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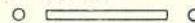
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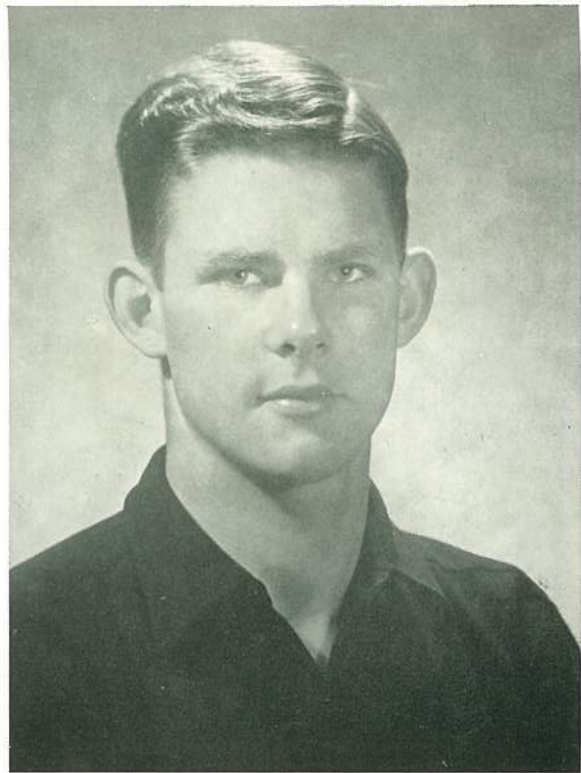
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EDITORIAL

BOARDING LIFE.

IN any big school of this kind the boarding establishment forms the nucleus around which the quality and character of the school is built. A school is judged by the type of boy that leaves the school, with the results of examinations successfully passed as a secondary consideration. Thus any boy who has passed through a boarding school is affected by school environment and the quality of the school is reflected in the boy's ability to prosper in his chosen occupation and to adapt himself to changing adult associations.

Boarding life has much to offer to any boy but it would be ludicrous to assume that a boy who has passed through a boarding school has advantages over a boy who has not had the same opportunities. Such a life can have bad effects on some boys, but in others it brings out latent talents and fully develops them for responsibilities in later life.

Boarding school is of the greatest advantage to any boy who has not the opportunities in his own district to further his studies. School gives to the country boy accustomed to the narrow horizons of a farming community an opportunity to live continuously in a large group in which he may obtain a wider knowledge of the world as a result of greater and more varied associations. He is introduced to a different set of values and becomes aware of the existence of a cultural life which flourishes in cities and which he realises is essential to the full development of character. Thus boarding life holds more significance to a boy who comes from the country than to other boys who live in larger cities.

The basis of any boarding establishment, is the emphasis placed on discipline. A boy is taught to obey rules which limit him to a methodical life. He has to learn complete control over himself by curbing his natural desire to do just as he pleases. This emphasis on discipline benefits the boy in later life—it teaches him to distinguish between right and wrong and gives him confidence in himself.

EDITORIAL

Although much of a boarder's life is very methodical, and of a communal nature, it does give a boy the opportunity of becoming independent. It can be the stepping stone between the sheltered home life of the child and the full responsibilities of the adult. The boy probably for the first time has to think for himself and reach his own decisions. This reliance on himself gives him initiative and independence and helps him to prepare for the future.

This moulding of character is probably the real function of secondary school education. Boys come to the school at an age when their personality and character is in the process of being developed. At this stage of development, their character is obviously very flexible. Therefore it is essential that a high moral standard should be aimed at in a school. The boy should be given the opportunity to build his character on sound principles. Boarding life does have a great effect on a boy's character. As a member of a community of over two hundred boys he learns consideration for others, independence, self discipline, respect for authority and even an appreciation of the value of tradition.

Tradition is a very strong force in a boarding establishment. Before coming to any big boarding school, vivid stories reach the innocent, of the humiliating initiation ceremonies and the harsh dictatorship and control exercised by the senior boys. Tales of great feats of endurance on the football field and of skill on the cricket field reach him in advance. Thus on arrival at school he plunges at once into an atmosphere of intense enthusiasm and loyalty to the school. Most boarding schools are organised on a "House" system. Intense loyalty to the "House" is one of the unwritten rules of boarding life, imposed by the group upon the new arrivals. The "House" virtually takes the place of the home in the life of the boy; it is the central core from which he can branch out into other school activities. It is here that many boys first participate in team games. They first receive that almost intoxicating thrill of playing for their "House" and perhaps later for their school. They learn here the meaning of teamwork in which each boy plays for his team, the meaning of sportsmanship, the ability to be good winners but better losers and the meaning of team spirit and loyalty to team mates—the great virtues that a participation in sport can develop.

When a boy becomes a boarder he enters into a life in which he comes into contact with boys of his own age, and boys senior to him, all of whom have a personal influence on him. He meets boys who are interested in the same school institutions and activities. It is here that the value of comradeship and friendliness is first realised.

He also comes into contact with an environment which completely changes his material outlook. The word environment really embodies all the ideas so far discussed in an analysis of boarding life, but the point can be enlarged. It is essential that the school gives the boy the opportunity to become a free individual, and not one of a crowd unable to exist apart from others. Probably one of the grave tendencies in a school is to pour all boys into a mould and to set a standard and allow little deviation from it.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

This is to some extent unavoidable, but it is a definite problem in boarding life—there is a lack of encouragement of individual traits in a boy's make-up, and the boy who comes with a strong tendency to individualism can be very unhappy.

It must not be thought that the life of a boarder is without problems, a life in which the boy develops along simple and straightforward lines towards manhood. Such an impression is completely erroneous. A great deal depends on the type of boy. He must be able to adapt himself to a life that is so very much different from that of the family group. This is the one big disadvantage of boarding life. There is no one who can provide the affectionate understanding which one receives in home and family life. This sudden loss of a feeling of security has a bad effect on many boys. They feel that no one is actively interested in their own particular troubles and disappointments. They can be bewildered and are often extremely unhappy. It is very difficult to attempt to describe the feelings of a boy whose character can not allow him to breach the big and sudden transition from family security to a less guarded life. This loss must have a bad effect on the moulding of a boy's character. It can produce in him a sense of inferiority, a feeling of bewilderment, self pity and a lack of confidence.

It should be realised also that all boys do not leave school feeling in complete harmony with society. This is due in some degree to the point mentioned above, but also it is often the result of the attitude of senior boys to junior members of the school. Although this is merely a tradition in which each senior boy is determined to enjoy his privileges, there is no doubt that it is a privilege which is dying but dying hard. This system was a bad one and often had bad effects on junior boys. Boys in a school should live as one big community, in a spirit of friendship and equality.

Boarding life can be, and is to most boys a rich and enjoyable experience. For this to be so they must be able to adapt themselves quickly, and respond to the environment of such a life. To those who are successful, the rewards are many. They have made lifelong friends, they have matured, and in so doing have learnt to be discreet, but above all they have been given the opportunity to gain a wider outlook on life by many varied and valuable associations. But we must not forget the boy who receives no benefit from boarding life. This is due to the boy's inability to respond to the environment which such a life can offer. To such a boy boarding life does little good and very often serious harm.

D. J. Graham.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

The Assembly Hall was crowded for the annual prize-giving and breaking-up ceremony held on the evening of December 14th. It was attended by the Mayor, Mr. E. R. C. Gilmour and Mrs. Gilmour, Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P., and Mrs. Aderman, the Chairman of the Board, Mr. H. R. Billing, and Board members, and Miss A. R. Allum, principal of the Girls' High School. The academic prizes were presented by the guest speaker, the Hon. the Minister of Education, Mr. R. M. Algie, and other awards by Mrs. Algie.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

Mr. Algie, when speaking to the gathering, said that a broader education than that received by their fathers was needed by the boys of to-day to enable them to handle their life's work. The boy who had no dreams for the future was a "dull clod." There was a strong possibility that the boys he was speaking to would be able to fly to the moon, and if they did, they must know more than their fathers. "We, your predecessors, have been glad to provide you with the teachers, schools and equipment to let you know more than we needed." The Minister said that the older generations had tried to make education easier and that it was free, but he wondered if it had not been made too easy. He hoped that they had helped young people to meet and beat their difficulties and had taught them to love their education, for the progress of the world comes from the lad or girl who has the courage to keep on keeping on. He hoped that they had given youth the training to face the world and had armed them with the capacity to choose their road and the courage to stand by their choice. "If we have, I feel confident that the country's future is in safe and sound keeping," concluded the Minister.

The headmaster began the 70th annual report by expressing his thanks to the Board of Governors, to the Secretary, to Mr. Burford and his staff, and to the teaching staff. He commended the staff for their teaching ability and for the large amount of time which they gave up to the many outside activities of the School.

The staff of the boarding side of the School were also thanked for their good work.

The attitude of our high schools to games and to other outside activities was not always appreciated by parents, the Headmaster continued. There were parents who wanted their boy to work after school. Recreational activities were very necessary to everyone and were a release for creative impulses that might, if not let loose, cause unhappiness. Play was also a safety valve for the emotions and these two aspects were perhaps just as important as the physical benefits and opportunities given in self control and co-operation. The Headmaster said that he did not want too much enthusiasm for sport. Too many people in the Empire devoted too much time to so-called sports and the results. He said that he was not against betting but it must not become a vice. A sane moderation was what was wanted in peoples' attitude to games and sport and in their attacks on the excesses in sport, the people must not forget the great importance of physical and mental health. Games were "just having fun" and once this aspect was forgotten, sport, especially football, began to get rough, for which coaches, spectators and over-organised systems in clubs and districts could be blamed. The Headmaster again asked for a wise moderation in sport and for a realisation of the real reason for playing.

The School opened with a roll of 694, of whom 36 were in the Preparatory Department. This was an increase of 28 on 1950. The boarding roll was a record of 280 and great numbers of applications had to be declined. In addition to the boys on the school roll, there were 120 apprentices to various trades who were given day-time training in the School. In spite of the problems raised, the scheme was working successfully.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

No new buildings were erected during the year but many buildings at the Technical site had been renovated. Good accommodation for some daylight training and evening classes was lacking but an improvement could be expected.

A memorial table for the Hall was presented by Mr. and Mrs. G. Bell, of Matamata, in memory of their two sons who were killed in the last war. Thanks were extended to them for their beautiful gift and to Mr. Horrill for his fine craftsmanship. The Old Boys were closing their fund at the end of the year. It was proposed to build a theatrette and hall, a necessity nowadays in a large post-primary school.

The ten branches of the Old Boys' Association were running well and many had been visited during the year. The Parent Association had done good work in the revival of interest and in circulating a bulletin of news. It was a matter of regret that the memorial pavilion to Mr. Moyes would not be erected until the following year.

Reviewing the outside activities of the School, the Headmaster stated that no cadet camp was held that year but six days' "barracks" were held at School. Courses at Linton Camp were attended by 25 junior and four senior N.C.O.'s. These courses were very valuable to the cadets and the standard among the N.C.O.'s continued to improve.

Three boys received instruction in flying training and all flew solo. Four more began during the year and two others who were selected had recently left. The School now possessed two shooting ranges. More time was devoted to shooting and it was an arduous task to put 600 boys through their practices.

Rugby continued to have a good hold on the School with 18 teams playing in the Taranaki Rugby Union competition. The First XV won two of its four inter-college games and nine out of 11 club games. Pridham House won the 8th grade competition.

Soccer had a good year but hockey suffered as a result of the majority of the experienced players leaving at the end of 1950. A record number of 340 boys were playing cricket. Four teams were entered in the local competitions. The First XI had kept up its good record of the last five years.

In athletics, a radical change had been made by holding the Annual Sports in March. Another change was the broadening of the senior championship to include all field and track events. Lifesaving and swimming instruction was given to all forms. There was not sufficient time for lifesaving though good results were obtained.

Tennis and table tennis continued to rise in popularity but boxing had lost some of its support owing to the attractions of other sports. The table tennis teams were very successful in the Taranaki competitions.

The School was well provided by musical organisations to give enjoyment. Greater interest was evident in the School in all things musical. The Music Festival was the highlight of the year and a fitting reward for the hard work by both pupils and staff.

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With the assistance of the Girls' High School, the play "The Importance of Being Earnest," was successfully produced in the Opera House.

There was not nearly enough money to meet the requirements of the library. The extensive lending system meant more wear and tear and the books were being read more widely. In view of the rising prices of books, the Headmaster appealed to the Board for increased funds.

The Headmaster concluded his report by thanking the boys who had worked on the High School Track in Pukekura Park. He then paid tribute to the Ministers of Religion who continued to take a deep interest in the boys of the School.

Prizes:—

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III Ag.: M. E. Dillon. III E.B.2: R. Smith. III E.B.1: G. L. Bailey. III G.3: E. Pata. III G.2: B. Walter. III G.1: R. D. McCaw and D. E. Herbert. III Cl.: I. H. Robinson. IV E.: B. A. Tinsley. IV E.B.: G. E. Chapman and J. S. Jensen. IV Ag.: W. Jonas. IV G.3: M. L. Hay. IV G.2: D. W. Marsden. IV G.1: N. Burdes. IV Cl.: D. G. Lloyd. V E.: I. G. Turner. V Ag.: J. McCrone. V G.3: G. G. Julian. V G.2: R. J. Grey. V G.1: D. J. Hughson. V Cl.: R. S. Croxson. VI Sc.: G. A. Wright 1st., G. G. Jackson 2nd. VI B.: D. L. Kitchingman 1st., S. R. Hill 2nd.

SPECIAL PRIZES—

Rex Dowding Memorial Prize (Junior Essay): D. C. Saxton.

Junior Oratory (Cup and book presented by Mr. L. M. Moss): R. B. Hosking.

Senior Debating (Cup presented by Wellington Old Boys): P. F. McDavitt and W. E. Massey.

Drawing Prize: R. F. Gadd.

Music Prizes (Mr. Collier's prize), Piano: M. J. Barkman. (Mrs. J. Davie's prize): J. L. Diprose.

Reading Prizes: Chapel, D. H. Brown; Assembly, R. E. Brine; Senior (presented by Mr. N. Hewson), W. E. Massey; Junior, B. D. Smith.

Tabor Scholarships: English: D. L. Kitchingman. Science: G. A. Wright. Engineering: N. B. Quicke.

Bendall Memorial Prize (Senior Essay): D. G. Howell.

White Memorial Prize (Literature): D. G. Howell.

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

Heurtley Memorial Prize (Original Verse): R. A. Rouse.

Ian McLeod Memorial (2nd in VI A.): B. R. Boon.

General Excellence Cup (Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup): L. J. Croxson.

Head Boy's Prize: B. R. Boon.

Dux Prize (Buick Cup): A. R. McGiven.

ATHLETICS—

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

Challenge Cup, Junior Athletic Champ.: E. H. Bannister.

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

1911 Cup, Senior Steeplechase: G. G. Cavaney.

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

H. Smith Cup, Junior Steeplechase: A. W. Messenger.

Easton Memorial Cup, Fastest Time Junior Steeplechase: D. M. Foggin.

Noakes Cup, Under 14 Steeplechase: J. H. Taylor.

Hoarsd Cup (Inter-House): Pridham.

Old Boys' Challenge Cup, Old Boys' Race: Mr. M. Mitchell.

SWIMMING—

Sykes Memorial Cup (Senior Championship): M. B. Francis.

Challenge Cup (Junior Championship): J. S. Jensen.

Fox Cup (Under 14 Championship): W. J. Bryant.

Wilson Shield (Preparatory Championship): L. Kitiona and T. Fa'asalafa.

BOXING—

Kidd Cup (Under 11 Stone Championship): M. Luafaitu.

Chivers Cup (Middleweight Championship): A. J. Goss.

H. Smith Cup (Welterweight): G. G. Julian.

Cunningham Cup (Preparatory Lightweight): W. B. Bygrave.

Wallace Shield (Inter-House): Pridham.

TENNIS—

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

H. Smith Cup (Junior Singles Championship): D. Foggin.

SHOOTING—

Kelly Cup (Long Range Championship): A. E. Foden.

McDiarmid Belt (School Championship): F. J. Crawford.

CADETS—

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

FOOTBALL—

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

Kerr Cup (Inter-House Championship): Pridham.

CRICKET—

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

Bates Cup (Inter-House Championship): Moyes.

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School opened on February the 5th with a roll of 724 of which 274 were boarders and 35 in the Preparatory School.

The usual Barracks Week was held this year but there were two new features. The first of these was the issue of cadet uniforms to all boys. Judging by the number of boys who fainted on Battalion parade they are no hotter than the School uniform. The second feature was the report of Brigadier Andrews complimenting us on our good turn out.

The Swimming Sports were held in the baths in March, and are memorable because 6A won the inter-form relay for the first time in many years. An interesting display was provided in the Masters v. Boys relay. Much unsuspected form and many fine

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bronzed physiques were revealed to the enthralled spectators. It is our opinion that the Olympic selectors would have done well to have seen that event. Some protest was evident when the result was announced, perhaps owing to the fact that the judge, being a master, was not wholly unprejudiced.

The Hansard Cup was held as usual in the first term. It was only a week before Sports Day which gave athletes an intensive programme.

On March the 26th work was begun on the masters' new common room. Perhaps the masters are lonely for the screechings, bangings and thumpings which disappeared with the completion of the Morgue alterations. The new plans will have their disadvantages. We fear that 6A (who have moved into the old common-room) will have all the masters breathing down their necks when there is a cricket match on.

The annual cricket match Wanganui v. School was played on March the 12th and 13th and the cricket season was given added interest by the introduction of a game against Wellington College. This is to be an annual fixture and we eagerly await next year to see how the teams perform. March the 22nd and 24th were rather wet this year.

Sports Day was held on the Lower Ground this year for the first time and there has been much discussion over this change. The main advantage is of course the view that spectators have of all events. Many feel that the change detracted from the social quality of the event by reducing the movement of our visitors and their opportunities for gossip. Of minor consideration of course is the fact that the track is not as good as the Top Ground.

West House came to light with a dance in the first term for the Wellington College team. These functions are very popular and we are indebted to the West House boys who decide to have a dance and to their parents and masters who do the work.

Sir Carl Berendsen came to the School on May the 2nd and gave us an excellent talk on the United Nations and world affairs. We were very grateful to him for giving up his time for us. We were very impressed by what he said and many of us felt we were making our first acquaintance with an orator.

Lieutenant Commander Johnson who was in command of the Hawea in Korean waters gave us a very amusing and interesting talk on the Korean war and of some of his experiences while on service there. We sometimes wonder if the Navy chooses its officers for speaking ability. We know the Navy can fight much better than it can talk. No wonder it is a tough nut to crack.

Two new games have been introduced for the First XV this year. The first was the game against Stratford-Hawera combined played on May 31st as the main game of the Secondary Schools day on Rugby Park. The other game was against H.M.N.Z.S. Tamaki, the Auckland Naval Cadet School. This game was the result of the efforts of Surgeon Commander T. H. Logan, Head Boy of the School in 1944, who is stationed at Tamaki as dental officer.



SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1952.

Back Row: G. A. Wright, G. J. Lawson, I. A. Bayly, M. B. Francis, A. F. Cassie.

Front Row: G. C. Derby, L. J. Croxson, D. J. Graham (Head Boy), G. M. Cassidy. Inset: St. L. M. Reeves.

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The School was honoured by a visit from the Governor-General, Lord Freyberg, V.C., in the second term. The Headmaster, speaking to the assembled School, welcomed Lord Freyberg and said that in addition to his great bravery, valour and endurance, he had the ability to inspire confidence in his troops, officers and men. He was a real leader. The Headmaster, who served under his Excellency in World War Two, said he had a restless planning mind and a toughness of mental and moral fibre in action that was remarkable. He had now completed six years as Governor-General and he has made a great success of them. "We appreciate what he has done for the country here and I cannot refrain from saying too that the country also owes to Lady Freyberg a debt of gratitude. We have great admiration for her work during the war years and in New Zealand."

When he came to New Zealand in 1946 he had instructions from the King to see as many schools as he could, said Lord Freyberg. The King in his wisdom realised that the hope of the Empire depended on having a growing younger generation brought up in the English way of life. He had hoped to show the King that the rising generation in New Zealand were as fair as any, but this was not to be. In conclusion, Lord Freyberg paid tribute to the School, to the impressive war record of the staff and the Old Boys of the School and to the fine military career of the Headmaster.

The Head Boy then made a presentation from the School and called for three cheers for his Excellency.

Accompanied by the Board of Governors and the Headmaster, Lord Freyberg inspected the grounds.

We were very pleased that he managed to visit us before leaving New Zealand and we were also very grateful for the holiday which we were given in honour of his visit. This holiday was taken on the St. Pat's week-end.

Another guest of the second term was Miss Patricia Morrison who gave us a very interesting address on the World Students' section of the United Nations Organisation.

The installation of central heating in the main block was one of the major construction jobs of the year and the School once again echoed to drills and hammers. It is surprising the extent to which a heel on the floor can sound like a drill underneath. It is whispered that one or two forms gained a period in the sun because of this interesting scientific discovery.

The other building which we have been able to watch is the construction of a new wing on the woodwork rooms. Unfortunately this is a little far away to be of any advantage in the science of dodging work.

A great thrill however, was provided by one of the workmen who travelled back and forwards through the grounds on a motor-bike. He became known throughout as the "motor-bike boy" and was cheered lustily whenever he roared past.

The train to Hawera for the St. Pat's match, which was discontinued for a while was reintroduced this year. Its time of departure was delayed so that the rest of the School could compete

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in its normal Saturday morning fixtures. The late departure also allowed the School to go straight to the match from the train and eliminated the long wait in Hawera and the necessity of getting a meal there. The resulting flood of supporters, however, did not help the score at all and St. Pat's had their first win for several years.

The Wanganui Collegiate game was held in Wanganui this year. This didn't daunt some supporters who arrived at the ground still sleepy from third period maths. The means of transportation was rather secret and modelled on the most exciting pages of the Arabian Nights.

There have been two appeals supported by the School this year. The first, in aid of the New Plymouth Municipal Band which has always been a tremendous help to our own School band at all times, was a house-to-house collection. The second was a combined effort, partly for the U.N. appeal for children and partly for seating for the bottom ground. This appeal took the form of four work days which were taken on four consecutive Saturdays. They were very popular both with the citizens of the town who got all their odd jobs done and with the boys who came home and compared notes on their various employers.

The appeal was run on an inter-house basis with a graph of the position of each house set up on the notice board in the hall. Moyes House reached the highest figure and it has been suggested that they were inspired (or something) by the sight of the organiser banging a half-filled money bag on a table and grinning approval and encouragement. It is no wonder that there was great consternation when the bag went missing for a while. It was found cunningly concealed on the table in the Masters' common room.

The formation this year of a School Music Club was an entirely new addition to what the School has previously offered to those interested in music. Beginning in the second term the club met on alternate Fridays in very suitable rooms in Devon Street. The evenings were very informal and supper was taken at about 9.30 p.m.—boarders were very interested in this "item." The venture was a great success and the total number in the group reached 14. Each of six members presented in turn a selected programme of seven or eight recorded works which he particularly liked. A total of 10 programmes resulted in the group hearing approximately 25 hours of recorded music. A popularity poll was taken and Beethoven's Symphony No. 1, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 and Beethoven's Emperor Concerto proved the most popular in that order. Other popular works were Symphony No. 5 by Beethoven, Overture to the Flying Dutchman and Suite No. 3 by Bach. This club satisfied those who normally are unable to hear serious music and it is to be hoped that it will be continued next year. The group was much indebted to I. A. Bayly, who provided the equipment and much of the enthusiasm.

This year the School no longer runs the tuck-shop, much to the disgust of aspiring committee members. It is run by Mrs. Smith whom old boys will remember in the sewing room.

Mr. Blundell, whom Old Boys will remember as head of the Preparatory Department, will leave at the end of this year after

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27 years. Hundreds of present boys and old boys will remember him with affection and gratitude and we wish him luck and thank him for all he has done for us.

Mr. J. A. Clouston has been appointed head of the Engineering department to succeed Mr. Gatland. Mr. Clouston comes to us from Hawera where he has held a similar position. He will join the staff at the beginning of next year.

Mr. Austin joined our teaching staff this year. He came to us from Waitaki Boys' High and is teaching Maths. and Book-keeping. He is helping Mr. Penney with the hockey elevens and we welcome him and hope that he enjoys his stay here.

We congratulate Mr. Bowden on being selected for the All Blacks and on his fine game for New Zealand in the Second Test. To this we add our thanks on his engagement. It was very thoughtful of him to provide so much interest to the boarders of both schools. Such actions as his do much to improve the relationships between schools and it is several years since the last happening of this nature. We feel we have had quite a lot to do with this match and we congratulate him and his fiancée.

We congratulate Mr. Harris on the recent addition to his family. His is the only achievement of this sort on the staff this year, but several masters have managed new cars. Mr. Slyfield, Mr. Horrill, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Scales are all mobile or more mobile than before. Rather classy new bicycles are the only outward signs of affluence in the remainder of the staff.

Miss "Betty" Bullock who has presided in the office for several years has left us in favour of a husband. We were all very sorry to see her go and we thank her for the cheerfulness and willingness with which she met all our requests at all times. To her we offer our congratulations and best wishes and we welcome Mrs. Claxton who has taken her place.

With the masters' new common room came the alteration of Room 1 into an office for the Headmaster and the office with the carpet worn thin by generations of delinquent feet and which many Old Boys could probably still describe accurately (some better than others) will become the secretary's office.

Perhaps the building which aroused the most interest this year was the Headmaster's new garage which was constructed by the groundsmen. A great deal of criticism came from the numberless aspiring architects in the School. However the finished job together with its adjoining walls blends rather well with the background. The general opinion was that there is very little architecture of its standard in the town and that there would be even less when they pull down the local jail.

Moyes House has been painted this year and is now cream to match the rest of the buildings. This is notable as Moyes House was the last building to be changed from the dingy grey which was the prevalent colour for so long. It is rumoured that Carrington House is getting a new locker room but we'll believe this when we see it. The old locker room has become such a landmark that it seems a shame to build a new one even if it will have glass in the windows.

The influence of the Ranfurly Shield games could be seen on the School this year. First the day boys with banners and cow bells

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intimidated the Boarders into an 11-6 victory. Then Pridham House appeared at the inter-house Rugby final with a large banner covered in green paint. It was only the B.H.S. in the corner by which it was recognisable as a school sheet. It was probably because of the psychological effect of two green alligators devouring what appeared to be a bowl of "snarler" that caused the defeat of Moyes 6-3.

The inter-house soccer cup which was presented two years ago has become a major sporting event of the season. It is played off after football is finished and is notable more for the spirit of the players than for any skill. Its interesting to see First XV players trying to keep their hands off the ball.

Mr. P. Aldous, an old boy of the School, now a District Commissioner in Northern Rhodesia gave us a very interesting talk in the third term on the country in Rhodesia and of his work with the natives there. He also showed in the evening some very interesting films which contained excellent shots of wild-life. They were very well received.

The only film to which the School went this year was the Royal Tour of Canada which everyone enjoyed. In addition we went to a matinee of the Choral Society's presentation of "The Bartered Bride" and also to a special schools' concert given by the National Symphony Orchestra, both of which were received enthusiastically. It was not because of the production that the first immediately became "The Battered Bride."

The combined Schools' music festival was held again this year and proved very successful both musically and socially.

The Bates' Cup and Hansard Cup both stayed where they were this year with Moyes holding the first and Pridham the second.

The proposed intermediate school in New Plymouth is awaited eagerly by the boys of the School mainly as it will bring fresh opponents into the lower grade football competitions.

We congratulate R. B. Hosking on winning the Wellington Provincial Secondary Schoolboys' Chess Championship. This is the first time that this trophy has come to the School and we hope to see it here often in the future. We also congratulate Graeme Hight on winning the Waikato A. and P. Show essay prize. This is the second successive year that this honour has come to the School.

A drama night was provided again this year by the Drama Club who presented two plays in the gym. These were quite well done and we are looking forward to seeing another major production next year in the Opera House.

Boarders were very interested in the beautiful garden which has been planted on the Pridham House corner. This is the most intensively cultivated area in the School grounds and it has certainly brightened life in the boarding establishment.

We congratulate G. C. Derby on being selected to train for a permanent commission in the R.N.Z.A.F. at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, England. This is particularly commendable as only two are selected each year. He will leave for England sometime in March next year. We wish him luck.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Miss M. Christoffel is leaving us at the end of this year after nearly eleven years of valuable service as Assistant Matron to the School. She will take up the post of matron at the Gisborne Boys' High School. This will be a big change for her as the boarding establishment there has only sixty boys. We thank her for all the work she has done for us in the past and we sincerely hope that she will enjoy her stay at Gisborne.

The breaking-up ceremony will be held on Friday, December 12th, this year and as the Taranakian goes to press, this is a most eagerly awaited date. We wish every success to the boys who are leaving this year and to those coming back in 1953, we extend our good wishes for a happy and profitable year.

A. F. Cassie.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Taranaki Scholarships.—D. G. Howell, B. R. Boon, A. R. McGiven, D. H. Brown, S. A. Comber.

Higher School Certificate.—I. Ailao, B. C. Arthur, A. F. Ayson, M. J. Barkman, 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, B. R. Evans, W. N. Hebden, J. I. Hine, D. G. Howell, H. F. Jackson, C. F. McDonald, A. R. McGiven, I. G. McPherson, W. E. Massey, R. D. Mander, E. P. Roberts, R. C. Schroder, D. Smith, R. J. Stevenson, D. G. Sutcliffe, J. J. M. Wiltshire.

B. Com. Degree (Section).—B. C. Arthur, C. F. McDonald, P. F. McDavitt, D. Smith, B. A. Waite.

Matriculation (By Accrediting).—W. R. Armstrong, J. D. Bathgate, A. F. Cassie, C. J. Cole, G. S. Collier, W. J. Dugdale, M. B. Francis, D. J. Graham, R. M. Harvey, S. R. Hill, E. L. Johnston, D. L. Kitchingman, J. H. Nash, C. J. Osborn, St. L. M. Reeves, R. A. Rouse, R. E. Still, R. B. Tait, D. J. Underwood, P. J. Wahlstrom, R. H. Phillips, D. G. R. Sutcliffe, G. S. W. Barrack, V. H. Bedford, D. A. K. Dickson, H. F. Barrett, I. A. Bayly, D. I. Bissett, G. G. Cavaney, L. J. Croxson, P. R. Erskine, I. E. George, K. L. Grant, P. R. Hancock, C. T. Henderson, G. G. Jackson, G. J. Lawson, R. K. McClellan, J. S. Nicholls, M. J. Simcock, W. N. Thomas, B. D. Webby, F. S. Whitehead, G. A. Wright, N. B. Quicke, H. S. Paterson.

School Certificate.—R. D. E. Alexander, W. R. Armstrong, E. A. Batten, B. C. Beetham, M. I. Broome, R. R. Brown, D. M. Calder, B. Chong, A. W. Coppell, R. S. Croxson, G. A. Davidson, G. R. Davy, T. S. Dillon, D. J. U. Drumm, P. H. Elliott, J. N. Elmes, J. S. Finnigan, D. M. Foggin, R. F. Gadd, P. L. Gibbons, H. C. Graham, R. H. Graham, R. J. Grey, T. A. Hines, D. J. Hughson, G. G. J. Julian, B. W. Kerr, A. H. Kirk, D. H. Lee, T. L. Lees, A. J. S. Lester, R. K. Lester, R. F. Lowrie, V. L. McCracken, J. McCrone, M. D. Maingay, W. G. G. Marsh, P. F. Martin, Tere Mataio, W. B. Messenger, R. M. Montgomerie, J. M. Olson, R. M. Phillips, G. H. Pierce, B. G. Quin, J. M. Scott, W. F. Shortt, J. P. Simcock, A. J. Sterritt, R. W. Thompson, J. A. Tubby, I. G. Turner, M. H. Wells, R. B. Wilson, F. R. Routley, R. S. Watts, S. T. King.

FOOTBALL

School entered a large number of teams in the local competitions this year. At one stage twenty teams were fielded each Saturday, although subsequently one had to be withdrawn. This increase over recent years has brought problems. A few years ago the lowest grade into which the School could field a team was under ten stone. Lower grade competition was not organised by the Junior Committee of the Rugby Union beyond that point. Of recent years, however, the Union has pursued a policy of providing grades for the smaller and younger players. To-day the School is able to enter teams of boys in their correct age and weight groups the lowest of which is under seven stone. School has eagerly taken advantage of these facilities. In some grades, those into which large numbers of boys fall by virtue of their age and weight, School has entered three or four teams. If an 'A' team were selected from the available boys in such a grade that team would undoubtedly dominate the grade, while the 'B', 'C' and 'D' teams would be discouraged and lose confidence. Such a system was tried a few years ago and found to be unworkable for this reason. School then entered teams in these lower grades on the house system.

This system was retained again this year. Some flexibility is necessary, and an exchange of boys between Houses has been found necessary. For example the Moyes and Carrington House boys of sixth grade age and weight were pooled to make a team, entered as Carrington and again some Carrington boys played in the Moyes eighth grade team, and some Pridham boys in the Carrington seventh grade team. This rather loose house system has been reasonably successful, but it seems that even more flexibility may be necessary in future. Some School teams for instance had two good players in one position while others were seriously handicapped through lack of a competent player in that position.

Nineteen teams are not maintained without difficulty. Illness and injury are often the cause of teams turning out short. With such a large number it is difficult to decide when a team can be maintained and when it is best to withdraw it and absorb its players into some other group. On the whole attendances at practices and games have been good but there could be improvement particularly among the day boys.

The increase in the number of teams has thrown a severe strain upon the coaching strength of the School. It is impossible to reach the ideal of one master per team. We are fortunate in the lower grades to provide one master for two teams. Senior boys have played their part and have done remarkable work but such a system demands exceptional qualities in the boys concerned.

Happily the racecourse development scheme that was undertaken two years ago has relieved Rugby of any shortage of grounds. Rugby has the use of six good grounds on the racecourse, and one inferior ground in addition to the gully. These generous facilities enable us to give every team two practices during the week in preparation for their game on Saturday. Such practices followed by a Saturday game controlled by the Rugby Union seem to provide a very adequate programme for the lower grades.

We are conscious however of other deficiencies in amenities for football. Adequate and convenient shower and changing rooms are

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desirable both for boarders and day boys. Boarders are denied the use of their house showers during the day and day boys use the classrooms and the racecourse and go home wet and dirty. Boarders also have difficulty in handling wet and muddy gear and particularly in finding drying facilities.

In spite of such deficiencies the fundamental requirements for success seem to be present—plenty of promising footballers in all grades and great enthusiasm for the game throughout the School.

The First Fifteen was able to take the field with several of the 1951 team still in its ranks. The team was fortunately fairly free of accidents and sickness throughout the season. The exception was the captain, J. Graham, who contracted mumps during the May vacation and returned to School some weeks late. His absence was felt by the team over the early stages which are always so important in the forming of a new team. Some of the old caps in the team did not develop as much as had been hoped, but all in all a sound, balanced team was produced. The forwards were an experienced and rugged lot and they played capably as a pack throughout the season. There was less experience in the backs but plenty of promise. Fortunately for the School several of these young backs will be returning next year. Taking a line through the season the team performed well, defeating some strong teams, and it required a strong team to defeat them. To Silverstream and Wanganui Collegiate go School's congratulations on their victories over us.

The composition of the team changed little throughout the season. Two half-backs were used, two full-backs and nine forwards. Thus there were eighteen boys who gained their representative blazers this year and twelve of them played in all four college games.

B. Darney, the team's full-back, scored over one hundred points during the season despite the fact that he was taken to hospital on the morning of the Te Aute game and did not play again during the season.

The second fifteen was the most successful the school has fielded for years. It did remarkably well in the Third Grade competition, finishing a close third.

The second group fielded one Fourth Grade and one Fifth Grade team, both performing creditably. The Fifth Grade team possessed a lot of talent but was sadly beset by sickness and injuries throughout the season.

The Third Group fielded two Fifth Grade teams known as "Boarders" and "Day Boys." The latter team had a particularly good season and were moulded into an attractive side by the end of the season. The "Boarders" team lacked players in key positions.

School won two Northern Taranaki Championships in the lower grades. The successful teams were the Pridham sixth grade and the West Seventh Grade. There were other good teams in these grades too, and there are good players a-plenty in these School lower grades. This year the lower grades were affected somewhat in their playing strength by the mumps epidemic. The standard of football was not helped either by a succession of wet Saturdays in June.

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Several of our players in all grades gained North Taranaki representative selection. During the season representative teams from the School teams in the various grades played teams from Hawera T.H.S., Stratford T.H.S. and Opunake D.H.S. These games were enjoyable and the contacts made pleasant and worthwhile. School teams meet Waitara D.H.S. and Okato D.H.S. in their normal Saturday fixtures.

This year a Taranaki secondary schools' day was organised during the Royal Birthday week-end. School met Hawera T.H.S. and Stratford T.H.S. in the main game at Rugby Park and Waitara D.H.S. met Okato D.H.S. and Opunake D.H.S. combined in the early game. Afterwards the four teams were entertained at a 'get-together' in the Tukapa gymnasium on Sanders Park. This was the inaugural occasion of what it is hoped will become an annual event.

Early in the second term Tom Logan, an old boy of the School, brought down a team from H.M.N.Z.S "Tamaki" to play our First XV. The result was a rather easy win for School 45-9.

During the May holidays m.v. Rakaia played a Day Boys team and won an interesting game 17-14.

The thanks of the School must be extended to the Rugby Union, the Northern Junior Committee, the Referees' Association and the Racecourse Grounds Committee for assistance received throughout the season.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. HAWERA-STRATFORD T.H.S.

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, May 30th). Won 13-9.

The teams were:—

Hawera-Stratford.—B. O'Byrne, I. Hurdle, B. Roos, L. Sinclair, R. Urbahn (capt.), R. P. Carroll, A. Barr, C. Rowe, R. O. Carroll, R. Purcell, D. Brunton, E. Rangl, E. Stephens, D. Glass.

School.—B. Darney, J. Bathgate, C. Osborn, V. Mila, M. Patten, G. Julian (capt.), B. Webby, G. Cassidy, J. Finnigan, A. Cassie, G. Wright, J. Wellington, P. Wahlstrom, P. Erskine, R. Montgomerie.

The match started at a fast pace which slackened very little throughout the two spells. School's slight superiority in the forwards was evident but the score was in favour of the combined team at half-time. The back combination for School brightened after the rest and two good tries were scored. Both sets of backs played very orthodox Rugby but this did not reduce the interest in the game from the spectators' point of view.

THE PLAY

Hawera-Stratford attacked from the whistle and were rewarded with a penalty goal by O'Byrne. School evened the score however with a difficult penalty by Darney. School 3, Combined 3.

The play surged up and down the field with School having the advantage in the rucks, when the Combined team's winger, Sinclair, received the ball from a good back movement and scored in the corner. This left the score 6-3 at half-time.



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Back Row: M. E. Patten, B. W. Moorhead, C. J. Osborn, V. Mila, B. W. Lake.

Middle Row: J. D. Wellington, R. H. Graham, J. S. Finnigan, A. F. Cassie, G. A. Wright, I. B. Darney.

Front Row: G. M. Cassidy, P. R. Erskine, G. G. Julian, D. J. Graham (Captain), J. Hancock, B. D. Webby,
P. J. Wahlstrom.

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After the spell School's backs gained possession from a quick ruck. The ball went neatly along the back line for Mila to burst through and score. Darney converted. School 8, Combined 6.

Mila repeated his effort with a sideline run. Darney again converted. School 13, Combined 6.

Hawera-Stratford retaliated desperately but were easily held by School's sound defence. Ralph Carroll picked up a loose ball and ended the scoring. School 13, Combined 9.

v. ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE (Silverstream)

(Played at Hawera, May 5th). Lost 8-11.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's.—W. Hikaka, G. Mahoney, P. Derig, J. O'Rourke, T. O'Sullivan, J. Taitoko, P. Finau, M. Thompson, J. Foliaki, W. Hansell (capt.), P. Brant, B. Shivnan, P. Bourke, C. Sheahan, M. Matulich.

School.—B. Darney, V. Mila, M. Patten, C. Osborn, J. Hancock, G. Julian, B. Webby, J. Graham (capt.), J. Finnigan, A. Cassie, G. Wright, J. Wellington, P. Wahlstrom, P. Erskine, G. Cassidy.

The game was played in overcast weather and on a heavy muddy field. Apart from a 15-minute revival just prior to half-time School appeared to lack the dash of the St. Pat's team. The most significant feature of the game was the attempt of both teams to vary play and make bright football against adverse conditions. School were unfortunate with several close penalties but St. Pat's superiority gave them the game.

THE PLAY

Two minutes from the start Finau, the St. Pat's half, broke from a scrum and passed in-field to the forwards who carried on for Thompson to score. Hikaka converted. After another two minutes the St. Pat's forwards broke through again. The ball was kicked ahead and J. O'Rourke followed up and beat Darney in the race for the ball. The conversion failed. St. Pat's 8, School 0.

As the spell progressed School settled down and played determined football. A brilliant forward movement with all the School forwards taking part put Cassidy over for a score. Darney converted. St. Pat's 8, School 5.

School forwards kept up the attack but were unfortunate not to score. Two minutes before half-time Darney kicked a penalty goal. Half-time score: St. Pat's 8, School 8.

St. Pat's spent the greater part of the second spell in School's territory. School's outside backs made several fine runs but the play was usually stopped at the inside backs by St. Pat's quickly breaking forwards.

St. Pat's backs made long penetrating kicks into School's territory. As a result of one of these kicks, an infringement occurred and a scrum went down a yard from the School line. Finau ended the scoring for St. Pat's by running through weak School defence on the blind side. St. Pat's 11, School 8.

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v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

(Played at Wanganui, 23rd July). Lost 3-5.

The teams were:—

Wanganui.—R. Young, P. Rathbone, S. Brett, C. Harris, A. Hobson, J. Wynne-Lewis, C. Garland, M. Irwin (capt.), J. Christie, D. Hunter, C. Earle, D. Macdonald, R. Boon, G. Byres, G. Robson.

School.—B. Darney, V. Mila, M. Patten, C. Osborn, J. Hancock, G. Julian, B. Lake, J. Graham (capt.), J. Wellington, A. Cassie, G. Wright, G. Cassidy, P. Wahlstrom, P. Erskine, R. Graham.

The day was fine but the Collegiate ground was heavy for the game. School were extremely unlucky to lose this game in which they appeared superior. Each side scored a try, Wanganui converting, but on several occasions School narrowly missed scoring. Both sets of forwards played hard football with School winning the scrums, but the teams were equal in the lineouts. Wanganui's inside backs did not have the combination and thrust of School's, though the determined defence stopped the final movements.

THE PLAY

School attacked early with their backs looking dangerous. Lake scored after a good break but Darney failed to convert. School 3, Wanganui 0. The pressure was kept up by School, though the consistent defence of Wanganui prevented scoring. Ten minutes before half-time Boon scored between the posts. Rathbone converted. Wanganui 5, School 3.

On resuming play after half-time School again attacked strongly and Osborn kicked the ball over the Wanganui line in a fine solo burst, but as he dived the ball bounced away.

Another brilliant move finished with a score being ruled for School. The line umpire's flag however was up where one of School's players had stepped out. The referee therefore disallowed the try.

The play became very tense as School tried effort after effort to score. In the final minutes School got an abundance of the ball but strenuous tackling by the Wanganui outside backs held School until the final whistle. Wanganui 5, School 3.

v. TE AUTE

(Played at Rugby Park, New Plymouth, August 2nd). Won 14-11.

The teams were:—

Te Aute.—W. Tibble, J. Stirling, T. Tibble, R. Kora, A. Pepere, A. August, A. Takurua, B. Nepia, T. Rungarunga, R. Wirapa, G. Walker, H. Maniapoto (capt.), H. Keelan, H. Taumaunu, A. Clark.

School.—B. Darney, M. Patten, V. Mila, C. Osborn, J. Hancock, G. Julian, B. Lake, J. Graham (capt.), J. Finnigan, G. Wright, A. Cassie, J. Wellington, P. Wahlstrom, P. Erskine, G. Cassidy.

Played before a large crowd under perfect conditions the game produced some of the finest and most entertaining football seen on

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the park this season. The ball was thrown about by both teams and some very good handling was seen. School worked well as a team and it was not an uncommon sight to see the forwards go the length of the field in short passing rushes after receiving an in-pass from the backs. In the tight School packed tirelessly and gave the backs a lot of the ball.

Te Aute were inclined to be loose whereas School packed well and broke quickly. Desperate attempts were made by Te Aute in the last few minutes but School's back and cover defence could not be penetrated.

THE PLAY

Te Aute had the best of the first few minutes of play and it was only solid defence that kept them from scoring. Eight minutes after the start Lake kicked a penalty for School. This was shortly followed by a penalty kick by Stirling for Te Aute. School 3, Te Aute 3.

Towards the end of the half School forwards took control under the leadership of Graham. They almost scored when a short passing rush with Cassidy and Wahlstrom prominent broke down on the line. Lake kicked a long penalty. School 6, Te Aute 3.

School's constant forward attacking put Cassie over the line in a fine dive for a try. Lake converted, making the half-time score: School 11, Te Aute 3.

Early in the second spell School increased its lead when Mila scored a try after a break by Hancock. School 14, Te Aute 3.

Play surged to both ends of the field, then Nepia and Maniapoto broke away in a dribbling rush from the School twenty-five which ended in Nepia scoring. Stirling converted and several minutes later kicked a penalty. School 14, Te Aute 11.

Te Aute, in desperate attempts to equalise, tried scissor movements, extra players in the back line and all kinds of moves but the defence of School could not be broken. The score ended: School 14, Te Aute 11.

v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR

(Played at Eden Park, August 23rd). Won 11-8.

The teams were:—

Auckland.—T. Agnew, M. Cantwell, S. Mathews, A. Wilson, R. Marsden, L. Keene, B. Baxter, M. Liddle, D. Gardner, B. Sweetman, K. Bassett, A. Hilton, J. French, J. Scott, B. Milne.

School.—B. Moorhead, C. Osborn, V. Mila, M. Patten, G. Julian, J. Hancock, B. Lake, J. Graham (capt.), J. Finnigan, P. Wahlstrom, P. Erskine, G. Cassidy, A. Cassie, G. Wright, J. Wellington.

School did not produce the form of its previous college match but still played well enough to secure a victory over the very fit, aggressive Auckland team. Individually the School backs played well, but only in patches did we see the combination which they can produce. The School forwards broke quickly from set scrums and

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rucks. They had several short passing rushes but concentrated on giving the ball to their backs. Solid tackling by both teams was a feature of the play.

THE PLAY

A back-line movement by Grammar took the ball to within 10 yards of School's line, before School broke it up. The ball rolled loose and J. Scott picked it up and lunged over the line to score. Grammar 3, School 0.

School almost scored after the backs combined in a run from their own twenty-five but the ball was dropped and the Grammar fullback cleared with a long kick.

Just before half-time Julian side-stepped through an opening, passed into the forwards where it was flipped through several hands to Graham who drew the fullback and put Osborn over to score unopposed. Lake converted, making the score School 5, Grammar 3.

After half-time Grammar secured more ball but could not do anything against School's defence. Mila scored when he dribbled past the Grammar fullback, picked up the ball and forced it. School 8, Grammar 3.

After several forward rushes Grammar equalised when Keene the first five-eighth, broke through School's defence and scored under the posts. Scott converted. School 8, Grammar 8.

A few minutes later Osborn made a deceptive run of 40 yards to be tackled just short of the line.

Two minutes before the end of the game, Lake ran the short side of the scrum and passed to Julian who went through the gap to score the final points. School 11, Grammar 8.

CLUB GAMES (FIRST JUNIOR)

First Round:

April 26: v. Marist. Won 12—6. Tries: Bathgate (3), Francis.

May 3: v. Uruti. Won 26—3. Tries: Bathgate, Patten, Cassie, Finnigan, Osborn, Croxson. Darney four conversions.

May 10: v. Clifton. Lost 14—16. Tries: Cassidy, Graham, Finnigan. Conversion and penalty by Darney.

May 17: v. Okato. Drew 0—0.

May 24: v. Rahotu. Won 12—6. Try by Cassie. Three penalties by Darney.

June 2: v. Kaitake. Won 16—8. Tries: Cassidy (2), Croxson, Osborn. Darney two conversions.

June 7: v. Old Boys. Lost 11—14. Darney one try, conversion and penalty.

June 14: v. Tukapa. Drew 17—17. Tries: Mila, Osborn (2), Darney one conversion and two penalties.

Second Round:

June 28: v. Clifton. Won 22—3. Tries: Osborn, Bathgate, Wahlstrom. Darney two conversions and three penalties.

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July 12: v. Uruti. Won 42—5. Tries: Cassidy (2), Graham (3), Wahlstrom (3), Finnigan (2). Darney three conversions and two penalties.

July 19: v. Tukapa. Won 11—0. Tries: Hancock, Wahlstrom. Darney one conversion and one penalty.

July 26: v. Rahotu. Won 49—0. Tries: Mila (2), Osborn (2), Graham (2), Lake (2), Cassidy, Wahlstrom, Patten, Finnigan. Darney five conversions and one penalty.

August 9: v. Kaitake. Won 17—13. Tries: Cassidy, Bathgate, McClellan, Wahlstrom, Patten. Conversion by Julian.

August 16: v. Old Boys. Won 22—8. Tries: Graham (2), Lake (3). Penalty and two conversions by Lake.

SUMMARY:

Games played 15. Won 11, lost 2, drew 2.
Points for 271. Points against 99.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS (PEASE CUP)

(Played on Rugby Park, September 20th.)

The teams were:—

Boarders.—K. Aiken, W. Jonas, V. Mila, T. Takai, C. Osborn, G. Julian, B. Webby, J. Graham (captain), R. Montgomerie, M. Tere, A. Cassie, G. Cassidy, P. Wahlstrom, R. McClellan, R. Graham.

Day Boys.—B. Moorhead, L. Croxson, B. Lake, M. Patten, J. Hancock, J. Lay, K. Briscoe, D. Drumm, J. Jensen, M. Jensen, K. Grant, J. Finnigan (captain), G. Wright, P. Erskine, B. Smeaton.

The game was very fast with bright open football being played. Day Boys appeared to be a fitter team than the Boarders, particularly in the second half. In the opening moments of the game Boarders looked as if they would run up a high score, but Day Boys held them and fought back to gain a well deserved victory.

THE PLAY

Boarders started off at a terrific pace and had Day Boys defending their line desperately. Several scoring movement very nearly succeeded when Julian ran the blind side and in-passed to Cassidy who scored. The conversion failed. Boarders 3, Day Boys 0.

From the kick-off Boarders gained possession and pressed the Day Boys' line. The ball went to Osborn from a quick ruck. He swerved infield cutting through the defence and scoring. Boarders 6, Day Boys 0.

Day Boys rallied and Croxson scored from a clever opening by Lake. Lake converted. A period of indeterminate play brought the first spell to a close, with the score at Boarders 6, Day Boys 5.

In the second spell Day Boys had more control of the game and it wasn't long before Patten scored after a back movement. Day Boys 8, Boarders 6.

Boarders lacked the speed they showed in the first half and the Day Boys gained more ball. From a forward tussle on the Boarders' line Grant dived over to bring the score to a close. Day Boys 11, Boarders 6.

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HOUSE FOOTBALL

The inter-house competitions were again held at the beginning of the third term. In the final, Pridham defeated Moyes in a close and exciting game. This year the Houses were very even and the first round resulted in some hard matches as the scores denote. Central and West drew in their first game, so both teams went into the second round thus doing away with the usual bye.

Results:—

First Round.—Fridham 8 v. Carrington 3, Moyes 11 v. East 3, Central 3 v. West 3.

Second Round.—Fridham 15 v. Central 0, Moyes 11 v. West 3.

Final.—Pridham 6 v. Moyes 3.

Pridham XV.—Thomas, Jonas, Mila, Francis, P. Lloyd, Mooney, Baker, J. Graham (captain), McClennan, Gray, Tere, Nash, R. Graham, Scott, A. Flight.

G. M. Cassidy.

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If numbers are any indication, cricket in the 1951-2 season must be considered strong. The usual four groups were well filled, for a period a fifth group was formed to give additional boys coaching, and the third form group was again regularly attended. In addition House cricket popularity has continued to rise—this year approximately 20 teams taking part in the B, C, and D grade competitions. The major problem confronting School cricket is of course gear—a problem which grows each year as numbers increase and prices of sports goods continue to rise rather steeply. So far no radical measures have been necessary to overcome this problem. We hope they will not be necessary.

If the School has been strong in numbers, it has not been quite so strong in results. The 1st XI is undergoing a consolidating year following a fairly large exodus of old caps. The present team is young and so far has produced nothing sensational. Nevertheless it is beginning to show promise and results will be seen in coming seasons, as members gain experience. The lower teams have fared well in their respective grades although none gained outstanding honours. The highlight of the season has been the inauguration of a further College game against Wellington College 1st XI. Old boys of the Wellington area will be particularly pleased as they have long sought a game against a Wellington school.

COLLEGE GAMES.

V. NELSON COLLEGE.

(Played at School, December 8th and 10th, 1951. Result: Win for School by an innings and one run.)

The match was played in ideal weather which favoured good cricket throughout the two days of play. Nelson won the toss and sent School in to bat on an easy-paced wicket. The Nelson bowling was steady but Eddowes and Hopkins put School in a strong position with an opening stand of 115. Against steady bowling School made

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287, of which Eddowes contributed 123 in attractive style before being run out.

In Nelson's first innings Bowers scored a fine 43 and the side totalled 150. Brine and Darney between them were responsible for eight wickets.

Nelson followed on but failed by one run to reach School's first innings total, being all out for 136. Brine once again bowled particularly well and no batsman appeared comfortable against his off-spinners.

The standard of fielding displayed by both sides was very high.

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First Innings—

I. Hopkins, st. Curtis, b. Leggat	46
S. Comber, c. Clark, b. Gillet	1
J. Eddowes, run out	123
B. Darney, c. Guy, b. Leggat	..	..	..	..	..	1
L. Barclay, c. Davies, b. Martyn	..	..	..	..	..	12
M. Stevens, l.b.w., b. Martyn	..	..	..	..	..	7
C. Barclay, not out	..	..	..	..	..	30
G. Julian, l.b.w., b. Davies	..	..	..	..	..	15
J. Graham, l.b.w., b. Davies	..	..	..	..	..	14
D. Smith, c. Guy, b. Davies	..	..	..	..	..	17
R. Brine, b. Davies	..	..	..	..	..	6
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	15
Total	..	..	..	..	..	287

Bowling for Nelson.

	O.	M.	R.	W.			
R. Gillet	18	3	54	1
W. Davies	23	6	70	4
J. Park	6	—	22	—
M. Martyn	19	6	33	2
W. Bowers	13	—	37	—
J. Guy	9	—	37	—
G. Leggat	11	2	18	2

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First Innings—

R. Smith, c. Julian, b. Smith	..	11	run out	32
M. Curtis, b. Brine	..	17	b. L. Barclay	23
J. Carter, b. Darney	..	10	c. L. Barclay, b. Brine	..	..	4
J. Guy, b. Brine	..	10	run out	..	..	4
W. Bowers, b. Darney	..	43	c. and b. Brine	..	..	35
G. Leggat, c. Comber, b. Brine	..	4	c. Comber, b. Brine	..	..	4
M. Martyn, l.b.w., b. Darney	..	0	b. Brine	..	..	13
T. Clark, b. L. Barclay	..	11	c. Eddowes, b. L. Barclay	..	..	3
W. Davies, c. L. Barclay, b. Darney	16		b. Smith	..	..	2
J. Park, not out	..	0	l.b.w., b. Smith	2
R. Gillet, b. Darney	..	0	run out	0
Extras	..	4	Extras	0
Total	..	150	Total	136

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Bowling for School.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
L. Barclay ..	12	3	36	1	17	6	34	2
D. Smith ..	11	5	11	1	13	6	14	2
C. Barclay ..	7	1	25	—	5	3	3	—
B. Darney ..	7.5	1	32	5	6	—	27	—
R. Brine ..	21	6	36	3	21	5	42	4

v. WANGANUI COLLEGE.

(Played at School on March 12th and 13th, 1952. Result: Wanganui College won by an innings and 122 runs.)

This year's School side contained more than the usual quota of young and inexperienced players. The team performed moderately well in club games but seemed overawed by the occasion against the Wanganui XI, which was much more experienced and capable, especially in the batting department.

School won the toss and, batting on a good wicket, could muster only 103 runs. The School batting, with the exception of John Graham, was most unenterprising for it took four hours to hoist this modest total.

Wanganui showed plenty of zest and initiative when it was their turn to bat and rattled up a fast 281 with hardly a dull moment. After being dropped moderately early, Nolan completed an aggressive century. Young (56) and Zohrab (32) gave him good support.

School's second innings developed into a procession and terminated with only 56 runs made. The batsmen lacked confidence and played only half-hearted strokes. This enabled Corballis to return the excellent figures of 5 wickets for 13 runs.

We should like to congratulate Wanganui not only on their splendid win, but on the sparkling cricket which was a joy to watch.

SCHOOL.

First Innings—

B. Darney, c. Boon, b. Anderson ..	16
D. Sampson, b. J. Zohrab ..	1
P. Wahlstrom, b. J. Zohrab ..	22
G. Julian, b. Corballis ..	5
F. Barrett, c. A. Zohrab, b. Corballis	4
J. Graham, b. Young ..	29
C. Barclay, c. Anderson, b. Hunter	7
R. Graham, c. Boon, b. J. Zohrab	10
T. Takai, b. Corballis ..	2
C. Maingay, not out ..	0
D. Jensen, b. J. Zohrab ..	2
Extras ..	5

Total 103

Second Innings—

l.b.w., b. Hunter ..	6
b. Corballis ..	2
b. Hunter ..	0
b. Young ..	2
c. Boon, b. Corballis	8
l.b.w., b. Young ..	4
b. Corballis ..	1
c. Anderson, b. Hunter	4
not out ..	2
c. Young, b. Corballis	9
c. Zohrab, b. Corballis	0
Extras ..	11

Total 56

Bowling for Wanganui.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Zohrab ..	17	10	16	4	9	1	26	—
D. Hunter ..	17	9	26	1	7	6	2	3
R. Young ..	14	11	15	1	7	6	4	2
N. Corballis ..	16	5	28	3	8.3	3	13	5
M. B. Anderson ..	13	7	13	1				



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Back Row: D. J. Sampson, C. Barclay, I. B. Darney, D. Smith, R. E. Brine, M. A. Stevens, S. A. Comber.

Front Row: G. G. Julian, I. J. Hopkins, J. W. Eddowes, L. A. Barclay (Captain), D. J. Graham, P. G. Dickson. Absent: P. J. Wahlstrom.

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WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

First Innings—

A. C. Hobson, l.b.w., b. C. Barclay	24
M. B. G. Anderson, c. J. Graham, b. Sampson	9
A. E. Zohrab, c. Maingay, b. Jensen	32
D. B. Nolan, l.b.w., b. R. Graham	102
I. H. Hare, c. Takai, b. Jensen	21
R. M. Young, c. and b. Takai	56
R. J. Boon, c. Sampson, b. Barclay	5
E. G. Halse, b. Sampson	0
N. C. Corballis, b. Barclay	7
J. H. Zohrab, c. and b. Takai	19
D. M. Hunter, not out	1
Extras	5
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Total	281

Bowling for School.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. Barclay	19	4	60	3
D. Sampson	24	4	92	2
D. Jensen	13	1	46	2
B. Darney	5	—	32	—
R. Graham	4	0	21	1
T. Takai	7	1	25	2

v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE.

(Played at School, March 21st and 24th, 1952. Result: Draw.)

Taranaki weather chose to mar the inaugural match between Wellington College and School by sending down continuous drizzle and fog which prevented the commencement of play on the first day. On the second day play was begun on a soaked wicket and frequent showers throughout the pre-lunch session made conditions unpleasant; however they later improved.

Wellington College won the toss and batted first. By afternoon tea they had made 206 for 5 wickets, good displays coming from Butler (75), Beck (46), Lockhart (32) and Kerr (31). The School bowlers had an unenviable task as for most of the innings they had to contend with a wet ball and they did well to bowl as steadily as they did.

School were left 135 minutes in which to score 207 runs and attempted for a start to make the runs. Wickets fell fast, but Sampson, Julian, and Graham batted freely. Forty-five minutes short of stumps, Wellington College had succeeded in capturing 7 wickets and looked sure winners. Heavy black rain clouds had gathered, making the light very bad. Under these conditions, Wahlstrom and Maingay stubbornly stayed together until five minutes before stumps when Maingay was dismissed, the match ending in a draw.

We thank Wellington College for a most enjoyable first taste of their cricket and hope that next year Wellington can treat us better than New Plymouth weather treated them.

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WELLINGTON COLLEGE.

First Innings—

F. Thomas, run out	0
D. B. Butler, c. F. Barrett, b. Jensen	75
J. Beck, c. Graham, b. Osborn	46
S. G. Lockhart, l.b.w., b. Jensen	32
J. M. Pope, c. Takai, b. Osborn	3
I. Kerr, not out	31
P. R. Kemp, not out	15
Extras	4
Total for 5 wickets declared	206

Bowling for School.

First Innings—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. Barclay	11	1	35	—
D. Sampson	5	—	16	—
D. Jensen	20	—	76	2
C. Osborn	19	3	53	2
B. Darney	4	—	15	—
T. Takai	2	—	7	—

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First Innings.

D. Sampson, b. Lockhart	26
B. Darney, c. Thomas, b. Kerr	4
C. Barclay, c. and b. Kerr	4
F. Barrett, b. Kerr	6
J. Graham, b. Kerr	17
G. Julian, b. Phillips	21
C. Osborn, c. Butler, b. Lockhart	0
P. Wahlstrom, not out	23
C. Maingay, c. Francis, b. Young	10
T. Takai, not out	1
Extras	8
Total for eight wickets	120

Bowling for Wellington College.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
M. Hutchings	5	—	19	—
I. Kerr	13	3	25	4
G. Young	10	3	31	1
S. Lockhart	8	4	9	2
M. Phillips	7	3	16	1
J. Beck	9	4	12	—

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FIRST XI BATTING AVERAGES—1951-52 SEASON

Name	No. of innings	Not outs	Highest score	Total runs	Average
L. Barclay	13	—	144	361	27.76
J. Eddowes	10	—	123	247	24.70
I. Hopkins	9	—	46	166	18.44
G. Julian	13	1	58	200	16.66
F. Barrett	9	1	39	133	15.37
F. Lys	5	1	28	60	15.0
C. Barclay	21	6	40	223	14.86
P. Wahlstrom	9	1	34	107	13.37
J. Graham	14	2	65	157	13.08
R. Brine	13	—	41	159	12.23
M. Stevens	14	—	56	166	11.85
T. Takai	8	3	29	54	10.80
C. Maingay	6	2	12	34	8.50
D. Sampson	16	3	49	109	8.38
B. Darney	19	1	20	141	7.83
D. Smith	5	2	17	23	7.63
S. Comber	12	—	17	76	6.33

FIRST XI BOWLING AVERAGES—1951-52 SEASON

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. Brine	149.1	24	437	37	11.89
L. Barclay	133.2	32	333	26	12.81
C. Barclay	185.5	38	521	36	14.47
C. Osborn	32	5	105	7	15.06
D. Smith	81	35	123	8	15.38
B. Darney	81.5	8	332	17	19.52
D. Sampson	118.5	20	398	19	20.94
D. Jensen	42	3	158	7	22.57

Second XI.

Although the players in the Second XI this year had more occasions in which to enjoy the game, than in which to enjoy success, the team nevertheless had a good first innings win by 107 runs in its annual first term game against Waitara District High School.

In this game, Waitara batted first, scoring 85 runs. School then went in, and after a good opening partnership of 53 by the opening batsmen B. Moorhead and J. Hancock, were all out for 192 runs. This was very creditable considering that five of the ten batsmen retired. Waitara batted again, and at stumps had made 34 runs for the loss of eight wickets, leaving school with a margin of twenty-three runs and two wickets short of an outright win. The bowlers performed quite steadily.

This season, with the exception of the game against Waitara, the batsmen in the team never seemed to succeed in the same game. Usually one or two players would reach the twenties, but the rest would be dismissed for single figures. However, with good batsmen in a team as there are this season, this state of affairs cannot last, and we are expecting higher scores and more success this term.

CRICKET

The following players represented the Second XI., 3rd term, 1952: P. Erskine (captain), W. Thomas, F. Lys, B. Moorhead, F. Barrett, J. Hancock, J. Scott, T. Miller, N. Phillips, J. Lay, A. Johnston, D. Sampson, W. Shortt, D. Kinsella.

Third XI.

The Third XI. had quite a good record for the past season in which there were several unaccountable lapses of form. The side was equally strong both in batting and bowling.

The team had a very enjoyable game against Waitara District High School in the annual match in the first term. Our opponents were not as strong as usual and our team won by an innings and 87 runs.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Naismith for giving up his spare time to coach us. The boys have shown great improvement because of his help.

The team: E. A. Batten (Captain), R. D. Alexander, J. P. Simcock, J. Jensen, V. E. Jury, G. Naismith, M. Sullivan, D. Wood, T. Fa'asalafa, J. Parkinson, R. Burgess, R. J. Harvey, B. Bellringer, B. Bennett, M. Fa'aitu.

Fourth XI.

The Fourth XI. has by now established itself as an important part of the School's cricket organisation. There is no doubt that the formation of this group three years ago was a wise move. Several ex-members of the group have now gained their first XI. Caps. The Fourth XI. always does better in the third term than in the first. No doubt the experience gained in the first term is responsible for this.

This year the team's bowling has been much stronger than its batting. At any time the captain was in a position to pass the ball to any one of half a dozen young bowlers who were unusually accurate for junior players. Had the batting been as strong as the bowling the team would have been an outstanding one. Nevertheless there were some promising batsmen in the team and some good scores were recorded.

The group must again be congratulated for its enthusiasm and diligence at practice. Their nets are always the last to come down. Unkind people in other groups maintain this is only because the balls are lost for such long periods.

Third Form Group

Last season's group probably contained the best collection of Third Form batsmen since the inauguration of this coaching group. Both C. Maingay and T. Takai went straight into the First XI. this year, and J. Lay to the Second XI. The fielding was of a similar high standard, Takai, Maingay and J. Wood being outstanding for their sure catching, anticipation in the field and quick returns to the wicket. The bowling was not of the same high order. In general, it lacked variety. P. Foley was the mainstay here. He bowled extremely accurately and was rewarded with an impressive bowling average in the annual game with the Primary School Representatives. School again won this match after a reasonably close and interesting game.

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A Grade

The Bates cup this year was played between Moyes, the holders, and West, the challengers. To find the challengers West played and defeated Pridham on the first innings by three wickets.

In the final Moyes retained the cup by defeating West on the first innings by 98 runs.

Result: Moyes 162, P. Wahlstrom 91 not out, G. Julian 17, J. Wellington 15, F. Lys 17. Bowling for West: M. Reeves 3 for 10, Maskery 2 for 36, D. Jensen 2 for 30.

West 64, C. Barclay 21, J. Hancock 15. Bowling for Moyes: P. Wahlstrom 9 for 21.

The B, C and D grades were won by Carrington House. There was a general improvement of standard and interest shown in these grades.

Day Boys v. Boarders

This match resulted in a win for the Boarders by two runs on the first innings. Day Boys 95; M. Stevens 27, R. Brine 33. Bowling for Boarders: D. Smith 7 for 44.

Boarders 97; J. Graham 41 not out, C. McDonald 18. Bowling for Day Boys: R. Brine 4 for 42.

Masters v. Boys

This year the match, Masters v. Boys, resulted in a clear cut victory for the Masters by 70 runs. The main reasons for this victory were the outstanding batting of several of the Masters' side, the varied bowling attack and the co-operation given the bowlers by the team.

The match was played in the spirit that made it one of the most interesting and enjoyable games of the season. It is hoped that this will become an annual fixture and be maintained as such.

Result: A win on the first innings by 70 runs for the Masters.

Masters 171; Messrs. Baunton 56, Brenstrum 30, Sweeney 21, Stewart 17, Watt 14. Bowling for Boys: R. Brine 2 for 29, D. Smith 2 for 17, T. Takai 2 for 24, J. Graham 1 for 5.

Boys 101; J. Graham 21, M. Stevens 18, S. Comber 19. Bowling for Masters: W. E. Alexander 5 for 45, R. Baunton 2 for 16, T. Sweeney 1 for 7, J. Stewart 1 for 20.

Fielding honours definitely went to the Masters and much fine performing was seen on their part.

G. G. Julian.

BLAZER AWARDS

The following have qualified during the year for School Blazers—

D. J. Graham, Head Boy, First XV., First XI.
M. B. Francis, Prefect, Athletics, Swimming.
A. F. Cassie, Prefect, First XV.
G. M. Cassidy, Prefect, First XV.
L. J. Croxson, Prefect, Athletics.
St. L. M. Reeves, Prefect, Soccer.
G. A. Wright, Prefect, First XV.
I. B. Darney, First XV., First XI.
J. Finnigan, First XV., Athletics.
G. G. Julian, First XV., First XI.
B. Lake, First XV., Athletics.
P. J. Wahlstrom, First XV., First XI.

Prefects—

I. A. Bayly
G. J. Lawson
G. C. Derby

First XV—

P. R. Erskine
R. H. Graham
J. Hancock
V. Milla
B. Moorhead
C. J. Osborn
M. R. Patten
B. D. Webby
J. D. Wellington

Hockey XI—

A. J. Lester
A. J. Sterritt

Boxing—

E. Oliver

First XI—

C. Barclay
H. F. Barrett
D. Jensen
C. Maingay
D. Sampson
T. Takai

Soccer—

R. Burgess
R. F. Gadd
R. Lennox
J. Parkinson

Athletics—

W. N. Thomas

Gymnastics—

B. Gray

Swimming—

G. Innes

Shooting—

N. A. Boardman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

A matter which has weighed upon my mind more in summer than winter is the effect which the school uniform has upon the wearer in summer. It has been my experience that the present school uniform is unsuitable for summer conditions here because it is of wool and is too hot and uncomfortable to wear in the hotter weather. I suggest, sir, that the school should have two sets of uniforms. There should be a woollen uniform for winter and a cotton one for summer. In this way the inconveniences experienced in summer by the wearers of woollen uniforms can be removed.

I am, etc., Tere Mataia.

ATHLETIC NOTES

As a preliminary to School Sports the Hansard Cup for Inter-House competition was run on March 9th. Pridham House showed their superiority in a clear victory from West House; followed by Moyes, Central, Carrington, East and Country.

The Athletic Championships were held on March 15th. Two major changes were made. The championships system was abolished for the first time and the Sports were held on the lower ground. This second change has the advantage of allowing spectators a clear view of all events; but the disadvantage of sharp bends in the track, hampering the distance runners. A very high standard was reached in most events, however, and the track was in excellent condition.

This year one record was broken and two were equalled. L. J. Croxson extended the Hop, Step and Jump record to 43ft. 6ins. thus breaking the former record by 11ins. M. B. Francis equalled the senior hurdles record in the time of 15.6secs.; and D. G. Lloyd equalled the 440 yards Junior record in 56.6secs.

Two other individual performances of merit were that of W. N. Thomas who showed both speed and stamina to win the 440, 880 and one mile senior championship; and B. W. Lake who won the 100 and 220 yards senior championship.

A greater interest has been shown in athletics for the 1950-51 season and some very good performances have been seen at weekly sports meeting at the Park. Congratulations go to B. W. Lake and L. J. Croxson who competed successfully at the Taranaki Junior Championship. L. J. Croxson also gained the West Coast Junior Broad Jump title and represented Taranaki at the New Zealand Junior Championships.

The thanks of the Athletic Committee extended to Mr. A. E. Gilliver who acted as an official at our Sports; to the New Plymouth Amateur Athletic Club who have made it possible for us to compete in their weekly sports.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

An important change in the organisation and award of School championships was made this year. Previously a number of events had been included in each championship and the boy who secured the most points in competition in the schedule of events was awarded the championship and was known as the senior, junior or under 14 champion. This system was discontinued this year in favour of championships for individual events such as the senior 100 yards championship, the 440 yards championship and so on.

There has been much comment on the change but Old Boys can be assured that it was not made without a thorough investigation and discussion. Opinions were sought from interested authorities, systems in use in other schools were studied. It was finally decided that such a change would bring our system into line with what was being done in other parts of the world.

The main reason for the change was a general desire to raise the standard of the athletics. No records had been broken in the previous two years and the championships had already been widened

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to include, in the case of the Senior Championships, eleven events. In order to compete with a chance of success a boy had to run in at least six events. In addition to imposing considerable physical strain on the boy, the system also prevented that specialisation which, it was considered, was the only means of ensuring an improvement in standard. It is hoped that the effect of the change will be specialization in events that can be grouped to suit individual natural ability.

L. J. Croxson.

STEEPLECHASE

The annual Steeplechase, which was held on Friday, the 10th of October, was again run over the School farm. The courses were the same as last year except for the inclusion of the top ground and the exclusion of the bottom ground in the Senior Steeplechase.

The Under 14 course was about one and a-half miles, the Junior course was two miles and the Senior course was just under three miles.

Running conditions were perfect, with a hard ground and a very hot sun to assist all competitors. Times were faster all around than last year owing to a detour around a large hill on the farm and the improved conditions.

The Senior Steeplechase was won by W. J. Wood, off 40 seconds, who also gained third fastest time. Wood was closely followed by J. Alsweller, off scratch, who gained fastest time. Alsweller ran an excellently judged race.

Our congratulations go also to G. E. Humphries who gained first place and fastest time in the under 14 steeplechase and also to J. W. Perham who won the Cunningham Cup for the fastest time in the prep. in this event: also to S. D. Ritchie and A. W. Messenger who took first and fastest time respectively in the Junior Steeplechase.

D. M. Foggin.

SENIOR

W. J. Wood (40sec.), 19min. 5sec.	..	..	..	1
J. Alsweller (scr.), 18min. 49sec.	..	..	..	2
P. R. Erskine (10sec.), 19min. 7sec.	..	..	..	3
G. A. Wright (scr.), 19min. 4sec.	..	..	..	4
M. E. Gray (60sec.), 20min. 10sec.	..	..	..	5
I. C. McCallum (60sec.), 20min. 12sec.	..	..	..	6
P. Hodgson (50sec.), 20min. 24sec.	..	..	..	7
D. M. Foggin (scr.), 19min. 35sec.	..	..	..	8
R. B. Ross (60sec.), 20min. 37sec.	..	..	..	9
G. S. Collier (20sec.), 19min. 58sec.	..	..	..	10

Then followed: B. J. Wood, P. Lott, R. M. Harvey, J. T. Elliott, P. G. Maxwell, A. H. Kirk, D. M. Calder, R. J. Harvey, E. J. Askew, G. A. Bendall.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS 1952

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME, HEIGHT, DISTANCE	SCHOOL RECORD
SENIOR—					
Championships					
(a) 100 Yards.	Lake, B. W.	Graham, D. J.	Bathgate, J. D.	11sec.	10.4sec. { R. Watson, 1927.
(b) 220 Yards.	Lake, B. W.	Bathgate, J. D.	Patten, M. R.	24.3sec.	24sec., { W. P. Revell, 1943.
(c) 440 Yards.	Thomas, W. N.	Patten, M. R.		55.6sec.	52sec., L. B. Shrimpton, 1948.
(d) 880 Yards.	Thomas, W. N.	Collier, G. S.	Foggin, D. M.	2min. 9.7sec.	56.6sec., J. A. Ross, 1948.
One Mile.	Thomas, W. N.	Alsweller, J. T.	Harvey, R. M.	5min. 9.8sec.	2min. 3.8sec., C. Keig, 1948.
120 Yards Hurdles.	Francis, M. B.	Simcock, M. J.	Mila, V.	15.6sec.	4min. 42.6sec., C. Keig, 1948.
High Jump.	Francis, M. B.	Lennox, R.	Mila, V.	5ft. 1in.	15.6sec. { M. D. Ekdahl, 1935.
Hop, Step and Jump.	Croxson, L. J.	Francis, M. B.	McClellan, R. K.	43ft. 6in.	5ft. 6¼in., J. C. Gordon, 1929.
Long Jump.	Croxson, L. J.	Lake, B. W.	Simcock, M. J.	20ft. 7½in.	43ft. 6in., L. J. Croxson, 1952.
Throwing the Discus.	Finnigan, J. S.	Mila, V.	Butler, J. J.	118ft. 9½in.	21ft. 8in., A. G. McIntyre, 1937.
Putting the Shot.	Finnigan, J. S.	Mila, V.	Derby, G. C.	32ft. 10in.	128ft. 8in., A. B. Hooper, 1949.
43ft., A. B. Hooper, 1949.					
Handicaps					
100 Yards.	Cassie, A. F.	Wahlstrom, P. J.		11sec.	
220 Yards.	Julian, G. G.	Stevenson, F. M.	Brackebush, G. A.	25.5sec.	
440 Yards.	Brackebush, G. A.	McClellan, R. K.	Maxwell, P. G.	58.3sec.	
880 Yards.	Askew, E. J.	Alsweller, J. T.	Montgomerie, R.	2min. 17.3sec.	
(e) One Mile.	Wright, G. A.	Foggin, D. M.	Askew, E. J.	5min. 4.5sec.	
(n) 120 Yards Hurdles.	Simcock, M. J.	Bell, J. G.	Carsidy, G. M.	18.2sec.	
JUNIOR—					
Championships					
(f) 100 Yards.	Lloyd, P. J.	Lloyd, D. G.	Sigley, G. K.	11.4sec.	10.6sec. { C. C. Kjestrup, 1937.
220 Yards.	Lloyd, D. G.	Sigley, G. K.	Fa'asalafa, T.	26.5sec.	24.2sec., { W. J. P. Mitchell, 1946.
(g) 440 Yards.	Lloyd, D. G.	Patten, R. E.	O'Keefe, B. D.	56.6sec.	24.2sec., O. A. M. Greensill, 1948.
(h) 880 Yards.	O'Shaughnessy, P.	Oliver, E. H.	Smith, T. D. S.	2min. 17.2sec.	56.6sec. { D. G. Lloyd, 1952.
120 Yards Hurdles.	Lay, J. K.	Simcock, J. P.	O'Keefe, B. D.	18.7sec.	2min. 17sec., M. Alsweller, 1948.
(i) Long Jump.	Croxson, R. S.	Carter, J. McC.	Alexander, R. D.	17ft. 3¼in.	17sec., R. I. Brown, 1940.
(j) High Jump.	Lay, J. K.	Fa'asalafa, T.	Davidson, K. L.	4ft. 11in.	20ft. 8½in., C. C. Kjestrup, 1937.
					5ft. 2½in., A. A. Keller, 1932.
Handicaps					
100 Yards.	Parkinson, J. V.	Rumball, E. I.	Croxson, R. S.	11.6sec.	
220 Yards.	Rumball, E. I.	Croxson, R. S.	Mayhead, P. S.	26.2sec.	
(k) 440 Yards.	O'Shaughnessy, P.	Oliver, E. H.	Mooney, W. D.	59.2sec.	
880 Yards.	Oxenham, G. E.	Denham, K. E.	Martin, K. A.	2min. 21.5sec.	
(l) One Mile.	Scott, J. M.	McCallum, I. G.	Rawleigh, W. T.	5min. 18.8sec.	5min. 8sec., M. F. Craig, 1945.
(m) 120 Yards Hurdles.	Smith, C. M.	Allison, R. J.	Brimblecombe, J.	20sec.	
UNDER 14—					
Championships					
75 Yards.	Jonas, N. G.	Honnor, I. J.	Geary, D. W.	9.6sec.	8.2sec., N. H. Street, 1941.
100 Yards.	Ramsay, P. D. K.	Jonas, N. G.	Honnor, I. J.	12.3sec.	11.6sec., A. R. Bothamley, 1916.
220 Yards.	McCaw, R. D.	Honnor, I. J.	Bourn, H.	27.4sec.	26.4sec., M. P. Tamati, 1934.
Handicaps					
75 Yards.	Cannell, B. H.	Terris, J. J.	Hutchings, M. S.	9.7sec.	
100 Yards.	Cardiff, W. B.	Cannell, B. H.	Coles, T. M.	13sec.	
220 Yards.	Comber, K. M.	Lys, J. E. A.	Clark, K. J.	29.8sec.	
75 Yards, Under 12.	Rumball, W.	Woodcock, P. J.	Randall, L. T. R.	10.8sec.	
75 Yards, Under 13.	Ramsay, P. D. K.	Dawson, N. E.	Walter, P. E.	9.5sec.	
100 Yards, Under 12.	Rumball, W.	Woodcock, P. J.	Randall, L. T. R.	13.8sec.	
100 Yards, Under 15.	Lloyd, P. J.	Morton, M. J.	Croxson, R. S.	11.4sec.	
Old Boys' Race, 100 Yards.	Powell, P.	Keig, C.	Mitchell, M.		
House Relay.	Pridham	West	Carrington	1min. 40sec.	
Day Boys v. Boarders.	Boarders	Day Boys		1min. 13sec.	

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

STEEPLECHASE NOTES

Fastest times:

J. Alsweller, 18min. 49sec.	..	..	..	..	1
G. H. Wright, 19min. 4sec.	..	..	..	..	2
W. J. Wood, 19min. 5sec.	..	..	..	..	3
P. R. Erskine, 19min. 7sec.	..	..	..	..	4
D. M. Foggin, 19min. 35sec.	..	..	..	..	5
G. S. Collier, 19min. 58sec.	..	..	..	..	6
M. E. Gray, 20min. 10sec.	..	..	..	..	7
I. C. McCallum, 20min. 12sec.	..	..	..	..	8
R. M. Harvey, 20min. 22sec.	..	..	..	..	9
P. Hodgson, 20min. 24sec.	..	..	..	..	10

JUNIOR

S. D. Ritchie (50sec.), 13min. 4sec.	..	..	..	..	1
K. R. Kirk (80sec.), 13min. 46sec.	..	..	..	..	2
A. W. Messenger (scr.), 12min. 28sec.	..	..	..	..	3
M. D. Clegg (80sec.), 13min. 55sec.	..	..	..	..	4
N. D. Leuthart (50sec.), 13min. 27sec.	..	..	..	..	5
M. D. Walker (60sec.), 13min. 42sec.	..	..	..	..	6
B. Mace (40sec.), 13min. 24sec.	..	..	..	..	7
M. Goldsworthy (90sec.), 15min. 19sec.	..	..	..	..	8
G. H. Bregmen (40sec.), 13min. 30sec.	..	..	..	..	9
D. Blair (50sec.), 13min. 41sec.	..	..	..	..	10

Then followed: W. J. Harper, A. Campbell, G. C. Milham, I. J. Honnor, L. P. Dickson, R. S. Croxson, R. Buckley, B. D. Jacobs, W. D. Mooney, T. Smith.

Fastest times:

A. W. Messenger, 12min. 28sec.	..	..	..	..	1
S. D. Ritchie, 13min. 4sec.	..	..	..	..	2
I. J. Honnor, 13min. 6sec.	..	..	..	..	3
B. D. Jacobs, 13min. 20sec.	..	..	..	..	4
A. Campbell, 13min. 23sec.	..	..	..	..	5*
T. Smith, 13min. 23sec.	..	..	..	..	5*
B. Mace, 13min. 24sec.	..	..	..	..	7
N. D. Leuthart, 13min. 27sec.	..	..	..	..	8
G. H. Bregmen, 13min. 30sec.	..	..	..	..	9*
W. D. Mooney, 13min. 30sec.	..	..	..	..	9*

* Equal.

UNDER 14

G. E. Humphries (30sec.), 9min. 14sec.	..	..	..	..	1
E. Davies (40sec.), 10min. 24sec.	..	..	..	..	2
R. Wylde-Brown (160sec.), 12min. 25sec.	..	..	..	..	3
D. J. Jensen (20sec.), 10min. 24sec.	..	..	..	..	4
R. K. Berge (50sec.), 10min. 57sec.	..	..	..	..	5
A. M. MacKenzie (30sec.), 10min. 41sec.	..	..	..	..	6
J. W. Perham (50sec.), 11min. 3sec.	..	..	..	..	7
D. J. Brown (80sec.), 11min. 55sec.	..	..	..	..	8
P. W. Boddie (30sec.), 10min. 46sec.	..	..	..	..	9
P. V. Dravitzki (20sec.), 10min. 38sec.	..	..	..	..	10

Then followed: V. L. Gibbs, D. B. Beets, C. F. Erskine, P. W. Ellis, R. M. Parker, B. Dempsey, D. S. Whitehead, J. C. Burgess, J. W. Boardman, I. C. McNickle.

PREPARATORY NOTES

Fastest times:

G. E. Humphries, 9min. 14sec.	1
E. Davies, 10min. 24sec.	2*
D. J. Jensen, 10min. 24sec.	2*
P. V. Dravitzki, 10min. 38sec.	4
A. M. MacKenzie, 10min. 41sec.	5
D. S. Whitehead, 10min. 45sec.	6
P. W. Boddie, 10min. 46sec.	7
C. F. Erskine, 10min. 52sec.	8
C. W. B. Hamilton, 10min. 56sec.	9
R. K. Berge, 10min. 57sec.	10

* Equal.

PREPARATORY NOTES

The first term opened with 35 boys on the roll, 27 of whom were boarders. This number decreased to 33 in the third term.

Sports.

R. Te Arika swam very well in the swimming sports and won the Wilson Shield in fine style.

A large number of Prep. boys entered for the boxing and the standard was very good. The boxing titles were won by O. Roberts in the heavyweight, M. Carr in the middleweight, and W. Bygrave and J. Perham in the lightweight and featherweight respectively.

A Niger House football team was entered in the 9th grade competition but unfortunately it wasn't very successful.

Two teams were entered in the C and D grade House cricket competition. Both teams played well but did not have a great deal of luck.

The Osborne Cup for the Prep. boy who gains fastest time in the under 14 Steeplechase was won this year by J. W. Perham who ran exceptionally well.

This year the Prep. entered three boys in the McLeod and Slade Shooting Cup for boys under 14 years. A. Fullerton-Smith was very successful in winning this cup.

Excursions.

The boys remaining at the House over the Easter holidays were taken eeling by Mr. Blundell in the river which runs through the School farm. They caught a fair number.

History of the Prep.

The Preparatory Department was established in 1913. The building now used as the school room was one of the few which survived the fire in 1916. Two of the most prominent masters at that time were the late Mr. Pope and Mr. Blundell who is retiring from school-teaching at the end of this year. Mr. Blundell has been teaching for 31 years, 27 of which he has taught the Prep. In the 39 years of its existence 777 boys have passed through. We are all very sorry that he is leaving the School and we hope that Mrs. Blundell and he will have a very happy retirement.

The boys wish readers and Old Boys a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

W. Bygrave. I. May. G. Milne.

STAFF RETIREMENTS

The end of this year will bring to a close a long association between the School and two members of the staff, Mr. H. C. Gatland, who has resigned on account of ill-health, and Mr. A. H. Blundell who is retiring to enter business in Masterton.

MR. H. C. GATLAND.

It was with regret that the School heard in July that Mr. Gatland had been granted sick leave for six months and would be leaving us. Since then we have learned that he has retired on superannuation because of ill-health and will not be returning.

Mr. Gatland first came to New Plymouth in 1921 when he joined the staff of the Technical College. His association with this School commenced in 1928 when the amalgamation with the Technical College was completed.

Mr. Gatland was educated in Auckland. He attended the Seddon Memorial Technical College from 1908 to 1913 and lectures at the University College in 1914 and 1915.

He did not immediately become a teacher but sought practical experience in various appointments in engineering. From 1911 to 1915 he was employed by the Auckland Tramways in sub-stations and in the office of the power station superintendent. He then moved to Turnbull and Jones Ltd., an Auckland engineering firm, where he was employed as a draughtsman and general engineering assistant from 1915 to 1917. Then, after a period as shift engineer at the Wairua hydro-electric power station, he joined the staff of Wanganui Technical College in 1920, where he stayed only one year.

Hence for 31 years Mr. Gatland has given unstinted service to this School in the teaching of a great variety of technical subjects which include Electricity and Magnetism, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Workshop Practice, Applied Mechanics, Technical Drawing, Motor Engineering and general Physics and Chemistry.

In 1945 he was appointed head of the Engineering Department of the School and supervisor of the Technical evening classes and in 1947 he was appointed to a Special Post.

His appointment to these positions of responsibility gave him an opportunity to display an ability for organisation that was not unsuspected. He reorganised on a most efficient basis the whole of the engineering classes of the School with very satisfactory results. Similarly he took in hand the daylight apprenticeship classes in motor engineering.

His work as supervisor of the evening classes was outstanding. He realised the possibility of providing many interesting classes for those who had left school and even for the adults of the town and in a short period had increased the number of classes from 40 to 62.

Of his many interests outside the classroom the chief was probably music. He conducted the New Plymouth Philharmonic Society for five years and did some fine work with the singing of the School when he was in charge of it. A keen tennis player in his younger days, he has later turned to bowls and has been secretary of the New Plymouth Bowling Club for five or six years and a vice-president. He has also been a keen amateur photographer.

STAFF RETIREMENTS

The School wishes to express our appreciation of Mr. Gatland's long and devoted service, our best wishes for a speedy recovery from the illness which forced him to retire and our hope that his retirement may be long and happy.

MR. A. H. BLUNDELL

Mr. A. H. Blundell joined the staff in 1926 as assistant to the late Mr. G. H. Pope who was then in charge of the Preparatory School in the days when it was a large organisation with a roll number of 60 and often supplied its quota of players for the First XV. During this period until he married in 1928 and became a day master he acted as a house master in the New House, now known as Carrington House.

On the retirement of Mr. Pope in 1923, Mr. Blundell took charge of the Preparatory School. Since then he has applied himself with an exemplary devotion and diligence to this group of small boys. This has been an exacting task. The ages of the boys have ranged from eight to fifteen and have been at all stages between Standard I. and Form II. Altogether, nearly eight hundred boys have passed through his hands. Many of them have entered the Upper School where they have been quite remarkable for their conduct and their attitude towards their work. Visits to Room 16 always leave one with the impression of quiet and purposeful efficiency and an industry which are the outward signs of the respect felt for Mr. Blundell by the boys under his control.

Of recent years, however, his work with the Preparatory School has extended far beyond the classroom. In 1944 the Board of Governors were able to secure Niger House as a residence for the boys in the Lower School. Mr. Blundell was the natural choice for housemaster and, assisted by his very capable wife, he took charge. As his responsibilities increased, so did his opportunities for guiding and forming his young charges and it was in this field that his influence has been most widely felt. Many times his boys have been commended before the whole School for their appearance, their courtesy and their enthusiasm for any community project that the School may have undertaken. In these three respects at least, the boys of the prep. have been an example to the whole School.

In this department of his work he has had the practical assistance of his wife who has very actively concerned herself with the welfare of the boys with a rare and commendable devotion.

In out-of-school activities Mr. Blundell has played a notable part. He has been interested in cricket, football and athletics and has held a commission in the cadets since 1926.

His interest in football was expressed by 18 years of coaching service to the Upper School. He recalls with great pleasure the last eight years of this period when he had charge of the 3rd group and the under 16 team. During that time his A team won the Taranaki 5th Grade championship three times and were runners up in the other five years.

As a cricket coach he has also enjoyed success. For the last nine years he has coached a Niger House team for the School grade competitions and his team has won its grade eight times.



MR. H. C. GATLAND



MR. A. H. BLUNDELL

STAFF RETIREMENTS

Mr. Blundell has also made drama a life-interest and has assisted the School productions in many capacities. He has stage-managed, painted scenery and supervised the wardrobe. He has made a particular study of stage make-up and has been responsible for that department of School dramatic performances for the last 12 years.

He has also always been interested in athletics and has given practical assistance to many boys and on many occasions. After the retirement of the late Mr. Diprose from the organisation of athletics, Mr. Blundell took over until the appointment of a full-time Physical Education instructor at the School.

His service to the cadet battalion extended over a period of 19 years and during the difficult war period he was appointed commanding officer of the battalion with the rank of major. He was posted to the Reserve of Officers in 1945.

In the common room, we are told, he is known as "The Admiral" because of his intense interest in all things to do with ships and the sea, particularly the Royal Navy. On this he is an authority and even the wisest bow their heads to his knowledge of the customs, traditions and armaments of the "Senior Service."

The School acknowledges with gratitude these twenty-seven years of faithful service and regrets the necessity for bringing to an end a happy and profitable association.

To Mr. and Mrs. Blundell we extend our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous retirement.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

I feel, like many other boys from the School, that our exclusion from the Anzac Day Parade was rather humiliating, especially as it happened for the second year in succession.

Anzac Day should have a special significance in the life of every New Zealander, whether he be a returned serviceman or one of the younger generation, who may some day be called upon to make the same sacrifices as did those of previous generations.

On two occasions now our School cadets have paraded at the school, but on account of adverse weather have been dismissed and so have taken no part in the organised Anzac Day parade. Many of us were humiliated when we saw in the parade, units of girl guides and many others who were less equipped to stand the rigour of bad weather conditions.

On future occasions when such conditions apply, could not our School authorities permit at least some representation from our cadet unit? Even a voluntary platoon of n.c.o.'s would ensure the School's participation on such an important occasion.

[Boys were not excluded from going to the service which is the important part. The parade is of lesser importance.—Ed.]

I am, etc., B. W. Moorhead.

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CHAPEL NOTES

Our School Services have been held in St. Mary's Church at 9.45 every Sunday morning throughout the year. They have been conducted by the Revs. W. E. W. Hurst, E. O. E. Hill and G. A. Butt. During the year Mr. Hatherly has preached two sermons.

We would like to welcome the new curate, Mr. Butt, who took up his position here in the first term. We appreciate the keen interest he has shown in the activities of the School.

Mr. Hill left us at the end of the first term to go on a visit to the British Isles and parts of Europe. On his return at the beginning of the third term he recounted to the senior Bible class his experiences on the trip.

Every alternate Friday night the boarders have hymn practices. On the other Friday, up to the end of the second term, senior and junior classes were held by Mr. Hill, Mr. Butt and Mr. Hurst. Mr. Butt took the senior class over from Mr. Hill while the latter was overseas. In the third term, on the return of Mr. Hill, the classes were split into three.

On the first Sunday of every month Holy Communion has been celebrated in the School library at 7.30 a.m. The services have been conducted by Archdeacon Gavin, Canon Mortimer-Jones, the Vicar and Mr. Hill.

Every second Sunday in the month at 8 a.m. a Youth Corporate Communion for Anglican day pupils of both schools has been held. This year a Boys' Bible Class taken by Archdeacon Gavin was introduced and held in conjunction with the Girls' Bible Class at 9 a.m. The senior club for fifth and sixth form boys and girls was conducted by Mr. Butt and Miss Thickett on every other Friday night at 7.30 alternating with a Junior Club for third and fourth form day boys. At these, vigorous games, interspersed with discussions, were enjoyed by all.

On March 2nd, the Maori Missioner of the Waikato Diocese, the Rev. Wi Te Tau Huata, M.C., gave an interesting and informative sermon on the condition of the Maori people in the diocese.

On July 27th at 2.30 p.m. we participated in the Second Diocesan Youth Rally attended by young people from the surrounding districts in Taranaki. An identical service was held simultaneously in St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton. Banners from the various parishes in attendance were presented at the altar. The preacher for this service was the Ven. G. McKenzie, the Archdeacon of Wairarapa. After the service, afternoon tea was served in the Parish Hall where we had the opportunity to meet representatives from other parishes.

Confirmation classes were held each Friday afternoon during the second term. The Confirmation Service was held on Saturday evening, September 27th, and the candidates made their first Communion the following morning. The following boys were confirmed by Bishop Holland:—R. D. Alexander, P. B. Baxter, J. M. Bennett, L. V. Bransgrove, N. Burdes, L. B. Calvert, A. F. Campbell, J. McC. Carter, T. M. Coles, J. V. Coleman, M. J. Connell, R. P. L.

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Crean, K. E. Denham, P. L. Dimond, B. L. East, D. P. Foley, A. N. Fookes, D. J. Foster, A. J. Goss, D. W. Geary, V. L. Gibbs, R. J. Gibson, D. A. Hastie, B. E. Herbert, G. K. Hight, N. G. Jonas, S. A. Kidd, J. A. Leach, E. W. Moore, G. L. Martin, A. J. Neal, P. C. Nicholls, D. M. Penwarden, A. R. Richards, O. H. Roberts, F. B. Sampson, A. J. Sissons, J. M. Smale, D. B. T. Smith, D. G. C. Swan, L. J. N. Taylor, N. D. Taylor, R. Thompson, D. E. Thurston, A. A. Tubman, K. H. Wood, C. J. Wright, C. W. Wyatt.

For the Carol Service on the last Sunday of this term the two choirs from the Boys' and Girls' School are practising the following carols:—Jerusalem, We Three Kings (verses sung as solos), O Come All Ye Faithful, A Child This Day is Born, Little Town of Bethlehem, and The First Nowell.

Our Vicar, Canon Hurst, has sent this message: "The High School Service continues to be one of the great inspirations of the week. The singing is always a real expression of worship and the general atmosphere is exceedingly helpful to devotion. It is my hope that these great services will result in boys and girls, leaving school, taking a real part in their own parish churches. With a true knowledge of the faith of Christ and a conviction that the Church holds both the secret and the power of life, there is no enemy, material or spiritual, that cannot be overcome. Christ is the way, the truth and the life."

M. B. Francis.

THE CRUSADER UNION

With the first full year of activities, the Crusader Union is now well established in the School. Our meetings continue to be held during lunch hour on Thursdays in the Music Room. Our former leader, Mr. J. D. Roulston, retired from the work in the first term. His services to the movement are greatly appreciated. The Rev. E. P. Boyd has since been our leader and Canon W. E. W. Hurst has taken a set of meetings.

We have a membership of 15, but more younger members are needed. This year, three boys have been awarded Crusader Badges. Only two of our number were able to attend the Crusader Camp held in the August holidays, but they enjoyed a thrilling and profitable time.

The North Island Crusader Secretary, Dr. Martin, has visited us once this year, and the film "God of Creation," was shown at the School. He hopes to arrive again shortly, with some of the latest camp films.

We are very grateful to the Rev. E. P. Boyd, who has led our studies on the Christian message and way of life. Unfortunately, he will not be able to continue next year.

D. L. Kitchingman.

ORCHESTRA NOTES

This year the Orchestra met as usual on Friday mornings before school.

The main aim of the Orchestra was practising for the Music Festival when it combined with the members of the Girls' High School Orchestra. The Combined Orchestra, under the direction

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of Mrs. McLoughlin, held two practices a week and as the Festival drew near, three practices a week, at the Girls' High School. These practices were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.

Until the third term the Orchestra had been unable to get a percussion section player, but this position is now being well managed by G. Neve. The limited number of violinists stopped the playing of more ambitious works. The Orchestra played at the annual Break-up Ceremony when it presented two bright numbers, "Frolic," by Woodhouse, and "Minuetto," by Mozart.

This year the Orchestra again reached a high standard, and practises were well attended and enjoyed.

1st Violins: R. F. Gadd, G. C. Derby, P. Komlos.

2nd Violins: P. Nicholls, R. Hosking.

'Cellos: S. R. Hill, A. Howell.

Bass: H. C. Graham.

Flutes: R. Watts, G. Fookes.

Cornets: J. Orams, N. Hawke.

Tenor Horns: L. Taylor, K. Austin.

Euphonium: I. Pryke.

Piano: B. Smeaton.

Drums: G. Neve.

Three members of our School Orchestra, S. R. Hill, R. F. Gadd and P. Komlos, are also members of the New Plymouth Orchestra.

Congratulations are also extended to those who passed music examinations during the year.

R. F. Gadd.

THE SCHOOL CHOIR

The Music Festival was again the most important activity of the School Choir. Practices were started early in the first term and these were well attended. This was particularly commendable as these practices were a big call on the boys' spare time and were held at such times as the dinner hour, after school and after tea. Practices were also held with the Girls' High School on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

The total of 98 boys in the Choir was greater than last year and the enthusiasm shown by them was responsible for a very enjoyable year of choral work. The Choir easily maintained the good standard set in previous years.

G. S. Collier.

THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The second annual Music Festival was held on the nights of May the 7th and 8th and on both nights the Opera House was full. The numbers of both the Choir and Orchestra were greater than last year.

These additional numbers and the very valuable experience gained from last year gave those in charge of the Festival the



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1952.

Back Row: A. C. Howell, P. Komlos, P. Nicholls, G. C. Derby, R. B. Hosking, R. F. Gadd, S. R. Hill.
Middle Row: J. S. Orams, H. C. Graham, N. Hawke, K. Austin.
Front Row: B. Smeaton, G. Fookes, G. Neve, I. Pryke, R. S. Watts, L. Taylor.



SCHOOL BAND, 1952.

Back Row: L. Taylor, B. F. Newcomb, B. C. Smeaton, R. Greensill, K. Austin.
Middle Row: N. D. Taylor, J. S. Orams, R. E. Patten, D. B. Beets, C. T. Henderson, Mr. L. Hall.
Front Row: J. V. Parkinson, N. Hawke, M. A. Stevens, I. B. Pryke.

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necessary confidence to attempt a more ambitious programme. The body of the programme was, however, very similar to that of the first festival, consisting of items by the Orchestra and Choir, a brass quartet and pianoforte duets. The Girls' Choir and Orchestra also performed on their own.

J. S. Bach's "Peasant Cantata" was the major work and the most ambitious one of the programme. This occupied nearly all of the first half of the concert and was sung by the combined choirs. The "Peasant Cantata," a notable work, was very suitable and it allowed a lot of scope as it contains parts for solo voices, unison numbers, and part singing. The recitatives were sung by two small groups of boys and girls. A feature of the cantata were the girls who danced during two of the numbers.

The cantata was the highlight of the choir's work, but other numbers, such as the well known "John Peel" sung in four-part harmony, "Long Live Elizabeth" from "Merrie England," "When the Foeman Bares His Steel" from the "Pirates of Penzance" were just as difficult and were sung equally as well. It is interesting to note that "There Is a Tavern In the Town," which was included in the programme again, was just as popular with the audiences as it was last year.

A very creditable performance was given by the Orchestra. "March From Carmen" by Bizet proved to be the most popular number on both nights. Another notable orchestral work was "Finlandia" by Sibelius. The girls' String Orchestra played the third and fourth movement of "Eine Kleine Nacht Music" by Mozart. This extremely difficult composition showed the standard of playing to be very high indeed.

The performances in the piano duets and the brass quartets were again very good. Their items were received very warmly and they had perhaps the most arduous task of the evening.

It is safe to say that this festival was an even greater success than the first. The enthusiasm of those who took part, together with the very high standard of singing and playing reached, indicates a rich future for music in our School. Music is certainly playing a more important part in our school lives than formerly and it is to be hoped that it will continue to do so.

All those boys and girls who took part in the Festival would like to thank the members of the staffs who gave up their time to train them in their singing and playing. Without them, of course, the Second Annual Music Festival could not have been held.

G. S. Collier.

BAND.

The Band Roll for 1952 is:—

Drum Major: C. T. Henderson.

Bass Drum: R. E. Patten.

Side Drum: P. J. Wahlstrom, J. V. Parkinson.

Cornets: M. A. Stevens, J. S. Orams, J. G. McLeod, P. M. Steffensen, N. W. Hawke, D. A. Christie.

Tenor Horns: L. J. N. Taylor, K. S. D. Austin.

Baritone: D. B. Beets.

Euphonium: I. B. H. Pryke.

Trombones: B. F. Newcomb, B. C. Smeaton.

Basses: R. S. Greensill, N. D. Taylor.

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This year the Band has shown considerable improvement. Practices were fully attended even though they did start at 8 o'clock in the morning.

The Band would like to congratulate J. N. Gadd for being chosen to play in the National Orchestra, and D. A. Venables, who is going overseas in the New Zealand Band to tour Great Britain. These two were both side drummers of the High School Band.

Once again we are grateful to the New Plymouth City Band for making their bandroom and music available to us.

In addition to playing for battalion parades during the year, the Band has fulfilled several outside engagements. The Band combined with the New Plymouth City Band at the reading of the Proclamation of the ascent of Queen Elizabeth II. to the Throne. After the ceremony in New Plymouth we travelled by bus to Waitara and repeated the Proclamation.

On Anzac Day, after playing at the early morning service at the Cemetery and at the School parade at the Memorial Gates, we combined with the New Plymouth City Band for the ceremony at the War Memorial and at Pukekura Park. When the New Plymouth City Band were appealing for funds with which to buy new instruments and uniforms, the High School Band aided them on a street day and played with them in town.

We are very grateful to Mr. R. Lowe who is responsible for the good standard of playing that the Band has now reached. We were very sorry to hear that he is in hospital and we hope that he will soon be well again. We would also like to thank Mr. Smith, of the Salvation Army Band, who came to our assistance while we were without a conductor.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. L. Hall, who is our new conductor, and we hope that he will be with us for many years.

R. Greensill.

THE DRAMA CLUB

Every two years, this club, with the co-operation of the Girls' High School Drama Club, stages a full scale play in the Opera House.

This year, which has been the off year, has seen the club present several one-act plays in the School gymnasium.

During the first term, three plays, "The Monkey's Paw," "Moonshine," and "Nothing Ever Happens," were produced by a team of enthusiasts led by Gardiner and assisted by L. Croxson. The proceeds are to be devoted to purchasing new scenery and lighting for the gymnasium.

In the third term, Mr. Harris took over the production and staged two plays at the end of September. These plays were "The Boy Comes Home," and "She Was No Lady."

The advantage of these one-act plays is that it gives the junior members of the club, who cannot take part in the senior presentation, the opportunity to show their talent for acting, and also to give the producer a basis on which to choose his actors for future plays.

S. King.

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LIBRARY NOTES

For the fifth successive year there has been a free and liberal system for the borrowing of books. The issuing system adopted in 1950 and slightly modified last year has proved more satisfactory than any previous system tried. With books more easily borrowed a general increase in the amount of reading has resulted among the boys.

From all outward appearances the library appears to be well stocked with a wide variety of reading material. In actual fact this is not so and the library is in places found to be lacking.

With increased reading many books have become heavily damaged and almost beyond repair, while others are not suitable and have never been read. As well, largely owing to the changes in the school syllabus over the past few years reference books, especially in English, history and geography, are sadly lacking. A new geography section is in the process of being built up but is as yet inadequate. There is no modern literature section to speak of.

To overcome these defects the library needs a larger income. The purchase of new books to replace those heavily damaged and to build up the reference sections is impossible without money.

The library needs stricter supervision. It should be a retreat where a boy can study or read in silence. Senior boys could do much to improve the conditions in the library. At the present time apart from not preventing the noise of the junior boys, they even add further din. If each boy gave a little more consideration to the others there would soon be a noticeable change.

The library assistants this year have been as follows:—M. I. Broome, M. R. Jensen, M. A. Stevens, B. W. Kerr, B. C. Beetham, R. F. Gadd and B. S. Quinn.

B. W. Kerr.

CADET NOTES.

The 1952 Cadet year began with six days' barracks, and one half-day a month has been set aside for drill throughout the year. The Battalion for the first time was clothed in the uniform of the New Zealand Cadet Corps—khaki blouse, shorts, socks and Glengarry hat. The Battalion now makes an impressive sight on parade and the uniforms seem to have brought a new interest into drill.

A re-organisation of the officers and their companies took place. Captain Brenstrum took over command of D Company with the assistance of our other officers, and Captain Horrill is the new commander of C Company.

Barracks Week was conducted in fine weather and some excellent progress was made by all companies. The I. Platoon was discontinued because there was no longer sufficient interest among the senior boys. B Company consisted of two infantry platoons of the senior boys who covered a very extensive syllabus—basic training, field craft, L.M.G. and infantry training being included. The N.C.O. Platoon was unusually large but has set a very high standard in foot and

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rifle drill. The remainder of C Company has been instructed in drill and weapon training and is showing improvement. D Company, consisting of first year boys, has made great improvement and is to be congratulated on their progress. Foot and rifle drill comprised their main course and they have responded particularly well to their instructors. Musketry has not been neglected and they now have a good basis for more advanced training. In addition all companies have been instructed in field craft, first aid and knots and lashings.

Barracks Week ended with a march past, the salute being taken by the Colonel of the Taranaki, Wellington, West Coast Regiment, Colonel T. T. Murray, who gave an address on "Importance of Cadet and Territorial Training." Later in the year the School was visited by Brigadier L. W. Andrew, V.C., D.S.O., whom we farewelled as the retiring commanding officer of Central Military Districts. He was accompanied by his successor, Brigadier D. T. Maxwell, O.B.E., to whom we were able to extend a welcome. In October Captain G. T. Secombe, from Area 8 Headquarters, addressed the Battalion on "An Army Career."

For the second year running bad weather prevented the Battalion from marching in the Anzac Day Parade. However, the traditional service was held outside the main gates, wreaths being laid by Mr. I. H. Kerr (President of the Old Boys' Association), W.O.1 L. J. Croxson, W.O.2 St. L. M. Reeves and W.O.2 D. J. Graham.

A special parade was held on the day of the Queen's Accession and the A.T.C. Unit formed a guard of honour at the Courthouse.

Forty-two junior N.C.O.'s sat the Sergeants' Promotion Examination. A very high standard in foot drill was reached, but musketry instruction seemed to fall below previous standards.

Two N.C.O. camps have been held this year at Linton. The first in January was a camp for junior N.C.O.'s and was attended by seven corporals and Sergeant D. M. Calder as an instructor. In August a pre-N.C.O. camp was held with fifteen cadets from the N.C.O. platoon representing the School, Sergeant R. S. Croxson as an instructor and Captain L. J. Slyfield as one of the course officers.

Sole Cup.—W.O.1 L. J. Croxson 1, W.O.2 G. J. Lawson 2, W.O.2 St. L. M. Reeves 3.

Captain Secombe commented upon the very high standard of the five Warrant Officers competing, and our thanks go to him and his staff for providing the examiners. This is the third successive year it has been won by L. J. Croxson. In addition he was nominated from Area 8 for the William Friar Memorial Prize for the Best N.C.O. in Central Military Districts and was examined by Brigadier Maxwell for the prize.

Signals.—The Signals Company had another very successful year. A field exercise was held on Mangorei Road during Barracks Week. Foot drill was not neglected and some time was put into this each day. Army technicians from Wellington overhauled and serviced all the signals gear and it is now in good working order.

As well as the field exercise in February, various others have been held throughout the year and all of these have proved most

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helpful in instructing the junior cadets. During the Swimming Sports the Signals gave a commentary on the races to boys in the School Hospital. The Steeplechase and Sports Day were covered successfully with "48" sets. Our thanks go to Staff-Sergeant Mills, from the Army Department, for all his help during the year.

A.T.C. Unit.—The unit this year consisted of three flights with a total of seventy cadets. Lectures during the year have been on the new syllabus of Morse, principles of flight, engines and instruments. At a summer camp at Ohakea eleven of the unit represented the School.

Flying training has been carried on extensively. G. C. Derby and R. Spencer have completed thirty hours' flying and R. Phillips, S. Hill and S. Nicholls are in various stages of their flying.

Last year's shooting team came third in the Annual Central Reserve wing shooting competition for the Waterhouse Trophy. G. C. Derby was top score for the wing. The team that attended this year came fourth in the competition. The A.T.C. has been prominent in School shooting, and this is particularly meritorious as they have very little rifle training.

Wing-Commander Turner, liaison officer, visited the School on two occasions with general and particular information on Air Force Training and Careers.

Congratulations go to Warrant-Officer G. C. Derby, who was one of the two New Zealanders selected this year to attend the R.A.F. College at Cranwell, England, to train for a permanent commission in the Flying Branch of the R.N.Z.A.F.

Several of the School unit cadets also attend the town squadron of the A.T.C. on Wednesday nights for further A.T.C. training.

L. J. Croxson.

BOXING

The School championships were held on Thursday, August 14th. It was considered that there was a higher standard reached this year than in the last two years. This was especially noticeable in the lighter and younger classes.

This general rise in standard combined with an increased attendance, particularly from day boys, were the main features of boxing classes conducted by Mr. I. Wallace in the middle term.

It is with the aim of ensuring a "give and take" attitude in the boys and not with developing champions that Mr. Wallace has given his continued attention and intensive coaching to the class.

We wish to thank Mr. Wallace, the officials, Messrs. V. Barnes, A. Clarke, P. Morris, T. Ryan and H. Sheridan and the Taranaki Boxing Association for their assistance in the smooth conduct of the tournament. We would like to thank also the doctors who assisted in the examining of the entrants.

The Taranaki Boxing Association Cup for the most scientific boxer was presented by Mr. Clarke to R. Allison. In doing so Mr. Clarke praised Allison's style and said that although a loser he thoroughly deserved the cup.

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The Wallace Cup for the inter-House competition was won by Fridham House with 27 points.

Results of tournament finals:—

Preparatory School—

Featherweight Class.—Superior knowledge and clever footwork gave J. Perham an easy win over his inexperienced opponent, R. Wilson.

Middleweight Class.—M. Carr won the verdict over G. Williams with his aggressiveness and early confidence. Williams improved as the bout progressed but with his slow start found the points margin too great.

Heavyweight Class.—O. Roberts showed he was at home in the ring but found the reach and height of his opponent, A. Shirtcliffe, too great and was defeated on points.

Upper School—

Under 6st.—R. Smith defeated B. Lowrie on a technical knockout. A substitute, Lowrie was courageous but was unable to cope with Smith.

Under 6st. 7lb.—W. Penney, displaying good straight punching and accurate counter punching, took a last round decision from D. Hutchen. Hutchen attacked vigorously during the first two rounds but tired in the last.

Under 7st.—Although R. Smith had an advantage in reach and height, J. Wood gained a points decision. Wood's aggression and body punches countered Smith's reach and it was this that gained him the decision.

Under 7st. 7lb.—Toe to toe punching that left both boxers weary at the last bell was the deciding factor in C. Flight's defeat of R. Alison. Alison found Flight's body and counter punching too effective and began to tire from their effect in the last round. Alison, however, showed himself a capable and stubborn boxer and although a loser his performance was judged the most scientific of the evening.

Under 8st.—Punching cleanly with both hands B. Hill won clearly from A. Fookes, who, although possessing an effective straight left failed to use his right hand.

Under 8st. 7lb.—Using hard straight punches to the head and body R. Davies narrowly defeated P. Lloyd. Lloyd hit out freely and although down on points in the first two rounds appeared as though he might have won. Davies, however, maintained the lead in the last round where toe to toe boxing provided many thrills.

Under 9st.—Landing heavy punches and forcing the fight T. Takai gained a points verdict over R. Brimblecombe. Brimblecombe displayed a neat boxing technique but Takai hit too fast and hard. Takai tired in the last round but remained the aggressor.

Under 9st. 7lb.—Although down in the first round B. McCallum retaliated and countered the vigorous attack of F. Elliott. Elliott, however, forced the fight to win by a comfortable margin.

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Under 10st.—T. Fa'asalafa, using his arms in a windmill fashion and adopting a cat like stance, took the decision from his more orthodox opponent, J. Bennet. Bennet boxed well but Fa'asalafa hit a little too hard and often.

Under 10st. 7lb.—This ended in the first round when the referee wisely stopped the unequal contest. G. Williamson won from I. McCallum after about 15 seconds in the first round.

Heavyweight Championship.—This bout also ended in the first round when E. Oliver (12st.) defeated D. Hughson (12st.). Both boxers landed light blows to the head in the opening stages. Oliver dropped Hughson with a left and then with a stream of body punches put Hughson against the ropes. A straight left sent Hughson down again and although he got to his feet the bout was stopped.

G. Julian.

GYMNASTICS

The form championships were held in the second term and a good standard was set, the more experienced boys giving a good performance. Results were as follows:—

Fifth Form Championship: B. Gray 1, R. Cardiff 2, N. E. Skinner 3. The more experienced Gray gave an excellent display.

Fourth Form Championship: A. W. Smith 1, J. Shepherd 2, R. Burgess and D. W. Mooney 3. Smith gave a good exhibition.

Third Form Championship: R. Amor 1, P. Boddie 2, B. Stockman 3.

Open Championship: B. Gray 1, D. Foggin 2, R. Cardiff 3. Gray had a decisive win in this event.

A. V. Flight.

SOCCER NOTES

This season commenced with the largest number of Soccer players yet, of whom a large number were third formers. It is to be hoped that this will mean a large number of seniors in future years and a high standard of Soccer.

All teams did well in their competition but the First Eleven was hampered several times by the absence of several of its members playing in the Taranaki Junior National Cup team.

This year we played three inter-college games and tactics for these games occupied most of the First Eleven's practises. The link with Wellington College, made in the first term on the cricket field, was further strengthened by the establishment of an annual Soccer match. The first match was played on July 12th at Western Park under good conditions. It was a fairly even game and all agreed that the final score of 3-2 in Wellington's favour was a good indication of the play. On the July 16th a friendly game was played with Wanganui Technical College and this resulted in a draw, 1 all.

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As eagerly awaited as the Wellington match was the game against Mt. Albert Grammar School for the Egmont Trophy. This game was played in Auckland at Blandford Park on August 9th on a very wet ground. School gained the first goal early and held a 1-nil lead till halfway through the second spell when Mt. Albert scored two goals in quick succession to win 2-1.

The last Soccer match of the year was the inter-House competition for the Holden Memorial Cup. In the first round East beat Carrington 4-1, and Central defeated West 5-3. In the second round Central beat East 2-1 after extended time and Moyes beat Pridham 3-2. Moyes won the final from Central 3-1. We congratulate Moyes on their success.

S. R. Hill.

HOCKEY NOTES

There has been a considerable improvement in the standard of play this year on that of last year. Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the season was the formation of a third grade competition which included three primary school teams as well as our junior team.

This introduction of hockey into the primary schools should ensure us a supply of players who know the rudiments of the game and will help to improve the standard of play.

The senior team played in the junior competition on Saturdays and to do so travelled as far as Hawera.

Mrs. Clarke presented a hockey stick to the most improved player. This was awarded to Holmes in the second eleven.

The annual games between Hawera and Stratford resulted in wins for these two teams of 4-0 and 5-0 respectively.

The Games

v. Hawera Technical High School.

The game at Hawera was played under very good conditions and at a fast pace. School, because of its superiority in the backs, frequently prevented Hawera from scoring. Wahlstrom and Franklin played well and the fullback, who combined well, gained many penalties. The forwards were penetrating individually, but lacked cohesion and soon lost the ball to the Hawera backs.

v. Stratford Technical High School.

Played at New Plymouth, this game was very much like the Hawera game in play. The forwards were more penetrating but still lacked that co-operation needed to score.

A. J. Sterritt.

SWIMMING NOTES, 1952

It is clear by the times registered in the swimming championships this year that the general standard is high. Our records compare favourably with those of other schools in New Zealand.

During the week of Military Drill at the beginning of this year, new boys who were unable to swim were given coaching. It is to be hoped that this practice will be continued.



FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN, 1951.

Back Row: D. S. Brown, J. Hill, D. Fookes, A. Burrell, T. Lees, A. Horsburgh, J. Franklin.
Front Row: D. W. Burton, T. Gardiner, A. J. Sterritt (Captain), A. J. Lester, A. P. Burr.



FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN, 1952.

Back Row: R. Cardiff, G. A. Davidson, G. Woodd, C. Saxton, R. Lennox, C. Barclay, S. R. Hill, R. Burgess.
Front Row: A. J. Goss, M. Reeves, R. F. Gadd (captain), J. Maskery, J. Parkinson.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

It is unusual to have in the senior and junior championships the same winners as in the previous year. M. B. Francis won the senior championship with the possible of 20 points and J. S. Jensen won the junior championship with 13 points. In the under 14 years championship D. Byers was successful with the possible of 15 points. The Preparatory championship was won by another islander, Te Ariki, who gained the possible of 10 points also. For many years now, boys from the islands have won this championship.

The three records broken this year were all in the senior events. The 50 yards and 100 yards senior freestyle records were broken by Francis in the time of 27.2 seconds and 61.2 seconds respectively and G. Innes broke the 50 yards backstroke record with a time of 36.5 seconds.

Members of our School won eight titles in the Taranaki championships held in the week following the School championships, and in four of the events they broke records. Francis won the junior freestyle 50 yards, 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards breaking the 100 yards and 440 yards records. G. Innes won 100 yards and 220 yards junior backstroke and broke the 220 yards record. D. Swan in the 12-13 years breaststroke 50 yards broke the record and N. Saxton was our other winner in the 12-13 years 50 yards backstroke.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Senior.—M. B. Francis (20 points), 1; G. Innes (8), 2; C. J. Osborn (7), 3.

Junior.—J. S. Jensen (13), 1; J. D. Raines (8½), 2; W. J. Bryant (3), 3.

Under 14.—D. Byers (15), 1; D. Jensen (6), and B. O'Dowda (6), equal 2.

Preparatory.—Te Ariki (10), 1; G. Fewtrell (6), 2; G. L. Roberts (2), 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Senior—

33 1-3 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, C. J. Osborn 2, G. Innes 3. Time, 17.3sec.

50 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, C. J. Osborn 2, G. Innes 3. Time, 27.2sec.

100 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, G. Innes 2, C. J. Osborn 3. Time, 61.2sec.

220 Yards.—M. B. Francis 1, G. Innes 2, P. H. Elliott 3. Time, 2min. 39.2sec.

Junior—

33 1-3 Yards.—J. S. Jensen 1, W. J. Bryant 2, H. T. Macky and J. D. Raines equal 3. Time, 19.3sec.

50 Yards.—J. S. Jensen 1, J. D. Raines 2, Fa'asalafa 3. Time, 30.6sec.

100 Yards.—J. D. Raines 1, J. S. Jensen 2, N. Saxton 3. Time, 1min. 11.4sec.

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Under 14—

33 1-3 Yards.—D. Byers 1, P. J. O'Dowda 2, D. Jensen 3. Time, 21.7sec.

50 Yards.—D. Byers 1, P. J. O'Dowda and D. Jensen 2. Time, 30.6sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—D. Byers 1, D. Jensen 2, P. J. O'Dowda 3. Time, 49.4sec.

Preparatory—

33 1-3 Yards.—Te Arika 1, G. Fewtrell 2, G. L. Roberts 3. Time, 24.6sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—Te Arika 1, G. Fewtrell 2, G. L. Roberts 3. Time, 58.0sec.

Diving Championships—

Senior.—A. E. Foden 1, P. J. Grantham 2, J. Dickie and D. Foggin 3 equal.

Junior.—A. W. Smith 1, J. Maskery 2, J. Hill 3.

Under 14.—M. J. Gardiner 1, A. Tompkins 2, B. Aroa 3.

Open Events—

25 Yards.—Learners' Race: M. Dillon 1, H. Bourn 2, A. Batten 3. Time, 18sec.

33 1-3 Yards Open.—C. Berge and J. M. Bennett equal 1, R. A. Hardy 3. Time, 20.3sec.

33 1-3 Yards.—New Boys' Race: D. Jensen 1, P. J. O'Dowda 2, D. Byers 3. Time, 24.9sec.

33 1-3 Yards.—Country House: J. S. D. Shallard 1, G. M. Milne 2, M. A. Stevens 3. Time, 27.2sec.

33 1-3 Yards Butterfly.—D. G. Swan 1, R. Rang 2, N. Saxton 3. Time, 24.8sec.

50 Yards Open.—E. Askew 1, N. Phillips 2, S. Hill 3. Time, 33.1sec.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—M. E. Gray 1, D. G. Swan 2, G. M. O'Halloran 3. Time, 41.3sec.

50 Yards Backstroke.—G. Innes 1, G. Collier 2, P. A. Lightfoot 3. Time, 36.5sec.

Relays—

Inter-House.—Carrington 1, Moyes 2, Pridham 3. Time, 1min. 16.6sec.

Inter-Form.—6A 1, 4Bldg. 2, 5E 3. Time, 1min. 39.6sec.

Boarders v. Dayboys.—Boarders. Time, 1min. 53.5sec.

M. B. Francis.

LIFE SAVING

A prolonged spell of bad weather towards the end of the season interfered with the life saving classes and no doubt discouraged a number of boys from entering for the water examinations. The number of passes in bronze medallions are therefore fewer than usual. However, a high percentage of passes was gained in the resuscitation certificate; 90 per cent. of the third formers gaining this award.

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A number of senior boys entered for higher awards and deserve credit for their success under cold and trying conditions.

The Holger-Nielson method of resuscitation was introduced late in the year and all forms received instruction in this method.

Awards gained are as follows:—Resuscitation Certificate, 185; Intermediate Certificate, 3; Bronze Medallion, 8; 1st Bar to Bronze, 4; 2nd Bar to Bronze, 3; Bronze Cross, 3; Bar to Bronze, 3; Award of Merit, 4. Total 213.

G. Innes.

SHOOTING NOTES, 1952

This year, while there has been no exceptional shooting, the all round standard has been as high as previous years.

The Searle Cup, won by P. A. Foreman, is shot at a range of 25 yards with .303 rifles. Results were:—

P. A. Foreman 85, R. D. Alexander 83, B. P. Gray 83, H. A. Boardman 81.

The Kelly Cup is shot at 200 yards and was won by A. E. Foden. Results were:—

A. E. Foden 58, H. A. Boardman 57, F. S. Whitehead 53, R. D. Alexander 53, P. A. Foreman 53.

The School Championship and the McDiarmid Belt was won by H. A. Boardman. He drew with P. A. Foreman on the aggregate, but won on a count back, on the long range practices.

Results were:—

	Searle Cup	Kelly Cup	Total
H. A. Boardman	81	57	138
P. A. Foreman	85	53	138
R. D. Alexander	83	53	136
A. E. Foden	75	58	132
B. P. Gray	83	47	130

The Lady Godley and Senior Shell Case is awarded to the boy gaining the highest score in the annual class firing with .303 rifles. Results were:—

J. D. Davies 112, P. A. Foreman 111, G. J. Lawson 111, H. F. Barrett 107.

.22 cups results as follows:—

Hamblyn Cup (Under 17): Total 65. G. E. Chapman 61, G. Naumann 54, A. J. Lester 53, K. A. Martin 53.

Loveday Cup (Under 15): H. R. Neilson 60, D. K. Derby 57, D. S. Bryant 57.

McLeod and Slade Cup (Under 14): A. C. Fullerton-Smith 57, H. V. Wellington 53, P. W. Boddie 50.

The winner of the Lady Godley Cup and the Junior Shell Case, which are awarded to the highest scorer in the annual .22 Class, firing has not yet been decided.

R. M. Montgomerie.

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DEBATING NOTES

This year the activities of the club did not begin until the second week of November, when the preliminaries of the Senior Inter-House debating were held. The teams were:—

Pridham: J. H. Nash, J. D. Bathgate.
Moyes: R. E. Still, J. N. Elmes.
Carrington: R. M. Harvey, D. J. Hughson.
Central: L. J. Croxson, R. S. Croxson.
East: S. R. Hill, G. A. Wright.
Country: I. A. Bayly, C. T. Henderson.
West: St. L. M. Reeves, D. L. Kitchingman.

The subject for the debate was "That widescale immigration is in the best interests of New Zealand." In the first round East defeated Moyes, Central defeated Pridham, West defeated Carrington and Country had the bye. In the semi-finals East were successful against West, and Country, who would have debated against Central, unfortunately had to withdraw.

During this period the preliminaries for the Junior Oratory Contest were held among the third and fourth forms. The finalists selected were:—

B. F. Sampson: "Winston Churchill."
J. M. Carter: "Battle of the Falkland Islands."
C. A. Lealand: "Tamati Waka Nene."
G. A. Gilliver: "Amundsen."
T. W. Boon: "Krakatoa."

The finals of the oratory and debate were held on November 14th in the lounge. As Mr. L. M. Moss was unable to be present this year, Mr. Carrol Harley, S.M., kindly consented to judge. Mr. Harley said that the standard of the Junior Oratory was very high. He awarded his decision to Lealand who had a better delivery than the two nearest to him, Carter and Boon. The subject for the debating final was unchanged, East House taking the affirmative and Central the negative. All speakers gave excellent speeches but Central House were awarded the decision for a more forceful handling of their arguments.

D. L. Kitchingman.

TABLE TENNIS NOTES

Table Tennis, although with a membership not reaching last year's record number, has still enjoyed a very successful season. The membership at the end of the season was ninety-six. The standard was not as high as last year, but this is because most of last year's players left, and the new players lacked experience. Competition for placings on the ladder was keen, and the standard was high.

This year as usual, teams were entered in the A, B and C Grades of the North Taranaki Club competitions. A team was also entered in the newly formed D Grade competition. Here again with so many inexperienced players, the performances did not rank with last year's excellent efforts.

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

A Team.—K. Grant 1, R. Montgomerie 2, R. Crean 3, R. R. Brown 4.

B Team.—J. Raines 1, R. McClellan 2, G. Julian 3, T. Takai 4.

C Team.—J. Butler 1, W. Shortt 2, M. Fa'aitu 3, E. Pata 4.

D Team.—R. J. Harvey 1, R. Graham 2, J. Scott 3, D. Wood 4.

The Club's annual championships attracted many competitors, and a very successful competition was held. The results were as follows:—

Senior Singles.—K. Grant d. J. Raines 21-12, 21-13, 21-17.

Senior Doubles.—K. Grant and R. Montgomerie d. G. Julian and D. Foggin 21-17, 17-21, 21-14, 21-16.

Intermediate Singles.—R. Graham d. R. Crean 21-14, 21-17.

Intermediate Doubles.—R. Crean and B. Tuck d. R. Graham and D. Wood 14-21, 21-14, 21-13.

Under 14 Singles.—P. Trehey d. J. Wood 21-7, 21-16.

R. M. Montgomerie.

TENNIS NOTES

One again a successful tennis season was enjoyed by all players despite the lack of courts at the School. Combined with the Girls' High School the School entered teams in the North Taranaki A, B and C grade championships. The players must be congratulated on their high standard of play and on their enthusiasm during the season. The A grade in particular must be commended, for, until wet weather upset the points table they were running first in their championship.

Reeves and Foggin played in the Taranaki Slazenger Shield team and the School was represented at the New Zealand, Auckland, Taranaki and North Taranaki Junior Tennis Championships. Reeves won the Taranaki Junior doubles and the North Taranaki Junior singles and doubles. R. Croxson won the North Taranaki under 17 singles final from another School player T. Jenkins.

This year the School Championships started later than usual and as yet only the Senior Championships have been completed.

The results were:—

Senior Singles.—Semi-finals: D. Foggin d. K. Grant, 6-4, 6-3; M. Reeves d. L. Croxson, 7-5, 6-0. **Final:** M. Reeves d. D. Foggin, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

More accurate driving by Reeves in the final set just won him the match.

Senior Doubles.—**Final:** Beetham and Kerr d. Foggin and Montgomerie, 6-4, 8-10, 6-4.

Foggin and Montgomerie after narrowly winning the second set were worn down by their opponents' clever lobbing.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

West defeated East in the final by four matches to two. The West team was Reeves, Beetham, Kerr and Jenkins.

At the end of the year the ladder was as follows: M. Reeves, K. Grant, L. Croxson, D. Foggin, B. Beetham, R. Montgomerie, R. Croxson and B. Kerr.

St. L. M. Reeves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIFTH FORM EXAMS

Sir,—

Might I inquire why the fifth formers at N.P.B.H.S. have school exams in the third term? I understand that most secondary schools have abolished those exams to allow the school certificate candidates to carry on studying for school certificate and not be interrupted by school exams.

I have noticed that there is a week spent preparing for the exams, a week spent during the exams, and a week spent going over the exam papers, which adds up to three weeks wasted.

As far as I can see the only good in third term exams for fifth formers is that most masters set papers on a school certificate basis, but still I am sure nearly every fifth former would be happier if these exams were abolished.

I am, etc., "5th Former."

[We are sure he would, too.—Ed.]

EARLY LEAVERS

Sir,—

Over recent years there has been a large number of boys interested in a short-term secondary education for apprenticeship. The demand for wider education by commerce and many industries and the ease with which it can be obtained to-day has resulted in many boys being interested in obtaining the qualification without having any real enthusiasm for school institutions and traditions. There seems to be a group of boys whose interests, friends and ambitions lie outside of school life and who take part only in those activities which are compulsory. I am not suggesting that there is a difference of ability nor is the division very distinct but comparison with other schools such as Auckland Grammar, Wellington College and even Nelson College, which we closely resemble in other ways, does show this tendency clearly. It is true that there have always been many boys taking trade subjects but two years' education is now an essential qualification for many apprenticeships.

Thus there exists the problem of encouraging these boys to take part fully in all that the school offers, for the good of the boys themselves and for the harmony of school life generally. It would be very detrimental to the school if this task were neglected because of lack of understanding between this group and the rest of the school.

It is not just a problem for the masters. It must be appreciated by the whole school and an effort must be made to arouse some zeal for games, institutions and pride in the school.

The character of the school depends on a contribution by all from which all benefit by wider interests and broader experience.

I am, etc., G. A. Wright, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

PATTERN OF PEACE.

From his black-bead-body a spider's galaxy
Is tautly stretched across the night,
Then wetted, silver-plated his web
Is wafted into a dewy morning dome.

What symmetry does man fashion? Sadly, only repetition,
We have a skein. We have tried to ravel with our brain,
But haunting symbols form of
Cheek-stiffed faces watching mushrooms grow.
Vainly we have tried to trace
From our mind a vision—a pattern
Of oil on water—a graphic harmony, a moving grain but
The threads we would have fashioned
Into that pattern of peace,
Are now the coils of devil-fish tentacles
Whose suckers hover over us.
We are facing breath-wrung-death in the clutches
Of the stuff we should control,
And crush-flattened we disintegrate
In an hallucination—but this is gory,
Where the glory? No wonder our suffocated prayer:
Act on us, perform, distil, now
And hence only need we be
Calm-controlled and still, wrestling
With ruthless poise. Pause and quieter dread.

D. L. Kitchingman, 6A.

BEAUTY.

Here Man has been, Man with beauty bathed,
Spreading the formal splendour of his art
Among the drab dustheaps of city streets paved
With paper and leaves. Here in the heart
Of his hideousness Man has joined with Nature to create
A restful repose of sweeping lawn.
And tulips, red and yellow in haughty state
Nod at the scents of flowers born
On the silent stream of cooling air. Solemn
Stand the statues of yellowed stone
And gaze at gardens gold-gripped. Columns
Of remembrance watch the white ivy-grown
Perfection of the airy needled tower
Whose clock inflexibly indicates the hour.

Here Man has never been. The ragged peaks
With snow cascades glance down on calm green forest,
Forest, nature-tinted into finer shades
Of secret sepias. Emerald embers glow
About the sapphire silence of the lake;
Lake, turquoise tincture, sky's and mountains' mirror
In rippling ranks of frost-bound freedom.
Here is formal freedom; unhindered heaping
Of nature on nature, glory on glory, splendour on splendour,
Beauty on Man—Man reduced, reformed, remoulded
Released to revel in his right—
Beauty.

S. R. Hill, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CLOUDS

Far beyond the blue horizon
Phantom shapes of whiteness drift,
High above in endless motion,
Sometimes slow—then strangely swift.
Right across the moon they travel,
Changing pattern all the way—
Flimsy forms that pause and wander
Moving onwards night and day.
Silent in a sea of turquoise
Sailing as a ghostly boat,
Here they wait and fold together,
And as a larger mass they float
Lightly through the moonlit heavens,
Soft and pure as crystal snow
To an unknown destination,
Bandits of the night they go.

D. Drumm, 6Sc.

BLUES MUSIC

Crashes, blare, sound, echo, thumping,
glaring, swirling, rising shriek.
Horn blares, drums clatter,
Smoke, laugh, sweat, grinding pounding,
Fades.
Clarinet, thin, hollow, lost, ascends
weaves slowly, patterns, pure, vaporous;
Mist rises, blue, turning, swirling upwards
beautiful smooth curling, spreading,
Unfurling, thinning, vanishes;
Sea, moon-stippled, black-silverly sifts,
ripples, swishes,
Spills on sand whipped by wind,
Tussock shimmers, foams,
Breeze fingers, tugs, caresses;
Leaves, lift, curl, slither, crush,
queue in the gutter.
Dust particles toboggan the cold asphalt,
Rasp in the dark;
Distant traffic mutters, numbs.
Sound weaves, approaches, echoing passing,
dies.
The wind chills, carries music, allusive odours.
A child cries, plaintive, restless;
Blackness veils,
Covers.
Glaring, smashing, blinding, deafening crash
Returns.

A. F. Cassie, 6Acc.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SLEEP

Go self, traitor paining,
And no more cumber.
Chaining thoughts, stop chaining
Soothing, blessed slumber.

May I soon,
Severed from care and weeping,
And numb to pain, silently swoon
Into sleeping.

I cannot eye earth's sorrow,
Nor hear her cry.
Until to-morrow,
Let me die.

D. L. Kitchingman, 6A.

THE LIP AND THE CUP

A quick and powerful jerk
Supple cane springs into play,
Tip bends down—the rushing water
Line zips—away.
Reel clicks thrillingly,
Down-stream, a flash of silver breaks
The surface and falls back—
struggling.
The fight is on—

That flash of silver? Lying on the
Earthy bank gasping,
Gasping for life.
The sun beats down
Oh! fast-fading glory of colours.
Bracken and sweet briar
Sizzling in the pan—the fat
Spitting, hissing merrily.
Citrus and saliva.

Only dreams! (A hearty breakfast)
—shattered.
The line—slack.
The rod—still.
A fish speeds frantically
Downstream.
Fisherman's luck; Cast again! and choose
A quieter pool—
Upstream.

G. S. Collier, 6A.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

MORNING TRAIN

He slams the door and heaves a sigh
Unfolds and scans with automatic eye
His paper. As the train begins to move
He settles into his accustomed groove—
The daily journey of his long career
Five days a week, fifty weeks a year.
Out from the station crawls the train,
Station and sidings fall away again.
Up the long hill the engine puffs and clanks
And beside the bank and shadowed river banks.
He snorts, adjusts his glasses, and gives vent
To muffled curses on the Government;
Then turns the page. Now swifter runs the train
And bright beside the chequered plain,
But from the page he does not lift his eyes,
These vile disputes—and again he sighs;
Why, nowadays you don't know what to do
To find a holding to see you through.
So his unvarying pilgrimage is passed
Until houses enclose the train at last
But not till beneath the echoing roof it stands
Does he look up. He yawns and rubs his hands,
Hat, gloves, umbrella gathers from the seat,
Goes out and walks along the bustling street,
Nor thinks that during twenty years of travel
This morning differs from those that slow unravel.

D. J. U. Drumm, 6Sc.

LEISURE? (With apologies to W. H. Davies).

"What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare."
But what is life without its care
When we have time to stand and stare.

"We've time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep or cows."
We stare, and very soon, I vow
We're bored, and want our cares back now.

"We've time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass."
But that we learnt when taught in class,
And soon the time will come to pass—

"When we will see how others fare
Who have no time to stand and stare."
And we will wish that we are there
And likewise may not stand and stare.

"So what is life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare."
And to the reader I dare swear,
Life would be dull without its care.

A. C. Howell, 5Cl.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE WASTE LAND.

(Dedicated to the Desolators of Room One).

April was the cruellest month, heaving
Pupils out of the room of the dead, mixing
Memories with moans, stirring
The dust of ages with a rain of plaster.
The waste paper kept us warm, covering
The floor in forgotten snow, stifling
Our little life with foul odours.
The builders surprised us, coming over the roof
With a thunder of drills; we stopped in the doorway,
And went on out of the sunlight, into the sanctuary
And drank milk and talked for hours.
What are the roots that clutch, what branches grow
Out of this old milk bottle? 'Son of man,
You cannot say, or guess, for you know only
How to bring them in, not take them out.'
A heap of broken concrete, where the sun beats,
And the three-legged chair gives no support, and
watching cricket is a relief
From the dry sound of masters talking. Only
There is a shadow over this drab room,
(Come in under the shadow of its doom),
And I will show you something different from what
Our ancestors saw when they were here.
No blackboard now; the table and desk stand
Amid a fearful pile of dust.
Unlucky room,
Under the white fog of a deceilinged abyss
A crowd flowed into Room One; so few
Expected to see a mess like this,
Gasps, long and frequent, were exhaled,
And each man held his breath and scraped his feet;
Flowed out the door and down on Eliot Street
To where Saint Margaret keeps us busy
With dead sound of aphesis and paragoge.
There I saw one I knew, and stopped him, crying:
"Graham!
You who were with me in the days of Bertie!
That name you wrote upon the rafters yesterday,
Has it been covered yet? Or will it?
Or have the carpenters disturbed its bed
To write their own instead."

S. R. Hill, 6A.

"LAUDATE DOMINO."

In the hall each morning,
Standing in a line,
See the earnest scholars,
See each head incline,
Hear the prayer uprising,
Listen to the chant,
But don't look around for halos,
The glare is much too bright.

R. B. Hosking, V.Cl.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHOOL LIFE.

The sun comes up and the sun goes down,
The old school clock keeps going round,
You just get up and it's time to bend down
School's monotonous ain't it.

The milk is sour and the meats gone bad—
The meals are the worst I've ever had
And pudding nearly drives you mad.
School gets tasteless don't it.

My shoe's untied but I don't care
We've leave for the Park but we ain't going there
But do up your shoes Jim here comes "Rare"
Schools are tasteless ain't they.

So griefs and miseries, pains and woes,
And whacks, detentions and so it goes
But I think I'm getting a cold in the nose
School gets boring don't it.

So the terms roll on and your pants wear thin
And you have to put more padding in
But hurry up you jokers, dinner's in
School gets ted'ous don't it.

M. Dillon, 4Ag

THOSE MODERN PIRATES

On-Ward tramway users,
Walking as to work,
Watching for the pirates,
Fivepence fare to shirk.

We are now divided
Not one body we,
And patiently derided
Stand a City C.

Up speaks he all irate,
"Even if your bus is late,
Make sure that you ride in it,
Or your rates will fluctuate."

Small may be the profits
That the council takes,
But let on-Ward be our watchword,
As our way to work we make.

J. D. Hanning, 5Cl.

A SMOKER'S DREAM

Little Davey alias Cranky,
Has been smoking like a chimney,
Underneath the music room.
He will soon come to his doom,
For on his fingers are the most convicting things,
Things that only smoking brings,
Soon he'll wish he hadn't been so clever,
As now he's sure he'll get the leather.

B. A. Kohn, 4Cl.

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IN DEVON STREET

(With apologies to Drinkwater.)

All day long the traffic goes
In Devon Street by dingy rows
Of grimy buildings, cluttered shops—
Fish, chips, old clothes and fortune makers.
Trolley buses pounding down,
With switching poles and noisy horns,
And lorries with their boxes bound,
And screeching gulls "Beep! Beep!" the noises
Of road-hogs, cars and doors that creak
Cry all day long in Devon Street.

All day long the traffic goes
By dingy milk-bars, desolate rows
Of shacks that stare with hopeless eyes.
Day long the taxis make their way
Through queues of trams and cars and trucks,
Carrying people to and fro.
And every day at half past three,
Come hoards of pupils home to tea.
Day long the dogs bark at your feet
As you pass through the hell of Devon Street.

And when the six o'clockers have their way
In Devon Street then all the grey,
Dull population board their bus
Which takes them home with weary fuss.
Then Devon Street, so bleak and dull
Becomes an echo's paradise,
And all is hushed, but now and then
A rattly tram groans down the hill,
And the ghastly glares of the street lamps greet
The dull pall of night on Devon Street.

I. Robertson, 4Cl

THE RIVER

Trickling from the melting snows,
A bright clear stream of water flows,
Growing, growing as it leaps,
Over the falls, and under the peaks
Of the great white mountain, towering high,
Standing in splendour, in the deep blue sky.
Down from the mountain now it bounds,
Far away from the peaks and crowns,
Gurgling and swirling through great deep gorges,
O'er rocks and sand now quickly it forges,
Then, down to the plains where slowly it creeps
Gathering up the brooks and the creeks.
Till at last it reaches, beyond the bend,
The great blue sea, and its journey's end.

V. Jury, 4Cl.

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THE DOCK

The dock lies solitary and deserted. Rearing black against the sky are the sombre shapes of warehouses. Through the murky, foggy morning the watchmen steal like ghosts upon their rounds. In their hands their glimmering lights cast shadows of gloom upon the ground. The faint lap and wash of water against the piles lulls the drowsy day back to sleep. As the sky glows red its dreams are dispelled by the flood of gold which coats the building with a glistening brilliance. Sounding loud and unearthly the shriek of a train disturbs the early peace. The engine snorts with the effort as it pulls a long line of laden wagons away. The crew have been working since midnight to shift the rows of accumulated trucks. A white feather of smoke painted on the clear sky, remains long after the train has passed. Busy little engines hurry clanking rakes of wagons ready to be filled. Soon the men will be swarming on to the wharves and the day's work will begin.

The last truck has been filled and with the siren sounding twelve the wharves are rapidly becoming deserted. A few men are seated about and are opening their lunch bags. The only moving objects are the tractors which work ceaselessly. Seagulls are swooping down to snatch the crumbs thrown to them. The cranes hang dejectedly as though worn out by their labours. Heaped along the rusty rails are lumps of sulphur. Untidily thrown out of the way, several thick hawsers sprawl across the deck of a ship tied alongside of the wharf.

At last no sound worries the resting port. A light twinkles dully from the masthead of a ship. The beacon at the harbour mouth flashes a returning light. Slinking around the wagons a stray dog rummages amongst the debris that is heaped on one side of the wharf.

R. Elliott, 5G1.

AFTER THE STORM

Almost as the last few drops fell splashing into the puddles that the shower of heavy rain had made, the wind dropped to a cool breeze. The storm had been short. But although uncommon, a summer storm brings cool relief to a dry climate. The rain had quenched the burning earth and the spray-laden wind had swept the choking dust from building, plant and tree alike. The parched earth had become fresh again. The clouds of yellow dust no longer rose high into the air clothing everything with a layer of choking yellow. Instead a heavy mud some inches thick in places, darkened the earth like new tar darkens a dusty, white road. As the sun broke through the dark clouds for an instant, it shone on the long canal-like lanes of water, which, not more than an hour before, had been wheel-ruts in a dusty road. The landscape was clean and the bushes and trees became green once more. There was a refreshing smell in the air after the storm had passed on, and as the last forbidding clouds rolled away the sun again shone through, brightening everything with its warm rays. The drops of water on the dripping fence wires gleamed like strings of diamonds and were reflected in the shallow pools along the road-side. Dirty little rivulets run down towards the dry creek bed but did not reach there. The dry earth and the hot sun fought greedily for every drop of moisture and the pools of water were transformed into rising steam. The country-side came to life at the laughter of the barefooted children playing in the fast-drying mud, and the twittering of the birds filled the air. The storm was over.

D. M. McConachie, 5G1.

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SANCTUARY

Outside, there was thunder, lightning and pelting rain. Inside the church it was different. From where he stood, Martin could see, by the light of the bright-flamed candles beyond the altar, a portion of its small interior. Everything took on an unreal but strangely comforting appearance. He could see the fluted pipes of the organ, rising tier upon tier—could see the stained glass windows, and the massive wooden pillars stretching to the vaulted roof. But even while he peered into all the dark corners and his eyes wandered over the deserted pews, he had no fear. About him he felt the influence of an unseen but mighty Power.

R. B. Hosking, VCI.

THE OLD CLAY TRACK

The day was drawing to a close. The sun had lost its strength and the country now seemed to be resting in the cool atmosphere. Looking over the still landscape, deserted save for three jersey cows lazily chewing their cuds, I felt a sense of peace quite alien to the residential area I had just left. The chatter of the birds disposing themselves for the night in a clump of bamboos seemed harsh in contrast with the quiet of the evening. The worn clay track winding in front round the gorse and blackberries clothing the low banks, skirting the fields, was dead and deserted. The yellow gorse added colour to the sameness of nature's greenness, darkening now except where the last rays of the sun cast dappled shadows through the tall pines and made the scene unreal and strange. The pale mauve and pink background to the distant hills now seemed content to let the shadow of night engulf it.

J. A. Leach, 5CI.

ONLY A MEMORY

When they looked out of the window the next morning, the rain was pouring down blotting out the hills and the bush where they had found the tui's nest last year and all the other things they liked to look at. Sydney climbed back into bed and curled up under the warm blankets and lay still for a while listening to the water rattling down the pipe outside. Why did it make such a noise! But Phillip stayed at the window staring out into the fog and rain. His breath made a steam on the window which annoyed him for a minute so he stuck out his tongue and licked at the glass, but it was cold and unpleasant. "Blow the rain," he muttered to his brother. "Why should it rain to-day when we didn't want it to!" Phillip stamped his foot hard on the floor and it hurt so he kicked the bed instead—that hurt too so he threw his pillow at Sydney. His anger spent, Phillip pulled off his pygies—"pygies," they always called them that—and began to dress . . .

What a terrible day! All morning it rained and rained. Sydney sat on the couch in the sitting room and watched the rain falling down. It made big, funny coloured puddles on the lawn. What would happen if it kept on raining for ever he thought. What would happen then? Suddenly he felt afraid and jumped off the couch and ran down the long passage to the kitchen where mother was baking a cake.

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When the men came in for dinner, Sydney climbed on to his father's knee. It was very comforting and he held on tightly to father's hand. What a nice warm smell father had, he thought—I wonder if all fathers smell as nice as mine?—"No more shearing to-day," father said. "Too wet. We've cut out and the rest are wet. The men are going home for the week-end." Sydney tightened his grip on father's hand and listened to father talking—what a nice deep voice! Sydney liked it. "Yes, and the men wondered if the boys would like to go with them." Sydney's heart jumped.

And so it was decided. Phillip and Sydney were to go and stay with Len and George for three days.

Phillip splashed Sydney in the bath and laughed when Sydney got soap in his eyes. Phillip sang, but Sydney felt just a little—yes, just a little—uneasy. When they had dressed and were putting on their coats, they went to the front door. It was still raining and the car stood just outside. All at once it was time to say goodbye but Sydney didn't want to go any more. "But, mother, I don't want to go."

And when they had gone, mother brought out some sweets to comfort him—such precious sweets, and war-time too—all pink and covered with crunchy sugar. But somehow they didn't seem to taste very nice to Sydney at all—not now.

G. S. Collier, 6A.

THE ROPE

The light was failing as they came on to the glacier. Snow was falling gently swirled in occasional giddy eddies by the rising wind. "Rope up now" said Paton, the guide. Hans, the novice, looked around apprehensively at the falling snow. "We shouldn't have come," he said. "There's a storm coming." "It's too late to turn back now," replied Paton quietly. "Our only hope is to push on to the hut."

Joined by the rope, they moved off.

The wind was blowing snow into their faces with ever increasing strength. They plodded on in the dim light. Suddenly Hans stopped. "Damn the rope!" he cried hysterically. "We could go twice as fast without it." "Don't lose your head," replied Paton. "The rope will do us more good than harm. "Come on." He turned and walked on.

He had taken five steps and then the snow gave way under him and he disappeared. The rope jerked taut. Hans dug his heels in but the soft snow offered no resistance and he was dragged slowly towards the mouth of the crevasse. He heard Paton call "Dig your axe in." He struck wildly with his axe, but could gain no grip in the powdery snow. He continued to slide. Crazed with fear, he drew his knife and slashed at the rope. It parted. A cry reached him, a tinkle of falling ice, then silence. Trembling Hans rose to his feet and stumbled on A rumble of thunder came from the invisible peaks, and the snow came down, covering everything.

R. J. Harvey, 6Sc.



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS, 1952.

Back Row: G. S. Collier, R. E. Still, C. J. Osborn, W. F. Shortt, B. D. Webby.
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Front Row: J. M. Scott, R. M. Harvey, R. M. Montgomerie, P. J. Wahlstrom, D. J. Hughson, M. J. Simcock, T. Mataio.



DAY BOY HOUSE PREFECTS, 1952.

Back Row: G. A. Bendall, P. R. Erskine, H. F. Barrett, S. R. Hill, D. J. Drumm, D. L. Kitchingman.
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THE FATAL MISTAKE

It was close on midnight when the game ended. He had been cleaned of everything except the clothes he wore, even down to his cigarette lighter. He had been paid that day. He stood up. "Laugh, you sods!" he growled, "you've skinned me and that's the end of it. What am I going to do till the end of the week, I have exactly one dime to my name." One of his friends fished a ten-dollar bill from his pocket. "Here, take this and stop moaning. Don't forget to give it back though."

The broke one took it and with a dour goodbye, he took his hat and coat and left.

He walked to the nearest drugstore and asked for a cup of coffee. However, the proprietor couldn't change the bill so he cursed, thrust it into his pocket and stamped out.

The city streets were deserted except for a woman approaching him a few blocks away.

As she drew near she walked straight at him. He saw she was a woman of the streets, thin and bedraggled and dressed in rags. As he pushed past she burst into tears. "Help me, mister," she cried, "I've had it. I haven't eaten since yesterday morning and I've no place to go."

"Beat it, sister," he grunted, his mind on bed and his own foolishness.

"Honest, mister, if you don't help me it's the harbour for me, I'm fed up with this life." He felt sorry for her and felt she was really telling the truth. He suddenly thought that life could be very hard without friends. He had gambled his pay away but a friend had helped him. This woman had gambled her life away (though in a different sense) but had no-one to help her.

On a sudden impulse he pressed the bill into her hand and hurried on.

On his way to the bus stop the next morning, he met Tom, his friend of the night before. "Thank goodness I've found you," said Tom. "Have you tried to cash that ten dollars yet?" He said he hadn't. "Thank God! You see the bill I gave you was a dud. I took it out of the wrong pocket. There have been a few duds floating about lately."

He went off to work musing about the bill and the woman he had given it to.

On the way, the bus stopped outside of a news agent's shop. In heavy lettering on a billboard he read: BODY OF WOMAN IN HARBOUR. Remembering his conversation with the woman of the night before, he left the bus as it began to move, hurried into the shop and bought a paper.

The description of the drowned woman tallied exactly.

R. D. Alexander, 6Sc.

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THE ATTACK.

The day was sunny with a few large clouds rolling around the horizon in jumbled white heaps. Down at the beach people were lying in the sun sheltering from the cool westerly behind clumps of sand grass. I settled down in a similar position and began to read the "War of the Worlds" by H. G. Wells. Very thrilling and awe-inspiring and extremely realistic. I stopped my reading and began to try to formulate counter measures that man should take to repel the interplanetary invaders. My mind wandered off along underground tunnels leading to secret A-bomb plants and to a well fortified defence post on the top of a mountain. The rocket ships of the invaders came swinging in like pendulums swung from outer space leaving behind them tails which glowed like white-hot flames. I looked to where they had disappeared in the haze high up to the west. Suddenly I felt a sensation like a million hot pins being stuck into my back and a shadow covered the ground near by. Twisting to face the new danger I came out of my daze in time to see the sun glide out from behind a small white-edged rain cloud and to feel the last cold drops of rain on my shoulders before the cloud and its shadow passed on.

D. M. Calder, 6Sc.

MONDAY MORNING.

Clang! Clang! Clang! We are awakened by the dreaded "skull's mouth"—the rising bell. The house is shaken to the foundations by a stampede of third and fourth formers. How can they do it! How can anyone be so eager for a cold shower! Our teeth grind, our nerves twang, as we hear a jarring imitation of Johnny Ray. A tap is turned and from then on we hear the steady hiss of the showers. Then comes the inevitable question in the usual loud voice: "What's the time, boys?" Once again his neighbour patiently explains to Windy that as the bell has just gone, it would be reasonable to suppose that the time was seven fifteen.

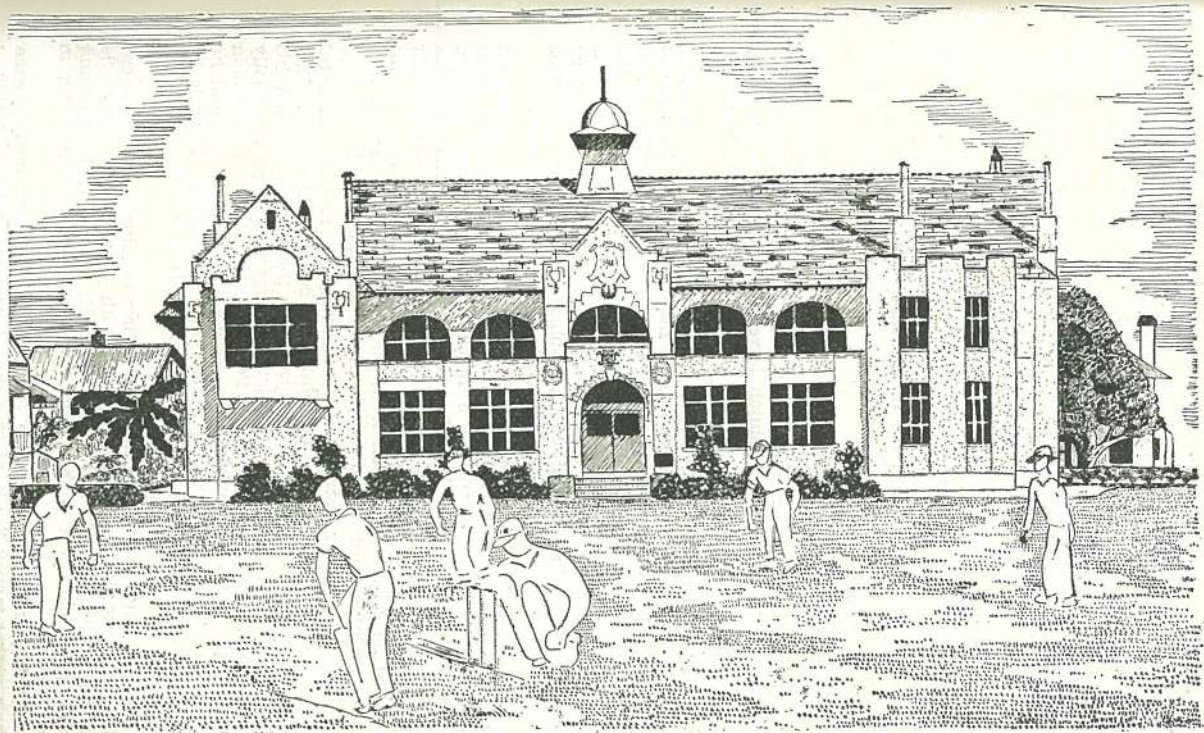
With a noisy rattle the door opens. What—so soon! He's too early, but—oh no! It's only Curley coming back from a shave. Why can't he knock?

Soon after, the door opens again. It is the inevitable "Righto, all out." With bleary eyes and fogged minds we painfully plod along the corridor. The early birds in the other two dorms have made their beds by now—but how useless! They have to wait twenty minutes for breakfast. The icy showers clear our minds but fail to raise our spirits.

We move back to the dorm a bit faster as the air is cold in the corridor. That is the fastest we move the whole morning.

The dorm is deathly quiet save for the swishing of blankets as the beds are made. The first bell for breakfast has just rung and the housemaster has just come in and told us to hurry up; but we barely notice these things. We are all thinking about the dance on Friday, the "swot" that didn't get done, our ever-diminishing chance of passing "School C," and why week-ends go so quickly. Monday morning has begun.

G. K. Sigley, 5G1.



THE MAIN SCHOOL, WITH NEW ADDITION.—Drawn by G. S. Collier, 6A.

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A PAINTING

It was cold, and the wind was driving rain from the south. Across the mud road a stage coach sprawled, its doors flung wide open. To each side of the coach and lining the road were tall trees, dark green, merging into a black bottomless sky. Before the coach, with the wind whipping his saturated oilskin about his legs, stood a small boy. Scarcely four feet tall and with long black hair hanging in thick, flat strands about his forehead, he appeared frail and weak.

His face was pale and lined as though it was eighty years old. His hands were deeply thrust into outer pockets which had taken on the shape of his clenched fists. With straining eyes he was looking back along the winding road, peering into grey rain. A mail robbery had taken place.

I sighed and turned to the next exhibit.

R. Patchett, 5G1.

BABY SITTING

The common fallacy in connection with this form of employment is that it alone remains the only successful manner of earning money relaxing in an armchair. Obviously those who openly display their ignorance by holding this opinion have not had any baby-sitting experience and this story of one such imprudent youth should enlighten them.

Albert arrived punctually at the Smith residence already spending his forthcoming fee many times over in his imagination. He listened perfunctorily to detailed instructions as to the various bedtimes and nocturnal peculiarities of the children, at the same time assuring the worried mother of his reliability and experience. He ushered the parents confidently to the door and settled down to his homework instructing the children that an atmosphere of peace and quiet was essential for the correct functioning of his thinking processes.

He was no sooner comfortably settled than he was compelled to rise and investigate loud screams and imprecations issuing from the next room. He discovered a fierce tussle in progress between two of his proteges. In his efforts to separate the combatants his actions were mistaken for those of an aggressor and, forgetting their own grievances, both turned to meet the new attack. After several minutes he extricated himself from the melee and, threatening dire consequences for further interruptions, he returned to his work.

Except for minor disturbances, the atmosphere remained peaceful until the time stipulated for the children's bedtime drew near. Unaccustomed to any but parental discipline, they firmly resisted his demands that they retire. After lengthy argument they eventually yielded and turned out the light. Poor Albert! The long discussion had rendered further concentration on homework impossible and he settled down to lighter reading interrupted at frequent intervals by demands for glasses of water, extra blankets and other apparent essentials for quiet repose.

When the Smiths returned from their evening's entertainment Albert informed them regretfully but with frank finality that he would not baby-sit for them a second time. He hurried home and after gulping down a double issue of restorative, retired feverish to bed.

This story should illustrate that only those determined to earn their pocket money the hard way should contemplate baby-sitting.

J. D. Hanning, 5C1.

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ZERO HOUR

Time passed slowly. Oh, so very slowly. Crouching there behind his camouflage, which he had arranged so cunningly before him, he watched the hands of his watch with a strained expectation which made time seem so long. Strange, he thought, that a minute could pass so slowly.

He glanced about him at the faces of his comrades. He knew that they were thinking of the events which would quickly follow the prearranged signal. They sat waiting, waiting, their eyes eager with anticipation.

A short distance ahead he could see the enemy completely absorbed in his work, apparently not aware of what had been planned to take place in exactly sixty seconds. Elsewhere there were similar scenes of tense anticipation. Groups were crouching, waiting like set traps and listening for the signal. Then it came. Bang! Bang! Bang! The last period on Friday afternoon was over.

R. Spencer, 6Sc.

A NIGHTMARE

It was a bleak and windy day in December when I arrived on Flannan Isle to meet for the first time, the keepers of the lighthouse, my cousins Peter, John and Max. I was to stay with them for several weeks, to convalesce after my long sojourn in hospital. It is here I might add, that I had the use of one leg, and that the other was strapped into a cumbersome iron frame.

On the island I was entertained in a regal fashion. Whenever we went fishing I was carefully carried to the bottom of the lighthouse steps, and eased into the boat. However, rather than fish, I preferred to remain in the room at the top of the lighthouse, and there, sitting by the light, I would dream about the ships that passed by, and watch the gulls that flashed by in search of food.

In this manner, I passed a pleasant holiday and formed a firm friendship with the boys, until on the day before I was to leave Flannan Isle, my nightmare began. Perhaps it would have been different if I had had the use of my legs, or if I had been with the boys in the living room, instead of being by the light.

It was just before dinner and while waiting for one of the boys to come and help me down the steps, I must have dozed off. While sitting in my chair by the light, I gazed at a skeleton ship below, and on its bow I saw the name written in large glaring letters, MARIE CELESTE. The planks on the deck were red with a liquid that I could have sworn was blood, but how could it be when there was not a soul in sight, not even a body. Huge casks and barrels were strewn on the deck, at the foot of the bridge and under the main mast. These barrels were tipped over, and a continual flow of red liquid poured from them—an unceasing flow that covered the decks, and ran down over the ship's sides till it reddened the pureness of my beloved sea. Then a strange thing happened. I saw three men run on to the vessel and kneel down to drink this terrifying liquid, and each in turn jumped up and sprang overboard, to dash himself on to the cruel rocks that surrounded the Isle.

At this I awoke in terror and called for Max, and then the other two, but I received no answer. Still trembling from my frightening dream, I started downstairs, my iron frame ringing on

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the stone steps, the only sound that broke the silence. On reaching the living room I stopped and stared at the table which was spread for dinner with meat and cheese and bread, but it was all untouched and no one was there. It was as if they had sat down to eat but before they could do so, had been called outside hastily, for there was a chair lying on the floor. On hobbling outside, as best I could, I saw three bodies on the rocks, and the sea around was red, red with blood.

Perhaps my dream was true, I cannot tell, but this I do know. Each of my cousins held in his hand an empty bottle and on each label were the words—"MARIE CELESTE."

R. J. Grey, 6B.

ST. PETER PORT

St. Peter Port, the one and only town of Guernsey, is a strange mixture of the old and new. Fast ferry steamers enter and leave its harbour almost unceasingly during the summer months, yet its main street is so narrow that it is impossible for motor-cars to use it.

The town is set in a half-bay, high cliffs bordering it to the west, whilst on the other side, are long sloping beaches, bordered by the remnants of German fortifications. Along the rocky west shore are several swimming pools, protected from the open sea by concrete walls, but at high tide, they are completely covered. Nestling on the hillside, is the suburb of Hauteville, appearing to belong more to a French town than an English one, for here the people speak the local French patois, and overlooking the bay is Victor Hugo's house, where he spent his exile from France. In the centre of the town stands the market hall, and here fresh fruit, vegetables and fish are sold daily. All the streets are narrow, winding, and cobbled, and always full of people. A wide promenade skirts the shore and harbour, and here are the numerous hotels, boarding houses and tourist agencies, typical of every English seaside resort. To the east of St. Peter Port are the endless rows of glasshouses, for the main industry of Guernsey is tomato-growing for the English market.

All during the summer months, mile-long queues of lorries, laden with tomatoes, line the quayside, waiting to load the ships which berth in the morning and leave at dusk. The harbour automatically divides itself into the two, the outer and the inner, with Fort Cornet, a relic of King John's reign guarding the narrow harbour entrance. The Fort is set on a rocky island, separated from the mainland at high tide, though a modern break-water juts out beyond it and a little way back from the fort, there is a large artificial pond, on which, during the long summer twilights, model yachts dip and swing. In the inner harbour, divided from the outer by a quay, which leaves only a narrow passage, are the fishing smacks and dinghies, whilst at low-tide the whole basin is only a large shingle bed, with the boats left high and dry, until the next tide. In the outer harbour are the tomato ships, the numerous launches which sail to and from the nearby islands of Herm and Sark, and the ferry steamers which call twice daily from Weymouth and Southampton. They quickly come alongside the wharf, disgorge their large numbers of holiday-makers, reverse slowly back into the open sea, and then full speed ahead for Jersey, their other port of call. The general impression of the harbour is one of speed and bustle, yet within 200 yards; everything is quiet and still, as if belonging to another world.

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This is true for Guernsey, as of all the Channel Islands, that though they are British, their close proximity to the Continent has given to them a serenity which isn't British. Victor Hugo most aptly sums this up in the following sentence: "Guernsey is L'île Bienheureuse—a fragment of France, dropped into the sea, picked up by England, and whose people are contented and happy."

B. Bellringer, 6A.

"THE MEANING OF AN UNUSUAL FILM"—"THE THIRD MAN"

Probably many who saw the film, "The Third Man," did not really understand it, and came away mystified, disillusioned and disappointed. For "The Third Man" is essentially a philosophic film and one of the most outstanding intellectual productions of recent years. Just as Shaw expounds his "Life Force" and "creative evolution" theories more clearly and simply in "The Shewing Up Of Blanco-Posnet," than in his great structurally and philosophically complex dramas—"Man and Superman" and "Back to Methuselah," so Graham Greene in "The Third Man" more fully expounds his essential philosophic beliefs than in his famous novels—"The Power And The Glory" and the "Heart of the Matter."

Graham Greene is a fervently religious man, and believes that the whole world is controlled by "the forces of evil." He is most consciously aware of the "omnipresence of sin," but also of the "never-failing possibility of the grace of God." He believes that although the "evil" men in the world who are possessed of a "mental devil" and are consequently diabolic, deserve eternal damnation in the sight of man, yet he feels convinced that if he himself can feel pity for these men, then God, whose love is far greater, in eternity will eventually forgive them. This is the philosophy revealed in "The Third Man," and it was this belief that necessitated his conversion to Roman Catholicism as such a doctrine is completely incompatible with most orthodox Protestantism.

Graham Greene in his unusual approach to the novel and entertainment has taken the skeleton of the conventional thriller, clothed it with reality, imagination and character, and elevated it to a symbolic purpose. "The Third Man" is on the surface a "crime story" but Harry Lime is a type of man completely diabolic representing the "forces of evil."

There are many interesting points in the film. Here are a few. Firstly the contradictory natures within Martins and Anna which portray the opposing forces of good and evil in the world; secondly, Lime realised that because of his crime he had forfeited his right to the freedom his clutching and protruding fingers could feel. As he turned his head and saw his friend standing with pity written on his face he gave a slight nod and Martins shot him. This dramatic scene meant that if a human could feel sorry then God would have pity too; lastly the trees silently shedding their leaves, and the old broken cart symbolising the girl's utter despair as she walked along the long avenue to where Martins stood, the "slight bend" in the road, and Martin's thoughtfully lighting a cigarette gave the impression that "it's a long road that has no turning" and "if winter comes can spring be far behind."

B. C. Beetham, 6B.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

KEEP IT GREEN

Sir,—

Our School, as you know is noted for its site and grounds. Perhaps the best feature of those grounds is the number of trees which have been planted in the past. It may be unintentional or it may be unavoidable, but those trees are slowly disappearing.

In the last year trees have been cleared for the woodwork rooms and cricket pavilion and the hedge has gone from beside the labs. More trees will go when the Memorial Hall is built and also with the proposed five's courts in the gully.

These changes may seem small but already the passer-by on Eliot Street sees very little but concrete. Moreover it shows a lack of planning. Our School must grow and the planners must be prepared to spread instead of cramming the area that is already full. We must spread instead of thicken. If we don't we shall find ourselves like too many city schools, just a drab "asphalt jungle."

I am, etc., Plus Chlorophyl.

[To replace trees cut down new plantations have been planted. The authorities are keen to keep our site an outstanding one.—Ed.]

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We are pleased to be able to record that last year's revival of interest in Old Boys' affairs has been maintained. The key members of the Committee have remained at their posts and have done excellent work. The executive has been considerably strengthened by the election of Dr. Ian Auld and B. J. O'Meagher, who have always been very loyal Old Boys.

The secretary has been in constant touch with the branches by means of the branch circulars. These now contain a section contributed by the Headmaster. Some branches have applied for a number of circulars to be distributed to their local members. We consider, however, that this is a matter which should be taken up by the branch secretaries.

Many Old Boys will regret to learn that Mr. A. H. Blundell is resigning at the end of the year to settle in Masterton. In the twenty-five years he has been in charge of the Preparatory Department he has done outstanding work. The "Prep" boys have always had a high reputation for manners and address. Old Boys of the Preparatory Department are contributing to a presentation which will be made to him and to Mrs. Blundell on December 9th. Donations have been received from many parts of New Zealand and from the Islands and nearly all have expressed their deep feelings of gratitude to Mr. Blundell for the sound training they were given in their early years.

Good wishes of Old Boys in New Zealand go to those at present serving in Korea. A food parcel and a copy of the "Taranakian" will be sent to each of them before the end of the year.

We were delighted to have a visit last March from Mr. Bottrill. His affection for the School remains as strong as ever and we hope this visit will be the first of a long series of annual trips to New Plymouth.

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 will be interested to hear of improvements made at the School during this year. The unfinished part of the main School block, adjoining the balcony, has now been completed and is being used as part of the Staff Common Room. A new wing has been added to the woodwork rooms. There is now little space left for any further expansion and the Headmaster and Board are giving serious consideration to the selection of a site for a new High School in New Plymouth.

The Old Boys' Cup donated by the Association for the senior athletic championship will from now on be awarded to the winner of the 100 yards senior event. The secretary received a letter from the School asking permission to make this change. After some discussion the committee agreed to the request, as they felt it was not their place to decide School policy.

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We regret to report that all the tenders for the Moyes Memorial pavilion exceeded the £3,100 that is now available. It seems that our only course is to get the plans modified slightly and then call for fresh tenders. The School recently received two large crates of books on Cricket which were left to it by Captain Harry Kineton Parkes, an Old Boy killed in the war. These will probably find a home in the pavilion.

The amount in the Old Boys' Memorial Hall fund on June 30th of this year was £8,004/11/-. This is all invested in the New Plymouth Savings Bank, the Post Office Savings Bank, and in National Savings. Interest amounts to approximately £225 a year. The application for a Government subsidy is still under consideration in Wellington.

Mr. H. R. Billing, chairman of the Board of Governors, recently returned from a trip to England and the Continent. We welcome him back and trust that he will be able to resume his place on the Board, a position he has filled most admirably for the past twenty-six years. The School owes more to Mr. Billing than to any other Old Boy. We hope that his health will be permanently improved by the rest and change of his trip.

Old Boys join in congratulating Mr. C. H. Strombom on his recent appointment to the Board of Governors. Mr. L. W. Lovell, another Old Boy, is also a member, so altogether Old Boys are well represented on the Board. We were pleased to learn of the appointment of Mr. J. Clouston to the position of head of the Engineering Department. This makes a total of seven Old Boys on the staff.

Old Boys continue to show their interest in the School by giving generously to it. During the year, thirty-three donations of one guinea or more have been sent from all over the world to provide a set of strong magazine covers in the School lounge. These have all been inscribed. Evidence of such loyalty to the School will surely be an inspiration to present and future generations of boys who come here.

It was a surprise and disappointment to find recently that the School possesses no complete set of the "Taranakian." In the set kept in the Headmaster's office the May and September issues of 1912 have apparently been missing ever since the School was destroyed by fire in 1916. If any Old Boy has these and is prepared to give them to the School, they would be bound with the December, 1912, issue and have a permanent home in the Headmaster's office.

The beginning of this term marked the completion of the tenth year of Mr. McNaught's headmastership. He has borne the heavy weight of administering a large boarding and day school with quiet wisdom and efficiency. His achievement is remarkable in that he has not been away for more than a few days and has had no long period of leave. This decade has seen many improvements in our buildings and amenities but apart from this the spirit of the School, in spite of inevitable chances and the effect of new legislation, is as healthy as it ever was. We congratulate Mr. McNaught and wish him well for the remaining years of his headmastership.

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.

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Waikato: E. Grant, Box 206, Hamilton.

Manawatu: O. Adams, c/o H. W. Mullaney, Public Accountant, A.M.P. Chambers, Palmerston N.

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

Wellington: P. M. McCaw, Weir House, Victoria College.

Wanganui: T. M. Crone, Accountant, Ridgway Street, 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: R. K. Pierce, Canterbury College.

Australia: N. W. S. Brookman, c/o Gilbert Lodge & Co., 126 Sussex Street, Sydney.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting was held in the County Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 10th. There was a good attendance of Old Boys and keen discussion on several of the matters on the agenda paper.

The officers elected for the year were: Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, I. H. Kerr; Senior Vice-President, J. S. Hatherly; Junior Vice-President, D. Hay; Secretary, R. W. Baunton; Treasurer, D. Schultz; Delegates, Dr. I. Auld, B. J. O'Meagher; Auditor, J. D. Ridland.

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The President presented his annual report as follows:—

The year's activities may be summarised under these headings:—

1. Social, Ball and projected cabaret.
2. War Memorial.
3. Moyes Memorial.
4. Sport.
5. Badges and Ties.
6. Circulars and Branches.
7. Examination of Rules.
8. Vice-Regal Visit to School.
9. General.

1. The Association has held only one social function during the year, the Old Boys' Ball. This was held as usual in the Assembly Hall and was judged a successful function. A noticeable feature was the number of younger Old Boys who were present. Financially the evening was successful. The Committee let a contract for the catering instead of following the usual procedure of giving this responsibility to a Ladies' Committee. This was a more expensive arrangement but the energy of the few available workers was thereby used in a purely organising capacity.

Recently the Old Girls' Association approached us with a request for a combined social gathering taking the form of a modified cabaret. At the moment this is being arranged.

2. The War Memorial Fund stands at just over £8000 and has been closed. An application for a subsidy has been forwarded to the Government by the Secretary of the Board of Governors but no decision has yet been reached.

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The full plans are not yet available but the Executive understands that these will be ready in the near future. We consider that the building suggested is utilitarian enough and any modification would need careful consideration.

3. The Moyes Memorial Pavilion is well under way. Recently a cheque for £1600 was handed to the High Schools Board and a subsidy of £1500 was granted by the Government. The sub-committee handling this fund met representatives of the Executive a week or so ago and reported progress. The plans are ready and all that remains now is for the Board to call for tenders for this work.

4. The only sporting fixture run this year under the auspices of the Association was the match for the Ian Macleod Memorial Shield played by an Old Boys' team against a team of Old Boys of the Hawera Technical High School. Our team was soundly defeated at Rugby Park and the shield was afterwards presented to the Hawera team in the dressing sheds. Next year, we hope to have more support for this game.

5. The Executive is investigating the possibility of having cloth Old Boys' Badges made and having these more readily available than the present extremely expensive tinsel badge. Also the subject of the Old Boys' Tie has come under discussion and it was felt that a redesigned tie might have more popular appeal. Consequently we have had several suggested variations printed and intend having one or two test samples made. From these a decision will be made as to a final design.

6. This year we have continued the circulars to Branches and have forwarded any Association news that is relevant. We have endeavoured to give Branches a reasonable coverage of local and New Zealand activities as they affect Old Boys generally wherever they may be. A request from one Branch was made that circulars be sent to individual members, but this has been met by the forwarding to Branch Secretaries of the cut stencil which can be duplicated according to the local Branch demand.

7. It was drawn to the attention of the Association Executive that some of the rules of the original Association were honoured more in the breach than observance, and as a result some of these rules will need re-forming. A sub-committee was set up to examine these and proposals made by this sub-committee will be placed before this meeting to-night. In justification of the actions of the Executive in carrying on, if illegally, I would point out that although criticism is common, local support is not always evident, and the work of carrying on the Association falls on the willing shoulders of the few.

8. Recently the School was honoured by a visit from a Vice-Regal party, consisting of His Excellency, Lord Freyberg, and Lady Freyberg. The Association was represented at the reception to His Excellency, both at the School and at civic reception in the city.

9. The retiring Executive has endeavoured to handle as full a programme in the course of the year as has been necessary to sustain and revitalise the affairs of the Association. As is usual at this time of the year, one cannot refrain from remarking on the lack of support that is evident locally. This appears somewhat general as complaints have been received about other Associations from both local and "foreign" members.

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In closing I feel that the Association should be made aware of the splendid workers they have in the Treasurer and Secretary, both of whom have a thankless task and have carried the Association more often than not entirely on their own.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB

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Officers:—Patron: G. J. McNaught, Esq. President: Mr. J. S. Medley. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. G. Eddowes, G. L. Ewart, A. C. Fookes, N. Howlett, J. W. Moorhead and V. Pruden. Club Captain: Mr. E. Meuli. Hon. Secretary: Mr. K. A. Martin. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. N. Moller. Hon. Auditor: Mr. S. Florence. Executive: Messrs. Bartlett, Davies, D. Howlett, Gernhoefer, L. Howlett and Wells.

The 1951-1952 season proved to be a moderately successful one from a playing point of view, particularly in respect to the Senior B and Junior teams, the strength of which augurs well for the future of the Club.

The Senior team acquitted itself only moderately well, finishing 4th in its grade.

The Senior B team was defeated only twice in its fourteen matches, and recorded 3rd place in the competition.

The Junior team proved itself considerably stronger than the remaining teams in its grade, and are to be congratulated on winning its section, being defeated, however, in the Divisional play-off. Particular mention should be made of the performance of R. Batson in taking over 100 wickets during the season.

To New Plymouth, Okato and Waitara District High School, the winners of their respective grades, the Club offers its congratulations.

Representative Honours:—Central Districts: E. Meuli. Taranaki: R. Harris, E. Meuli, R. Trott. North Taranaki: G. Bartlett, R. Harris, E. Meuli, R. Trott and F. Wells. Senior B: A. Burgess and K. A. Martin. Junior: R. Batson, D. Julian and P. Simpson.

Equipment: Considerable purchases of playing gear were made during the season, and your Committee is pleased to state that all grades will be in a position to commence the current season with less need for gear replacement than has been the case in the past.

Your Committee felt that it was highly desirable that players should be equipped with Club caps, with appropriate monograms, and after protracted negotiations with a South Island manufacturer, a suitable design was agreed upon, a total of fifty caps being purchased. Players appear to be in agreement that the appearance of the teams has been greatly enhanced as a result.

Finance: Although it may appear that the finances of the Club in terms of £.s.d. are not particularly healthy, your Committee feels it necessary to point out that the Club's assets are of considerable value as compared with previous seasons when its cash balance may have been higher.

Reserve stocks of caps represent £22, and, as has been mentioned, all grades are fully equipped with gear.

However, your Committee feels justified in suggesting that the time may well be opportune for members to seriously consider the question of raising subscriptions commensurate with increased costs,

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to a figure which will enable the Club to operate independent of the necessity to conduct raffles.

Social: The Club offers its heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Norm Leighton and to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Challis on the births of a son and a daughter respectively.

In conclusion, the thanks of the Club are due to all those who supported it throughout the season, and to the Press, Umpires' Association, Station 2XP and Mr. S. Florence, its Hon. Auditor.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Four teams made up the complement of the Club's active members during the 1952 season, namely: Senior, Junior, Eighth Grade, Ninth Grade.

Once again difficulty was experienced at the beginning of the season in fielding junior teams. It is interesting to note, however, that the 1st Juniors, by their own efforts, eventually overcame the early shortage of players and finished the season with a meritorious performance. In receiving the Fookes Cup for the best club team, they received their just reward for the team spirit which they displayed.

The Senior XV, probably the youngest side ever fielded by the Club, showed on occasions that it was capable of good football. Some inexplicable lapses and a certain amount of inconsistency, however, proved the main reason for the low position it held on the local competition ladder.

Brian Novak, Garth Deakin and Colin Croad, all members of the School 1st XV but a year or two ago, were selected to play for the Taranaki A team.

Noel Bowden, the captain of this year's side, earned distinction for the Club and himself by being chosen to represent Taranaki, North Island and New Zealand. His performances on all occasions were very creditable.

The Club has now the privilege of producing three international players during the post-war years. This is indeed, the best record in this sphere, of any Taranaki Club for the stated period, and would probably compare favourably with that of other clubs throughout the Dominion.

Annual fixtures played during the season resulted as follows:—

v. Auckland Grammar School Old Boys (played at Auckland): Lost.

v. Clifton (Black and White Cup): Lost.

In the interests of the Club it is hoped to field a third grade team next year and it would be appreciated if interested Old Boys would offer their services or could advise the names of prospective players. Alternatively, attendance at the annual meeting usually held early in March would suffice.

In conclusion the Club extends to the School its thanks for the use of its gymnasium during the season—a much appreciated gesture.

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BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

SOUTH TARANAKI BRANCH

Despite the usual apathy that seems to exist among the majority of Old Boys in South Taranaki, the branch carries on by virtue of the enthusiasm of the stalwart minority. Perhaps the School means little to the many, but to that stalwart minority the bonds of school friendships and the fact that men—young or old—have had the privilege of attending N.P.B.H.S., counts a great deal. Sufficient to say that an annual meeting is always held and that always there is a quorum.

A most encouraging sight at the last annual meeting, at least in the eyes of the older Old Boys, was the presence of some of the younger generation. That presence is essential, but, unfortunately, too sadly lacking in most instances.

However, we hope to arouse the interest of that majority and "get moulded" into something like a live body in the near future.

At the last annual meeting, the following officers were elected:— Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, N. W. Rennie; Senior Vice-president, Dr. J. K. O'Dea; Junior Vice-presidents, N. Dingle and M. Strawbridge; Secretary, A. C. Jensen; Auditor, J. Booker; Joint Treasurer, C. S. Robb and J. D. Ekdahl; Delegate to Parent Association, I. Kerr; Committee, R. Todd, E. W. McCallum, P. Dickson, S. Williams, H. S. Snowden, F. E. Clarke, D. O'Dea.

ST. PAT'S-SCHOOL GAME

The annual St. Pat's-School game was as usual a gala occasion for most Old Boys still interested in the Association, and many off-the-record re-unions eventuated.

Following the game, the Carlton Dining Rooms management once again provided a most enjoyable and appreciated afternoon tea for the teams and friends, while Norm Rennie expeditiously dealt with the all-important matter of billeting the School team. Here we extend our sincere thanks to the Carlton Dining Rooms and to those generous hosts and hostesses who took boys to their homes and entertained them so royally.

ANNUAL RE-UNION

The Carlton Dining Rooms was packed with a really representative gathering of Old Boys for the annual re-union following the St. Pat's-School game. Anecdotes were numerous and reminiscences rife—and naturally the highlight was George Bertrand's unadulterated version of the truth.

The president of the branch, Norman Rennie, presided and the following toast list was honoured:—King, N. W. Rennie; School, N. W. Rennie—W. E. Alexander; St. Pat's, E. W. McCallum—Rev. Fr. Durning; T.R.U., J. D. Ekdahl—H. Butchart; Kindred Associations, A. J. Paterson—G. F. Bertrand (Te Aute), I. Johnston (Otago Boys' High); Hostess, A. C. Jensen—Mrs. Cressey.

John Hatherly gave a most illuminating talk on School matters and his dry anecdotes were thoroughly enjoyed.

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All Old Boys will be sorry to know that Bill Jensen, the popular secretary of the South Taranaki Branch, is not in the best of health and at the time of writing these notes is an inmate of the New Plymouth Hospital. We all join in wishing Bill a speedy recovery and a return to his daily grind.

Lack of time is the responsible factor in the dearth of notes from South Taranaki, but we can assure all Old Boys that those most interesting features, personal news, will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Taranakian.

WELLINGTON BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting for 1952, held in the National Party club rooms in April, drew a large attendance, including many young faces new to Wellington. The idea of following the meeting with supper and an informal get together proved very successful, and all present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. After the outgoing Executive had dealt with some general business, the election of officers for 1952-53 was held and resulted as follows:— Patron, Mr. G. J. McNaught; President, L. M. Papps; Vice-Presidents, W. Groombridge, G. Hawkins, G. W. Buchanan, R. S. V. Simpson; Secretary, D. Smith; Treasurer, P. M. McCaw; Committee, R. Bate, B. R. Boon, H. M. Titter, D. R. Carter, J. Eddowes.

On July 3rd we held a Smoko in the National Party club rooms. This function included several games of housie and a first-class supper which had been enthusiastically prepared in Room C1 at Weir House.

Our annual Reunion Dinner was held in the lounge of the Grand Hotel on Saturday, September 13th, the evening of the Second Test match between Australia and the All Blacks. We were pleased to have with us Mr. A. J. Papps and Mr. L. J. Slyfield, of the Staff.

After a buffet-style dinner enjoyed by an attendance of 50, Mr. Papps gave an interesting account of the School's affairs and impressed upon us the fact that the state of the School had never been healthier. During his address, a lithe young man in a black blazer with a silver fern, slipped unobtrusively into the room. It was none other than Noel Bowden, who had represented New Zealand that afternoon on Athletic Park. The crowd gave him an enthusiastic welcome and Mr. Papps paid a tribute to his fine game. We were all proud to share in Noel's success.

Following Mr. Papps' address, Mr. Slyfield spoke to us on other aspects of the School's life. His recollection of certain incidents at the Linton Camp in 1950 proved a source of infinite humour for the large number of younger Old Boys present.

The final function of the year is to be held on December 5th. We can look back on 1952 as a successful year, and with a firm basis of younger members to build on, we anticipate an even better year in 1953.

WEIR HOUSE NOTES.

We have had a strong representation of Old Boys in the House this year, and two men, **Malcolm McCaw** and **Harold Titter** brought honour to our ranks by being elected President and Vice-President of the House Association respectively. Both Malcolm and Harold



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complete their B.Com this year. Malcolm is Treasurer of the V.U.C. Students' Executive.

Brian Walker is completing a B.A., while Perry Stephenson and Bryce Evans are involved in science courses.

John Eddowes, Des Smith and Barry Waite have launched themselves in Accountancy. Barry Boon and Jim Wiltshire are studying Law.

Ted Schroder is pursuing an Arts degree; Gavin Saunders has made a name for himself in the musical world, playing with the 2YA Studio Orchestra.

Stewart Smith, an ex-member of the House, proved a capable referee in the annual match for the Kelburn Keg (Rugby).

Bruce Brown is doing Honours in History at 'Varsity. Others in their first year at V.U.C. are Rendal Brine, Fred Crawford, Derek Sutcliffe, Dennis Brown, Stewart Comber and Neil Hebden.

Dave Powell is a second-year Arts student.

Hugh Jackson is with a Willis Street chemist.

Three rival shipping companies are represented in Jack Bertrand (N.Z.), Dave Venables (U.S.S.) and John Eddowes (Shaw Savill).

Lloyd Jones is in the head office of Shell Oil Company.

Dave Waters is in H.M. Customs Department.

R. C. Bradshaw, a partner in the firm of Wilberfoss Harden, recently made a business trip to America, returning via England and the Continent. He spent several days revisiting battle areas in Italy and the Middle East.

Ted Collings recently completed his M.Sc. and is a junior lecturer at V.U.C.

Gerald Monaghan expects to complete his LL.B. degree this year, and will then return to New Plymouth.

Bill Sheat, another law student, nearing the completion of his degree, is a member of the Students' Executive at V.U.C.

"Buck" Buchanan, a past-president of the Association, and still an active member, is now with a furniture firm in Lower Hutt.

Roger Bate (law student) is living in a flat with Alan Hughson (inter alia) in Wadestown.

Archie Crowhurst is in the Commercial Bank.

Brian Daisley is completing his M.P.S. with a chemist's firm.

Leo Gibbs is at Wilberfoss Harden, Public Accountants, as are Harold Titter and Barry Waite.

Tom Larkin is now with the U.N. delegation in U.S.A. He is still playing very good cricket and last season scored 560 runs at an average of 80, and took 26 wickets.

Alister Macleod and Alister McLennan, although their football days are over, are both very active supporters and administrators of the 'Varsity Rugby Club.

Stewart Smith is now engaged, and expects to marry in April.

Roger Torrens, in the Bank of New Zealand, has recently transferred to Papakura.

D. L. Wilks, a former Head Boy, is in the Reserve Bank.

H. J. Weston is a House Surgeon at the Wellington Public Hospital.

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Harold Titter intends to travel to England next April to further his experience.

Three new Old Boys who have taken an active part in our Association's functions are **David Underwood**, **Ian George** and **Warwick Massey**.

Phil Power, who until recently was assistant Manager of the Royal Oak Hotel, has now taken over Barrett's Hotel. Under his capable management and with the aid of a face lift in the way of repainting and renovations, Barrett's is forging ahead in popularity.

The Police Force in Wellington has its quota of Old Boys, including **Noel Waters** and **Lewis Eggleton**, who are stationed at the Central Police Station, and **Ken Kilpatrick**, who is at Petone.

Malcolm McCaw has distinguished himself early in the cricket season by participating in three successive opening partnerships of more than a century while playing for 'Varsity in the senior competition.

Ernie Jackson has been with the well-known mercantile firm of Levin and Company Ltd. since coming to Wellington a few years ago.

Ted Pope, a life member of the Wellington Branch of the Association, maintains a keen interest in Old Boys' affairs and was present at the annual Reunion Dinner.

Bill Twomey, who is with Ford Motors, returned recently after an extensive business trip to England, the Continent and North America.

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

Gil Hawkins, one of the Taranaki star forwards prior to the First World War, is an enthusiastic member of the Association and attends all functions.

Nick Carter is in Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd. He is a staunch supporter of our Branch activities.

Dick Simpson, a partner in the legal firm of Bell Gully and Co., is a member of the Victoria University College Council and was recently appointed to the New Zealand University Senate.

Lyn Papps is also a partner in the legal firm of Bell Gully and Co. and does some lecturing to law students at Victoria University College.

Des Stace is in the Reserve Bank and brother **Cliff** is in the Maori Affairs Department.

Les Riley and **Alan Ewart** are both reporting for the Evening Post.

Dick Whittington owns a very successful printing and duplicating business in the City.

G. L. O'Halloran is now Assistant Under-Secretary in the Department of Internal Affairs.

HAWKE'S BAY BRANCH

There have been no branch activities this year as they are confined to alternate years when the School-Te Aute game is played here.

Ron Blundell is shortly leaving Waipukurau to become the manager of his Bank of New Zealand in Ranfurly, North Otago.

R. C. Anderson is working with Booth, McDonald, Ltd., Dannevirke.

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David Bathgate is a stock clerk with Williams and Kettle Ltd., Waipukurau.

Kim Bathgate is engaged in photographic engraving in Hastings. He will shortly begin training for the Presbyterian ministry.

Don Bisson is a solicitor in Napier.

Alan Beck is a chemist in Napier.

Ross Bramwell, employed by Murray Roberts Ltd., Hastings, was a member of the H.B. Junior Reps. last season.

J. Cotterill, is a high-pressure salesman for Lockyers Ltd., Napier.

Brian Campbell is back at work after a working tour of Australia and England.

Ian Campbell is with Campbell's Crockery and Hardware, Hastings.

Bardy Bannister is with Murray Roberts Ltd., Hastings, and is doing well at athletics.

F. G. and N. S. Chatfield are farmers near Dannevirke.

W. Duncan is in the National Bank in Hastings. **I. G. Duncan** is in the Bank of N.Z.

O. G. Ellis is an accountant at the Bank of N.S.W., Hastings.

L. O. Grant is a chemist in Waipukurau.

Louis Green returned recently with his wife from England and is now in Waipukurau with Stewart Greer Motors.

Doug. Grant is a qualified chemist. He has a family of two children.

Jack Grant is an accountant in the firm of Palmer, Thompson and Grant. He has three sons.

Callum Kirkpatrick is a qualified accountant with Rainbow and Hobbs, Hastings.

Claude Kingdon is manager of the Australia and N.Z. Banks in Hastings.

Derek Laws is a qualified accountant in Napier.

Barclay McGregor is farming near Dannevirke.

Stan Murley is in the State Fire Office, Hastings.

Doug. Murley is employed by the H.B. Farmers Ltd., Wairoa.

Frank Peach is working with Foster Brooks, Ltd., Booksellers, Hastings, and is married with one child.

Jack Tarrant is practising as a public accountant in Waipukurau.

WAIKATO BRANCH

The following Old Boys are now farming in the Te Awamutu district: **John Ensor**, **Chris Harris**, **Arthur Betts**, **Trevor Jepson**, **Henry Peake**, **Andrew and Bryce Kay**, **Jim and Derek Earwaker**, **Bill and Ben Candy**, **Jack Bryant**, **John Dudley**, **David Snodgrass**, **Geoffrey Kay**, **Allan Neill**.

Edward and Tony Kay were prominent members of the Kihikihi Polo Club which recently won the Saville Cup with play that was regarded as being in world class.

Ashley Roberts is Town Clerk in Te Awamutu.

Roy Allen is in the B.N.Z., Te Awamutu.

Bryce Kay was recently married to Patricia Dymore-Brown, and **Stan Clarke** to Dorothy Loveridge.

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Andrew Kay, Tony Kay, and John Dudley have all been presented with daughters during the year.

John Sturtevant is with an optician in Hamilton.

E. L. Johnson ('49-'51) is with the Public Trust in Hamilton.

J. P. Alexander is to be married next month to Dawn Wilson. He is spending most of his time building a house.

Noel Fulton worked his way to England on the s.s. "Orion" and is at present in London.

Bill Noakes ('17-'21) has been appointed manager of the Guardian Assurance Co. in Wellington.

Gordon Sutherland is earning a high reputation as an actor. His performance in the recent British Drama League N.I. Finals received special mention from the adjudicator.

Tom Hayward has a son.

Ian Wills and Brian Houston are both engaged.

Bryan Wills is married.

Harley Cooke and Derek Wills have completed their training with the twenty-year-olds. Harley with the Air Force, Derek with the Army.

Leith Pattie, teaching near Waihi, now has three sons.

Bob Scott, originally of Ngarua, now has his own farm in the Te Puke district.

AUCKLAND BRANCH

The following Old Boys are at the University: **John Michaels, Colin McDonald, Colin Crawford, Albert Brownlie, Brian Arthur, Robin Stevenson** (Accountancy), **Kevin James** (Architecture), **J. L. Diprose, Dennis Howell, Tony Hooper, Colin Lee, John McGeachen**.

PERSONALS.

Nigel Howcroft is in the Public Works Department.

Ian Manby is with the International Harvester Company.

Michael Bedford is with his father's contracting firm.

Hugo Bedford and Tony Miller are in the B.N.Z.

Andrew Miller is in an accountant's office.

Graham Shaw is working for the Auckland Glass Co. and going to Canada next year.

Nigel Dingle is assistant manager of Hannah's Shoe Store in Karangahape Road.

Three salesmen often seen in Auckland are **Jeff Niven** (Farmers' Trading Co.), **John Wood** (Winstones Ltd.) and **Bill Shaw** (Sargood Sons and Ewen).

David Gardiner is with the B.N.Z., Symonds Street.

Michael Watts is in the South British Insurance Company.

Gerry Gartshore and John Renwick are at the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance.

Ken Taylor and Edward Wigg are at the B.N.Z.

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Brian Arthur is doing Accountancy, and getting very high marks at the University.

Barry Brown is doing well at the Elam Fine Arts School and it will not be long before his talents are let loose on the community.

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Jim Hine is one of our few engineering types. He is rowing well at present.

Selwyn Hetherington is a member of the A.U.C. Students' Executive.

John Lovell is taking a B.A. course.

Peter Lovell has become treasurer at the Hostel so our finances are in capable hands.

Andrew Miller has been doing well at Rugby this season.

Maurice Poletti is one of the few left from the Hostel's opening in 1949. He is doing B.Sc.

Jolyon Saunders is a Fine Arts student.

David Stanley completed B.A. last year. He is to be married soon to Joan Hamilton.

Dennis Howell is taking Law and is as brilliant as ever.

Roy Taylor is now an officer cadet in the Army.

Murray Wilson represented A.U.C. in cricket this year.

Although N.P.B.H.S. numerical superiority has decreased slightly over the past year, we have made up for it in quality and can hold our own in the occasional inter-School feuds.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH

A Smoko was held on July 30th. Those who attended were **Peter Richardson, Wynn Croll, Doug. Ritchie, R. K. Pearce, John Bargh, Roger Wilkinson, W. G. Thomson, Bob Mander** (all studying for B.E.), **Baden Rountree** (Training College) and **Lionel Fox** (Soulter and Brockman, furniture manufacturers).

Roland Frean wrote part of this year's Capping Revue and took a prominent part in the production. He is completing B.Sc.

W. K. Fyson is sitting M.Sc. this year.

Alan Turner is taking a law course and **J. A. Ross** completing M.A. in Geography.

Ian MacKenzie, Neville Beach, W. Lowrie and Brian Jones are at various stages of the B.E. course.

M. A. Mills is teaching at Christ's College.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

This year we welcomed three freshers to O.U.C. They are **I. McPherson, A. R. McGiven and I. Ailao**. All are taking Medical intermediate.

Gavin Crowley graduated M.Sc. with first class honours at the end of last year and is now lecturing at the University. He is studying for a doctorate in science. This year he has been club captain of the University cricket club.

Among the B.Sc. students are **B. J. Crowley, "Titus" Oates and Murray Craig**.

In the Medical School we boast of four Old Boys. They are **John Veale**, fourth year, **Roland Pool**, third year, **Campbell Barrett** and **S. P. Lay**, both second year. **John Veale** has achieved prominence in Dunedin as a clarinettist, having been a solo artist with the University Trio and with the King Edward Orchestra. He has also made several broadcasts.

Terry Lealand and Bob Calder are at the Dental School.

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GENERAL NEWS

Many Old Boys have visited the School during the year. Among them were: **J. V. Bryant, Rex Cole, Les Grant, E. J. Moore, W. E. Parrott, H. F. Fookes, J. E. Walker, Alan Turner, W. R. Petersen, G. Sullivan, J. D. Irving, L. R. Thompson, Kim Bathgate, Hugo Bedford, Henry Collier, Arthur Collier, John Ensor, W. Harbutt, J. E. Clarke, A. W. Wylde-Browne, A. G. Barley, Ernie Wilson, Don Hutchings, Tony Hutchings, M. R. S. Archer, B. V. Kerr, A. H. R. Standish, P. Jacka, R. Carmichael, D. H. M. Wilson, N. H. Street, J. M. Thomson, J. D. McNaught, D. G. Baird, E. D. Okey, D. D. Hooker, A. Roberts, M. D. Campbell, F. Novak, G. G. Fromm, Fred Webster, M. Munro, D. M. Frank, A. A. Keller, K. D. Morrison, W. Boddy, R. C. Carr, Wing-Commander Cameron Turner, R. C. Anderson, J. F. Phillips, W. T. Hone, B. Stevens, C. W. Weston, Ron Mason, F. Albretchen, G. A. J. Myers, L. S. Watt, E. L. Yorke, Phil Aldous.**

J. E. Walker has established a veterinary practice in Te Aroha.

D. A. Bilkey is farming near Hamilton. He was recently married.

J. A. Worth has a plumbing business at Frankton. His brother, Peter, was recently married in Auckland.

A. B. Scanlan, who has edited the Taranaki Herald for many years, returned in May from an extensive tour of Britain and the Continent.

Ian Bayly, now an accountant in Auckland, was married in June.

L. S. Watt is at present in N.Z. on furlough from Nigeria.

Dr. Ronald Tingey and his brother Noel have both married recently.

The following Old Boys have recently become engaged: **J. A. Fraser, Donald MacLeod, D. F. Besley, N. J. Quinn, Donald Robertson, Colin Gibson, and Keith Jones.**

Captain H. B. Honnor, back from Korea, is now at Burnham Camp.

Laurie Geden brought back a bride from England and is now practising as an electrical masseur in New Plymouth.

G. E. Sullivan completed M.Sc. last year with first-class honours. Early this year he was appointed to the staff of Sydney University. He is lecturing, tutoring and demonstrating in Zoology and Botany, and has begun research for his Ph. D. degree. At Victoria College he won the Kirk prize in Biology and the Sir George Grey scholarship.

Ron Meredith is back in New Plymouth, teaching, and is playing good football for Old Boys club. **I. Flavell** has been playing for the King Country reps. **Peter Walker** is one of the leading forwards in Hawera.

Sub-Lieut D. A. Christoffel is serving on H.M.N.Z.S. Bellona and is shortly returning from England. He has written interesting letters of his experiences in Bombay and elsewhere.

The Rev. Father Bernard B. Miles, who was ordained last year, has been appointed curate in the newly-formed parish of Picton.

John Brodie is still living in London and is continuing his successful career as a novelist. He recently married Mrs. Elinor Roddam at Caxton Hall. He is now on the literary staff of the "World Press News."

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We regret to report the death of **Hector McKenzie**, a Waipukurau Old Boy. He was killed in a hunting accident in Ireland.

Glen Hine is 2nd refrigerating engineer on the s.s. "Ceramic."

C. W. ("Digger") Weston recently returned from Britain where he worked with the British Oxygen Co. Ltd. at their research department at Morden, London. He toured the British Isles as well as most of the Continental countries.

W. Bendall is still in England. He has been playing Rugby for a club in Walsall.

Brian Mooney is managing a farm at Urenui. He has just been selected by the New Zealand Dairy Board and the American Embassy to spend six months in the United States under the international farm youth scheme which is sponsored by the New Zealand Dairy Board.

The School learnt with regret of the death of **Ian Graven** on October 14th. He was here for only one year but in that time became a popular boy and made many friends.

H. D. Moss was recently admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court.

Dr. John Murray is working in the Mayo Clinic, New York.

Keith Russell has taken a year's teaching appointment in London. His brother, Ian, is also in England.

J. D. Anderson has entered into partnership with Mr. C. B. Webster, public accountant, in New Plymouth.

Donald M. Frank spent a month student-teaching at the School last June. He has been appointed to the staff of the Waitara District High School.

The death occurred on November 22nd of **Ernest Riding**. He saw a child in difficulties trying to catch a horse and rushed from his home to help her. He was severely kicked and died before the arrival of the ambulance.

D. F. C. Saxton, managing editor of The Taranaki Daily News, is at present in the United States as a guest of the United States Government under the Smith-Mundt Act foreign leaders plan. He was free to map out his itinerary in the United States, and is studying foreign affairs, dairy farming, newspaper technique and park administration. He has already travelled widely, and almost continuously, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and from Wisconsin in the north, to Louisiana in the deep south. He has had interviews with many outstanding figures in American politics, including the secretary-general of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, and Senator McCarthy.

While he was in Italy **Dr. C. A. Wiggins** examined prospective immigrants to Canada. Dr. Wiggins, accompanied by his wife, arrived in New Zealand last week after three years in Italy and Britain. While in England, he took a one-year course in radiography. Part of his work was to give medical immigration officials a short course on X-Ray work. He applied for a position in Italy, where he worked in conjunction with the Canadian Citizenship and Immigration Department. The selection of prospective immigrants was made under strict rules, he said. He worked with five other doctors and each examined about 60 persons a day.

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Ron Mason, home from Korea where he was decorated for valour in the field, called at the School recently with his bride.

Don Gillespie has been transferred to a North Auckland branch of the Bank of Australasia.

H. P. B. Mitcalfe recently published a book of New Zealand short stories entitled "Squid."

B. Scrivener, now living in Christchurch, won the cornet championship at the New Zealand Brass Band contest in Dunedin.

Now in command of the meteor instructional squadron at the R.A.F. Central Flying School, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, **Squadron Leader G. R. Brabyn, A.F.C., R.N.Z.A.F.**, was first pilot and then passenger for the Under-Secretary of State for Air, Mr. George Ward, when the latter recently inspected a Meteor VII twin-set jet trainer at the flying school.

F. T. Bellringer this year completed 50 years' continuous service as Town Clerk in New Plymouth.

The death occurred recently of **John Hughes Duffin**. He was 78 years of age and was one of the few surviving first pupils of the School when it opened in 1882.

A. A. Keller is now with Downer & Co., in Papakura.

Frank Albrechtsen was selected last season for the N.I. Soccer team.

Ronald Syme recently received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Durham University at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. In his speech, the Public Orator of the university stated that since 1949 Professor Syme had held the most venerable and most important academic post in his field of work, the Camden Chair of Ancient History at Oxford University. He told the congregation that Professor Syme had come from New Zealand to enrich the intellectual life of the home country. In 1929 he had been elected Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford. During the Second World War diplomatic duties had taken him to Yugoslavia and Turkey, where he stayed for a time as Professor of Classical Philology in the University of Istanbul. In 1944 he had become a Fellow of the British Academy, and he was also an Honorary Doctor of Letters of the University of New Zealand.

"Besides a remarkable study of Roman politics, entitled 'The Roman Revolution,' Professor Syme has made numerous important contributions to our understanding of ancient history," the speaker continued. "As president of the International Federation of Classical Societies and especially as president of the society for the promotion of Roman studies, an office which he is just laying down, he has been a zealous missionary in the cause of the humanities; and those who believe that we neglect the study of the past at our peril, will take pleasure in seeing you (the Chancellor) confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa."

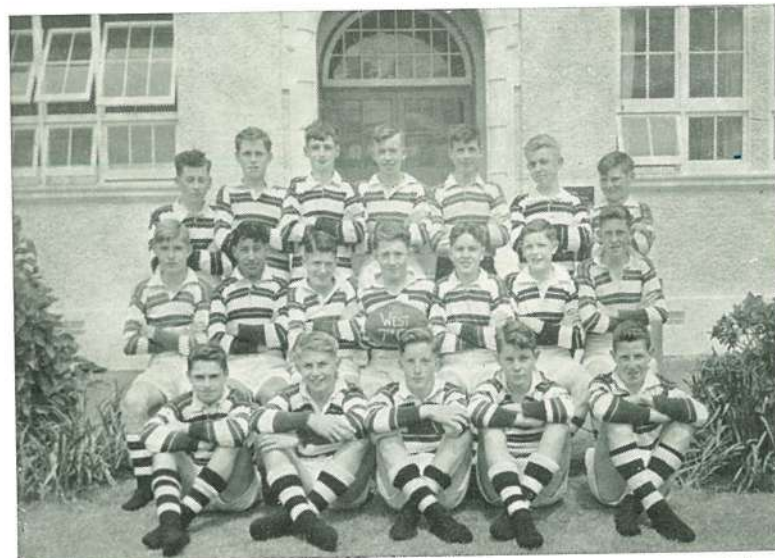
The death occurred recently of one of the School's original pupils, **William Flight Kelly**. He was 82 years of age.

A. W. Moverley is doing a post-graduate course in Anthropology at Birmingham University.

F. R. Hatherly is primary school teaching in London. He also works behind-stage at the Festival of Britain Hall and has met many of the leading soloists and conductors.



PRIDHAM HOUSE, Sixth Grade (Winners North Taranaki Championship).
Back Row: A. F. Campbell, B. S. Wellwood, R. D. McCaw, R. K. Ward,
G. H. Bregman, B. C. Cannell, T. D. S. Smith.
Middle Row: N. G. Jonas, R. V. Brown, A. V. Flight, D. R. Wood
(Captain), D. G. Lloyd, M. S. Black, N. D. McCurdy.
Front Row: R. C. Brewerton, P. J. Lloyd, M. J. Gibbons, N. E. Skinner,
W. F. Shortt, B. E. East. Absent: M. G. Denton.



WEST HOUSE, Seventh Grade (Winner of North Taranaki Championship).
Back Row: B. Morris, J. Gardiner, L. Taylor, D. Penwarden, D. Kinsella,
W. Woodward, R. Lewis.
Middle Row: E. Burdes, L. Pui, A. Johnston, M. Sullivan (Captain),
B. Aroa, G. Burgess, B. Pentecost.
Front Row: B. Tuck, D. Jensen, N. Knight, G. Fookes, D. Roberts.
Absent: B. Shaw.

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M. A. (Tim) Besley graduated B.E. at Canterbury College in 1949, and later took a position with the Snowy Mountains Hydro Authority in Australia. He is on the committee of the Australian Professional Engineers' Association. He was recently chosen as one of twelve engineers to be sent to Denver, Colorado for experience in hydro designing.

A. R. Reid continues to play outstanding Rugby. He has represented the North Island for three years in succession. Again this season he has played many games for the now famous Waikato reps. For the first test match against Australia this year he was selected as vice-captain of the All Blacks.

Barry O'Meagher has been admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court and is back in New Plymouth. As a legal member of the Old Boys' Association committee he has given valuable help with regard to the constitution.

M. F. Petheram, after a long period of training in Rome, is now in Cambridge, England.

H. V. Graves ('44-'48) who joined the R.A.F. in May, 1950, graduated for his wings at Feltwell last February and has subsequently completed his Advanced Flying Course on jet meteors at R.A.F. Middleton St. George, Durham, England.

T. McKeon won this year's N.Z. ski championships held on Mt. Egmont.

We regret to record the death of **Robert G. Mandeno**, a popular Waikato Old Boy. He was killed in a motor accident.

Thomas Morgan, of Ngarua, is now working for Wright Stephenson & Co., Palmerston North.

F. M. Elliott has joined the R.N.Z. Navy and is training at H.M.S. Tamaki.

Dr. Arthur M. Veale is Senior Medical Registrar at New Plymouth Hospital.

John Corkill is teaching at Central School, New Plymouth.

Barry Tait has been accepted for an Agricultural Rural Field cadetship and is working near Gisborne.

Many Old Boys will learn with regret of the sudden death of **Mr. R. L. Hancock** at the end of last year. He had done very good work for several years as Headmaster of the Welbourn School.

Bruce Candy is now a public accountant at Matamata.

Ben Still is working on his father's farm at Paparua, North Auckland.

Brian Horner has returned from Malaya and settled in Rotorua.

Hardy Hunt is at the Palmerston North Hospital doing his final year as a house surgeon.

The **Rev. Father D. Monaghan** has been appointed assistant priest in the Stratford Parish.

Three Old Boys were in New Plymouth for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. They were the **Revs. R. Rogers, W. M. McLeay** and **G. McKenzie**.

J. Hareb is assistant manager at R. B. Swan Ltd., New Plymouth.

R. E. Foster is teaching at the Manchester Street School, Feilding.

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Stewart Bates is teaching at the school for the Deaf, Sumner, Christchurch.

J. D. McNaught is with the Rehabilitation Dept., in Rotorua.

N. W. Phillips is an apprentice salesman at W. R. Phillips Ltd., New Plymouth.

Ken Fookes has joined the same firm as senior accountant.

Lewis Eggleton is a sergeant in the Police Force in Wellington.

George Beatty continues to excel at Rugby League and cricket in England.

Jack Mills, now married, is teaching at the Waitaanga Primary School.

Barrie Slyfield is training at Ardmore.

Don Fleming is overseas with the Jet Squadron.

R. F. Lowrie is with the "Akrad" Radio Company in Waihi.

Laurie Barclay has been transferred to the Public Works Department in Wellington.

Ron Carr returned from Korea four months ago and has established a parcel delivery service in New Plymouth.

John Davies, head boy in 1950, has been transferred to Wellington to be an assistant personal secretary in the N.Z. Shipping Company.

E. J. Moore is farming in the Poverty Bay hills. He has seven children, two of whom are at present attending the School.

Reuben Fisher is in the Broadcasting Service in Wellington.

R. B. Guise is a dentist in Morrinsville.

Tom, Frank, Richard and Joseph Willcox are all farming in the Rahotu district.

Donald Erceg is with the ground staff of the New Plymouth Airport.

Peter Gray is studying mental delinquency in Glasgow, Scotland.

Murray Saxton ('50-'51) is working on his father's farm.

Bert Burrowes has left the Social Security Department and is flying for Rural Aviation Ltd.

The death occurred last August of **Robert George** who left School quite recently. He was accidentally killed in a motor-cycle accident.

Robert Bowler and Mick Morris have left on a trip to Australia and Britain.

P. Grayling, M. Grayling, R. Cocksedge, J. Powell, P. Linley, T. Cassie and R. Corbett are all farming in the Okato district.

M. N. Alswelter is spending a year's working holiday in Australia.

Jim Crocker is teaching at Bell Block School. He is playing for the new Pukekura Park senior cricket team.

J. B. Woodward is working under the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva.

W. J. Ramsay is farming in the Te Aroha district.

Grant Cavaney is working for a chemist in Taradale.

Colin Julian is married and on his own farm at Warea.

Trevor Grant is with an optician's firm in Palmerston North.

Eric Oliver is working on a farm at Te Puke.

Kerin Ivil, now in Te Awamutu, was married last July.

Andrew McWhannell is dairy farming in the Rukuhia district.

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E. Oxenham, J. B. Cameron and H. M. Cameron are all farming in the Te Puke district.

Wayne Smith is farming in the Mahoenui district.

J. T. Graham is share-milking on his father's farm at Putaruru. He played during the last Rugby season for Waikato, North Island and also in the All Black trials.

Pilot-Officer D. E. Jamieson is instructing at Wigram aerodrome.

Barry Flight is working on a stud farm in Feilding.

Roy Beach is with International Harvesters, Hawera.

Brian O'Halloran is manager of the Prince Edward Cinema in Hutt City.

I. G. Barnes has been appointed first assistant at Tawhiti School, Hawera.

Pat McDavitt is in an accountant's office in Waitara.

Bill Poulton is working in the C.S.R. Company in Fiji.

M. G. Smart, W. I. Kerr, H. L. Wallace and E. M. Meuli are all on the staff of the Waitara District High School.

P. Lobb is in a Bank in Putaruru. He has been doing well at cricket.

Ken Kirk-Jones, now married, is working in his father's engineering firm at Onehunga.

Leo Palmer is now teaching in Nelson.

R. Dow is a masseur at the New Plymouth Hospital.

R. G. Macky is a civil engineer at the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board.

Sergeant J. F. Kirkland returned from Korea recently. From October to December last year he represented N.Z. with 19 other countries in an eight weeks' tour of the United States.

His tour was confined to the states south of New York, as the party split up to cover all of the United States in eight weeks. The tour ended in Paris, where United Nations head-quarters were seen. He attended United Nations committee meetings and with other representatives laid a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

While in Hollywood he visited many film studios, including Walt Disney's Universal International and M.G.M. The buildings used for filming the various productions were immense.

He certainly knew now that film stars earned their money. He saw Yvonne De Carlo act the same scene 30 times, if she did it once, in the same hour before it was right.

The United States people were very good-hearted and gave him a wonderful time, he said. Apart from the fact that they lived fast and talked a lot they were very similar to people in New Zealand.

The cost of living in America was very high but salaries were scaled up to that cost. A pair of shoes cost 20 dollars or about £6, and a two-piece suit 98 dollars or about £30.

Bruce Andrews wrote recently from Malaya: "At the present time I am Inspector of Mines in charge of the Kuala Lumpur District, centred around the capital of the Federation of Malaya. There are some 108 open cast mines, mostly Chinese-owned and operated, and 18 dredges to look after so my time is by no means idle! The present state of emergency has no very great effect on the mining industry as far as the working mines are concerned, apart from the odd incident when a mine is attacked and plant destroyed, but it does have a great effect in that prospecting in the more remote areas to look

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for reserves of tin ore is practically at a standstill. The existing fields cannot last for ever and unless fresh fields are located (and they must exist up in the hills where all the jungle is!) there must come a time when mining will slow down considerably.

"I am happy to state that I have been concerned in only one incident—in Kampar, Perak, in September 1948—when I was lucky enough to escape, thanks to God and the poor shooting of the bandit (missed me at about 10 yards range with a Sten.)

W. B. Johnston, now lecturing in Geography at Nottingham University College writes of his visit to Yugoslavia last August:

"I am home again after the most absorbing, fascinating, interesting and wonderful working "holiday" I have ever had. Right at the beginning of this resume let me say that I found the most friendly people, co-operative officials and geographically-interesting area that I have ever had the fortune to find. Let me allay, once and for all, any suggestions about the attitude of Yugoslavia and Russia and to the rest of the world. Whatever association Russia forced on Yugoslavia immediately after the war was not with the consent of Yugoslavia. True it is that the agricultural and industrial revolution now taking place in Yugoslavia is within the communistic system of State monopoly but this most certainly does not imply that Yugoslavia is any more friendly with Russia than is Great Britain herself. Perhaps I can best impress on you the antagonism between Russia and Yugoslavia by the fact that if a Yugoslavian enters Russian territory he does not return.

Here then in broad issues was a most fascinating country to visit, a country about which almost all Englishmen and New Zealanders know nothing and about which I certainly had little knowledge. No wonder then that all my friends have queried my trip with "will they let you in and if so how will you get out?" It is a little easier to understand a New Zealander living thousands of miles away from Europe asking such questions—but for English people showing blatant ignorance of such a strategic country must be regarded in astonishing light. It almost looks as if it is about time the Englishman forgot that his home is his castle!"

P. Aldous visited the School recently and gave an interesting talk on his experiences in the Colonial Service in Northern Rhodesia. He is home on furlough with his wife and four children.

The following are extracts from an account of his life there:—

Rhodesia is situated on the Central African plateau, on what the old-timers call the high veldt. It is named after that great and far-sighted Englishman, Cecil John Rhodes, and is in two parts, northern and southern, separated by the great Zambesi River.

The smaller of the two is Northern Rhodesia, where I have been stationed as a District Officer. It is small by African standards but large when compared with New Zealand.

Northern Rhodesia is completely landlocked and is dependent upon neighbouring territories for communications and transport of stores in and out. Our boundaries are either natural barriers, such as the Zambesi River where the centre of the deepest channel is the territorial boundary—which places nine-tenths of Victoria Falls in Northern Rhodesia to the disgust of Southern Rhodesian people who claim the lot—or imaginary lines adopted by international conciliation or neutral arbitrators. These imaginary lines mean nothing to the local African who comes and goes at will.

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Our rail link is with Southern Rhodesia and the line crosses the Zambesi River about half a mile below Victoria Falls on a massive single-arch bridge spanning the Falls Gorge. The bridge was constructed early this century and is a masterpiece of engineering. Many lives were lost despite a safety net suspended some 200 feet above the torrent which races from the falls down the gorge on the start of its 42-mile journey through the rapids below the Falls. This bridge also carries road traffic north and south and apart from three drifts—useable only at low water and not by vehicles—and innumerable dugout ferries, is the only link with the southern part of the continent. Hence its strategic value in wartime.

Farming is popular in the territory and the principal crops are maize and tobacco. Dairying is becoming more popular and some large herds of first-class stock can be seen. Popular breeds of cattle are Ayrshires, Herefords, South Devon and Afrikander. Jerseys are not well suited to the climate and require constant dipping against tick-borne disease.

The administration of the territory is controlled by a Legislative Council consisting of a Speaker, nine official members, ten elected members (elected by commercial population), two Europeans nominated by the Governor to represent African interests and two elected African members. The territory is divided into seven provinces—north, south, east and west central, or W area and Barotse—each under charge of a Provincial Commissioner. Provinces are further subdivided into districts and an effort has been made to make each district conform to a tribal area. There are usually two District Officers stationed in each district and the senior one is given a title of D.C. He is entirely responsible for the running of the district.

District headquarters—called Boma's—are almost invariably situated in the bush away from civilisation and such amenities as are associated with our Western civilisation—telephones, shops, hotels, cinemas, electricity, etc. However, life on an out-station is pleasant and quiet. Tennis is very popular and is the only recreation possible on a small station. Larger stations have sporting clubs, where almost any sport can be played. Stations may be as small as a one-man station with as few as two families on the boma, or they may also be towns as large as Inglewood, depending upon the situation and the density of European population.

I hope these brief notes will give readers some idea of life in Northern Rhodesia and possibly interest some to join our community keeping the British flag flying in Darkest Africa. Life is full and at times trying but there is an important job to be done and one which when completed should give a feeling of satisfaction and well-being. I refer to the task of educating the African and preparing him for a place in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

OLD BOYS IN KOREA. (See Taranakian 1951.)

The most recent list of Old Boys in Korea includes these names: **Gunner A. H. Hayman**; **Sergeant H. Russell** ('43-'46); **Captain T. M. Fenton** ('37-'39); **Captain C. C. Lobb** ('24-'26); **Gnr. T. McLeod** ('36); **Gnr. M. A. Soffe** ('44); **Gnr. R. L. Waters** ('45-'47); **Gnr. S. M. Soffe** ('43-'44); **Bdr. J. Mellisop** ('44-'45); **Gnr. P. J. Allen**; **Gnr. I. C. A. Flavell**; **Gnr. C. J. Ruru**; **Lieut. D. G. Lysnar** ('43-'46); **2nd Lieut. C. E. Mason** ('40-'42); **Lieut. M. Munro** ('39-'44); **L/Tel. A. C. Crighton**.

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Lieut. Maurice Munro wrote from Korea at the beginning of October. He had just returned from leave in N.Z.:

"Since November last there has not been any great excitement on our Divisional front. There have at odd times been small localised attacks where Chow will put in up to a Battalion-sized attack on a Company after beating it and neighbouring Company locations about with shells and mortar for a few days previously. In spite of the lack of large attacks on this Div. front our patrols seem to get "bumped" occasionally or we "bump" one of their's so there is a short, sharp period of nastiness then.

"We came back to Japan via Port Moresby and Guam. Home-ward we went Manila and Darwin. After the cold of Waiouru the heat from Morseby on was terrific, and then the humidity in Korea really left us gasping.

Now the weather is cooler, pleasantly warm days with cool nights. We've had a lot of rain these last two months, and the "locals" say that this winter will be very cold. Last year we had a very long late autumn and a mild winter so we won't be able to grumble if this year is colder. Our clothing is very good however, we have good accommodation with plenty of stoves, and really we shouldn't be too cold. We should have all our winter issue by the end of October this year which will be better than last year's effort of dishing it out in December.

Our main interests here now are our football and to a lesser degree cricket. We haven't done much more than have the odd inter-Troop or Battery game as yet, but shortly we'll have inter-Unit games. Other than that, the odd trips away from our Regimental area give us breaks from normal routine, say to Seoul or other towns nearer here for N.A.A.F.I. stores and so on.

"Seoul is almost a normal city in some respects now. There are many shops open in the main business area and the markets are all flat out. Streetcars are running to almost all parts of the city again, movie theatres are operating and so on. There is plenty of khaki to be seen around but you'd never think there was a war on only 45 miles or so away. There is a thriving black-market operating there as you can doubtless imagine. The Gooks will buy anything and pay a fantastic price to get it. In turn of course the goods are sold for a staggering price. Anything we buy in Seoul is always bargained for and depending on the article it will come down by as much as 50 per cent. by the time it's purchased."

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ENGAGEMENTS

- RICHERS—SMITH.**—Mavis Jennie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith, New Plymouth, to Cecil George, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Riches, Vogeltown.
- GRAYLING—NEWTON.**—Diana Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Newton, Okaroa, to Philip Malcolm, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Grayling, New Plymouth.
- MUNRO—JAMES.**—Bronwen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen James, New Plymouth, to Maurice, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Munro, Napier.
- MEULI—HOWLETT.**—Nerida Rae, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Howlett, New Plymouth, to Edgar Milton (Ted), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Meuli, New Plymouth.
- CHURCH—McKENZIE.**—Colleen Ellen, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Ian McKenzie, Masterton, to Roger, second son of Mrs. K. Church and Dr. J. S. Church, New Plymouth.
- FORD—GREINER.**—Joy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Greiner, New Plymouth, to Rex Stephenson, R.N.Z.A.F., (Wigram), son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ford, Stratford.
- BOWDEN—MACDONALD.**—Agnes Kyle (Nancy), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Macdonald, Troon, Ayrshire, Scotland, to Noel James Gordon, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bowden, Herne Bay, Auckland.
- DALGLEISH—FRETHEY.**—Lillian May (Betty), second daughter of Mrs. F. Frethey, New Plymouth, and Mr. L. L. Frethey, Levin, to Ian Virtue, only son of Mrs. E. E. and the late Mr. V. Dalgleish, New Plymouth.

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- MURPHY—LEADBETTER.**—Shirley Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leadbetter, Egmont Village, to John William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Murphy, Egmont Village.
- REID—BAXTER.**—Christine Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baxter, Te Kawa, Te Awamutu, to Alan Robin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Reid, Auckland.
- CHONG—MCNEIL.**—Sandra Anne, second daughter of Mrs. W. J. Beeson, Hastings, to Trevor Howard, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chong, New Plymouth.
- MILN—FLAVELL.**—Audrey Gladys, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Flavell, Te Kuiti, to John William, second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Miln, Mairoa, Te Kuiti.
- SHRIMPTON—JENSEN.**—Fay Beverley, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jensen, New Plymouth, to Lloyd Benjamin, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shrimpton, New Plymouth.
- WARD—BOON.**—Nancye, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boon, New Plymouth, to Douglas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ward, Hawera.

MARRIAGES

- VEALE—STANLEY-HARRIS.**—On April 12, 1952, in Nelson Cathedral, Rosemarie, younger daughter of Mrs. A. G. and the late Mr. C. Stanley-Harris, of Nelson, to Arthur Milton, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Veale, of New Plymouth.
- WOODWARD—WORLEY.**—At the Anglican Church, Geneva, Margaret Adair, only daughter of Professor and Mrs. F. P. Worley, of Taupaki, to John Bethell, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodward, New Plymouth.
- FARIS—PHILLIPS.**—Gabrielle Elizabeth Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Phillips, to Irwin Bruce, elder son of Dr. and Mrs. I. E. Faris, Takapuna, Auckland.
- SHEAT—KIRKA.**—At Auckland on August 2, 1952, Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. Kirka, Auckland, to David, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sheat, New Plymouth.
- SHEAT—RUSSELL.**—At St. Patrick's Church, Palmerston North, on February 9, 1952, Alyson Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Russell, Palmerston North, to Andrew, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sheat, New Plymouth.
- LANDER—DEWES.**—At Napier, at St. John's Cathedral, on February 23, 1952, Elizabeth Meta, youngest daughter of H. H. Dewes, Napier, to Oliver Richard, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lander, New Plymouth.
- LANKSHEAR—COLCLOUGH.**—At the Methodist Church, Upper Hutt, on Saturday, January 19, 1952, Iris, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Colclough, Upper Hutt, to Peter Maurice, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lankshear, New Plymouth.
- PRUDEN—AUSTIN.**—On September 13, 1952, at St. John's Wood Chapel, London, Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Austin, Stoke Newington, London, to Larry Carrol, only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Pruden, New Plymouth.

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- WALKER—MCGOWAN.**—At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Dawne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. McGowan, New Plymouth, to James Edgar, only son of Mrs. E. A. Westwood, Hamilton, and the late Mr. J. Walker.
- BESLEY—CAVE.**—At St. Augustine's Church, Neutral Bay, Sydney, on January 15, 1952, Nancy Marguerite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cave, Sydney, to Morrish Alexander, eldest son of Mrs. I. and Mr. H. M. Besley, New Plymouth.
- LEPPER—HOWELL.**—Pauline Howell to Denis Lepper, Lepperton.
- MATHEWS—HEMSLEY.**—At New Plymouth on October 9, Norma Hemsley, to Reginald R. Mathews.
- CHAMBERLAIN—FINNIGAN.**—On October 4, 1952, Margaret Finnigan, to Peter Chamberlain.
- NODDER—DARNEY.**—Joan Darney to John Nodder.
- HATHERLY—BRODERICK.**—In London, on February 2, 1952, Elizabeth Angela, only daughter of Mrs. J. M. Broderick, Hamilton, to Frank Reginald, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hatherly, Wanganui.
- FOOKES—WINTER.**—At Whangarei, on September 4, 1952, Patricia Winter, to Malcolm Fookes.
- HUNT—BATHGATE.**—At St. Andrew's Church, Hastings, on November 29, 1952, Shirley Millicent, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. Bathgate, Hastings, to Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Hawera.
- MCNAUGHT—PEARCE.**—At Karori on December 6, 1952, 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.
- LOGAN—GREEN.**—At Holy Trinity Church, Tauranga, on November 29, 1952, Priscilla Nancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Green, Tauranga, to Surgeon-Lieutenant Thomas Tenry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Logan, New Plymouth.
- QUAY—PARR.**—At St. Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, on April 12th, 1952, Doreen Beryl, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Parr, New Plymouth, to Ronald Armour, youngest son of Mrs. D. M. Bernsten, New Plymouth.

BIRTHS

- HARRIS.**—To Mr. and Mrs. T. H. H. Harris; a daughter.
- SNOWDON.**—To Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Snowdon; a daughter.
- MORTON.**—To Dr. and Mrs. Ian D. Morton; a daughter.
- KING.**—To Mr. and Mrs. Miles King; a son.
- KING.**—To Mr. and Mrs. Graham King; a son.
- FOREMAN.**—To Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Foreman; a daughter.
- SMART.**—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Smart; a daughter.
- WATT.**—To Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Watt, a daughter.
- WEBSTER.**—To Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Webster; a son.
- HAYTON.**—To Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hayton; a son.
- VALE.**—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Vale; a daughter.
- ADLAM.**—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Adlam; a son.
- ALLEY.**—To Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Alley; a daughter.

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MOSS.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Moss; a son.
MAIN.—To Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Main; a daughter.
BRIDGER.—To Mr. and Mrs. E. Bridger; a son.
MAIL.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Mail; a daughter.
TAYLOR.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Taylor; a son.
MATHEWS.—To Dr. and Mrs. Denis Mathews; a daughter.
MOORHEAD.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Moorhead; a son.
BESLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Besley; a son.
FLEMING.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Fleming; a daughter.
SMART.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Smart; a son.
SYKES.—To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sykes; a daughter.
FLORENCE.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Florence; a son.
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BELLIS.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bellis; a daughter.
GOLDSWORTHY.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Goldsworthy; a son.
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NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1882

FEES (per term)—

Board: £41, reducible to £40 if paid within 30 days.

Preparatory: £6, reducible to £5/10/-.

Dinner for Day Boys: £4.

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	7/-	Lower School 5/-

SCHOOL TERMS—

The School year is divided into three Terms of approximately thirteen weeks each. The terms for 1953 are as follows:—

First Term	..	February 3rd to May 8th.
Second Term	..	May 26th to August 21st.
Third Term	..	September 15th to December 16th.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1888

FEES (per term)

Board: \$1.00
 Tuition: \$1.00
 Text-books: \$1.00
 Music: \$1.00
 Drawing: \$1.00
 Physical Education: \$1.00
 Total: \$5.00

SUBSCRIPTIONS (per term)

Upper School: \$1.00
 Lower School: \$1.00
 Total: \$2.00

SCHOOL TERMS

The school year is divided into three terms of approximately
 thirteen weeks each. The terms for 1911 are as follows:

First Term: September 12 to May 10
 Second Term: May 12 to August 10
 Third Term: September 12 to December 10

