—Pamela Sylvia, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Wing-Commander N. R. Lecher, to Ian Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hughson, New Plymouth.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

- McNAUGHT—PEARCE.—Helen Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pearce, Karori, Wellington, to John Dalrymple, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. McNaught, New Plymouth.
- VEALE—STANLEY-HARRIS.—Rosemarie, younger daughter of Mrs. A. G. and the late Mr. C. Stanley-Harris, Nelson, to Arthur, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Veale, New Plymouth.
- CARMINE—MORRIS.—Margaret Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Morris, Mill Road, New Plymouth, to Bernard George, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. L. Carmine, New Plymouth.
- McLAREN—KING.—Betty, only daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. F. R. King, of Christchurch, to Charles Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McLaren, Warea.
- PHILLIPS—FARIS.—Gabrielle Elizabeth Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Phillips, Wellington, to Irwin Bruce, elder son of Dr. and Mrs. I. E. Faris, Takapuna, Auckland.
- TINGEY—JOHNSON.—Pamela Fay, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. S. Johnson, Judea, Tauranga, to Ronald Ernest, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tingey, Vivian Street, New Plymouth.

MARRIAGES.

- WATT—CUNRADI.—On November 11th, 1950, Margaret Joyce, daughter of Lady Margaret Cunradi, of West Lodge, Ipswich, and Mr. Charles Cunradi, of Wimbledon, England, to Leith Simpson, third son of Dr. and Mrs. T. N. Watt, of Opuake.
- SMART—DAVIES.—On August 3, 1951, at St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, Colleen Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Davies, New Plymouth, to Maxwell George Smart, of Waitara.
- RITCHIE—CHAMPION.—At St. Aidan's Church, Claudelands, Hamilton, on September 1st, Margaret Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Champion, Hamilton, to William Stanley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ritchie, Inglewood.
- PHILPOTT—LANGDON.—At St. John's Church, Feilding, on March 31st, 1951, Penelope Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Langdon, Feilding, to John William Thomas Barry Philpott.
- McLENNAN—HANSEN.—At Auckland, Helene Hansen, to Donald McLennan, of Te Kuiti.
- SNELLING—GAMBLE.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, Betty Jocelyn, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gamble, Hamilton, to Douglas Lazelle (Jack), son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Snelling, New Plymouth.
- DUDLEY—McLEOD.—At Christ Church, Taumarunui, on November 10, Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. McLeod, Taumarunui, to John Harvey, only son of Mr. H. N. and the late Mrs. Dudley, of Te Awamutu.
- HATHERLY—POTTS.—At St. John's Church, Matamata, on December 18th, 1950, Isobel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Potts, Matamata, to Claude Rodney, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hatherly, Wanganui.
- CORKILL—BRIGHTWELL.—At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, on January 20th, 1951, Norine Mathilda Ellen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Brightwell, New Plymouth, to John, eldest son of Mrs. I. A. and the late Mr. A. E. Corkill, New Plymouth.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

BIRTHS.

- BRENSTRUM.—To Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brenstrum; a son.
- HATHERLY.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hatherly; a daughter.
- DONNELLY.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Donnelly; a son.
- FROGGATT.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Froggatt; a son.
- WHITE.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. M. White; a son.
- BRINSLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Brinsley; a son.
- ERSKINE.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Erskine; a son.
- DIPROSE.—To Mr. and Mrs. K. Diprose; a daughter.
- ELMES.—To Mr. and Mrs. N. Elmes; a son.
- STEVEN.—To Dr. and Mrs. J. Steven; a daughter.
- ADLAM.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Adlam; a daughter.
- BRIDGER.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Bridger; a son.
- LAGORE.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lagore; a daughter.
- SCALES.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Scales; a son.
- BARNHAM.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Barnham; a daughter.
- GLASGOW.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. P. Glasgow; a daughter.
- AVERY.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Avery; a son.
- PALMER.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Palmer; a daughter.
- MORTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ian D. Morton; a son.
- BREWSTER.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Brewster; a son.
- VALE.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Vale; a daughter.
- MUSKER.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Musker; a daughter.
- LEIGHTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. N. Leighton; a son.
- KAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Kay; a daughter.
- WOOD.—To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wood; a daughter.
- DEE.—To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dee; a son.
- DUNBAR.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dunbar; a daughter.
- SNOWDON.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Snowdon; a daughter.
- BADDELEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Baddeley; a son.
- HUTCHINGS.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hutchings; a daughter.
- HATHERLY.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hatherly; a daughter.
- HENNAH.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Henna; a son.
- GRANT.—To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grant; a son.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1882

FEES (per term)—

Board: £38, reducible to £37/10/- 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 cases of removal, 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	7/6
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 1952 are as follows:—

First Term	..	February 5th to April 10th. and April 21st to June 6th.
Second Term	..	June 24th to August 22nd.
Third Term	..	September 16th to December 17th.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1880

FEES (per term)—

Board: \$12.00, including room and board.

Text-books: \$4.00, including all books.

Uniform: \$10.00, including all items.

Library: \$1.00.

Laundry: \$2.00, including all items.

Medical: \$1.00, including all items.

Note—In case of removal, the school will not be responsible for the expenses incurred by the student in leaving the school.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (per year)—

Library

Board

Upper Class \$10.00

Lower Class \$8.00

Lower Class \$6.00

Lower Class \$4.00

Library \$1.00

SCHOOL TERMS—

The school year is divided into two terms, the first term beginning in September and the second term beginning in January.

The first term begins on September 1st and ends on December 31st.

The second term begins on January 1st and ends on April 30th.

The school year ends on June 30th.

The school year begins on September 1st.

